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**From The Griffin Thrones:**

Greetings unto the populace of Avacal!

Well, things have been very busy over the past month. We had a wonderful time at Our Investiture in Valley Wold in August. We thank everyone for their hard work and support on Our behalf during a crazy day! Next saw Us raiding across the border in Artemisia at Whipping Winds. Our populace did Us so very proud on all areas of combat and we totally kicked butt! From there We were off to September Crown in Shittimwoode. Our people fought hard and did very well in the lists and we congratulate everyone who entered and showed the Kingdom that we are a force to be reckoned with! Finally, We had our first event in Avacal since Our Investiture. We were so glad to be home with Our people and enjoyed the hospitality of the group in Bitter End for Harvest Feast! We have thus far had a wonderful time and are very proud to hold these lands for An Tir!

We look forward to the coming of the fall and more events here at home.

In service to Avacal,

Wernar and Tatiana  
 Prince and Khatun, Avacal

\*Tyranny!!!\*

**Royal Progress**

Tatiana, Khatun: Autumn Celebration, Cold Keep  
 Vinfest, Vinjar  
 Feast of St Crispins, Tir Bannog, Tir Righ  
 November Coronet

Prince Wernar: Myrgan Wood Anniversary (Tentative)  
 November Coronet  
 Yule in Borealis



# COURT REPORT

The following awards were given out:

## 8 July 2006 Quad War

### *Sven and Signy*

GdS Alayna of Myrgan Wood  
GdS Dezzrienne Dragnova  
AoA Linnet of Myrgan Wood  
AoA James Le Grand  
GdS Hrogn the Skinpeeler  
GdS Liam Angarsson  
JdL Lina Joya of Granthum's Keep  
GdS Beothuk of the Beothuks  
AoA Genevieve Montpetitie  
AoA Cecily de Wynter AoA  
Citvogel  
AoA Agnete von Freiburg  
JdL Ceis of Ravensrift  
GdS Pol Blackfist  
Laurel Sadb ingen Thuathail  
King's Favor Vik Vikingsson  
King's Favor Inga the Unfettered  
King's Favor Fenrick Vikingsson

### *Kvigr and Shunzei*

GH Morrigan Clubfoot  
GG Deicyn Moyle  
AoA Allistair MacPherson

## 15 July 2006 An Tir Coronation

### *Sven and Signy*

FMeN Gemma Meena of Cur Elmo's  
Keep  
FMeN Inga the Unfettered  
FMeN Vik Vikingsson  
FMeN William Bennett

## 23 July 2006 Hidden Treasures

### *Kvigr and Shunzei*

AoA Irisko the Effervescent  
AoA Amenés  
AoA Shane of House Isormr  
GG Onora inghen Mc Thomais

## 5 Aug 2006 Moorish Tavern

### *Kvigr and Shunzei*

PFavor Thorbjorn (Northshield)  
PFavor Anisila (Northshield)

## 12 Aug 2006 Investiture

### *Kvigr and Shunzei:*

Champion Sword: Gunther Rorikson  
Champion Arrows: Markus  
Iron Arrow: Morrigan Clubfoot  
Iron Maul: ?  
AoA Quintessa  
GF Jajiradai Batu  
GG Gunther Rorikson  
AoA Aidan Bastard Son of Brian  
PFavor Eyoddi Lokadottir  
PFavor Meridia the Lost  
PFavor Dezzrienne Dragnova  
PFavor Romana  
PFavor Caius the Mender  
PFavor Emeric of Pevensey  
(aliases: "Shiro", "Otani  
Uchiyasu")  
PFavor Manyra Thorinsdottir  
PFavor Inga the Unfettered  
PKnot Lina Joya of Granthum's Keep  
PKnot Melusine  
PKnot Robert the Scot  
PKnot Weldon the Gray

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Myrgan Wood Anniversary  
Oct. 7, 2006

Barony of Myrgan Wood  
Saskatoon, SK

Their esteemed Excellencies Dietrich and Helene, Baron and Baroness of Myrgan Wood, invite you to celebrate with them the 27th Anniversary of their glorious Barony. This event marks the choosing of our illustrious champions of Armoured combat and Archery. It will also feature a Rapier prize tourney, an A&S Competition, and displays.

