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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings to the noble populace of Avacal:

We would first like to thank everyone for coming out to support a very successful Investiture--it was heart warming to see so many good friends. We would also like to thank the autocrat and feastocrat team for the fabulous job they did running the event. Our congratulations go out to Our new champions whom We are sure will make us all proud in the performance of their duties over the next year.

We will be putting out a progress very soon of the events We intend on attending as We hope to see as much of Our great principality during Our reign as possible.

With war season upon Us I would like to call forth all Our great fighters to join Us in the many wars that We will be traveling to. We are very excited to be Prince and Princess during the very first Avacal Tir'Righ War which will take place in late June of this year. We have many great friends in Tir'Righ and look forward to showing them how great the people of Avacal have become.

Last but not least We would like to say that We feel very lucky to be your Prince and Princess. We rule over a great and noble people in the best Principality in the Known World. It is our wish to recognize as many of the people who make it so with awards fitting their contributions so please write to Us and recommend them for their deeds.



Picture by HE Roxanne

Einar & Ifatahyo
Prince & Princess of Avacal

Royal Progress

Royal Progress Coming Soon!!

Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

I found these links on A&S documentation off of the An Tir A&S website and thought it may be helpful to some. Enjoy!

www.inlandregion.org/sca/artsci/documentation_four_questions.html

www.inlandregion.org/sca/artsci/history_of_a_good_idea.html

(which has references to the above link)

www.inlandregion.org/sca/artsci/research_and_documentation.html

(written by Mistress Linnet Kestrel)

www.greydragon.org/library/docisnotobit.html

Submitted by Mistress Sadb

COURT REPORT

Updates Coming Soon!

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Recommendation forms!

http://www.avacal-sca.org/officer/award_rec_files/avacal_award_rec.html

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

Avacal Tournament of Tournaments - Rapier Division Season Final Standings

Greetings all,

The year-long season for the Rapier Division of the ToT has come to an end. As was announced at Investiture Court the winners this year are:

Class 4 (1 year or less of tourney experience) -

Athelhelm den Utrecht, man-at-arms to Guillemin de Rouen

Athelhelm set a new record for Class 4 this year with a total of 10 points.

Class 3 (more than 1 year experience, neither a cadet nor a White Scarf) -

Eira Halladottir, man-at-arms to Hamish MacCarraig

Eira had 20 points, matching last years top score for this class.

Class 2 (cadets) -

Robert of Clan Gunn

While Robert is not a cadet his 22 points were more than the remaining cadets scores so he was bumped up to win this class.

Class 1 (White Scarves) -

Guillemin de Rouen, cadet to Raoul Delaroche

Guillemin was also bumped up a class as his 34 points outpaced the next highest score by 11 points making him the overall Rapier Division Winner and establishing a new record to beat next year.

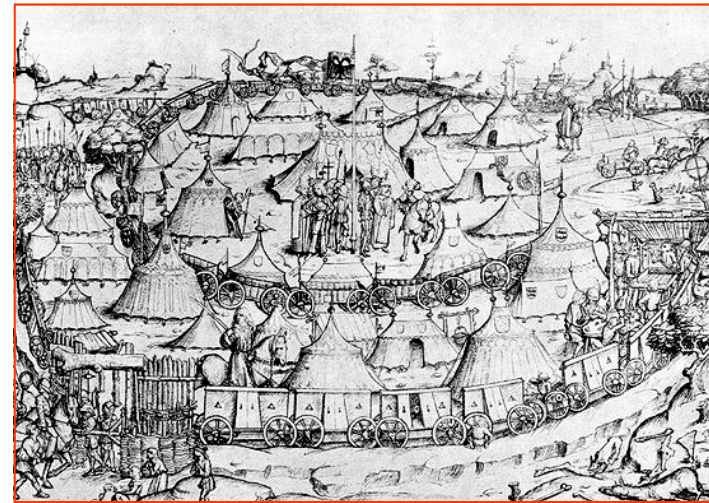
I would like to thank all the competitors for entering tourneys this year. There were a total of 28 tourneys that counted toward the Rapier Division this year with 71 fighters taking part.

More importantly I would like to thank all those who work to enable the tourneys to happen; the marshals who keep us safe, the lists who keep us organized, the event stewards who find time and space for us and the waterbearers who keep us hydrated. Without all of you the tournaments we love to participate in would not be able to happen.

Raoul Delaroche—Avacal ToT Administrator

June Coronet
Cold Keep

June 6, 2008
Prince George, BC



My Lords and Ladies,
Their Highnesses Prince Einar Vikings-son and Princess Ifatahyo al-Jenne invite you to attend them in the Shire of Cold Keep, (Prince George, BC), on the grand occasion of choosing the heirs to the thrones of Avacal!! The Coronet Tournament style will be at His Highness' discretion and will be announced at a later date. All fighters wishing to enter the tournament, will be required to present themselves to His Highness in the fighting erik at 10:00 pm, Friday June 6th. Both Fighter and consort are each required to have proof of membership, heraldic banners, and subscriptions to the Avantgarde. Knight's Council will take place Saturday evening following court.

This event will take place at the Rockins River Resort, located North of Prince George. This is a camping event, NO FEAST WILL BE PROVIDED. Small convenience store onsite. Shopping and liquor stores 15 minute drive to Prince George. Hot showers are available onsite.

Site opens at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 6th and closes at 12:00 pm on June 8th. Site Info: Rockin's River Resort, 3865 Salmon Valley Road, Salmon Valley BC. (250) 971-2223 Directions to Site: From South, East and West. Find your best way to Prince George. Take Highway 97N out of town, travel 13 km. Take your first RIGHT immediately after crossing the blue bridge. Take the first driveway to your right. From North. Take Highway 97S toward Prince George. 13 km from PG Turn LEFT immediately before you cross the blue bridge. Take the first driveway to your right.

Site fee: \$15.00, Children 6 – 15: \$10.00, Under 6: free (\$45.00 family maximum). NMS fees will be in effect. Make cheques payable to Shire of Cold Keep. Autocrat: L. Markus Pheils-mid (Jeff Betke), 328 Beech Cres, Prince George, BC V2N 1K9. (250) 649-0997, cell phone (250) 649-9480. e-mail: dragon_terror@yahoo.com

May Days 2008 Shire of Windwyrm

The Shire of Windwyrm invites all to join us in our annual celebration of rebirth & renewal in the month of May.

Ladies may take part in the choosing of our May Queen, who will choose her Green Man for the traditional May Pole dance. Engage in honourable combat, be it armoured or rapier, with worthy opponents. Practice your archery skills, become a sheep herder for a weekend, or show off your abilities in performance or the arts. May Days is an informal, relaxed weekend event to start the beginning of the camping season. Our site is both spacious and verdant, with little to detract from a period atmosphere.

