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 HH Kvigr Ivarsson and HH Linnet Grimolfsdottir

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 IFATAHYO,
 OUR NEW
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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings Upon the Populace of Avacal!

We are very excited to announce that We have Heirs; Their Excellencies Einar and Ifatahyo stood victorious in a great tournament fought in the shire of Bordergate. Thank you everyone who fought and those who helped with the event. We would also like to thank all the fighters and their inspirations that regaled us with their personas.

The snow has fallen, Coronet is past, and we are looking forward to the Jule season which We will be celebrating in Borealis. After that we will be looking forward to the days getting longer and the Coronation of their Royal Highness Cedric and Elizabeth, and Montengarde's 12th Night. We wish everyone a good Jule season and we will see everyone in the New Year.



Picture by HE Beothuk

*Editor's Note: Yule is spelled JULE in Norwegian.*Kvigr & Linnet
Prince & Princess of Avacal**Royal Progress**

January 11-13 - An Tir Twelfth Night Coronation, Lions Gate (Kvigr)
 January 19 - Twelfth Night, Montengarde (Kvigr & Linnet)
 (February 14-17 - Estrella, Kingdom of Atenveldt (*tentative, Kvigr & Linnet)
 February 22-24 - February Investiture, Borealis (Kvigr & Linnet)

Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

For those that missed it or those who just want to see it again here is video of Coronet Tourney.

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=3107463788495048478&pr=goog-sl>

Submitted by HE Raoul Delaroche

COURT REPORT

Updates Coming Soon!

For the complete Avacal OP
please visit:
<http://heraldry.avacal.net>

Any corrections or updates can be sent
to Master Mordecai Avacal OP Deputy
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Recommendation forms!

http://www.avacal-sca.org/officer/award_rec_files/avacal_award_rec.html

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

Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal,

I hope you all are having a wonderful holiday season so far. By the time the next Avantgarde comes out Christmas will be over and we'll all be working on our New Year's Resolutions. With a quick nod to Janus, the Roman god for which January was named for, who looked both forward and back in time with his two heads, I would like to offer up my pledges in hopes they, in turn, inspire you:

- 1) Write more award recommendations - online forms can be found on the Avacal website
 - 2) Teach a class - THUA is always looking for teachers willing to share their knowledge in all sorts of areas.
 - 3) Nominate someone for the BOD - do you know that An Tir only has 2 nominations for the Board?
 - 4) Volunteer to host an event, tavern or take an office.
 - 5) Attend a branch curia or ensure to read the minutes.
 - 6) Give feedback or encouragement to someone working in a branch or principality office.
 - 7) Find a new area of interest.
 - 8) Spend some time with a newcomer.
 - 9) Write an article for the newsletter.
- And last but not least....
- 10) Have a wonderful & fun 2008!

Merry Christmas, my friends!—Manyra

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING NMS SURCHARGES

AUTOCRATS PLEASE REMEMBER: Non-member surcharges (NMS) must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer (Master Pyotr Constantinovich (Peter C. Gorshkoff) 10224-123rd Ct. E., #3, Puyallup, WA 98374-2602, 253-845-0375, pgorshkoff@comcast.net) and cc'd to the Branch Exchequer Deputy (L. Agnete von Freiburg (Amanda Farries), 316- 27th Street W., Saskatoon SK S7L 0J6, 306-664-6451 amandafarries@sasktel.net)

Avacal War Practice 2008 Shire of Rhuddglyn

Join us in a nice, warm indoor hall to practice WAR! This is the perfect time to run through battle scenarios and strategies and put it to work! Then, relax for a great evening of socializing. The event has the same set up as in previous years
◆ food is included with the site fee and crash space is in the hall.

Location: Recreation center, Alsask, Saskatchewan (no postal code) Directions: Find your best route to Alsask on Saskatchewan Highway 7, about 2 miles East of the Alberta Border. This highway is known as Highway 9 on the Alberta side. Turn towards the Town of Alsask (south—Highway 44). Go approximately 1 mile, and turn right into what looks like an old Air Force Base. The turnoff is on top of the first hill. Turn right at the T intersection, and left immediately after that. You should be at the Alsask Village Rec Center.

Site opens Friday at 5pm and closes Sunday at noon.

Cost: \$20/person

Food: Pots of soup, chili and stew, with bread. We hope to make enough to last the entire event for everyone so please let the autocrat know you're planning to attend. People may also bring some of their own food, or be prepared to buy food in restaurants or in local grocery store.

Medicine Hat AB March 7-9, 2008

There is a kitchen on site. There is reportedly a great burger place in the Town of Marengo, 15 minutes east.

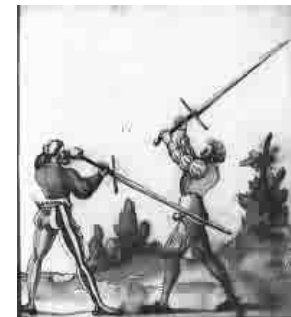
Lodging: There is space in the hall for up to 75 people to sleep with showers available. Again, bring your own beds and bedding, it is general camping on a cement floor. The closest option for light sleepers would be Oyen.

Activities: Official War stuff will happen on the Saturday around noon.

Autocrat: Please call or email Manyra if you plan to attend so we know how much food to make. Cell 403-581-1539 (leave message).

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Check out the event on Facebook to RSVP or visit <http://www.codexpublishing.ca/rhuddglyn/warpractice.html> for more info.



Avacal February Investiture February 22 – 24, 2008

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Gentles all!

You are invited by Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered, Baron and Baroness of Borealis, on behalf of their Highnesses Kvigr and Linnet, to join and bear witness to the investing of our Tanist and Tanista as Prince and Princess of Avacal! Sharpen thy swords and don thyne bucklers to compete to be the new honoured Champion of Rapier. Study thy tomes and create thy works of art to be the most honoured Champion of Arts and Science. All to take place at Avacal Investiture. Come and join the fabulous chefs of Borealis as they create a wonderful English feast! This season's event is to be hosted by the Barony of Borealis at the Thorsby Community Hall in Thorsby, Alberta.

