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**From The Gryphon Thrones:**

Greetings unto the populace of Avacal

Summer is upon us and there is naught to do but listen to the steady drone of bees.

Drone of bees?

To arms Warriors of Avacal!! The first annual Avacal/Tir Righ war is on the last weekend of June this year. Tir Righ has eyed our border for too long, even going so far as to make a play for it during Our Investiture. It is time to take the fight to them! There will be plenty of martial arts of all flavours as well as a siege A&S war point. There is also talk of the "Princesses Fund Raiser" on Saturday night which will likely end in hilarity. We encourage all of Avacals famed fighters and spectators to travel deep into the heart of Tir Righ with Us. Avacal, together we Conquer!!!

Recently We had the opportunity to travel to our sister Principality the Summits to witness the choosing of An Tir's next King and Queen. The weather was hot, but that only served to spur the fighters to greater feats of valor! The tournament was difficult and well fought and in the end, the newly minted Viscount Owain and Viscountess Wren from Tir Righ proved victorious. Congratulations!!! HH Einar and I were very well hosted by Prince Berek, Princess Liesel and everyone in the Summits area, many of whom we managed to convince to make the long trek up to Avacal for Quad War this year. Huzzah!

We look forward to seeing you all at Coronet, Silverwolf and Avacal / Tir Righ War this month. As far as We may travel, Our heart remains in Avacal.

Reminder: Please send us your recommendations for worthy gentles in Avacal. Don't let good deeds go unsung!

Einar Prince of Avacal  
Ifatahoyo Princess of Avacal



Picture by Marcus Tullius Calvus

**Royal Progress**

June Coronet  
Silver Wolf  
Avacal/Tir Righ War  
July Coronation  
Quad War  
August Investiture

# COURT REPORT

Updates Coming Soon!

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## Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal!

Did you know that the first Avacal Regional Newsletter appeared July 1988? That means the Avantgarde in its many forms is almost 20 years old! Twenty years of announcing and recording the goings on here in our area - longer if you count the newsletter "Voice in the Wilderness". Personally, I think the chronicler position is one of the most important jobs of the principality. Not just because I was one for four years but because, as I look back at past issues, the information they hold is invaluable, not only as history but as a sign that what ever troubles us, we will get through it as principality because we've worked through it in the past. So I would like to thank all chroniclers down to the local level, past present and future. And thank you to everyone who has written for or has supported the newsletter with subscriptions and kind words. I know my glimpse into the past has inspired me and I hope you all have something to inspire you in this game. And hopefully you'll keep some record of it.

On a similar note - As some of you know, officers in the course of their job deal with all sorts of policies, procedures, forms and handbooks. Some of these are done at the principality level but most come from higher up. Recently, I've seen quite a bit of input from various people with ideas for improvement and I really just want to thank everyone who takes the time to put forth their thoughts. Every effort to make this community work better for the people in it is very much appreciated and I look forward to hearing more of your thoughts. So please feel free to email or call (info listing at the back of the newsletter) or sit down with me at Coronet, Avacal/Tir Righ War, Quad or Investiture. See y'all soon!

Ever in Service—Manyra

## 29th Anniversary: Traditions Barony of Myrgan Wood

October 18th, 2008  
Saskatoon, SK

Honouring old traditions and welcoming new ones. Join us to celebrate the past and future glories of Myrgan Wood! This will be a night for telling tales of old and remembering the legends that have made us great. We will also be investing a new Baron and Baroness and choosing Champions of Sword and Arrow to lead us into the future.

Bring your best story of Myrgan Wood event past; make our illustrious past come alive! Be prepared to feast well and dance into the night.

The schedule is to be determined by the future Baron & Baroness.

Site opens at 10am and closes at 1am.  
(This may change.)

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Costs: Site with feast - \$15  
\*Paid reservations only please.\*  
Site only - \$5  
\$3 non-member surcharge will apply.  
Make cheques payable to:  
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From the South (Hwy 11):  
Once you get into the city turn left onto 8th Street. Follow this until you get to Broadway Ave.; turn right. Turn right again at 11th Street. The hall is 1/2 block down.



## Vinfest X Shire of Vinjar

Vinfest X is coming! The Shire of Vinjar is having its annual celebration of the grape on September 26 to 28, 2008 at Camp Tamarack, south of Grande Prairie, Alberta. Tournaments of rapier, heavy and archery will be held. For those less warlike, an Arts and Sciences competition will also take place and unlike previous years there is a very sought after prize encouraging all artisans of Avacal to compete. One of the Knowne World famous Deicyn Moel's crossbows!!! Let us not forget the traditional grape stomp later in the day. A feast and merriment will complete the day. We encourage the populace to bring their instruments to make the Vinfest just that more enjoyable.