Autocrat: Lord Matthias der Jager
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Phone (403) 329-2343 (day) or (403) 381-7078 (night)

Site Information:

This event will take place at the Fish and Game Park in Fort MacLeod, Alberta (there is no street address). Full amenities are available 2 minutes from the site, although none are available on-site. Alcohol is permitted in period containers. No smoking except in designated area. All pets must be leashed.



May 30th – June 1st Lethbridge, AB.

Site opens at 12 noon on May 30 and closes 12 noon on June 1. The site fee is \$10.00 for adults (proof of membership required) plus a \$3.00 surcharge for non-members, \$1.00 for youths (ages 6-16), and children 5 and under are free. Make cheques payable to Lethbridge Medieval Club (L.M.C.)

Directions:

From Lethbridge: Go West on Highway 3 (Crownsnest Highway). 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 look for the Lyndon Road Sign, opposite the Shell Station. Stay on paved road down the hill. Go past the Daisy May Campground and look for signs.

From Calgary: Take Highway 2 south then east on Highway 3 into Fort MacLeod. Turn left onto Lyndon Road, opposite the Shell Station. Go past the Daisy May Campground and look for signs.

Schedule:

Friday, May 30th:
1:00pm Site Opens
Dark pm Torchligh Champion's Tourney
Saturday, May 31st:
11:00am Choosing of the May Queen & May Pole Dance
1:00pm Archery?
3:30pm Heavy Fighting – War stuff? Practice?
6:00pm A&S mini-competition
Sunday, June 1st:
10:00am May Queen's Court, Prizes
1:00pm Site Closes

Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal,

If you read the minutes from curia held after February Investiture (featured in this issue!), you will see there are a quite a few items of note - mostly the new policy around reporting and the terms ending for our many officers.

For the current branch officers, the new policy outlining the consequences for missed reports is meant emphasize the importance that *everyone* doing something as an SCA officer must report on time. These reports are not only used to prove to the kingdom that we are working in the best interest of the SCA, they are key to maintaining communication and dealing with problems as they arise. They help us share resources and successes and only serve to make Avacal stronger as a principality.

As for principality officers, while it may seem like a lot of people are stepping down, many are just preparing for their end of term a few month down the road. This will provide time for any interested parties to work with the current officer, getting a hang of the job before formally stepping up. An ideal way to try out a new position. Plus, there are so many different types of officer positions up for grabs right now that it's the perfect time for anyone - those of you new to the SCA or old-timers like me - to step into a place that really gets you involved in your Principality. All that's need is an interest, enthusiasm and a willingness to talk to others. So if you have any inkling at all in becoming a webminster or herald, please chat with your seneschal or branch officer to find out more. Then, talk to the current principality officer because I can guarantee you, they will tell you why becoming an officer is not only good for the principality but it can be fun and easy too.

I guess that it's for this month. Except this - Branch officers—reports are due April 15th (if not before).

Ever in Service—Manyra

From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

Four more issues to go. My term is almost up and no disaster has befallen this office (to my knowledge, at least but no one, as far as I'm aware, has approached anyone to indicate an interest in taking the position of chronicler. Working with the talented people of Avacal, putting together a newsletter that we can be proud of, has been a great honour. Now it is time to find someone with a new perspective and fresh energy. The Avantgarde is great newsletter—it was great before I took on this position and compliments on its style and content have continued to pour in from across the Kingdom. With hard work and devotion the Avantgarde can continue to be great, but if this office is left empty I fear it might fall by the wayside as many branch newsletters have done already. Perhaps you have a vision for the future of communications in Avacal. What better way to present that vision than as chronicler. So, take the step forward and apply for the position or chronicler, or encourage that someone who could be great at it to drop me a line!! In hopeful optimism, and faith in the greatness of Avacal, I look forward to hearing from many of you soon.

alaam Alikum — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler

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AUTHORIZATION FORMS

Greetings,

Just a reminder to all fighters that authorization forms are to be sent to me, not to Kingdom Lists. My mailing address can be found in the officer listing pages .

If you want to check your current authorization status, please check the An Tir database. The usual web location is not working well so please use this link:

<http://www.lostware.com/Default.aspx?alias=www.lostware.com/antirlists>

If you are not listed, you are not authorized! Please re-submit your forms to me if this is the case.

The new 4-year forms are now in use. They can be found here:

http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/15_4_YearAuthorization.pdf

Please contact me if you have any questions about authorizations.

Regards—Caitilin



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

Cold Keep Champions May 24, 2008

Shire of Cold Keep Prince George, BC

The Shire of Cold Keep invites all comers to vie for the honour of representing Cold Keep as Heavy, Archery, Rapiier and Arts and Sciences Champion of our fair Shire.

The meal will be potluck - period dishes preferred! - followed by a bardic competition to entertain all. This is a discreetly wet site!

The site will be open from 9AM until midnight.

Further detail and championship requirements can be found on the Cold Keep website:<http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>

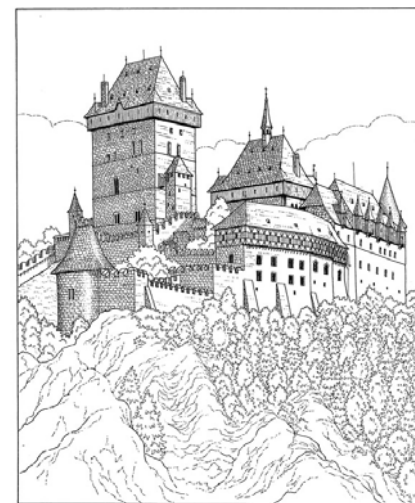
The event is at the Miworth Community Hall at 13510 Flint Road, Prince George, BC, V2M 7B9. Make your best way on Highway 97 (the Bypass) to 5th Avenue. Turn west onto 5th Avenue and follow it to Foothills Boulevard. Turn north onto Foothills, and continue to Otway Road (just before the bridge). Turn east onto Otway Road and continue 11 kms to Flint Road. Note the road crosses the railway tracks three times before you reach the site. SCA signs will be posted.

Site fee is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, children under 5 free: the \$4 non-member surcharge applies. Make cheques payable to the Shire of Cold Keep, SCA Inc.

Information about the tournaments will be made available by the outgoing champions and will be updated on the online event copy as it becomes available.

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Beltaine Montengarde

May 10, 2008
Calgary, AB

Their Excellencies Beothuk of the Beothuks and Wilma the Still invite you to Montengarde's Beltaine festivities. Beltaine is a time to celebrate renewal, and we are bringing that to life with this event. Without new blood and renewal of our energies and enthusiasm, the Dream would become an Obligation; therefore, we felt the best way to celebrate Beltaine is to make it the Festival of the New! We have a new hall and many new organizers, and would like to encourage everyone to bring people who are interested in what we do, but have not attended an event. By renewal, we ensure we can continue to have fun for many years to come!

