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AS XXXIX March 2005

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Their Highnesses Gunther and Eyoddi

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issue:

- Words from the New Prince and Princess of Avacal plus Their Royal Progress
- A&S Champion Guidelines and Rules
- Rapier info for Melees and Tourneys!
- Coronet Rules
- Sewing tips
- And Much More.....



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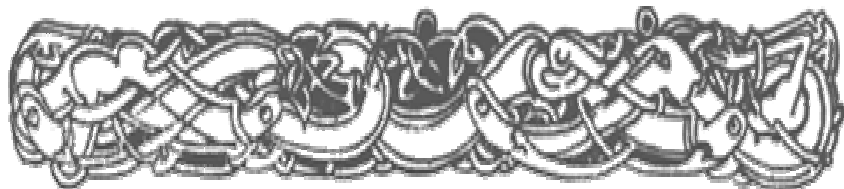
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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Unto the populace of fair Avacal, in this blessed time of the promise of spring, do We, Gunther Rorikson and Eyoddi Lokadottir, Prince and Princess of Avacal, send heartfelt greetings.

The winds are growing warmer and bitter Winter is slowly losing its grip on Our lands. Yet it is in this time that We mourn the passing of Our noble forebears, Sir Vik Vikingsson V and Inga the Unfettered II. Gracefully and justly, They ruled this land, and left Us with blessedly full coffers and storehouses. We wish to thank all those who gathered with Us in Montengarde to celebrate Their reign and grieve in the wake of Their loss. The abundance of delectable food and rousing music helped to ease Our sadness.

Humble thanks as well to the hosts of this very fine event and to all those who gave such generous and beautifully crafted tribute for Our Investiture.

We wish to welcome our new Champion of Rapier, Don William Bennet, and thank Our returning Champion of Arts and Sciences, HL Sadb ingen Thuathail. We would also like to welcome the Princess' Guard: HE Don Raoul Delaroché, HE Roxanne Delaroché, L Robert of Clan Gunn, André di Sufferin, and Illyanth of the Woods. We have no doubt that they will all do Us great honor during the coming Spring and Summer months.

These coming months, while promising great bounty in art and in sustenance, do not bode well for Peace. There are stirs of unrest all over the land, and threats of invasion on Our borders. So, beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears, for WAR is in the air....

Gunther Rorikson
 Eyoddi Lokadottir

Royal Progress

March 12 – Winter War, Borealis (Edmonton, AB)
 April 2 – Feast of the Roses, Sigelhundas (Regina, SK)
 April 23 – Spring Champions, Myrgan Wood (Saskatoon, SK)
 June 4 – Avacal Coronet, TBA
 June 18 – Dragonslayer, Montengarde (Calgary, AB)
 July 2 – Quad War, Quad War Site (Marsden, SK)
 July 16 – Coronation, Vulkanfeldt (Yakima, WA)
 July 30 – Avacal / Inlands War, Wealdsmere (Spokane, WA)
 August 13 – Avacal Investiture, TBA

June Coronet Tourney Rules

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

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

All entrants will be required to have the following weapons authorizations checked off on their yellow authorization card: sword & shield, axe & shield, mace & shield, two weapons, two-handed sword, great weapon / pole axe, and thrusting. (Note that spear and fibreglass spear are the only heavy combat authorizations not required)

The Coronet Tournament shall consist of two phases. Phase one will be a modified round robin format where each combatant will fight in seven matched-weapon fights (e.g.: axe and round shield vs. axe and round shield) against seven different randomly selected opponents. The combatants will fight in each of the style pairings as follows:

- A one-handed sword with no thrusting tip or butt spike and a centre-punch tear drop shield
- A one-handed axe with no thrusting tip or butt spike and a centre punch round shield
- A one-handed mace with thrusting tip (must be two inch) and no butt spike and a heater shield
- Two one-handed swords with thrusting tips (can be stealth tips) on each and no butt spikes
- A five-foot long two-handed sword with no thrusting tip or butt spike
- A six-foot long pole-axe with thrusting tip and butt spike (both must be two inch)

• A seven-and-one-half-foot long glaive or boar spear with thrusting tip (must be two inch) and no butt spike, and a belt or boot dagger of no more than eighteen inches with thrusting tip (can be stealth tip)

The combatants may use weapons of their own construction as long as they follow these, SCA and An Tir Weapon construction standards. If an individual combatant does not wish to or cannot supply their own weapons

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Moorish Tavern

XV

August 4th - 7th
Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau ND 58138

Site Fees:
Adult (12 and over) :\$10.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
Under 6 Free
*** NMS Applies, Pre-reg for a discount***

Feast Fees:
Arrival Stew (Thursday): Free will offering with all funds going to the Northshield Travel fund.
Friday Lunch: \$3.00
Feast(Saturday): \$10.00

Come enjoy four days in the beautiful Shire of Midewinde at Moorish Tavern XV. This year we will be polishing up our skills in preparation for the march to the battle fields of Pennsic.

Festivities this year include archery, thrown weapons, regional melee practice on Friday with combat related classes, melees on Saturday and much more.

Dorms are available if you don't want to camp outside (please reserve a bed ahead of time) and site has indoor plumbing.

