

THE AURORA



FEBRUARY 2012

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By Alessandra

Jan 15th, the Alberta Ave Deep Freeze Festival was an exciting experience for me, a new member of the SCA.

Having been with the Barony of Borealis for such a short period, I was truly amazed with the calibre of performances given by the more seasoned people. Everyone, dancers and fighters alike, played to their audiences with performances very worthy of their intent.

The dancers conducted several numbers, even a few easier ones that anyone could jump into and try. The crowd that was gathered thoroughly enjoyed watching these talented Barony performers.

Children were astounded and wide-eyed as they experienced the marvels of the fighters. Both the rapier and heavy fighter groups put on a show that had the half lings inching ever closer to the action. You can bet some of them went home and played sword fighting that night.

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day weather wise; this no doubt added to the crowd attendance. Our brochures went flying out of our hands to people who showed a definite interest in the club. Hopefully this will lead to our seeing several new faces in the near future.

Whether it was the fine moves of the dancer or the valiant fight, and sometimes dramatic death, of the fighter, this event was a tremendous success. All the Barony members showed true passion in their areas of expertise.



Officers & Deputies Needed



You can't run a Barony without Officers and Deputies. The Barony of Borealis has some openings that need to be filled.

Positions for; ~ Chirurgeon (Officer)
~ Scribe (Officer)
~ Water Bearer
~ Web Minister (Officer)
~ Deputy Chronicler

If you want to help out, but feel that you are not ready to take on the responsibility of an officer position, the Barony is always looking for Deputies. If your interested, please talk to our Seneschal.



Dress your Beverage Contest

Our new A&S Minister has come up with a fun way to get creative! She has proposed a contest that would see individuals make a cover for your modern wine/beer/water bottle, so that it will look good on your medieval table. You can use any materials, and take inspiration from any period-and appropriate theme.

Have your creation ready to show off at the March Tavern.

Our Baron and/or Baroness and all available baronial officers will judge the entries. There will be prizes....



Festival of Trees 2012

By Ymany Blackeye



If I remember rightly, the overall theme for the upcoming 2012 Festival of Tree's is "Peppermint Swurl". I'm thinking that for us, we will be able to incorporate this into our tree by swirling the ornaments in lines up from the base of the tree to the top.

Several members who participate in this endeavour have expressed a desire to make ornaments along the same lines as our popular "Tournament" tree that was created for the 2009 Festival of Trees. This year, it was suggested that we try and make some ornaments using different helms throughout history as the inspiration for one of the designs. In years past, I have come across commercial ornaments that have used different historical crowns as the inspiration, but have not come across any that have had historical armour as the inspiration for the ornament. I think that displays of Heraldry would also go well with the helms.

Another couple of idea's would be other kinds of headwear and maybe some different designs of shoes. One year Valgarde mentioned that there have been mittens found in Viking graves with the string attached between the two mittens (so no, losing one mitten is not something that has only happened in our current time period!), so maybe different decorated mittens would be a good addition?

For those of you who do not know much about this, this is a group project that anyone can participate in. Not really into designing Christmas tree ornaments? Help out with the crafting and construction of the ornaments. There will be a number of different group projects throughout the coming year that you can help out with. More questions? Just come and talk to me during one of the taverns, or at a practice.



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/





January's Tavern Report



January 4, 2012
Start time: 7:45 p.m.
Finish time: 8:20 p.m.



Newcomers: ?

Reports

Baron/Baroness: Baron/ Baroness: We are going to Antir 12th Night on January 6-8, 2012. This will also be HE Inga the Unfettered's vigil for the order of the Pelican. Thank you for Yule it was a lot of fun and fun was had by all. There were lots of newcomers, hope to see them out again. Welcome Adelaide and new baby.

Senschal: Reports are due so please officers have them in by January 10 2012 as I have to get the dooms day report in by January 15 2012. We are in need of an Autocrat for AT War this year as we are hosting it. See me if you are interested. We have renewed the Contract for Alberta Hall. there is some changes to the schedule (less dance time) so rent has dropped by \$75.00 per month. Double check your membership information is up to date remember that the more members helps support the Barony.

