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Newsletter of The Principality of Avacal
AS XXXIX July 2004

In the Reign of
Their Highnesses Murchad and Morrigan



Below: Our new
Tanist and Tanista,
TE Vik and Inga

Above: Sir Vik Vikingsson
and Wernar the Wild met in
the Coronet Finals.



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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings Noble Avacal from Murchad and Morrigan, Prince and Princess:

Firstly, hearty congratulations to Their Excellencies, Vik and Inga who were made Our Heirs at our Coronet Tournament wherein HL Wernar the Wild and HL Tatianna the Outspoken were honoured with entry into the Order of the Silver Griffin. We were well pleased with the courtesy, chivalry and courage that was evident both on and off the field.

We were especially proud to host His Majesty Skapti III and His Grace, Duke Sven who travelled to Our lands to witness Our Coronet Tourney, fight, laugh and enjoy Avacal's fellowship and camaraderie,

honour Our populace with well deserved awards and recognize Michael O'Byrne as a Master of the Laurel. You, Avacal, made Us all very proud - on that day and at every event We have attended thus far.

Sadly, a family in Avacal's shire of Loch D'orr was rendered homeless due to a housefire. We are deeply grieved to hear of this tragedy, but are heartened by the generous response from our Populace. Boxes of household goods are being gathered everywhere across this great land and are being shipped to those in need. Thank you for showing once again, how great Avacal is.

*Murchad & Morrigan
Prince and Princess Avacal*

Notes From The Seneschal:**Dear Cousins**

I have been asked to remind the Autocrats and Gate staff at all events that the Minor Medical Waiver is to be used ONLY if the Minor Person's parents are not at the event. If the parents are with the Minor, the Medical Waiver does not need to be signed; the general Minor Waiver does need to be signed, however.

It is important that the NMS monies be remitted to the Principality Exchequer in a timely manner after each event. A number of groups are still dealing with arrears from 2003. If you have questions or problems about this, please call me. I would like very much to have this matter completely cleared up by July Coronation.

*Aldreda of the Lakes
Seneschal of the Principality of Avacal*

Chatelaine News

Greetings, Avacal, from your Chatelaine.

I recently received a resignation from a branch office. Why should you care, you ask? Let me tell you.... This person resigned due to apathy within the group. When things were proposed, no one would step up to the plate to help these things come to fruition and the chatelaine was frustrated by the lack of support. Now, I am not saying that people have to wave banners and do back flips, but the support of ideas *heck, even if you have to modify them to make them feasible* is crucial for groups. Recruitment and retention can be very difficult when your group is stagnant and no one wants to work at anything. Who from outside wants to come in enthusiastic and full of ideas only to be shot down and ideas squelched??

I know that the general idea of Chatelaines out there is one of minor importance but I disagree. Without a Chatelaine, groups do not have a go-to person for questions, thoughts, or ideas. They do not have someone who will be there with the focus of increased public exposure and potential growth. They do not have someone to organize demos, gather information pamphlets and look out for the welfare

of newcomers. Our game, while being specific in its focus is huge in its scope of what there is to do. Newcomers, especially those who come to us independent of friends already in the SCA, are often at a loss for what to do after they show up. That is one of the many important Chatelaine functions... they help newcomers navigate the enormity of what there is to do out there! Without newcomers, our game will go nowhere!

The following areas are in need of a Chatelaine:

**Bitter End, Border Gate
Harrow's Cross, Loch Dorr
Valley Wold**

If you are interested in knowing more or in volunteering for a position, please contact myself (avacalchatelaine@shaw.ca) and your local Seneschal.

Thank you.

*In service to the Crown of An Tir and
the Coronet of Avacal*

Her Ladyship the Outspoken

Musings from the Chronicler:

Greetings Avacal!

I only get a bit of room this month because there is so much other stuff to feature. A whole hearted thank you to everyone who submitted. There's a ton o' info about all that's happening in our great principality. Take note—hopefully it helps to make your game better. Happy reading!

Ever in Service

Her Ladyship Manyra.

PS. Sorry for the smaller fonts in some articles. It was the only way to fit them in.



**Silver Jubilee
October 9, 2004
Myrgan Wood (Saskatoon, SK)**

Gather 'round good gentles of the known world a day of great celebration is soon upon us. On the Ninth day of October in the nine and thirtieth year Annos Societatus being two millennia and four Gregorian, in the Majestic Kingdom of An Tir and in the Principality of Avacal, eastern pride of An Tir, a noble Barony is about to celebrate it's Silver Jubilee. For five and twenty years MYRGAN WOOD has stood, a bastion of royal allegiance serving many great warrior Kings, and now with humble joy the Baron and Baroness: THEIR EXCELLENCIES RAOUL AND ROXANNE DE LA ROCHE AND THE BARONY OF MYRGAN WOOD, call on all in the Kingdom of An Tir and beyond to journey forth and join in the festivities as Myrgan Wood celebrates this great occasion.

The day's events shall include: Poetry (25 words OR 25 lines OR 25 stanzas) about Myrgan Wood; Calligraphy and/or Illumination of the word or number 25 or name Myrgan Wood or above mentioned poetry; Costuming in any period era/culture utilizing any or all three Baronial colours (white/silver, red & green); Heavy Armoured Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Light Armour Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Rapier Combat (Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Royal, Principality & Baronial Court; dancing; the Troubadours du Bois; a

sumptuous feast; and the Baroness' Brunch.

The festivities will take place at the Brian King Centre in Warman, approximately 13 kilometres north of the City of Saskatoon on Highway 11. No street address available. Postal code S0K 4S0. The Hall will open at 10:00 am. Registration for all tournaments shall commence at 10:30 am, tournaments to follow, the bar opens at six the feast begins at 7:00 pm, court and dancing to follow. Site closes at 1:30 am

Fees are: Site alone \$8.00 cdn / Site + Feast \$16.00; Children aged 12-16 are ½ price and under 12 years are free. The \$4 NMS will be levied were required and appropriate.

Baroness' Brunch will be on Sunday October 11th, details to follow.

Reservations: Reservations can be booked via: e-mail, phone or mail until October 1st 2004 or when 200 feast tickets are sold. ALL reservations must be confirmed with a cheque or money order made out to SCA-Myrgan Wood within THREE weeks of booking or by October 1st, whichever comes first.

Send Reservations and inquires to the **Autocrat:** Master Heinrich Kannesohn, MKA Kelly Ries / 317-27th Street W Saskatoon SK S7L 0J7, 306.653.70

Vinfest VI October 1-3, 2004

Shire of Vinjar Grande Prairie, Alberta

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez. Once again the spectre of a harsh winter is upon us. With the harvest safely off the fields, join the Shire of Vinjar as the skilled compete in Heavy, Rapier, Archery Tourney's. Come for the renowned "Grape Stomp" as well as the first annual "Maighstir Gruadaire" (Master Brewer) competition. The Drover's Reach Tavern will be open for business. *No outside alcohol will be allowed*

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR MEALS AND BEDS, SPACE IS LIMITED

Site fee: Adults - non SCA members \$10 + 4 NMS = \$ 14 Cdn
\$10 with a paid membership.

