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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Hilsa and Konnichi wa unto Avacal from Kvigir and Shunzei, Prince and Princess of Avacal.

As We look out upon Our lands We can see that Spring has definitely arrived. The snow is melting, birds are beginning to return, and camping gear is coming out of storage. With this in mind We'd like everyone to think ahead to SCA's 40th Year Celebrations to be held in An Tir which will take place from May 5-15. Activities are planned for all ages including classes, youth activities, and various tournaments and wars for all types of weaponry. We will be attending and hope to see many of you there.

Congratulations to the Barony of Myrgan Wood who successfully overcame the Borealis legions in both Archery and Rapier to stand victorious at Winter War. With further congratulations to HE Ritter Albrecht von Rugen for winning the Ferocity Hammer and to Drogo upon receiving the Chicken of Loki for his sneaky war tactics.

Thank you to Shires of Valley Wold and Sigelhundas, and the Barony of Borealis who have hosted Us and presented wonderful events in the first month of Our reign. We look forward to continuing Our travels in the months ahead. We would also be very pleased to reward those who have served the Principality or Kingdom and present them with Award of Arms or one of the wonderful awards that Avacal has to recognize its Populace. Please let Us know by forwarding to Us Award Recommendation Forms of individuals you believe worthy.

In service to An Tir and Avacal We remain,

YBIYR
Kvigir
Prince of Avacal



Shunzei
Princess of Avacal

Helpful websites.....

For details regarding 40th Year Celebrations.

<http://www.40yearcelebration.com/>

For Avacal Award Recommendations (see page 10 for award descriptions)

http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal_award_rec.pdf

For An Tir Award Recommendations

<http://www.antir.sca.org/recommendations.php>

Changes to Calendar Policy

At February Curia, some major changes were made to the booking of events on the Avacal Calendar. These changes are in effect for the calendar year of August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007, and will become the official Calendar Policy.

Please read through these changes carefully, and contact me if you have any questions.

1) All branches of Avacal must have at least ONE official event per Calendar year to maintain their status.

2) Baronies may not exceed a maximum of three official events per Calendar year; shires and cantons may not exceed a maximum of two official events per Calendar year. Incipient shires may have one event set on the Calendar by their sponsoring branch: this event does NOT count as part of the maximum number of events for that branch.

3) Branches that do not use their maximum may donate their remaining event(s) to another group.

4) Dates will continue to be set on the Calendar at February Curia: branches may set all their official events on the Calendar at that time. The procedures for setting dates on the Calendar at February Curia and throughout the year will remain the same: a Date Reservation Form must be sent to the Principality Calendar Deputy, who will confirm the event date according to availability and how many events the branch already has

on the Calendar. The Calendar year will be from August 1 of the current year to July 31 of the following year.

5) There shall be no conflict with Crown events: Twelfth Night Coronation, May Crown Tournament, July Coronation, September Crown Tournament, or An Tir - West War.

There shall be no conflict with Kingdom events: Kingdom Bardic Championship, Kingdom A&S Championship, or Crown Councils if these events are held in Avacal.

This is in accordance with the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir.

6) There shall be no conflict with Principality events: June Coronet Tournament, August Investiture, November Coronet Tournament, February Investiture, or Quad War. This is in accordance with the Laws of the Principality of Avacal.

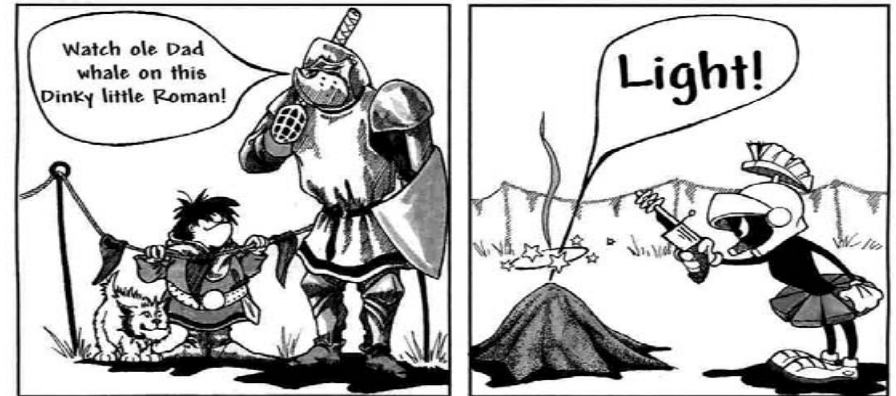
All official Avacal events will be "no conflict" within the Principality. This means the 450 km "no conflict" zone has been eliminated. The 'no conflict' rule is for the duration of HH Kvirg and Shunzei's reign.