The Autocrats for this year's event are Lillith Eisenbara and Iomlan (Tiffany Bulmer and Jennifer Bouchard) Contact Tiffany at 9301 73rd Ave., Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 6E7 or telephone 780-830-6965. Or Jen at Box 725, Sexsmith, AB, T0H 3C0 or telephone Jen at 780-568-2500.

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When sending your reservations for Vinfest, please include the following



## Grande Prairie AB September 26-28, 2008

information: Mundane & SCA name, Membership number & expiration date, if you would like a bed for one or two nights, if you are wanting feast.

Site fee: \$10 with membership, \$4 NMS; \$5 day fee; \*new\* Family Cap: \$35.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday (\$6 for children under 8)  
Bed fee: \$10 per person per night.  
Limited camping space - \$5 per tent.  
(Smalls under 6 free)

As always, merchants are welcome and have no fees for showing/selling their wares.

Makes cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Vinjar

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

There is no street address, Camp Tamarack Camp Ground.  
Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turn LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow that road until you get to 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, and follow Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road (108 St.). 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 the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

My term as chronicler is coming to an end and should as I am running out of things to say in my missives. One thing I will not tire of repeatedly expressing, however, is my great love for this principality and the people who play here.

Recruiting a replacement has proven difficult so far yet I am firm in my choice not to renew my term and to step down after this next issue so I will take this as one of my last chances to thank everyone who has made this job so easy for me—I am forever in your debt (but please don't all come collecting at once)!!!

My hope is that the Avantgarde will continue to be a viable and well read newsletter which is written about the people of Avacal, by the people of Avacal, for the people of Avacal. If you would like to help with these, please step forward as chronicler at your earliest convenience

alaam Alikum — *al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler*

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## Coronet Tourney Results

Good Gentles I had the honour to serve as list master for the June Coronet Tourney hosted by Cold Keep. Here are the results as recorded during the event. My thanks to the fighters, who were patient with me as I recorded the round robin portion of the tournament and who waited with no complaints as I verified every entry I made.

The List started at 17 competitors and did a round robin with HE Vik challenging all of the entrants. (He won 15 of those) Each fighter got 17 fights before the final 8 were decided and the break between round robin and double elimination tourney was only the amount of time it took me to add up the numbers to determine who was in the top 8.

### *The entrants to the Coronet list Round Robin*

Otto Van Voght	Olen Medvedivich	Marcus Pheilsmid
Robert of Clan Gunn	Raoul Delaroche	Haakon Einarsson
Inga the Unfettered	Oli Einarsson	

*The top 8 moved on to the finals, a double elim tourney. Because there was a 4 way tie for 8th place HH sent all of them to the finals so 9 entered that list. HE Sir Kvigr served as the By fighter. Toryn went clean to the finals.*

### *The finalists in the Double Elimination round*

Sir Wernar Ivarsson (14 wins in round robin) (finals, Silver Griffin)  
Bazz Steinsson (14 wins in round robin)(3rd round)  
Arkill MacMillan (12 wins in round robin)(Semi Finals)  
Aiden (11 wins in round robin)(4th round)  
Toryn Davinsson (10 wins in round robin)(Finals, Tanist)  
Gerhard (9 wins in round robin)(3rd round)  
Fenrik (9 wins in round robin)(2nd Round)  
Kjar (9 wins in round robin)(2nd Round)  
Hrairik (9 wins in round robin)(3rd Round)



Any spelling errors are mine and reflect the fact that I only recorded first names on my list sheet and could not remember everyones full name when I posted this.

—HL Brother Selewine

## As of June 5, AS XLIII the following Award Names for the Principality of Avacal have changed:

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### Gryphon's Flame has become **Golden Flame**

Principality award for Arts and Sciences:

This award is given to individuals who exemplify excellence in the Arts and Sciences of the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has enriched the principality with their skills within the Arts and Sciences community.

### Valorous Warrior has become **Fortitude**

Principality award that recognizes those who excel in the martial arts:

This award is given to individuals who excel in any of the martial arts (heavy, rapier, combat archery, target archery, or thrown weapons). Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has established themselves as exemplary within their discipline.

### Gryphon's Claw has become **White Claw**

Principality award for representing Avacal in an extraordinary fashion:

This award recognizes an individual's ability to represent Avacal in a way that enhances the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) represented the principality in an extraordinary way.

### Gryphon's Voice has become **Silver Lute**

Principality award that recognizes those who excel in the bardic and performing arts:

This award is given to individuals who excel in any of the bardic and performing arts. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has established themselves as exemplary within their discipline.

### Golden Oak has become **Red Oak.**

Principality award for chivalry and courtesy:

This award recognizes individuals whose conduct shows chivalry and courtesy within the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) for their outstanding behavior.

### Gryphon of Avacal has become **Red Gryphon of Avacal**

Principality award for outstanding service in and outside of Avacal:

This award recognizes individuals who do service year after year and who serve Avacal even beyond its borders, bringing the glory of Avacal across the Known World.

