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Greetings unto Avacal!

We want to thank the shire of Bitter End for hosting a fabulous investiture, and a special thanks to our predecessors, HE Steinn and HE Gemma for all their hard work and their continued service for the betterment of this principality. Congratulations to the new armoured and archery champions, HL Gerhard Thorwulfsson, and Genic. We are confident in their abilities and they will serve and protect Avacal well.

We recently returned from Crown and would like to thank all those from Avacal that joined us and did an outstanding job of representing Avacal to the rest of An Tir. Congratulations to our new Crown Prince Cedric and Crown Princess Elizabeth. We had a great time with all the activities, and We were impressed with the response from the armoured community to King Tiernan's new requirements to compete in this year's Crown List. Significant efforts had been taken to ensure period armour, and there was no obvious exposed plastic and absolutely no running shoes. We were also impressed by the inventiveness of the people of An Tir in explaining why their persona would be wearing the armour they had, and We really enjoyed the stories of their travels and where they procured the armour and weapon style they fought with.

In response to the success at Crown We are issuing the following requirements to the November Coronet tourney, in addition to the previous requirement of both fighter and consort having Avantgarde subscriptions:

- ❖ No conspicuously visible plastic
- ❖ No running shoes
- ❖ Every fighter is to have some written documentation on their persona and what armour and fighting style would be appropriate to them.

At least one part of each fighter's kit should be appropriate to their persona.

We hope that everyone takes this as an opportunity to improve their kit and to better Avacal with the further development of your persona.

We feel honoured to be Avacal's Prince and Princess, and We look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months.

Kvigr & Linnet
Prince and Princess, Avacal



Picture by Beothuk

Royal Progress

Oct. 13	- Myrgan Wood's Anniversary (Kvigr & Linnet)
Nov. 3	- Ferret's Feast, Valley Wold (Kvigr & Linnet)
Nov. 10	- Skull & Crossbones Tavern, Sigelhundas (Kvigr & Linnet)
Nov. 23-25	- Coronet Tourney, Bordergate (Kvigr & Linnet)
Dec. 8	- Yule Feast, Borealis (Kvigr & Linnet)

CALL FOR LARGESSE

Greetings Avacal,

We recently attended Crown and We were able to gift Their Majesties, Their Royal Highnesses as well as Their Highness from the Summits and Tir Righ with the stores of gifts that the Principality has accumulated in past years. Unfortunately, those stores are now seriously depleted and We would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of largesse from the people of Avacal. Then, if visiting dignitaries arrive in Avacal we can proudly show off the generosity and the great bounty that is within Avacal. We also wish to continue the tradition of welcoming Their Majesties An Tir at Kingdom 12th Night by presenting them with gifts of largesse. Gifts from the hands of the Coronets Avacal are eagerly anticipated and certainly demonstrate the talent and generosity of the people of Avacal. We are looking for artisans who can help provide any of the following type of items:

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

Make sure to attach a tag to your donated item with your SCA name and branch – We want to make sure that the people of Avacal are properly thanked for their contributions, so it is important that the items be labelled.

Please avoid items such as:

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

We appreciate the time, effort and creativity that go into making largesse and will be extremely proud to gift your donated items during Our reign.

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

Kvigr and Linnet —Prince and Princess

Event: Avacal November Coronet

Date: Nov 23 - 25th, 2007

Shire of Bordergate

Cold Lake, AB

Please join Their Highnesses, Kvigr and Linnet in the Shire of Bordergate to witness the tournament to select the next heirs to the Avacal Thrones.

Site: Exhibition Park Agriplex (no street address avail.)

Autocrat: Wentliana (Wanda Edel)
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Cost: Site fee \$5.00 per person, under 5 is free
Feast is \$20.00 per adult, youth is \$10.00, under 12 is free
Non-member site fee is \$4.00 per person

Please make cheques payable to: CSCA Canton of the Lakeland

Directions: Take hwy 28 north to cold Lake, as you enter the Town you will see large red sign just past recycling depot on your right that says Exhibition Park, turn right under the sign and follow the SCA signs. The site opens Friday at 6pm and closes at 12 noon on Sunday. Overnight camping is available. If you are coming from Sask, please take best route to hwy 55. Follow signs to AB and Cold Lake. There will be SCA signs out to follow to the site

Merchants welcome, tables are free, please let me know how many you will need.



*How Many Courtiers
Can You Name?*

Skull 'n Crossbones Tavern #9 – A Gathering of Pirates November 10, 2007

Come out and enjoy fine food and possibly some Northsheilders to kill! Yes, they are invited – after all, we need someone to pillage and plunder so why not our closest neighbours – but do they dare to show up? They haven't yet in the past 8 years but we shall see!

The Tavern will open at 9:00AM for her ninth run in the fair Shire of Sigelhundas. We will be closed at the stroke of midnight so you best be gone by then!

The place of the Tavern is St. Luke's Hall at: 3233 Argyle Road, Regina, SK, S4S 2B5

Tavern fees:

SCA Members:

Adults (13yrs & older):

Site Fee - \$8.00

Feast Fee - \$12.00

Youth (3yrs to 12yrs):

Site Fee - \$4.00

Feast Fee - \$6.00

Child (under 3yrs): Free

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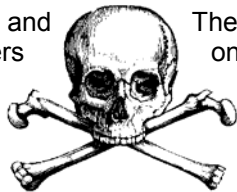
Site Fee - \$24.00

Feast Fee - \$36.00

As per SCA Law, the Non-member surcharge of \$4.00 will be in effect.

Cheques should be made out to the QCSCA.

Shire of Sigelhundas Regina, SK



The Feast this year will be based on Piracy through the ages. Each remove will focus on a certain period of history starting with the Vikings and going forward. There will be authentic period dishes from each time period as well as traditional SCA dishes that everyone can enjoy. There are only 100 seats for the feast so reserve early!

