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 on the bridge, so ...



Abandoned Raptor War Scenarios:  
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 The 3-man pyramid bridge battle.

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*The information below was taken from the August 2003 issue of the Sage Advice.*

### August

2	Artemisian Games	Dragonsmarch
9	Harry's Nest	Dun Braga
9	Old Fart's Tournney	Otherhill
16	Hearthwarming	Twaec Linnes
16	Castle Siege	Silver Keep
21-24	Gryphon's Fury	Sentinel's Keep
29 - Sept 1	Raptor War	Arn Hold

### September

6	Midge Marsh Melee	Gryphon's Lair
13	Artemisian Coronation	1000 Eyes
20	Harvest War	Cote du Ciel
27	Museum Comes To Life	Arn Hold
28	Kingdom Equestrian Champ.	Arn Hold

### October

11	Artemisian Crown Tournney	TBA
18	Baronial A & S	Loch Salann
18	Harvest Court	Sentinals' Keep
25	Gathering of the Gryphon Host	1000 Eyes

### November

1	Poachers Feast	Arn Hold
8	Artemisian Kingdom Collegium	TBA
15	Iron Balls	Twaec Linnes
22	Birthday	1000 Eyes

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# THEIR EXCELLENCIES' MISSIVE

Greetings from Alric and Catherine, Baron and Baroness of Arn Hold,

Yes, good people of Arn Hold, it's time for RAPTOR WAR! It's time for one last summer campout in the Barony. It's time to gather with our populace, friends from the Kingdom, and, hopefully, visitors from afar. We are looking forward with great anticipation to all of the fun and festivities that our good event stewards, Count Konrad and Countess Kortland, have in store for us.

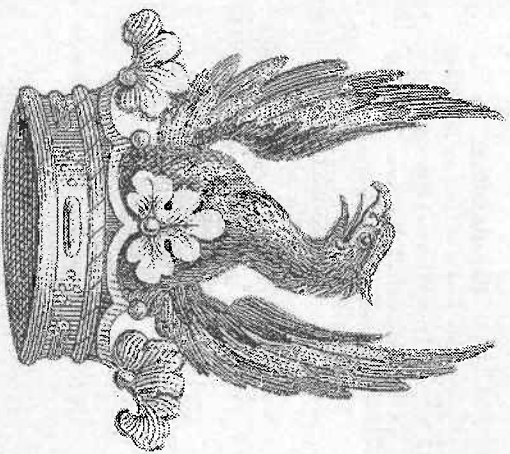
As we know the courtesy, chivalry, and honor that lies within the members of our populace, we know that all will strive to help the event coordinators to keep things flowing smoothly, volunteering whenever possible. An event this size requires a lot of work, but if everyone puts in a small amount of time here and there, the work gets done more quickly and all will be able to relax and have a good time. Many hands make light work.

Be sure to watch for updates and further information on the Barony of Arn Hold website ([www.barony-of-arnhold.org](http://www.barony-of-arnhold.org)).

We'll see you there!

In Service and Friendship,

**Alric & Cate**



The course is set up and all participants checked in. This includes making sure that all dogs are up to date on all vaccinations and are fit to run that day. Any dogs without proper paperwork, with injuries, or bitches in heat are removed from the field. The first handler, call a Fewterer, brings her dog to the starting line. The Hunnmaster asks, "Are you prepared?" When the Fewterer indicates she is ready, the Hunnmaster calls, "Hold your hounds!" All dogs in the area are held securely by their handlers to ensure that they will not get loose when the lure starts. When the Hunnmaster sees that all dogs are secured, he starts the lure. Just as the lure passes the hound, he calls, "Tally ho!" This is the Fewterer's cue to slip (release) her hound....and hopefully, at this point the hound sees the lure and chases it around the course!

So, what do you do if your hound either cannot or doesn't want to course? Some dogs will never be interested or "get it." If this is the case with your hound, don't worry! We have a place for those dogs too! Hounds that don't course are called "Chamber Hounds." Chamber Hounds are part of the Queen's Pack and, at her discretion, can be part of her entourage. Whether or not your dog courses, all Fewterers are encouraged to obtain a tabard for their dog with the Pack badge on it to wear in processions, just as our fighters are encouraged to wear Kingdom tabards at War.

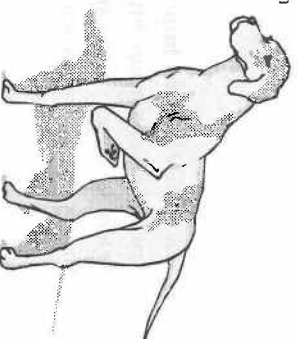
There is nothing quite like watching a dog, his ears and tail flying, chasing the "bunny" for all he's worth! Besides the beauty of it, just think of the fun he's having! Any breed can chase the lure, even breeds you wouldn't think would be interested. Some of the best coursing I've seen was done by a Jack Russell Terrier and some of the funniest by a Dachshund! We've even been known to course human "puppies," much to the joy of the kids...and parents, you'd be amazed how well kids sleep that night after a good run or two! So bring out your hounds (and your children!) at the next event, and see what fun an SCA "hunt" can be!