This celebration will take place on the 7th of October 2006 at Saint Martyrs Canadiens Hall, located at 1628 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Site opens at 9:00am and closes at 1:00am.

Site fee is \$7.00; feast is \$8.00 and NMS is \$4.00. Children 12 and under pay \$3.00 for site and \$4.00 for feast. Cheques can be made payable to SCA Myrgan Wood.

Autocrat Siobhan Delaroché (mka Amanda Wisner) can be found at: 209C 815-8th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7H 0R6 and can be contacted via email at: [alw376@mail.usask.ca](mailto:alw376@mail.usask.ca) or phone at: (306) 934-3344

Directions: Make your best route to Warmen Road in Saskatoon, Sk. Turn south onto 7th Ave. Turn East (left) onto Balmoral St (you could also use Windsor). Go one block and turn North on 9th Ave for a couple of blocks.

More information can be found (and will be updated regularly) on the Myrgan Wood website: <http://www.chainmailstore.com/mw/>

**Vinfest VII**  
**Sept 29 – Oct 1, 2005**

**Shire of Vinjar**  
**Grande Prairie, AB**

Join the Shire of Vinjar as the skilled compete in Heavy, Rapier & Archery prize tournaments.

Come for the renowned "Grape Stomp" as well as the third annual "Maighstir Gruadaire" (Master Brewer) competition. The Drover's Reach Tavern will be open for business. \*No outside alcohol please\*

Site opens at 7 p.m. September 29th and closes at 12 noon on October 1st.

Paid reservations are required. Site fee: \$10 with membership, \$4 NMS; \$5 day fee; Family Cap: \$35.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday (\$6 for children under 8)

Bed fee: \$10 per person per night. Limited camping space - \$5 per tent.

(Smalls under 6 free)

Schedule to be posted at a later date

Makes cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Vinjar

Reservations deadline for feast is September 19th .

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Merchants welcome, no fee.

There is no street address, Camp Tamarack Camp Ground. The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers and washrooms.

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turn LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow that road until you get to 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, now following Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road (108 St.). Follow Hwy 40 South through and out of Grande Prairie. Continue south of Grande Prairie 5km, and turn LEFT at "Camp Tamarack" signage and follow the SCA signs.

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PKnot Manyra Thorinsdottir  
 PKnot Jajiradai Batu  
 PKnot Armatus Kamateros  
 PKnot Gareth Bydaweyr  
 PKnot Linet Grimolfsdotter

**Wernar and Tatiana:**

Viscount Kvigr Ivarsson  
 Viscountess Chikaku Kawa no  
 Shunzei  
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**Hazzah to all recent award recipients. For the complete Avacal OP please visit: <http://heraldry.avacal.net> Any corrections or updates can be sent to Master Mordecai Avacal OP Deputy at [rslansky1@shaw.ca](mailto:rslansky1@shaw.ca)**

**Recommendation forms!**

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**Heraldic Help!**

Are you new to the wonderful world of heraldry, or thinking about becoming a herald? There is so much to learn about in the world of heraldry, from historical practice to SCA rules and customs, that it can be overwhelming for the beginner. To help you along, I have created a short document that gives you the central things you need to know about being a herald in An Tir and highlights some people and websites that can help you. In other words, this packet is to be a starting point for new heralds so you don't feel quite so lost in the ocean of information available on the Internet.

If you are interested in receiving this packet, please send an e-mail with your request to [Snail\\_Or@msn.com](mailto:Snail_Or@msn.com) or [Snail\\_Or@msn.com](mailto:Snail_Or@msn.com). Unless you request otherwise, the document will be sent to you as a Word attachment.

The An Tir College of Heraldry also has a few gracious people willing to serve as mentors to new heralds. Please contact me if you would like a mentor.

Also know that the An Tir Heraldry e-mail is open to everyone at any experience level. Any question that is related to SCA and period heraldic practices is welcome on the list. Information on how to get on the list is

At <http://www.antirheralds.org/college/maillinglists.html#athlist> or <http://www.antirheralds.org/college/maillinglists.html#athlist>

In Service,

Esclarmonde Argent Scroll

## ABOUT NOVEMBER CORONET...

Greetings unto the Populace of Avacal:

We have decided that November Coronet will be in Borealis. February Investiture will be in Montengarde.