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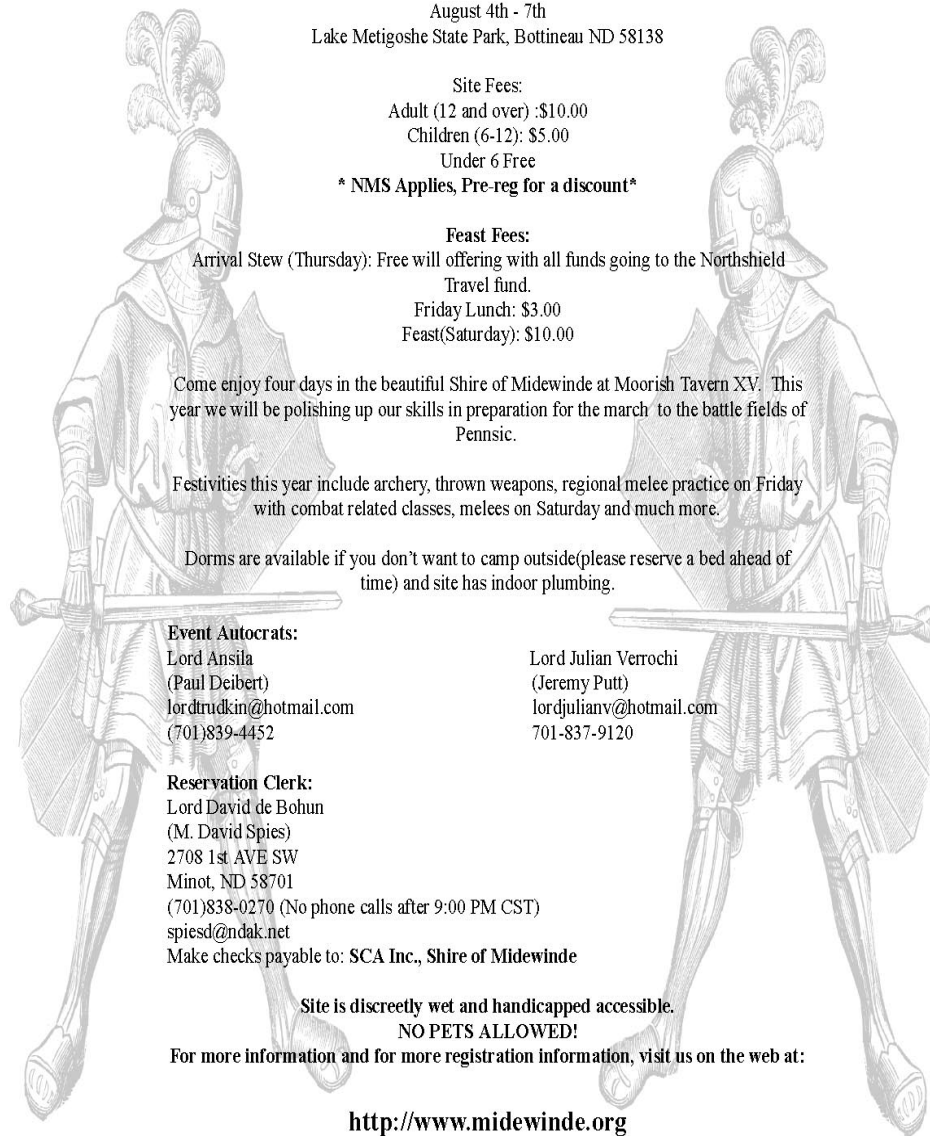
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Site is discreetly wet and handicapped accessible.
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For more information and for more registration information, visit us on the web at:

<http://www.midewinde.org>



**May Days XL: Loose the hounds of war.
May 27, 05' to May 29, 05'**

**Shire of Windwyrm
Lethbridge, AB.**

Come one, come all, to Windwyrm's annual May Days festivities. Come and enjoy our hospitality while shaking the dust off your armour and Weapons.

Hone your skills with our melee challenge. Try your hand at archery or watch as Windwyrm's champion is chosen. Come and enjoy the May Pole dance and the choosing of the May Queen and her Green Man. Try your deft touch at sheep thievery or a game of soccer like you have never experienced it before.

When night falls, you can warm up in the "Chipped Mug Tavern," and enjoy the bardic competition. If the mood takes you feel free to join in yourselves and raise your voice in song and story with the populace of Windwyrm.

Lords and ladies come and enjoy this time with plenty of camping space for all.

Autocrat: Tarquinius Silvanus (MKA Anton Biegler)
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Site info: This event will take place at Fish and Game Park in Fort Macleod, Alberta (There is no street address). Full amenities available five minutes away from the site. Bring your own drinking water. Alcohol is permitted in period

containers; Tavern is B.Y.O.B. Smoking in designated area only and pets must be leashed.

Site opens Noon Friday May 27 and closes at 1:00pm Sunday May 29.

The site Fee is \$10.00 for adults (card required) plus \$4.00 non-member surcharge if applicable, \$1.00 for Youth (6 – 16), and children five and under is free. One-day fee is \$6.00 for adults and youth is \$1.00, plus NMS if applicable. Please make cheques payable to W.S.C.A.

Directions:

From Lethbridge: go west on highway 3(Crowsnest Trail) stay on highway 3 through Fort Macleod. At the west edge of town, just past the Fort museum, stay in the right hand lane and turn right on to Lyndon Road Sign, opposite the shell station. Stay on the paved road down the hill. Go past the Daisy May Campground and look for signs.

From Calgary: highway 2 south and then east on highway 3 into Fort Macleod. Turn onto Lyndon Road, opposite the shell station. Stay on the paved road down the hill. Go past the Daisy May Campground and look for signs

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for the Coronet Tournament, they may use The Prince's Weapons, which shall be available for use at that time.

Phase Two of the Coronet Tournament will be seeded with the top finishers from the first phase. The number seeded will be determined on the day of Coronet by the Prince once the number of entrants is counted and will be announced prior to the beginning of Phase One. The second phase combatants will compete in a double-elimination tournament using weapon styles of their own choosing. The final two combatants will compete in a best-two-out-of-three final round, with their weapons styles of choice to determine who will be the next Prince and Princess of Avacal.

Note from Prince Gunther:

Greetings, Fighters of Avacal,

This Coronet Tournament is designed to promote diversity and well-rounded combatants within Avacal heavy combat. It is not expected that any individual will be expert in all of the required weapon styles. In fact, all that is required is basic authorization in each of the styles. Once you have been authorized in one weapon style, it is quite simple to transfer your knowledge to other styles.

In order to become authorized in these diverse styles, I suggest that you speak to fighters in your area that have fought in these styles. Borrow weapons if need be, and get a little bit of practice time. I fought in a tournament with two swords after only three practices with them. Becoming authorized is not difficult, so please do not be put off by the small amount of extra preparation it will require.

Once you have practiced with the weapon style and are confident that you are not a danger to yourself or others, seek out an Authorized Heavy Marshal and get them to complete your authorization form. To find help in your area, try contacting your local Master of Stables or Seneschal. Listings of officers are available in the Avantgarde and on the Avacal Website (www.avacal.antir.sca.org).