The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers/washrooms.

Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday evening (limited to 110) Reservations deadline for feast is September 24th

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:

7PM Site Opens

SATURDAY:

9:00 -10 am Rapier Inspection

9:00 - 5:00 Arts and Science Display

10:00 - 1 pm Rapier competition and scenarios

1:00 - PM Archery Inspection & Lists Open

1:30 -4 PM Archery Competition

2:00 PM Heavy Amour Inspection & List

Open

2:30 - 4:00 PM Heavy Tournament

4 PM - 1st annual Maighstir Gruadaire (Brew

Master Competition - period documentation highly encouraged)

5:30 PM Grape Stomping

6:30 PM Feast

Court to follow Feast

SUNDAY:

Clean Up

Noon Site Closes

Bed fee:\$10 per person per night. (There are 56 beds in heated cabins -26 top bunks in heated cabins). Bring your own bedding. There will also be limited camping space at \$5 per tent. (Smalls under 12 free except bed fee applies) (Smalls under 6 free)

Autocrats: Skye MacLean (Kelly MacLean) and Dare (Darren Johnson)
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-Makes cheques payable to ASCA Canton of Vinjar

Feastocrat - a Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail (see above) - Please contact Feastocrat with any food allergies

Limited indoor merchant space will be available until 5 PM on Saturday, please contact autocrat to reserve a table, outdoor merchandising welcome all weekend. There will be no merchant fees, donations to tournament prizes always welcome.

Directions to site There is no street address or postal code for this site. Camp Tamarack Camp Ground, not the RV Park!

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turning LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow Hwy 43 South/100 St. to 116 Ave. (just past McDonalds - watch for "Hwy 43 West/Alaska" overhead sign). At 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. Follow Hwy 43 to 100 Ave. (by Staples). At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, now following Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road(108 St.) (watch for "Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road" overhead sign). Follow Hwy 40 South through and out of Grande Prairie. Continue south of Grande Prairie 5km, and turn LEFT at "Camp Tamarack" signage and follow the SCA signs.

From Dawson Creek: enter Grande Prairie on Highway 43 past airport. Turn right on highway 40/Wapiti Road. Travel south of Grande Prairie 5km; turn left at Camp Tamarack signage and follow the SCA signs.

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******

Principality Calendar: The Principality Calendar is responsible for the orderly scheduling of events within the Principality. He or she works to make sure that branch events do not conflict with Kingdom events (Coronations, Crowns, etc.), Principality events or with events in the local area. The Principality Calendar Deputy receives the forms which are required in order to hold official events. These forms, called the Date Reservation Form and the Event Information Form can be found on the Avacal website and at each branch seneschal. He or she also ensures those events are listed in the appropriate newsletters and websites.

Exchequer: Exchequers are responsible for maintaining the financial records of their branch and for ensuring that all funds are spent to further the Society's non-profit, educational purpose. Branch Exchequers must maintain permanent, detailed books and records of all financial activity. All records must be retained for at least seven years. The Principality Exchequer provides financial counsel to the branches within their territory. They also act as part of the audit team when a branch's books are audited. According to Society Financial Policy, each branch is required to have a financial committee composed of two or more people and always including the Branch Seneschal and the Branch Exchequer. Therefore, the Branch Exchequer has considerable input, but does not control, how the funds are spent.

Chirurgion: The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chirurgion shall include: administer the chirurgionate 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 chirurgions. In order to be a warranted chirurgion applicants need to provide the Kingdom Chirurgion with: proof of membership; a current CPR card; and a current Red Cross or St. John's First Aid Card. Within the chirurgionate, Chirurgions are divided into apprentice chirurgions, warranted chirurgions and master chirurgions. The title master chirurgion is an honorary title and can only be held by a warranted chirurgion.

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-

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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.

Chronicler: As Principality Chronicler, you will be responsible for the regular publication of the Principality newsletter *The Avantgarde*. Either directly, in partnership, or through deputies, you will take Curia minutes; publish the updated Laws of Avacal; encourage the publication of the results of research; facilitate communication within the Principality; maintain a record of events and other matters which may be of historical interest; and review the newsletters within the Principality to make sure that they comply with Kingdom policy, don't violate copyright laws, and present a favorable view of the Society. You will also act as a contact between Kingdom and local groups and as a resource for branch chroniclers.

Gules Signet Scribe: 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.

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.

Flight or Fancy--A Dandy Event August 28th, 2004

Shire of Vatnsdalr
Edmonton, AB

Join the Shire of Vatnsdalr as we select our champions of archery and rapier. In addition to the championship tournaments, we will have a prize Armoured tournament and a Bardic Circle around a bonfire. The site opens at 9:00 am Saturday, and the event runs until midnight. While this is not an Overnight event, we are happy to coordinate crash-space for our out-of-shire guests; please contact the autocrat for details. Please bring your own drinking water, and keep any pets on-leash. Some merchanting space is available; Contact the autocrat for details. For those with allergies, please be forewarned that there are horses and dogs present at the farm.

Site Fees:

Members, 6\$
Non-Members, 10\$ (including 4\$ non-member surcharge)
Ages 6-12, 3\$
Ages 5 and under, Free.