Chatelaine: There is a Demo this weekend for the Alberta Hall "Deep Freeze". We are demo'ing at 1:00 and again at 3:00 so if you are coming please arrive at 12:30 pm so you are ready on time. Remember to dress for the weather and as it is slippery wear some non-slip foot wear. After the event Cath and Kintair will be putting on hot chocolate for the volunteers. For more information and/ or RSVP contact Catherine of the Rowan Tree by e-mail cathjackel@hotmail.com or by phone 780-432-7927.

Exchequer: Healthy Bank balance. We made some money at Yule this year.

Master of Stables: Fighting practice is going great. Fighter cards are one time fee \$25.00 per month. There will be No practice this Sunday or the Next (January 15 2012).

Youth Combat: Our oldest member has now graduated to the big league. Congratulations to him. We do need more youth so if your son or daughter is interested bring them to practis. We have 2 Heavy Fighters helping the youth both are learning a lot.

Master of Fence: New Fencers are coming to practise and all is going well. We are doing the February Tavern come on out and support the Rapier fighters.

Master of Arrows: Everything is going well. Practices were a little on the slow side for December but has started to pick up after the new year. We are still at the usual place so come on out. We have new arrows just need to put them together.

Minister of Art & Science/Bardic: We have a new sign and table to look at. There is a weaving Demo tonight Anew contest for all to participate in (make your own bottle covering). Disguise that nasty pop bottle or any other non-looking medieval. Prizes will be awarded, so give it a try.

Herald: Yule was great Thank you to Arwen. Heraldic Harassment will commence in the future for the OP.

Chronicler: December and January Aurora's are here. Lets get more articles in (we always need more articles). A special section for Yule will be in the February Aurora. Articles must be in by January 30 2012.



Taverns

We are in Need of groups to run upcoming Taverns. If no one steps up, then the hall will be closed at the end of the business meeting.

Hosting a tavern is a great way to raise funds. Do you need to replace some arrows or blades or rattan in your newcomers loaner gear?

Host a tavern!

February Tavern ~ Hosted by The Rapiers

March Tavern ~ Hosted by Patrick & the Archers

April Tavern ~ Hosted by the Huscarls

May ~ The Machiavelli Household

June ~ Arwyn

July to December ~ NEED HOSTS

Gold Key: Greetings all, I had a great time at Yule and my husband was at his first event. Gold key is doing fine.

Chirurgion: Vacant. Write us a letter.

Family Activites: Yule went well. Going to do a new College of Pages would like some help and information. The children had a great time and did lots of projects. Have some ideas for Winter War and Silver Wolf.

Water Bearer: Vacant

Web Minister: Check the web site calendar for practice information. Sargeant Hand Book is now on line for all to look at. Mika is doing the Yahoo site so if you want to get on the site he will have you on within 24 hours.

Calendar of Events

Antir 12th Night January 6-8 2012, Montengard 12th Night January 14 2012, Ursulmas January 27-29, Avacal Investiture February 24-26 is in Myrganwood come on out and have some fun, there is a Hotel in the town, Winter War March 9-11- best time to get lean, practised up, and ready for AT War.

Old Business

None

New Business

Autocrat needs a \$500.00 deposit for the hall for Winter War. Volunteers Troll Leader etc. Champions will do the scenarios for their respective disciplines. Perigrin is the Autocrat for Winter War this year. Yamadi would like to buy a stapler for the Aurora could she buy one?

The Prince has asked for 4 things:

1. A steward for AT War and is needed ASAP.
2. We need a new Principality Chronicler.
3. We need a Principality A/S officer.
4. We also need a Principality Scribe officer.

Motion: If Arwen does not have a stapler for the Aurora publication we give Yamadi up to \$50.00 for one- Perigrin, seconded by Titus.

Motion: To cut a cheque for \$500.00 deposit for the Winter War Hall- Arwen, seconded by Victory. Motioned passed

Meeting ajourned 8:20pm Valgaard motioned seconded by Mika.



with the help of The Borealis Bards. You might be able to purchase a performance valentine for the one you show your affection to.