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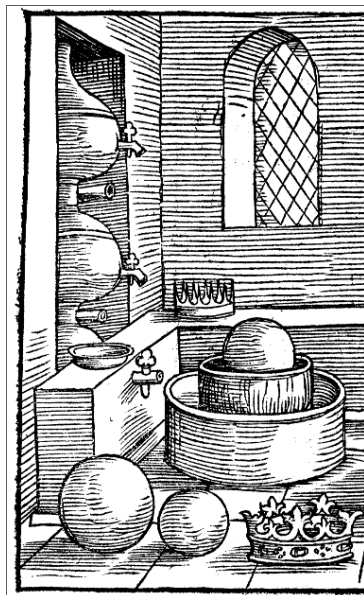
Barony of Borealis Edmonton AB

Date: February 22-24, 2008
Site: Thorsby Community Centre
4813 49 Street
Thorsby AB T0C 2P0

Opens Friday at 4:00 pm and
closes Sunday at 1:00pm

Take Hwy 39 from Hwy 2 through
Calmar
Turn left into Thorsby
Drive to first crosswalk lights and
turn left.
Go straight into community centre
parking lot.

Site fees:
Member: \$10.00
Non members add a \$3.00 nms
Children under 12 are free.
Feast: \$10.00, total \$23.00
please make cheques payable to
ASCA: Barony of Borealis



From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

Best of the season to all of Avacal! It is a time for giving, but once again the Avantgarde has abundantly received. I hope you will enjoy the many gifts within these pages — pictures and articles from the talented and resourceful people of Avacal and An Tir! While thinking about what you'd like to do in the new year, please consider sharing your talents through the newsletter by submitting articles, photographs, interesting links or anything you can dream up (within reason—keep it SCA related!) Or, consider sharing your talents by taking on the role of branch or even principality chronicler! As much fun as this task is, I can't do it forever (jumping rope is fun too, but eventually yah gotta take a rest). If you're interested in meeting talented people, being the first to read interesting articles and expressing your creative talents through desktop publishing, please give me a shout at chronicler@avacal-sca.org.

alaam Alikum — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler

Event Reporters Wanted! Branch Reporters Wanted! Branch Chroniclers Wanted!
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*Cat's Meow is created by
Mistress Keterlin von dem Drachen*



Principality of Avacal

Curia

Nov 25th, 2007 AS XLII

8:00 AM

Avacal Coronet, Bordergate

Recording:	umm Bishr
Present:	
Approval of Agenda:	Approved as presented.
Approval of Previous Minutes:	Approved as corrected.
Business Arising from Minutes:	none

OFFICER REPORTS:

Seneschale: Manyra
Reporting has been very good. There have still been a few issues in communicating with principality officers but this is improving. Networking from branches to principality is working very well. Thank you to everyone who has been working to get the reports in and thank you to all of the officers who have been reporting.

All reporting time lines have been brought in line with Kingdom, meaning all of the reports need to be in by the 15th for each office.

Kingdom Development Deputy: Stragin
Still not hearing anything. There are handbooks being worked on but they need to go through the correct approval level on their way up to Kingdom, which means approval from senior officers, principality seneschale, and Their Highnesses, and communicating with Stragin about the handbook before having the handbook approved by Kingdom.

NMS Deputy: Catla
Non-members surcharge goes directly to Kingdom of An Tir. Dez added that the report sent with the cheque must be cc'd to the exchequery. NMS is now \$3.

Mistress Manyra noted that the deadline for information in the Crier is very far ahead so please refer to the principality newsletter (Avantgarde) for current information for events, officers, etc.

Montengarde 12th Night January 19th 2008

Barony of Montengarde
Calgary Alberta

The Barony of Montengarde invites everyone to its Annual 12th Night Festivities.

The day will be filled with amusements, fighting, games, song and possible dancing. This day will decide a new A&S Champion as well as Montengarde's Rapier Champion.

Tayaha the Wanderer will be cooking a feast of 50 dishes that will appeal to most palates.

Tayaha will also have (available for lunch) her well-known Egyptian pie, baklava and Greek salad for \$7.00. We strongly urge you to let Arnolt know if you want to reserve for lunch.

Merchants welcome, Contact sales@thorsgear.org

Please contact the respective Montengarde champion and/or watch the stables for information on tournaments.

Times subject to Change as Royalties and Event Stewards needs.

Main Hall Opens at 9:30
Archery from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Calgary Archery center (4855 47th Avenue SE)
Bardic 11:00 – 12:00 and 16:00 – 17:00

There will be an A&S Championship
Rapier Championship 13:00 to 15:00
Youth Combat 15:15 - 15:45
Heavy Tournament 15:45 to 17:30
Feast begins at approx. 18:30

Where: Bowness Sportsplex,
7904 43 Avenue NW Calgary AB
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When: January 19th , 2008.
Doors open 9:30
Hall closes 23:00
Enclosed flames only please

Cost: Site \$10/ Adult,
\$5/youth (10-16yrs),
Feast \$10 Adult and Youths
NMS \$3

Mundane Family cap (max 2 adults and their 3 children (18 and under) living at the same address)

\$50.00 + NMS for adults

You can reserve without

prepaying

If you do not prepay by Jan 1st

you will be charged an extra \$4 at the door

Please make checks payable to MSCA, prepaid tickets are required for feast by January 5th 2008.

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AVACAL CALENDAR

January		
11-13	An Tir Twelfth Night *	Lions Gate
19	Twelfth Night *	Montengarde
February		
14-17	Estrella *	Atenveldt
23	Investiture *	Borealis
March		
9	Unnamed Event	Rhuddglyn
16	Feast of the Evergreens	Bordergate

*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. On-line forms which may be filled out electronically can be found on the Avacal webpage, under Officers/Seneschal/Forms.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage have 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 accept 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. (i.e. 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. If there is no street address, this must be noted in the copy.
- Name (society and modern) and mail address of the autocrat; email address or phone number are discretionary but are very helpful. (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)

The event copy can be a maximum of 300 words for branch or baronial events, 350 for Principality events.

Incipient Shire Deputy:
Hamish.

Not present. Report not submitted.