### Gryphon's Heart has become **Heart and Gryphon**

Principality award for Persona Development:

This award recognizes individuals who have developed their persona through research and accomplishments so as to personify a more period manner. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has developed their persona in a more period fashion.

## Masquerade Ball Shire of Rhuddglyn

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On our 6th year, join us in a Masquerade Ball. There will be mask making, a scavenger hunt, rapier, heavy fighting, archery, dancing, and other activities during the day.

A bountiful feast will be a highlight of the evening, in addition to the specialized Rhuddglyn dance. Feast tickets will be available by advance reservation only.

A light lunch will be available for a small fee. Merchants are welcome at no charge by reserved space only. No pets on site. No open flames in the hall.

Location: Masonic Hall; 42 Bannon Ave SW; Medicine Hat, AB; T 8J2

Directions: Take easiest route to highway 3. Bannon Ave. is located between the Nissan dealer and a Gas/convenience store across the highway from the Medicine Hat Airport. Watch for signs.

Site opens at 10am and closes at 12 midnight.

Site fees: \$10 for adults; 12 and under free. A \$3 NMS applies.

Feast fees are \$15 for adults; \$8 for 6-12 yrs; under 6 free.

## Medicine Hat, AB Sept 13, 2008

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Feastocrats are Rhiannon of Beaumaris and Stanislav the Gatherer. If there are any dietary concerns regarding the menu please e-mail to: wyvernsvledt@yahoo.ca

Feast reservations accepted up to and including September 1, 2008.

Please make cheques payable to "Medicine Hat Medieval Society." Send to the Autocrats Drahomira and Maulore la Mandeta (Kristyna Buta and Marlowe Fairman); #108 29 7 St. NE Medicine Hat, AS T 5P4. Phone number (403) 528-1605, or email lilredhairdgirl6@yahoo.ca

For more details, visit our website at:  
[www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/](http://www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/)



## Avacal August Investiture Barony of Myrgan Wood

August 15 – 17, 2008  
Saskatoon, SK

Their Highnesses and the Barony of Myrgan Wood invite one and all to the investiture of the Heirs to the Griffon throne! As well as this joyous event, there will also be the Principality Archery and Heavy Championship tournaments!

This event is hosted at Eagle Creek Regional Park. Eagle Creek is located 35km West of Saskatoon on Hwy #14 and 22km North on Hwy #376. A map can be found at this address: (<http://www.saskregionalparks.ca/showPark.php?id=eaglecreek>) Just outside of the town of Asquith, about 45 minutes from Saskatoon.

Site fee is \$17/adults for the weekend. \$3 NMS surcharge will be in addition for all non-members. Children 6-16 site is \$10, children 5 and under are free. There is no day fee for this event. Regular Regional Park parking fees are waived for all SCA attendees. Make cheques payable to "SCA – Myrgan Wood"

Site opens Friday at 12:00pm August 15 and closes Sunday August 17th at 5:00pm.

Fires are permitted on site in the fire pits that are already on site. Firewood will be provided.

Please note this site has a NO GLASS policy, which will be in effect. This rule applies to all containers, including alcohol. Please adhere to this policy.

Contact info for the autocrats:  
Lady Eira Halladottir (mka Terri Morgan)  
Phone -306-261-5089  
Address: 118 Boyd St, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2C7  
E-mail: [terrina.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:terrina.morgan@gmail.com)

Sir Kvigir Ivarsson (mka Jeremy Bell)  
Phone -306-4771155  
Please direct all mail and e-mail communications to Lady Eira.

### August Investiture Pre-registration is now open!

Pre-register and save yourself time at gate by filling out the form posted with the current event copy located on the Avacal website:

[http://www.avacal-sca.org/events/august\\_investiture.htm](http://www.avacal-sca.org/events/august_investiture.htm)

Also be sure you check back to that page as the event copy will get updates with more information as we get closer to the event.

In Service—Eira & Kvigir (autocrats)

## Quad War A&S Competitions

Here is your friendly neighbourhood reminder that Quad War is fast approaching. Please read each competition description for details on entering or judging. You can contact me for either entering or judging a competition at [noinini@telus.net](mailto:noinini@telus.net).

### Competition #1: Siege Cooking Contest

The enemy has besieged your Keep! One day, during the siege, your Steward tells you that the Prince has been smuggled into the keep, and a feast must be held in his honour. As the siege has been in place for some time, you don't have a lot of supplies, but you must provide a meal with at least three dishes.

The siege cooking contest is designed to test your ingenuity with cooking. You will be provided a "black box" of food to prepare your meal, and you are allowed to supply one special ingredient of your own. You must supply the dishes and water for cooking. Points will be given for best presentation (Period place settings are a must), taste, and period dishes. The sky is the limit!

If you are interested in entering, please send me an email with your intent before July 21.