November. Coronet tourney will be a standard double elimination with open weapon choices. The three things We require are that:

- 1) The fighter has an appropriate tourney tile. (For clarification, please contact the Principality List Mistress, Caitlin at [avacal-lists@antir.sca.org](mailto:avacal-lists@antir.sca.org))
- 2) The fighter must (and we STRONGLY encourage their Inspirations as well) have some sort of heraldry that can be displayed. \*i.e. hung on a wall\* This does not have to be registered arms. It can be in any form... banner, tabard, baldric, tunic etc. This does not include shields.
- 3) Avantgarde subscriptions are also a requirement to enter the lists.

In service to Avacal we remain,

Wernar and Tatiana  
Prince and Khatun, Avacal

## Autumn Celebration September 23, 2006

## Shire of Cold Keep Prince George, B.C.

The Shire of Cold Keep invites you to join us in celebrating the beginning of autumn in a day of fun and frolic:

- >Rapier tourney!
- >Heavy combat tourney!
- >Archery fun shoot!
- >Arts & Sciences competition!

The day's activities will be followed by a potluck feast and revelry. Check the Cold Keep website ([http://www.geocities.com/trad\\_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm](http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm)) for more information and updates on the individual activities, or contact the autocrat at [celticwolf@telus.net](mailto:celticwolf@telus.net).

Location:  
Miworth Community Hall  
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Hall opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 12:00 a.m.

Site Fee:  
Adult: \$ 6  
Youth (13-18): \$ 3  
Children 12 and under: No Charge

The NMS is in effect for this event. Proof of age may be requested for anyone under 19 years.

Please make cheques payable to the Shire of Cold Keep.

Merchants welcome – please contact the autocrat for more information.

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## Beyond the Bamboo Curtain September 16, 2006

## Shire of Rhuddglyn Medicine Hat, AB

Since the 1530s, European traders have been coming to Japan—now, Japan comes to Rhuddglyn! Join us for a day of Japanese culture, including a no-shield challenge tournament (heavy armoured), an archery competition, and authentic Japanese feast.

**Site info:** Canadian Union Hall, 55 Saamis Road NW, Medicine Hat.

### Directions:

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**Site Opens:** 10:00 am  
**Armour Inspection:** 11:30 am  
**Tournament Begins:** 12:00 noon  
**Archery Competition:** 3:00 pm  
**Bar opens:** 5:00 pm  
**Feast:** 6:00 pm  
**Site Closes:** 12:00 midnight

### Reservations:

Feast & site:  
 Adult - \$15 with membership, \$19 for non-members (includes \$4 non-member surcharge). Children (aged 6 - 16) - \$7. Children under 6 (accompanied by adult) – free.

### Site fee only:

Adults - \$5.  
 Children (aged 6 – 16) - \$3, under 6 years free.

There are only a limited number of feast tickets available. We would appreciate if you make your feast reservations in advance; the only confirmed reservation is a paid reservation. Please make cheques payable to 'The Medicine Hat Medieval Society,' and send to the Autocrat (address below)

**Autocrat:** Otani Uchiyasu (mka Tim McShane), P.O. Box 147, Hays, Alberta, T0K 1B0. Telephone (403) 725-2120; e-mail: mcshane@telusplanet.net

### Merchants:

Merchants are welcome and encouraged to come. There is no charge for merchants but you must reserve a space in advance. Please contact the autocrat in order to reserve your space.

*www.codexpublishing.ca/  
rhuddglyn/japanese.html*

## 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 the end of September 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 \$5. If you want a second tile of the same device it's an additional \$2. 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: [tourneytile@telus.net](mailto:tourneytile@telus.net)

Regards,

Caitilin



**The New Armoured Society Rules are up at:**  
<http://sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/armored/index.html>

Where there is disagreement between the current ABC's and the new society rules, the new Society rules supersede the ABC's. For 'behaviour' issues, the New Society rules are now the law of the land. The exception to that is for the non-contact/contact transition which will be implemented on August 1, 2007. The populace will be notified if this date changes at any time. In order to get equipment up to speed, there is a three-month grace period (until December 1, 2006) for armour and weapon standards.



## ToT Armoured Division Results

*So for all those that missed Investiture...*

The winners of the 05-06 Season of the ToT-Armoured Division.