Warrants Deputy:
Asney

Not present. Report submitted and read by Mistress Manyra. This system is working very well right now. All warrants have been received; questions answered and signed off by Kingdom.

Calendar Deputy:
Brigit

Not present, report submitted.

1) It is with deep regret that I must resign as Avacal Calendar Officer, due to personal reasons; this resignation will take effect at February Curia. The Royal Summons for candidates has been posted to the Avacal website, as well as to the Avantgarde and Avacal Circus.

Two people have stepped forward to act as Calendar Deputies in the interim; at least one is interested in applying for the Calendar office.

2) In the next three months, I hope to update the Principality Event Bid form, as bids on Principality Events are no longer required because of the site rotation, and revise it to provide detailed information relating to the planning of the event. I also hope to develop a Calendar Handbook, containing all the information regarding Calendar policy, procedure and requirements needed as a Calendar officer or deputy.

3) A complete listing of all the Principality events, and the corresponding branches, up to November Coronet 2013, including due dates for all forms and event copy, will be posted to the Avacal website, and published, at least in part, in the Avantgarde.

I would like to thank everyone I have had the pleasure of working with, from the Coronets to Principality officers to branch officers and autocrats all, past and present: you have all made my three years as Calendar officer an adventure, a challenge, and a very rewarding experience.

Herald:
Annys

Not present, report submitted. Going well with the library, awards submitted and passed, writing a handbook.

Someone mentioned donating to the Heraldic Library and the chronicler mentioned that HL Annys had recently asked her to not include a call for donations in the newsletter as she already has a lot of donations at the moment.

**Regalia Deputy
Jajiradai**

A design for new coronets has been submitted.

**Scribe:
Inga**

Inga is going to be taking shots of past charters and adding them to the scribal web page. She is making sure that the scribal handbook is in agreement with the Kingdom content and then she'll bring it to TH's for approval.

She is working on a contingency plan for her successor and still plans on stepping down at February Investiture.

**Chatelaine:
Natal'ia**

Reporting was very good this year. There's been quite a bit of growth in the branches. There is concern among the branches about how to recruit more people, most effective use of their time and efforts, encouraging people to get involved and take part. Mistress Manyra added that this is an issue across the board, not just in Avacal, so we need to share our success stories with each other, such as the Christmas Tree decorating and Heritage demos, handing out cards at demos entitling people to free admission for first tavern, email sign ups at demos, etc. Inga pointed out that the health of the game isn't in recruitment but in the retention of new members and in her personal opinion she thinks that Avacal's chatelaines' time would be best invested in supporting people who are new to this game. Manyra made the point as well that we are all responsible for making new people feel welcome and letting them know that while the SCA may be overwhelming at first they will eventually get the hang of things and still love the SCA.

**Earl Marshal:
Haakon
Lists:
Caitilin**

Neither were present. Report Submitted from Lists.

1. The construction of the database has been delayed slightly due to Ivar's busy mundane life. We're working on it.
2. I am now allowed to enter Avacal authorizations into the Kingdom database (excluding Senior Marshals). This should greatly improve the efficiency of the system and speed up the process. An important reminder to ALL fighters and marshals that completed Authorizations go to me, not to Kingdom.

His Highness asked if Ivar was still needed to set this up now that Caitilin has access to the Kingdom system. HE Inga made the point that it's good to have our system in place as a 'back up' system in case the Kingdom 'loses' information on Avacal authorizations. The issue is that this necessitates double entry of the data or we need to set up a system that avoids this. Manyra agreed to discuss all of this with the necessary parties.

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Principality Calendar Officer (deadline for applications Jan 15/08)

The Principality Calendar Officer reports to the Principality Seneschal and is responsible for setting event dates on the Avacal Calendar at February Curia each year, as well as maintaining the rotation for Principality events, and works to ensure events in Avacal do not conflict with Kingdom events. The Calendar Officer receives the forms which are required to hold events in Avacal, and ensures that all event information is published as required. The position requires someone with excellent communication skills, and who is organized, responsible and willing to take the initiative in all matters concerning the Calendar. The Calendar Officer should be able to attend the Curia meetings at all Principality events throughout the Calendar year. This is a great way to find out what is happening in the Principality, and get to know the seneschals and autocrats of all the events you are planning to attend anyway.

Gules Signet Scribe (Deadline for applications is Feb 1/08): The Gules Signet is the chief scribe for the Principality and is responsible for all scrolls that are produced within the Principality. Gules Signet acts as the principal deputy for assuring the accuracy of scrolls, their timely assignment and completion, and their delivery to the recipients. S/he, or a designate, is also the holder of the Principality Seal. Gules Signet takes care of the following: Promoting the Scribal Arts within the Principality.

Providing wax seals to the Monarchs for charters and scrolls during each reign.

Managing the production and distribution of Charter Scrolls for the Monarchs in the absence of a designated Charter Deputy or Royal Scribe.

Managing the production and distribution of Original Scrolls to recipients.

Assisting the College of Heralds as necessary to ensure the accurate and timely completion of scroll commissions.

Managing such funds as are budgeted and allocated to this office by the Principality and this officer's supervisor, and ensuring their proper disbursement in accordance with the Principality of Avacal and Kingdom of An Tir financial policy. Training and supervising such deputies and scribes as are needed to accomplish these duties.

Royal Archer (Deadline for applications is Jan 01/08):

The Principality Royal Archer will be responsible for encouraging missile combat and target archery related activities within the Principality. They are to promote these activities where there aren't any combat and target archers and to further the skills of the combat and target archers who are already participating.

Principality Equestrian Marshall (Mar 01/08):

To Encourage Equestrian Activities in Avacal, we are looking for and Equestrian Marshall Deputy Officer.

- 1) Must be a Warranted Equestrian Marshall (or provide plans to become an Equestrian Marshall before being invested)
- 2) Must be willing to travel as equestrian events need a Marshall present from the beginning until the end of events.
- 3) Must be willing to communicate with both the Principality Earl Marshall the Kingdom Equestrian Marshall
- 4) Must report on time to both the Principality and the Kingdom.
- 5) Willing to be primary contact and information disseminator to individuals wanting to either participate in or find out more about equestrian activities within Avacal and An Tir.

