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Their Highnesses Vik and Inga



Miniature from a French manuscript circa 1450 showing King David kneeling before his temple.

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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings unto the People of Avacal,

As we prepare to yield the Gryphon Thrones to our heirs our thoughts turn to the past few months and our time as your Prince and Princess. It has been for us a wonderful reign and we thank you all for the warmth and generosity we have been shown throughout this fine land. We have had the pleasure of traveling to virtually every region of our fair Principality and wish to once again thank everyone who had a hand in organizing the many events we attended. At every turn we have been delighted by the enthusiasm and unflagging support of the fine gentles that call this Principality home.

Truly we never cease to be amazed by the incredible people of Avacal; your skills, your generosity and your kindness. You are a shining beacon in An Tir and we urge you to never loose that quality. We heartily agree with His Majesty Skeggi's sentiment that you are an inspiration and we, like He, bend our knee to you. There is truly nowhere in all the known world that we would rather call home.

We hope that we will have the pleasure of your company at February Investiture when we celebrate our reign and welcome in our worthy heirs, Sir Gunther and Eyoddi. We are confident that they will do full honour to the challenge of the Gryphon Thrones.

Thank you again for the honour of serving you as your Prince and Princess.

Vik and Inga

Their Highnesses Royal Progress

Autocrats may Contact the Head Lady in Waiting HE Gemma~ with any Questions (see champion's listing)

Investiture - Feb 26

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 if requested. 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*****

New and Incipient Branch Deputy: Deputy to the Seneschal this officer is responsible for the formation and development of new branches in Avacal. The Incipient Branch Deputy acts as a resource for people wishing to form new branches, aids the Principality Seneschal and Kingdom Branch Deputy in ensuring that proposed branches meet the requirements and monitors the progress of incipient branches in order to assist them in gaining official status.

Chirurgeon: The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chirurgeon shall include: administer the chirurgeonate to provide voluntary first aid at Society events including, but not limited to, tournament combat; and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events. An Tir maintains a system for warranting chirurgeons. In order to be a warranted chirurgeon applicants need to provide the Kingdom Chirurgeon with: proof of membership; a current CPR card; and a current Red Cross or St. John's First Aid Card. Within the chirurgeonate, Chirurgeons are divided into apprentice chirurgeons, warranted chirurgeons and master chirurgeons. The title master chirurgeon is an honorary title and can only be held by a warranted chirurgeon.

Bardic Deputy: The Bardic Officer position is a relatively new office, and its duties are still to some extent made by the person in the position. Those set down thus far are:
1) Encourage performance of all sorts through out Avacal (this means Dance, Singing, Juggling, Acting, Poetry, or anything else that falls under the heading of performance).
2) Report quarterly (four times a year) to the Avacal A&S Officer (Ceis), with a cc: to the Kingdom Bardic deputy officer. (AnTir Bardic Deputy : Mistress Isolde de la Vielle-a-Roue). Your report should contain info on what is going on in Avacal for performance.
3) Develop the Avacal Bardic Website
Please submit two resumes (mundane and SCA) to both me and Ceis. Please note that the Bardic Deputy is a warranted office, and the officer must hold a current SCA membership, so applicants must be prepared to obtain a membership if they do not already have one.

NMS and Waiver Deputy: This is a new deputy of the Principality Seneschal's Office and the duties will include communicating with the Kingdom NMS Coordinator and all Avacal branches, keeping up to date with any changes to the Non-member Surcharge policy, overseeing the submissions monies from of qualifying events, and ensuring that waivers are being correctly utilized at events and that they are submitted to Kingdom in a timely fashion. Deputy will report to the Principality Seneschal. Any one interested in this position should send their applications to Their Highnesses with a copy to the Principality Seneschal.

Regalia: The Regalia Officer is responsible for keeping track of all the Principality Regalia. This includes banners, thrones, the Principality Pavilion, and all decorative accouterments. Also responsible for tending to the maintenance of regalia in cooperation with their Highnesses.

An Tir May Crown Tournament May 20-22, 2005

Shire of Corvaria Prineville, Oregon

All are invited to journey to the eastern slopes of the majestic mountains to partake of the glory and goodness of our fair Kingdom! We gather to witness a tournament, the victors to take the Thrones of An Tir. Come, celebrate the new year and our new Royal Prince and Princess.

Site: Crooked River Park/Les Schwab Fields, S. Main Street, Prineville, Oregon.
Opens Friday at 2:00 p.m.
Closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Autocrat: HL Laurencia des Jardins (Laura Buening) 1762 SE Karena Ct, Bend OR 97702 (541) 389-8261 LaurenciaDJ@aol.com

Merchant Co-Ordinator: Damon the Grim (Daniel Carter) dlc38@comcast.net

Site Fee: \$12 U.S. for Adults (+ \$3 Non-Member Surcharge)
\$ 6 U.S. for Smalls, 8-18 years (under 8 years free)
\$36 U.S. Immediate

Family Cap
Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. – Shire of Corvaria"

Pre-Registration: A pre-registration form will be available on the event website.