- **Class 4, fighters with less than one year of tourney experience.** There was quite the battle for this class with much of the year seeing ties between different fighters. The winner managed to pull ahead by one point by supporting the war effort at Avacal-Inlands. With 7 points the winner is Amenes!
- **Class 3, fighters have seen a tourney season before but are neither a squire or a knight.** This class was an interesting race and while Jurgen pulled away in front to begin with, he failed to keep his momentum and lost the lead in the end. With 16 points the winner is Fenrick Vikingsson!
- **Class 2, Squires. Another exciting competition.** HE Kviggr made things interesting by scoring enough points to be pushed into the next class. That made for a very close race amongst the remaining squires. In the end HE Kviggr was knocked back into his own class and won with 26 points!
- **Class 1, Knights.** For awhile it looked like this class was going to be taken over by one of the squires. However, an exceptional season, including fighting in the finals of both May Crown and An Tir Champions made for a runaway lead for this year's overall winner. With 39 points the winner is HE Vik Vikingsson!

It was an exciting year, but there is a new season already started! Results from August Investiture are already posted at: <http://delaroch.sasktelwebsite.net/AvacalToT/Armoured.htm>

Last years standings are archived and available there as well.

There have also been some small adjustments to the rules. There will no longer be any points for participation in wars, either in or out of Avacal. Also the Tournament of Roses held at Crown tourneys will no longer count. The rules can be read in their entirety at: [http://delaroch.sasktelwebsite.net/AvacalToT/Armoured\\_Rules.htm](http://delaroch.sasktelwebsite.net/AvacalToT/Armoured_Rules.htm)

Interesting Facts from the past season:

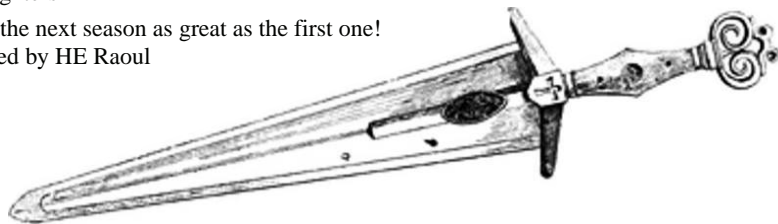
- Number of tournaments counted for ToT-A: 40
- Number of fighters who entered tourneys: 115
- Most fighters in a tournament: 35, both August Investiture 05 Squires and November Coronet Squires
- Average number of fighters in a tournament: 13

I personally want to thank everyone who helped make this season possible:

- The lists people who keep track of all of our fights (esp. Caitlin)
- Everyone else who reported scores.
- Waterbearers!
- Tourney organizers
- All the fighters

Let's make the next season as great as the first one!

— Submitted by HE Raoul



## AVACAL CALENDAR

September		
02	September Crown	Shittemwood
<b>09</b>	<b>Harvest Feast</b>	<b>Bitter End</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Behind the Bamboo Curtain</b>	<b>Rhuddglyn</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Autumn Celebration *</b>	<b>Cold Keep</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Vinfest *</b>	<b>Vinjar</b>
October		
<b>07</b>	<b>Myrgan Wood Anniversary *?</b>	<b>Myrgan Wood</b>
21	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
28	Theme Feast	Border Gate
November		
04	Pirate's Tavern	Sigelhundas
25	Coronet Tourney *	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.



## Announcement of Baronial Polling for Montengarde

Their Excellencies of Montengarde, Baron Malabar and Baroness Hero made known at Hidden Treasures/DragonSlayer their desire to step down.

As such, and in accordance with An Tir law, a polling concerning the candidates to be the next Baron and Baroness of Montengarde will be held on October 14, 2006. The polling will be held at The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary, 7 - 11 Street NE. Calgary, AB from noon until 7 PM. Those who are unable to attend may participate by Advance / Absentee Polling.

Those members who live outside the Barony may send written comments to Their Majesties. Comments must include your name and membership number. Please contact Caitilin at [montengardesen@telus.net](mailto:montengardesen@telus.net) for details on polling eligibility and information. More information on the candidates and the polling may be found at [www.montengarde.org](http://www.montengarde.org).



### Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

The kingdom of Atlantia has a great list of websites collected by those wonderful A&S people.

<http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/wsnlinks/>

There are over 8000 links to mailing lists, clothing patterns from all cultures, or whatever else an SCA'er may be interested in. So go forth and research...