Contingency Deputy Seneschal (Feb 01/08):

A contingency deputy is needed to learn the basics of the seneschal's position with the intent that they fill for the seneschal if that person becomes unable to work. The deputy will be copied on reports and major correspondence to help understand the position. Ideally the deputy should be able to handle the office long enough to hand it off to someone else (if they are not interested in keeping it).

Membership Deputy (Jan 15/08):

I am looking for a deputy to help the seneschal's office deal with membership numbers. This means contacting Kingdom for the excel listing, dividing out the memberships according to postal codes then forwarding that information to the branches.

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some form of onsite first aid and/or emergency care at large events with attendance in the thousands. At events where we have a statutory "duty-of-care" imposed on the SCA due to large attendance, like the Pennsic War in Pennsylvania, we do not need a Chirurgeonate per se, but we do need to provide first aid. The costs of satisfying these "duty-of-care" obligations with services hired from outside the SCA can be prohibitive, whereas SCA Chirurgeonate volunteers donate their time.

Managerial control is another reason. Without an SCA Chirurgeonate whatsoever, first aiders could not be disciplined or suspended for misbehavior or lack of cooperation with the Marshallate (see Section II.13). The grievance procedure would be meaningless. There would be no uniform guidelines on how combat injuries were handled (see Section III.10). There would be no event and injury reports that the SCA could use to compile injury statistics and to evaluate the management of first aid at events. In comparison, by having its own first aiders, the SCA can exert control over both the quality of those first aiders, as well as the standard of care they provide (see Section III.3). Though the SCA can not prevent other individuals from performing first aid at an SCA event, a warranted Chirurgeon has the advantage of being a known quantity.

Another reason to maintain the Chirurgeonate is that warranted Chirurgeons are familiar with the quirks of SCA-specific first aid (see Section II.6). A Chirurgeon will never treat an injured SCA member like some weirdo in funny clothes and will have a clue on how to extricate someone from armor or an Elizabethan hoop skirt with minimal damage to equipment or clothes.

We could list many more similar examples, though the ones presented here should show that an SCA-sponsored Chirurgeonate is in the best interests of the Society in terms of care, cost, and managerial control.

Next month, I shall explain how to become a chirurgeon.

In joyful and devoted service to Avacal, An Tir, and you,
Gosfrei Kempe
Principality Chirurgeon Avacal



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, Heirs 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.

Regional THUA Chancellors (no deadline) : Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

Rapier Provost: William Bennet

Guillemin is stepping up after this meeting.

Billy apologized to the two branches who reported early whose reports were lost because of a change in email addresses. Quarterly reports are coming in but there's still some trouble with the MIC reports coming in quarterly.

There have apparently been a few issues at events that he is hoping to clear up before passing all of the work to the new officer.

Inga is wondered if the forms should be updated to say 30 days so that all of the event forms need to be submitted within 30 days and there aren't some pieces sitting for months. Manyra suggested that there is a Kingdom forms deputy who can be contacted to ask if forms need to be updated in order to be in line with instructions on the web site.

Royal Archer: Brynach

Not presented.

- 1) Target and combat archery are doing well.
- 2) The target archery season has just ended and three Avacalian archers are in the Top Ten in the Kingdom of An Tir Open Division.
 - #1 Elias Silver Montengarde
 - #8 Morrigan Montengarde
 - #9 James the Quixotic Montengarde

One Avacalian archer is in the Top Ten of the Kingdom of An Tir Longbow Division.

#4 Malabar Membro Speccata Montengarde

3) The combat archers are once again dominating the SCA-wide Inter-Kingdom Combat Archery Competition. Out of the top 10, there are six Avacalian archers in the Top Ten.

- #1 Deicyan Moel Vinjar
- #2 Coriander Vinjar
- #5 Shauna of Vinjar Vinjar
- #7 Jason of Vinjar Vinjar
- #8 Cory of Vinjar Vinjar
- #9 Elspeth inghean Dubghaill Vinjar

Target Archery Deputy: Thomas Wollfe

Not present. No Report.

**Youth Combat:
Malcolm de Bruce**

Youth combat is still growing in Avacal. Kingdom rules are being revamped. Sent his recommendations for changes to the Kingdom Officer for new rules a few weeks ago (so he didn't write a handbook, but a set of proposed rule changes).

Facebook is a wonderful tool. The details of how Bitter Ends tournament was run was added to the Avacal Youth Combat site and a woman from Gulf Wars asked if they could use that format for their Youth Combat Tournament, so Avacal Youth Combat is being noticed from afar.

**Warlord:
Wernar**

Is in charge of organizing classes for Avacal War Practice on March 6th so we will have war practice and we will have war!

**A&S:
Gabrielle of the Leaf**

Not present. Sent Report. Reporting has improved. Her report was bouncing from Kingdom but she kept trying and believes they eventually got it.

**Bardic and Gamesmas-
ter:
Tristrem**

Not present. Reported that he is starting to do stuff.

**Exchequer:
Dezrienne**

Has a rough draft of the books right now. Has to go back and verify everything and reconcile it. Can only present unofficial numbers at this time.

Last time travel fund was used was 2004 with the last donation in 2003. Regalia fund was last donated to in 2005 (?) Regalia needs to be built up and we need to decide if Avacal wants A&S to be built up. Manyra seems to recall a motion in a previous Curia (when she was chronicler) transferring funds from general fund to regalia.

Manyra/Vik

Motion to supplement the Regalia fund for \$400 from the general funds.

– Carried

Dez absolutely needs any receipts and/or deposit slips that need to come to principality. Her bank statements don't show what fund a deposit needs to go into and without proof of what the deposit was for she can't put it into the proper fund.

As of December 31st if the funds don't match what officers believe they have the difference will just become general funds or whatever needs to be done to reconcile them.

Reporting deputy for Exchequer is doing an excellent job.

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From Your Principality Chirurgeon

Greetings to all. I am Lord Gosfrei Kempe of Sigelhundas, your new Principality Chirurgeon. As most of you know, this means I am responsible for all first aid in Avacal. However, there are exactly three chirurgeons currently warranted in Avacal. Can you see a small problem here?