In Service to Avacal

HL Brigit ingen Meic Thire Ruaidh
Principality Calendar

(Note: This policy is set to be written into Avacal Law shortly.)

Cat's Meow



Answers to the Crossword Pg. 12

Word

Eirika
Gemma
Valaria
Espirenza
Inga
Gwendolyn
Ceridwyn
Catriona
Ifatahyo
Tatianna
Eyoddi
Asney
Svetlana
Shunzei
Maraigha
Cailleach

Hint

service minded leader
tounge as sharp as her sword
consort of the tiger, stone bow killer
far away baroness
bright star of borealis
fearless first
firehaired creator of the knott
bright and bold ring giver
silver bedecked desert nomad
fourth in a line of twenty
original lost viking stowaway
dazzling consort of the black
norse camp boss
delicate as cherry blossoms, sharp as samari sword
community-minded Irish beauty
wreathed cauldron gazer, celtic soothsayer

Harrows Cross Championship Tournament June 9-11, 2006

The Shire of Harrows Cross invite the people of Avacal to attend and compete to be a champion of Harrows Cross.

Location: Wyndham Carseland Park, Alberta (W½ Section 32, TWP 21, Range 5, W4M)

Fees:

Weekend Site Fee: \$10.00
Children Age 12-17: \$5.00
Children Under 12: Free
Day Trip: \$5.00
NMS: \$4

Feast Fee: \$8.00

The Flaming Lemming will be onsite providing meals (\$) and will be hosting a feast on Saturday Night.

Pre-Registration for Camping Space and Feast are required by May 10, 2006 with the Autocrat.

Merchants welcome. No merchant fee. No covered space or tables available for merchandising so please come prepared.

Tournaments:

Heavy, Rapier, Arts & Sciences and Bardic. Please contact autocrat for details.

Timeline:

Friday June 9
5:00pm – Site Opens
Saturday June 10
10:00AM – Rapier List Closes
10:30AM – Rapier Tournament
12:00pm – Heavy and Archery Lists Close

Shire of Harrows Cross Strathmore AB

12:30PM – Heavy Tournament
2:00PM – Archery Tournament
2:00PM – Bardic and A&S Lists Close
4:00PM – A&S Judging Ends
6:00PM – Feast
7:00PM – Bardic Tournament
9:00PM – Announcement of Champions

Sunday June 11
11:00AM – Site Closes

Directions: Wyndham Carseland Park – Group Area A: From Calgary (West, North and South): Head east on Highway 22X until reaching Highway 24 (4 way stop). From the East: Head west on Secondary Road 801 (just before Gleichen) until you reach Highway 24 (4 way stop)

At Highway 24 intersection turn south until four- way stop, make an east bound turn (Still Highway 24) Follow Highway until crossing the Bow River – We are located on the right hand side after the bridge.

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Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

The following positions are open to anyone in the SCA who currently resides in the Principality of Avacal. If you would like more information regarding this position please contact the incumbent or your local officer. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, **please submit a letter of intent along with a copy of your resume containing both SCA and mundane experience to Prince, Princess and Principality Seneschal and the current officer.** Contact information is listed at the back of the Avantgarde.

*** *Anyone interested in becoming a deputy may contact the Officer of the position of interest. The help is always welcome*****

- **Reporting Deputy**
- **Sanguinaris (Principality Herald)**
- **Gamesmaster**
- **Rapier Provost**
- **Chirurgeon**

More about the Changes to Avacal's Calendar

Their Highnesses of Avacal have decreed that for the Avacal Calendar Year August 06-07 there will be No Conflicts for any events held within Avacal's borders or with An Tir Kingdom events as stated in An Tir Law. As well, maximum numbers of events for groups have also been established for the following reasons:

- To aid groups in achieving the best possible outcome when holding an event. (i.e. enthusiastic autocrats/feastocrats, volunteer support, populace anticipation).
- The opportunity for people to travel to events outside of their own group with more possibilities of free weekends for that travel.
- Knowing that any event within Avacal will be the best that that group can offer. (1-3 quality events with high attendance instead of over-extended and poorly attended).
- As Avacal grows, more weekends will be needed for new groups to hold events.

It is hoped with these changes that Avacalians will have more time and energy to put towards their own group as well as support of groups outside their Canton, Shire, or Barony.

Principality of Avacal Curia

February 26, 2006 AS XL 10:00 AM

Avacal February Investiture, Vinjar

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Words from Their Highnesses

Thank you for getting your items on the agenda.

