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From The Griffin Thrones:

Greetings Avacal!

First of all, a heartfelt Thank You!! We were welcomed to the Griffin Thrones with such warmth and friendship, and we truly appreciate your kind words and thoughts. Special thanks as well to HE Wernar and HE Tatiana for their leadership and guidance.

Congratulations go out to our new Champions of Rapier and Arts and Sciences, Guillemín and Sina! Special congratulations go to Sina, as she has been put on Vigil for elevation to the Order of the Laurel which will take place at May Crown.

We would like to encourage everyone to travel to May Crown and July Coronation. These events are opportunities for us all to make friends within An Tir, experience a grandeur that takes place at large events, cross blades with the finest the Known Worlde has to offer. Let not the distance stop us, Avacal, let the traveling begin!

June Coronet requirements will be as follows: Fighter and Consort must both have memberships and subscriptions to the Avantgarde. Both must display banners or other heraldry as entrance requirements. Tournament style will be double elimination, open to any weapon style – following traditional An Tir Tournament rules.

Warmly,
Steinn, Prince Avacal
Gemma~, Principessa Avacal



Picture by Beothuk

Royal Progress

March 10 - War Practice — HH Steinn
Mar 17 - Evergreens - Bordergate - both
Mar 24 - Myrgan Wood Spring Champions - both
April 7 - Danescombe Academy - both
April 20 - Silver Arrow - Bitter End - both
April 28 - Beltane - Montengrade - both



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17 June 2006

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Silverwolf Anne Fawkes
Silverwolf Fenrick Vikingsson
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Decorated Letter Æthelstan æt Cardeol
Golden Spoon Jean de Chauliac
(Borealis)

9 Sept 2006

Harvest Feast

Wernar and Tatiana

AoA Alikina (Windwyrn)
AoA Argent Rundle (Montengarde)
GG Ceara O'Ceallaigh

25 Nov 2006

Coronet

Wernar and Tatiana

SG Einar Vikingsson
SG Ifatahyo al-Jenne
Tanist Steinn Vikingsson
Tanista Gemma Meena of Cur Elmo's
Keep

...Coronet Cont'd

Vik and Inga (Borealis)

Decorated Letter- Yimadi Black (Borealis)
Sven and Signy (for Almaric and Caia?)
TBD

9 Dec 2006

Yule Feast

Wernar and Tatiana

(presented by Vik and Inga)

AoA Jamal (Borealis)
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<http://heraldry.avacal.net>

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***Only those awards not previously listed in the Avantgarde's Court Report (to the best of my knowledge) have been included in this edition*

—umm Bishr, principality chronicler

Recommendation forms!

http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal_award_rec.pdf

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

From the Principality Chronicler

Salome,

There's many interesting reads in this month's edition—thanks to the many contributors of articles and information if you're looking for an officer or a champion you can check pages 26-28, or if planning your itinerary for Spring— see pages 19-25, and check out the messages from Their Highness and our new Seneschale, Curia minutes, this month's featured persona Ysabelot Clarisse, archery and rapier winners and contests, a filk, and much more!!

Remember, if you want to be part of creating this excellent resource, please contact me about the deputy chronicler position—it's a great opportunity and lots of fun... and I've only got 18 more issues to go!

Ever in service — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler
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May Champions May 12 – 13, 2007

The Shire of Cold Keep presents itself to the knowne world, in a spring tradition of armored combat to choose their champions of heavy armored combat, rapier combat, archery, and arts and sciences. This is a camping event with a day of honorable competition, pot luck supper, games and a fun evening of bardic and dance. We will also have an auction right after feast (donations welcome to help out with Coronet preparations)

The gates opening at 9:00 AM sharp.

Tentative schedule:

Arts and Sciences will run all day until supper

10am to 1pm Archery Championship

Format for the tourney to be determined at the event

12pm Lists open for Heavy Champions

1pm to 4pm Heavy Championship

Format for the tourney to be determined at the event

3pm Lists open for Rapier

Format for the tourney to be determined at the event

4pm to 6pm Rapier championship

6:30pm Pot luck feast

Shire folk would please bring a main dish of their choosing, with all out of town honored guest bringing desserts, breads, or fruit.

Shire of Cold Keep Prince George BC

We are having an audience for the presentations after the supper just before the auction. After dinner we will have an auction and then fun and games for the evening.



In the morning we will be having a Sunday brunch (by donation) to wish everybody a fond farewell.

Site closes at 12:00 Sunday

Site fees are \$6 with NMS in effect for this event, children 12 and under are free. Please make cheques payable to Shire of Cold Keep.

Directions to site:

Make best way to Prince George. On Hwy 16 go west until you reach Blackwater Road (West Lake sign will point that way). Travel down road for 10 to 12 min until you come to West Lake Estates Road, 2 min down the road; hall is on your right - called Nadsilnich (West) Lake Hall, 23495 West Lake Estates Road .

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Spring Tea & Pillage Practice May 4-5, 2007

Aaaaaahhhhh!!!! Pillage Practice has arrived once again! To shoot some arrows, pillage and drink tea all in the same event! Indeed!! All in the rapture of hosting Sigelhundas' Archery and Heavy Tourneys to select our new Shire champions.