If you are interested in judging, please send me an email letting me know.

### Competition #2: Period Camping Accoutrements

Most peoples in the world camp. It has been done by nomads travelling to find fertile grazing land. It has been used by armies going off on campaigns. It has been used by those escaping oppression. In all cases, specific items were used that were not used in people's everyday lives. Tents, packs, campfires, and all other aspects of camping are items that are not often re-created in the SCA.

You are encouraged to make an item that would have been used for camping in the Middle Ages. Documentation must be included.

If you are interested in entering, please send me an email with your intent and a brief description of your entry, including what it is and where/when it's from. The deadline for entries will be July 1, in order to allow time to find judges.

If you are interested in judging, please send me an email letting me know.

### Competition #3: Period Fakes

A major part of the SCA is the desire to feel that we are stepping out of our modern lives and journeying to the past. We wear different clothing, we use different dishes, we do different activities. One of the things that can detract most from the experience is the sight of obviously modern objects: pop cans, coolers, digital cameras, cell phones, you name it. Some people make up for these things by doing without them completely - they drink water from a stream, they bring only food that doesn't need to be kept cool, they leave the electronic devices at home. Others use the art of illusion - they make something appear to be what it is not.

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to create an item that allows you to keep using modern conveniences, without looking out of place in the medieval world. Be creative - the sky's the limit! Judging will be based on materials used, creativity, and overall appearance.

Those interested in entering will simply need to bring the item with them to Quad War. Times will be posted closer to the event.

If you are interested in judging, please send me an email letting me know.

*Yours in Service—Lady Findabhair na Noinini*



## Principality of Avacal Curia

June 8th, 2008

9:00am

Avacal June Coronet, Shire of Cold Lake  
(Prince George, BC)

Recorded by Eira (typed by Manyra – all mistakes are mine)  
Attending – His Highness Einar, His Excellency Toryn, Her Excellency Natal'ia, Manyra, HE Inga, Dezz, Dante, Robert, Eira, Selwyn, HE Wilma, HE Raoul.

### Approval of Previous Minutes:

From February Investiture - As published in the Avantgarde March 2008. Approved

### Old Business

Reporting (Manyra) – Improvement on reporting but needs more emphasis.  
Newsletter format (Manyra) – Advertising policy is being drawn up. Suggest any changes be discussed with the current & new chronicler rather than at curia. Need new Chronicler!  
Calendar Policy (Manyra)– rewritten and under review. Clarification on what defines an “event”. Principality event rotation adjusted to reflect changes in branches.  
Open officer positions (Manyra) – Herald, Chronicler, SK THUA Chancellor, Webminister, New Branch Deputy, Earl Marshal, Warrents. DEPUTIES!!  
New officers (Manyra) –Equestrian – Robert of Clan Gunn, Rapier – Don Iain  
Award Names (Annys) – mostly done. A few need tweaking.  
Heraldic Library (Annys) – New books! Should be a process that requires a deposit for loans. Wilma will catalogue the books and get some book plates.  
Audit & Assets (Dezz) – need to pick a company to do the audit (will be chosen at AMRA meeting. Needs to have a complete list of everything Avacal owns. Ask people to put together lists of what they have in their possession. Inga asked if we have a chamberlain office? Need to sign out regalia. Will look into if it falls under seneschal or exchequer.

### New Business

Approval to Purchase Archery Medallions (Manyra for – Motion to allow medallions to be purchased as needed. Passed.  
Membership Numbers – (Manyra) 394 (Alberta & BC) plus about 40 in BC. Memberships up.  
Media Policy (HE Natal'ia) – Clarificaiton on Society Media policy. We don't seek out media intentionally. Maybe have a designated media person for each branch to deal with if they do show up. Seneschal or chatelaine or deputy.

Curia Adjourned. (AMRA AGM to begin immediately).

### AMRA AGM

Motion by Keri-Anne (Manyra) for special resolution. That this AGM be allow to proceed in BC. Seconded by Michelle (Inga). Passed.  
Motion by Keri-Anne for By Law amendment – that the requirement by the bylaws for AMRA meeting locations to be held in Alberta be removed from the bylaws. Dis-

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## Quad War!! Barony of Montengarde

July 31—Aug 4, 2008  
Marsden, SK

Quad War - What a way to play!!  
Gather in the heart of Avacal when the war drums sound the call to arms!  
Join the forces of the Coronet and their Heirs as they meet as dreaded foes and dear friends in battle!

There will be activities for everyone - War and Castle scenarios for Armoured and Rapier, Tournaments for all martial activities, Target Archery, Populace shoot, Children's activities, Bardic delights, Classes for all, Siege Cooking, Arts and Sciences competitions, Merchants and more!

Come and enjoy Avacal's famous hospitality!

Event opens six p.m. Thursday July 31st (noon for merchants) and closes at noon on Monday August 4th

Hosted by the Barony of Montengarde and the Principality of Avacal.