In addition to archery, rapier, rattan combat, an A&S display, and a games table, the next Montengarde Bardic Champion will be chosen at this event. Merchants are also welcome. Finally, Her Excellency Wilma and the Serjeantry of Montengarde will be holding classes and testing of new applicants to the Guard. Please see <http://www.montengarde.org/> or contact the Event Stewart for further details or questions.

Event Steward: Lianor de Najera (mka: Allison Roth),
#4 1704 35th St SE,
Calgary, AB T2A 1B5.
403.850.5715,
beltaine@montengarde.org.

Feast Steward: Ellias Silver
(mka : Paul Cote)



Site Info: Irish Cultural Society,
6452 35th Avenue NW,
Calgary AB, T3B 1S6.
Hall opens at 10:30 and closes at
23:00. Archery is off-site at the
Calgary Archery Centre,
4855 47 St. SE,
which opens at 9:30 for warm-ups.

Site fee: \$10 (12 and under free).
Feast tickets: \$10 (12 and under \$5).
Non-member surcharge: \$3.
Archery fee (to be paid at Archery
Centre): \$7.
Make cheques payable to MCSA (note:
this cannot include archery fees).

Enclosed flames or tea-lights only,
please.

Directions: Best route to 16th Ave N
(Highway 1). From 16th Ave, turn
north on 49th St NW, then left on
Bowness Rd, left at Bowwood Rd, and
a slight left on 35th Ave.

EQUESTRIAN GAMES

This issue will detail equipment needs and specifications. Many of the items required can be used for more than one event. For example, if you manufacture your ring tilting spear in the proper fashion, it can also serve as your pig-sticking spear.

General Rules Regarding Equipment Use and Requirements

Riders must hold their lance or spear in a vertical position until advancing at a target. Once you have completed your attempt to strike your target, raise your lance or spear back to a vertical position, immediately.

In case of Emergency or loss of control **DROP YOUR WEAPON**. To drop it safely, hold it out parallel to the ground and let go. Do not throw your weapon or spike it as this creates a safety hazard.

As in all forms of SCA martial activities, a call of Hold! means stop everything you are doing. In the case of equestrian it also means bring your horse to a standstill as quickly as safely possible and do not continue the course until the Equestrian Marshal approves it.

Typically only one horse is allowed on a course at a time. If more than one course will be run simultaneously, or if in a match race situation, then these courses must be separated at a minimum by a list rope.

Tournament planners are responsible for providing all equipment necessary for setting up the tourney courses (standards, targets, list ropes, etc.). Providing weapons (swords, lances, spears, etc.) is the responsibility of the riders. Some areas may eventually have loaner gear available, but since this activity is so new, do not expect there to be weapons available for your use.

A note about minors: it is expected that the new rules will limit minor participation to those who are 10 years old or older. Minors are allowed to compete in all games played by the adults, and are under the same authorization requirements. They are not allowed to use live steel for any of the games. If minors are expected at your tourney, you should make sure that options for them to compete exist. For example, in the Pig Sticking game, targets could be created so that they can be picked up with a Velcro tipped spear instead of live steel.

Tilting Styles

Norman/Frankish: The rider holds his lance across his horse's neck and spears the target on the opposite side from his lance arm. This method requires that the target be higher than for Persian so that the lance is not jostled by the horse.

Saracen/Persian: The rider lowers his lance vertically on the same side of the horse as his lance arm. This method allows the target to be lower than for the Frankish Method

General Tourney Field Requirements

The area required to hold an equestrian tourney depends upon which games you will run. Some games require more space than others, so keep this in mind when designing your course.

In general a field measuring 180 feet long by 60 feet wide should be sufficient to run all the games and have several set up at the same time. Smaller areas can be used, but may involve having to set up and take down some pieces of games equipment after each run. If you plan on having more than one horse competing simultaneously, you may need an area that is wider.

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The tourney site should be set up much like a heavy fighting/rapier eric. The field should be completely encircled so that should a rider be thrown, the horse will likely remain contained on the field. Solid fencing is preferred, but at minimum a bannered list rope is acceptable. Natural barriers such as a steep hill or very thick tree line (anything that a horse is unlikely to attempt to negotiate) may be acceptable as a barrier, check with the Equestrian Marshal for confirmation. In all cases, a rope or fence barrier must be in place between the field and any spectators present.

Luxuries such as a large sunshade should also be considered. Always remember your horses when designing comforts. Horses like shade too! And, as in any form of martial activity, water must be available for both riders and horses at all times.

Games Equipment:

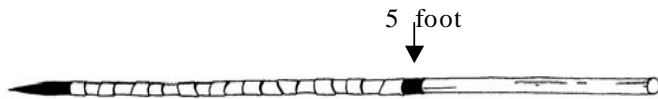
In all cases the term 'standard' represents a stand or post used to mount additional equipment. Each type of game will determine the height requirements. All standards must be stable, meaning they will not topple if a horse happens to bump into one, or a rider strikes their target too strongly, however they should give under extreme pressure, so as to not trap and panic a horse if they get caught up in one. Anything used as a base for the standard should provide stability, but not be too wide as to cause a horse to trip over it while performing the game.

Ring Tilt

- 3 standards topped with T-Bar mountings, approximately 7 feet in height. T-Bars should be equipped with a system to fasten rings so that they hang below the T and will break free upon being speared.

- 12 rings – either 4 each of 2", 4" and 6" diameter or 2 each of diameters 1" to 6". Rings should be coloured or have ribbons attached to increase visibility.

- 7' to 10' lance or spear is suggested, with a tip no larger than the smallest diameter ring. It may be as short 5'5" or as long as can safely be handled by the rider. It can be made of rattan, hardwood dowel, or poltruded fiberglass. The tip should not be live steel. The shaft should be a minimum of 1 ¼" thick. Wooden and rattan lances must be wrapped lengthwise and spirally with fiber tape. Avoid selecting wood that has a grain that runs slantwise through the shaft so reduce the chance of breakage. A mark should be made at the 5" point. The rider should not hold the lance forward of this mark in order to keep the tip forward of the horse's face. Particularly long-necked horses may require that the lance be held farther back along the shaft.



Quintain or Tilting the Mock Knight

- 1 quintain, approximately 8' tall, heavily weighted at the base, with a shield firmly bolted to the right arm and a sand bag filled with rags or foam suspended from the left. It is recommended that the quintain be built up on the base of a wooden box to maximize stability. The top of the quintain should rotate with low resistance so as to maximize rotation of the shield, but should be stiff enough not to rotate unless struck. All construction should be wood since it will be struck many times and needs to be able to handle that kind of punishment. Try this link for instructions: www.duchytarragon.com/Building_A_Quintain.htm

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Silver Arrow Bitter End

Red Deer AB
April 25-28, 2008

Spring is just around the corner and so is the Shire of Bitter End's annual Silver Arrow Archery tournament. The coveted Silver Arrow and 5 pieces of silver are among the prizes for the Archery, Rapier and Heavy tournaments. Then join us as we travel in the footsteps of Marco Polo along the Spice Road. Do you like it HOT!!! Your food that is....no, nor do we, but we do like it SPICY. Sample the flavours of simpler times....pepper, salt, cinnamon and saffron; paprika, garlic and turmeric. For those of you who do like it a little hot, well, we have something for you too.