The Pillage Practice site located at Camp Gilwell in the Qu'Appelle Valley is one of the most peaceful, scenic event locations close to Regina. With an inviting fireplace in the Great Hall or the fire pit near by, we ask one and all to come and practice their bardic skills to entertain each other until either they grow weary for their pillows or the sun breaks the horizon.

Heated cabins (that sleep 14-16 people each) as well as the Great Hall are available for those who wish to nestle their heads indoors, however be wary as you will need to bring something to sleep on lest you enjoy a good wooden floor. If you are daring enough there is plenty of room for tenting, but please be sure to bring extra bedding, as the nights can be "crisp".

If you are not in the mood to bring rations for Saturday evening, there will be a tavern style feast available for a small fee. This feast will include a stew or soup of some variety, breads and dessert.

There are no showers on site, but a motel room approximately 10 minutes (by car) from the site will be available. It may be used by anyone who wishes. Please bring your own towel and be respectful of others that will also be using it. If you wish there is water on site (**not drinkable**) for cleaning oneself up if you do not wish to drive to the shower.

The Very Flexible Schedule:

Friday: Site opens at 4 p.m.

There are no specific activities scheduled for Friday Night other than practicing your bardic skills at the bonfire. If you wish to host an activity please contact the autocrat.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - Rapier play for those who are interested in getting together to fight rapier are welcome to armour up and prepare for the summer rapier season.

Shire of Sigelhundas Regina, SK

** Children's Activities to be held throughout the day. Please contact the Autocrat if you wish to host an activity. As well, there will be a competition and prizes for all children for the most Ticks collected.** For more information regarding Ticks here is one site to try - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/ticktips2005/>

11:00 a.m. (ish) – Shire Archery Champion Tournament (Information to follow)

1:00 p.m. – Shire Heavy Champion Tournament (Information to follow)

3:00 p.m. –Afternoon Tea served in the Great Hall (Complimentary)

6:00 – 8:00 – Tavern Style Feast

Sunday: Site closes at 12:00 p.m.

Site Fee:

Adults: \$8.00 for the Saturday only Children (5-12)\$3.00 for Saturday

\$18.00 for the weekend

\$7.00 for the weekend

Children (0 – 5) free -

Please contact the Autocrat for special rates for families of 4 or more.

Tavern Style Feast – \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child

\$4.00 NMS will be charged for non-members. Please make cheques payable to QCSCA.

Location: Camp Gilwell is on the south side of Hwy 56 between Fort Qu'Appelle and Lebret.

If you reach Lebret, you've gone too far!!!

Directions: From Regina – Hwy 1 East to Hwy 10 off ramp, turn left onto Hwy 10 & proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle. Pass through Fort Qu'Appelle & turn left onto Hwy 35 North. Go about 1 km down Hwy 35 & turn right onto Hwy 56 East towards Lebret.

From Saskatoon – Take Hwy 16 East to Hwy 35 turn South onto Hwy 35 and proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle. Coming down the hill towards Fort Qu'Appelle will be the turn off for Hwy 56. Turn left onto Hwy 56 towards Lebret.

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Seneschal's Message

Greetings Your Highnesses and people of Avacal!

This missive marks my first as principality seneschal. I wish to thank Her Excellency Roxanne for the wonderful work she did while in this office and for her help with the transition. You have set a very high standard indeed.

Looking back on Her Excellency's last message I would like to reiterate something. Success as an officer, branch member or principality depends on communication. We have many great tools of communication for this principality, two of the most useful being the Avacal website (www.avacal.antir.sca.org) and the Avantgarde. Remember to think of these if you are looking for contact or calendar information.

They will also provide you with the latest news and announcements - items everyone should know. Hopefully, these tools will encourage you to communicate: to get involved, read what's happening here, ask questions and share your opinions. Avacal will be better for it.

Also just an early reminder, branch quarterly reports are due by April 15th. Please make sure your reports are in promptly so the principality officers can get their own reports into kingdom on time.

If there are any questions please contact your principality officer.

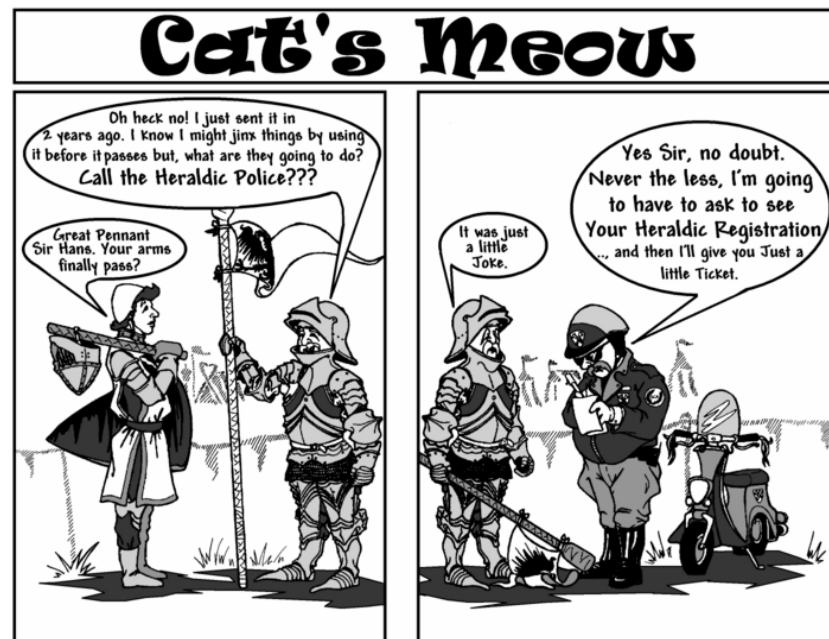
Ever in Service—Mistress Manyra (or just 'nyra)

An Tir's Heraldic Roll of Arms has been updated

Greetings,

The newest additions to our kingdom's Roll of Arms has been added to the An Tir Herald's webpage ([www\(dot\)antirheralds\(dot\)org](http://www(dot)antirheralds(dot)org)).