.....Mistress Manyra

## *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\*\*\*\**

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

**Arts & Sciences:** 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.

**Avacal Seneschal:** The Seneschal is the legal representative of a branch. Seneschals sign all contracts, make sure that things are done pursuant to the restrictions of all modern laws, corpora and kingdom law, work with the chatelaines to handle all public relations, and normally conduct the business meetings/curia. The seneschals coordinate the branch officers.

## What is a Seneschal?

**The person** - a seneschal is:

- someone who enjoys helping others
- willing to find out the answer to questions
- a listener to both the words and the meaning behind them
- someone who strives for a solution
- willing to take a stand for what is best for the group

**The job** - a seneschal must:

- oversee the daily functions of a group
- advise the Royalty
- be a formal and legal representative of SCA Inc
- look to long term development of a group
- collaborate with others to achieve

**The team** - a seneschal works with

- Royalty to develop a strong and proud group
- Curia to ensure the health and wellbeing of the group
- Seneschalate deputies and branches to strengthen each facet of the group

These are my personal opinions. There are documents that are available from An Tir and SCA Inc that can go into detail. Why do I present them to you? I will be stepping down from the position of Seneschale d'Avacal at February Investiture and Their Highnesses need to choose another. Please consider the position. There is work involved, yes, but there are many rewards as well. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at any time. If you would like to express an interest in the position, please submit a letter of intent and an outline of your goals to myself and Their Highnesses by November 1st (so that a successor may begin training at Coronet).

—Roxanne Delaroche,  
Seneschale d'Avacal



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

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no chirurgeons in Myrgan Wood, none in Borealis, Vinjar, or anywhere else in Avacal.

We don't have enough Chirurgeons to bother with a Principality Chirurgeon. His Lordship Tvorimir Danilov is our Kingdom Chirurgeon and acting Principality Chirurgeon for Avacal. And he's mundanely in Renton, Washington!

I would love to see at least three chirurgeons in every shire and barony, but I can't put shillings in that many beer steins, so I am looking for volunteers.

If you have mundane first aid and CPR training, or higher certification, and would like to help make our game even safer than it is, I can offer three benefits.

First: as a warranted chirurgeon, you're recognized by the SCA as having a certain minimum level of training, and are familiar with SCA-specific injuries – in short, you're a known quantity.

Second: as a warranted chirurgeon, you'll have the benefit of an exchange of information on SCA-related first aid, a shared set of policies that will allow you to work effectively with people you haven't met before, and the organizational means to delegate and share the workload at an event. And many hands make light work.

Third: as a warranted officer of the SCA, you may be covered by the SCA's liability insurance. The need for this is smaller here in Avacal than in the USA, and we won't dwell on the negative, but it can help if things go badly.

So, if you're trained in first aid and CPR and would like to help your Principality, your shire or barony and your SCA family and friends, please come and talk to me any time, or look for me on the Avacal Circus.

Many thanks to those of you who consider becoming a chirurgeon, and my profoundest thanks to the dozen or so people who have contacted me since Investiture; the chirurgeonate will be stronger and the fighters of Avacal safer for your generous offers.

—Submitted by Lord Geoffrey Kempe  
Chirurgeon-in-Training from Sigelhundas  
(used with permission)



## Chirurgeons Wanted!!

Your Highnesses, Your Excellencies, Your Lordships and Ladyships, My Lords and Ladies, good gentles all:

My name is Geoffrey Kempe. Some of you will recognize me as a chirurgeon-in-training. I am here to explain the role of chirurgeons and the chirurgeonate and to clear up a couple of misunderstandings about first aid in the SCA.

The Chirurgeonate is the first-aid organization within the SCA. Its role is to provide first aid at SCA events. Members of the chirurgeonate provide first aid on a volunteer basis, and at no cost to the recipient.



And to answer the next favourite question: no, we do not practice period techniques. I do not carry leeches, except of the gummy variety; if you want to help me by grinding up rubies, I'm not interested in how you plan to apply them; and I will NOT taste your urine on a bet!

I will, however, provide the best modern first aid care I can to anyone who needs it.

Since anyone can carry and use a first aid kit, with or without training, you might wonder why the SCA bothers to organize its first aiders.



The Chirurgeonate exists for several reasons, most of which boil down to one word: teamwork.