Event Steward -  
[Viscountess Morrigan](#) (Jude Harrison)  
#18, 643 4th Avenue NE,  
Calgary Alberta T2E 0J9  
403.275.0338

Site Fee: Site Fee: \$25.00 per person 18 and over (add \$3.00 NMS). 17 and under FREE. Cheques payable to MSCA. Please bring your own drinking water - the local water is not potable.

There is no street address for this lovely private site near Marsden, SK. Maps and detailed directions can be found at the website.

Are you interested in reserving a campspot for yourself or your household? Call [Gail and Stu Hiar](#) at 780 639 6632

Driving Directions: From the North, South West and Southwest - make your best route to Wainwright AB. Go East on Hwy 14 (become Hwy 40 at the Saskatchewan border). Drive 8 Km past and turn North (left) on Artland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the West (left).

From the East and Southeast - make your best route to Saskatoon SK. Take Hwy 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on Hwy 40. It will turn west (right) midway through town. 5 km west of (past) Marsden, turn North (right) on Artland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the west.

Please be aware that Quad War is scheduled opposite the [Big Valley Jamboree](#) being near at Camrose. When planning your trip to Quad War, please plan ahead for delays and road closures due to this very popular music event. Thank you!

Full event details can be found at <http://quadwar.avacal-sca.org/>

### **Quad War 2008 Pre Registration lists**

*will be open till noon Wednesday July 30. The email address is below. Format it as needed to make it work.*

*pre-reg-quadwar08 at shaw dot ca*

*Please include*

*Mundane Name*

*SCA name*

*Branch*

*Membership number/Expiration date*

*Type of Membership (White/Blue)*

*Adult or youth.*

*Please remember that in Saskatchewan adult is 19. If you have someone under 19 you wish to register I will send you links to the appropriate forms so that you can fill them in ahead of time.*

*Thanks—Brother Selewine*

Avacal's 1<sup>st</sup> Equestrian THUA

July 27, 2008

On Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon at the Alix Agricultural Society Grounds (Eastern End of Bitter End) Avacal will be having their First Equestrian THUA. An afternoon of fun and learning and getting to know about and how to do Equestrian activities within the SCA.

Site: Alix Agricultural Society Grounds (there is no street address). It is located at the North East Quarter of 35-39-23 West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian.

The event will be run by me, Robert of Clan Gunn, with primary aid provided by Tessa and Kiera of the Shadows, and secondary help from many other volunteers. The cost of the event is \$10 per person.

Contact: Robert of Clan Gun  
Phone: (780) 628 – 2356  
E-mail: [rms210@mail.usask.ca](mailto:rms210@mail.usask.ca)

The event will run from noon until 5pm MST. There will be 4 classes taught that day:

*Ground Crew 101*: How to help, what the primary games are and how to safely be around big scary animals (We mean horses not heavy fighters)

*Basic Tact and Barding*: How to make you western saddle look period without cutting off the horn.

*Authorization for General Riding*: How to get yourself authorized to ride.

*Authorization for Mounted Gaming*: How to authorize for Mounted Gaming, the next step beyond General Riding.

We will also be doing demonstrations of Mounted Archery and Mounted Crest Combat to show off a few of the other things that can be done on a horse. At the end of the day there will be a Challenge Course Competition going over our new skills at ground crew and riding.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Riders wishing to participate in this event **must** have recent (within last year) equestrian experience and must be competent, safe and demonstrate a sufficient level of control of the horse.

If you intend to bring horses please phone me by Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, so that all arrangements can be made. Horses must have proof of 4 way vaccination and deworming. **No stallions.**

If you are planning on authorizing or renewing anything (ground crew, rider, etc) please email me with the following information:

You name – Both SCA and Mundane

Address and Phone number.

This will save me a lot of time and energy on the day of the event and so that I can have most of your card filled out prior to your arrival.

If you wish to ride and do not have a horse, please contact me by Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>, so arrangements can be made the best of our ability.



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cussion – Usually held at Principality events which are not always in AB. not sure if it contradicts Society Act. Can make it work on a case by case basis. Not passed.

Appointment of Directors; Standing for re-election: Keri-Anne Lawton (Manyra), AJ Whelan (Kalira), Dezzrienne Windecker-Klassen (Dezz), Dave Smith (Murchad). New Nominees Tracey Walker (Roxanne), Alan Baldwin (Dante). Motion by Keri-Anne to accept nominees as they are listed. Seconded by Dezz. Passed.

Approval of Financial Statements – not done yet. Not enough time. Will be emailed out when complete. Need approval of Audit Company. Motion by Dezz to approve use of *Twig & Company* for audit. Seconded by Keri-Anne. Passed.

CRA – told account we don't file with CRA. Auditor will be looking into it. Suggested that our by laws state mandatory. Keri-Anne states board will be looking at all the bylaws before next meeting.