—HH Steinn Vikingssonn



Cat's Meow is created by Mistress Keterlin von dem Drachen

ON SEA AMBIANCE

First off, thank you to HL Freydis Steinsdottir for bringing her personal banner collection to February Investiture! This display made the Great Hall just that, stripping it of its gymnasium-like appearance. It is amazing how covering the cinderblocks, reducing the lighting and having 'real' feast gear on the tables makes the atmosphere so much more authentic.

Ambiance of any kind is just what we make of it. It is the act of hiding a pop can, hanging banners to cover cinderblocks, introducing new people to Gold Key, building period armour, period encampments, persona research and development and so much more. This all enhances the vision and the esthetic of the Dream that we share. These are not difficult or onerous details, and with a tiny bit of effort, we could all add exponentially to our SCA experiences.

It has been suggested (at Curia) that heraldry, banners, pomp and ceremony be mandated as part of Principality Championships and Coronet lists. As many of you will have seen, June Coronet requires that both consort and fighter have banners and/or heraldry appropriate to themselves to enter the lists. So, instead of creating law that requires these things for future lists, We offer a challenge to all the people of Avacal!

Avacal, We hereby challenge you all to fly proudly the banners and flags of your houses! Fighters, wear your heraldry on tabards and paint your shields! Mothers, dress your children in your colors! Privateers, deck out your ships with pinions and pinnys! Artists, minstrels and bards – polish up your talents and skills and spread the word that Avacal is the Golden Child of An Tir! Let us add pageantry to our encampments and war fields, let us enter the Coronet lists with banners flown high, let's adorn the fields at Quad War so that the visiting masses from the Knowne World can see what a glorious and noble people we are!

Avacal, together we conquer (and look mighty good doing it!)

—Submitted by HH Gemma Meena

Get Your Tourney Tiles Today!

Greetings Avacal fighters,

Are you tired of rummaging through "generic" tiles every Coronet? Sick of having someone else take your favourite before you get there? Uh oh - just found out that you have to have one of your own to enter Coronet?

Have we got a solution for you! Order your own tourney tile today!

Here's how it works. Send me an email describing your device (in heraldese or English) or attach a picture (preferred). Our fabulous slaves, oops, I mean artists will decorate up a tile for you.

Tiles ordered before April 15, 2007 will be guaranteed for Coronet. After that, we will try to have them all done by Coronet, but all tiles will be on a first come, first painted basis. So order early!

What's this wonderful service going to cost? Well, the first tile is \$7. If you want additional tiles of the same device it's an additional \$5 for the second and \$3 for the third.. The blank, primed tiles are \$1.

All money raised will go to buy new fighting regalia for our royals.

To order your device, send an email to: avacal-lists@antir.sca.org

Regards— Caitilin



Picture by Beothuk

Montegarde Beltane April 28, 2007

Barony of Montegarde Calgary, AB

My Lords! My Ladies! Their most gracious Excellencies Beothuk of the Beothuks and Wilma the Still, invite you to celebrate the coming of spring. A time when restless Norse men and women leave in search of new trading allies. A time to feast on venison, spring berries and to drink the mead that has been aging all winter. Come one, come all to Montegarde's annual Beltane festivities. Test your strength in the Heavy tournament, hold your ground in the Rapier tournament or prove your accuracy in the Archery tournament. Come and join in on the festivities.

Merchants are welcome.

Contact Arnolt Brekswerd at: Montegardebeltane@gmail.com for setup and tear down times.

Schedule:

Archery Tournament: 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Calgary Archery Center (4855 47th Avenue SE)

The archery tournament will also be used for the annual archer's auction, which will be held at the Montegarde April Tavern. If you wish to be auctioned off please contact montegardearchery@gmail.com.

Rapier Championship Tournament: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Participants are requested to bring a small wrapped prize as an entrance to the tournament
Heavy Tournament: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Feast to begin at approx. 6 pm
Court to begin at approx. 8 pm until business is finished

Where:

Wildwood Community Center
379 Wildwood Drive SW

When:

April 28, 2007, Doors open at 10 am and hall closes at 12 pm
Enclosed flames only please

Cost:

Site \$7/ Adult, \$4/youth (12-16yrs), Littles are free
Feast Prepaid \$7 for Adult and Youths: Not prepaid \$9.00
Additional NMS of \$4 is in effect
Archery \$7 additional payable to the range
Please make cheques payable to MSCA.