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Directions: Take the most direct route to Highway 97 in Central Oregon. >From Madras, take Highway 26 east to Prineville. From Redmond, take Highway 126 east to Prineville. These two highways merge in Prineville and become 3rd Street. Take 3rd Street to Main Street (2 stoplights) and turn right (road signage "to Fairgrounds"). Go approximately ½ mile south on Main Street to Crooked River Park. The Park is on the right hand side of the road.

Event Website:
www.scaevent.com/
antirmaycrown/
Check for updates!

Feast of The Roses April 2, 2005

The Shire of Sigelhundas invites you to join us at our annual Feast of the Roses! As always we have a great day planned full of Rapier, A&S and of course, food!!

This year's event will be held on April 2nd, in Regina, Sk. The location is the Cornwall Alternative School located at 40 Dixon Cres. Regina, SK, S4N 1V4

Site for members is only \$6, nonmembers it is \$10. Feast is \$10. Pricing for anyone 12 and under is \$5/site and \$8/feast.

Site opens at 11:00am, rapier and A&S competitions start around 12:00pm.

Anyone who would like to partake in feast, please reserve in advance by e-mailing lady Eira Morgan (regina_sca@yahoo.ca), there is a limit of 50 spots available!

Dale Jessome, an accomplished professional chef from Saskatoon, has once again agreed to cook for us. Ask anyone who attended last year how amazing the food was! E-mail the autocrat for a copy of the menu.

The Shire of Sigelhundas Regina, SK

This year's rapier tourney will be run by HL Murdoch MacLeod. It will be a London Master's tournament. Although the championship can only be won by a member of our Shire, we welcome anyone looking for a fight to come out and have some fun!

This year's A&S Competition will be run by Lady Secile De La Rochelle. The rules will be very much the same as Principality, with a few minor changes. For a copy of the rules and the different entry categories, please e-mail lady Eira Morgan (regina_sca@yahoo.ca). Others from outside our local group can have entries in individual categories, but the championship can only be won by a member of our Shire in the triathlon category.

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Costuming Tips from Avacal Circus

The following is a collection of sewing tips posted to the Avacal Circus. Thank you to every one who contributed and especially to Zenoiva who gathered and organized it all for publications. Keep 'em coming!

2005-01-09 Binder foot

The binder foot is used for attaching bias tape to finish an edge. It's quite the piece of hardware! The tape passes through a funnel on the front and is attached to the garment edge in one pass, rather than the more typical two. You don't need a bias tape maker to use this; just cut your tape and feed it through. Useful for sewing gambesons.

Zenovia

2005-01-16 Drawing parallel lines with a circle template (update)

In June, I had a tip about making a circle template out of heavy card to facilitate drawing a line parallel to an existing one, especially where the original line isn't straight.

I've just discovered that Lee Valley makes a metal version of this template. They come in a number of different sizes: ¼", 5/16", 3/8", 7/16", ½" (these five comes as a set); 5/8"; ¾"; 7/8"; 1". (See the January 2005 catalogue, p. 12.)

Zenovia

Musings from the Chronicler:

Greetings Avacal!

It's a big one this month, full of administrative stuff. Not as boring as you might think but rather stuff that you have to know. Keep this one handy!

As I write this I have 2 more page to fill. I recently found this great article you might enjoy to help make your camp a bit less modern looking. However, it causes me to once again remind you all that I need articles, artwork and photographs. PLEASE!

Ever in Service

THLady Manyra.

From the Calendar Officer:

Unto the Seneschals of Avacal, from Brigit, Principality Calendar, greetings!

February Investiture is fast approaching, and I want to remind all group Seneschals, and others that may be interested, that we will be setting the Avacal Calendar for the next Calendar year at the Curia meeting at February Investiture (February 27, 2004 in Montengarde).

In a nutshell, each branch must be prepared to book their one (1) required event that will be held between August 1, 2005 and July 31, 2006. Baronies must place three (3) events on the Calendar.

I have attached the Calendar Guidelines for you to look through if you are not already familiar with the process.

A Date Reservation form with the appropriate signatures must be submitted at Curia to hold the date. If the group Seneschal cannot attend, please try to send another representative; if absolutely no one can be there, please notify me with the date(s) you would like. It is recommended that you have alternate dates ready, in case another branch chooses your preferred date.

Date reservation Forms and Event Information Forms can be found on the An Tir Form page:
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms.html>

If you have any questions, please ask.