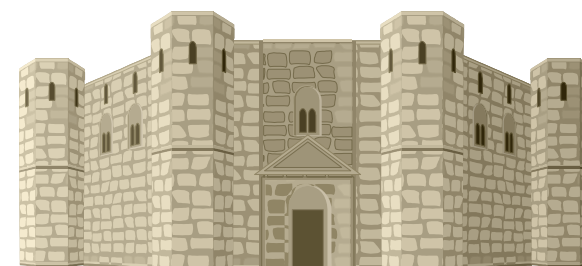
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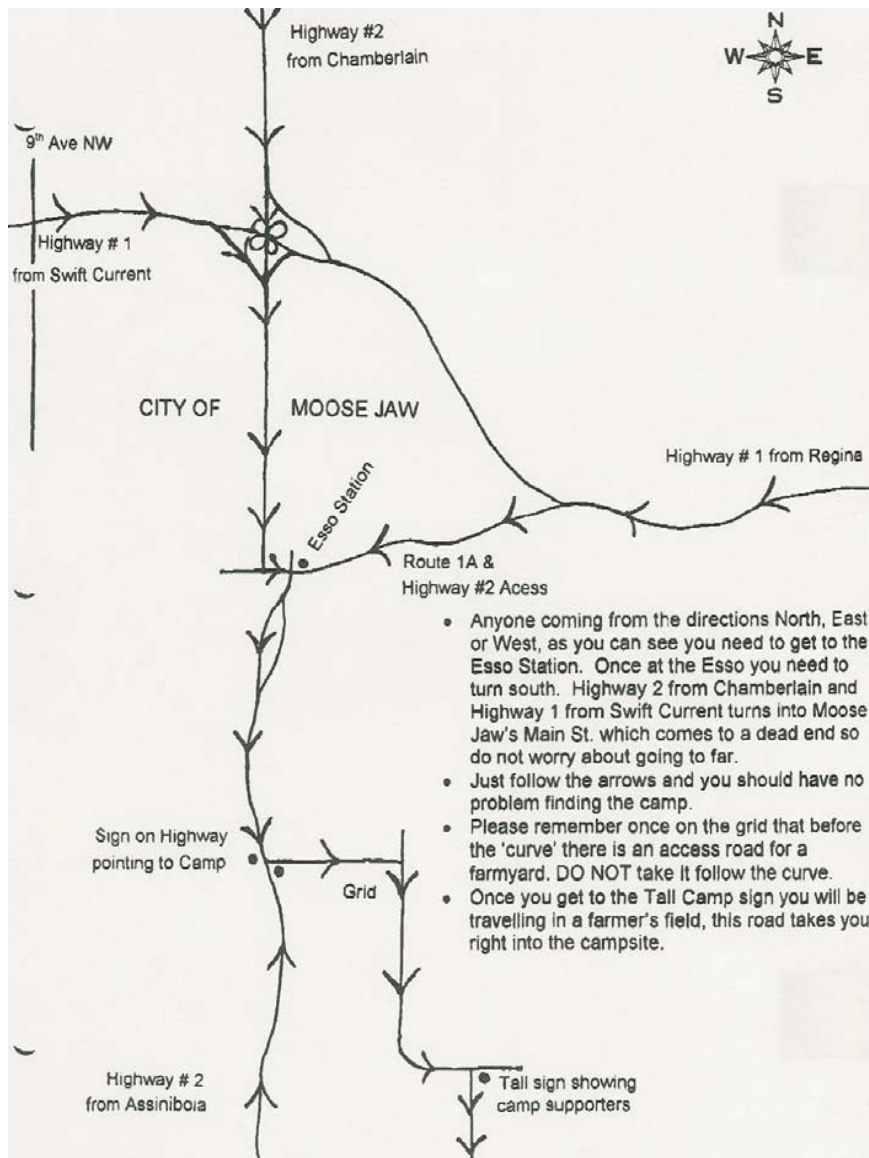
Directions:

>From Edmonton: South on Hwy 2 to 2A (Wetaskiwin, Millet, turn-off) which is just past 2nd overpass at Leduc. South on 2A, 5 km on left side over tracks directly into the Reader Farm.

>From the south: Take Hwy 2 to Glen Park Rd, turn east (left) to Hwy 2A, turn North (left) go approx 2 km or 2nd lane on right, over tracks directly into the Reader Farm.



Map to August Investiture



ASK ACCA

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

Dear St. Acca,

I've just found out that several members of a household are propagating a rumor about me that is flatly untrue. I'm at a loss as for what to do about it, since I have no idea what I've done to these people for them to be so hurtful and malicious. Any suggestions?

Signed,
Sticks and Stones

Gentle Sticks

It is unfortunate that, when there is nothing else to occupy them, people of small mind and plenty of free time will begin to amuse themselves through malicious pursuits. It is most hurtful when gossip and slander run rampant in our otherwise idyllic Principality, and until they experience being on the receiving end of such a painful experience, those people will probably continue to do so. While confronting the perpetrators might give you a momentary sense of relief, it will also indicate to them that their shot has hit the mark, very likely escalating their attempts to ruin your day. Acca suggests that you be wary of protesting your innocence too much, and let the matter drop. If they garner no reaction from you, those small-minded, idle people will move on to some other source of entertainment. Your friends will know the truth of it and, really, that is all that matters.

Dear St. Acca,

Clearly "Summer" is a relative term. In spite of my best efforts, I very nearly froze to death at the last camping event. What can I do to stay warm, short of wearing every last article of clothing I own?

Signed,
Gouttesicle

Gentle Gouttesicle,

Camping in comfort is not difficult to achieve. There are many steps you can take to keep yourself warm that don't involve large investments of money, piles of extra bedding, or compromising your virtue. Several low-cost options include:

- Wear wool. If you are sensitive to wool, line it in silk, linen or cotton, but nothing beats it for warmth and durability. Several lighter weight woolen layers often work better than one heavy one.
- Cover your head. Hats, hoods and head-scarves are a great way to keep your body heat from escaping into the night. Covering your head while sleeping will help as well.
- Wearing dry socks. An Tir is notoriously damp, so making sure you have enough extra pairs of socks with you to keep dry ones on your feet will make a world of difference.
- Sleep on a Cot or Bed that is off the ground, or put something UNDER

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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!

2004-04-28 Sewing heavy fabric

If you're sewing heavy fabric and the sewing machine just can't get through it, try pounding the offending seam-to-be with a hammer. Use on e.g. fighting pants, tents, jeans.

If your seam is very thick, you might find the presser foot angles or slides off the seam, or the fabric just doesn't feed evenly. To correct this, make a shim out of a folded up piece of fabric to support the lower side of the presser foot. It's easy to get the exact right thickness for the shim if your scrap is the same fabric as what you're trying to sew.

Zenoiva

2004-06-09 Finish raw edges of fabric before you wash

You may want to serge or zigzag the edges of your length of fabric before you give it the mandatory pre-sewing wash. This is particularly useful if your fabric is a loose weave or otherwise prone to ravelling. (Thanks Shunzei.)

You can also sew the two cut ends together with a straight seam and put the resulting tube over the agitator. This won't decrease the ravelling as much as serging/zigzagging, but it may be more convenient.

Zenoiva

2004-06-13 French seam basics

A French seam is a seam finishing method

that results in the raw edges being encased in fabric, thus protected from wear. There are two ways of doing it:

1. "right sides together" method: put right sides together, sew the seam, fold raw edges of seam allowance in towards each other, stitch folded edges together by hand or machine

The "right sides together" method is the period version of the French seam. Vikings used this technique in the 10th century (see Carolyn Priest-Dorman, "Viking Tunic Construction" (1997): <http://www.cs.vassar.edu/~capriest/viktunic.html>).

2. "wrong sides together" method: put wrong sides together, sew the seam, then flip inside out (right sides together) and sew again

The "wrong sides together" method is the traditional, sewing-machine-friendly French seam and the method I use for my seams.

Note that with the "right sides together" method, the first seam is structural and the second conceals the raw edges. In contrast, with the "wrong sides together" method, the first seam conceals the raw edges and the second is structural.

Some tips on doing a tidy French seam with the "wrong sides together" method:

1. Use a very narrow seam allowance when you do the first seam. I use a seam allowance of about 1/8" to 2/8", or just wide enough that the edge of the fabric is caught between the presser foot and the

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Avacal Investiture August 20 - 21 - 22, 2004

Sigelhundas
Regina, SK

Their Highnesses, Prince Murchad and Princess Morrigan, invite you to attend them on August 20, 21, and 22, to witness the Investment of the heirs to the thrones of Avacal and the choosing of the new Principality Champions of Sword and Arrow.