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Roxanne)

- Warrants – 2 copies are needed one for your files, one for your K. superior. Please ensure warrants and change of officer forms are kept on file.
- Reports (& other paperwork) - these are necessary to establish to Kingdom that we are functioning appropriately (both currently and to establish a history of it for the future). You should be sending carbon copies to Their Highnesses and P. Seneschale so that we can corroborate the reporting history. This message must be extended to the branches.
- Branches facing difficulties - how can we help? – encourage lateral communication & encourage new people to become deputies and officers.
- Future Avacal - where _are_ we going?!? (from Coryn and Dante) Looking towards kingdom eventually. Need to discuss how to proceed. Possible general forum established to discuss questions (not necessarily answers) with the goal to eventually present a “white paper” of issues that need to be addressed.
- Communication – we know that

reports are going up to superiors but please ensure it is going back to the branches. Acknowledge emails and questions.

- Deputies are good – get one.

New and Incipient Branch Deputy (Hamish –NA from Roxanne)

- Currently working with 3-4 new branches – Territories, Humbolt, North Battleford, & Drumheller. Brooks incipient.

Calendar (Brigit)

- Updates on the various forms – Avacal forms for EIF & DR will soon be available online and in the AG. This will stop the confusion as to what to send where.

Exchequer (Eve The Just)

- Balance Report for Year End read out.

Herald (Steinn)

- All branches reported.
- The Principality requires an active Book Herald.
- My tenure as Sanguinaris Herald will expire at June Coronet. I do not plan to reapply. The position has been advertised. I have not received any correspondence regarding interest in the position.
- Still looking into having a principality heraldic and scribal symposium.

Scribe (Inga)

- following the Doomsday Boke, the next big project is Avacal College of Scribe website]

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Avacal June Coronet

June 2-4, 2006

Shire of Rhuddglyn

Medicine Hat, AB

Their Highnesses Kvigr and Shunzei wish to invite one and all to witness and participate in the tournament to choose the heirs to the Gryphon thrones.

Site: Hays Campground
Hwy 524
Hays, Alberta, TOK 1B0

Site Notes:

The site opens at 3pm Friday and closes at 3pm Sunday. Please bring your own water. Pets are welcome but must be kept on a leash and cleaned up after. Also note that all fires are to be above ground. There is a coffee shop/restaurant and corner store in Hays and more amenities in Vauxhall (including a motel).

Site Fees

Adults -
\$15.00 for the weekend or \$7.00 day fee. (Non-members to add \$4)
Youths (age 13-17) \$13 or \$5 day fee.
Children (age 6--12)- \$6.00 for the weekend or \$3.00 day fee.
Under 6 free
Make cheques payable to "SCA-Rhuddglyn (Medicine Hat Medieval Society)"

Please help the gate keepers and autocrat by registering in advance. There will be a \$3 discount if you pre-pay prior to May 20th, 2006.

Directions:

When traveling from east of Medicine Hat: Take your best route to Medicine Hat. Continue west on the TransCanada, past Redcliff until you reach the turn off for Rolling Hills/Hays (HWY 524). Turn left onto HWY 524 and continue until you reach Hays (about 76 km). Turn right into town and follow the SCA signs.

When traveling from west of Brooks: Take your best route to Brooks. Stay on the TransCanda for 14 km past Brooks until you reach the turn off to Rolling Hills (HWY 875 on your right hand side). Follow this road to a T intersection at Rolling Hills. Turn right at the stop sign and drive through Rolling Hills. Turn left back onto HWY 875 (note there is a single lane bridge on this road). Do not turn at the first sign for Hays. When you reach the end of the road turn left onto HWY 524, then turn left again into town. Follow the SCA signs.

Coming from Lethbridge and south: take your best road to Taber. Turn North on Hwy 36. Travel right on to HWY 524 just past Vauxhall. Drive for about 25km until you reach Hays then turn left into town. Follow the SCA signs.

Pre-registration forms, directions and event updates will be available at <http://www.codexpublishing.ca/rhuddglyn/junecoronet.html>

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May Days May 26-28, 2006

Shire of Windwyrm Lethbridge, AB

Spring is a time of growth, new beginnings, and being able to travel again on the roads to friends. The populace of Windwyrm would welcome one and all to celebrate the new season with us for our annual May Day Celebration.

Who among the assembly can succeed in our test of courtly love? Who can stand and hold the field that day, and thereby win honor for those most worthy? Who will be the new champion of Windwyrm? Who will be the May Queen? Find out the answers to all of these questions at our event.