**In Service to Avacal
Lady Brigit ingen Meic Thire Ruaidh
Avacal Calendar Officer**

The Principality of Avacal Calendar Guidelines

The Calendar

1.0 Branches will reserve dates on the principality calendar for their events. Local happenings such as practices, meetings and weekday taverns, etc., do not need to be placed upon the calendar.

1.1 To reserve a date on the calendar, a branch must complete a Date Reservation form, with the appropriate signatures, and send to the Calendar officer. Date Reservation forms are available from the Calendar officer, and are also on the An Tir and Avacal websites. Once the Calendar officer receives this form and confirms with the branch that the date is approved, an announcement for these events can then be posted on the Avacal website, in the local branch

newsletter, and in the Avantgarde.

1.2 To have event copy posted in the Crier, a branch must also complete an Event Information form, with the appropriate signatures, and send to the Calendar officer with event copy attached. The Calendar officer **must receive this by the 15th day of the month 2 months prior to the event.** For example, the Event Information form and event copy must be received by November 15th for an event taking place in January. This gives the Calendar officer at least one week to forward copy to the Crier and meet the Crier deadline. **Event copy must be in the Crier for any event where royalty is dispensing awards, or where any championship, coronet, or crown tournament is taking place, as per**

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Winter War March 12, 2005

Shire of Borealis Edmonton, AB

With the promise of spring our thoughts turn once again to War! Join us for day filled with rapier, heavy combat, combat archery and oodles of war scenarios. And as with every Winter War we will also challenge our gentler skills with an Arts and Sciences/Bardic competition. Finish the day with a formidable feast and raise a glass in celebration!

War Hall: Griesbach Gymnasium located at 143 Ave & 108 St, Edmonton Complete driving directions below.

Feast Hall location TBA
Complete information will be posted on-line (as below) and directions will be available at the war hall.

Site: \$8 Site & Feast: \$18

Children: Under 12 half price/under 5 free.

Note that a \$4 Non-member surcharge will be applied to all non-members attendees. Bring proof of membership! Make cheques payable to: ASCA
Canton of Aquilon

The day's events begin at 9:00am. A complete schedule will be posted on-line at www.tnc.ab.ca/~sca
Shower and changing facilities are available onsite. Feast, court and the evening's events begin at 6:30pm and the evening will wrap up at 1:00am. **IMPORTANT!** There is no overnight at this event.

For feast reservations or if you have any dietary or allergy concerns please contact the autocrats.

Merchants are welcome! Please contact Galena Nicoletti (Gail Baldwin) (780) 962-6547 or creationsbygail@shaw.ca

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Driving Directions to 143 Ave & 108 St, Edmonton Head North on 97 Street (Hwy 28). Stay in the left hand lane. Turn left onto Griesbach Road. Follow SCA signs to the Gymnasium. Maps to feast hall will be provided at the war site and available on-line.

Avacal Investiture February 26, 2005

Join Their Highnesses of Avacal, Vik and Inga in Montengarde to witness the investiture of their rightful heirs to the Griffon Thrones. This festive day of activities will include the competition for the next A&S champion of Avacal, the competition for the next rapier champion of Avacal, plus contests in archery and armoured combat. Many other activities will be held, to be capped off with a delicious feast.

Costs:

Feast - \$10 adult (* this is in addition to site fee)
 - \$6 youth/child (* this is in addition to site fee)
 - Off-board seating will be available
 Site - Adult: \$6.00
 Child (12-17): \$5.00
 Child (<11): Free
 NMS – all non-members will be responsible for paying the \$4 NMS in addition to their site fee. Please make cheques payable to 'MSCA'

Reservations HIGHLY encouraged for the feast. The only reservation is a paid reservation.

Barony of Montengarde Calgary, AB

Where: Beddington Heights
 Community Hall
 375 Bermuda Drive NW
 Calgary, Alberta (no postal code available)

When: Feb. 26, 2005
 Doors open at 9 am
 Hall closes at midnight

Autocrat:
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Feast Steward:
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Merchants welcome. Contact
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The Archery Tournament will be taking place off site at The Calgary Archery Centre (4855 47th Ave, S.E.) The Archery Range will open at 9:00 for registration and warm up. The shoot will begin promptly at 9:30am. For questions about the shoot please contact Geoffrey the Pretty at
 wildcat@cliffhanger.com

For any and all questions, contact William.

Kingdom law. An Event Information form is also required for all events to be listed on the Avacal or Kingdom calendars.

Setting the Calendar

2.0 The calendar setting will take place during the curia meeting at the principality's February Investiture event. Event dates shall be set on the calendar from August 1st of the current year to July 31st of the following year. This should provide adequate time for hall bookings, publishing copy, etc.

