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## *The Betting Man's Guide*

### What is the Betting Man's Guide?

The Betting Man's Guide is used to help auction the riders. This auction is a fundraiser for the Shire of Earnrokke. The Betting Man's Guide (BMG) is a list of the Mounted Hunters that will be riding in the Sir Jerald Memorial Equestrian Championship. The BMG is used to help you bid on your favorite Hunter/horse combination during the Rider Auction. Each Hunter has a commentary that tells something about them and their horse. This helps you as the bidder "know" the horses and riders, so you can bid on which Hunter/horse combination you think will win the Championship. Bidders are allowed to combine their money with one another



in order to bid together on a Rider. If their Rider wins, then both 'owner/s of the winning ride' and the Rider will get Prizes. Anyone over 18 can bid, but all bidders must be registered with a Bidding number. Please complete the Bidder Registration form to get a Bidding Number. All funds must be payable by cash or check to the Bar-

ness Anastasia, Hunt Lyst Mistress immediately following the Auction.

For information about past and future Earnrokke Summer Hunts go to

<http://donwenna.homestead.com/SummerHunt.html>



Khaidu — mounted archer on Valerius



Summer Hunt IV  
AS 43 July 26, 2008

#### **Special points of interest:**

Mounted hunters use several types of weapons on horse back: javelin, spear, and bows and arrows. Of particular note, riders must often drop the reins to handle weapons and they control their horse with their legs, weight, and seat.

**History of Past Champions:** Summer Hunt I-THL Thorkel Haraldsson Summer Hunt II-THL Donwenna LaMareschale. Summer Hunt III-THL Khaidu Narainamoren

### Historical Resources for Mounted Hunting

The Royal Book of Horsemanship, Jousting & Knightly Combat:

*A Translation into English of King Dom Duarte's 1438 Treatise, Livro Da Ensinança De*

*Bem Cavalgar Toda Sela*

"The Art of Riding in Every Saddle"  
Trans. Antonio Franco Preto ISBN: 1-891448-11-0-5,

Phebus, G, *The Hunting Book of Gaston Phebus*, c.a. 14th C, (Manuscript facsimile published by Harvey Miller Publ, ISBN 1872501974, London, Great Britain, 1998 *This is the original French manuscript.*

- 1] **Lady Francesca da Monte** Lady Francesca is the current Kingdom Equestrian Champion ! She is a Italian country woman of modest means; who to her great delight has found herself with many others of like interests consisting of horses and hunting, of days in the sun and wind (and rain) and evenings of camaraderie

and tales of the day's events. Hopefully either "Lakota" or "Josephine" - both are fleet and nimble and will not flinch from deer, wolf, bear or boar—: from the fabulous rental stables of Lang's Horse & Pony Farm, my mount for the weekend is well-versed in hunting and other sport.

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2] **HL Macha the Determined (Macha ban Kennard)** is early Celtic, from a trading clan but now retired with her Lord Kennard to manage the family manor in the Scottish hills. Her name, however, is the Irish form of the horse goddess, gained because she was born in Ireland on her family's trading travels, and - even as an infant - she showed an affinity for horses and a great deal of persistence in pursuing her goals. She has many artifacts from her and her clan's travels, and delights learning from others about their customs, culture, artisan skills, and scientific knowledge. She has gained a reputation as a fine care giver for equines, especially for keeping them sound and happy into advanced old age. Macha is unlikely to be the Hunt champion - but just to be able to participate is a joy to share thrill of the hunt with human and equine friends, and of course to join the feasting after a successful hunt! She is riding Ace (registered as Kings Royal Mist). This is Ace's third year participating in SCA equestrian, after a career being the heading horse for a roping team, something not recommended for longevity of a horse's hocks (!). He came to Macha at 16 - she is only his second owner, which tells you a lot about him as a valued equine partner. Ace loves SCA - Macha became certain of this when last year, his second competition year, he would drag her to the horse trailer when he saw its horse door was open. Ace also loves to serve and is happy to help others have fun at SCA equestrian events, either by helping them compete or by adding to the pageantry in processions, progresses, and mounted town cries. With a less decrepit rider, he just could be the Hunt champion - but above all he too is full of joy to be part of the Hunt!!

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3] **THL Thorkel Haraldsson** His Lordship was the first Equestrian Champion of Earnrokke! He won the first Summer Hunt 3 years ago. Thorkel is a Norman. The Normans love their horses and hunt as well as fight from horseback. I will hunt and strive to impress the one who inspires me. The most fair is the fiery red-head, Taradan, who was born to horseback as the Mongols, with fearless determination and a continual pursuit of oneness with her horse. Remember the Celts don't hunt only deer. I am a Norman put your money on me, you can trust me as the Kings law. Although the spear is more noble than the heathen's bow I will use it as the course demands and put the infidel in its place. A second horn for my ladies honor will please me most of all.