Please join us for an armored tournament to be followed by a grand melee. There will also be an archery competition, a courtly love challenge (rules and hints will be posted). THUA classes, and a bardic competition.

SITE INFORMATION:

From the East of Fort Macleod, go through Fort MacLeod on HWY 3, turn right

onto Lyndon Road. Proceed until you come to SCA signs. From West, proceed to Fort MacLeod, go through town, turn left onto Lyndon Road, follow signs to site. Site is on the Fort MacLeod Fish and Game lands (no street address).

SITE FEE: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for persons 12 - 17 years, free to anyone 11 years and under. Day fees are \$5.00 per adult, youths \$3.00. NMS fees are in effect. Please make cheques payable to WSCA. Gates open 12 noon, Friday, closes 3:00 pm Sunday.

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- Will need more materials soon.

Regalia (Jajiradai)

- Nothing new to report

Chatelaine (Tatiana - NA)

- Nothing new to report

Chronicler (Manyra)

- No Issues to report
- Working on upping subscriptions & handbook
- Need branch Chroniclers
- Tenure up in August
- TH have decreed that a subscription is required to enter June Coronet

Web Minister (Raoul)

- Need stuff and resources for the Officer pages.

Arts & Science (Ceis)

- New Champion
- Stienn and Gemma have donated a pavilion frame.

Bardic (Illyanth - NA)

Gamesmaster (Hugh)

- Outgoing, seeking replacement

Earl Marshal (Hrogn - NA)

Lists (Robert - NA)

Rapier Provost (William)

- New Champion - Illyanth

Attending:

His Highness Kvigr
Her Highness Shunzei
Roxanne
Vik
Inga
Shiro

Raoul
Manyra
Ceis
Dante
William
Khudukha
Caitlyn

Brigit
Brynach
Eve
Steinn
Deicyrn
Coryn
Natal'ia

Jadiradi
Stragin
Katla
Grimolf
Dezz
Anne
John

- New society rules coming down including new cut and thrust method.
- Still need contingency deputy and possible replacement.

Royal Archer (Deicyrn)

- Not a lot of issues
- Changes coming down from Kingdom
- Marshals are good.
- Position open (Brynach incoming)

Target Archery Deputy (Malabar)

Warlord (Wenar - NA)

Constable (Tygar - NA)

Chirurgion

University of Avacal (Nicholas – NA from Anne)

- New regent, report on file
- New deputies – Inga & Sadb.
- Old Business
- New Business

Meeting Adjourned to start Setting the Calendar.

Their Highnesses put forth a new policy limiting the number of events groups can have in a year – Baronies can hold 3 and Shires 2. Please see page for an up to date listing of events put on the calendar until Aug 2007.

Recorded by: Manyra—Any mistakes or omissions should be reported to her. Note; The sign up sheet was lost. My apologies to any one who attended but isn't mentioned above or those who are listed by mistake.

An Overview of Principality Awards

Below is just a small explanation of awards given out by our Prince and Princess with help from your recommendations taken from the Avacal Herald's site (<http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/herald.htm>). Anyone can write letters of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) for their outstanding behavior within the following areas:

Award of Arms (AoA) - Awarded by all Kingdoms. The Award of Arms is given by their Majesties to those who have become recognized integrated participants in the Society. Their Majesties of An Tir have delegated authority to their Highnesses to award this to individuals within the Principality. It awards the right to bear arms (armiguous).

Gilded Griffin (GG) - Principality award for Service. This award is given to individuals who have served the principality in some form. who has provided good service to the principality.

Griffin's Flame (GF) - Principality award for Arts and Sciences. This award is given to individuals who exemplify excellence in the Arts and Sciences of the principality or who has enriched the principality with their skills within the Arts and Sciences community.

Dread Red Bear of Avacal (Bear) - Principality award for Combat against overwhelming odds. This award recognizes individuals who have overcome overwhelming odds within the various disciplines of combat (Heavy, Rapier, or Archery).

Griffin's Claw (GC) - Principality award for representing Avacal in an extraordinary fashion. This award recognizes an individual's ability to represent Avacal in a way that enhances the principality.

Golden Oak (GO) - Principality award for chivalry and courtesy. This award recognizes individuals whose conduct shows chivalry and courtesy within the principality.

Griffin's Heart (GH) - Principality award for Persona Development. This award recognizes individuals who have developed their persona through research and accomplishments so as to personify a more period manner.

Order of the Valorous Warrior (VW) - Principality award that recognizes those who excel in the martial arts. This award is given to individuals who excel in any of the martial arts (heavy, rapier, combat archery, target archery, or thrown weapons).