After a long day of archery, rapier, heavy and youth combat; rest, relax and eat. The glory of the Silver Arrow is yours and what follows is simply the best the Shire of Bitter End can offer its glorious combatants.

Site Information:

Location: Shady Nook Community Hall, Red Deer County.
No street address

Directions as follows.

Make your best route to Red Deer and the intersection of Highways 2 and 11. From highway 2 travel west on highway 11 to Secondary highway 596 (Burnt Lake Trail) and turn left (south), there is a FasGas on the North corner. Travel along Sec. Hwy 596 (this road curves from the south to the west) to Range Road 283 and turn left (south) onto gravel. Follow Range Road 283 to Township Road 380 and turn right (west), there is feedlot on your right-hand side. Hall is the 4th drive on the right. Signs will be posted.

Dates and Times: Site opens at 5 pm on Friday, April 25th and closes at 12 pm on Sunday, April 27th. Camping is available, but beware, it is April and come prepared for any weather. Crash space is available in the hall.

Fees:

Site/Feast fee is \$22.00

Site only is \$10.00

Children Site/feast: 0 - 5years – free
6 - 12 years \$11.00, site only \$5.00.

There is a non-member surcharge of \$3.00.

Please make cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Bitter End. You MUST reserve to eat. This is a licensed event and all alcohol will be served from the bar in accordance with mundane liquor laws.

Autocrats/Feastocrats:

Conal Fitzalan and Rosoin MacAskil
(Don Allen and Marlise Ziegler)
5155 40 Street, Innisfail, AB, T4G 1H1
403.227.0413
(no phone calls after 8 pm).
mmhziegler@shaw.ca;



Winter War Borealis

April 4-6, 2008
Edmonton, AB

As winter ends, our thoughts turn to the upcoming war season. Get an early taste of battle at Winter War! This event features a day filled with battle scenarios and target archery, a potluck supper, and indoor camping both Friday and Saturday night.

Site opens at 7 p.m. on Friday and closes just before noon on Sunday. Showers are available on site.

Site fee: Adults \$10.00, youth 12-17 \$5.00, children under 12 free. A \$3.00 non-member surcharge applies to all adults who do not have proof of membership. (Make cheques payable to ASCA Barony of Borealis.) There is no extra charge for overnight camping but some assistance with set-up and clean-up is expected.

Merchants are welcome. Please contact Mistress Joan the Just at joanandcennet@hotmail.com or (780)986-6623.

For the potluck feast, please bring enough food for 8-10 people according to your modern surname: A-K bring dessert, L-R bring main course, S-Z bring appetizers. A cash bar will be on site.

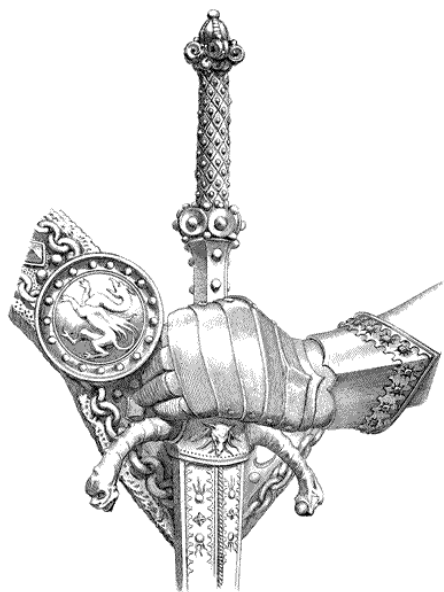
"Join us for day filled with rapier, combat & target archery and oodles of heavy combat war scenarios. And as with every Winter War we will also challenge our gentler skills with an Arts and Sciences and Bardic competition. This year war points will be awarded for victory in Rapier, Heavy, Target Archery, Arts and Sciences and the Bardic Competition so come join in on the fun! Details of the scenarios and competitions will be posted in the coming weeks to the Avacal list."

Autocrat:
HL Coryn of the Wode (Corry VanderZee)
3207-112 avenue, Edmonton AB, T5W
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(780)474-6892 or (780)686-7774,
corryvz@telus.net

Site info:
Wetaskiwin Drill Hall,
4513 – 50 avenue,
Wetaskiwin AB, T9A 1L2

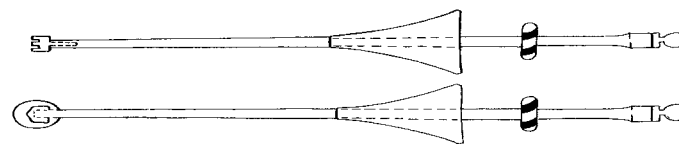
Directions to Site:
From north or south take Hwy 2A into Wetaskiwin. Turn east on 50 avenue, go about 1.5 km straight into the Exhibition Grounds. From east or west take Hwy 13 into town, turn south on 56 street (Hwy 2A) and follow above directions.

Target archery competition begins on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Pipestone Creek Archery. Directions from Edmonton: Go south on QE2. Take exit 497 and turn right on Hwy 616. Go about 2.5 km, then turn left on RR 255. Go about 5 km. The archery site will be on the right. Directions from Wetaskiwin and points farther south: Go north on QE2. Take exit 488 (correction Line) and turn left at the top of the ramp. Go about 0.5 km and turn right on RR 255. Go about 3.5 km. The site will be on the left.



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- Quintain lance at least 1 1/4" in diameter. It may taper the last four feet to no less than 3/4" at the tip. The tip should be covered with hard leather or rubber. They can measure 8' to 15' long, but generally they should be 9' to 12' long. You should add weight at the non-striking end to improve balance. It must be made of poltruded fiberglass or weapon grade rattan. You may fit the lance with a counter weight and/or a vamplate, but these should be well attached. Always check your lance for deterioration. The lance may only be spliced once along its length. At the splice, a solid nylon rod a minimum of 1 foot in length and 1 inch in diameter should be used. The rod should be permanently affixed in the core of one half of the lance to be spliced such that the other half of the lance can be slid over the nylon rod to create a tight splice. The splice should then also be wrapped with several layers of fiber tape when in use. A schedule 40 PVC end cap should be permanently affixed on the striking end of the poltruded fiberglass shaft under the heavy rubber end as well as on the counter weight end.



Meridiase Coronelle Tips: These rubber lance tips are constructed of rubber boat rollers, wooden or nylon dowel, and a heavy washer. The boat roller is cut in half and castellated into the surface creating four flat points. The dowel is inserted and the washer and a PVC sleeve is used in the place of the PVC end cap.

