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William Shakespeare is Hilarious



Many of us love going in costume for various Medieval Performances. The Bard, William Shakespeare is one of the best and timeless. Now for any true fans of the bard there is a Children's Animated film Gnomeo & Juliet is nothing but hilarious.

In this version our two households are a duplex, Montequ and Capulette. The characters are but garden gnomes who in the style of Toy Story come to life when people are away. In this case two very tacky gardens with competing gnomes and other garden creatures feud in the timeless struggle while our secret couple try to find happiness. Even Friar Lawrence is played by a pink flamingo and I believe that was the voice of Patrick Stewart as the Herald at the beginning of the story. I don't want to spoil it for you but this a fun movie, and in 3D in parts.

Personally after seeing it on the net, I can't wait till it comes out in DVD.

G. Schiller

Who am I?



Clues:

I have a habit of closing my eyes every time there's a camera around.

I fight heavy, rapier, and archery.

I do illumination and calligraphy

I've been princess a few times, and Queen Once

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The Forlorn Hope ❄️

Heed the Call

Thou Doughty Warriors of Avacal!

The Cursed Machiavellie's have dug in
and now Command a Strategic Pass in Avacal!

The Most Foul and Despicable House Machiavelli
Preys Upon Weary and Innocent Wayfarers
along the High Road of our Fair Land!

No Pilgrim nor Traveler is Spared from their
Perniciously Greedy and Heinous Depredations!!!

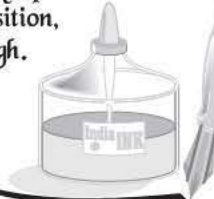
They make Unfair and Burdensome Demands of Tribute
and Bribery and they hamper the Trade of Our Land.

Their Refusal to Pay a Rightful Portion of their
Ill gotten Gains in Reasonable Tithes and Duties to the Treasury
of our Generous and Beneficent Royalty is Intolerable!!!

They Must Be Rooted Out!!!

A bounty of newly minted silver has been offered
to any fine brave soul who can dislodgde these freebooters
from their lofty perch and put an end
to their menace of a Princeipality Byway.

* "A forlorn hope is a band of soldieriers or other combatants
chosen to take the leading part in a military operation,
such as an assault on a defended position,
where the risk of casualties is high.



Provided by Dante Machiavelli



Other Groups
In The
Principality
of Avacal



Bitter End
(Red Deer, AB) (Shire)
www.sca-bitterend.org/

Bordergate
(Cold Lake, AB) (Shire)



Cold Keep
(Prince George, BC) (Shire)
www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/

Harrows Cross
(Strathmore, AB) (Shire)
www.harrowscross.ca/



Montengarde
(Calgary, AB) (Barony)
www.montengarde.org/inside.html

Myrgan Wood
(saskatoon, SK) (Barony)
theringlord.org/mw/



Rhuddglyn
(Medicine Hat, AB) (Shire)
www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/

Sigelhundas
(Regina, SK) (Shire)
www.sigelhundas.or/



Valley Wold
(Moose Jaw, SK) (Shire)
valleywold.ca/index.htm

Vinjar
(Grand Prairie) (Shire)
vinjar.antir.sca.org/



Fools



Tavern

Those notorious HUSCARLES are hosting April tavern again this year, and we hope that everyone will have a good time.

Daniel the Broc and Adelaide de Honfleur have conjured up some culinary wizardry to beguile your palates. Come and grab a bowl of Beef Soup, and satisfy your sweet tooth with a custard dessert.

There will be music, singing, dancing, gaming, feasting, drinking, laughter, good-hearted competition and the company of good friends.

Cynewulf will be running the 3rd Annual Fool's Cup Games. This year we have eight teams signed up to compete:

The defending champions, the Lost Vikings, challenge the Huscarles, the Machiavellis, Ravensrift, the Bad News Bears, the Backward Livers, the Kalidorians and Team Borealis (led by our beloved Baroness, Inga).

The Games will include:

- Arm Wrestling ~ test your might against Uchtred Ursa*
- Candle Snuffing ~ challenge Yamadi Blackeye in skill with the blade*
- Ale Chugging ~ can you down a pint faster than the Broc?*
- Hunkerdown ~ square off against the wily Tanwen*
- Catapulting ~ compete with Luke to destroy targets*
- Bardic Challenge ~ perform a song to win the audience acclaim*

Rumour has it that there will also be a dreaded Ogre Race!