There will be a few contests as well this year:

- ✦ the Principality Games Master Tourney
- ✦ an armoured combat tourney
- ✦ Shire Rapier Champion tourney
- ✦ Shire Arts & Sciences Champion tourney
- ✦ Tablero de Gucci tourney
- ✦ Other 'surprise' contests

More info can be found at: <http://maille.sasktelwebsite.net/tavern.html>

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Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal!

As the leaves begin to turn to their fall colours, I hope that everyone is finding time to relax after a busy summer. Soon it will be time to turn our thoughts to feasts and tourneys. I'm really looking forward to seeing all the heraldry and pageantry that Avacal is becoming known for decorating our feasting halls. Be sure to look for the seneschal's banner at upcoming events. If I'm there it will be up and anyone is welcome to come talk to me about any concerns they may have about what's happening in and around Avacal.

I would also like to remind people that we hold Curia at the four major principality events - usually on Sunday morning. This meeting is not just for officers - everyone is welcome. That goes for branch meetings as well. I know not everyone enjoys this type of meeting but this is where policies and ideas concerning your barony, shire or principality are discussed and we really value input from all corners. At the very least, please read the curia minutes and if you have any feedback, it can be sent to your seneschal, myself or HL Stragin (as our wonderful long term development deputy.)

Have a great fall everyone!

Manyra

Avacal Seneschal

From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

As promised, this issue is thicker although a little later than planned. This month is a little over-run with Curia minutes and the Avacal A&S Championship rules. Remember, these are included for a reason—so that the populace can read them and act on the sage words within. Better yet, if you attend the Curias themselves, these minutes are included here as a reminder of all the great things that were discussed as a result of your presence and participation.

Speaking of participating, a big thank you goes out to Bjar the Blue for submitting his missive 'On Sargeants' and to the various sargeants who answered the call for pictures of their regalia. There are so many ways to get involved in the SCA! Watch for more articles in coming months about many different activities that are available to us as participants in the middle ages as they should have been.

If one of your favourite activities in the SCA is persona development, Brother Selewine wants to hear from you—watch for the return of the persona pieces in the coming months—there are a lot of well researched personas in Avacal, and hopefully these folks (you know who you are) will come forward and answer his twenty questions. You can request these questions by e-mailing brother-selwynn@shaw.ca. This persona feature is a great way for new and old members to get to know some of the many faces of Avacal.

Another great way to get yourself known in Avacal is by sharing your skills and expertise. What better way to do this than by submitting an article about that which you love to do most! Submissions are always gratefully accepted.

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Reorganization of the Office of the Constabulary

Greetings to the citizens of An Tir:

The Constabulary has been in limbo for several months. After much discussion with many, many people, and with agreement from Their Majesties, a decision has been made for a complete reorganization of the office.

It is A Good Thing (tm) for the Kingdom to have trained staff to provide safety patrols and firewatch at events. To this end, the office will be renamed, and placed under the umbrella of the Seneschallate. What this means is that An Tir will no longer have "constables", and it will no longer be a great office. The functionality will not go away, it will have a different name, with a different reporting structure and a more defined scope. The office will have the more obvious authority of the seneschal's office, and a better definition of the position.

I understand this will be a disappointment to many people. However, this is your opportunity to help me create a better organization. While I have the skeleton of the reorg laid out, what I need from you is help with the fleshy bits. Tell me the best parts of the previous constabulary and what you feel must be retained in the new office (duties, training, etc.). Give me examples of the people who were the best constables, and what they did that makes them role models. I need recommendations of people to help make this happen at the regional and local level.

It is my intention to make this happen quickly. To that end, I plan to have the initial draft of a new handbook (including warranting requirements and training plan) done by October 15, with a final draft done in time for presentation at fall Crown Council, and full implementation in January.

So, here we go. Please send me your input, and put "Firewatch" in the subject line.

Respectfully—*Vis. Nadezhda Volynskaia, Seneschal, An Tir*
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Myrgan Wood Anniversary October 13, 2007

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 28th 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 13th of October 2007 at Saints Martyrs Canadiens Hall, located at 1628 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3A1.

Site opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 1:00 a.m.



Site fee is \$8.00; 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 Baron Dietrich von Kleeve (Derrick Schreiber)
119 Lochrie Cres, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7M 5E3
email: dietrich.sca@sasktel.net
phone: (306) 382-8789

Directions: Make your best route to Warmen Road in Saskatoon, SK. Turn east onto Cavers Street. Turn South (right) 9th Ave. More information can be found (and will be updated regularly) on the Myrgan Wood website:

<http://www.chainmailstore.com/mw/>

Ferret's Feast November 3, 2007

Shire of Valley Wold
Moose Jaw, SK

The Shire of Valley Wold invites all to attend our annual celebration of the Ferret on 03 November 2007 at the Moose Jaw Wildlife Hall. There will be heavy and rapier tournaments to determine the shire champions as well as an Arts & Science competition.

Site opens at 9 am and closes at 12 midnight.

Site Fees:

Members: \$15.00
Non-members: add \$4.00 nms
Off Board: \$5.00
Non-members: add \$4.00 nms
Children 12 – 16: \$8.00
Children under 12: free

Please make cheques payable to MJSCA

Site Address: 1396 3rd Ave. N.E., Moose Jaw SK (there is no postal code for this address)

Direction: Coming into Moose Jaw from the north on Main St., turn left onto Saskatchewan St. E. Turn left at 3rd Ave. N.E. The Wildlife Hall is at the end of the avenue. Signs will be posted.

There will be a Gold Key Luncheon on November 3, and a brunch available at the Season's Restaurant in the Heritage Hotel on November 4, 2007, from 9 am until 1 pm.

The Autocrat for this year's feast is Lucia Magna (Deborah Oddie), with the assistance of Alessandra de Pavia (Susan Pomedli) and Leikny the Small (Ida Marie Kindlein).