Beheading the Enemy

- 5 standards from 4' to 7' high. The tops should have a Velcro or other mounting to attach the targets, and a way to attach a cord or bungee to prevent the target from going too far away from the pole.
- 5 Styrofoam balls, wig stands, or rolled foam, which should be reinforced with strapping tape. Velcro or cord/bungee cord should be attached to the base to be mounted on the standard.
- Wooden sword or mace. Any rider may use a padded short sword or mace up to a maximum of 36" total length. The marshal may require a rider to use a shorter weapon if they feel the rider lacks control of their weapon and constitutes a safety hazard. The weapon must have all striking surfaces padded with a minimum of 1/2 inch of closed cell foam. The foam should be covered with duct tape or fiber tape. The core and handle of the weapon may be of rattan, silo flex, rattan-cored silo flex, or foam filled golf tube. The use of lanyards is discouraged.

In an effort to achieve a more period feel and look, some kingdoms allow riders who have earned an Intermediate or Advanced Rider Authorization to have the option of using bare, wooden short swords. The equestrian marshal has the final, and only say, whether you will be allowed to use one of these weapons in tournament. These wooden swords must be constructed from hard woods, no softwoods are allowed. The bare weapon may be up to a maximum of 40" total length. The striking surfaces and points must be smooth and blunt. All joinery must be solid and without significant play, upon inspection. Metal may be used in the cross-guard and hilt for decorative or weighting and/or balancing purposes, but must be blunt and securely attached. The total weight of the weapon should be less than 2.5 lbs.

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- Cones, barrels or similar equipment to mark the starting and turning points on the course.
- 1 stopwatch.

Pig Sticking (also called Tent Pegging)

- 7' to 10' lance or spear. The same general spear standards for shaft length and construction as the Ring-Tilting lance also apply to Pig-Sticking. The main difference is that the Pig-Sticking spears need to have a live steel point for piercing the targets
- 3 styrofoam blocks, these may be of various sizes, wrapped in strapping tape and covered by cloth.
- Lure coursing machine, if the moving targets option is planned.

Reeds

- 10 standards from 4' to 6' high. The tops should have a Velcro or other mounting to attach the targets, and a way to attach a cord or bungee to prevent the target from going too far away from the pole.
- "Reeds": 10 reed targets between 4'-6' high. The reed targets can be all the same length or in decreasing heights. Velcro or cord/bungee cord should be attached to the base to be mounted on the standard
- This is a sword game, not a mace game, and requires a padded sword per Beheading the Enemy.

Javelin Toss (also called Spear Throw)

- 1 target, usually a drum-shaped object at least 2' in diameter, with a heavy cardboard or canvas face, attached to a 4' by 8' stand. The drum should be filled with compacted foam. You can also use hay bales or other alternatives if they can be braced so as not to move when struck.
- Light spears or javelins, 6' to 8' long, with live steel points.
- Some barrier, hay bales for example, to make the lane the horse must travel and to protect against bounce back.

Cup Carry (Tankard or Chalice Race)

- 1 or more goblets of the same size.
- Water.
- Stopwatch.
- Pole, barrel, or similar equipment to mark the starting and ending point and additional pieces to mark out turning points and/or hazards.

Flag Race

- Two 6' by 8' poles with pennants or flags attached to one end. Each should be a different color.
- 2 flag holders.
- A tube 3' high and 4" in diameter or a barrel or hay bale (if flag pole is sharpened at lower end) may be used.
- Stopwatch.

Flat Work

- Printed text and diagram of the course should be provided to the judge(s) and riders before the walk through.

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Myrgan Wood****Saskatoon SK
March 29, 2008**

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, Their Excellencies Helene and Dietrich of Myrgan Wood invite all to participate in the choosing of their spring champions.

Where: Sts. Martyrs Hall,
1628 – 9th Avenue North ,
Saskatoon , Sask. S7K 3A1

Time: 10:00AM to 11:00 PM

There will be Archery, Armored Combat, Rapier, A& S display, Gaming, Barding and competitions for all of the above. The day will end with feasting and merry making.

Merchants are welcome, contact Lady LJ for space.

Autocrat: HL Lina Joya of Grantham Keep

Feastocrat: Kvan of Grantham
Site Fee \$10.00,
\$3.00 non-member surcharge.
Feast \$15.00
PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY

Contact HL Lina Joya for family rate.
Make cheques payable to:
SCA – Myrgan Wood

Crash Space is limited.
Contact : HL Lina Joya
at 306 -249 -1257
or e-mail pixster@sasktel.net
(Pixie Glasser
227 Needham Crescent ,
Saskatoon , Sask. S7M 4X3)

Schedule: 10:00 AM- site opens
set up for A&S
Archery
11: 30 to 2:00 - lunch BBQ
\$2.00 for burger
\$1.00 for Pop-
Proceeds to Travel Fund
1:00 - Armored Combat
3:00 - Rapier
6:00 - Bar opens and Feast will begin shortly thereafter.

Schedule may change at the whim of their Excellencies.

This wonderful event is brought to you by the Household of Grantham Keep.



AVACAL CALENDAR

March		
9	War Practice	Rhuddglyn
29	Spring Champions	Myrgan Wood
April		
5	Winter War	Borealis
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3	Pillage Practice	Sigelhundas
10	Beltaine	Montengarde
24	May Champions	Cold Keep
31	May Days	Windwyrm

*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.

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

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- 4 or more cavaletti or 4" by 4" turned poles at least 9' long and painted to contrast with the ground.
- Poles or weighted 5 gallon buckets with staffs or shrubs may be used for bending (turning) obstacles. These must not tip over if brushed by horse or rider, or blown over by the wind.
- A water hazard may be constructed using a 4' by 8' sheet of plastic or tarp. Make a 3" to 4" depression 36" by 7 feet in the ground; spread the plastic over and fill with water. Carefully cover the edges of the plastic with dirt; lay a ground pole on each side of the water, parallel with the track.

Relay Race

- Some hand-off, such as a baton (basic relay), small flags or banners Retrieve the Banner) or potatoes or gold painted rocks (Loot the City)
- Pole, barrel, or similar equipment to mark the starting and ending point and additional pieces to mark out turning points and/or hazards.

Equipment for the "Take the Message to the Duke" option:

- 1 message, this can be a scroll or letter, to be handed off between members of the relay team. Alternately you can set up several pieces of a message tapped to a pole that must be retrieved individually.
- 1 Duke or other person the message is to be delivered to.

Ribbon Race

- Several pieces of ribbon or twine 12" to 14" long. It is suggested that the length of the ribbon can vary based on the authorization level of the riders competing.
- Pole, barrel, or similar equipment to mark the starting and ending point and additional pieces to mark out turning points and/or hazards.
- A stopwatch.

Squire Rescue (or Rescue the Maiden)

- Chalk or some non-hazardous material for marking the lane.
- A dummy, or for the advanced version, an athletic volunteer who is qualified as an advanced rider.
- Stopwatch

Quests

- Equipment required is entirely dependant upon the quest and its set-up/design.