2.1 The calendar setting will be where all branches will place their minimums (see section 5) on the calendar and reserve their "no conflict event" (see section 4). No further events will be placed on the calendar at this time.

2.2 No branch shall be able to block book in advance. Branches wishing to hold more than the minimum required events will be subject to the following process which will control the speed that the calendar is booked:

2.2.1 A branch wishing to place an additional event on the calendar must wait the number of weeks equal to the number of events it currently has reserved on the calendar. For example, a barony will place 3 events on the calendar at the calendar setting, and would therefore have to wait 3 weeks before placing another event on the calendar. Having done so, they would now have 4 events, and would have to wait 4 weeks before placing an additional event on the calendar, and so on. This delay falls back to zero at each new calendar setting.

2.2.2 Cantons shall have their events "lumped" together with their barony for the purpose of determining the number of weeks that the branches have to wait between placing events on the calendar. For example, a barony with one canton would have to wait 4 weeks after the calendar setting before either the barony or canton could place another event on the calendar.

2.3 Events shall not be moved without consent from the calendar officer and the appropriate paperwork resubmitted. The coronet shall be advised of the need for an event to be moved and shall reserve final say in this matter.

Conflict Zones

3.0 There is to be a general zone of no conflict, which will have a radius of 450 km, from a branch placing an event on the calendar. Once a branch has reserved a date on the calendar, another branch within their no conflict zone cannot place an event on the calendar on the same date.

3.1 The following distance chart will be used by all groups to determine the no conflict zone for their branch: (Ed Note Please see pg 16)

3.2 The calendar officer will restrict conflict outside the 450 km radius as much as possible, so as to reduce conflict if it is not needed. If an agreement between the Calendar officer and the branch wishing to reserve a conflicting date cannot be reached then the coronet will be consulted, and will be the final authority on the matter.

3.3 Branches within Avacal which do not have any other branches within a 450 km radius shall be termed “isolated” groups and the following will apply:

3.3.1 These branches will not conflict with their closest neighboring barony.

3.3.2 The closest barony to these isolate branches will not conflict with the isolated branch.

3.4 No event shall conflict with Crown or Principality events, as per Kingdom and Principality laws.

3.5 The coronet shall retain the right to revise dates on the calendar when thought necessary.

Traditional Dates

4.0 In recognition of traditional dates that branches wish to retain, and the former practice of using tier one events to create a weekend where no other branch would hold an event, the following rules shall apply:

4.0.1 Each branch shall receive one event which shall be designated a “principality-wide no conflict” event. There shall be no conflict within Avacal with this type of event.

4.0.2 This event will be set on the calendar at the calendar setting in February, and shall be for no reason moved or the branch shall lose this privilege for the year.

4.0.3 Cantons are not entitled to a “principality-wide no conflict” event. Baronies, however, may, if the baronial court wishes, grant this privilege to one of its cantons.

4.1 With the possible continued addition of branches to the principality, this section will be subject to removal to free up dates on the calendar.

Order of Calendar Setting

5.0 **Crown Events** – Crown tournaments and coronations will be set on the calendar first to preclude these dates. If applicable, councils, inter-kingdom wars, and the kingdom A&S championship will also be set (this only applies if these events take place within Avacal).

5.1 **Coronet Events** – Coronet tournaments, investitures, councils, and principality wars will be set on the calendar next to also preclude these dates.

5.2 **Principality-wide no conflict Events** – one per branch, excluding cantons, will be set next, the order of which to be decided by the coronet.

5.3 **Group Minimums** – All branches, **as per new Kingdom law**, are required to “place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom Calendar with complete copy appearing in the Crier”. Avacal will continue with the tradition of requiring baronies to hold a minimum of three major events per calendar year, and requiring shires and cantons to hold at least one. If a branch has not set its minimums within section 5.2, they will be set at this time.

Court of Love February 12, 2005

Shire of Cold Keep Prince George, BC

Come warm yourself at our hearth! Cheer for your favourite rapier fighter at our annual Shire championship. Behold the glorious creations of our artisans at the Shire A&S championship. Feast with us to celebrate not only the victors, but all participants. Play an instrument, tell a tale, or sing a song for your heart's love in our bardic circle.

Site opens: 10am.

Armour inspection: 11am.

Festivities begin: 5pm.

Site closes: 12 midnight.

Kitchen facilities are available.

Location of Tourney:

Wintergarden, University of Northern British Columbia, 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9.

Location of Festivities:

Multipurpose Room, Studio 2880, 2880 - 15th Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2M 1T1.

Autocrats:

Brynach ap Rhys (Eric Bayrd), 2573 Inlander Street, Prince George, BC, V2L 1J6, 250-562-8417, archer77@telus.net.

Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov (Michael Chorney), 1079 Harper

Street, Prince George, BC, V2M 2X1, 250-562-4947, chornem@navcanada.ca.

Fees: Adult (16+): \$5, Children (15 and under): Free, Non-Member Surcharge (Adults Only): +\$4 Make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep"

Directions to Tourney: From Route 16: At Canadian Tire, turn uphill onto Tyner Boulevard. The University is approximately 3km on left.

>From Route 97: At Earl's, turn west onto 15th Avenue. The university is at the top of the hill on the right. Pay parking only (bring a twonie). Signs will be posted.

Directions from UNBC to Festivities: Take left out of UNBC. Go down hill. Studio 2880 is shortly after Earl's on left. Parking is behind building and free.

For more detail, maps, weather conditions, updates, and other information, check the Cold Keep web site at: http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm

**Feast of the Ever Greens
February 5, 2005**

**Shire of Bordergate
Cold Lake, AB**

Greetings to all in the Kingdom of An Tir. Shire Bordergate welcomes you to join us with our annual Feast of the Ever Greens. Feb 5, 2005 at the Cherry Grove Hall in Cold Lake AB. We will have our usual Fun Games for all who wish to come and participate and a rapier Tournament for your enjoyment.

Directions Coming from Edmonton take the highway 28 to Cold Lake through Bonnevillie and turn left at highway 55 going East. Follow the signs to the hall. When coming from the East follow the highway 55 West and follow the signs to the hall. There is no street address. Troll will open at 12:00 noon Feb 5 2005 and closes on 12:00 midnight Feb 6 2005.

Cost for site and Feast:
Adults \$15.00 per member 16 years and over.
Youth 12 to 15 \$7.50
Children under 12 Free.
Cost for site only:
Adults and Youth \$5.00,
Children free (a non member surcharge of \$4.00 is added on to adult fees)
Please make cheques payable to CSCA Canton of the Lakelands.

Contact **the Autocrat** Marina Caminante (Louise Johnson) (780) 639-4963
604 12 street
Cold Lake AB T9M-1A9
marinaca@telus.net
Make your reservations with the autocrat.
Merchants are welcome.



	Bitter End	Borealis	Cold Keep	Harrow's Cross	Monten garde	Myrgan wood	Rhuddglyn	Sigel hundas	Border gate	Valley wold	Vatndahl	Vrjar	Wind wrym
Bitter End	150	150	787	187	146	611	406	489	489	823	150	665	362
Borealis	150	787	951	339	298	611	524	284	284	750	150	460	514
Cold Keep	787	951	832	832	787	1259	1074	1030	1030	1483	951	540	1008
Harrow's Cross	187	339	832	52	52	573	203	586	586	636	339	796	179
Montengarde	146	298	787	618	618	618	299	757	599	687	298	755	226
Myrgan Wood	611	525	1259	573	447	477	447	258	422	225	525	981	659
Rhuddglyn	406	524	1074	203	299	299	465	465	586	399	524	1042	167
Sigelhundas	789	782	1516	706	757	258	465	680	680	68	782	1503	632
BorderGate	489	284	1030	586	599	422	586	680	645	645	284	691	679
Valley Wold	823	750	1483	636	687	225	399	68	645	750	750	1434	563
Vatndahl	150	0	951	339	298	525	524	782	284	750	460	460	514
Vrjar	665	460	540	796	755	981	1042	1503	691	1434	460	970	970
Windwrym	362	514	1008	179	226	659	167	632	679	563	514	970	

Making a cooler Cooler

How to disguise your camp cooler.
Designed and written by
Stephanie Winter von Brandenburg
Reprinted with permission.



Things you'll need:

- Brown butcher paper (Home Depot etc)
- Two packages of furniture nails (Home Depot etc)
- White Glue (add to a bowl with plenty of water, 2 parts water to one part glue works well)
- Black permanent marker
- Stain & Polyurethane in one—I like Minwax Polyshades(Home Depot etc)
- Several sponge brushes(Home Depot etc)
- Cardboard box to cut up
- Duct tape (like you don't have that already)

Preparing your cooler:

1. Using duct tape cover the textured things on the cooler you don't want to show. Examples are the Igloo symbol or the measurements lines on the lid. Try to make it smooth.
2. Taking the black permanent marker, colour the white parts of the inside of the lid. The white might show if untreated in this way.

Doing the Paper Mache:

1. Tear hand-sized pieces of butcher paper and dip them into your glue mixture. You will probably want to squeeze excess off with your fingers and simply cover your cooler. One layer will suffice. Use the edges of the paper roll for the edges of your cooler surround the opening.

Add the Decorative "Leather" Straps:

1. Cut pieces of card board box (about two inches thick) and lay them on your cooler where you'd like the straps. If there are bends (like on the lid) always bend then cut.
2. After you've cut your pieces wrap these in butcher paper mache as well then add to the cooler.