Proposed next AMRA GM at November Coronet.

Meeting adjourned.



July Coronation hosted by the Barony of Wastekeep  
(Kennewick, WA )  
<http://www.wastekeep.org/events/coronation2008.php>

## 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 any of these positions please contact the incumbent or your local officer. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, **please submit a letter of intent along with a copy of your resume containing both SCA and mundane experience to Prince, Princess, Heirs and Principality Seneschal and the current officer.** Contact information is listed at the back of the Avantgarde.

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

**Web Minister (June 30/08 Extended!):** You will be responsible for maintaining Avacal online presence in accordance to copyright laws and SCA Electronic Policy. Duties include handling all correspondence related to Web matters and timely updates to the Web site. The web minister will be a deputy of and report to the Principality Chronicler.

**Principality Herald (June 30/08):** The position of Avacal Principality Herald is open, and for any interested in applying for the position to send their resumes to the current Prince and Princess, the upcoming Tanist and Tanista and copy the Principality Seneschal. Principality Heralds are responsible for coordinating court, voice and book heraldry within their principalities.

**Chronicler (June 30/08):** 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.

**Regional Chancellor THUA (Saskatchewan Region) (June 30/08 Extended):** Their Highnesses' University of Avacal (THUA) is looking for one more enthusiastic and motivated individual to help implement the newly revised tenets of the university. If you want to promote the development of medieval and renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal be it A&S or combat related, this is the job for you! Currently on the plate of THUA is stream lining the student and teacher recordkeeping process so anyone in Avacal can run a THUA at their local event. If you want to be a part of this solution, please apply!

Specific responsibilities include the following: -Serves as the primary contact for THUA activities in their region (helps find teachers, trains those running THUA event on recordkeeping, ensures recordkeeping done correctly etc...) -Maintains student and instructor records for their region -Aids in the reporting of THUA financial records to the regent -Actively encourages the creation of new classes and promotes all THUA activities in their region -When needed, stands in for the Lord/Lady Regent at Curia meetings and for bestowing THUA credentials -Helps at Quad War and Grande Sessions of the University (registration, set up/tear down etc...)

This position requires good communication skills, computer skills and someone who is organized.

**New & Incipient Branch Deputy (June 30/08 Extended):** The Incipient Branch Deputy is responsible for the formation and development of new branches in An Tir. The Incipient Branch Deputy acts as a resource for people wishing to form new branches, aids the Kingdom Seneschal in ensuring that proposed branches meet the requirements and monitors the progress of incipient branches in order to assist them in gaining official status.

**Warrant and Reporting Deputy (June 30/08 Extended):** The Warrant and Reporting Deputy reports directly to the Avacal seneschal and is apart of the seneschallate team. This position was created to assist the principality officers with maintaining Avacal warranting rosters. The responsibilities include: updating the branch and principality roster when a change of officer form is submitted; communicating with principality officers and principality seneschal to maintain the most up-to-date roster of branch and principality officer positions; creating the formal warranting roster which is reviewed by Avacal Royalty at both the spring and fall investiture; forwarding the author-

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## Dragonslayer The Barony of Montengarde

July 11 to 13, 2008  
Calgary, AB

Come and join us as we choose our new Heavy and Archery Champions! There will be activities for all, including an A&S Contest, Rapier tournament, and Bardic competition around the fire pit. The Hidden Treasures tournament, An Tir's largest archery competition, will once again be run by HL Dalton Arundel, on the 24-target Roving Range.

The site is the Calgary Archers Club, on Highway 8 just south west of the city. There is no street address, but maps are available on the website, [hiddentreasures.akesons.com](http://hiddentreasures.akesons.com).

The site opens at 5 pm Friday, and closes at 2 pm Sunday. The site does not have drinkable water, so you must bring your own.

Directions: Best route to Deerfoot Trail (Hwy #2) in Calgary, southbound. Take Deerfoot to Glenmore Trail westbound. Follow until the southbound turnoff for Hwy #8, at Sarcee Trail. Follow Highway 8 over the Elbow River Bridge, the site is the second driveway on the right.



Site Fee: Adults and Youth, \$10. Children under 12, Free. NMS fee is \$3.

Cheques and money orders are payable to 'Mountain Society for Creative Anachronism'.

Feast: Once again Brian Struthers and the staff of the Archery Club will be providing a feast for us, at the cost of \$15 per person, payable in advance to either the autocrats or Brian at the Calgary Archery Center. Contact the Event Stewards to reserve.

The site is close to a major shopping center with many amenities, and there is camping available on site and in the adjoining campground. Contact us if you have an oversized tent or encampment, so that provision can be made for you.

Contact the Event Stewards for further information:

Gareth Stringbreaker (Gareth Wood), 301C – 5735 Dalgetty Drive NW, Calgary AB, T3A 2L4, (403) 697-5518, email [gareththing@gmail.com](mailto:gareththing@gmail.com).