Autocrat: Arnolt Brekswerd (MKA Sheldon Schnaar)
Montegardebeltane@gmail.com

Feast Steward: Tayaha the Wanderer (MKA Dana St Louis)
123 Whiteglen Cres NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 2Z4
Phone# 403-288-2951 after 6pm, no calls after 9 pm



25th Silver Anniversary Silver Arrow, April 20-22 2007

We would like to invite one and all to our Birthday Celebration, the 25th anniversary of this Shire, here in Bitter End. Our Silver Arrow tourney is well known. The Archery tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will then be followed by heavy and rapier tourneys. What to shoot or fight for? A return to the tradition of the 1 oz of silver for the prizes. As well, one of our most famous feasts is planned.. The feastocrats, my parents, have returned, so for those that have missed the wonderful food that they put on, join us once again. You do not want to miss it. Pre registration for the feast is mandatory, information required, name (mundane and SCA), membership number, exp date, to be considered as reserved for all reservations.

The Site is Shady Nook Community Hall, and will open at 12:00 noon on the Friday April 20th and will close Sunday April 22nd 12:00 noon. There is no street address, but directions are as follows:

From QE2 at Red Deer, head west onto HWY. 11 (not 11A) about 1 km to first set of lights. Turn left onto secondary Hwy. 596 and travel approx. 6km. Turn left onto Rg. Rd. and travel until you reach Armitage Feed lot turn right & travel for half a km. Hall is on your right hand side. Signs will be posted. {SCA signs}

Site fee is as follows:

Feast and Site- Members \$20.00
Nonmembers - \$24.00 . Day fee-
Members -\$10.00 and Nonmembers
\$14.00. Make Cheque payable to
the ASCA Shire of Bitter End.

Autocrat HL Gabrielle of the Leaf
MKA Patricia Keim
RR#4 Site 11 Box 15 Red Deer
Alberta Canada
T4N 5E4
1-403-309-1753 or
cell 1-403-887-2868
GabrielleLeaf@hotmail.com



Bitter End Red Deer, Alberta

ToT Rapier Division Results

For all those that missed February Investiture:

The AS XLI season of the Rapier Division is over and the winners are:

Class 1 - HH Gemma Meena

Class 2 - Guillemin de Rouen

Class 3 - Robert of Clan Gunn

Class 4 - Citvogel and Jamal tied!

The final scores are available at:

<http://delaroch.sasktelwebsite.net/AvacalToT/Rapier.htm>

The 07 Season has started with Guillemin de Rouen taking the lead. The current standings are available from the above link as well.



—Submitted by HE Raoul Delaroch

New An Tir Rapier Rules as of Jan. 27, 2007

As most of you know by now the new version of the An Tir rapier rules were signed at 12th Night. These rules are in effect as of that date. As previously discussed, there is a grace period for compliance with the new rules that lasts until May Crown 2007.

As these rules are considered to be a full rewrite of the rapier rules, it is highly suggested that everyone reviews the entire contents. However, the major changes to be aware of are the following:

- ❖ Alignment with Society rules
- ❖ Addition of blade grasping
- ❖ Addition of Cut and Thrust (Sidesword) rules
- ❖ Removal of fiberglass as an approved blade simulator
- ❖ Updated approved blade list

You can find the new An Tir Rapier rules posted at:

www.nwrapier.com/SCAResources/CombatRules/tabid/136/Default.aspx

—Don Ramon Diaz de la Vega (Justin Greywolf)
Kingdom Rapier Marshal

Alvarez Cup Rapier Competition at Feast of the Evergreens

Greeting Rapier fighters,

It is that time of year for the Alvarez Cup Tournament. Come to the Feast of the Evergreens and enter the tournament. If you think you are good enough!!!!

It will cost you 3 dollars to enter, this goes to the Principality travel fund. And yes there is a prize, The Coveted Alvarez Cup. The winner gets the Alvarez Cup for keeps, no turning it back in next year. If you win it you get it to show off and brag about winning it. But no one has been good enough to take the cup away from me yet. So come on up and try, if you think you can...

—Tomas Alvarez



Principality of Avacal Curia

Feb 25th 2007 AS XLI
10:00 AM

Avacal Coronet, Montengarde

Recording:	Umm Bishr		
Present:	HH Gemma Illyanth Liam Gosfrei Kempe Khudukha Raoul Annys Beothuk William Bennet Jajiradai James the Quixotic	HH Steinn Brynach Gabrielle Tygar Sina Guillemin Brother Selwyn Wilma Inga Vik Vikingsson	Manyra Ceara Stragen Natal'ia Katelijne Dietrich Umm Bishr Murchad Sadb Helene
Approval of Previous Minutes:	From November Coronet – As published in the Avantgarde December 2007		
Business Arising from Minutes:	None		
OFFICER REPORTS:			
Seneschal (Manyra)	Reports have improved significantly. The important thing to highlight now is deadlines – if we don't report on time Kingdom can't finish their report on time, which makes society reports late – deadlines are not arbitrary.		
New and Incipient Branch Deputy (Hamish):	Not present, no report.		
Development Officer (Stragin):	Happy with what's happening. Discussion group is on the Gryphon's Guard. A little disappointed that only four people responded to the poll regarding going to Kingdom. He will rewrite the poll and send it to the Avantgarde again, asking for responses by August investiture. Otherwise we're getting our ducks in a row – handbooks are being written for junior combat, marshalate, chroniclers' is written (needing royal approval), and a heralds handbook is available already.		