AVACAL CALENDAR

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. 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)

05-Feb	Feast of the Evergreens	Bordergate
12-Feb	Court of Love	Cold Keep
26-Feb	Investiture	Montengarde
12-Mar	Winter War	Borealis
2-Apr	Feast of Roses	Sigelhundas
16-Apr	Silver Arrow	Bitter End
23-Apr	Spring Champions	Myrgan Wood
30-Apr	Spring Faire and THUA	Borealis
07-May	Beltaine	Montengarde
14-May	Cold Keep Champions'	Cold Keep
14-May	Champions Feast and Tourney	Harrow's Cross
21-May	An Tir Crown	Corvaria
28-May	May Days	Windwyrn

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develop the pursuit of mediaeval research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is overseen, on the behalf of The Coronets, by a Lord/Lady High Regent. The High Regent is a Principality Officer, S/He and all THUA chancellors are warranted by The Coronet.

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is governed by the Twenty-Five (25) Tenets of Their Highnesses University of Avacal. These tenets can only be changed by the Coronet.

The Coronet holds the title, Lord and Lady of the University of Avacal.

8.0 COLLECTION, RECORDING, AND REMITTANCE OF THE NON MEMBER SURCHARGE.

8.1 Branches within Avacal hosting an Official Event (defined herein as an Event advertised in the Crier, the newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir) are required to collect, record and remit the Non Member Surcharge (NMS) to the Avacal Exchequer pursuant to Society, Kingdom and

THIS DOCUMENT MADE LAW BY OUR HANDS - JANUARY 24, A.S. XXXIX (2004).

Vik, Prince Avacal

Skeggi, King An Tir

Aldreada, Seneschal, Avacal

Avacal law **and no later than thirty (30) days from the last day the Event was held.**

8.2 It is the duty of the Event Steward and the Exchequer of the hosting branch to collect, record and remit the NMS payment and supporting documentation (such documentation as determined time to time by the Greater Officers of Avacal, the Seneschal and the Exchequer, acting together) within thirty (30) days of the last day the Event was held.

8.3 Failure of the **Event Steward and Branch Exchequer** to collect, record and remit the NMS and supporting documentation within the time limit imposed herein will result in the hosting branch being declared 'delinquent'. A delinquent branch will be barred from placing further Official Events on the Avacal Calendar until receipt of said outstanding NMS and supporting documentation. Upon receipt of both the outstanding NMS and supporting documentation, the branch will no longer be deemed delinquent and the bar from placing Official Events on the Avacal Calendar will be lifted.

Inga, Princess Avacal

Taisiia, Queen An Tir

Ljotr Seneschal, An Tir

3. Grab a few furniture nails and pound them in as you see fit.
4. You might want to check the length on the nails to make sure they won't go through all the way. If they do cut them a little with wire cutters.

Finishing steps:

1. Where the strap meets the other strap on the lid I bought a bit of leather and cut it to the width of the strap to make it look like a continuation of the strap.
2. I got copper buckles for 60 cents at Tandy Leather and made it look like the straps buckled shut. Poke a hole in the leather for the prong and superglue the prong to the buckle to keep it on.
3. I like to put a nail at each corner on the bottom as well. Try nailing in patterns for decoration on other parts of the cooler as well.
4. Slap a coat or two of the polystain mix on, and let it dry for at least a day.

Back



For handles I recommed experimenting with leather wrapping, rope, whatever appeals to you. Either completely replace the handle or wrap it with something. Let me know of anything you find especially appealing. I used copper wire and wrapped it, while it looks nice I wouldn't do it again because of the work involved. I super glued the ends and they're staying with no problems.

Some coolers have wheels, I'd like to suggest replacing these wheels with wooden wheels. It shouldn't be terribly difficult but I have yet to do this myself.

For the hinges I cut leather into the shape of hinges and pounded them in with the furniture nails. Shape the leather to where you'll pound into the straps and not the hinge itself.

I hope this inspires you and I'd like to know any feedback you might have.

*In Service,
Stephanie Winter von Brandenburg
azaleaviola at hotmail*

(Full pictures and text at kelly.dwarfworks.com/sca/cooler.php)

Front



FROM AVACAL'S ROYAL ARCHER

The Interkingdom Combat Archery Competition (IKCAC) is a target competition shot with combat gear, which provides the combat archer of the SCA with an opportunity to compete with other archers from all Kingdoms of the Known World. It also provides an SCA wide standard of comparison for combat archery skills. The competition runs from February 1 to December 1 of any given year.

The combat archers from Shire of Vinjar took the competition this year on behalf of the Coronets of Avacal and Crowns of An Tir. The average of Vinjar's top three scores was 301.6. The group from the Kingdom of Midrealm came in second at 126.0, while the Kingdom of Ansteorra placed third with an average score of 119.7.