Griffin of Avacal (GA) - It is for those who epitomize the ideals of Avacal.

To Recommend someone for anyone of these awards download the form at http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal_award_rec.pdf and send it to Their Highnesses. Go to the Kingdom website it find out more about Kingdome Awards

Cold Keep Champions May 13 -14, 2006

Shire of Cold Keep Prince George BC

Another winter has been endured and Cold Keep is ready to greet the spring by choosing their new Heavy Armoured Combat, Light Rapier Combat, Arts and Science and Archery Champions. Yes, there's something for everyone, so come help us warm up and cheer on all worthy participants! This is a two-day event to fit in all of the fun and competitions, a variety of classes and the opportunity to be a Cold Keep Champion! Visit the Shire of Cold Keep's web site for updates and more details:

http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm

Site fee: Adult \$10.00 Adult without membership \$14.00
Ages 14 - 18 \$5.00,

13 and under Free

The \$4 NMS surcharge is in effect for this event

Make Cheques Payable to Shire of Cold Keep

Site opens at 8 a.m., Saturday and closes at 3 p.m., Sunday.

A full schedule of competitions and classes will be posted on the Cold Keep web site.

Site directions:

Make your best way to Prince George. Take 15th Ave. off Highway 97 west (toward the University). Take Foothills Blvd. to the Otway Road turn off. Take the turn off onto Otway Road. Turn left on Otway Road. Proceed on Otway Road for 11 km - you will need to travel over three (3) railroad tracks. Turn right on Flint Road and, The Hall is on the right. There will be signs posted.

Limited camping and crash space is available; please contact the autocrat to arrange.

Autocrat:

Lady Sibán (Marquita Milliken)
1325 Irwin Street, Prince George, BC V2M 2Y4
email: magnen@yahoo.com
Phone: 250-649-0997

Site Info:

Miworth Community Hall
13510 Flint Road
Prince George, BC V2M 7C1

(Pillage Practice continued from page 15)

The Very Flexible Schedule:

Friday: Site opens at 4 pm
There are no specific activities scheduled for Friday Night other than practicing your bardic skills at the bonfire. If you wish to host an activity please contact the autocrat.

Saturday: 10:30am - Rapier play for those who are interested in getting together to fight rapier are welcome to armour up and prepare for the summer rapier season.

11:00 a.m. (ish) – Shire Archery Champion Tournament (Information to follow)

1:00 pm – Shire Heavy Champion Tournament (Information to follow)

3:00pm – (or when the Heavy Tournament ends) Afternoon Tea served at the Main Hall (Complimentary)

6:00 – 8:00 – Tavern Style Feast

Sunday: Site closes at 12:00pm

Site Fee:

Adults: \$7.00 for the Saturday only
\$17.00 for the weekend

Children (5-12): \$3.00 for Saturday
\$7.00 for the weekend

Children 5 and under are free

Location:

Camp Gilwell is on the south side of Hwy 56 between Fort Qu'Appelle and Lebret.

If you reach Lebret, you've gone too far!!!

Directions: From Regina – Hwy 1 East to Hwy 10 off ramp, turn left onto Hwy 10 & proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle. Pass through Fort Qu'Appelle & turn left onto Hwy 35 North. Go about 1 km down Hwy 35 & turn right onto Hwy 56 East towards Lebret.

From Saskatoon – Take Hwy 16 East to Hwy 35 turn South onto Hwy 35 and proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle. Coming down the hill towards Fort Qu'Appelle will be the turn off for Hwy 56. Turn left onto Hwy 56 towards Lebret.

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Ask ACCA

From event etiquette to helpful hints let St. Acca put your fears to rest and clear the muddles from your brain

Dear St. Acca

I was asked by a friend of mine to 'inspire' him as he was fighting in a local heavy tourney. What do I have to do? How do I act? Is it hard?

-New Inspiration

Dear New:

Congratulations! You have been honoured to take part in a most wonderful, romantic and delightful aspect of these current middle ages!

Inspirations or consorts are individuals of the opposite gender to the fighter who the fighter requests act as their "inspiration". To be asked to 'inspire' for a tournament can mean many things – as the heavy combat, rapier combat or even archers have had individuals to act as their consort for a variety of tournaments. Yes, your role is to inspire your fighter to great deeds, but that consists mainly being supportive and not an embarrassment to the fighter.