Mounted Archery

- All archery equipment (bows, arrows, targets) and range must be inspected by a warranted SCA archery marshal before use. It is acceptable and encouraged that the Equestrian Marshal may also serve as the Archery Marshal if they hold the appropriate warrants. All equipment used must be legal under the An Tir archery rules.
- Bow Weight (pull poundage) is not to exceed 35 pounds.
- Archery Target used must meet SCA archery target specifications.
- A barrier of some type that will not allow the horse and to pass closer than 10 yards (30 feet) to any target to prevent danger from the bounce back of arrows.
- Beyond the target area there must be a wall or archery-proof net, or a clear area a

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minimum of 100' long and 120' wide (60' on either side of target). The Clear Area for targets used "in motion" shooting may be overlapped. A second barrier should be placed parallel to the first, 10 feet apart (wider as needed for chariots), thus creating a lane for the archers to ride down

Mounted Combat

As with all equestrian rules, those for Mounted Combat are still being rewritten and will likely be extensive. Rather than print all the out-dated equipment rules them here, I suggest anyone interested in Mounted Combat should go to the An Tir web site (www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Marshallate/Equestrian/eq-rules.php) and read the posted versions.

Next Issue: Course Set Up & Training Tips

For those interested, a yahoo list has been created for equestrian activities in Avacal. For more information or to sign up, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Avacal-Horse/?yguid=326367211>.

Have fun! Be safe!

Lady Lyonet Lamoureux
lyalamoureux@gmail.com

The An Tir Book of the Horse (ABoTH) is still in rewrite status. As a result, the information here is not guaranteed to be accurate for use in An Tir. The information in this article was taken from sources in other Kingdoms as well as the Inter Kingdom Equestrian Competition (IKEqC) rules. Any differences from the forthcoming rewritten ABoTH will likely be minor.

Thanks to the equestrian community of the Kingdom of Aethelmarc for their detailed specifications.

Riddle Me This...

Christ, the true giver of victories, created me for combat. When my lord urged me to fight, I often scorch mortals; I approach the earth and, without a touch, afflict a huge host of people. At times I gladden the minds of men, keeping my distance I console those whom I fought before; they feel my kindness as they once felt my fire when, after such suffering, I soothe their lives.

—Excerpts from: *The Exeter Book Riddles, revised edition*. Kevin Crossley-Holland, translator. London: Penguin Books, 1993.

Answer: The Sun

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- Maintains student and instructor records for their region
- Aids in the reporting of THUA financial records to the regent
- Actively encourages the creation of new classes and promotes all THUA activities in their region
- When needed, stands in for the Lord/Lady Regent at Curia meetings and for bestowing THUA credentials
- Helps at Quad War and Grande Sessions of the University (registration, set up/tear down etc...)

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

Warrant and Reporting Deputy (Apr 01/08): The Warrant and Reporting Deputy reports directly to the Avacal seneschal and is apart of the seneschallate team. This position was created to assist the principality officers with maintaining Avacal warranting rosters.

The responsibilities include: updating the branch and principality roster when a change of officer form is submitted; communicating with principality officers and principality seneschal to maintain the most up-to-date roster of branch and principality officer positions; creating the formal warranting roster which is reviewed by Avacal Royalty at both the spring and fall investiture; forwarding the authorized warrants to the designated kingdom officers.

Qualifications for this position include: knowledge of the principality officer positions including their reporting branch positions; knowledge of the warranting process and procedures; dealing tactfully when communicating with Royalty and other positions of authority (i.e.: kingdom officers); ability to communicate effectively via email; moderate skill level in Excel worksheets.

Requirements for this position include: access to a computer with Excel, internet, email and a printer.

Time commitment for this position: approximately 30 hours per six months to create and maintain the warranting roster. Typically 15 of the 30 hours will be one month prior to Investiture.

Web Minister (Apr 01/08): You will be responsible for maintaining Avacal online presence in accordance to copyright laws and SCA Electronic Policy. Duties include handling all correspondence related to Web matters and timely updates to the Web site. The web minister will be a deputy of and report to the Principality Chronicler.

“Be alert to give service. What counts a great deal in life is what we do for others.”
—Anonymous

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING NMS SURCHARGES

AUTOCRATS PLEASE REMEMBER: Non-member surcharges (NMS) must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer (Master Pyotr Constantinovich (Peter C. Gorshkoff) 10224-123rd Ct. E., #3, Puyallup, WA 98374-2602, 253-845-0375, pgorshkoff@comcast.net) and cc'd to the Branch Exchequer Deputy (L. Agnete von Freiburg (Amanda Farries), 316- 27th Street W., Saskatoon SK S7L 0J6, 306-664-6451 amandafarries@sasktel.net)

Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

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

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

Chronicler (Jun 01/08): As Principality Chronicler, you will be responsible for the regular publication of the Principality newsletter The Avantgarde. Either directly, in partnership, or through deputies, you will take Curia minutes; publish the updated Laws of Avacal; encourage the publication of the results of research; facilitate communication within the Principality; maintain a record of events and other matters which may be of historical interest; and review the newsletters within the Principality to make sure that they comply with Kingdom policy, don't violate copyright laws, and present a favorable view of the Society. You will also act as a contact between Kingdom and local groups and as a resource for branch chroniclers.

Principality Herald (Jun 01/08): The position of Avacal Principality Herald is open, and for any interested in applying for the position to send their resumes to the current Prince and Princess, the upcoming Tanist and Tanista and copy the Principality Seneschal. Principality Heralds are responsible for coordinating court, voice and book heraldry within their principalities.

New & Incipient Branch Deputy (Apr 01/08): The Incipient Branch Deputy is responsible for the formation and development of new branches in An Tir. The Incipient Branch Deputy acts as a resource for people wishing to form new branches, aids the Kingdom Seneschal in ensuring that proposed branches meet the requirements and monitors the progress of incipient branches in order to assist them in gaining official status.

Regional Chancellor THUA (3) (Apr 15/08):

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

All three regional posts are currently open and are all under the direction and supervision of the Lord/Lady Regent of the University. The administrative regions are broken down as Southern Alberta, Northern Alberta (including BC branches) and Saskatchewan. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- Serves as the primary contact for THUA activities in their region (helps find teachers, trains those running THUA event on recordkeeping, ensures recordkeeping done correctly etc...)

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Spring Deities

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AKITU	FREYA	MALAKBEL
ASTARTE	GOUMANG	OLWEN
AUXO	GREENMAN	OSTARA
BACCHUS	HORAE	PERSEPHONE
CARPO	INARI	RHIANNON
CHLORIS	ISHTAR	SVANTETIT
DIONYSUS	LILITH	THALLO
DZIEWANNA	LUNARHARE	VESNA
EOSTRE	MAIA	ZEPHYRUS

A&S-Practice, Practice, Practice

Greetings everyone!

It's less than 12 months to the next Principality A&S Championship Competition and I thought I should send a reminder to everyone to be working on your entries whether you are going all out for the Championship or just a single entry.