Spring Champions March 24, 2007

Their Excellencies Dietrich and Helene with the entire Barony of Myrgan Wood invite everyone to join them in the choosing of the Champions of Rapier and Arts & Science as well as archery and armored competitions this March 24th AS XLI.

Autocrat: Viscount Kvigr Ivarsson (Jeremy Bell) who can be contacted via e-mail at kvigr_ivarsson@hotmail.com or phone 306-651-3008.
Address: Jeremy Bell,
118 Boyd St., Saskatoon, SK
S7N 2C7



Barony of Myrgan Wood Saskatoon, SK

Site info: Brian King Centre
202 8th Ave N Warman SK
(13 km north of Saskatoon). The event opens 9:00 a.m. and closes at midnight on Saturday, March 24th, 2007.

Site fee: 16+ is \$8; between the ages of 15 and 12 is \$4; under the age of 11 are free. Adults who are not members of the SCA will pay an additional \$4.

Fest fee: 16+ is \$15; between the ages of 15 and 12 is \$8; under the age of 11 are free.
Cheques are to be made out to SCA-Myrgan Wood.

Directions: Make your best route heading north out of Saskatoon on highway 11. Travel approximately 13 km to the town of Warman. Turn west/left into town on hwy 305/Central St. Turn north/right onto 8th Ave N. Hall is 1 1/2 blocks down on the west/right side.

Feast of the Evergreens March 17, 2007

Shire of Bordergate Cold Lake, AB



Site fee is \$5.00 for 5 yrs to adult
Feast is \$15.00 12 to Adult
\$7.50 for 5 yrs to 11 yrs

There is also a non-member fee of
\$4.00 per person for all non-
members of the SCA.

Reservations close on March 1,
2007. Please make cheques
payable to CSCA Canton of the
Lakelands.
PLEASE NO OUTSIDE DRINKS

For more info or reservations
please contact Autocrat Wentiliana
(Wanda Edel) at
Box 711 Cold Lake AB T9M 1P2
1-780-594-3629
or email vandw@telusplanet.net

Site opens 12 noon and closes 12
midnight.

Location is 742 Wing Association,
5319 48 Ave, Cold Lake AB;
across the street from A&W.
Please follow the signs.

We invite one and all to come
participate. There will be the games
competition to determine the new
Feast of the Evergreens Champion.
Lord Tomas will also be hosting the
Alvarez Cup again this year and
there will be a new Shire Rapier
Champion chosen.

MERCHANTS WELCOME
(NO FEE)

Would like to run the poll again in the Avantgarde.
Also building a brief to describe this office. Would
like copies of each positions officer handbook.

Calendar (Brigit):

Will do events calendar after Curia.

Warrants and Reporting Officer (Asney):

Not present, but forms are here for signing today.
Make sure that change of officer forms get to the
warrant officer. The form needs to be changed
somewhat to make sure that warrant officer is listed as
a recipient.

Exchequer (Eve the Just):

Not here, but she's still reconciling the books.

NMS Deputy (Catla):

Just waiting on one set of NMS waivers for 2006.

Herald (Annys):

Reports were great and when necessary were
resubmitted in the right format. Kingdom needs to
discuss the request for what is needed for college of
heralds at length amongst themselves before replying
to her query. Currently we have very few upper level
book heralds and several experienced heralds that don't
play much any more, there are many book heralds just
starting, and very few in the middle so we need to
concentrate on training the new book heralds. There
have been four donations to the library which is great
but would like to see more donations from the
baronies. Red Deer donated a pavilion and whoever
donates a book gets their device on the pavilion. The
pavilion is going to be used to make an active heralds
point. We need to pass our awards – Prince Steinn has
asked that this happen during this reign and several of
our awards will require name changes. All of this
needs to happen if we want to become a Kingdom.
Order of precedence has been updated and submissions
are coming in well now.

Scribe (Inga):

The official separation of the college of scribes and
illuminators from the college of scribes and heralds has
come down now. (Listings will need to be changed).

Regalia (Jajiradai):

We're going to photograph and make a list of all of the
Regalia following the kingdom standards to do so and
will implement the policy of each reign having to sign
out to use things and after each reign there will be a list
of what needs to be replaced or repaired. It will be the
Coronet's responsibility to replace or repair anything
that gets broken or goes missing during their reign.

Chatelaine (Natal'ia): Chatelaines are excellent; Kingdom is thrilled with us as chatelaines. Of all of the areas in the kingdom he is least worried about Avacal, so pat our branch chatelaines on the back. Would like to compile every branches' chatelaine materials and clean them up and have them available for other branches to go through so that we may benefit from using each others materials (no shame in stealing from each other and rewording the resources appropriately for each level). She would also like to get the handbook updated.

Chronicler (umm Bishr): Production of the Avantgarde is going well, although we'd be losing money if it wasn't being produced in my office right now. (Suggestion was made by HH to look at raising the cost to \$2/year – I will look into this and bring to next Curia). Reports are coming in well, but only 6 of 12 branches have chroniclers, and only four of these produce newsletters –would like to see this number improve. Reminder that principality officers must have subscriptions. A suggestion was made to check for seneschals' subscriptions to ensure they are receiving all communications– they currently aren't required to have a subscription.