For the experienced fighters, Masters of Stables and Marshals of Avacal, I ask that you do all in your power during the next three months to ensure that any who wish to compete in Coronet have plenty of opportunity to become authorized. For My part, at any event or practice I am at in the next three months, I would be happy to provide advice on combat use or construction of any weapon style. Thank you, and have fun!

In Service to Avacal,
Gunther, Prince of Avacal

COURT REPORT

The following awards were given out:

9 Oct 2004 Myrgan Wood Anniversary
Thorin and Dagmaer (in addition to those already announced in the AG in Nov)

JdL Zenovia Kallipygia (New)
JdL Jack Silver (New)
JdL Sadb ingen Thuathail (New)
GdS Kintair of Hawkehaven (New)

13 Nov 2004 Skull and Crossbones Tavern Vik and Inga

AoA Isabetta Admiar
AoA Morgan ap Hugh
AoA Catherine Belle Forget de Lourdes

20 Nov 2004 Theme Feast/
Bop & Die
Vik and Inga
AoA Lillth the Lost
AoA Kenneth MacDonald

27 Nov 2004 Coronet
Vik and Inga

Tanist Gunther Rorikson
Tanista Eyoddi Lokadottir
Silver Griffin Steinn
Vikingsson
Silver Griffin Gemma
Meena of Cur Elmo's Keep
AoA Vladaslav (Montengarde)
AoA Yamadi Blackeye (Borealis)

4 Dec 2004 Yule Feast
Vik and Inga
AoA Amber (Borealis)
8 Jan 2005 Kingdom 12th Night
Thorin and Dagmaer
JdL Sadb ingen Thuathail
FMeN Vik Vikingson
FMeN Inga the Unfettered

15 Jan 2005 Montengarde
12th Night
Vik and Inga
AoA Castra D'Or (King's Land Avacal)

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

An Tir May Crown Tournament May 20-22, 2005

Shire of Corvaria
Prineville, Oregon

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

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

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Merchant Co-Ordinator: Damon the Grim (Daniel Carter)
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Site Fee: \$12 U.S. for Adults (+ \$3 Non-Member Surcharge)
\$ 6 U.S. for Smalls, 8-18 years (under 8 years free)
\$36 U.S. Immediate

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

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

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

Spring Faire April 30, 2005

Shire of Borealis Edmonton, AB

The Shire of Borealis invites all gentles to join them in celebration of spring. The day's events will include the shire's Rapier and Arts and Sciences Championships, a heavy prize tourney, dancing, musical entertainment, and a fabulous feast. The event will also include THUA classes focused on heavy combat, bardic arts, research and documentation, and topics relating to early SCA period.

Autocrat: Lady Ceis of Ravensrife (mka Bridget Stirling), 3912-57th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6L 1B6, (780) 486-4418, bridgets@telus.net

Site Info: The event will be held at the Blue Quill Community Hall, 11304-25 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta. The site opens at 9:30 AM and closes at 12:00 AM. Feast begins at 5:30 PM.

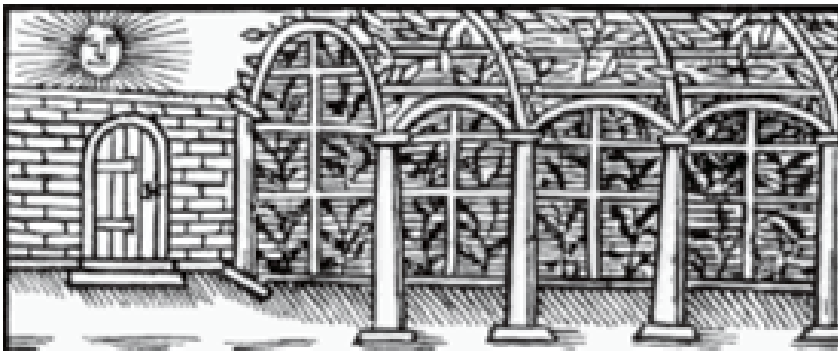
Fees: Feast: \$18.00 with **Shire of** membership, \$22.00 for non-members (includes non-member surcharge), \$12.00 for children 12 and under.

Site only: \$8.

Make cheques payable to ASCA Canton of Aquilon. Please note that pre-registration and pre-payment are required for this event and must be received by April 15, 2005.

Directions: Take your best route to Whitemud Drive. From Whitemud Drive, go south on 111 Street. At 23 Avenue, turn right (south) onto 23 Avenue. At Saddleback Road (the next set of lights) turn right. At 25 Avenue (the first corner) turn right again. The hall is on the left just past the school.

More information will be available online or by contacting the autocrat.



From the Calendar Officer:

Attention Avacal!

Bids are desperately needed for Principality Events for the next year:

- June Coronet 2005
- August Investiture 2005
- November Coronet 2005
- February Investiture 2006
- June Coronet 2006

*Please note: June Coronet 2005 bids should be in as soon as possible as a decision will be made in mid-March in order to allow as much time as possible for the hosting group to work on the event.

If there are no satisfactory bids, Their Highnesses may have to draw names out of a hat to decide which branch will host each of these events :)

Get together with your group and decide to host one of these great events, write up a plan and submit it to Principality Calendar. Those who were at Investiture in Montengarde this weekend past can attest to what a great time was had by all!

When submitting a bid, the following information is required:

- Name of event being bid on\
- Name of Sponsoring Branch
- Seneschal of Sponsoring Branch (SCA and legal names)
- Contact information for Seneschal
- Name of hosting group (if not Sponsoring Branch)
- Seneschal of Hosting Group (SCA and legal names)
- Contact information for Seneschal

- Autocrat (SCA and legal names) - note *only one name please*
- Contact information for Autocrat
- Site information including:
 - location
 - address
 - size,
 - shared or exclusive use
 - # campsites
 - # cabins / beds
 - # lavatories - permanent and rental
 - # showers - if any
 - kitchen or other cooking facilities
 - any other similar information
- Number of people the site can accommodate
- Events / tourneys planned
- Name of Constable in Charge (SCA and legal names)
- Security Plan
- Name of Chirurgeon (SCA and legal names)
- Communication / Emergency Plan, including:
 - communication on site
 - # phones on site
 - location of nearest police station / ambulance/ hospital or clinic
- Budget showing anticipated income, expenses and profit, including site fees and NMS, site deposit, any financial arrangements required, etc

If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them :)

In Service to Avacal
HL Brigit ingen Meic Thire Ruaidh
Principality Calendar

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******

Avacal Royal Archer Deputy: this is a new deputy of the Avacal Royal Archer's Office. The duties will include assisting the Royal Archer with his duties. This designation will be viewed as a training position. The intent will be for the successful candidate to assume the position of the Royal Archer upon step-down of the current officer. Anyone interested in this position should send their resume by March 30, 2005 to HL Deicyn Moel. Please check the officer's section for contact information.