My first task is to help Avacalians understand who chirurgeons are and what we do. Second, there's gonna be some recruitin' 'round here! Er, I mean, I will be looking to increase the size of our Chirurgeonate. That's where you, good gentle, can help.

To answer the first two points, I'm simply going to quote from the Introduction to the SCA Chirurgeon's Handbook.

I.1. Who We Are?

The Chirurgeonate is the volunteer first-aid organization of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization devoted to the study of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. It is part of the "living history" movement, where members try to reproduce various aspects of the culture and technology of their period, as well as pursuing more traditional historical research. The SCA sponsors events such as medieval tournaments and feasts, where members dress in Medieval and Renaissance styles, and participate in activities based on the civil and martial arts of the Middle Ages.

We use the medieval term "Chirurgeon" [most commonly pronounced ki-er-juhn] instead of "first aider," "first responder," or "medic" in our efforts to maintain a medieval atmosphere at SCA events.

We also use the Medieval bloodletting device, the fleam, as the symbol of the Chirurgeonate instead of the modern red shortarmed cross whose use is restricted by international treaty to organizations affiliated with the International Red Cross and the military.

The members of the Chirurgeonate include Red Cross-trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John and St. Andrew's ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers and professionals. We come from all walks of life and from many countries around the globe. We are united as members of the Chirurgeonate for one purpose: to provide first aid at SCA events.

I.2. What Do We Do?

The members of the Chirurgeonate provide first aid on a volunteer basis at SCA events. First aid performed in the SCA is Good Samaritan in nature (see Appendix C), and is provided to anyone who asks at no cost to the recipient (see Section III.9). This has been our tradition ever since Bjo of Griffin, arguably the first known Chirurgeon, started bringing her first-aid kit to SCA events, back in the days when there was but a single Kingdom.

I.3. Why the SCA has an Organized Chirurgeonate?

Anyone can pack a first-aid kit and render care regardless of whether the Chirurgeonate exists as part of the SCA. So why bother having an organized Chirurgeonate? Why not rely on individual or self-organized first aiders, or outside emergency services, instead of an SCA-sponsored group?

There are several overlapping reasons for the SCA to maintain its own first-aid organization. Cost is one issue. Certain legal jurisdictions, like Pennsylvania, require

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HUZZAH TO THESE COLD, BRAVE, DEDICATED ARCHERS!



*Pictures by Beothuk
from November Coronet 2007*



Chronicler: umm Bishr

Monthly newsletters are still going well with lots of submissions. Subscriptions are way up!! Because of increase in submissions to enter and track and other mundane concerns, Chronicler is behind on other tasks, such as the handbook. Reports are still going on to Kingdon on time though. Most branches have been reporting now, there are a couple of new chroniclers and a couple of branches have started doing newsletters again – huzzah! Also, do to a communication error the William Blackfox nominations from An Tir didn't make it in for consideration, but Brother Selewine's persona piece (Avantgarde), Dau'b Bob Goes to the Movies (Montengarde Mouthpiece), and the Siglehundas Sun Dog's Tale were on the list of nominees that were to be forwarded by An Tir! Way to go Avaca!!!

Webminister: Raoul Delaroché

Web site is moved over!! Scribes' subsite is there, Quad War site is up and going, Cold Keep has contacted the webminister about moving their branch site over. Raoul just needs to work out the logistics of space allotted for branches so that more can move over if they want, which would be a good thing. Raoul is wanting to get more people working on the website with him.

Robert asked how much contact information individuals are allowed to have up on the website. As long as they give permission an individual can have as much contact information on as they like. A discussion followed about the wisdom of having personal information online but this is still up to the individual at this point.

We can now run mailing lists, have unlimited numbers of email addresses and other people can have access to sections of the website in order to update their sections themselves. This is the beauty of the new site.

Chirurgionate: Gosfrei

Gosfrei thanked TH's for letting him take the position. We need far more chirurgeons and Gosfrei will contact the senechales and help them get chirurgeons going in their branches.

Baroness Wilma asked for a list of people who have the necessary requirements for the chirurgeonate (standard first aid and CPR of any level).

THUA : Not present. Sent report. New Regent has stepped up
Sadb (Katelijne)

THUA at Quad War was a success. The paperwork and any funds that were collected were given to Katelijne this past October. She will follow up with her report once she sorts through the paperwork.

In October the Shire of Cold Keep hosted a THUA at their Autumn Celebration, which was well received. There were 28 classes attended by 43 students. There was \$16.00 for the THUA accounts. I will send this to the Principality Exchequer.

The Shire of Cold Keep graciously donated \$50.00 to THUA. I will forward this to the Principality Exchequer.

We are currently still accepting applications for regional Chancellors. If the Baronial couples know of anyone in their Barony that would be a good candidate, I ask that you speak to that person and urge them to apply. The position is not difficult at all. The Chancellor works within their Barony and with the THUA Regent to facilitate THUA events. That does not mean they have to host/autocrat them!!

His Excellency Don Raoul Delaroché is waiting for subject matter to begin the new THUA website. This I will pass onto Katelijne and make myself available to help, if needed.

We have been working on a new THUA badge. Thanks to Jean de Chaulliac (sorry if the spelling is wrong) was consulted and we came up with "Quartered argent and or, an open book gules with calipers or." I'd like to see this worked on and sent in to the heralds.

The THUA Tenets are being revised. They will be sent to Their Highnesses, the Principality Seneschal as well as Katelijne for perusal and approval.

It has been my pleasure to be THUA Regent interim for the past 6 months and I am proud to name Katelijne as my successor. Katelijne has marvelous ideas and immense passion for the position and I see her doing great things with THUA. I will pass the THUA files, supplies, et. al. to the new Regent as soon as our schedules allow us contact. In the meantime, I will make myself available to her and Their Highnesses in any way to help facilitate the growth of THUA.

Dates for and April THUA in Montengarde have been set and Katelijne's looking for sites with Billy. Billy pointed out that she's looking for specific ideas for classes and then she'll try to find the appropriate person to teach the class.