Web Minister (Raoul): Talking to Nicholas Dolfon about transferring THUA site to Avacal.net. Everything that's already there will stay there as is THUA will be an additional resource found through the same url address. There will be support for databases and e-mail as well through the Avacal site.

Arts & Science (Sadb): Sadb has updated the warrant for her office. She's accepting applications for the office and has already had one submission sent in. Deadline for applications will be April 15th.—this deadline will be added to the Royals summons in the Avantgarde. Will be working on handbook and will submit it as soon as it's ready. There has been talk about a college of pages and will follow up on that. The championship competition went well, every competitor had four entries. The noise from classes was an issue because it was hard for entrants to hear the judges – it would be ideal to have a separate space for the A&S away from the noise.

Bardic (Illyanth): People are singing

Gamesmaster (Illyanth): People are playing games.

AVACAL CALENDAR

March		
3	Kingdom A&S	Mountain Edge
10	War Practice *	Ruddglyn
17	Feast of the Evergreens *	Border Gate
24	Spring Champions *	Myrgan Wood
April		
20-22	Silver Arrow *	Bitter End
28	Beltane *	Montengarde
May		
4-5	Pillage Practice & Spring Tea	Sigelhundas
12-13	May Champions	Cold Keep
19	May Crown	Vulkanfeldt
26	May Days	Wyndwyrms
June		
2	June Coronet	Cole Keep
9	Harrows Cross Championship Tourney	Harrows Cross
16	Silver Wolf	Borealis

*Bold = event information has been submitted. * - Royalty Attending*

Calendar Policy: Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (see officer listings) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer. On-line forms which may be filled out electronically can be found on the Avacal webpage, under Officers/Seneschal/Forms.

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

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

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

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

Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

The following positions are open to anyone in the SCA who currently resides in the Principality of Avacal. If you would like more information regarding this position please contact the incumbent or your local officer. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, **please submit a letter of intent along with a copy of your resume containing both SCA and mundane experience to Prince, Princess, Heirs and Principality Seneschal and the current officer.** Contact information is listed at the back of the Avantgarde.

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

High Regent THUA: Their Highnesses' University of Avacal is an extension of the Sovereign and Consort of Avacal, the Coronet, and has as its responsibility the fostering and development of Medieval and Renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal. The High Regent is a warranted officer and oversees all aspects of the administration of the University. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- The advisement of the Coronet in the selection of Chancellors and other Deputies for approval and warranting.
- The guidance and supervision of Chancellors throughout Avacal in the organization and running of Collegia and other educational activities.
- Maintaining student and instructor records.
- Maintaining THUA financial records and reporting of such to the Avacal Exchequer
- Reporting of THUA activities to the Coronet and to Principality Curia.

Activities presently under the direction of the High Regent are the production of the Avacal Directory. Computer skills are an asset in this position but in no wise are requisite for application for this office. Applicants for the office should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their SCA and relevant mundane qualifications to the THUA High Regent, the Principality Seneschal, Their Highnesses and Their Heirs.

Regional THUA Chancellors: Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

Arts & Sciences: (Deadline for applications is April 15/07) The Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences is considered the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Coronet. You will have the responsibility of encouraging the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies; promoting and encouraging period appropriate arts and sciences works and assisting in the selection of the Principality Arts and Sciences Champion. You will also be responsible for condensing the reports of your subordinate officers up to Kingdom Level.

Rapier Provost: The responsibilities of the Principality Rapier Marshal are to maintain, publish, and enforce the rules for period rapier combat and safety and equipment for period rapier combat as laid out by the Kingdom Earl and Rapier Marshals. They are also responsible for encouraging rapier combat and related activities with Avacal. A list of the full responsibilities and requirements can be found in the An Tir Rapier Marshal's Handbook.

Chirurgion: SCA Chirurgions provide first aid at Society events. (The word "Chirurgion" is a medieval term from which the modern "Surgeon" is derived.) Members of the SCA Chirurgionate include Red Cross trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John Ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers. A Chirurgion's Warrant of office crosses Kingdom boundaries.

Earl Marshal (Hakkon):	Haakon will be talking to all of the marshals and getting everything organised and working well.
Rapier Provost (William):	At Kingdom 12 th night a new rule book was signed. The biggest changes are that blade grasping is allowed. There are also some changes to how you become a Cut & Thrust marshal which will limit us in our future ability to have C&T due to distance. Reporting has been much better. Is looking to find a deputy to help him out.
Royal Archer (Brynach):	Archery is doing well in Avacal and locally (fabulous shoot yesterday). There is a large contingent of combat archers as well as target archers. Information hasn't been coming down from Kingdom very quickly. Plans to put down an Avacal Book of Target.
Target Archery Deputy (Thomas):	Not present, no report
Warlord (Wernar):	Not present, no report.
Constable (Tygar):	Only got one report, so report to Kingdom will be a bit late. Can't create any new constables because we need a constable out here to teach a class before we can get new constables. Also, there has been a change in the bylaws in the city of Calgary – you will be fined if you are carrying an exposed blade.
Chirurgion (Vacant):	Gosfrei is the only warranted chirurgion in Avacal, so presented a report. There are three chirurgions in training. Baron James Douglas is also interested in becoming warranted in Avacal. Gosfrei is hoping to apply for the principality position, and is collecting on behalf of Kingdom copies of peoples First Aid Training (standard First Aid, CPR, and your blue membership card).
Lists (Caitlin):	Everything is working well. Wants to have template set up for the database so that information will be available and searchable on-line so that when we have permission to start tracking things on our own we are set up and not scrambling to be able to do this later.
University of Avacal (Dolphin):	Taking applications and will have a deadline published for that as well.
Old Business:	None.