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

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

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.

Myrgan Wood Spring Champions April 23, 2005

Barony of Myrgan Wood Saskatoon, SK

The Barony of Myrgan Wood invites you to join us as we hold our Myrgan Wood Spring Champion's event. Once again this event will be held as a dessert banquet and Masked Ball, on April 23rd in the Barony of Myrgan Wood, at the Cosmopolitan Senior Citizen Centre 614 11th Street east Saskatoon Sk. S7N0G3

Site fee will be \$8, this will include the dessert buffet, the NMS fee of \$4 will be applied. Cheques made payable to SCA Myrgan Wood.

Site will open at 10 am with A&S competition throughout the day, Site closes at 12am. Space will be available if you would like to display a project from outside the Barony.

There will be the Baronial Rapier Championship tourney run during the day open to all competitors, the format to be announced later. The Arts and Science competition will be held as a triathlon. Contact Lord Hamish MacCarraig (sean131@yahoo.com) current A&S champion for more information.

There will an armoured and archery tourney held with times to be announced.

Directions:

From Calgary: highway 14 (22nd St.) to 3rd Ave. Turn right onto 3rd Ave. follow to 19th St. Turn left onto 19th St. cross the Broadway Bridge and drive to 11th St. which is the second left. Turn onto 11th St. and the site is on your right about midway down the block.

From Edmonton: highway 16 into the city it turns into to Idylwyld Drive. Follow Idylwyld drive to 22nd St. Turn left onto 22nd St. and follow to 3rd Ave. Turn right onto 3rd Ave. Turn left onto 19th St. cross the Broadway Bridge and drive to 11th St. which is the second left. Turn onto 11th St. and the site is on your right about midway down the block.

Autocrat: Lord Hamish MacCarraig (mka Pat Nixon) sean131@yahoo.com, 306-384- 9121 2401 Underwood Ave. Saskatoon Sk. S7J 0W2

Rapier Symposium of the North April 15 – 17, 2005

The household of Traitors Gate would like to invite one and all to the Third Annual Rapier Symposium of the North, to be held this year in beautiful Jasper, Alberta.

We have three days of instruction planned. Join us for a mundane mixer on Friday night at the Royal Canadian Legion, located at the corner of Geikie Street and Cedar Avenue. Don Pierce O'Briain will be offering a course in the Cavalier arts (no sword required!). As the evening progresses, we have reserved crash space in the Jasper Lutheran Church across the street for all who wish it.

On Saturday, we have a full day of instruction planned at the Jasper Jr./Sr. High School (conveniently located across the street from the Lutheran Church!). Join Don Pierce O'Briain, Don Prospere de Monstegur, and Randolph Dana as they teach classes based on their specialities. Lunch will be provided onsite for a nominal fee. Plan to stay for lunch, as we have a roundtable discussion planned which should be informative and entertaining.

After a full day of fighting, what better way to unwind than with a feast, to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Doors open at 7p.m. We will be running a bar on site, with all alcoholic drinks costing \$2.50. No outside alcohol is permitted due to

Household Of Traitors Gate Jasper, Alberta

Legion rules. Sunday, join us for breakfast at the Jasper Legion hall. Afterwards, a tournament will be fought for all those who wish to try out their skills that they learned during the weekend.

Cost of the weekend is \$50. This includes your instruction, two nights accommodation at the Luxurious Lutheran Church, your Saturday night feast ticket. Special feast only pricing is available for spouses who want to sightsee or go skiing instead of attending the symposium!

Autocrat: For more information, contact Lt. Jack Silver at everest@incentre.net, or check the Traitors Gate website at www.rapier.ca for up to the minute changes in schedule.



Rants & Ramblings from the Regent

Greetings unto all the populace of Avacal,

I am pleased to announce that THUA now has two new chancellors; HL Kataryna Tkach and Lady Lina Joya will be serving southwest Avacal and the Barony of Myrgan Wood respectively. As with all the chancellors, their activities are not exclusively restricted to these areas but rather are centered about them for efficiency's sake. I would still very much like to see a representative for northern Avacal and/or the Cold Keep region. If you are interested in serving in either of these areas please send your application to me, briefly outlining your relevant SCA and mundane experience.

Several Collegia are planned for the upcoming months. THUA classes will be offered at the Borealis Spring Faire, at Montengarde's Beltaine, at Windwurm's May Days, and at Quad War. Please check at the avacal.net website for details as they become available; class descriptions and schedules should be appearing towards the end of this month and will be announced on the Avacal Circus and other local lists. Pre-registrations will be necessary for some of these events and for specific (advanced) classes, however, on site registration will be available for beginners' classes aimed for newcomers and for the less formal classes where instructor handouts and materials are less demanding. Please check at the website for details of registration requirements for various events.

The Avacal Bardic site which is hosted

by HL Kataryna has been moved to avacal.net. The links are on the splash (entrance) page. Additionally, a number of other Avacal sites may be migrating to the THUA website over the next few months. I'll keep you posted on developments through the web lists.

As a fundraiser, Their Highnesses' University is offering an Extended Services package to patrons of the University. Patrons who donate \$20 or more and have registered their contact information, username and password, will receive an email address for one year in the form of

yourusername@avacal.net which may be designated as forwarding, web mail, or POP3 downloading account. Also included in the package is the Avacal Directory mailed to your home when it is published in late spring or early summer with online lookup access for changed and new addresses. Patrons also receive a complimentary three month subscription to the Avantgarde by post or email which they may use themselves or have directed to a newcomer or other recipient. Their Highnesses are enthusiastic about this fundraising effort which will be used to support the website and for other THUA educational activities. I am very proud to say that HH Sir Gunther and HH Eyoddi are the first patrons of the University under the plan and have already personally donated to the fundraiser. Welcome gunther@avacal.net and eyoddi@avacal.net ! (These are personal email accounts so please

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Call for Submissions!!