All Food Bank donations can be left at Troll.

HUSCARLES! WE BRJNG THE FUN!

No Practices at the Alberta Avenue Community Center

Apr 24

May 1; May 8

June 5; June 19; June 26

July 10; July 27; July 31

Aug 14

Upcoming Events

Spring Champions

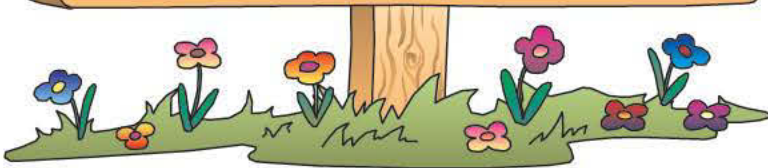
April 23, 2011
Myrgan Wood
Saskatoon, SK
Autocrat: Raoul Delaroché

Site Info:
J.J. Loewen Community Centre
206 Railway Ave.E
Dalmeny, SK

Silver Arrow

April 30, 2011 to May 01, 2011 -
Bitter End
Red Deer, AB
Autocrat: Catla Grimolfsdottir

Site Info:
Shady Nook Community Hall
Red Deer, AB



Officers & Deputies Needed

In Borealis, many of the executive positions have recently been filled by people wanting to take a turn at giving a little more to our Barony, but we still need to fill vacant positions. If you would like to fill a position, please contact our Seneschal.

Positions currently to be filled

- Surgeon
- Scribe

If you think that you'd like to give it a try, but unsure, there are a number of members who have done the position, and would be willing to give you some guidance and help.

There is always a need for deputies. These souls fill in when things need an extra hand, or when the officer is unable (for a variety of different reasons) to fulfill the duties of the position. It would be really nice if all of our positions had a minimum of two deputies.

If your feeling ambitious, the Principality is always looking for Officers and Deputies.

If you feel that you can help, please let the Seneschal know.

Beltaine

May 7, 2011

Montengarde
Calgary, AB

Beltane marks the beginning of spring heralding the return of warm winds brining fat geese back to our skies. As the birds sing in the branches of the budding tress, so to do the Bards of Montengarde sing, story tell and dance. Baron Beothuk of the Beothuks and Baroness Wilma the Still do invite one and all to witness the challenge of the Bards of Montengarde to take the mantle of Championship from Archos Ellias Sliver, reigning Wild Rose.

Challenges for Archery, Arts & Sciences, Armed Combat and Rapier Combat will be held throughout the day to entertain all who would care to participate.

Their Excellencies most heartily invite one and all to join them for a wondrous feast in the evening prepared by His Excellency Kirk Einarsson in the likeness of 14 century German Fare.

Site Open: 9am - 11pm

Location: Abbydale Community Centre 821 Abbydale Dr NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 6N7

Site Fees: Adult: \$10, (15 and under: Free).

Feast tickets: Adult: \$10, Ages 12-15: \$5, (11 and under : Free)

Event Stewards: Adelheid Holtzfallerin (Nerissa Hymers: 403-836-4751, nerissah(at)gmail.com), 438B 12 Ave NE, Clagary, Alberta and Kiera of the Shadows (Leaha Maisonneuve: 403-999-5149; rodicon(at)f-m.fm)

Feast Steward: Kirk Einarsson (Kirk Burney: 403-827-7240; kburney(at)shaw.ca)

Schedule to be determined. Please check the An Tir Events page for updates.

The Heavy Combat will again consist of disorderly conduct in tavern-like spaces! The Bar Brawl returns! This tournament is restricted to items found in a Tavern should a fight happen to break out and you left your real weapons back at camp. Daggers! Mugs! Stools! Kegs! Even pine cones! Be creative but all 'weapons' must pass full inspection and meet combat standards. If you have any questions please contact Kiera of the Shadows.

May Champions

May 13, 2011 to May 15, 2011 -
Cold Keep
Prince George, BC
Autocrat: Lady Sibþn

It is now A.S. XLVI, the winter snows are gone and Cold Keep is once again holding tournaments! All good gentles are invited to vie for the honour of representing our fair Shire as Heavy, Rapier, Archery, or Arts and Science Champion. There is something for everyone, so come cheer on all worthy participants. This is a two-day event to fit in all of the fun and competitions!

The Populace of Cold Keep will be putting on their renowned pot-luck feast in the evening, followed by a dessert auction. Please attach a list of ALL ingredients for our friends with food allergies or sensitivities.