In the case of Crown and Coronet lists, you as their Consort would reign with them for the term of service on the Throne should your fighter be successful on the field. You must feel confident in your fighter that you can work with them should they win (for that is when the real challenges begin). Ask yourself some hard questions. Naturally the importance of these questions is relative to the importance of the tourney. Do feel free to say no, gracefully and with kindness if you do not feel comfortable.

The relationship between consort and fighter, regardless of the romance between them, should be one of mutual respect. While you are acting as

inspiration during the tourney, it is all about the fighter. You and your fighter must communicate the level of 'maintenance' he or she will require from you.

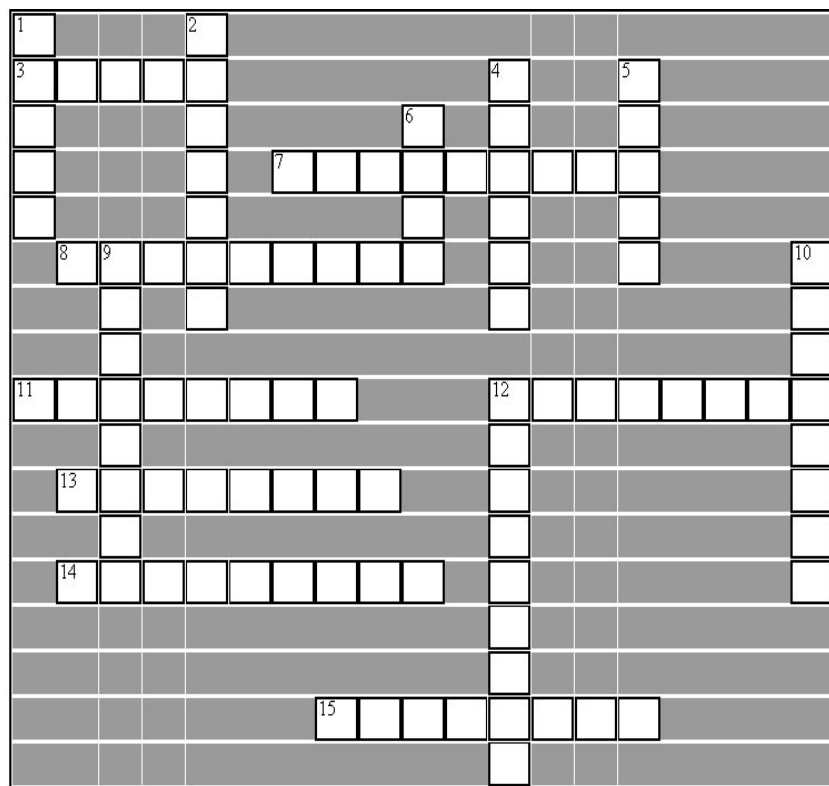
As an inspiration, your main duty is to be aware of your fighter's needs. Each person must approach the role within their comfort level. Whether your friend, a person you met once and are inspiring only for the day, or your love interest asks you to inspire them, there are many different ways to fulfil that role. The most important thing is to talk to your fighter and ask them what they expect. Usually that means paying attention to their bouts, giving them liquids and a place to sit between rounds.

Tournaments of all stripe have some pomp and circumstance, and the inspirations job, is to 'inspire to great deeds'. Be that beautiful lady or lord, smile a lot, pay close attention to your fighter's bouts, give them water, shade and peace, stay in the same spot so they may salute you prior to their bouts and return that salute – with a curtsy, a nod of the head, blowing a kiss. Do not enter the eric to return the salute.

While your fighter is engaged in a bout, please do not shout encouragement or comments on the blows exchanged. It is not your place to evaluate, as you are not in the eric or in armour. You are there to support and encourage.

It is not hard to be an inspiration. Be yourself, take care of your fighter, and make sure he or she has plenty of water, a spot to rest and enjoy being a consort!

- St. Acca.



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| 3. service minded leader | 1. tongue as sharp as her sword |
| 7. fearless first | 2. consort of the tiger, stone bow killer |
| 8. far away baroness | 4. original lost viking stowaway |
| 11. fourth in a line of twenty | 5. dazzling consort of the black |
| 12. firehaired creator of the knott | 6. bright star of borealis |
| 13. community-minded Irish beauty | 9. norse camp boss |
| 14. wreathed cauldron gazer, celtic soothsayer | 10. delicate as cherry blossoms, sharp as samari sword |
| 15. silver bedecked desert nomad | 12. bright and bold ring giver |

You are hereby invited to Sigelhundas'

**Annual Spring Tea and Pillage Practice
(Sigelhundas' Heavy Championship)
Camp Gillwell, May 5 – 7, 2006**

Have you been to Spring Tea and Pillage Practice? To pillage and to drink tea all in the same event! Preposterous! Indeed it is true. In fact, we will also be hosting Sigelhundas' Heavy Champion Tourney.