A "Naughty" valentine to bring a blush to their cheeks, or a "Nice" Valentine, declaring your love and affection? You decide! (Note: the Bards MIGHT be Bribed to not performed a valentine!). It's hoped that the night will be filled with song and laughter.

Money from this tavern will be going to replace and upgrade needed equipment for the Rapiers Steel Key.

The Borealis Rapiers will again be hosting Feburary's Tavern. Many ideas still in the works....

The popular Desert Revel might again be tempting all those new years resolutions.

Another idea for this year in the works is to have a "Naughty and Nice" Tavern,



*Come on out
for an enjoyable evening*



January's Tavern

Many thanks go to Coryn of the Wode, who took up the challenge of cooking for January's Tavern at the last minute, allowing us all to stay after the general meeting and visit with friends!



March Tavern



March Tavern will be hosted by Patrick and the Archers.

You can look forward to an evening of merriment and companionship with good friends and old.

Look for Green Beer to make an appearance!



April's Tavern will be hosted by the Huscarls.

As in previous years, they will be running their popular "Olympics", with contestants vying for the possession of the Fools Cup, and bragging rights for the rest of the year.

Be prepared for a night of fun!



I Need Content!

One of the requirements for being a Barony is that a newsletter must be produced, at the very least, every three months!

I need content to make this newsletter a good representation of everything that is happening in our Barony!

Short stories on the various events that are attended by members of our barony would be wonderful as I can not attend everything.

Looking for someone from each of the key area's to write small stories to update our members on what is happening in your respective areas - this means someone from

HEADY
RAPPER
ARCHERY
DANCE
BARDS
MUSICIANS
ARTS AND SCIENCES

It doesn't have to be a term paper, just a paragraph or two about what's happening in your specific areas.

I am also looking for submissions for publication from our general population;

Stories,
Artwork,
Pictures
Puzzles,
Jokes
Movie Reviews
Book Reviews

Anything that would make our newsletter interesting to not only our current membership, but also to the mundane population that is interested in what we do!

Yamadi

Upcoming Events

Avacal February Investiture

February 25, 2012 Barony of Myrgan Wood ~Saskatoon, SK

February Investiture is sneaking up on us! Come join Myrgan Wood as we host the investiture of the Heirs of Avacal!

Location: Bryan King Centre, 202 8th Ave N, Warman, SK S0K 4S1 (about 15 minutes from Saskatoon)

Site opens: 9:00 a.m.; Site closes: 12:00 a.m.

Site fee: \$10 for adults, \$5 youth 5-15, kids under 5 are free!

Feast fee: \$15

There is a family cap on site fee of \$30, however there is no cap on the feast fee. NMS the \$5 NMS fee will be applied to all adult site fees for those individuals that cannot show proof of membership.

Please make cheques payable to "SCA-Myrgan Wood"

Event Stewards:

Eira Halladotir (Terri Morgan)
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Saskatoon, SK S7N 0Y2
Email: terrina.morgan@gmail.com

Magdalena d'Arts (Bonnie Chaban)
Email: bonnie.chaban@gmail.com

There WILL be archery at this event. It is going to be held in the morning at the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation. Full directions and a map can be found here: <http://saskatoonwildlifefederation.com/index.php?id=24>
Exact time is TBA until the schedule can be confirmed.

There WILL be merchanting space available, however it IS limited. If you wish to merchant at the event PLEASE reserve with Lady Magdalena at bonnie.chaban@gmail.com BEFORE FEBRUARY 15.

Feast reservations are now being accepted! To reserve for feast please send your reservations to Eira at terrina.morgan@gmail.com

Directions to Site:

Make your best route heading north out of Saskatoon on highway 11.

Travel approximately 13 km to the town of Warman.

Turn west/left into town on hwy 305/Central St.

Turn north/right onto 8th Ave N. Hall is 1 1/2 blocks down on the west/right side.