The following archers were involved in the shoot though the year. The top scores from a season of shooting are listed.

Deicyn Moel - 338	John of Vinjar - 222
Jarthulfur - 304	Finn O'Neill - 192
Ursa Arwen - 263	Ursa Arwen - 177
David Stauffer - 250	Peter Sherk - 128
Lucius - 238	Pete Rasmussen - 127
Zsina - 223	Mike Congo - 54

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Deicyn

FROM AVACAL'S NEW GAMESMASTER

Greetings Avacalians,

I have just had the good fortune to be appointed Principality Gamesmaster, and as such, I will be promoting the playing, making, and teaching of period games and pastimes throughout Avacal.

I am currently seeking out those shires, baronies, cantons etc. that have gamesmasters (or mistresses). If you have a gamesmaster/mistress, please have that person contact me.

Since Avacal is so large, it's very difficult for one person to travel to all the events, so the more gamesmaster/mistresses there are, the easier it would be to have a presence at events.

Games are a great way to meet people, and a great way to get new people involved in the SCA who might otherwise feel intimidated or overwhelmed.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at celtic_son@canoemail.com

In Service to Avacal,
Morgan ap Hugh

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Sword and the Champion of Arrow will be chosen at this event.

Last weekend in November: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

6.2 Principality Events shall be open to bid by any branch within Avacal. Bids are due one year in advance. The Coronet will select the winning bid upon the advice of their Curia. If there are no suitable bids the Coronet and Seneschal will work with the branches to ensure the event is carried out as scheduled.

6.3 Thirty percent of any profit made on a Coronet Event may be kept by the host group; 60% is due directly to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days, and 10% is due to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

6.4 Coronet Tournaments
Entrants to the Coronet list must have lived within the borders of Avacal for 6 months preceding the Tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their reign.

All entrants and their consorts shall be members of the SCA, Inc. Acceptable proof of this shall be a valid SCA membership card, a valid Crier or Tournaments Illuminated mailing label, valid membership indicated on recent An Tir mailing list, a printed, valid receipt for an online membership purchase, or postcard from SCA Registry

indicating valid membership.

6.5 Champions Tournaments
Entrants to the Champions tournaments must be resident in Avacal at the time of the tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

6.5.1 The Arts and Sciences Championship shall be run by the incumbent Champion in consultation with The Coronet and the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The format and rules of the competition shall be as stated in the document "The Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Guidelines", dated January 24, 2005 (AS XXXIX) as signed by The Coronet, the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences. This document can only be revised by the incumbent Champion with the approval of the Coronets and following consultation with the Minister of Arts & Sciences.

Any person wishing to enter the Arts & Sciences Championship Tournament must declare their intent and provide a list of their planned entries to The Coronet, the Champion and the Arts & Sciences Minister, in writing, no later than January 15th of same year as the Championship Tournament.

7.0 THEIR HIGHNESSES
UNIVERSITY OF AVACAL
(THUA)

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is an extension of The Sovereign and Consort of Avacal (the Coronet) intended to foster and

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officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in their local newsletter and at their monthly business meeting. Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

All other officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

5.0 AWARDS AND ORDERS

5.1 Elders of Avacal: former Champions of Avacal who have fulfilled their duties and completed their term as Champion shall be styled an Elder of Avacal. This is bestowed at the time of the investiture of their successor.

5.2 The Gilded Griffon is Avacal's service award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

5.3 The Griffon's Flame is Avacal's arts award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

5.4 The Griffon's Claw is Avacal's award for representing the Principality in an extraordinary way, in your chosen field, outside of Avacal, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

5.5 The Golden Oak is Avacal's award for being a shining example of chivalry and courtesy on a consistent basis and is bestowed by the will of

The Coronet.

5.6 The Griffin's Heart is Avacal's award to honour excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behaviour and encampment, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

5.7 The Order of the Valorous Warrior is Avacal's award to honour excellence in martial activities be it archery, rapier or heavy combat and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

6.0 PRINCIPALITY EVENTS

6.1 General

The Principality events shall be the two Coronet Tournaments, two Coronet Investitures, and Coronet Councils scheduled at the pleasure of the Coronet.

Within the borders of Avacal, no event may conflict with a Principality Event. The Principality Events will be held on the most practical weekends nearest to these dates:

Last weekend in February: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Arts & Sciences (see section 6.5) and Avacal Champion of Rapier will be chosen at this event.

First weekend of June: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

Mid August: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of

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THE LAWS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL January 24, A.S. XXXIX (2005)

DEFINITIONS

The Coronet: The Prince and Princess of Avacal, acting together.
Tanist and Tanista: the heirs to the Coronet.