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4] **Lord Duncan Taddio** Duncan is a Lancer of Aquaterra. He is quite the flamboyant personality. I saw him once ride the lightening fast Rio, Kolfinna's horse. It was like watching Mr Toade's Wild Ride. He always puts on a good show. Today He is Riding his horse, Bee. Bee is very intelligent, and many people say that she is much smarter than her rider.

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5] **Countess Miranda Faoltiarna** She is Sarmatian- Celtic woman raised by her father on the Great Isle known for prowess with a spear and for horsemanship- a wickedly deadly combination! Twice holder of the title of Equestrian Champion for the grand Barony of Stromgard. Currently, the proud Champion of the Horse representing the kind gentles of the Shire of Midhaven. Riding this season to honor the memory of Master Mischka Ravensfury- her mounts previous owner. This will be her seventh equestrian event this season out of a personal goal of ten for the year. Wins include The Grand Thing III, Honey War, and Midhaven Championship. Missed Lionheart's win due to hungry horse eating part of the course. Savage and hungry for victory- both the horse and the rider. Odds 'Er On Oreo, a black and white paint mare with a killer instinct coupled with a cunning gentle demeanor used to lure in unsuspecting victims. Cookie once entered a baronial equestrian championship as the only competitor and won on her own merits. Her letter of intent was presented in court by a sponsor much to the surprise of Miranda and to the young man intending to ride Cookie that day.

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**6] THL Agelos Evienece riding Titus** His Lordship is holder of the Kingdom Equestrian award for skill—the lion et de la lance. He is the Captain of the Royal Company of the Sable Rose of An Tir. He is the past Equestrian Champion of Dragon’s Laire. He had won the Interkingdom Equestrian Champion four years in a row . He is riding Titus! Titus is a natural warhorse. Sometimes when Agelos is exchanging sword blows with another rider during mounted combat, Titus will start to threaten his opponents horse at the same time and bare his teeth at him His attitude is ‘You take the one on top, I’ll take the one below!’

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**7] THL Giralduis Evienece** Giralduis is the the youngest person in An Tir to ever receive the kingdm grant level award for Equestrian skill. He is riding Antares today. The last time he rode her on this course, he lost a stirrup, but he continued to ride and complete the challenge! He is the youngest rider competing today, so he will try the hardest of them all to prove his worth and bring home the bacon!

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**8] Lady Ersebet Janos** descends from a long line of superior archers. She is Arcuarius to HL Robert of Wolfork, OGGs, who was once Arcuarius to Master Julian Farnsworth, OGGs. In her home barony, Three Mountains, there has never been any doubt of her serious skill with the bow. She studied it thoroughly under the guidance of her husband, HL Duncan McKai, OGGs, leading to three archery championships in the Shire of Dragon’s Mist, the Barony of Three Mountains, and the Shire of Mountain Edge. After watching a renowned horse warrior perform his horseback archery magic, she decided to put the horse in horse bow. She continues study of the bow with HL Robert of Wolfork, OGGs, and practices riding three times a week on her borrowed potential war mare, India Goldemayne.

Ersebet has also been careful to learn the more gentle womanly arts of cooking and sewing. She learned that the way through a man’s heart is his stomach and Men Love Meat! It was only natural that her bow would not only kill (many) men but help feed them as well! (Fortunately, her beloved husband was fed—not killed!).

She is riding Ace, who is the sturdy war horse of Macha the Determined and he counts Ersebet among his many best friends. Not riding him is punishable by his teeth holding Ersebet’s coat collar until a satisfactory explanation is given. The definition of “satisfactory” varies by time of day, whether food was consumed, and whether turnout occurred yet.

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**9] Cernach deDamh** Cernach was born the son of a forester, fisherman and gamekeeper in northern Scotland during the Stewart Dynasty. He grew up near Loch Damh in the north, where he learned to hunt with hounds, hawks, and horses. Little is known about his skill as this appears to be his first year competing in Equestrian events in the Known World, but rumor has it that he bears a striking resemblance to a green-clad champion from a far-off land. Whether this proves true or baseless speculation remains to be seen. He is riding Tobias is the rock-steady steed that has chosen to lower himself so far as to let Cernach ride him; a mount often remarked upon as possessing a considerably greater amount of wisdom than his owner.

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**10] Tristan el Gitano Tristan** is an Iberian gypsy mercenary horseman in the employ of William the Conqueror. Or perhaps he’s a Norman horseman masquerading as a time traveling Iberian gypsy. He is riding Mercury Swift-hoof. Mercury has the stamina of an ox and the brains to match, the prancy feet of a ballerina and the vanity to match.

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**NOTES ON ADDITIONAL RIDERS**

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