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with his balls of twine without disturbing the country until he was thankfully murdered. Personally, I think that my brother and he were more than just "friends". Having sat through too many of their evening meals before Henry was imprisoned while they sang sad dirges together has always made that kind of music painful to my ear.

Edward IV, being the politic ruler that he was, chose to reward Henry's supporters by giving all their land to someone else. My brother, riding off to complain to his beloved Henry in prison, was killed by a pig after falling into a breeding sow's pen. My mother, in her grief, mistook her opium sleeping draft for her wine and died with a smile on her face. I, having been left with no relations, fled our home, only minutes before Edward's cousin, a fat faced, vulgar man, came to claim the land.



HL Annys Bradwardyn
—Picture by Beothuk

My parentage being in question, I was not likely to be made the man's wife. Of course I would have married him, I mean in these times it's not like there are a lot of ways for noble women of questionable birth to make a living is there? And the ladies who say they ran from terrible marriages? Either romantic fools or they made it up, probably having been rejected themselves, due to having sad dowries.

I was forced to make my way across country, with the few valuables I had, and I purchased sanctuary in a Catholic nunnery. I lived there for a few years until I became unbearably bored. Having "assisted" the nunnery with their financial books while I was there, I made my way into the world with enough wealth to travel first class to An Tir, where I presented myself as a woman of noble birth.

Fashionable clothing and good manners will do wonders getting oneself established at Court, and in time I was granted a title by the King. My low-brow entertaining and my ability to "impress" men have done wonders for keeping me financially stable. I have a small set of apartments that I keep up with a few loyal servants, and I dabble in organizing entertainment for Court, which is how I met my current lover. His gypsy connections with Eastern trade route Captains have given me access to rather outlandish clothing, which I find quite comfortable. It is also useful at Court as looking "foreign" makes me quite distinctive from the other ladies.

As you can see, my life is rather different from those you seem to usually meet. Is mine typical? That is very hard to say, as most ladies are usually quite quiet about how they have survived the trials of our times. I, finding my honesty to be more financially beneficial than getting married, am not afraid to tell my tale."

And thus ends the tale of Her Ladyship Annys, and also another presentation from myself. There was not quite so much of me this time and I hope you have enjoyed this tale, as I did.

—Submitted by - HL Brother Selwynne
(mka: Lance Blades)

"If you want your name to be one of the next to fill this space then send your persona information to brother-selwynn@shaw.ca"

Selewine's Scribings

Populace Persona Piece—Featuring HL Annys Bradwardyn

Greetings good gentles. Today I am departing from my regular routine of sharing a visit that I have made and instead present to you the following missive which arrived in the pouch of a rather disreputable looking gypsy. It appears that my project has become known more widely than I had realised and someone has now written their own story for me. While perhaps a bit more “earthy” than my own writings it is still a tale well told and therefore I give you the story of that renowned bard, Ladyship Annys Bradwardyn; a tale in her own words and in her own consummate style. A warning good gentles, the Lady herein has led a, shall we say, challenging life, and like some of her well-known compositions, is not always appropriate for all readers.

I find myself compelled to comment on your feature concerning the lives of everyday people. I mean, seriously, is everyone you meet noble, hard working, fashionable and reasonably well off? Certainly when I cross the street I see no such thing, dodging sewage thrown from above as I nod at rouged w**res to buy my daily bread after I argue for half an hour with the skinflint ruddy baker.

I mean, what world are you living in? When I look at my own life, I don't see a whit of it reflected in your musings about people. Perhaps that in itself is a good way to prove my point...

I was born in the port town of Calais in 1445, Calais of course being the last bit of English France. The town itself couldn't help but be relatively cosmopolitan, with an English nobility for the most part, and French commoners. I mean, who really cares what a peasant speaks as long as the dead partridge is fresh and the mutton is lean?

My Father was an old man even when I was born. Having fought for Henry V in the Battle of Agincourt, he settled himself up to be a wealthy man with the lands he was granted. Having enjoyed whoring his way through the local women and pretty boys as a young man, he neglected to dutifully find a wife and produce a legitimate heir before venereal disease and old age caught up with him.

My mother, of course, was young, beautiful, and French, and forced to marry the old man by her father. Finding herself wed to a syphilitic, insane old b****d, she took to drinking heavily and became rather close friends with the Gardener, whom my younger brother and I rather resemble. Like Henry VI, my father slipped into insanity, and my weak-willed younger brother became the head of our household.

Having a rather neglectful mother, I spent much of my youth with the nanny, a young rosy-cheeked harlot who filled me in on the common gossip and taught me more Low songs and behaviour than a noble woman would normally learn.

Of course, as you know, the battles between the House of Lancaster and York went on for some time, and my brother, being a young hot headed fool, chose to loudly ally himself with Mad King Henry. Henry, as you know was of course locked up in jail where he could play



HL Annys —Picture by Beothuk

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Manyra pointed out that as a group we need to decide if we want to have full THUA events and decide how we put them on the Calendar. It was agreed that the information needs to come two Curias before the event. What do people think about using THUA funds for event preparation/costs or do we want to continue going through the branches accounts? Roxanne stated that after trying to go through the principality accounts for an event she thinks that it is much more efficient to go through the local branch but there should be support through the principality if needed, especially if it is decided ahead that there is going to be a loss because of the cost of bringing teachers from far away for special classes.

If small branches don't have the funds they should be able to go to the principality for an operating loan.

Inga pointed out that we're talking about THUA events only, not events that would be happening anyway that have THUA classes offered as well.

Dez pointed out that with the distance it is very hard to track down receipts to go with payments. Inga pointed out that THUA events should run like all other principality events and run through the local branch.

It was affirmed again that the THUA fund is for paying for instructors to come up.

Manyra will ask the Regent to write a handbook on what exactly can be reimbursed from the principality THUA fund so that there is no misunderstanding around this.

Inga asked that the same amount of clarity be included as there is for the principality fund, meaning that there be maximums included.

Dez also pointed out that if THUA funds are being used we need to stress that they also need to be replenished i.e. by profits from a THUA being split with the branch and the THUA fund or via fundraising.

Reeves handbook is in process of approval. (Safety referring to area formerly under the constabulary).

Safety Structure:

Principality Event Handbook:

Is in process.