Lucia Magna/ Deborah Oddie
1124 Alder Ave
Moose Jaw, SK
S6H 0Y7
(306) 694-5844
mystwalker@sasktel.net

Autumn Celebration October 6-7, 2007

The Shire of Cold Keep is proud to host Their Highness' University of Avacal at Autumn Celebration, October 6th and 7th. Please join us in a collegium of classes - from fine arts & sciences to the martial arts!

Pre-registration will be required for all classes. Site and class registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Wintergarden at the University of Northern BC. Classes start at 11:00 a.m. sharp. You must be registered to attend!! Don't wait until the last minute to register, classes do have size limits!!

For detailed class descriptions, fees and how to register, go to the Cold Keep web site at http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/thua.htm and follow the links.

There are two sites for this event: the UNBC Wintergarden and the Miworth Hall. A potluck dinner will follow the end of classes on Saturday - everyone is encouraged to bring a donation to the feast!

Sign in and Registration Location:
UNBC (Wintergarden)
3333 University Way
Prince George BC V2N 4Z9
From the North: From Hwy 97, turn onto Hwy 16 W. Turn left onto Tyner Blvd at the Hwy 16 and Domano/Tyner Blvd intersection. Follow Tyner up the hill, turn left at the UNBC signs onto the campus.
From the South: Turn left onto 15th Ave from Hwy 97. Follow 15th Ave through town and up Cranbrook Hill where it turns into University Way. Turn right at the UNBC signs onto the campus. SCA signs will be posted to the Wintergarden.

Spinning Class and Feast Location!:

Miworth Community Hall
13510 Flint Road
Prince George BC V2M 7C1
From Highway 97 in Prince George, turn west onto 15th Ave. to Foothills Blvd. Turn right and follow to the Otway Road turn off.



Shire of Cold Keep Prince George, BC

Turn left on Otway Road and proceed for 11 km (you will cross over three (3) railroad tracks). Turn right on Flint Road: the hall is on the right. SCA signs will be posted. Both sites open at 9:00 AM Saturday and close at 6:00 PM Sunday. Outdoor camping space and limited crash space are available for Saturday night. Please contact the Autocrat in advance if you require a camping spot or crash space.

Merchants are welcome!

Site Fees:

Adults:	\$10
Youth (13-18)	\$ 5
Children 12 and under:	no charge

The NMS is in effect for this event. Adults with proof of membership (blue card) will receive a \$4 discount to the posted site fee. Membership cards must be shown at the gate to receive the reduced site fee - no exceptions! Make cheques payable to the Shire of Cold Keep.

Donations to THUA will be accepted at the Gate.

As this is a class-oriented event, parents are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their children.

For more information, or to arrange merchant, camping or crash space, please contact the Autocrat:

Brigit ingen Meic Thíre Ruaidh
(Darlene Edvall)
2573 Inlander Street
Prince George BC V2L 1J6
phone: (250) 562-8417
email: celticwolf@telus.net

Call for Avacal Coronet Designs

Greeting unto the Populace,

This is an open call to the populace for designs for the new Coronets of Avacal. We are looking for Coronets that speak to the history of our Principality as well as to the glory of our future. Avacal is unique and our Coronets should speak to that.

His Excellency Vik Vikingsson is the chosen artisan to physically create the new Coronets. As such he, along with Their Highnesses and Their Excellencies, will be the final arbiters of the design. All designs will be sent to HE Vik as well as the Prince and Princess for selection.

There will be no guarantee of the use of your design in part or in whole for the Coronets. However all designs will be given serious consideration. All members of the populace are encouraged to submit designs by Oct. 30th to the design committee (prince@antir.sca.org, princess@antir.sca.org, slikboy@shaw.ca, e-beer@telus.net).

Thank you! —HL Jajiradai Batu, Regalia Officer

ToT Armoured Division Results

So for all those that missed Investiture...

The winners of the 06-07 Season of the ToT-Armoured Division.

- **Class 4, fighters with less than one year of tourney experience.** With 6 points each the winners are Lucian and Ragnar the Rus !
- **Class 3, fighters have seen a tourney season before but are neither a squire or a knight.** With 19 points the winner is Jajiridai .
- **Class 2, Squires. Another exciting competition.** With 27 points the winner is Liam Angarsson.
- **Class 1, Knights.** With 36 points the winner is Steinn 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>

The rules can be read in their entirety at:

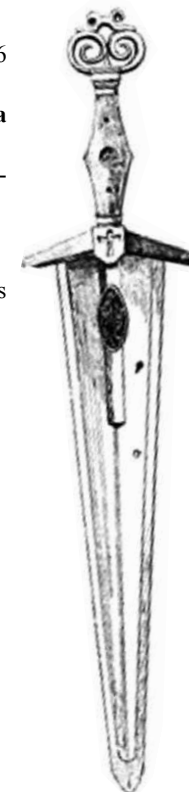
http://delaroch.sasktelwebsite.net/AvacalToT/Armoured_Rules.htm

Interesting Facts from the past season:

- Number of tournaments counted for ToT-A: 34
- Number of fighters who entered tourneys: 102
- Most fighters in a tournament: 31
- 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

This new season promises to be as exciting as last year.

— Submitted by HE Raoul Delaroch



On Sergeants

Recently, I was asked to explain what a sergeant was. In response, I offer this history and evolving definition of the sergeantry as I have heard it told. Any faults or errors I accept as mine and I welcome any who can correct my understanding.

Long ago when An Tir was a wild and untamed kingdom with few peers to call its own, a decision was made to find a way to recognize and cultivate the raw talent of those hinterlands. To the region that would become Avacal, it was Baroness Amanda Kendal of Westmoreland who set the standard that future sergeants would aspire to. Candidates needed to prove their ability across the SCAdian fields of the arts, dance, heraldry, courtly manners, games, and of course warfare. To a traveling peer, the buckle and brown belt of a sergeant could be taken as sure credentials that this accomplished individual was someone to keep an eye on. The shorthand version of describing the rank of sergeant was as a baronial squire.