Now I know A&S competitions can be intimidating, but with the right preparation and practice they can become enjoyable. There are lots of us out there to help with the preparation part (A&S champions, A&S ministers, Laurels, etc) and what better way to get some practice than to enter one or two entries in the many A&S competitions that are coming up.

I've added a file to the Avacal Group A&S Documentation file that is a great assistance in collecting and putting together documentation for an object.

Good luck!

HL Dyrfinna The Wanderer—Avacal A&S Champion

How to put Together an Arts & Sciences Entry

by Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail

Why would I enter an A&S Competition?

How do I decide what to enter in an A&S Competition?

- Choose a topic you are interested in
- Do some research
- Gather material necessary
- Create item

Document it – should be ongoing throughout your entire process

When choosing an item for your entry ask the following Questions:

Who
What
Where
When
Why
How

Who: - Who would have used this item?
-male/female/both?
-culture

What: - What is the item?
- What is the items purpose?

Where:- Where is this item from?
-country/culture

When: - When was the item from?
- When would it be used?

Why: - Why would they have made this item?
- Why would they have used this item?

How: - How would the item have been made?
- How would the item have been used?

When you are putting together an A&S entry:

- Give yourself plenty of time for:
- researching
- documenting
creating

Tips:

- Explain your process in your documentation. Take pictures of each stage of the creation of your entry.

Ask Yourself:

- What went wrong?
 - What went right?
- What would you do differently next time?

ALWAYS check the A&S competition rules of any competition you are entering!!!!

- Consider putting your item in A&S displays!
- Always put out a notebook with your display for feedback!
Learn from your mistakes!

To quote Missy Morgan the Unknown;
"And one last tip: go home, toss those comment sheets (good or bad) in a drawer, and forget about them for a couple of months. Then go back and re-read them with a little distance. Ninety-per cent of the time, you'll find that some of the ones that rankled at the time will seem a bit less - er - nitpicky. The evening after a day of competition you will be a) tired and therefore more sensitive; b) still too close to the effort of the "making" and therefore still 'way attached, even the mildest comment that doesn't sound like praise can sting in those circumstances."

Remember that judges are humans! Sometimes their remarks may not be written well and may not sound exactly as they were meant. Always speak with a judge if you are unsure of what they meant by their comments. Never assume anything!!!!

Dezzrienne reminds everyone that groups should give one year's notice if they are unable to host an event so that a replacement can be found. Several comments are made that smaller groups can ask for help from larger groups and co-host, etc. Branches are responsible for the event but that doesn't mean they have to do it alone.

Principality Event Forms: Ceara stresses that event forms MUST be completed 6 months in advance of the event! The rotation system doesn't change this. Please see the Calendar policy.

No Conflict and Maximum Event Limits: Her Highness Ifatahyo says this will not be changing during Their reign. Education is need and they system is still to new to determine if it is working or not.

THUA - Katelijne:

Kateljijne reports that THUA will be reducing the number of Regents from 5 to 3 – Northern Alberta/BC, Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

We will be calling the Collegiums "Grande Sessions". These will be bid on by groups and will not be on the rotation.

Degree granting requirements are changing. Those attending 10 classes at a minimum of three different sessions will hold the title of "Scholar of the University of Avacal", those taking 50 or more classes will be recognized as "Scholar Cum Laude" and instructors who teach 5 different classes at a minimum of three different sessions will hold the title of "Fellow of the University of Avacal" and will have the right to wear the THUA badge.

Kateljijne will be preparing a financial policy for THUA.

October THUA: Will be hosted in Borealis and will include cooking, marshal arts, etc. with teachers from outside Avacal being brought in to teach. Please contact Katelijne if you want to teach a class.

Day Shades for THUA: Katelijne would like to build some sun shades for use at Quad.

Kateljijne/Sadb:

TO spend up to \$500 from THUA funds for sunshades, seconded by Sadb. PASSED

Exchequer - Dezzrienne:

Dezzrienne needs a list of assets from the Regalia officer. Jajiradai says he will send it to her.

Dezzrienne has re-constructed the books and they are all up to date. She would like to have an external audit done. This is required by the by-laws.

Dante/Helene:

TO obtain an external audit of the financial books as required by the by-laws, seconded by Helene. PASSED

Dezzrienne requests all reports which go to her Reporting Deputy also be cc'd to her.

Announcement: AMRA Annual General Meeting will be held at June Coronet.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Dante/Ifatahyo:
THAT a draft proposal be created for a policy regarding missing/late reports
PASSED

Inga volunteered to draft a proposal for next curia.

Changes to Officers - Manyra:

New officers are: Calendar – Ceara; Archery – Athelred; Contingency Seneschal – Malcolm; Scribe – Findabhair. Later also noted that Tristram had resigned as Bardic – Stragin to replace him.

Officers with terms ending soon: Warrants, Avacal Development, New Branch Deputy, Chronicler, Webminister, Herald, Rapier. Later noted that Tristram had resigned as Games Deputy. Please apply!

The Chronicler position was stressed as important to find a replacement for which prompted a suggestion from Dante that the newsletter could change to a less frequent “news magazine” with input from all groups. Suggested that all the group newsletters be “rolled into” one this way. Many suggestions discussed. Dante will write a quick proposal outlining this suggestion.

Avacal Development:

Anny reports that all award names have passed the first phase of the approval process. This excludes the Silver Gryphon which is considered a “token” and does not have to be registered to still be given out. Heraldic library is growing and e-books are being investigated as an option for additional growth.

Inga reports the scribal college is in place with the Charter likely to be approved by May Crown. Everything else is done or very close to done.

Caitilin clarifies that the Avacal Lists database is not being created to duplicate Kingdom or even for use now. It is being created so it will be in place and ready to “go live” when we become a Kingdom.

Inga encourages people to bid on Kingdom events.

Manyra reports that as of December Avacal had 438 members.

There are a lot of suspended addresses – remember to send information in if you move. Lots of branches are growing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar/Rotation - Ceara:

Ceara says there have been some concerns with the rotation process, especially for groups who host Quad War plus another event in the same year. There are also concerns about groups always hosting the same event and all the eastern groups hosting events in the same year.

Ceara reminds groups that they can trade events with other groups.

Manyra suggests that it could be set up so a Barony who hosts Quad War will be skipped if they are to host another event that same year. The three Baron/Baronesses all state that they don't feel the duplication is a hardship.

Inga comments that the rotation will change if we add or lose a group which would change the rotation so groups would no longer always host the same event.

Manyra announces that Harrow's Cross has advised her that they will be unable to host Investiture. Myrgan Wood has been asked to step in and has agreed.