The Pillage Practice site is located at Camp Gillwell in the Qu' Appelle Valley and is one of the most peaceful, scenic event locations close to Regina. In the center of camp is the Great Hall with an inviting fireplace as well as an outdoor fire pit near by to keep you toasty. As the nights can be frosty, we ask you to come and practice your bardic skills to entertain others either inside the hall or at the bonfire, with the bonfire being lit just before dark.

The site boasts two large heated cabins that sleep 14-16 people each. There are no beds, so some sort of sleeping mat may be appropriate if you are not interested in sleeping on the wooden floor. If you are hearty enough there is space available for tents – be sure to bring extra bedding! The nights can be chilly! Depending on the number of people who attend the event, the main hall may be used for sleeping, but this will be at the discretion of the autocrats.

Merchants are welcome to set up their wares in the afternoon, and there is no charge for tables, so bring all you wish!

If you are not in the mood to bring rations for Saturday evening, there will be a tavern style feast available for a small fee. This feast will include a beef stew, dried fruits, breads and dessert.

As to showers there are none on site, but we have obtained a motel room approximately 10 minutes (by car) from the site. It can be used by anyone who wishes. We ask that you bring your own towels and be respectful of others who wish to use it after you. Anyone may use the kitchen sink for his or her morning routine. Again, please clean up behind yourself.

Beltaine May 6th 2006

*Let this sad interim like the ocean be
Which parts the shore, where two
contracted new
Come daily to the banks, that, when
they see
Return of love, more blest may be the
view;
Else call it winter, which being full of
care
Makes summer's welcome thrice more
wish'd, more rare
Shakespeare, .Sonnet LVI*

The Barony of Montengarde invites you to join us for a celebration of love and the return of spring. Love and inspiration rule the day and, as such, all participants in the tournaments (rapier, heavy and archery) will be required to have inspirations whose honour will guide their deeds and actions. Classes based on the theme will be held throughout the day. There is a limited amount of merchant space. For more information, please contact Thorgeir at xthorgeirx@yahoo.ca

Location: Cambrian Heights Community Centre, 600 Northmount Dr. NW. Calgary, Alberta. T2K 3J5
Archery Location: Calgary Archery Centre, 4855-47 Street SE, Calgary, AB T2B-3S5

Autocrat: Caitilin ingen ui Dalaig (Wendy Hobbs), 76 Big Springs Hill, Airdrie AB T4A 1L3, Phone 403-948-5290 (no calls after 9pm please)
Head Cook: Steinn Vikingsson
email reservations to:
beltanefeast@telus.net

Barony of Montengarde Calgary, Alberta

Directions to main site:
From the east:
Take best route to the Deerfoot Trail.
Follow Deerfoot Tr to McKnight Blvd.
Take McKnight westbound to 4 Street . Turn left (southbound) onto 4 Street NW. Take 4 Street to 40th Ave and turn right. Take 40 Ave to Northmount Dr and turn left. Go down 1 and a half blocks – the hall is on the left.
From the west:
Take best route to Crowchild Trail.
Take the Charleswood Dr / 32 Ave North exit Turn right onto Charleswood Dr. Follow Charleswood Dr. to Northmount Drive. Turn right onto Northmount Drive. Turn left to stay on Northmount Drive. The hall will be on the right.

Site Opens at 10am and closes at midnight. Clean up will begin at 11 pm.

Archery Tournament starts at 09:30 at the Archery Range (be at range for 09:00)

Site Fees - Make checks payable to SCA Inc Barony of Montengarde.
Adult \$ 6.00 for SCA Inc. members, \$10.00 for non-members. Please note, you MUST have your membership card or web confirmation with you to receive the member discounted price.
Youth 6 to 16: \$3.00
Child under 6: Free
Feast Fee: \$9.00
Archery Tournament Fee: \$ 7.00 payable to the range

AVACAL CALENDAR

April		
01	Winter War*	Borealis
15	Honor War*	Lyonsmarche
15	Silver Arrow*	Bitter End
22	Spring Champions Feast and	Myrgan Wood
May		
06	Pillage Practice	Sigellhundas
06	Beltaine	Montengarde
05-15	An Tir 40 Year Celebration*	Glymm Mere
13	Cold Keep Champions	Cold Keep
20	May Crown*	Ambergard
27	May Days	Wyndwurm
June		
03	June Coronet*	Rhuddglyn
10	Harrows Cross Champions Tourney	Harrows Cross
17	Silvewolf	Borealis

*Bold = event information has been submitted. * - Royalty Attending*

Calendar Policy: Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (see officer listings) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage has to go through the Calendar Officer. Make sure to note if you do not want the event copy in the Crier. The Avantgarde and webmasters do except longer/fancier versions of the event flyers but **it still must be sent through the Calendar**. Please have the event information form (with appropriate signatures) and event copy to the Calendar Officer by the **15th of the month**, 2 months prior to the event. (ie. If your event is January 22, have event copy in by November 15th).