Site Fees:

Camping Fee: \$13.00 (for all three days) per person
Day Fee: \$5.00 per day per person
Children (small people 12 yrs old and under): \$3.00 per day
Smalls (very small people 5 yrs old and under): Free
Note: \$4.00 Non-member surcharge is in effect

Reservations can be made at: reservations@sigelhundas.org
Please include the following information with your reservation: home group name, SCA name, mundane name, membership # (if applicable), and if you are needing a space on Merchant's Row.

Please make cheques payable to "QCSCA"

The event will be held at the Boy Scout camp just south of Moose Jaw, SK. (no street address or postal code)

Directions: Take Hwy #2 south through Moose Jaw and from the south edge of the city continue south for 3.1km to the left turn (east). There is a sign on Hwy pointing to camp. Go east for 1.6km until the T junction and turn right (south). Drive 1.3km south to the junction and turn left (east). Continue to the Boy Scout camp sign, turn right (south). Follow the dirt road to the parking area. Remember to keep an eye out for the SCA signs along the way to know you are on the right path.

A Map can be found on the next page and at the website listed below.

Tentative and very flexible schedule (at the whim of Their Highnesses):

Friday 20th
- Site Opens at noon

Saturday 21st
- Pelicans' Council in morning
- Laurels' Council in morning
- Knights' Council in morning
Noon - Investiture of new Prince and Princess of Avacal
1:00 - Lists open for both Championship Tourneys
2:00 - Armour inspection opens for both Tourneys; Lists close
2:30 - Invocation of the Lists for Sword; tourney begins
3:00 - Invocation of the Lists for Archery; tourney begins
7:00 - Evening Court
- Noble Estate in evening

Sunday 22nd
- Principality Curia in morning
- Site closes at 1:00pm

Event information, including a map to the site and an up to date schedule of events, can be found at:
<http://investiture.sigelhundas.org>

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Avacal Inlands War July 30-Aug. 1, 2004

CRY HAVOC AND LET SLIP THE DOGS OF WAR.

Once again, war has come to the peaceful people of the Inlands. The barbarians of the North have invaded our land and must be stopped. Therefore, we call on all good friends to come and help us drive back the war hoard from Avacal, and to teach them to tread our land lightly. Take heed those of faint heart for there shall be such fighting as to make strong men and women grow weak in the knees. So Archers, Shieldman, and Piker, come one, come all to the annual Inlands/Avacal war.

WHERE? Located at 10261 Spring Valley Rd., just out of Newport, WA (north of Spokane). See Map below. for driving instructions see the Inlands website <http://www.inlandregion.org>

When? July 30 – August 2, site opens at noon and closes at 3 p.m.

Why? Because we wanted a war.

HOW Much? Site fee is 8\$ for the weekend or 4\$ day fee.

Barony of Wealdsmere Newport, Washington

WHO? Anyone who wants to come and fight till they drop.

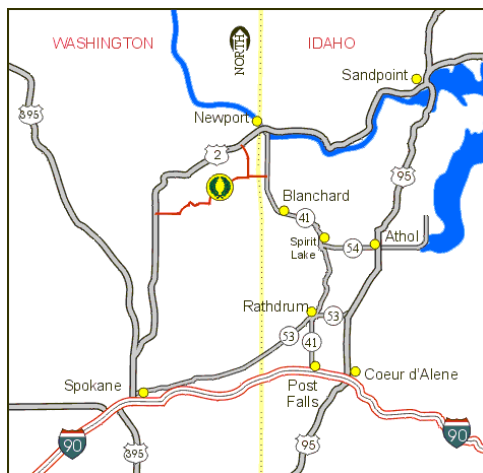
The site is located on Spring Valley Road on the lands of Thorvald and Rhiannon. The camping is in the open so bring sunshades. Water, privies, and garbage will, as always be provided. FIRE ALERT, as of this writing, no open or ground fires allowed. Charcoal in a brazier and tiki torches are ok. There is a 10:00 p.m. noise curfew that will be strictly enforced. Merchants site fee will be waived for those wishing to set up a booth.

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feed dogs. It's more accurate to do a narrow seam than to do a wide seam (e.g. 5/8") and try to trim it down to size.

2. Iron all your seams—this helps a lot. After you sew the first seam, either iron the seam allowances open or iron both to one side. Then fold right sides together and iron along the seam. (You get a sharper fold if you iron open rather than to one side.)

3. Right before you sew the second seam, trim any fraying threads.

4. Use a wider seam allowance for the second seam, say about 3/8" or a bit more.

* The total seam allowance needed for French seams done this way is about 4/8" or 5/8".

Zenovia

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your air mattress. Ground cold is insidious, so providing a barrier or space will keep it at bay.

- Hot Water bottles. Get a good start by pre-warming your bedding.
- Make a Tent-cozy. An extra layer of fabric around a nylon tent can go a long way toward keeping heat in.
- And if all else fails, sleep with a friend!

From <http://www.currentmiddleages.org/tents/cold.html>

Medieval Word of the Month

From NetSERF Hypertext Medieval Glossary
<http://netserf.cua.edu/glossary/home.htm>

Scutage:

- 1) The sum that the holder of a [knight's fee](#) may pay his lord in lieu of military service. Sometimes used as a form of tax.
- 2) Shield-tax, a tax paid in lieu of military service.
- 3) Feudal payment in place of [knight service](#) in the field
- 4) Literally "shield-money"; a payment in lieu of military service, paid in respect of the [knights](#) which a [tenant-in-chief](#) owed to the Crown. The personal [obligation](#) to serve of the tenant-in-chief himself could not be discharged by scutage, but only by [fine](#).

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Have a question for St. Acca? Have a helpful hint that could save good gentles blood, sweat and tears? Please submit them to St. Acca at askacca@hotmail.com. All Ask Acca columns are available for syndication in your local newsletter.

A&S and Principality Events!

So, your branch has decided to host a Principality event (Coronet or Investiture). What does this mean to you as the Arts and Sciences Officer (autocrat or seneschal for branches without A&S officers)? Hosting one of these events is a great chance for your group to show Avacal who you are and what you do, and the arts and sciences are part of the character of your group.

For June Coronet and August Investiture there is no set A&S component. For November Coronet, there is an A&S auction to fundraise for the Principality Travel Fund. Please contact the A&S Minister for the time and space needs for the auction.

At February Investiture, the Principality Arts and Sciences competition is held – you will need to contact the Avacal Minister of Arts and Sciences and the current Principality A&S Champion well in advance to find out the requirements for this event, which should be planned for in your group's bid. Other A&S activities may be planned in conjunction with the championships, but the competition is the predominant A&S activity for the weekend.

If you're hosting June Coronet, August Investiture, or November Coronet, your options are more open. You could put together a display, hold a competition, provide scheduled performance time and space, have demonstrations of people's skills, or any of a number of possibilities. The key is to ensure that A&S is a part of your event in some way.

The Principality Arts and Sciences Minister is here to help you with that. Your Principality officer is there to help you and provide ideas and resources. She can even organize activities for you, provided that you give enough information in advance about what you need at your event. Help is always here, just ask!