As different aspects of fighting appeared, so did the sergeants extend their ranks to include yeomen (archery) and gallants (rapier). Some baronies have developed an arts and science sergeant called a courtier. It has even come to pass that the plain brown belt and baronial buckle have been modified to fit these changes. An argent pheon has been used to identify a yeoman and in some baronies a special garter is worn by gallants. What has remained constant is the support sergeants continue to give to their baronies even as they strive towards their own personal excellence.

Unlike champions and others in service to the barony, from the beginning sergeants swore their oaths solely to the baroness. Those who did not feel a personal attachment to the individual baroness would still swear their oath to the populace through her person. Some explained this sergeant tradition in a SCAdian semi-historical context as being the baronesses own forces so that she could take care of the barony in the absence of the baron when he is off fighting in the field. Not only does this quaint story fail to recognize that a baroness might be off fighting in the field herself, it ignores the unique and intense relationships I have seen develop between sergeants and their baroness.

The baroness is 'That Which Inspires'. She represents that high ideal that we aspire to, the great and noble truths we strive to uphold. She is the heart of the barony and the voice of her people, the sergeants her support and her hands on the field. 'That Which Inspires' is what transforms these efforts at playing mediocrity into the significant act of helping us all make a closer connection to the Dream, be it the favour a fighter wears into battle or the peers we admire or of course the baroness who entrusts us to represent that which is good in the SCA. It is through service to her and her people that we touch something greater than ourselves.

Many of those first sergeants have since been squired or apprenticed, eventually becoming peers of the realm. While the original purpose of the sergeantry may have been to cultivate peers, a deeper and broader function developed. The versatility of a sergeant has provided newcomers with an excellent reference resource in multiple fields, be it combat or the finer arts or even the significance of

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Vinfest IX September 28-30, 2007

Shire of Vinjar
Grande Prairie, AB

Vinfest IX is coming! The Shire of Vinjar is having its annual celebration of the grape on September 28 to 30, 2007 at Camp Tamarack, south of Grande Prairie, Alberta. Tournaments of rapier, heavy and archery will be held. For those less warlike, an Arts and Sciences competition will also take place. Let us not forget the traditional grape stomp later in the day. A feast and merriment will complete the day.

The Autocrats for this year's event are Aonghus and Cigale (Rory and Michele McNeil) Box 41 Site 13 RR2, Grande Prairie, Alberta, T8V 2Z9 Telephone them at 780-538-4760 for reservations, or email them at rpmcneil@telusplanet.net.

Site opens at 7 p.m. Sep. 28th and closes at 12 noon on Sep. 30th. The only reservation is a paid reservation!!!
Site fee: \$10 with membership, \$4 NMS; \$5 day fee
new Family Cap: \$35.00 (2 adults, 2 children)
Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday (\$6 for children under 8)

Bed fee:\$10 per person per night.
Limited camping space - \$5 per tent.
(Smalls under 6 free)

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

Makes cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Vinjar

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

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



AVACAL CALENDAR

September		
30-03	Crown *	Blatha An Oir
8	Harvest Feast *	Bitter End
15	Feast of the Dragon's Fire *	Ruddglyn
22	Kingdom Bardic	Aquaterra
29	Vinfest IX	Vinjar
October		
6	Autumn Celebration	Cold Keep
13	Myrgan Wood's Anniversary *	Myrgan Wood
20	Theme Feast	Bordergate
November		
3	Ferret's Feast *	Valley Wold
10	Pirate's Tavern *	Sigelhundas
24	Coronet Tourney *	Bordergate

*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.

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the pointy hats and the coloured belts. The endeavour of the sergeant is to stand side-by-side with the baronial populace and lend aid in the struggles on and off the field. Indeed, it is at home that a sergeant can have the greatest impact in establishing a piece of 'the Dream'.

So long as there are those willing to step forward and share their knowledge, skills, and most of all their passion, there will continue to be sergeants. If this strikes a chord with you and a desire to serve as a sergeant, please contact your baroness. The necessary trials are set by Her and the final decision of who may don the belt and buckle is Her decision, however I doubt very much that there is a baroness who would turn away any offer of assistance.

On a personal note...

An Tir has since grown and now within the borders of Avacal there are many native peers. This has brought the need for maintaining the sergeantry into question. Even the trials to test new sergeants have fallen into fallow. Yet we still dream. We still strive. We still put ourselves out there and help as best we can. Can it be said that baronies no longer have a need for such individuals?

My personal bias dates back to when I first started in the SCA. As a newbie I didn't know a thing about swinging stick or surviving Clinton war or the niceties of court and royalty. There were three gentles who, more than any one else, shaped the way I continue to play today. From them I learned the SCA essentials and far more. They made sure I felt welcome and set in my mind what the Dream was all about and reminded me that we do this to have fun. To this day they continue to be role models to many. These three were and still remain sergeants of Montengarde. When I don my own belt and buckle, I still look to what I would expect those three to do. When I can make a similar positive impact on another, it is a very good day to be a sergeant. For me, this is what I believe burns at the heart of sergeantry and it is my hope that this flame will continue to light the way to the future.

*...In Service to the Dream—HL Bjar the Blue,
Sergeant-Gallant of Montengarde*

From Left—Myrgan Wood Gallant's Scarf and Sargeant's Belt, Montengarde Sargeant's Belt, and Borealis Sargeant's Belt



Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship

POLICY GUIDE and COMPETITION RULES

Revised January 24, A.S. XXXIX (2005)

The Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences represents the Principality through leadership and example. The Champion should have a public presence in promoting the arts and sciences within the Principality, show a breadth of skills and be ready and able to judge, teach and guide the populace of Avacal.

The Champion will be expected to serve as an inspiration and role model to others, especially through setting up displays, contests and forums at local and Principality events in cooperation with the Minister of Arts & Sciences (both Principality and Local, as required). The Champion will work closely with the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences in putting on the competition to choose his/her successor. This includes promotion, recruiting contestants, and judging.