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

- Date of event (day and month and year)
- Time of event (when site opens and closes)
- Name of sponsoring group
- Location (name, street address, and town) of the site. The postal code should also be included if available.
- Name (society and modern) and address of the autocrat (I find it useful to include the feastocrat as well)
- If there is a fee for the event, the statement "make cheques payable to <Group>" must be included.
- Official SCA Event Title
- Modern Location (town/city)

Silver Arrow 2006
April 14, 15, 16/2006

Shire of Bitter End
Red Deer, AB

We Invite the known world to come and try your hand at the marvelous archery tournament. A magnificent feast will be served Bitter End Style. There will be a silent auction, with a special auction live Sat Night. Part of Proceeds to Principality Travel Fund The only reservation for feast is a Paid one. So please contact one of the autocrats.

SITE OPENS-

Friday 2pm

Saturday—Archery- 11am

Heavy prize tourney-1pm

Horse Shoe Competition- 2pm

Sunday Site Closes - 3pm

Schedule is subject and tentative to there Highnesses.

Merchants Welcome! Contact one of the autocrats to reserve. Site is discreetly wet. Plenty of outdoor camping space, Limited hall crash space so please contact us soon.



Site Fee's

Site and Feast (members)-
 \$18.00

Offboard (Site only)- \$6.00

Remember Non Members pay an additional \$4 NMS.

Please make Cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Bitter End Children over 12 years old- \$5.00

Directions:

Aberdene Community hall.

>From the QE2 hwy Take your best route to Innisfail. Take the overpass heading east to Hwy 590. (the opposite direction of the town of Innisfail) Travel approx. 8km east, Hall is on your left hand side. Site will be well signed. Please park on the gravel.

Map Available.

AutoCrats:

Lady Rowan Corsini
 403-346-6043

Feast O crats:

HL Sybell Deya & Lord Capt
 Elrik Buchanan
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Where to send prepaid reservations.

7 wallace Close Red Deer,
 Alberta T4N -5L8

Spring Champions
April 22, 2006

Barony of Myrgan Wood
Saskatoon SK

Join the Barony of Myrgan Wood as we hold our annual "Spring Champions" event to decide our rapier and arts and science champions. Heavy combat and archery activities are going on throughout the day as well. Royal rounds for children and adults will be taking place.

Event takes place April 22, 2006. Site opens at 9:00am and closes at 11:30pm.

Day time activities are being held at the Dundurn Military Base at Dundurn, SK. Feast and evening activities are being held at Dundurn Community Hall located at 214 3rd St, Dundurn, SK. For a map contact the autocrat.

Site is \$5 and feast is \$15 for adults, for children (12 and under) site is \$4 and feast is \$8. Please note that non-members need to pay an additional \$4. Cheques should be made to "SCA Myrgan Wood".

For a copy of the menu, contact the autocrat.

Autocrat is Eira Morgan (mka Terri Morgan) who can be contacted via e-mail at

terrina.morgan@gmail.com or phone 306-261-5089. Address: Terri Morgan 1501 Cumberland Ave. Saskatoon, SK S7H 2M2

Come ye one and all to a 40th Year Celebration of the Society for Creative Anachronism in An Tir!

This glorious revel will take place in Randle, WA from May 5th thru May 15th, 2006. Diversions include the Equestrian Emprise, falconry demonstrations and classes, tournaments, woods battles, a very slightly off-site period tavern, bountiful Merchants Village and more! The site boasts gorgeous views of the foothills and surrounding forest, and the Cowlitz River alongside. Sponsored by the Shire of Fire Mountain Keep and Barony of Glymm Mere. Pre-registration is recommended for a faster gate experience, and is available on-line. Merchant pre-registration deadline is April 15th, 2006, and is also available on-line. Gentles wishing to volunteer, sponsor activities, or learn more about the event may explore our website: <http://www.40yearcelebration.com>

Autocrat: Countess Sineidin autocrat@40yearcelebration.com