As soon as your branch confirms the bid for the event, contact the Principality A&S Minister with the details of the event plan. You need to provide some

information as well as your basic event plan, including:

- what you need the officer to do (help with ideas, plan some activities, answer questions). This is especially important if you're asking the officer to plan the A&S activities for the event. People's lives are very busy, and unexpected, last-minute requests for planning significant activities generally will get minimal results. The more notice you can give, the better the activities can be!
- if you're asking for the officer to plan activities, how much time and space is allotted to A&S
- somebody who lives in the home branch to help out (probably the local A&S officer or a representative). Sometimes an officer can't make it to a Principality event, or may not arrive until just before things get started. You need to provide someone who can make sure things happen locally.
- contact information for the autocrat team

Please always remember that anything you plan can be subject to the approval of Their Highnesses (and the Tanist and Tanista for an Investiture), so be flexible. Our Royalty may have certain requirements for the event, so it is always advisable to confirm any major plans with Their Highnesses before proceeding. Also, at Coronets, there should be no formal activities scheduled at the same time as the tourney. Do not plan classes or demos for this time, although displays and similar activities can carry on during the fighting.

If you have any further questions about how to make A&S part of a Principality event, any other event, or anything else that the Principality A&S Minister could possibly answer, please contact Lady Ceis of Ravensrift (Bridget Stirling) by e-mail at bridget_stirling@hotmail.com, or by phone at (780) 486-4418 (please ask for Bridget).

In service to Avacal and An Tir,
Lady Ceis of Ravensrift
Avacal Minister of Arts and Sciences
(Bridget Stirling)

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"house". The tokens will be counted by the challenge coordinator and the "house" with the most per member will be the winner.

A "house member" can challenge any "member" of a different "house". Exception, authorized fighters may not challenge participants who are not authorized in the same activity. (ie. A heavy fighter may not challenge an archer.) In the spirit of honour for their first round a high ranking competitor should not challenge a beginner. (High rank would be defined as a Knight/Master at Arms, Don, Laurel and Grand Master Bowman.) Throughout the challenge, a competitor may not challenge someone with less tokens than themselves. A high ranking competitor must of course accept a challenge from a beginner if one is made in the first round. A challenge must be accepted. If a person declines a challenge it is considered a forfeit and they must give the challenger a token. A person who is challenged may postpone the match for a maximum of 30 minutes (ex...can we do this when I finish eating lunch? Or can you give me a minute to get geared up?) but cannot accept another challenge in the interim.

The terms of a challenge will be negotiated by both parties beginning with the person challenged. (ex...in a rapier challenge the person challenged chooses "two swords", the challenger then chooses "first blood".) Once a competitor has lost all of their tokens, they may still issue challenges (but not participate in open challenges). However, in this instance, there will no longer be tokens exchanged.

When a challenge has been issued in heavy, rapier or archery, both combatants must find an authorized marshal who is not in either household to oversee the challenge before they can begin. In bardic challenges, they must find two 'judges' who are not in either household and are mutually agreed upon by the combatants.

In archery, bardic, and some games, a person can offer an "Open Challenge". In an open challenge the challenger sets the terms (ex... most arrows in 30 seconds). The winner of the open challenge receives a token from each participant. Declining to participate in an open challenge is allowed.

All challenges are single round competitions. Competitors must have all their tokens in plain view at all times.

"Houses" do not have to be "officially registered or recognized within the SCA". They can be existing "Houses" or simply "teams" put together for the event. In order to be eligible to participate a "House" need only have a name, a head of household, and a device, which doesn't have to be officially registered, but must be displayed in the form of a banner or shield at their encampment. A "House" must have all of their members and a designated head of the household signed up with the challenge coordinator at least half an hour before the challenge begins. "Houses" and individuals not signed up by the cutoff time will not be eligible to compete for tokens but are still welcome to play.

"House" can recruit ANY person onsite to compete for them. "Houses" can merge under the name and banner of one "house" if they so choose. Merges and recruitment can only be done prior to the start of the competition. "Houses" are not allowed to offer incentives of any kind in order to recruit competitors.

At troll, there will be sheets where competitors can sign up with the "house" of their choice. If a person chooses to compete in more than one category they will still receive only four tokens. Sign up will be from the scheduled start of the event until half an hour before the challenge start time. The head of each household will be given four tokens per member, of which they will pass on to their household. Members do not have to compete in every category. A "house member" cannot give their tokens to another "house member" to use nor can they challenge their own household members. Participants may not have a 'proxy' fight for them. Competitors caught doing this will be disqualified.

Bonus tokens will be handed out to house leaders and individuals throughout the event. These tokens can be used in any of the areas of combat and will be awarded for things such as period encampments, heraldic displays, volunteering etc. at the discretion of the tournament coordinator.

House Challenge July 23-25, 2004

The Barony of Montengarde invites one and all to the first annual House Challenge. Join us for heavy, rapier, archery, bardic and games competition. Site opens at 4:00pm, Friday July 23rd and closes at 2:00pm Sunday, July 25th, 2004. House challenge will begin at noon and run until 7:00pm Saturday.

Fees: weekend camping \$10.00, day pass \$7.00, children under 6 free. Please make cheques payable to MSCA

Activities: The House Challenge incorporates heavy, rapier, archery, bardic and games. Prizes will be awarded. The challenge will also include heraldic display and period encampment contests.

Autocrat: Lady Li Xia, mka Alysa Harron (brimmy_san@yahoo.com or 403-630-0392)

Site Info: Entire quarter section of partially treed private campground which is a short walk from the Red Deer River Ford. (SW422-12)

Directions: From Calgary, AB, head East on HWY 1, head North on HWY 873 towards the Brooks Airport, East (right turn) onto HWY 544, North (left turn) onto HWY 876 towards Patricia, AB. Immediately after crossing the Red Deer River on the Steveville Bridge, follow the SCA signs right (East) into the campground.

House Rules; A Challenge of Houses By Lady Li Xia Based on the concept by Dalton Arundel

"Houses" compete for points, in the form of tokens, in heavy, rapier, archery, bardic and games by having their "members" compete in one on one challenges. At the start of the challenge, each "house member" will be given four tokens that they will use to challenge

Montengarde (Calgary, AB)

>From Medicine Hat, AB, head West on HWY 1, head North (right turn) on HWY 876 towards Patricia, AB. Immediately after crossing the Red Deer River on the Steveville Bridge, follow the SCA signs right (East) into the campground.

Fire Restrictions: Fires will be restricted to off-ground or in already established fire pits, unless Provincial fire regulations prohibit campfires entirely.

NOTE:

- THERE IS NO POTABLE WATER ON SITE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.
- THERE ARE COYOTES IN THE AREA, BRING PETS AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- THERE IS AN UNSUPERVISED RIVER NEARBY, PLEASE TAKE CARE WITH ANYTHING DROWNABLE.

Registration for House Challenge: Please contact the autocrat to register your house name and device. Remember, all houses require the following to participate: name, heraldic device, banner, and head of household. Please refer to the full House Challenge rules for specific requirements and format of the competition.