The Champion

The Avacal Arts & Sciences Champion will serve a term of one year. No person may serve as two Principality Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Principality Champion's Tournament at one time. Holding a Principality Championship and Local Championship is permitted solely at the discretion of Their Highnesses and the Baron/Baroness (where applicable).

The Avacal Arts & Sciences Champion, assisted by the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences, must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the February Investiture following their victory. The Champion is responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor. If the Arts & Sciences Champion is unable to serve for the entire year, the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences or other designate, agreed upon by The Coronets, The Tanist & Tanista, and the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences, will organize and oversee the next tournament.

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

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship Entry Requirements

To enter competition for the Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion. Proof of membership will be required at the time of competition. Entrants to the Championship must have been a resident of Avacal for at least 6 months, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

All entrants to the Championship must declare in writing their intent to enter items into the Arts and Sciences tournament. This letter of intent must be sent to the current Arts & Sciences Champion, The Coronet, and the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences on or before JANUARY 15th of the competition year. Novice Triathlon and Single entrants need only notify the A&S Champion and Minister of A&S in writing by the deadline.

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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 (Deadline for applications is Nov 15/07) : Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

Principality Chirurgeon (Deadline for applications is Oct 15/07) : SCA Chirurgeons provide first aid at Society events. (The word "Chirurgeon" is a medieval term from which the modern "Surgeon" is derived.) Members of the SCA Chirurionate include Red Cross trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John Ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers. A Chirurgeon's Warrant of Office crosses Kingdom boundaries.

Principality Calendar Officer is seeking a **deputy** for the last year of her term, possibly to step into the Calendar Officer position. The duties of the Calendar Officer are not onerous, but the applicant should be organized and willing to take the initiative. This is a great way to find out what is happening in the Principality, and get to know the seneschals and autocrats of all the events you are planning to attend anyway.

For more information, or to discuss the position, please contact the Avacal Calendar Officer, HL Brigit ingen Meic Thire Ruaidh_(mka Darlene Edvall).

Gules Signet Scribe (Deadline for applications is Nov 15/07): The Gules Signet is the chief scribe for the Principality and is responsible for all scrolls that are produced within the Principality. Gules Signet acts as the principal deputy for assuring the accuracy of scrolls, their timely assignment and completion, and their delivery to the recipients. S/he, or a designate, is also the holder of the Principality Seal. Gules Signet takes care of the following:

Promoting the Scribal Arts within the Principality.

Providing wax seals to the Monarchs for charters and scrolls during each reign.

Managing the production and distribution of Charter Scrolls for the Monarchs in the absence of a designated Charter Deputy or Royal Scribe.

Managing the production and distribution of Original Scrolls to recipients.

Assisting the College of Heraldry as necessary to ensure the accurate and timely completion of scroll commissions.

Managing such funds as are budgeted and allocated to this office by the Principality and this officer's supervisor, and ensuring their proper disbursement in accordance with the Principality of Avacal and Kingdom of An Tir financial policy. Training and supervising such deputies and scribes as are needed to accomplish these duties.

Rapier Provost (Deadline for applications is Nov 15/07): The responsibilities of the Principality Rapier Marshal are to maintain, publish, and enforce the rules for period rapier combat as laid out by the Kingdom Earl and Rapier Marshals. The Rapier Marshal also maintains, publishes, and enforces standards for safety and equipment for period rapier combat. They are also responsible for encouraging rapier combat and related activities with Avacal. A list of the full responsibilities and requirements can be found in the An Tir Rapier Marshal's Handbook.



*(Continued from page 21)**Fall THUA Classes Continued...*

- ❖ **All That Glitters**
Instructor: Boyarina Sina Erdena
 - ❖ **Embellishment**
Instructor: HE Hero the Responsible
 - ❖ **Charcoal Pouncing**
Instructor: HE Hero the Responsible
 - ❖ **Period Games...Kubb, Nyout, Gluckhaus, Shove Groat**
Instructor: HL Tewel Gover orth Kernow
 - ❖ **Arts and Science Research**
Instructors: Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail and HL Natal'ia Volkovicha
 - ❖ **Basic Bardic: An Intro to Singing**
Instructor: HL Natal'ia Volkovicha
 - ❖ **Pattern Drafting Survey**
Instructors: Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail and HL Natal'ia Volkovicha
 - ❖ **How to put Together an A&S Championship Entry**
Instructor: Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail
 - ❖ **Feast Planning & Budgeting**
Instructors: HL Caitlin ingen ui Dalaig and HL Jajiradai Batu
 - ❖ **Head Cook 101**
Instructors: HL Caitlin ingen ui Dalaig and HL Jajiradai Batu
 - ❖ **Heraldry 101 (for Dummies!)**
Instructor: HL Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov
 - ❖ **Field/Voice Heraldry**
Instructor: HL Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov
- Heavy Combat, Rapier Fighting & Archery Classes**
- ❖ **Making Target Archery Arrows**
Instructor: HE Malabar Membro Spaccata
 - ❖ **Inspection, Maintenance & Repair of Archery Equipment**
Instructor: Markus
 - ❖ **Fighting Techniques for Women**
Instructor: Ridari Steinn Vikingsson
 - ❖ **Fighter Basics**
Instructor: Ridari Steinn Vikingsson
 - ❖ **Fighter Preparation for Tournaments**
Instructor: Ridari Steinn Vikingsson
 - ❖ **The Basics & Fundamentals That No One Uses**
Instructor: Don William Bennett
 - ❖ **The Arte of Not Sucking - theory**
Instructor: Don William Bennet
 - ❖ **The Arte of Not Sucking - hands on**
Instructor: Don William Bennet
 - ❖ **Gaining Measure – footwork!**
Instructor: HE Donya Gemma Meena
 - ❖ **Armoured Combat Field Marshalling**
Instructor: not listed

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Artisans entering the single entry or in-depth feedback category should clearly indicate this on their entry notification. Any research paper entries must be complete, and four hard copies mailed to the Arts & Sciences Champion or Minister of Arts & Sciences, no later than February 1st of the year of the intended competition.