As an organized group, there is managerial control, discipline if, when and as needed, and there are uniform guidelines on how to handle combat injuries. The SCA can also compile injury statistics and evaluate the management of first aid at events. The benefit for the injured fighter is that a chirurgeon will have a clue on how to get you out of your armour or farthingale with minimal damage to equipment or clothing. And we won't treat you like a freak in funny clothes. We also help mundane EMS responders as necessary, and can help explain how to deal with SCA-specific injuries.



So, why am I taking up valuable space in this newsletter? I'm recruiting, that's why! In all of Avacal, the Chirurgeonate has exactly TWO members. There's me in Sigelhundas, and there's Madieleen in Montengarde. There are

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## Principality of Avacal Curia

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 AS XLI

9:00 AM

Avacal Investiture, Valley Wold

**Recording:** Manyra

**Attending:**

HH Wernar	Robert of Caithness	Caitlyn
HH Tatianna	Mora of Lincolnshire	Jajiradai
Roxanne	Gabrielle of the Leaf	Findabhair na Noinini
Manyra	Malcolm de Bruce	Malabar
Eve The Just	Catla Grimolfsdottir	Asney Grimolfsdottir
Ceis	Ceara O'Ceallaigh	Eira
Illyanth	Finna Jorgensdattir	Dietirch von Kleeve
Sadb ingen Thuathail	Amrys Bradwandyn	Helene Charesse

### ---- Agenda Topics ----

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

From June Coronet - As published in the Avantgarde July 2006 - Approved

#### Business Arising from Minutes

None

#### Officer Reports

- New and Incipient Branch Deputy (Hamish)
  - Cranbrook: getting reorganized, demo upcoming.
  - Rocky Mt. House: interested.
  - North Battleford & Brooks (Wyvern's Veld): now acting as households.
- Calendar (Brigit - NA, fr. Roxanne)
  - Nov. Coronet bid received, more to come. Discussion re: rotational process for awarding P. events. Questioned asked about smaller shires. They will be able to ask for support from larger groups. It was determined that bids are now being processed for the next year's events. Once locations for those have been awarded, a rotational schedule will be posted, keeping in mind those groups that have hosted P. events recently. Bids will still be accepted from any group outside of the rotational schedule.
  - People are using the new forms.
  - New Kingdom Calendar officer
  - Kingdom website has changed how event copy is posted. May be difficult form some but one can simply post a link to Avacal's calendar.
  - Term up in November. Have reapplied and been approved.
- Warrants and Reporting Officer (Asney)
  - Warrants are done!
  - P. Officer listing handed out and is available via email.
  - Some officers didn't know what warranting was and not all officers were able to provide a branch officer listing.

Roxanne - This warranting process and reporting is important to show we know what we're doing, to act independently.

- New Branch Officer Procedure - Fill in a change of officer form with at least 3 signatures from your branch. Send to your principality officer, who will then forward to Asney. She will co-