"members" from the other "houses". The loser of a challenge will give one of their tokens to the winner. Tokens won from other competitors can be used to challenge.

At the end of the challenge time limit "house members" will turn in their remaining tokens and those they have won to the head of their

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A friendly reminder about Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship!

Greetings unto the Populace of Avacal from HL Sadb ingen Thuathail, Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences,

It is only 7 months until the next Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship!! If you are considering entering next year's competition at February Investiture Championship Pentathlon entrants, Novice Triathlon entrants or Single entrants, must declare IN WRITING their intent to enter the competition by January 15, 2005, AS 39. This requirement is to facilitate the assignment of judges prior to the event.

Please Note: Declared participants may bow out after that deadline, but NO new entrants will be permitted after that date!!

For those Potential Judges - If you are interested in judging this, or any other A&S Competition, please send me your name, contact info and what sorts of things you feel comfortable judging. Even if you are unable to participate in the 2005 competition, this kind of information will be kept on file for other opportunities. All judges will be notified before the event of the entries they will be judging. Research papers will be mailed out to the judges prior to the event to allow time for the judges to read them critically.

Please read (or re-read) the Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship POLICY GUIDE and COMPETITION RULES (below) carefully. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification at vfooster @ telusplanet . net (sans spaces).

In Service to Coronet and Crown I remain,

HL Sadb ingen Thuathail,
Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship POLICY GUIDE and COMPETITION RULES

The Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences represents the Principality through leadership and example. The Champion should have a public presence in promoting the arts and sciences within the Principality, show a breadth of skills and be ready and able to judge, teach and guide Avacalians with enthusiasm and kindness.

The Champion will be expected to serve as an inspiration and role model to others, especially through setting up displays, contests and forums at local and

Principality events in cooperation with the Arts & Sciences Minister (both Principality and Local, as required). The Champion will work closely with the Avacal Minister of Arts & Sciences in putting on the competition to choose his/her successor. This includes promotion, recruiting contestants, and judging.

The Champion

The Avacal Arts & Sciences Champion will serve a term of one year. No person may serve as two Principality Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Principality Champion's Tournament at one time. Holding a Principality Championship and Local

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Championship is permitted solely at the discretion of Their Highnesses and the Baron/Baroness (where applicable).

The Avacal Arts & Sciences Champion, assisted by the Avacal Minister of Arts & Sciences, must oversee the tournament to choose his/her successor at the February Investiture following their victory. They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor. If the Arts & Sciences Champion is unable to serve for the entire year, the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences (or other designate) will organize and oversee the next tournament.

The Champion may not enter the competition to choose their successor, or serve two terms in succession.

All Avacal 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 Arts & Sciences Champion has the right and duty to attend the Coronet at Court and at war (if applicable), as well as a place at the high table with the Coronet at feasts.

Champions shall not be charged site fees at Principality Events (Coronet Tournaments, Investitures, Quad War[?]).

Championship Pentathlon Entry Requirements

To enter competition for the Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Pentathlon, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF THE COMPETITION.

Entrants to the Championship Pentathlon must be resident in Avacal at the time of

the tournament, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

All entrants to the Championship must declare in writing their intent to enter items into the Arts and Sciences tournament to the current Arts & Sciences Champion, Their Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Avacal, and the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences on or before JANUARY 15th of the competition year. Any research paper entries must be complete, and four hard copies mailed to the Arts & Sciences Champion or Minister of Arts & Sciences as instructed no later than February 1st of the year of the intended competition. Triathlon and Single entrants need only notify the A&S Champion and Minister of A&S in writing by the deadline.

All those competing to become the Arts & Sciences Champion of Avacal must attend the event where the competition is being held. This requirement may only be waived with prior consent by the express and written permission of Their Highnesses, The Prince and Princess of Avacal, in the case of an emergency or similar extenuating circumstances. Single entry participants may submit entries in absentia with prior permission via an identified representative who will take sole responsibility for the item(s).

All entrants will be expected to identify themselves and their entries, and must be available during their scheduled judging periods to answer questions regarding their entries. All entries will be numbered for organizational purposes, and judging periods will be scheduled and announced prior to the event.

Entrants may not enter the Novice Triathlon and the Pentathlon competition simultaneously. Entrants to the Novice Triathlon may not have entered the Novice

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Quad War X July 2-4, 2004

Come one and all, war has once again come to our lands. Join us for this great and ever expanding annual event (sponsored by the Shire of Bordergate) located in the happiest place in the known world. Heavy/light (including some 6' weapons and under) scenarios are available in this 2 day, 4 army war fought in and around a continuously growing castle.

The site opens at noon, July 2 and closes at 4 pm July 5. An archery tournament, rapier tournament and melee, bardic competition and an incredible line up of THUA A&S and combat arts classes compliment the war activities. Round off your event with a visit to our expanding merchants row.

For war scenarios, TRP's class details, site rules, schedules, and pictures check out the web site www.geocities.com/quadwar Quad War! What a way to play!

Site fee: \$10.00 for 16 years of age and up (please add \$4.00 for non-member adults) 15 years of age and

A quick note from the Principality Earl Marshall regarding Youth Combat at Quad War!

This year at Quad War we are going to have a kids tournament complete with prizes for winners in categories like "Had the Most Fun" or "Best Death" or whatever people can think of...So if you are interested in having your kid play, http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/boffer_3_2004.pdf has all the rules for kids combat. There will be no loaner armor or anything so if you don't make it yourself, your child won't be participating...I would like to have a 1/2 hour orientation before the kids play to get the parents together and talk about this. - Hrogan (Excerpt from an email sent April 24th, 2004)

Shire of Bordergate Marsden.SK

under free Please make checks payable to "ACSA Canton of the Lakelands)

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THUA High Regent: Lord Ezekiel Hrafnklo (Brian Moffatt) ravenclaw@netidea.com

Directions (there is no street address) From Edmonton, AB: Take HW14 East until 8 KM past the Saskatchewan border. Turn north (left) on the Artland Road and follow the signs. from Saskatoon ,SK. Take HW 16 to North Battleford then HW 40 west 5 KM past Marsden, SK; turn north (right) on the Artland Road and follow the signs.

AVACAL CALENDAR

Calendar Policy: Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (Viscountess Catriona) 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)

03-Jul	Quad War	Bordergate
10-Jul	Celtic Games	Myrgan Wood
16-Jul	An Tir Coronation	Three Mountains
23-Jul	House Challenge	Montengarde
30-Jul	Avacal/Inlands War	Wealdsmere
21-Aug	Avacal Investiture	Sigelhundas
28-Aug	Flight or Fancy - A Dandy Event	Vatnsdalr
04-Sep	September Crown	Dragon's Laire
11-Sep	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
18-Sep	Michaelmas Feast and U of A classes	Loch D'orr
25-Sep	Birthday Bash	Traitor's Gate
02-Oct	Vinfest VI	Vinjar
09-Oct	Myrgan wood Silver Jubilee	Myrgan Wood
16-Oct	Late Period THUA	Harrow's Cross
23-Oct	Samhain	Montengarde

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Triathlon or Pentathlon in any previous year. There are no longer specific categories. Entrants are expected to describe their entries with enough information to determine suitable judges, and thoroughly document the focus of their entry for the competition.