## HOUNDS AT RAPTOR WAR

Pets allowed: Special accommodations are planned for pet owners and their hounds this year. There will be a large exercise pen made available for off-lead turnout... rules will be posted. Lure coursing activities for all types of hounds will take place in the morning hours and a special procession is planned to show off their harding.

**Be advised that all pet owners are required to attend the Fewterers I class (handlers of hounds) sponsored by the Royal Stables of Arlemisia.** Subjects covered will apply to a degree in the Hounds Coursing College. Upon completion you will receive an identifying marker to be worn around your hound's neck throughout the duration of the event. All hounds on site must be identified at all times, or removed from the site. The class will take place in the evening hours of the first day. If you cannot attend, an appointment with the Regent of Hounds must be kept in order to acquire a marker. For health reasons, make sure your hound is current on vaccinations and free from illness. Please do not bring any puppies or kittens under the age of 4 months. Ferrrets are welcome.

Mu'allemah Yasmecna, Minister of the Royal Stables  
Lady Aine MacCullen, Regent of Hounds





# HOUNDS IN THE SCA, PART TWO:

## LURE COURSING

An Article by Artemisian Kingdom Regent of Hounds: Lady Aine MacCullen

In this part of "Hounds in the SCA," we will be discussing lure coursing with your hound. Just what is lure coursing? I'll give you a little of the historical and mundane background of coursing, then we'll get into how we adapted it in the SCA and how you can get involved!

Hounds have been used for hunting for thousands of years. They have been used to hunt a variety of animals: rabbits, bear, wolves, deer, and many others. Any animal that was edible, carried a warm pelt, and/or was considered vermin was hunted by some type of dog. Vincent of Beauvais, in the mid-13th century, identified three types of dogs: hunting dogs, with drooping ears, guard dogs, which are more rustic than other dogs, and greyhounds, which are "the noblest, the most elegant, the swiftest, and the best at hunting." In Europe, probably the most common breed used to hunt hare was the Greyhound, which is a "sighthound," or dog who hunts mainly by sight. In 124 A.D., the Roman Flavius Arrianus (Arrian) wrote "On Hunting Hares," which described coursing among the Celts of Gaul (France): "The more opulent Celts, who live in luxury, course in the following manner. They send out hare finders early in the morning to look over such places as are likely to afford hares in form; and a messenger brings word if they have found any, and what number. They then go out themselves, and having started the hare, slip the dogs after her, and follow on horseback." Greyhounds were considered very valuable, to the extent that only nobles were allowed to own greyhounds; any "meaner person" (commoner) caught owning a greyhound would be severely punished. By the 10th century, King Howell of Wales decreed that killing a Greyhound was an offense punishable by death.

As time went on, coursing races (with the dogs chasing live rabbits) became very popular. Queen Elisabeth I was quite an enthusiast, to the extent that coursing became known as "the Queen's sport." She had Thomas, Duke of York, draw up official rules for judging competitive coursing, called the "Laws of the Leash." Wagers on the races were commonplace, as they are today.

Lure coursing today is a re-creation of the chase portion of a hunt, with some similarities to Queen Elisabeth's "Laws." For obvious reasons, we no longer use a live rabbit, but substitute a plastic bag instead. The bag is called a lure, and it is pulled around a field by a string held by a series of pulleys. The string is moved by either a hand crank setup, or more commonly, by a small motor. In the mundane world, the hounds win points based on where they finished (placed) and the number of hounds they competed against. In the SCA, we don't course to compete...we do it just for fun! While in the mundane world (and indeed, in some other Kingdoms) only certain breeds are allowed to participate, we in Artemisia allow any well-mannered hound to join us! Here is a walk-through of a coursing event in the SCA:

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1996 Arn Hold Baronial Pavilion Fundraiser

At the last Populace Meeting, there was discussion about what to do regarding a fundraiser that was held during the reign of Baron Bruce and Baroness Lore. In order to raise funds for a baronial pavilion, dog space was sold at \$25 a dog. Registered arms were to be painted on these dogs. It has never been fulfilled, and a new pavilion has since been purchased.

There was discussion as to what should happen to the money that was raised, yet the people who purchased never did get what they bought. One suggestion was to refund the money to people who wanted it back, and to let others decide if they wanted to consider it a donation. Another idea was to try to see the idea through.

Because this happened so long ago, and many of people who made the purchases were not present, it was decided to table any motions until the Populace Meeting to be held on August 24. At this time, the motions will be brought again and it is strongly encouraged that anyone who has an interest in this subject attend the meeting that Sunday night.

Populace meetings are held on Sunday nights at the IEA Building on 620 6th Street in Boise at 7:00PM. All Arn Hold Baronial members are encouraged to attend all Populace Meetings.