Avacal Rocks!! Estrella Largesse Results

As you all may recall, I put out a call last November seeking helping hands and donations for the gift bags traditionally given by Their Majesties to the many Crowns who attend Estrella War. Avacal has helped with largesse for Estrella for many years but this year my goal was to have the majority of the gifts and all the bags be crafted by Avacalian hands - to show our great talent and to help spread the word fame of this great Principality and her people. I knew it was an ambitious goal since that meant crafting and filling up to 14 satchel sized gift bags but I had faith :) ... but I was frankly unprepared for the incredible response I received.

Not only did we have MORE than enough for the Estrella bags needed, we provided enough largesse to help Their Majesties for the coming Gulf War and other events as well!! Their Majesties were simply BLOWN AWAY!

So since you were not all able to be there and wonder at the talent of Avacal.... and see how LARGE the bags were with esse....err stuffhere is a tally of everything done and donated and by whom. BTW I tagged EVERYTHING with the name of each contributor so that your wordfame is well known!

Here is what was in EACH bag (so this is times 12!) BEHOLD and WONDER!!!!!!!!!!!!

- ❖ a pair of ceramic drinking cups and one ceramic lion head medallion by Gwen the Potter ***** (this was the only NON-Avacal contribution to the gifties)
- ❖ one pair of wool and linen/silk handsewn late period split mittens by Marie (Montengarde)
- ❖ two skeins of hand dyed linen - one in cochineal one in fustic by Katelijne (Montengarde)
- ❖ one handstrung paternoster (silver or gold beads with blue or amber colored glass beads on silk) with handmade silk tassel plus instructions on how to wear a paternoster by Katelijne (Montengarde)
- ❖ a piece of handforged metalwork (either a firesteel, arrow head, rivet set or thor's hammer by Schmett (Myrganwood)
- ❖ a small pouch with 2 handstruck commemorative silver coins from last year's Quad War with a tag inviting Their Majesties to attend Quad. Coins by Schmett (Myrganwood) the rest by me ;)
- ❖ one piece of handtooled leather work (either a worked decorative panel, a bracer, a vambrace, a pouch or a drinking horn with tooled leather ring) 6 items by Markus (Cold Keep) and 6 items by Taly (Borealis) *** these were SO amazing ... I really should have gotten pictures....
- ❖ one leather pouch - the pouch was either empty - various styles by Ibrahim (Vinjar) or contained a period games - by Myfanwy (Montengarde) the two that had the bonus games went to our Allies ;)
- ❖ a set of three hand lampworked beads by Kalira (Borealis)
- ❖ a hand lampworked amphora bead by Ifatahyo (Montengarde) OR a set of metal snips in a handsewn leather sheath by Thorgeir (Montengarde)
- ❖ an embroidered linen sewing kit by Lina Joya (Myrganwood)



Picture by HE Inga the Unfettered

NOT bad hey?

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The bag embellishment was done by:

Sadb (Vinjar) - two bags	Gemma (Montengarde)
Eira (Myrganwood)	Findabhair (Montengarde)
Slava (Borealis)	Kalira (Borealis)
Dryffina (Borealis) - two bags	Grioffa (Borealis)
Tricia (Myrganwood)	Aldreada (Montengarde) - two bags
Constance (Montengarde)	

The Inkle loomed bands (6) were by Coryn of the Woods (Borealis)
The tablet woven bands (6) were by Neegahnee (Borealis)

AND in addition to all of the above, the following items were personally selected by Their Majesties for Their Largesse for Gulf War and other coming events:

- ✿ 14 handbeaded necklaces done by the lovely eldest daughter of Baroness Helene of Myrganwood (her name escapes me - sorry dear)
- ✿ 3 hand decorated little wooden boxes by Kvan (Myrganwood)
- ✿ 5 handmade chainmail pieces of jewelry by Rhyannon (Bitter End)
- ✿ 16 machine embroidered linen sewing kit by Lina Joya (Myrganwood) - she sent 28! kits to Estrella... unreal
- ✿ 3 skeins of wool spun by Nan Compton (Montengarde) and donated by Tricia (Myrganwood) - I think she'd won them as a prize - very generous of her to part with them!
- ✿ 3 tablet woven straps that we were not able to use on the Estrella bags (lovely but not matching the colors of the bags sadly) by Neegahnee (Borealis)
- ✿ 2 of the gift bags that weren't needed for Estrella. We prepared 14 but only needed 12.

I did persona matching as much as possible by researching every Royal Pairs' persona and device that were likely to attend. Since not every Crown expected was able to attend there were two very lovely but not matched bags which will be gifted to those Royal Pairs in question at Gulf War!

PLUS all the remaining of the multiples contributed to Estrella Bags—many folks generously provided 14 of the items they crafted:

- ✿ two pair of wool and linen/silk hand late period split mittens by Marie (Montengarde)
- ✿ four skeins of hand dyed linen - two in cochineal two in fustic by Katelijne (Montengarde)
- ✿ two handstrung paternoster with handmade silk tassel plus instructions on how to wear a paternoster by Katelijne (Montengarde)
- ✿ two sets of three hand lampworked beads by Kalira (Borealis)
- ✿ three hand lampworked amphora beads by Ifatayho (Montengarde)

I? I am so proud I could burst....

The King and Queen? Were FLOORED :) An Tir put EVERY OTHER KINGDOM to shame my dears - and ALL thanks to the talents of Avacal.

AVACAL? ROCKS!

That is all :)—Inga



Recording:

Caitilin

Present:

Her Highness Ifatahyo	Sadb
Jajiradai Batu	Annys Bradwarden
Vik Vikingsson	Helene Charesse
Caitilin	James the Quixotic
Dante Machiavelli	Owen of Caldekote
Katelijne van der Ast	Inga the Unfettered
Manyra	Gabrielle
Malcolm de Bruce	Dezzriane Dragnova
Ceara O'Ceallaigh	Findabhair na Noinini
Roxanne Delaroche	Raoul Delaroche
Wilma the Still	Beothuk of the Beothuks
Dietrich von Kleeve	Guillemin

Word from Their Highnesses:

They want to hear about any problems, questions, etc. Open communication is important. Let's keep the communication lines open.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

From November Coronet - As published in the Avantgarde December 2007.
Motion by Annys to pass as presented, seconded by Inga. Passed

Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

OLD BUSINESS: Reeve's Handbook - Manyra:

We will be leaving this to Autocrats to organize. We've heard from Kingdom that they have finished their handbook and that they are waiting for Society approval. We will be following what An Tir requires.

Reporting - Manyra:

Officers who are reporting are reporting well, but there are still some "trouble" spots where several reporting periods will pass without reports.

Manyra proposes two missed reports or three late reports should result in a warning with the next missed report resulting in officer removal.

Dante commented that one missed or late report should result in a warning. Much general agreement that this was sensible since three quarters without a report was much too long.

Open communication in both directions was stressed as very important. Always request confirmation that your report has been received. Those who receive the reports (and/or queries) should always reply promptly to confirm receipt.

Principality of Avacal Curia February 24th 2008 AS XLII 9:00 AM Avacal Investiture, Borealis