Upcoming Events February ~ May



Avacal February Investiture

February 25, 2012
Myrgan Wood



Kingdom Arts & Sciences / Bardic Championship

March 03, 2012
Shire of Danescombe



Winter War

March 10, 2012
Barony of Borealis



Ferret's Feast

Mar 31, 2012
Shire of Valley Vold



Spring Champions

April 14, 2012
Barony of Myrgan Wood



Spring Thua

April 20, 2012
Barony of Montengarde



Silver Arrow

April 28, 2012
Shire of Bitter End



Beltaine

May 5, 2012
Barony of Montengarde



May Champions

May 12, 2012
Shire of Cold Keep



Bordergate Champion Revel

May 26, 2012
Shire of Bordergate



Winter War

March 10, 2012

Barony of Borealis ~Wetaskiwin, AB

Autocrat: Peregrine Falconer the Navigator

Winter War - March 9-11, 2012
Barony of Borealis (Edmonton, Alberta)

At winter's end, warriors weary of their camps and await the call to march forth. And the cry is sounded for Winter War. Join the Barony of Borealis in a day filled with martial and other activities and enjoy our potluck dinner.

War points will be awarded in Heavy, Rapier, Archery (onsite), Arts & Sciences, and Bardic competitions. Young people's activities, including Youth Armoured Combat and table-top siege warfare, will also contribute war points. Details of the scenarios will be posted on the lists.

Other war points will include volunteering contributions and a secret war point.

There will be potluck dinner at 5:30 Saturday. Those wishing to partake are asked to contribute an appetizer, side dish, or dessert serving 4-6 people; the Borealis culinary guild will provide main meat dishes. All dishes need to provide an ingredient list for those with food sensitivities. Contact the Butler for further information.

Merchants are welcome but space is very limited. Please email the Merchant Coordinator to reserve.

Event Steward: Peregrine Falconer the Navigator (David McDowell), 3749 - 26th Avenue, Edmonton, AB. Preferably

email to lord_peregrine_falconer@yahoo.ca; for urgent issues call 780-231-0476.

Merchant Coordinator: Joan the Just, email joanandcennet@hotmail.com.

Butler: Coryn of the Wode, email corryvz@telus.net.

Fees: Adults \$15.00, youth 12 - 17 \$7.00, children under 12 free. A \$5.00 NMS applies to all adults who do not show Proof of Membership. Make cheques payable to ASCA-Barony of Borealis.

Site opens at 7:00pm Friday and closes at 10:00am Sunday. Showers are available on site. There is no extra charge for overnight camping Friday & Saturday night, but some assistance with set-up and clean up is expected. (Take down at 8:00am each morning)

Site Info:

Name: Wetaskiwin Drill Hall
4513 - 50 Street
Westaskiwin, AB T9A 1L2

Directions to Site:

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

Directions to Site: From North or South Hwy2 Turn off on to Hwy 2A into Wetaskiwin.

Turn east on 50 avenue, go about 1.5 km to the Exhibition Grounds.

From East or West take Hwy 13 into town, turn South on 56 street (Hwy 2A) and follow above directions.

Venture Scouts Visit Fight Practice

On Wednesday February 15, 2012 between 7:30 until about 9:00 p.m. there will be a group of adults and boys between the ages of 14 and 18 from one of the local Venture Scouts who will be coming out to our fighter practice to see what we are all about!

It would be awesome to have a bunch of Heavy and Rapier fighters to come out and demonstrate their skills. We also could use non-combatants to explain all of the other aspects of our group.

If you can come out and make this night special and informative for the kids it would be great!



There is a Culinary Guild in the Barony of Borealis! They meet about once a month at one of the members home. If your interested in food, then this is a group that might interest you.

Please see our Chatelaine and she would be happy to introduce you to one of the members in this group.



Silver Arrow

Bitter End's 30th Anniversary

April 28, 2012
Shire of Bitter End ~ Red Deer, AB

Reaching back into the distant past of great An Tir, prior to the creation of fair Avacal was there a small shire on the shores of a river that flowed through the heart of the grasslands between Borealis and Montengarde.