Bibliotheca Avacalorum is a new project that will be a published compendium of research papers written by the scholars and artisans of Avacal, showcasing their knowledge and skills.

If you are interested in any facet of Arts and Sciences in the SCA, and want to know more about this exciting way to become a published author, we urge you to visit our website at

http://www.geocities.com/avacal_book_project/

Or speak to/email/write to either

Morgan the Unknown mka Morgan Smith
219 25 Ave. NE, Apt. B Calgary AB, T2E 1Y7
(403) 276-7643 missym@shaw.ca

OR

Tatiana the Outspoken mka Martina Irvine
2925 Westwood Drive Prince George, BC V2N 1R7
scamongol@shaw.ca or 250 562 7807

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continue to direct all official business to avacal-prince@antir.sca.org and avacal-princess@antir.sca.org.

Details of how to fill in the contact information form, obtain a username & password, and become a patron of the University may be found on the website. Please support Their Highnesses' University !

That's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you all at THUA classes in the near future. Please don't forget to go online to avacal.net to update and confirm your contact information for the upcoming Avacal Directory. Due to privacy and confidentiality

considerations it will be necessary for everyone to re-register their info and give or withhold permission to publish details, even if your name was in the last directory.

Yours in service to Avacal,
Ezekiel
THUA Lord High Regent
"Coniunctim Vinciemus"

Silver Arrow April 15 -17 2005

Come one and all to Silver Arrow, there will be a wonderful day full of Archery, Heavy and Rapier. There will be a grand feast to follow. Please pre-register for feast there will only be 80 tickets sold. I would hate to see anyone miss out on this great event and feast.

AUTOCRAT- Ladyship Gabrielle of the Leaf {MKA- Patricia Keim.}
RR#4 Site 11 Box 15 Red Deer Alberta Canada T4N 5E4.
Phone 1-403-309-1753. E-mail Malcolm_de_Bruce@yahoo.com

Site- Shady Nook Hall {NO street address}. Site opens at 2:00pm Friday April 15 2005 and will close at 2:00pm Sunday April 17 2005.

Shire of Bitter End Red Deer, AB

Site Fees

- \$20.00 Site & Feast
{Nonmembers including NMS}
- \$16.00 Site & Feast
{Members }
Off board - \$10.00
Kids 12 & Under FREE.
Make Cheques payable to ASCA
Shire of Bitter End.

Directions- From junction of Hwy 2 and Hwy 11 at Red Deer head west on Hwy 11 to the set of lights (Burnt lake store). Continue straight for 4 km to RR 283 (Alberta Springs Golf Course). Turn South (left) for 2.5 km to stop sign. Continue straight for 3.2 km to Twp 380 (feed lot). Turn West (right)for 0.9 km. Hall is on the Right.

Gunther
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Avacal's
Prince
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Princess



Feast of The Roses April 2, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Shire of Sigelhundas Regina, SK

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

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

Autocrats: Lady Eira Morgan mka Terri Morgan 83 Magee Cres, Regina, SK S4R 6K4
306-581-9727
regina_sca@yahoo.ca

Lord Philemon Aurelis Tyrannus mka Mike Jessome
306-543-6360
trojan5250@yahoo.com

Operation: Avacal Storm Official Rules 2005

Name

1. Operation: Avacal Storm ("OAS") shall be the name for a rapier contest which involves not only prowess in melee combat, but also which encourages recruitment, training, organizing, equipping and mobilizing rapier fighters for melee. The name shall continue until a better name is found.

Purpose

2. The OAS exists for ten primary reasons:

- To encourage the formation of groups dedicated to melee combat
- To encourage these groups to be proactive in recruiting new people to participate in rapier combat;
- To stress training in both rapier single combat and melee combat by emphasizing the authorization of rapier fighters;
- To facilitate recruitment and training by encouraging the acquisition of group loaner gear
- To facilitate the acquisition of equipment by encouraging group fundraising;
- To encourage training in various forms of rapier melee combat, and to promote excellence in rapier melee competition;
- To promote excellence in organizing large scale rapier melee tournaments;
- To encourage friendly competition on an ongoing basis between these groups of rapier fighters;
- To act as a permanent record of participation in rapier events across Avacal;
- To encourage the spread of knowledge of how to do these things by directing participants to a OAS website

Duration

3. The OAS shall start on the Avacal February Investiture tournament. It shall run for a calendar year, with the winner being announced at the following February Investiture tournament.

Administration

4. There shall be three regions, each with a regional administrator:
- Eastern Avacal shall be the area mundanely known as the Province of Saskatchewan, and shall be administered by Don Raoul Achille de la Roche
- Southern Avacal shall be the southern half of Alberta, including Bitter End and Loch D'Orr, and shall be administered by Don William Bennett
- Northern Avacal shall be the northern half of Alberta, including Cold Keep, and shall be administered by Lt. Jack Silver.
The regional administrator shall be responsible for tabulating results for tournaments held in their region, and forwarding those results for posting on the tournament website.

6. The regional administrators shall also be responsible for maintaining contact information for all rapier fighters under their jurisdiction.

7. Regional administrators agree that they will use best efforts to collect tournament results within 48 hours of a tournament, and to post these to the website within 7 days of the tournament.

Formation of Groups

8. Any set of individuals can start their own group. The smallest size for any group to have "official" status is five

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people. There is no maximum size.

9. Each group should appoint a “Group Leader”.

10. Groups are not limited by geographical boundaries. This not only means that more than one group can operate in a shire or barony, but also that groups may extend into multiple shires and baronies.

11. A group is officially formed when five people agree to act under a group leader, come up with a distinct name, and files an initial group report with the organizers. The initial group report will list the members of the group, as well as their starting assets (loaner gear, etc.) The organizer will list the group information on the official website.

12. Groups compete for a variety of points that are awarded for a variety of things. Points will be tallied on the official website on an ongoing basis.

Recruitment.

13. Recruitment is the only way that groups can grow. For every person that the group gets out to try rapier, so long as that person stays for one full practice, that group gets ONE (1) point.