THE LAW

1.1 The word of the Coronet is law subject to the Crown of An Tir and that which The Crown of An Tir is subject to. In the interests of simplicity the Laws of Avacal do not list or reference over riding laws.

1.2 Any amendments must be reviewed and signed by the Avacal Seneschal, and reviewed and signed by Their Majesties of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal prior to proclamation. The Laws of Avacal shall be published in their entirety once each year in the Principality newsletter, with amendments published in the Principality newsletter, the Avantgarde, and in the Kingdom newsletter, the Crier, and proclaimed as soon as possible.

1.3 This is the current Laws of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.

2.0 THE CORONET

2.1 General
The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora, what follows is particular to Avacal. The responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are similar in scope within the Principality of Avacal as is the Crown within An Tir.

2.2 Maintenance and Succession
Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible fighters who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The winner of the tournament and the person they fought for shall be invested immediately.

If the Coronet fails to complete their reign, the Tanist and Tanista shall act as regents until their investiture. If there is no Tanist and Tanista the heavy champion of Avacal shall serve as Regent. If the Heavy Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties the Champions shall select the most suitable royal peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's sole responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as practically possible and to immediately invest the winner and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards. Failure to reign includes: failure to attend Principality events unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Prince or Princess and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated; abdication; failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown of An Tir with the advice of the Seneschal and the four Champions.

Should a Prince or Princess be unable to complete their reign, it is acceptable to have the remaining

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Prince or Princess complete the reign.

2.3 Responsibilities

The Coronet must attend all Principality events. The Coronet must swear fealty to the Crown at the time of Kingdom Coronation in some fashion acceptable to that Crown. If the failure to swear fealty at this time is beyond the control of the Coronet, they will make arrangements to swear fealty in some fashion acceptable to the Crown as soon as possible thereafter.

2.4 Privileges

The Coronet and their heirs shall not be charged event fees. The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable mailing, photocopying, telephone and travel costs incurred in conjunction with their reign, upon submission of receipts to the Avacal Exchequer. Total costs submitted within a given reign may not exceed \$1200. The Travel Fund is not to drop below a balance of \$300. This fund will be supplemented by funds from the General Operating Account should this occur.

3.0 CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL

3.1 General

The four Champions of Avacal are: Champion of Sword (heavy or rattan combat), Champion of Arrows (light or missile combat), Champion of Arts & Sciences, and Champion of Rapier. Each Champion will serve a term of one year. No person may serve as two Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Champions Tourney at one time. If

the Champion is unable to serve, the Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve and oversee the next tourney. The Champion of Sword may contest or be fought for in the June Coronet list. . To enter competition for any Avacal Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion.

3.2 Duties

The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown

The Champions have the duty to advise the Coronet. They shall support and defend the Principality of Avacal, and serve the Coronet to the best of their ability.

The Champions are expected to attend all Principality Events, unless granted permission by the Coronet not to do so.

The Champions must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the Investiture Events (See section 6). They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor.

The Heavy Champion has a role to play in the maintenance and succession of the Coronet. (See section 2).

3.3 Rights

The Champions have the right and duty to attend the Coronet at Court and at war, and a place near the Coronets' table at feasts. The

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Champion of Sword is to stand armed at the Prince's Throne, and the Champion of Rapier is to stand armed at the Princess's Throne.

Champions shall not be charged site fees at Principality Events. This does not include feast fees.

4.0 PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS AND DUTIES

4.1 Principality Officers will act within Avacal as Kingdom Officers act within the Kingdom. The job descriptions of these officers are in Corpora and Kingdom Law. Officers are expected to keep in touch with both their superiors and subordinates. Officers shall serve a two year term of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior. Warrants for all Greater Officers of State and their regional subordinates are required to be presented to each Coronet on the occasion of Their Investiture for review and renewal of warrant of office.

Six months prior to the end of each two year term Officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in the Principality Newsletter. This advertisement shall run continuously for no less than 3 months. Principality Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

The Great Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chatelaine, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Herald, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable.

The Lesser Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Principality Calendar, the Minister of the Lists, the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Royal Archer, the Warlord of Avacal, the Principality Bard, the Principality Gamesmaster/mistress, the Principality Web Minister, the Principality Scribe, the Principality Regalia, and the Lord/Lady High Regent of Their Highnesses University of Avacal

The job descriptions and structure of the Principality Officers shall mirror that of the Kingdom of An Tir.

Principality Officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

Principality Officers must maintain a subscription to the Principality Newsletter, the Avantgarde, at their place of residence.

4.2 All other officers within Avacal, whether Baronial, Canton, Shire, College etc., shall serve two year terms of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their appropriate superior. Six months prior to the end of their two year term

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