****Pentathlon Competition Rules****

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time.

Champion competitors must have at least five (5), but no more than six (6) separate entries in order to be eligible to become the overall Pentathlon winner.

Individual objects may count toward no more than two entries (i.e.: A 16th c. embroidered chemise may count as the chemise and 16th C. embroidery, but they must be thoroughly documented separately).

Only the contestant's top five (5) scores will be totaled to determine the Pentathlon Champion.

Entries must have been completed in the eighteen months prior to the competition. Pieces entered into the previous year's Championship are not eligible for competition. Pieces entered in a Kingdom Championship are not eligible for competition.

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see Entry Requirements, above).

Pentathlon entrants may not be judges.

*****Novice Triathlon Rules*****

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time.

Champion competitors must have at least three (3), but no more than four (4) separate entries in order to be eligible to become the overall Triathlon winner.

Individual objects may count toward no more than two entries (i.e.: A 16th c. embroidered chemise may count as two entries if the embroidery is thoroughly documented separately).

Only the contestant's top three (3) scores will be totaled to determine the Triathlon winner.

Entries must have been completed in the eighteen months prior to the competition. Pieces entered into the previous year's Championship are not eligible for competition, and the entrant may not have entered Triathlon or Pentathlon as a contestant in any previous competition. Pieces entered in a Kingdom Championship are not eligible for competition.

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see above under Entry Requirements)Triathlon entrants may be asked to judge if necessary.

*****Single Entry Rules*****

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time.

Individuals may not present more than four single entries for judging. Entries must have been completed in the eighteen months prior to the competition. Pieces

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entered into the previous year's Championship are not eligible for competition.

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see above under Entry Requirements)

Single entrants may be asked to judge if necessary.

*****Judging & Prizes*****

Judges may not judge a category where there may be personal bias (i.e.: Peers judging own apprentice/squire's work, patrons judging a commissioned work, judging the work of a spouse/SO, etc.) and must indicate such bias to the judging organizer and decline the judging of that entry.

Each entry will be given a base point score out of twenty-five (25) possible points for objects/performance, and twenty (20) points for research papers.

Judging is based on:

Objects/Performance

- *Initial Impression/Display
- *Documentation
- *Authenticity and Design
- *Technical Ability
- *Complexity of Piece

Research papers

- *Initial Impression/Presentation
- *Research Ability
- *Technical Ability
- *Complexity of Subject

Each judging category will be weighted according to importance with a final score of 100 possible points. A maximum of five (5) bonus points per judge, per entry may be awarded at the judge's discretion if s/he feels that the entrant has gone above and beyond the criteria listed above. Bonus points are in addition to the weighted base point tally, and are weighted and added separately from the base point total.

The Principality of Avacal does not allow joint Arts & Sciences Champions. In the case of identical scoring for two or more contenders, the current Champion and Minister of Arts & Sciences shall meet with Their Highnesses to determine a method of breaking the tie. Under no circumstances will this method be construed as any form of precedent or tradition.

Prizes will be awarded in the following areas:

- *Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences
- *Novice Triathlon Winner
- *Highest Overall Scoring Entry (including Triathlon and Single entries)
- *Coronets Choice
- *Champions Choice
- *Judges Choice
- *Populace Choice



gets sent to the 5th century, and there we have our main character.

Now honestly, with exception of changing the timeline, the movie doesn't sound too bad. It may not be completely historically accurate as the film makers claim but it does have elements of truth & great potential for good battle scenes.

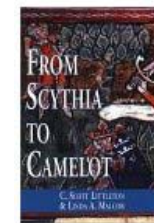
I will leave you with a few points though:

- The movie is just a snap shot of Arthur's army career. There is no character named Mordred so we can assume Arthur does not die, allowing for potential sequels.
- There is no love affair between Guinevere and Lancelot. (I always thought that was a distraction from all the fighting anyways.
- Guin is a Pictish Queen who, as some put it, kicks butt. As much as I love the idea that she more empowered than in other films, my fear is that she's just there as eye-candy.
- I can't understand way the Picts are called "the Woads". They could very easily call the Romans "the armoured"
- I can't comment on the costumes yet but apparently it was a ton of work to find sources of 5th C armour and clothing. The designer, Penny Rose, has a long and distinguished career, having

worked on films such as Pirates of The Caribbean and Evita.

- Lancelot fights 2 swords. Not sure how accurate that is.
- Merlin is a Pictish Shaman

Lastly, here's a few resources for anyone who wants to know more about who is the real King Arthur.



From Scythia to Camelot: A Radical Reassessment of the Legends of King Arthur, the Knights of the Round Table, and the Holy Grail
by Scott Littleton & Linda A. Malcor;

Taylor & Francis ; 0815335660 , 2000, pbk

The Holy Kingdom: the Quest for the Real King Arthur by Adrian Gilbert; Corgi; 0552144894. 1999

The Real King Arthur: A History of Post-Roman Britannia A.D. 410-A.D. 593 by P. F. J. Turner, S K S Pub Co, 0963743422, 1993

King Arthur: the True Story by Graham Phillips; Arrow ; 0099296810, 1993

The only online source you need is the webpage for The Arthurnet Mailing List:
<http://web.clas.ufl.edu/users/jshoaf/Arthurnet.htm>

-HL Manyra Thorinsdottir

King Arthur: The Movie - as historical as it claims?

It's well known that SCA'ers are very critical when it comes to historical movies. Plot, costumes and characters are all fodder for our disdain. With that in mind, I couldn't help give you all a little insight on the upcoming movie about my favourite subject: King Arthur.

Note: while I don't have any spoilers per say, if you want to see the movie with an open mind or have an undying belief in the Celtic-ness of the Arthurian Cycles stop reading now.

Set to release July 7th, King Arthur has been touted as the bridge between myth and reality. The premise is actually quite simple - as the Romans retreat from Britain in the 5th Century, a group of Sarmatians defending Hadrian's Wall are left without a way to return home. Meanwhile, the island itself is beset with Saxon invaders (Cerdic and Cynric) and local infighting. Arthur is the one man who can help the Sarmatians and bring peace to Britain.

Now I really like this plot. Yes, it leaves out many important elements of the Arthurian tradition, but one cannot include them all and make a good movie. Even better, it introduces a few unknowns into the story. For example, who were the Sarmatians and what is Arthur doing with them?

In most general terms, the Sarmatians were a nomadic tribal culture possibly of Scythian descent, which occupied an area between the Caspian and the Black Sea from about 3rd C. BC to



2nd C. AD. Like many other groups during that time, they were often at war with Rome. Around 175 AD, the Romans soundly defeated them and imposed a harsh penalty by conscripting 5,500 Sarmatians, sending them to Britain where they remained when their homeland was overrun by Goths and Huns.