14. Minimum requirements to get a point are as follows:

- a. The person should not have tried rapier before;
- b. They must go through one full practice, spending a minimum of two hours at the practice, and be able to do some sparring;
- c. Their SCA name, mundane name, and either telephone number or e-mail must be recorded by the “Group

Leader”;

The list should be sent to the organizers on a quarterly basis.

15. The organizers will add to the rapier.ca website a page of “Recruitment Ideas” that will help people to get people out.

Training and Authorization.

16. Training is the best way to get newcomers to stay. Of course, not everyone who gives rapier a try will stay at it. But many will. It takes effort to get newcomers trained to the point where they can get authorized. But reaching this point is an integral part of enlarging your group. So, for each newly authorized fighter, who has never been authorized before, you get TEN (10) points.

17. The list maintained by the Kingdom List Mistress (KLM) will be conclusive proof of new authorizations.

18. The organizers will add to the rapier.ca website a page of “Lesson Plans for Beginners” that will help new groups with ideas for structured drills to help train beginners.

Equipment

19. Loaner gear is not a luxury; it is a necessity for a growing group. A constant stream of new recruits is going to require loaner gear in order to for them to properly sample the sport, let alone get them trained and outfitted. Each group that declares for itself, whenever they join, will have to report on their loaner gear. Total gear doesn't count – if you own it personally and lend it out, it isn't loaner gear! We need to encourage stockpiles of equipment that are collectively owned by the separate

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Winter War March 12, 2005

Shire of Borealis Edmonton, AB

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

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

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

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

Children: Under 12 half price/under 5 free.

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

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

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

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

Co-Autocrats:

Inga the Unfettered (Michelle Height) 1325 - 72 St, Edmonton, AB T6K 3E9 (780) 463-4445 or michelle.height@ualberta.ca

Einar Vikingsson (Ivan Williams) (780) 818-5229 or einar_the_lost@hotmail.com

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



AVACAL CALENDAR

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

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage has to go through the Calendar Officer. Please have the event information form (with appropriate signatures) and event copy to the Calendar Officer by the 15th of the month, 2 months prior to the event. (ie. If your event is January 22, have event copy in by November 15th).

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

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

Bold = event information has been submitted.

12-Mar	Winter War	Borealis
2-Apr	Feast of Roses	Sigelhundas
16-Apr	Silver Arrow	Bitter End
16-Apr	Rapier Symposium	Traitor's Gate
23-Apr	Spring Champions	Myrgan Wood
30-Apr	Spring Faire and THUA	Borealis
07-May	Beltaine	Montengarde
14-May	Cold Keep Champions'	Cold Keep
14-May	Champions Feast and Tourney	Harrow's Cross
21-May	An Tir Crown	Corvaria
28-May	May Days	Windwyrn

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groups. After all, we need to stop people thinking as individuals, and start thinking as groups, promoting the collective good. The best way to do this is to promote the "club", "household" or "group", and to acquire equipment in its name.

20. Different Equipment will have different points:
 Baton: No Points
 Cup: No Points
 Cloak: 1 Point (Must be a wearable, and combat ready cloak)
 Doublet: 1 Point
 Buckler: 1 Point
 Gorget: 1 Point
 Mask: 2 Points
 RBG: 2 Points
 Dagger: 2 Points if Fibreglass, 4 Points if steel
 Rapier: 2 Points if Fibreglass, 5 Points if steel

21. The organizers will add to the rapier.ca website a page of "Building Basic Equipment" in order to have new fighters easily and cheaply arm and equip themselves.

Fundraising.

22. Wars are expensive. Equipment costs money. And if you are going to acquire equipment, you need to find ways to raise money. Fundraising is simple once you know how. Many places levy dues, drop in fees, have canteens, or just appropriate funds from the SCA groups general revenue.

23. So, for those areas that either can gain direct access over funds, or have an irrevocable authorization that rapier funds raised will be spent on rapier, we have an additional category. For every \$20 fundraised, the group gets ONE (1)

point.

24. The organizers will add to the rapier.ca webpage a list of fundraising ideas.

Travel.

25. The key to success in war is mobility. Building an army is no good if you never take it out and use it. In order to encourage travel, points will be awarded for travelling to events on the TOT travel scale (under 100 is nothing, then roughly 1 for every whole 250 km travelled).

26. The organizers will add to the rapier.ca website a Travel section on how to easily and affordably get your household off to combat.

Major Wars.

27. All Avacal Wars shall qualify for inclusion in the OAS. This includes both wars within the geographical boundaries of Avacal (Winter War, Quad War), as well as official wars with our neighbours (Avacal Inlands War). Large wars that have no official sanction (Clinton, Estrella, etc.) shall not be included. Each one of these wars should have at least one scenario where the various groups compete for a victory point. A victory at these wars is worth One Hundred (100) points. Negotiation before and at the event is encouraged, and the victory points can be divided between groups in whatever manner they agree to.

28. Only wars shall qualify for inclusion in the OAS. Tournaments, symposiums and other gatherings shall not be considered.

Minor Wars.

29. There is really no point in

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encouraging melee when we only take it to three wars a year. Therefore, any event can have a melee component to it. It is up to the organizers to put it on the schedule. Provided that it appears on a schedule, at notice is given through one of the Crier or the Avantgarde, or through both Rapier Net and the Avacal Circus by an approved person, this is the same as having the event schedule. A victory at these events is worth Twenty (20) points. Again, negotiation before and at the event is encouraged, and the victory points can be divided between groups in whatever manner they agree to.

Victory Benefits

30. All of the collected groups shall become known as the Avacal Regiment. The winning rapier group will be known as the First Company. They will be allowed to carry the first company ensign for an entire year, and will be known as the best of the best, the elite of the elite.

31. Based on the size of the rapier group, each group will also be entitled to certain benefits of rank. A group is entitled to one officer for every five participants, as follows:

- a. And so, if your group is five members, you can be led by an ensign and have a flag to indicate your group.
- b. If you have 6 – 10 members, you can be led by a Lieutenant, also have an Ensign, and have a flag to indicate your group.
- c. If you have over 10 members, you can be led by a Captain, and also have a Lieutenant and an Ensign.

