



# The Thorn

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## Shire Wars Now and Again, and not Again

Last news letter the front page news was that Blak Rose would be hosting Shire Wars 2019 and that we would need a lot of volunteers. After assessing the available Shire members, we have decided that we do not have enough volunteers to run the event and have passed on it for this time.

Next year's host shire has not been determined at this time. Please consider offering to help once the host shire has been decided.

After a hiatus since winter 2015 (Volume 27, Issue 1), the Thorn is back in publication for 2018.

We make a note of this to prevent our readers from frantically searching the archives for the missing copies. THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING!

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# Upcoming Events in the Shire

## **Winter Outdoor Archery** Approximately every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday through May 2019

Practice begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm. (Check the calendar for exceptions.)

These are WEATHER PERMITTING and also subject to schedule or location changes. Watch the Blak Rose calendar and the unofficial Facebook page. Royal rounds will be available if possible. Some loaner gear is available. For beginners Tuathflaith recommends that your first purchase is your own arm and finger guards.

Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

**See the Shire online calendar for the most updated information**



# Officers' Notes

## Tuathflaith - Chronicler

This is the fourth and final edition of the Thorn for 2018, completing the minimum of four newsletters required for most SCA groups larger than a Shire. I hope the Shire has enjoyed all of them.

I continue to do minutes, agendas, nag people to complete their assignments, and run archery practices. I had the pleasure of attending to Her Majesty during Shire Wars this year, which gave me a chance to see other things that happen during that event. I usually spend the entire event on the archery field. It was good to get a broader view of this event, especially since it is the only SCA event of its kind in the Harrisburg area.

# A Correction to A Tale of Our Past

In the last edition of the Thorn, Eleazar ha Levi submitted a song parody related to a Summer Crown Tourney. Linette submitted more information about the origination of the original work. I have published her email in full below.

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Hello, Tuathflaith and Eleazar!

Eleazar, I really enjoyed your song from the past - it was very fun. I don't think I realized that that re-held Crown Tourney was in Blak Rose! I think that was right before I moved out to this area.

I noticed that though the actual song credited Doyle/Williamson with authorship, the introduction before the lyrics misattributed the song to a poem by Rudyard Kipling and set to music by Leslie Fish. This is incorrect - though there are many songs Leslie Fish created from the poetry by Kipling, "Song of the Shield Wall" is not one of them. Two Scadians, Malkin Grey and Peregrynne Windrider (mundanely Debra Doyle and Melissa Williamson), wrote the words and music many years ago. Here is one link crediting them:

<http://www.calonsong.org/CalontirSongs/shieldwall.htm>

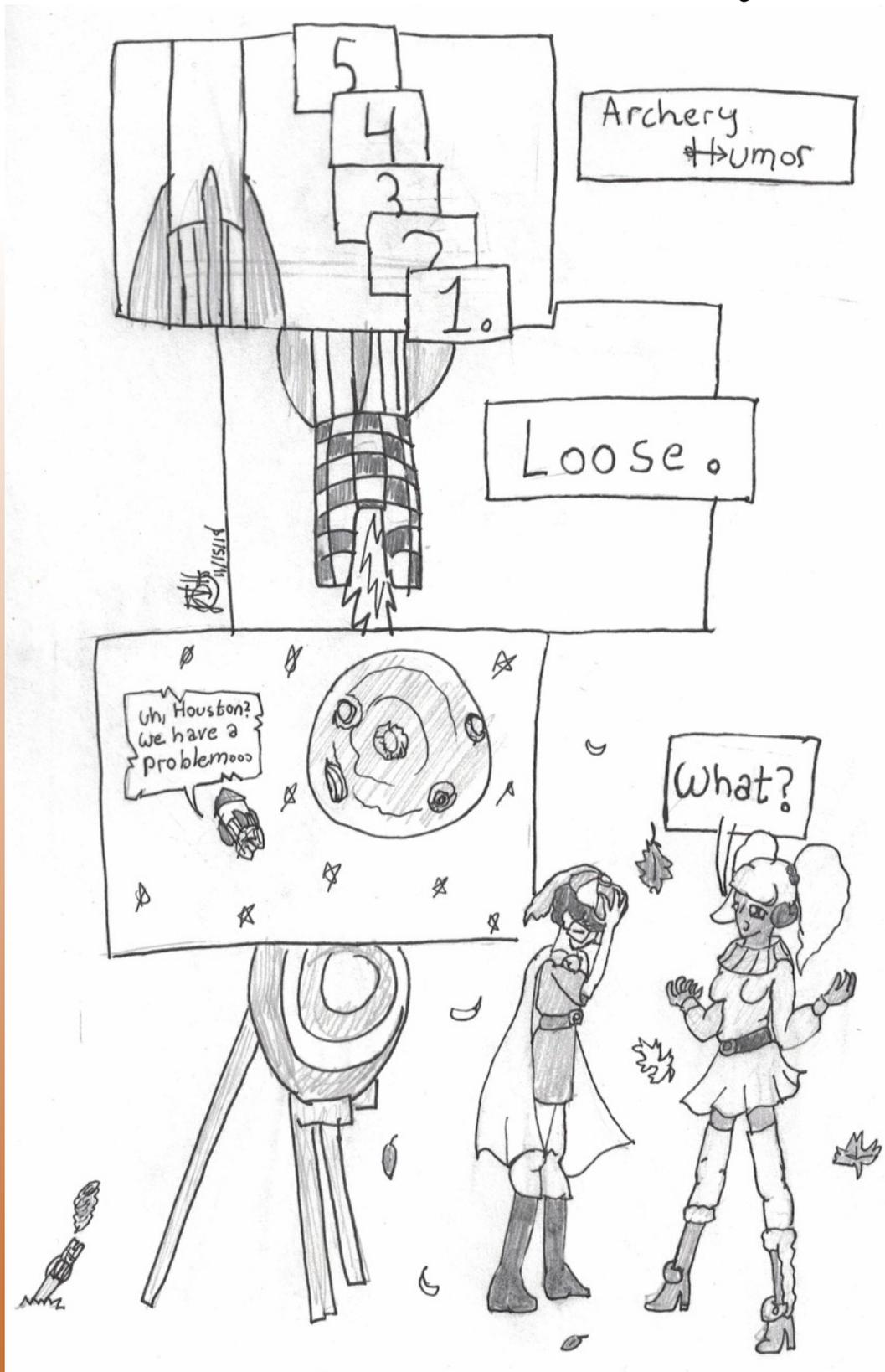
and another showing one of the first publications the song was in, also crediting them:

[https://fanlore.org/wiki/The\\_Westerfilk\\_Collection](https://fanlore.org/wiki/The_Westerfilk_Collection).

In bringing this to your attention, I'm only trying to make sure that there isn't any misunderstanding regarding authorship of the song. Word-fame and credit are often the only pay a song-writer will receive. I hope the additional information is helpful to you!

Linette

# Archery 'Toons



Submitted by Jessica Hanwell  
known in the Society as Lady Alice Hanewell

# What is the Shire of Blak Rose?

The Shire of Blak Rose consists of medieval and Renaissance re-enactors who are spread across Central PA in Perry, Cumberland, and Dauphin counties. We are active members of a not-for-profit worldwide educational organization known as the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) The SCA is devoted to recreating the arts, sciences, skills and warfare of pre-seventeenth century European culture. For further information on the SCA, please check out the webpage at [www.blakrose.eastkingdom.org](http://www.blakrose.eastkingdom.org) or contact a local officer. For a listing of local events, please visit the web page of the East Kingdom of the SCA at <http://www.eastkingdom.org>.

## **The Shire of Blak Rose in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Online Addresses of Interest**

Blak Rose Web Page with  
Forum and Calendar

<http://blakrose.eastkingdom.org>

To Subscribe to the  
Blak Rose Yahoo Group

[blak\\_rose-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:blak_rose-subscribe@yahoo.com)

On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/947540052044354/>

Or search for “Shire of Blak Rose”

## **Officers of the Shire**

### **Seneschal**

Alana O’Keeve

Deputy: Aidan the Hostile

### **Exchequer**

Sol la Cantor

Deputy: Tuathflaith Chleirigh

### **Herald**

Eleazar ha-Levi

Deputy: Irena Krakowska

### **Minister of A&S**

Magdalena Gdanska

### **Chronicler**

Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

### **Chatelaine**

Orn Shieldbreaker

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