Dalton Arundel (Jim Martin), #18, 643 4th Avenue NE, Calgary AB, T2E 0J9, (403)275-0338, email [ice.tiger@shaw.ca](mailto:ice.tiger@shaw.ca).

## Silverwolf Barony of Borealis

June 21-22, 2008  
Thorsby, AB

Their Excellencies Vik and Inga invite you to join Borealis as we compete in feats Martial and Artistic to determine our Baronial champions.

Event cost is \$20.00, \$10 Site fee; NMS is \$3. Make cheques payable to ASCA Barony of Borealis. For more information and to make reservations contact Fenrik fenrick@lostvikings.com

Site: Thorsby Community Centre  
4813 49 street  
Thorsby, Alberta  
T0C 2P0

### Directions:

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

## Avacal/Tir Righ War June 27-29, 2008

Shire of Ramsgarde  
(Kamloops and area, B.C.)

Autocrat: Her Highness Adwen Wrenn Limited Date \* PLEASE NOTE THE ADULT SITE FEE IS \$18 EVEN THOUGH THE FORM SAYS \$15\*

In the northern principalities of An Tir War has been declared! Avacal and Tir Righ will meet upon the field of battle and bring great wordfame the Their lands!

Siege challenges for Arts & Sciences points ~University classes~ Youth challenges and activities ~Rapier scenarios~ Tournament ~ Party ~Join us near beautiful Wells Gray Provincial Park in Clearwater BC, just over 7 hours from Edmonton, less than 6 from Vancouver: the middle ground!

Merchants are welcome. Site rules and details will be up shortly

Site fee: Adults \$18 (plus NMS \$3.00) Youth (13-18 yrs.) \$10 Children 12 and under free. Pre Register! First 25 adults to pre register get a FREE T SHIRT! [http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/29\\_ATWar08.pdf](http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/29_ATWar08.pdf)  
Site Info:  
Name: Trophy Mountain Buffalo Ranch  
Clearwater Valley Road (NSA) Box 1768 RR#1  
Clearwater, BC V0E 1N0

### Directions to Site:

Make your best way to Clearwater BC. When you reach Clearwater, turn at the Clearwater Tourist Information Centre onto Clearwater Valley Road. Follow this road for 20 kilometers and you will find us on the left hand side of the road. The ranch is half way between the town of Clearwater and the Wells Gray Park entrance.

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ized warrants to the designated kingdom officers. Qualifications for this position include: knowledge of the principality officer positions including their reporting branch positions; knowledge of the warranting process and procedures; dealing tactfully when communicating with Royalty and other positions of authority (i.e.: kingdom officers); ability to communicate effectively via email; moderate skill level in Excel worksheets. Requirements for this position include: access to a computer with Excel, internet, email and a printer. Time commitment for this position: approximately 30 hours per six months to create and maintain the warranting roster. Typically 15 of the 30 hours will be one month prior to Investiture.

## Avacal Goes to War! Help Needed!!

On June 27 - 29th Avacal will accept the challenge from Tir Righ and meet them on the field of battle.

As with all military engagements, there are many logistics that need to be taken care of to ensure success. This was a joint venture between our two Principalities. Let's do our part to make this event be a great success.

I have talked to HRH Adwen Wren (whom is the event steward) to find out how we can help make this a success. Any help that can be offered to sit at gate, marshal, herald, set-up, clean-up, etc. etc. that we can offer would be amazing.

I know we are a great Principality with a great tradition for doing what needs to be done and getting the job done right. Let's step up and do our fair share of the work. I am hoping to get a better idea of what we can help with in the near future.

See you on the war field—William Unger

To expand upon Don Williams note about service, for every hour you volunteer, that time gets added to the Principality tab for the service war point. Not that anyone needs a reason to help, but it does add a bit of incentive for reporting it.

We do look forward to seeing you at Avacal / Tir Righ War. It's gonna be a blast!!!

HH Ifatahyo, Princess Avacal

Thank you Your Highness! Also- there will be several volunteer reward draws throughout the weekend :) Looking forward to seeing you soon! ~Wren, (Autocrat Chair for the War)

### short list of stuff needing to be done...

**Set up crew:** Highway signage; mark out roads, paths, camps; clear war field of debris; lay out parking lot; ensure water is available on site (hose etc)

**Stone Soup:** We need someone who likes to visit and stay up late to welcome our travel tired friends and offer them some soup, as well as to keep the pot full of yummy things.

**Gate Crew:** Greet everyone as they arrive and sign them in; check them off on the pre reg sheet and complete any undone paper work; T-shirts?; control who comes into the event (other campers etc) arrange guided tours several times a day

**Tour Guides:** Depending on demand we'd like to have several guided tours over the weekend for folks staying at the ranch.