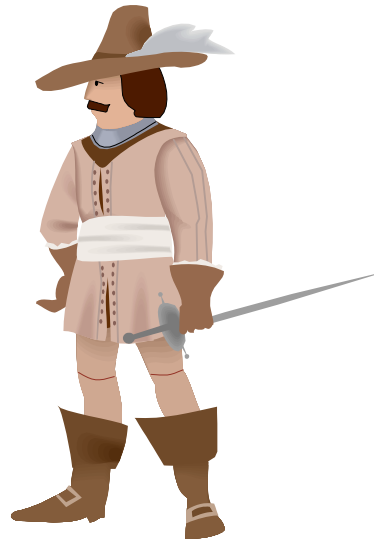
32. If a group drops below a certain size, they must stop using the titles that they have previously acquired.

33. The group that wins the contest and becomes First Company is permitted to name who the Colonel of the Regiment will be for the next year.

34. The terms Ensign, Lieutenant, Captain, and Colonel, within the geographic confines of Avacal, are considered restricted usage for the purposes of this tournament. Any person who uses these as part of their persona in the rapier world, who wants to keep this, would be asked to use the term (retired) behind their name.

Other

35. These rules are the official rules. No other rules are effective unless agreed to by all of the OAS organizers. The organizers reserve the right to change rules from time to time without any notice. Changes to rules will be made in the spirit of keeping the competition as open, fair, and accountable as possible.



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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

We hereby attest to the suitability of these policies and competition guidelines for the determination of the Avacal Arts and Sciences Champion. Done this 24th day of January, A.S. XXXIX (2004).

Vik, Prince Avacal

Inga, Princess Avacal

Sadb, Avacal Arts & Sciences
Champion

Ceis, Avacal Minister of Arts &
Sciences



Our
friend,
Art, at
War
Practice

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Individuals may not present more than **four** three single entries for judging.

Individual objects may count toward no more than two entries (i.e.: a 16th c. embroidered chemise may be entered for the chemise construction and for 16th C. embroidery. Bear in mind that for such cross-entry, each entry should be adequate to stand up as a full entry on its own and have individual supporting documentation.

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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 they feel 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 for a maximum of fifteen (15) bonus points per entry..

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

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Tournament of Tournament Official Rules 2005

Name

1. The Name of the Tournament shall be the Avacal Tournament of Tournaments ("TOT")

Purpose

2. The TOT exists for five primary reasons:

- a. To encourage rapier fighters to travel to other groups in Avacal;
- b. To promote excellence in rapier tournament competition;
- c. To promote excellence in organizing large scale rapier tournaments;
- d. To encourage friendly competition on an ongoing basis between rapier fighters
- e. To act as a permanent record of participation in rapier events across Avacal

Duration

3. The TOT shall start on the Avacal February Investiture Tournament. It shall run for a calendar year, with the winner being announced at the following February Investiture tournament.

Inclusion of Tournaments

4. Only rapier tournaments shall qualify for inclusion in the TOT. Warfare, symposiums and other gatherings shall not be considered.

5. Only events held within the geographical boundaries of Avacal shall qualify for inclusion in the TOT.

6. Each rapier group, be it shire, barony or household, can host a maximum of two tournaments for official TOT inclusion. A group can hold less than two TOT sanctioned tournaments, but can only hold more than two

tournaments under extraordinary circumstances and with the permission of all of the organizers.

7. The organizers will organize a preliminary list of tournaments which, based on their historical size and inclusion in the TOT, are thought to be good TOT tournaments.

8. Tournaments must be advertised in an official capacity, at least one month in advance of the tournament, in order to qualify as an official TOT tournament. Advertising in The Crier, The Avantgarde, or in BOTH the Avacal Circus and the Northwest Rapier Forum (avacal.rapier.org) qualifies as official advertising for the purposes of this section.

Disallowing of Tournaments

9. A tournament that attracts less than 6 fighters, even if previously listed as a TOT tournament, shall not be included in the TOT tabulation of results. This is done in order to encourage promotion of TOT events as being large events and the best of the best.

10. A tournament that fails to advertise in accordance with paragraph 8, even if previously listed as a TOT tournament, shall not be included in the TOT tabulation of results. This is in order to encourage timely promotion of tournaments.

Administration

11. There shall be three regions, each with a regional administrator
a. Eastern Avacal shall be the area mundanely known as the Province of Saskatchewan, and shall be administered by Don Raoul Achille de la

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a. Southern Avacal shall be the southern half of Alberta, including Bitter End and Loch D'Orr, and shall be administered by Don William Bennett

a. Northern Avacal shall be the northern half of Alberta, including Cold Keep, and shall be administered by Lt. Jack Silver.

12. The regional administrator shall be responsible for tabulating results for tournaments held in their region, and forwarding those results for posting on the tournament website.

13. The regional administrators shall also be responsible for maintaining contact information for all rapier fighters under their jurisdiction.

14. Regional administrators agree that they will use best efforts to collect tournament results within 48 hours of a tournament, and to post these to the website within 7 days of the tournament.

Awarding of Points

15. Participation in tournaments will give fighters points. Points will be recorded in three categories - for Travel, for Competition, and for BOTH Travel and Competition.

16. Travel points are based on receiving

1 point for every 250 km travelled, with a minimum threshold of 100 km to get points.

17. Competition points are 8 for 1st, 6 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd, and 2 for 4th, with 1 point for every competition thereafter.

18. Fighters who are unable to fight due to marshalling duties will receive 1 competition point for marshalling. However, you cannot receive both a fighter point and a marshalling point.

Victory

19. The regional administrators will ensure that the winners of each category are given some form of recognition for winning that category.

20. The regional administrators will also make their best efforts to arrange for a prize for the winners of each category. However, the regional administrators are under no legal obligation to either arrange or award a prize.

Other

21. These rules are the official rules. No other rules are effective unless agreed to by all of the TOT organizers. The organizers reserve the right to change rules from time to time without any notice. Changes to rules will be made in the spirit of keeping the competition as open, fair, and accountable as possible.

More info for Rapier!

Greetings from the Rapier Provost,

I meant to send this out in the early new year, I was running late, so here it is now. I have been happy with the skill level this past year, we still have

some diligence to do to keep our game fun and clean.

This is not intended to replace fighters

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entry should be adequate to stand up as a full entry on its own and have individual supporting documentation.

Only the contestant's top four (4) scores will be totalled to determine the Champion.

You may not enter the same object in more than two Avacal A&S Competitions.