All those competing to become the Arts & Sciences Champion of Avacal must attend the event where the competition is being held. This requirement may only be waived with prior consent by the express and written permission of The Coronet, in the case of emergency or similar extenuating circumstances. Single entry participants may submit entries in absentia, with prior permission from the Coronets, via an identified representative who will take sole responsibility for the item(s). However, entrants are strongly encouraged to attend.

All entrants will be expected to identify themselves and their entries, and must be available during their scheduled judging periods to answer questions regarding their entries. All entries will be numbered for organizational purposes, and judging periods will be scheduled and announced prior to the event.

Entrants may not enter the Novice Triathlon and the Avacal Championship competitions simultaneously. Entrants to the Novice Triathlon may not have entered the Novice Triathlon or Avacal Championship competitions in any previous year.

There are no longer specific categories. Entrants are expected to describe their entries with enough information to determine suitable judges, and thoroughly document the focus of their entry for the competition.

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship Competition Rules

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time. Champion competitors must have at least four (4), but no more than five (5) separate entries in order to be eligible to become the overall winner and Avacal Champion of the Arts and Sciences.

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

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

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

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

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see Entry Requirements, above).

Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship entrants may not be judges.

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Novice Triathlon Rules

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see above under Entry Requirements).

Triathlon entrants may be asked to judge if necessary.

Single Entry Rules

All entries must be within the time period 500-1600 CE, and be of a European culture, or from a culture that had contact with Europe at that time.

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

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

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

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

Performance and literature categories may be subject to time/length restrictions, and research papers will be due at a time prior to the actual event (see above under Entry Requirements).

Single entrants may be asked to judge if necessary.

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Class List at Autumn Celebration Oct. 6-7, 2007:

To pre-register for THUA classes, please contact Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail, THUA Regent - interim at vfoster@xplornet.com. Complete registration will take place at 9:00 a.m. Saturday in the Wintergarden at the UNBC. Classes start at 10:00 a.m. sharp. You must be registered to attend!! Don't wait until the last minute to register, classes do have size limits!!

We do not take registration for the event itself. For information about the event, please contact Autocrat, Brigit ingen Meic Thire Ruaidh at celticwolf@telus.net

For Information on Class Length, Cost, Description and Schedule please visit:

http://avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/uofa_files/thua-autumn_celebration.htm

Arts & Sciences Classes

- ❖ **Introduction into the SCA**
Instructor: HL Caitlin ingen ui Dalaig
- ❖ **Introduction to Court**
Instructor: HL Caitlin ingen ui Dalaig
- ❖ **Spinning**
Instructor: Missy Morgan
- ❖ **Documentation Made Easy!**
Instructor: Missy Morgan
- ❖ **Wool Prep – from fleece to ready to spin!**
Instructor: Missy Morgan
- ❖ **Introduction to Renaissance Dance**
Instructor: HL Catherine of the Rowan Tree
- ❖ **15th century Italian Renaissance Dance**
Instructor: HL Catherine of the Rowan Tree
- ❖ **Beginner Lampwork (glass bead making)**
Instructor: Viscountess Gemma Meena
- ❖ **Hand Sewing Techniques**
Instructor: Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail
- ❖ **Persona Development**
Instructor: Brother Selewine
- ❖ **Beads, Bones and Baubles**
Instructor: Brother Selewine
- ❖ **Trichinopoly for Kids**
Instructor: Brother Selewine
- ❖ **Introduction to Goache and Period Paints**
Instructor: Boyarina Sina Erdena
- ❖ **So You Wanna be a Scribe**
Instructor: Boyarina Sina Erdena
- ❖ **Painting Techniques**
Instructor: Boyarina Sina Erdena

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Constable: An update was presented on the constabulatory, although there is no office for these right now because the Kingdom constable has pulled all constable warrants. This was done because the Kingdom handbook was in conflict with Corpora. At this point Kingdom wants each branch to establish their own standards for the constabulatory but if the Kingdom dissolves the structure for the constabulatory, there could be some discussion about principality establishing a formal structure for the constabulatory.

There was discussion about constabulatory being a job overseen by the autocrats at events, similar to what troll is now, but some groundwork and rules will need to be developed for the constabulatory even if at were the case.

New Business: \$220 was raised for the Travel Fund by Beothuk (yesterday people donated to the fund in exchange for taking a snip of Beothuk's beard.)

ASCA forms need to be filled out.

Malcom de Bruce agreed to be the new Youth Combat Deputy. There was a youth combat tourney (two participants) this weekend and at Quad. He would like to write up an Avacal Youth Combat Handbook. He will put some information in the principality newsletter

explaining what is involved for those who are interested.

Words from Their Highnesses: No words from Their Highnesses right now – this meeting has been long enough.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Riddle Me This...

*My beak is bent downward, I burrow below; I grub in the ground and go as he guides,
My gray, old master, foe of the forest. Stoop-shouldered my warder walks at my back,
Fares through the field, urges and drives me, Sows in my track as I sniff along.
Fetched from the wood, cunningly fitted, Brought in a wagon, I have wondrous skill.
As I go my way on one side is green; On the other side plain is my dark path.
Set through my back hangs a cunning spike; Another fixed forward is fast to my head.
What I tear with my teeth falls to one side, If he handles me right who is my ruler.*

From Excerpts from: *Riddles from the Exeter Book. An Anthology of Old English Poetry.*
Charles W. Kennedy, translator. New York: Oxford University Press, 1960.

Answer: Plow

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Judging & Prizes

Judges may not judge a category where there may be personal bias (i.e.: Peers judging own apprentice/squire's work, patrons judging a commissioned work, judging the work of a spouse/SO, etc.) and must indicate such bias to the judging organizer and decline the judging of that entry.

Each entry will be given a base point score out of twenty-five (25) possible points for objects/performance, and twenty (20) points for research papers.