**Garbage Collection:** There is a black bear near site so we need to be aware of our trash. Saturday afternoon (about 2 pm) We'll need someone with a truck to do a trash run (the dump is just up the road)

**Archery:** Marshals and set up crew for target archery

**Combat Archery:** Marshals will be needed

**Rapier:** Marshals will be needed; water bearers

**Heavy Push Battle:** Someone to build a relict- it should be fairly easy for two people wearing gauntlets to pick up and be safe to have on a war field; marshals; water bearers

**Chirurgeon:** We will need several chirurgeons for the weekend

**Arts & Sciences:** We still are looking for teachers; we'll need judges for the siege challenges; people to had out and collect the challenge bundles

**Volunteer Coordinators:** We need several folks to head up the volunteer sign up, give out the draw tickets etc.;

**T Shirt Sellers:** Just what it sounds like – we'll need someone to head this effort up.

**Clean Up Crew:** Just what it sounds like :)

## Call for Largesse!!

Their Highnesses, Einar Vikingsson and Ifatahyo al-Jenne, would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of largesse from the people of Avacal to show its generosity and bounty. The reputed skill of Avacal's artisans is spreading and gifts from the hands of the Coronets Avacal are becoming more eagerly anticipated.

Examples of items that are sought for largesse:

- \*Wool trim (Tablet or inkle woven bands)
- \*Skeins of hand spun wool
- \*Felt items or any other type of textiles
- \*Metal work/small hand forged items - such as eating ware, small hooks, strike a lites, arrow heads, ring pins, etc.
- \*small metal or wooden boxes that look hand-made in period styles
- \*hand carved wooden, bone or antler items - such as household items, toys, sewing implements, etc.
- \*napkins or other table linens made from natural fibers
- \*handmade lampwork beads
- \*period toys, games, children's activities
- \*large bags and pouches made from natural materials
- \*tassels and other ornaments (that can be used to decorate largess please use natural-looking yarns or thread)
- \*pottery

Make sure to attach a tag to your donated item with your SCA name and branch - - Their Highnesses want to make sure that people are properly thanked for their contributions, and it is important that the items be labeled when they are gifted during the reign to demonstrate the talent and generosity of the people of Avacal.

Please avoid items such as:

- \*potpourri, candles, or other scented items
- \*cordials, homemade wine or other food products (largess that is consumable really should be commercially produced and packaged - please ask regarding special circumstances)
- \*anything especially fragile, very large or heavy, or that requires special handling
- \*used items

Thank you for your consideration. Their Highnesses appreciate the time, effort and creativity that goes into making largess and will be extremely proud to gift your donated items during Their reign.

Please contact me if you would like to make a largess donation and we will make arrangements for the delivery of your thoughtful gift of largesse.

*Slan—Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail, Avacal Largess wrangler f  
or Their Highnesses Einar and Ifatahyo, vfooster @ xplornet.com or 780-354-3803  
(no calls after 10:30 p.m.)*

### A rule change for all our armoured fighters to take note of:

In consultation with His Majesty, I would like to announce that we are (re)instating a rule for the duration of His Reign.

All knee-lines must be marked in some fashion. If you wear your armour visible, that is fine, but if you wear pants over your leg armour, you must put some sort of marking designating where a legal blow is and where a legal blow is not.

The manner of that marking is left to you. It doesn't have to be flaming orange tape you can see from space, but it needs to be obvious to your opponent from a few feet away.

We would also like to hear comments and discussions on if we should adopt this as a formal rule in the future after His Majesty steps down.

For today, it is the Kings word. For tomorrow shall we put it in the ABC's?

In Service—Sir Daniel, KEM An Tir

## AVACAL CALENDAR

June		
7	June Coronet *	Cold Keep
21	Silverwolf Champions Tournament *	Borealis
28	Avacal-Tir Righ War *	Ramsgarde
July		
12	Dragonslayer	Montengarde
27	Horse THUA	Bitter End
31-Aug 4	Quad War *	Montengarde
August		
16	August Investiture *	Myrgan Wood

**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 Seneschal or Kalends officer. *Bold = event information has been submitted.* \* - Royalty Attending your the Avacal webpage, under Officers/Seneschal/Forms.

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

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

- Date of event (day and month and year)
- Time of event (when site opens and closes)
- Name of sponsoring group
- Location (name, street address, and town) of the site. The postal code should also be included if available. If there is no street address, this must be noted in the copy.
- Name (society and modern) and mail address of the autocrat; email address or phone number are discretionary but are very helpful. (I find it useful to include the feastocrat as well)
- If there is a fee for the event, the statement "make cheques payable to <Group>" must be included.
- Official SCA Event Title
- Modern Location (town/city)

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

Principality Events require a Principality Event Info form as well as an EIF form and Event copy. These forms are due to the Calendar Officer a minimum of 6 months prior to the event.