Pieces previously 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).

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship 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.

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

Individual objects may count toward no more than two entries (i.e.: a 16th

c. embroidered chemise may be entered for the chemise construction and for 16th C. embroidery. Bear in mind that for such cross-entry, each entry should be adequate to stand up as a full entry on its own and have individual supporting documentation.

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

You may not enter the same object in more than two Avacal A&S Competitions.

Pieces previously entered in a Kingdom Championship are not eligible for competition

The entrant may not have entered Novice Triathlon or Avacal A&S Competitions as a contestant in any previous 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.

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enter items into the Arts and Sciences tournament. This letter of intent must be sent to the current Arts & Sciences Champion, The Coronet, and the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences on or before JANUARY 15th of the competition year. Novice Triathlon and Single entrants need only notify the A&S Champion and Minister of A&S in writing by the deadline. Artisans entering the single entry or in-depth feedback category should clearly indicate this on their entry notification. Any research paper entries must be complete, and four hard copies mailed to the Arts & Sciences Champion or Minister of Arts & Sciences, no later than February 1st of the year of the intended competition.

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 The Coronet, in the case of emergency or similar extenuating circumstances. Single entry participants may submit entries in absentia, with prior permission from the Coronets, via an identified representative who will take sole responsibility for the item(s). However, entrants are strongly encouraged to attend.

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 Avacal Championship competitions simultaneously. Entrants to the Novice Triathlon may not have entered the Novice Triathlon or Avacal Championship competitions 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.

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship 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 four (4), but no more than five (5) separate entries in order to be eligible to become the overall winner and Avacal Champion of the Arts and Sciences..

Individual objects may count toward no more than two entries (i.e.: a 16th c. embroidered chemise may be entered for the chemise construction and for 16th C. embroidery. Bear in mind that for such cross-entry, each

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and marshals requirement to READ THE RULE BOOKS. With that in mind, here are some reminders :

AUTHORIZATIONS:

- the fighter is responsible for sending in the completed form, AND branch marshals are responsible for keeping authorization records for the fighters in their group. I would suggest the fighter make a photocopy for the branch marshal. If you are not on the kingdom roster, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. The roster can be found at <http://antirlists.lostware.com/> (ArBC 2.6 and RMH 2.2)

- Armour must be tested every 2 years. It is convenient to test it when you reauthorize. There is only one legal design for a drop tester (It is true that Society can pass other designs, but have not done so) ... the design and specs can be found at http://sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/rapier/rapier_appendices.pdf (ArBC 1.4 and SCA rapier appendix section 3)

REPORTING

- all Branch Marshals and Senior marshals need to report every 3 months (Jan, Apr, Jun, Oct prior to the 15th of the month) I would prefer email reports until the online reporting is working, than reports WILL be submitted through that method. A report can be one line if applicable ie. I was inactive and have nothing to report

OR we have had no practices or events this quarter (RMH 2.6.7)

- Event reports (MiC forms) must be submitted within 30 days of the event (RMH 2.6.3)

- Report requirements can be found in the RMH 2.6.2

- Branch Marshals – please CC your report to your branch Seneshal

PRACTICES

- waivers MUST be signed at practice. A valid blue card is equivalent to signing the waiver (RMH 5.1.2)

DISPUTES AND SANCTIONS

- all marshals PLEASE review again the RMH sections 7 and 8 ... and use the sanctions in there ... it's your job, don't feel you are doing people favors by not using these, as it only leads to bigger problems.

RBGs

- RBGs are a separate authorization ... anyone who has a card that expires BEFORE June 1 / 06 are assumed to have this authorization.

William Bennet, ows GdS
Avacal Champion of Rapier
Avacal Provost



Costuming Tips from Avacal Circus

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

2005-01-23 Sewing on buttons

Sew buttons with a double thread (i.e. thread the needle, knot the ends together). Go twice as fast by doubling the thread again – fold the thread in half, pass the loop through the needle and knot the ends all together. Now you're sewing with 4 strands instead of 1 or 2, which will reduce the number of stitches you need to take.

Zenoiva

2005-01-30 Using 'mismatched' thread

Matching thread to your project can sometimes mean using different colours for the needle thread (top) and bobbin thread (bottom). If you're attaching trim or contrasting fabric to the body of your garment, you'll be sewing with the right side (outside) of the garment facing up on the machine. Match the needle thread to the trim, and match the bobbin thread to the garment fabric. Be careful with the thread tension; if it's too high, the bobbin thread will show on the front of the garment. If this occurs, simply reduce the tension. This gives a very finished look to the garment.

You can also use mismatched thread to economize. Imagine this: it's midnight the night before an event, you're working on a garment that will be worn the next day, and you're

running out of the right thread.

* Save the good thread for use on the right side of the garment where it will show.

* The colour of the thread used for structural stitching (the seams that hold the pieces together) is less important but it may show a little; you can use an imperfectly matched thread here, but try to reduce the amount of contrast. (You can get away with forest green on a navy blue garment but not on a white one.) Ensure that your tension isn't too loose; this prevents the thread from showing too much.

* Thread that is only visible on the inside of the garment can be any colour. Again, check the tension.

Zenoiva

2005-02-06 Gathering foot

The gathering foot creates soft gathers without the need for basting. One drawback is that you can't control the gathering ratio: you'd have to determine the amount of gathering, then cut the pattern piece to the appropriate size, rather than cut the piece how you like and gather as much as necessary. Use on later period shirts and chemises.

Zenoiva

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship

POLICY GUIDE and COMPETITION RULES

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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 the populace of Avacal.

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 Minister of Arts & Sciences (both Principality and Local, as required). The Champion will work closely with the Principality 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 Championship is permitted solely at the discretion of Their Highnesses and the Baron/Baroness (where applicable).

The Avacal Arts & Sciences Champion, assisted by the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences, must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the February Investiture following their victory. The Champion is 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, agreed upon by The Coronets, The Tanist & Tanista, and the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences, will organize and oversee the next tournament.

The Champion may not enter the competition to choose their successor. If no successor is found, it is the right of The Coronets to ask the current Champion to remain for an additional year.

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship Entry Requirements

To enter competition for the Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship, 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 competition.

Entrants to the Championship must have been a resident of Avacal for at least 6 months, 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

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