Judging is based on:

Objects/Performance
*Initial Impression/Display
*Documentation
*Authenticity and Design
*Technical Ability
*Complexity of Piece

Research papers
*Initial Impression/Presentation
*Research Ability
*Technical Ability
*Complexity of Subject

Each judging category will be weighted according to importance with a final score of 100 possible points. A maximum of five (5) bonus points per judge, per entry may be awarded at the judge's discretion if they feel that the entrant has gone above and beyond the criteria listed above. Bonus points are in addition to the weighted base point tally, and are weighted and added separately from the base point total for a maximum of fifteen (15) bonus points per entry.

The Principality of Avacal does not allow joint Arts & Sciences Champions. In the case of identical scoring for two or more contenders, the current Champion and Minister of Arts & Sciences shall meet with Their Highnesses to determine a method of breaking the tie. Under no circumstances will this method be construed as any form of precedent or tradition.

Prizes will be awarded in the following areas:

*Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences
*Novice Triathlon Winner
*Highest Overall Scoring Entry (including Triathlon and Single entries)
*Coronets Choice
*Champions Choice
*Judges Choice
*Populace Choice

Don't forget, plan early. For help, encouragement and cheerleading please contact Me!! at cinarabeguyurdina@hotmail.com - Boyarina Sina Erdena, Avacal A&S Champion

Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

For Medieval Daily Features, Articles, Reviews, Games and more
visit the Medieval History Site at

<http://historymedren.about.com/library/bldaily.htm>

- Submitted by L. Morgan ap Hugh (James Park)



Principality of Avacal

Curia

August 19th 2007 AS XLII

10:00 AM

Avacal Investiture, Bitter End

Recording: umm Bishr

Present: HH Linnet Grimolfsdottir
 HH Kvigr Ivarsson
 Inga
 Morrigan
 Beothuk
 Wilma the Still
 Dietrich von Kleeve
 Raoul Delaroche
 Roxanne Delaroche
 James the Quixotic
 Eira Halladottir
 Annys Bradwarden
 Manyra Thorinsdottir
 Dezzriane Dragnova
 Catla Grim's Daughter
 Stragin Wikingson
 Sadb Ingen Thuathail
 Gabrielle of the leaf
 Tygar of Skagen
 Brother Selewine
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Approval of Previous Minutes: From June Coronet - As published in the Avantgarde July 2007.

Business Arising from Minutes: None.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Seneschal (Manyra): There are reporting issues again. Tell your branches that reporting is not an option. If an officer is not reporting then they should not be in office. There *will* be consequences to not reporting.

Otherwise, things are going well. While at Kingdom I heard good things being said about Avacal.

After some discussion about the changing role of communication, it was agreed that the chronicler's office is still an important office, however the focus of a branch officer is not solely that of newsletter editor, but that of promoting positive communication within their branches, ensuring that minutes are taken at meetings, reporting on the state of websites and forums, and ensuring archival branch records, such as the great book, are maintained. Promoting submissions and subscriptions to the principality newsletter is an acceptable alternative to producing a branch newsletter—if the sole purpose of the newsletter is distributing minutes, this can be distributed by other means i.e. posting on the branch website.

It was also agreed that a half to full page could be allotted for each branch within the principality newsletter as a forum for reporting on their branches activities, celebrations, and such.

It was also agreed that the chronicler should start posting all 'calls for officers' on the principality on-line forum (Avacal Circus).

Web Minister (Raoul):

The website is being moved to a new and better provider. William Blackfox awards are now going to recognize websites so suggestions for nominations can be sent to the Kingdom webmaster if there is a site you'd like to see recognized. Once the new web-space is established it will be possible to give out passwords so others could be given the ability to make updates (i.e. for Quad War) and a web team could be set up to help the webmaster with construction/maintenance of the site.

Chirurgion (Vacant):

There has been an application for principality chirurgion. There highnesses want some time to consider this.

Regent (Sadb - interim):

Sadb would like to get rid of the word 'High' in High Regent, and is wanting to put together a handbook. She hopes to have it ready by next Curia. She'll be working with Raoul to fix the THUA website and move it onto the new space. Sadb will be getting instructors for the THUA coming up Thanksgiving weekend. Caitilin is wanting to propose an April Thua Collegium as a principality event and bring external teachers from the Kingdom core area. She's looking at sites and putting together a teacher's list and proposal. She is hoping to hold it in the Montengarde area. It was clarified that when the principality or branch holds a THUA collegium the money should come out of the THUA funds. Sadb just received the pavilion but thought that THUA bought a period pavilion, however a modern pavilion was delivered.

Chatelaine: (Natal'ia)

A demo cheat sheet is being developed. There's been really good reporting from branches, however there are five vacant offices in various branches.

Exchequer (Dez):

Tracking down information, receipts, etc. has been a headache, so she can't report on what has happened this last year. This is going to be a tough position until the accounts are put back in order. If Dez contacts you and asks for something, please, please, please get it to her right away so that she can do this. Dez is reporting to Kingdom, but there's not much to report.

Lady Agneta has been very good at getting quarterly reports from branches, however there are apparently reports missing from 2006. Society is coming down on everybody in Canada for these missing reports. Copies of NMS reports go to L. Agneta, not Dez. Cumulative reports at year-end must go to Kingdom and cc'd to Lady Agneta so that we know they have been done and sent, the quarterlies go to Lady Agneta.

Dez is working on an Avacal exchequer handbook. Please download the local exchequer handbooks from the An Tir web-site. Dez will send branches a hard copy of the handbook if they ask her to, otherwise they can find them online. The Avacal exchequer web site will be updated with more info and links to Kingdom forms.

Part of the problem with the books right now is that everything was done electronically and when there is a change in officer you need to first understand what process was being used by the last exchequer before you can begin working.

Last two NMS submissions that were received included waiver forms – NMS is strictly NMS, waiver sheets and gate sheets go to Alf, the Kingdom Waiver Officer.