New Business:

Coronet will be held in Cold Keep. Tournament will be double elimination following ABCs. Both fighter and consort will need to have memberships and subscriptions to the Avantgarde, which they can get that day. Also must have banners displayed on the field that day. This is in the far corner of Avacal, but our coming en masse will mean a lot to them, so make the trek!! Tourney tiles will also be required. Forward this to all newsletters and all groups and have this posted.

A policy may be put into place encouraging people to bring banners to Coronet/Investiture events. It really contributes to the dream when we're looking at banners and not cindercrete blocks.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

CALL FOR LARGESSE

Their Excellencies Steinn & Gemma would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of largess from the people of Avacal during Their reign. If you have any questions about what might make good largess, please ask.

Ideas may include (but are not limited to):

- *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 Excellencies 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 Excellencies 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.

—Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail

Avacal Largess wrangler for Their Excellencies Steinn & Gemma
vfoster @ xplornet.com 780-354-3803 (no calls after 10:30 p.m.)

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level, as well as a single small bedroom. A stairwell from the kitchen leads down to the yard in back, which is completely fenced in. Another stairwell leads upstairs, where there are three more bedrooms and a small nook for Lady Ysabelot's personal attendant, Jutte.

The Clarisse family has a second home, more of a cottage than a full house, in a village outside the city, but it is rarely used because business requires their presence in Antwerp. Ysabelot does not travel as extensively as her husband but tries to travel as often as possible to visit family in Haarlem. Almost all local travel is by foot, although for longer journeys they travel by coach, usually a public coach or a rented one as there is little place to keep horses. Her husband's travels are almost always sea voyages and, while having made a few short trips in this manner, Ysabelot does not particularly enjoy this method of transportation.



Ysabelot Clarisse—Picture by Beothuk

Ysabelot is a noted seamstress and her hands are always filled with embroidery or stitching a new garment. She does much of her own cooking and supervises her house staff in all of the daily routines. There is nothing that happens in her home or the family business that she is unaware of. She has many friends and is often visited by the wives of other merchants; she sheepishly confesses to enjoying and partaking in the occasional bit of gossip.

As a modest Catholic woman none of her clothing is extravagant, but it is all well made and of the finest materials. Her clothing is not brightly coloured with a tendency toward deep tones of red, brown and blue. She has dressed today in a yellow gown of wool, worn over a linen chemise and covered by a linen apron, as she had been down in the shop waiting for me to arrive. She wears a simple white linen bonnet which helps to keep her hair clean from the dust of the city but which also indicates her status as a married lady. While her husband's frequent travels leave this good lady alone much of the time it is

clear that she keeps very busy. There is little in the way of jewellery, a simple crucifix of gold and a plain gold ring on one hand.

We speak together of Antwerp as this is my first visit to the city. I am told that Antwerp welcomes all who come with peaceful intentions and trade is virtually unrestricted. There is a sizeable Jewish community as Antwerp opened her doors to Jews fleeing persecution in other countries. Even the Calvinists are welcomed to Antwerp, although their demeanour and drab clothing do little to attract followers. They appear too political in nature to Ysabelot, who is quite content to leave politics to those who enjoy it.

As always with these visits the time has flown by quickly and it has come time to depart. One more quick cup of tea, another small cookie, and my hostess escorts me down the stairs and wishes me well as I travel on. It is not until I am back on the busy street that I realize how much her home smells of the spices that provide her family with a livelihood and a profession. I will never again smell pepper or cinnamon without thinking of this modest and elegant lady of Antwerp.

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

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

Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

Try this out if you get a chance...

<http://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/History/Medieval-Card-Games-173012.html>

How much do you know about the history of card games?
submitted by Lord Morgan ap Hugh, Sigelhundas Seneschal and
Medieval Games Merchant

"Games are Only Interactive if There's Someone Across the Table"

Selewine's Scribings

Populace Persona Piece—Featuring Ysabelot Clarisse

This day I have travelled to Antwerp in Flanders to meet with Ysabelot Clarisse, wife of a successful pepper merchant. As I work my way through the bustling city to find her home I am amazed at how closely packed the houses are. Most are two or three stories in height and seem to overshadow the streets I walk. The Clarisse home is three stories tall, with shop and business offices at street level and living quarters above. My hostess greets me warmly, her smile lighting up a solemn face and giving it a sublime beauty.

I stumble over her name and she laughingly corrects my pronunciation, telling me gently that her name is "Isabella", and that before her marriage she was Ysabelot DerGrave of the Haarlem brewing family. Her husband, who is off on a trading voyage, is her mother's second cousin. He is rarely home as his trade keeps him often on the road or on the sea. They have no children and Ysabelot spends much of her time in running the business in his absence. She has proven to be an astute business woman and the family is moderately prosperous as a result of her diligence. She is the quiet, behind the scenes manager, but does little of the day to day in the shop itself; they have someone to run the shop while her husband is away.