- o ordinate with Kingdom and the branch officer will receive confirmation of warranting.
- o Also notify P. Officer if your branch officer is vacant.
- 4. Exchequer (Eve The Just)
  - o Balance on file for various funds.
  - o K. Exchequer looking at changing the Canadian NMS in light of the better exchange rate. Petition put forth in support of a \$3 Cdn NMS
- 5. NMS Deputy – Catla.
  - o New policy – Send Catla the NMS within 30 days of your event (or will not be able to place an event on the calendar). She will deposit and Eve will send a cheque to Kingdom.
  - o Will send out reminders
  - o Submission forms online in PDF and excel (which has checks and balances built in)
- 6. Herald (Annys - incoming)
  - o Working on a few projects.
  - o Solidify reporting for Baronial awards.
  - o Will work on the backlog for OP. Please be patient.
  - o Will look into what is required to set up College of Heralds.
  - o Herald's Point for all P. Events.
  - o Create Banners and Tent. Will look into cost and discuss in Nov.
  - o Will also look into fundraising and donations (Gabi has extra canvas)
  - o Will be teaching as much as possible esp. Intro to Voice, creating handouts and encouraging use of the Avacal heralds mailing list on Yahoo.
  - o Holding on to symposium bid until we have more teachers.
  - o Would like to build a principality heraldic library.
- 7. Scribe (Inga)
  - o Plan is to get more scribes trained to lighten the load overall and expand the college.
  - o Jajiradai and I will be serving as co-Royal Scribes
  - o College of Scribes and Illuminators will no longer be part of the College of Heralds. It will now become a separate entity. I am in the process of revising the Charter for the College for this purpose. I am also having a badge created for the College as part of our visual identity.
  - o We will be launching the new website
  - o Need permission to buy more sealing wax - Approved
- 8. Regalia (Jajiradai)
  - o New coronet fundraising going well.
  - o Need list of Regalia. His Highness will provide that plus a condition report.
- 9. Chatelaine (Natal'ia – NA, fr. Roxanne)
  - o All branches reported
  - o Will see some turnover in officers shortly.
  - o Working on class based on the demo handbook.
- 10. Chronicler (Manyra – Outgoing, Umm Bishr - Incoming)
  - o Branch officers desperately needed.
  - o Almost finished handbook which should help.
  - o Welcomed new chronicler - Umm Bishr.
- 11. Web Minister (Raoul)
  - o Working to get the Marshallet reporting online.
  - o Lots of other work to do.
- 12. Arts & Science (Ceis)
  - o Lots of work by Sadb and Coryn for A&S stuff at quad.
  - o Reporting abysmal.
  - o Term almost up would like someone for Feb. to ensure the A&S competition is good.
- 13. Bardic (Illyanth)
  - o Have a deputy in MG
  - o Looking at a Bardic Thua
- 14. Gamesmaster (Morgan)
  - o Announced Illyanth as successor
- 15. Earl Marshal (Hakkon)
  - o Will contact local MOS.
  - o Authorization list bad. Sr. Marshals now send yellow upper part to Hakkon. Fighters will get

- o confirmation of authorization.
  - o Sr. Marshals need to keep both authorizations and memberships up to date.
  - o Will try to get Sr. Marshalls in all areas.
  - 16. Lists (Caitlynn)
    - o When running a list at a local event, if sending the results to Raoul for ToT please CC me
    - o Would like to encourage the use of Tourney tiles.
  - 17. Rapiere Provost (William – NA)
    - o Report on file – all's good.
  - 18. Royal Archer (Brynach)
    - o Combat and target activity up.
    - o Target scores are being posted.
    - o Concern with a major rule change – non-contact archers. Contact the Society Earl Marshal with your thoughts.
- Their Highnesses decree that Avacal is only Non-Contact Archery.
- 19. Target Archery Deputy (Thomas - NA)
  - 20. Warlord (Wernar)
    - o We won Avacal/Inlands & Moorish.
  - 21. Constable (Tygar)
    - o Is a mess! Only 2 warrantable constables in Avacal.
    - o Trying to set up a class (will have support from His Majesty to get someone from core up here. And will be co-teaching to become a warranted teacher.)
  - 22. University of Avacal (Dolphin – NA, report received later)
    - o Quad war successful with 18 classes. Thanks to everyone.
    - o Looking for a Deputy Regent as well as at least 2 new chancellors
    - o Purchased a tent
  - 23. Seneschal (Roxanne)
    - o Thanks for your patience during this long meeting. As everyone was working very hard there was lot to get through. This will become shorter as it will be more touching base.

Words from Their Highnesses – Thank you for all the work you've done.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00am

### From the Incoming Chronicler

*Greetings from Umm Bishr,*

*Sorry for the delay in this month's edition, and thank you to everyone who has assisted in preparing this month's Avantgarde, and an especially big thank you to Mistress Manyra who has provided me with a wealth of information and resources that have helped me get up and running this month.*

*It is true that many Avacalians won't know me, or will know me by my 'other' SCA name of Lady Catherine Belle Forget De Lourdes and you may be wondering how I have ended up in the role of principality chronicler (I know I am). , In my mundane work, I do a lot of desktop publishing, database and website maintenance, and large mailings (both electronic and otherwise). Hopefully this experience will help me serve the principality of Avacal through the Avantgarde during my term as chronicler. Where I'm sadly lacking is the ability to submit original content—that's where you come in!*

*Hopefully you will not hesitate to submit any articles, pictures, subscription requests, questions or corrections you might have for the Avantgarde. With your help, this can continue to be a newsletter worthy of the populace of Avacal!*

*Ever in service,*

*al-Sayidah umm Bishr*