Donations of desserts will be accepted until just before the feast. Partial proceeds of the dessert auction will go to the Cold Keep Facilitation Fund.

Further details and championship

requirements can be found on the Cold Keep website: <http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>
Site opens Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and closes at midnight. Re-opens Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Site closes at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Leashed pets are welcome on site, however they are not permitted inside the hall. Please remember to clean up after your pets.

Schedule: (coming soon!)

Site fee:
Adult (19+): \$10.00
A \$5.00 Non-member surcharge (NMS) applies to all non-member Adults.
Youth (13 to 18): \$5.00
Child (12 and under): no charge

Make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep".

For crash space or other inquiries please contact the Autocrat:
HL Sibþn (Marquita Milliken), 328 Beech Crescent, Prince George, BC V2N 1K9.
Phone (before 9:00 p.m.): 250-649-9482.
Email: sibþn (dot) coldkeep (at) gmail (dot) com

Champion Revel

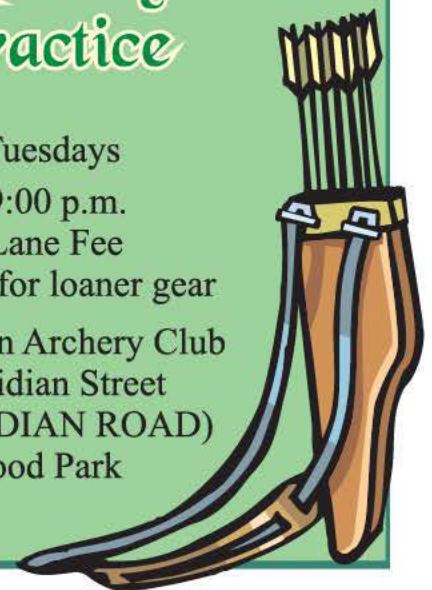
May 27, 2011 to May 29, 2011
Bordergate
Cold Lake, AB
Autocrat: m'lady Wentlianna

Site Info:
Name: Riverhurst Community Hall
10 Km West of Cold Lake on Highway 55

Archery Practice

Most Tuesdays
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Lane Fee

Donation jar for loaner gear
Capital Region Archery Club
7404 Meridian Street
(NOT MERIDIAN ROAD)
Sherwood Park



Local Avacal Yearly Events

June

Silverwolf - Borealis
Avacal Coronet - TBA
Tir Righ / Avacal War - TBA

July

Antir July Coronation - TBA
An Tir / WestWar - TBA
Dragonslayer - Montengarde

August

Quad War - Marsden Sask
Avacal August Investiture - TBA

September

Antir September Crown - TBA
Harvest Feast - Bitter End
Theme Feast - Rhuddglyn
Vinfeast - Vinjar

October

Autumn Celebration - Cold Keep
MW Anniversary - Myrgan Wood
Skull & Crossbones Tavern -
Border Gate

Nov

Avacal Coronet - TBA

December

Yule Feast - Borealis

January

12th Night - Montengarde
AnTir 12th Night - TBA
AnTir Coronation - TBA

February

AnTir A&S Championship - TBA
Avacal February Investiture - TBA

March

Feast of the Evergreens - Bordergate

April

Spring Champions - TBA
Silver Arrow - Bitter End
Beltaine - Montengarde
Winter War - Borealis

May

Cold Keep Champions - Cold Keep
Antir May Crown TBA

Check the Avacal Events page (www.avacal-sca.org/events) or the Antir Events page (www.antir.sca.org/upcoming) for a more up to date listing. Some events may be moved to a different month due to unavailability of site or conflicts.

Monthly Calendar

Tavern Night

1st Wed of Month - 7:30 to 10:30
Alberta Ave Community Centre
9218- 118 Ave - Cost \$2.00

Arts & Sciences Night

2nd Monday of the Month
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Vik & Inga's - 463-4445
1235 - 72 St. Cost: Free



Fighter Practice

All other Wednesdays
7:30 to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday's - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Alberta Ave Community Centre
9218 - 118 Ave
Cost: \$4.00 Members
\$4.50 Non members

Dance Practice

Every Sunday that there's a fighter practice
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free if your staying for fighter practice - \$2.00 Otherwise.

Archery Practice

Most Tuesdays
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Capital Region Archery Club
7404 Meridian Street, Sherwood Park
Cost: \$5.00 Lane Fee

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