Chronicler (umm Bishr):

Despite the increase in subscription cost, there have been more subscribers than usual recently. Caitilin has agreed to be my contingency deputy, and may step up as chronicler when my term is up a year from now.

The Chronicler's handbook has been read over by the webminister and he's offered a couple of changes/additions. Since this book was written by our current seneschal when she held the office of chronicler, she can't sign off on it so Their Highnesses will need to do so.

There are only three branches producing a newsletter regularly right now, and several branches are without officers at all. Reporting has been very poor. My goal for this next year is to focus on the state of the branch officers while maintaining the quality of the principality newsletter.

Long Term Development Deputy (Stragin):

More people need to invest their time and energy into communicating what they want for Avacal. Take this message back to your branches and get others to communicate with the Long Term Development Deputy what their long-term vision for Avacal is. There was discussion around how to determine if Avacal wants to be a Kingdom. Can we come up with benchmarks for determining if we're ready?

Small shires with a small core of active members are getting burned out. Baronies need to support shires.

NMS Deputy (Catla):

The Non-member Surcharge (NMS) now goes straight to Kingdom and a copy of the report goes to Lady Agneta.

By Law NMS money has to be in within 30 days. Again, make sure this is communicated with your branches.

Warrants and Reporting Deputy (Asney):

Not present – warrants to be signed at the end of the meeting. Make certain that you're keeping Asney up to date with membership expiry dates, and changes of office. Warrants go to the principality officer and should be cc'd by either the branch or the principality officer to Asney.

Calendar (Brigit):

Not present. A reminder that Seneschals/autocrats of Principality events they *must* fill out Date Reservation Forms, Event Information Forms (EIFs) and Principality Event Bid Forms as per the Avacal Calendar Policy. Get the EIFs and event copy in two months prior to the event so that the copy can be published in The Crier, as per Kingdom Law.

All of these steps must be done in order for any event to be official: date reservation forms need to be in a year before your event; event registration forms need to be in four months before your event; and the event copy needs to be in two months before the event.

Still seeking a deputy*** more urgently than before.

Herald (Annys):

Speaking of benchmarks – we have nine award names that have been submitted. Three more are waiting for an accompanying letter and will be sent as soon as the letters are ready.

The Heraldic Library is continuing to grow. There have been generous donations from all three baronies.

The pavilion that was donated was wonderful but is wearing out and may only last for a few more events. The Barony of Montengarde has given Annys permission to use money that they donated towards a new pavilion.

A couple of voice heraldry classes were taught at Quad.

Annys is trying to help get the message out that there are resources available to help get people involved in heraldry. Borealis is going to help make painted signs for the Heraldic area.

All branch heralds were good at reporting and using the proper format until this summer, but she'll be getting them back on track now.

Regalia (Jajiradai):

The bulk of regalia has been catalogued. The signed inventory is not ready yet, but the goal is to mirror the Kingdom quartermaster format for managing Avacal's property.

Vik is still looking for idea submissions for the coronets of Avacal, so the deadline will be extended for submissions.

**Scribe (Inga):
Chatelaine (Natal'ia):**

Avacal College of Scribes & Heralds (CS&H) has been launched. Everything you need to know about scrolls is on the website. The CS&H handbook is almost done. A directory of active scribes in Avacal is being built. Inga steps down in February, Sina is expected to step up at that time, but the position will be advertised in the 'Call for Officers' in case anyone else is wanting to take the office. There is a Scribal Office device that is ready to be submitted for this office.

**Earl Marshal
(Hakkon):**

No present, report submitted – Marshal-in-Charge (MIC), injury & regular reports must be submitted. One marshal has been pulled for not reporting.

Injury reporting helps track any trend in injuries or spike in type of injury due to rule changes and helps determine needed rule changes in order to increase safety. Haakon needs to be contacted within 48 hours of an injury at fight practice or an event. Although you can file actual reports quarterly, it would be better if these reports went in monthly (so that safety issues could be determined sooner).

An injury that requires an ambulance needs to be reported to the seneschalate right away. Chirurgeons need to report to the Marshal-in-Charge. Even if you realize after the event that you are injured, remember that it is never too late to submit an injury report so that patterns can be tracked. Please encourage reporting of injuries – there has been a feeling that it is taboo to do so because you don't want to say that 'someone hurt me' – however, safety comes first. Again, make certain this is being encouraged by leadership.

Lists (Caitilin):

Trial run of the database for authorized fighters is ready. Authorizations are going to go to Caitilin now to provide a check and balance for authorizations getting filled out properly and getting sent to Kingdom (making sure that they receive them). By using the database to track these authorizations any breakdown in the process should be tracked and eliminated.

Rapier Provost (Billy):

Billy is seeking applicants for rapier provost as his term is up in November. Again, reporting has been an issue. Chronieler should put posts on the Circus when she receives them.

Royal Archer (Brynach):

Not present, report submitted – MIC, injury & regular reports must be submitted. Is looking for a replacement but may not be ready to post in the Avantgarde yet. He's looking for a way to simplify how Royal Rounds are run. Hopefully he'll have something ready for Coronet. The Avacal book of target is being worked on by Brynach, Thomas and Dalton.

**Target Archery Deputy
(Thomas):**

Everything seems to be going good for target archery. Remember that reports need to be sent in regularly.

Warlord (Wernar):

Not present. No report.

**Arts & Science
(Gabrielle):**

Gabrielle has been chasing reports and some branches didn't seem to even open the e-mails she sent! Kingdom A&S wants copies of all of the warrant forms, not just the warrant list from Asney. Our seneschale will talk to them about this. Sadb is still working on the handbook.

Every once in a while an A&S report via the website comes from 'unknown' – other officers have experienced this as well. This may be from a search engine crawling through and tripping the form so Raoul, principality webmaster, suggests that those should just be deleted!

Bardic (Illyanth):

Reports aren't being submitted to principality A&S – these need to be done.

Gamesmaster (Illyanth):

Games master reports also must be sent in regularly to principality A&S.