A small band of hearty dreamers set forth to create a land of bounty and prosperity to support our King. Thirty years have come and gone since the small shire was formed that day and now, we the people of that still small shire invite one and all to come and partake in a celebration of our 30th Anniversary.

Let it be known that on the 27th to 29th of April, 2012, the Shire of Bitter End will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary. There shall be the traditional Silver Arrow Archery tournament, Rapier, and Heavy combat tournaments, much celebration, and a fantastic feast featuring the talents of the McNeils in the kitchen once again!

Site:

Shady Nook Community Hall, there is no street address.

Site Fee:

Adults: \$30.00 CAD
Youth 12-17: \$20.00 CAD
Children 0-11: Free

Off board/wait list \$15.00 CAD

Please remember that there will be an additional non member surcharge added at the gate for non members.

There is a cap limit of 150 feast tickets, and off board/overflow seating will be located in the upper room of the hall.

All checks are to be made out to ASCA Shire of Bitter End

Please visit www.bitterend.weebly.com and click on the reservation link to reserve for the event and the feast.

Site regulations:

There will be no bar on site.

Animals are welcome but must be leashed, picked up

after at all times, and are not permitted into the feast hall

Please return all armor bags, sword cases, and large feast totes to your vehicle to maintain the decor and room in the hall

Overnight outdoor camping space is available on site at no additional cost

Merchants will be outside

All combat disciplines will take place outside regardless of weather

All legal laws and SCA laws will be in effect and abided by

The Team:

Head Autocrat: HL Malcolm Seintclerk de Brus
MKA Asher Keim, 403-309-1753, no calls after 0900hrs
viking1066@xplonet.com

Deputy Autocrat: HL Gabrielle of the Leaf

Deputy Autocrat: HL Sybell Deya

Field Coordinator: Lord Gnar Grimskalla

Canteen Coordinators: Lady Oxara Grimskalla, Nadeya Maroon Deya

Merchant reservations: Contact the Autocrat

Site Info:

Shady Nook Community Hall
No Street Address
Red Deer, AB

Directions to Site:

Make your best route to Red Deer and the intersection of Highways 2 and 11.

From highway 2 travel west on highway 11 for 1km to Sec. Hwy 596 (Burnt Lake Trail), there is a Fas Gas on the north corner

Turn left (south), Travel along Sec. Hwy 596 (this road curves from the south to the west) for 6km to Range Road 283.

Turn left (south) onto RR 283 and follow 4km to Township Road 380.

Turn right (west) onto Twp 380. Hall is the 4th drive on the right. Signs will be posted.

Lloyd Practice Invite

Some SCA members out in Lloyd are hosting a small gathering of fighters on February 11, 2012. Please feel welcome to come out and join us for a day (and hopefully a night) of fun and entertainment. Contact Sprinkle if you would like to come and if you need any more information.

Mark it on your Calendar!

Our cousins down in Lacombe have again put out the call for people to help them with the Lacombe Days Medieval Open House Demo. Lacombe Days will be running on the weekend of July 21, 2012.

If you can help them spread the word about the SCA, then mark it on your calendar! More information will follow in the coming months!

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

Avacal War Practice - Rhuddglyn
➔ **Winter War - Borealis**

April

Spring Champions - TBA
Silver Arrow - Bitter End
Beltaine - Montengarde

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.

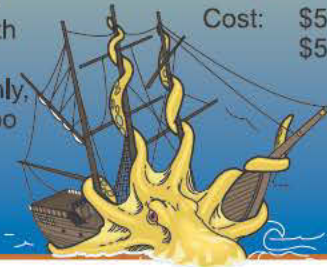
Monthly Calendar

Tavern Night

1st Wed of Month - 7:30 to 10:30
Alberta Ave Community Centre
9218- 118 Ave - Cost \$3.00

Arts & Sciences Night

2nd Monday of the Month
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Location changes monthly,
posted on Borealis Yahoo
account:
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: \$5.00 Members
\$5.50 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 - \$3.00 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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