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Hound Coursing:

Tir Righ would like each principality to contribute \$750 and Kingdom to contribute \$1500 for a hound coursing track to be used at Kingdom events.

Inga suggested that this is a special interest group and that other special interest groups need to raise their own funds for equipment.

It was also pointed out that hound coursing is out of period as well. Despite this most agreed that they would support individuals who wish to pursue this activity.

Robert made a very sensible comment around funding for the various areas of interest in the SCA (the minutes recorder can't remember exactly what his sensible comment was, but we all agreed that it was sensible and worth noting!).

Manyra/Robert
Motion to decline the request for \$750 for the hound coursing track.

CARRIED

Words from Their Highnesses:

Thank you to everyone for showing up at 8:00 a.m. so that we can all get home to the Grey Cup.

Adjournment:

Meeting ended at 9:54 a.m.

Riddle Me This...

I'm always hungry,
I must always be fed.
The finger I lick,
Will soon turn red

Answer: Fire

Season's Greetings!

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As the Yule log spread through Europe it acquired many customs and many names. In Ireland, it was called "bloc na Nodleg", or Christmas block. In Spain, children followed the log as it was dragged through the village, beating it with sticks to drive out the evil spirits; they were rewarded with gifts of nuts and chocolates by people who lived along the way. In the Balkan areas of Europe, women decorated the log with red silk, gold wire, needles and flowers before it was thrown into the fire.

Hardly anyone burns a Yule log anymore, but some memories of it remain. In French homes, instead of Christmas cake, children enjoy a rich chocolate roll covered with a dark brown frosting that looks just like bark. Sometimes the "buche de Noel", or Christmas log, is decorated with frosted berries and holly needles, or with marzipan mushrooms, as a reminder of the great logs that were once dragged from the forest. (found here: <http://www.christmastrees.on.ca/ednet/lesson1.html>)

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The tradition of having an evergreen tree become a symbol of Christmas goes back past recorded written history.

The Druids in ancient England & Gaul and the Romans in Europe both used evergreen (note: they also used holly)/ branches to decorate their homes and public buildings to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Over the years, these traditions were adopted by Christians, who incorporated them as part of their Christmas holiday celebration.



Trees used specifically to celebrate Christmas are mentioned in the early 1600's in Germany and surrounding countries. The families would set up these trees in a prominent location of their home and decorate them with colored paper, small toys, food, and sometimes candles. As these people moved or immigrated to other countries, they brought this tradition with them.

Through the years many different things were used to decorate Christmas trees. As the world moved into the 1900's, many trees were decorated with strings of popcorn, homemade cards and pictures, cotton to look like snow, candy in all shapes and sizes, and occasionally, fancy store made glass balls and hand blown glass figurines. Candles were sometimes used, but often caused devastating fires, and many different types of candle holders were devised to try to prevent tree fires. Electric tree lights were first used just 3 years after Thomas Edison had his first mass public demonstration of electric lights back in 1879. The early Christmas tree lights were handmade and quite expensive.

Today, Christmas tree ornaments can be found in nearly every size, color, and shape imaginable, and they are used to decorate the millions of Christmas trees used throughout the world. (found here: <http://www.merry-christmas.com/stories/histortree.htm>)

More interesting links on the topic:

http://www.religioustolerance.org/xmas_tree.htm

<http://www.christmas-tree.com/where.html>

http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/history/xmas_tree.htm

Christmas Tree History

In Vinjar, we were asked to decorate a "medieval" christmas tree. I did a little web search and came up with the following text. Manyra liked the articles and thought it may be good for the Advantgarde. I did not write them, but the web address is posted at the end of the article. Thought I'd share. —Maestreass Sadb in Thuathail (mka Vicki Foster)

Long before the advent of Christianity, plants and trees that remained green all year had a special meaning for people in the winter. Just as people today decorate their homes during the festive season with pine, spruce and fir trees, ancient peoples hung evergreen boughs over their doors and windows. In many countries people believed that evergreens would keep away witches, ghosts, evil spirits and illness.

In the Northern hemisphere, the shortest day and longest night of the year falls on December 21 or December 22 and is called the winter solstice. Many ancient peoples believed that the sun was a god and that winter came every year because the sun god had become sick and weak. They celebrated the solstice because it meant that at last the sun god would begin to get well. Evergreen boughs reminded them of all the green plants that would grow again when the sun god was strong and summer would return.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped a god called Ra, who had the head of a hawk and who wore the sun as a blazing disc in his crown. At the solstice, when Ra began to recover from the illness, the Egyptians filled their homes with green palm rushes which symbolized for them the triumph of life over death.

Across the Mediterranean Sea, the early Romans marked the solstice with a feast called the Saturnalia in honour of Saturn, the god of agriculture. The Romans knew that the solstice meant that soon farms and orchards would be green and fruitful. To mark the occasion, they decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs. The Saturnalia was a special time of peace and equality when wars could not be declared, when slaves and masters could eat at the same table, and when gifts were exchanged as a symbol of affection and brotherhood.

In Northern Europe the mysterious Druids, the priests of the ancient Celts, also decorated their temples with evergreen boughs as a symbol of everlasting life. The fierce Vikings in Scandanavia thought that evergreens were the special plant of the sun god, Balder. Many historians believe that our word for Yule came from the Norse word, 'rol', the Gothic word 'hiul' or the Saxon work 'hweol' all of which mean wheel and refer to the cycles of the sun.

When families bring home their Christmas tree from a sales lot or a choose-and-cut tree farm, they are following a tradition that is more than a thousand years old. "Bringing in the Yule log" was a ritual that began in Great Britain and that spread throughout Europe, eventually reaching North America. On Christmas Eve, the large central trunk of a great tree was dragged from the forest. Everyone in the family, both adults and children, helped with the job by pulling on the ropes. When the log was finally brought into the house, it was thrown on the family fireplace where it burned for the 12 days of Christmas.

Many superstitions surrounded the log: it had to be ignited the first time a flame was put to it or bad luck would surely follow; it had to be lit with a stick saved from the fire from the year before or the house would burn down; and unless charcoal from the great fire was kept under the family beds for the following year, the house might be struck by lightning.