These are the knights of our story (neatly transported to the 5th Century of course.) So who is their King Arthur? Actually it's Lucius Artorius Castus (right), commander of a detachment of Sarmatian conscripts in 185 AD and possible candidate for the real King Arthur. A successful career officer, we know from his sarcophagus that he used the title DUX while in Britain. Many scholars, including our movie's historical advisors, John Matthews and Linda A. Malcor, point to this as a connection to the Arthurian legend. So yes, he too



Principality of Avacal Curia Minutes June 6, 2004 AS XXXIX, 9:00 AM Avacal June Coronet, Montengarde

Recording: Manyra

Attendees:	Ezekiel	Caitlin	Jariadai	Steinn	Hrogan
	Aldreada	Catriona	Robert	TE Inga	TH Murchad
	Manyra	Ferghail	William	Roxanne	TH Morrigan
	Tatiana	Hamish	Serena	TE Vik	Ceis

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chronicler notes the Feb 04 Minutes have been published and no corrections were made. Motion by Aldreada to accept minutes, Seconded by Steinn. Passed.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Officer Reports

- Seneschal (Aldreada)
 - Groups going along well.
 - Thank you for prompt submission of seneschal change of officer forms.
- New and Incipient Branch Deputy (Haemish – absent, from Aldreada)
 - Speaking with Cranbrook
- Calendar (Catriona)
 - 2 Years term is up.
 - Will be stepping down
 - Asks the Heirs to consider allowing conflicts on the calendar
 - We need bids for Nov. Coronet, Feb. Investiture, June Coronet. A few bids for these dates are almost ready to present. Please don't speculate if there is a bid, just submit one.
- Herald (Jadiradi - Outgoing)
 - Heraldic Interest is on the rise and it's been a happy 2 ½ years.
- (Steinn - Incoming)
 - Will be contacting group heralds.
- Scribe (Inga – interim, outgoing)
 - A few people have expressed an interest in the office
 - Working on the Avacal College of Scribes charter and policy for commissions
 - Will pass on these projects to next scribe.
- Regalia - Vacant
- Chatelaine (Tatiana)
 - 80% Reporting
 - New website with Forums and job descriptions
 - Have not been able to make contact with a few groups.
 - Need a few changes of officer forms.
- Earl Marshal (Hrogan)
 - Rolling along pretty good
 - Lots of interest in Kids combat from parents, will be featured at Quad War
- Lists (Robert)
 - Thanks to everyone who helped with running the lists yesterday – my first one.
- Rapier Provost (William)
 - New set of rules from Kingdom – hopefully will be available before Coronation.
 - Creating a Marshal Database and new fighter list

Interest from the new groups but there are no marshals there to get them started
Rapier is growing again

- Royal Archer (Deicyn) - NA
- Target Archery Deputy (Malabar)
 - Avacal Royal Rounds up and running
 - Lack of Marshals a concern but working on that
 - 4 tournaments since last report
- Warlord (Ferghail)
 - Not much to report
 - Will be in contact with autocrat re: Inlands/Avacal War
- Arts & Science (Ceis)
 - Bunch of us went to Kingdom A&S
 - Congrats to Inga for highest single entry score.
 - Bardic Deputy stepping down. Few people have expressed interest and there is plenty of time for transition
 - Fundraising for A&S pavilion started
 - Still missing reports from a few branches.
- Bardic (Kataryna – absent, from Ceis)
 - Good classes at A Night in Byzantium
 - Bardic Wars at Winter War was a great time and we hope to continue with that.
 - Excited about 2 THUA's upcoming
 - Huge amount of work happening at the Quad war site
 - Someone is needed to monitor use of the Bardic fire
 - Working on a recording of original Avacal songs
- Exchequer (Dezz – absent, from Roxanne)
 - Looking to step down
 - Having communication problems regarding the NMS
 - His Highness asks Why?
 - Discussed how to help autocrats and seneschals understand how to submit NMS
 - Aldreada will encourage more communication between Kingdom and Avacal.
 - Suggested a packet of forms and a one page info sheet be created.
 - Steinn asks for clarification of the travel fund policy stating a minimum balance of \$300 be maintained. Will investigate and report back later.
- Chronicler (Manyra)
 - We reached 100 subscriptions (thanks to Robert who subscribe at Curia)
 - Everything else is going well.
- Web Minister (Vidar – absent, from Manyra)
 - The website is really well done and updates often.
- Constable (Valgard - absent, Aldreada)
 - See report on file
 - Constable stuff is happening
- Chirurgeon - Vacant
 - His Highness said there was a possible applicant, will look into it further.
- University of Avacal (Ezekiel)
 - Chancellor applications incoming
 - Info on how to set up classes at an event in Rants and Rambling in the AG
 - Classes at smaller events going well.
 - Looking into having Marshalling, Scribal, and Constabling Classes.
 - His Highness suggested Autocrating 101
 - Rapier and A&S classes coming along

Directory will be out soon hopefully for Quad War – Printing deadline June 26th.
Looking towards more quarterly reporting to come in line with other officers.
Website coming along

Old Business

None

New Business

Jaidiradi points out that the money raised by the Herald and Montengarde for the Heraldic Symposium was not used.

Aldreada proposes this money is donated to the travel fund

Moved by Jaidiradi, seconded Tatiana, Passed

Words from Their Highnesses

Good Turn out for Curia

Request Long-term report from greater officers @ Investiture (like a business plan 2 and 5 year)

Help is available from Hrogan, HH Murchad, HH Morrigan and elsewhere.

Motion to Adjourn – Steinn, Seconded Tatiana. Meeting Adjourned: 9:57am

Court Reports

The following awards were given out:

AoA Devorah Wyrmsbane	AoA Kalira the Tadpole
AoA Mainsbridge	AoA Myrrhineh Chey de Roma
AoA Nsharra	King's Favor Thorvald Grimsson
King's Favor Gemma Meena of Cur	Elmo's Keep

5 June 2004 Coronet *In the court of TH Murchad and Morrigan*

Tanist Vik Vikingson	King's Favor Thorvald Grimsson
Tanista Inga the Unfettered	King's Favor Gemma Meena of Cur
Silver Griffin Wernar the Wild	Elmo's Keep
Silver Griffin Tatiana the Outspoken	
Baron Malabar Membro Spaccata	
Baroness Hero the Responsible	
Prince's Favor Beothuk of the Beothuks	

19 June 2004 Dragonslayer *In the court of Murchad and Morrigan*

GG Thorvald Grimsson	GF Ifatahyo al-Jenne (was Iona
Thorwulfsdottir)	GF Dyrfinna the Wanderer

In the court of Skapti and Asa

Laurel Michael Seamus O'Byrne
GdS Raoul Delaroché
GdS Caitlin ingen ui Dalaig
GdS Tchaatz Purnell the Everwandering
JdL Varrus Lupus
JdL Hero the Responsible
AoA Annys Bradwardyn
AoA Cormac MacAenghusa

Hazzah to all recent award recipients.

For the complete Avacal OP please visit: http://members.shaw.ca/rslansky1/avacal_herald/

Any corrections or updates can be sent to Master Mordecai Avacal OP Deputy at rslansky1@shaw.ca