After a quick tour of the shop, the store rooms rich with the smell of exotic spices and a quick glance into the back yard, which contains a small garden and the quarters for the married servants who do some of the cooking, laundry and generally keep the household running, we ascend to the parlour. This small room at the front of the townhouse is used almost exclusively for meeting with clients and guests, and contains comfortable furniture and is decorated tastefully but simply.

There is also a formal dining room and kitchen on this



Ysabelot Clarisse—Picture by Beothuk

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Avacalian—A Stragin Original Filk

(To the tune of 'The Islander' by the Navigators)

Chorus

*I'm an Avacalian born and bred and I'll be one till I die
I'm proud to be from Avacal and here's the reason why.
I'm free as the bird that soars high above our land.
There's nothing I would rather be than Avacalian*

I spent some time away from war and I nearly lost my mind.
The courtly life's too dull for me no heroes to spellbind.
Just Lace and ruffs and courtly love was all that I could see.
It may be good for other folks but it's no damn good for me.

Chorus

In Kingdom core the folks there think that they own Avacal.
Including all of our goods and gold they want to have it all
and if they want to fight for her it will be their downfall.
Yes they'll regret the day they tried to take our Avacal.

Chorus

Our homeland is our heart and soul so we better take the time,
to nurture it more carefully or else you're going to find,
what could have been the clear path to our glorious destiny,
has withered up and blown away like so much history.

Chorus Twice

—Submitted by Stragin

Editor's Note — Congratulations to Stragin and Annys, who were bestowed a GV (Griffon's Voice) at February Investiture (watch for this in future Court Reports). This award is given to individuals who exemplify excellence in the Bardic Arts within the principality, so get those quills out and start writing your letters of recommendation for your local bards!! — *umm Bishr*

Avacal Target Archers

2006 Top Five - Royal Rounds

Rank	Name	Average
1	Ellias Silver	121.0
2	Gareth Stringbreaker	93.3
3	James the Quixotic	84.3
4	Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov	73.3
5	Jason Westburg	72.6

Inter-Kingdom Combat Archery Competition

2006 Top Three

Rank	Name	Average
1	Deicyn Moel, Shire of Vinjar	364
2	Coriander, Shire of Vinjar	267
3	Aonghus, Shire of Vinjar	261



TARGET ARCHERY CONTEST/RULES FOR ROYAL ROUNDS

Greetings all! Take heed those of you who practice the very fine art of the bow! I am having a Contest! The rules are simple: Starting March 1st and going until the end of the Royal Round season (October 31st): Whomever reports the MOST royal round scores to me (not just ones that count towards your average - ANY attempt at a Royal Round is eligible) will win \$50.00 towards an order from Those Knife Guys of Sigelhundas. Want an awesome \$50.00 dagger? Its yours! Free. Want a cool rapier but didn't have all that cash? Now you have \$50.00 towards it! That's right! A cool \$50.00 just for shooting the most Royal Rounds! I don't care what your average is! I just want people getting out there to shoot! All those Avacalians who shoot target archery are eligible. All regular Royal Round rules apply. If a minor (by mundane standards) wins, a parent must ok the choice of weapon to be received. Current standings will be updated once a week or so along with the regular Royal Round scores. And that is all there is to it! Now get out there and start shooting!

ROYAL ROUND RULES

ELIGIBILITY: Any person may shoot and send in scores for the Royal Rounds. However, to be eligible for the medallions awarded to the top ten archers in each division and class of each year, the archer must be a member, of any type, of the SCA. The Chief Archer of the participant's home area is responsible for membership verification.

Each archer may count one (1) score in each division or class per day. Any number of rounds may be shot in a day, with the highest score for the day in the particular class or division to be recorded. This applies to both practice and tournament shoots.

The score sheets must have the full SCA name of the shooter, plus their mundane last name, the branch name the archer shoots for, the date the scores were shot, the class or division of the weapon and the name of the Target Marshal in Charge in order to be official. Practice scores may be emailed to the Guild score keeper in lieu of hard copy mailing, although it is highly recommended that all practice round score sheets be maintained by the Chief Archer of the geographic region in which the practice was shot. All tournament scores must be mailed in hard copy format to the Guild scorekeeper. All scores must be reported within thirty (30) days of the practice or event.

TARGET: 60 cm., five color face, or period style round target.

SCORING: (With the exception of Period class.) Gold=5 points, Red=4 points, Blue=3 points, Black=2 points, White=1 point. An arrow that is touching the line between two colors (or the outer line) counts as the higher valued color, provided no color shows between arrow and line. Arrows passing through or falling out (bounce off) count as 3 points unless witnesses can verify the actual score. An arrow bouncing off the ground and then sticking in the target will be counted.

EQUIPMENT: All equipment should conform to the spirit of medieval archery. Recurves or longbows of any material (including takedown) with simple arrow rests and nocking points are allowed. However, compound bows are prohibited. Arrows must be feather fletched and wood shafted. No non-period string releases or sighting aids are allowed. No stabilizers or other high-tech aids are allowed. However, bow limbs may be marked in the open division only. Documentation may be required for period releases or sights.

More detailed rules can be found here: <http://www.missileguild.zateev.net/Missile%20Guild%20scoring%20system%207-2005.pdf>

In service—HL Thomas Wollffe, Avacal Deputy of Target Archery