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New ABC's Are Done!

Greetings,

It is with great joy I announce that the 8th edition of the An Tir Book of Combat is now finalized and available.

I'd like to thank a lot of folks who helped make this happen and please forgive me if I forget anyone.

- ❖ Master Duncan who was the KEM who originally assigned this task out to me and provided a steady hand at the tiller for the early stages.
- ❖ All the Royalty that have come and gone and who are currently or will be soon sitting on the Thrones.
- ❖ Everyone who provided input on the Yahoo group and on the marshals list during the middle and last part of the process.
- ❖ All the Kingdom/Principality/Regional deputies who also provided a good stream of info along the way.
- ❖ Krenn for converting everything to Adobe and propping it all on the official website.
- ❖ Finally to my lady, Mistress C?t, who helped me wrestle with Word (versions 2000, 2003 and 2007 in the end) and who continues to provide a steady and calming influence in my life and keeps me from being more 'outspoken' than I already am (yes that IS possible)

So, it's done... for now.

Remember version 9 (or version 8.5) will be coming probably next year when Society comes out with its new Combat Archery rules. Read my introduction if you want to know more. The whole document is at:
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#combat.shelf>

Next step, the 4 year authorizations. (target date is 12th Night).

Remember...Be Excellent to Each Other.

In Service,

Sir Daniel
KEM An Tir



INTRODUCTION TO EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES –QUAD WAR ‘08

Greetings to the populace of Avacal.

This month's article is dedicated to Quad War 2008. I am joined by my co horse-o-crat for the event in welcoming one and all to join the Barony of Montengarde in celebrating the first anniversary of equestrian in Avacal.

Spectators are encouraged to come visit the tourney grounds and see what kind of fast paced fun we are having on that day. There will also be a few surprises along the way.

Activities

Equestrian is new to our principality. We know that most of our riders will have never seen an SCA equestrian event and will have had little access to knowledge, equipment and training. With this in mind we have decided to keep the activities simple, but simple does not mean boring.

Equestrian events will start with classes for ground crew, riders and authorizations. There are two very skilled marshals coming up from Washington State to help us run the event; Earl Edward Ean Anderson (KSCA OL) and his lady Contessa Illaria Veltri Degli Ansari (OL). They will both be available for any questions you may have. Let's show them some Avacal hospitality!

We are planning a multi-day tourney that will consist of three sessions. Session One will consist of: Tilting at the Quintain, Behead the Enemy & Reeds. Part Two will be Pig Sticking & Spear Throw/Javelin Toss (riders' choice of weapon), and Banner Carry. Each session will start with an introduction and practice to the different components of the mentioned games. Hence giving both riders and ground crew a chance to become familiar with both the running of the games and equipment used. Mini tournaments will be held after each practice for those looking to test their newly learned skills.

For those who have been practicing, Earl Ean and Contessa Illaria will be there to offer advice on honing your skills. The schedule for all equestrian sessions is pending, subject to authorization from outside sources.

The final session will feature a full course tourney of the events practiced over the previous two sessions. Points will be added to the scores from the mini tourneys to determine an overall victor.

For those looking for more than just riding in the games there will also be a Costume Class and a Children's Tourney.

The Costume Class is being sponsored by our visiting marshal, Earl Ean Anderson. This will in essence be an A&S competition held at the tourney site, where horse and rider are expected to parade in period costume. Documentation is encouraged, but not required.

The Children's Tourney will be held for children of all ages. They will participate in the same events as the horse riders, with some small modifications. And yes, the children must be mounted! But not on horses, this tourney is for the 2 legged mounts. So kids you might want to start thinking about training your sure footed mounts for the big day. You have just over 7 months to get them in shape so they are able to carry you all through the course. There might even be a special prize for those that put barding on their "mounts"!



Picture by Beothuk

Facilities

This year, the site owners have graciously given us use of two paddocks that already exist near the event grounds. They are some distance off the beaten path, giving horses a

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quiet place to escape the hustle and bustle that is Quad War. For safety reasons, the barn and area will not be open to the general public, except during Open House periods. Only Owners will be allowed in the paddocks. Camping in the barn area is not allowed.

The barn is a simple building that will serve for grooming and tacking your horses while sheltered from the sun and wind. The building will be cleaned and refurbished for current use. Due to its open nature, we do not recommend storing your equipment there.

Owners are responsible for the care and feeding of their horses, including periodic inspections as required by the An-Tir Book of the Horse. On site hay may be available for purchase, but you are required to provide your own feed. It is also recommended that you bring your own fly spray, and due to the hardness of the ground, you may want to consider horseshoes. Attempts will be made to ensure that all gopher holes are filled in or marked in all horse accessible areas, but caution should still be taken.

Site opens to horses on Thursday, July 31st and they must be removed from the site by Noon of Monday Aug 4th. Horses should not arrive at the site later than 8:00 PM to ensure that they can be settled in before dark. If you have special arrival/departure needs please contact us in advance and arrangements may be made.

Livery Service

There is much to do at Quad War, and for many the idea of getting up early to trek out to the stables to check on and feed your horse after a late night at the bardic fire is less than appealing. For this reason, Lion's Livery is offering a care and boarding service. For a small daily fee, our personnel will ensure that your animal is properly attended, receives a visual health inspection several times a day, and is fed according to your instructions. Our service will allow you to have as much fun as you want and sleep in comfortably, knowing that your equine friend is in good hands. Proceeds from this service will go to the advancement of equestrian activities in Avacal.

For additional information, or to confirm attendance please contact Lyonet as listed after the article. You can also refer to the Quad War 2008 website (address below). Activity and facilities information will be updated there regularly.

Additionally, we will be hosting an information table at Montengarde's Twelfth Night event in January 2008, as well as an equestrian 'round table' meeting. You can address any questions or comments to us there.

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(mka: Lya Lamoureux)

Marian of the Mystic Moon
(mka: Kirin Leask)

Information Resources:

<http://quadwar.avacal-sca.org/equestrian.htm>

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Pictures by Beothuk of the Beothuks
Quintain (jousting dummy)
from Quad War 2007

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