

# THE AURORA

JULY 2011

## Silver Wolf Championships

June 18, 2011

*Please see the 4 page  
special section  
for more details*

## Avacal's June Coronet Tournament



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## A word from our Baron and Baroness



Photo: HL Beothuk

Unto the populace of Borealis  
we send a warmest greeting,

As the day of our stepping up  
grows nearer we are starting to feel the excitement  
and weight of what lies ahead. We our very honoured  
and are looking forward to working with the populace  
of Borealis in this new role!

We firstly would like to thank Their Excellencies Vik  
& Inga for all their help during this learning  
curve...without them the forest would be quite dark.  
Secondly, we thank the great people of Borealis. The  
kind words of encouragement and support mean the  
world to us. It is awesome to know that this great  
Barony we soon take guardianship over has such  
wonderful people.

Alas the time for peace is over. A call to arms has  
risen. We would like to encourage the brave people  
of Borealis to take up arms with fellow Avacalians  
and join us on our journey to AT War. Let's band  
together to make a mighty army and defend our  
lands!

Reme the Burgundian and  
Divera della Cava

**No Practices**  
at the Alberta Avenue  
Community Center

July 10;  
July 27;  
July 31  
Aug 14

## Upcoming Demo's

### 1) Lacombe Demo ~ Saturday July 16th, 2011:

Bitter End is going to join the parade in Lacombe Alberta on Saturday July 16th. Help support our allies to the south.

Should be a fun day, and we need musicians, archers, rapiers, armoured fighters and greeters (and parade float wavers).

### 2) YMCA demo ~ Friday August 5th, 2011

We have the opportunity to run a demo for the children of inner-city Edmonton. We would run from 10am-12.

### 3) REQUEST - Cooking Lake ~ Saturday August 20th, 2011

Please let the Chatelaine know if you would be able to help out with this demo. it would be awesome if we had people from all the different area's participate. We did it last year, and it was a positive experience.

*Please consider helping, it is a great opportunity to improve our public profile, and demos are FUN!*



## Who am I?

I carry a big stick  
I have a big blue floppy hat  
My lovely wife is a seamstress  
I wear a white belt  
I am your current prince



Photo: Kentair

June's Who Am I? ~ Phelan Machiavelli



## 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;

- ~ Chirurgon (Officer)
- ~ Scribe (Officer)
- ~ Exchequer (Officer)
- ~ Beverage Quarter Master
- ~ Water Bearer

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.



## Other Groups In The Principality of Avacal



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

Bordergate  
(Cold Lake, AB) (Shire)



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

Harrows Cross  
(Strathmore, AB) (Shire)  
[www.harrowscross.ca/](http://www.harrowscross.ca/)



Montengarde  
(Calgary, AB) (Barony)  
[www.montengarde.org/inside.html](http://www.montengarde.org/inside.html)

Myrgan Wood  
(saskatoon, SK) (Barony)  
[theringlord.org/mw/](http://theringlord.org/mw/)



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

Sigelhundas  
(Regina, SK) (Shire)  
[www.sigelhundas.or/](http://www.sigelhundas.or/)



Valley Wold  
(Moose Jaw, SK) (Shire)  
[valleywold.ca/index.htm](http://valleywold.ca/index.htm)

Vinjar  
(Grand Prairie) (Shire)  
[vinjar.antir.sca.org/](http://vinjar.antir.sca.org/)



## Say What?

Write a caption for the picture!

The best ones will be published in next month's newsletter

### July's Picture.



Photo: Kintair

### June's Picture.



Photo: Yamadi Blackeye

### Some of Last month's submitted captions...

Look what followed me home, can I keep him?

Yup, she likes me! She's purring!

Talk about talons of steel!

If I rub her belly, do I get 3 wishes?

Arrrrr Matey!

# Festival of Trees 2011

It was decided that the Barony of Borealis will again be putting a tree into this year's Festival of Trees.

The overall theme of the 2011 festival is "Under the Tree".

This year, the Festival of Trees is raising funds to support an Intra-operative "O" Arm CT Scan and supporting software for the Head and Neck Cancer Surgery Program at the University of Alberta Hospital.

While a bunch of us were at the festival last year putting the finishing touches on our TOURNAMENT tree, we took inspiration for the 2011 tree from ornaments crafted by Victory. It was decided to use the theme of "HARVEST" for the 2011 tree.

Now, the title for the tree could be just simply "Harvest", but a couple of other titles that could be considered would be "Harvest Colours", or "Harvest Celebrations". The colour scheme would be fall colours, - silvers, rusts, golden yellows, oranges and burgundys.

When I think of "Harvest" I think of everyone getting together after the harvest is all in and having a celebration. So we could have ornaments with figures dress up in their Sunday best, or in work cloths, just coming in from the field. We could have little wooden wagons laden with the harvest coming off of the field, or going into town to sell to the populace. Would they of decorated the beasts of burden during their celebration?



The Rapiers did the February Tavern. They had a few things happening. They held a silent Auction, and a Desert Revel. Remé also held some games that small groups of people were able to enjoy. All monies went to help replace some badly needed equipment for the loaner Steal Key.

Enough was raised so that the rapiers were able to buy:

- ~ A right handed Swept Hilt Rapier
- ~ A replacement Rapier blade
- ~ 3 New Helms
- ~ 2 Metal Gorgés from Winter Tree
- ~ 2 Armour Fencing Shirts



# June's Tavern Report



June 7, 2011  
Start time: 7:50 p.m. ~ Finish time: 8:20 p.m.

## Reports

**Baron/Baroness:** Very last tavern for Vik & Inga. Silver Wolf the new Baron and Baroness will be stepping up.

**Senschal:** Borealis needs tavern volunteers! Handicap Biffy now in place and Quad site. We need someone to fill the exchequer position!

**Chatelaine:** Demo at the Lacombe fair Sat July 16th at 12:00, please volunteer. YMCA demo July 4th - July 25th, send available

**Exchequer:** Archers did last month tavern and made a profit. Money will be used for the Archery Loaner gear. We have a healthy balance in the bank account.

**Master of Stables:** "Go Vancouver". Nothing to report.

**Master of Fence:** Silvestro will be the new Master of Fence.

**Master of Arrows:** Outdoor range now available. Looking for new location since we have limited use of indoor range.

**Minister of Art & Science/Bardic:** New Arts & Science champion at Silverwolf.

**Herald:** Consultations being done for heraldic devices.

**Chronicler:** June issue of newsletter available. Looking for content, pics, stories etc. Please email.

**Gold Key:** Always looking for good quality donations. Everything is running well.

**Chirurgion:** Vacant, please apply with first aid certifications.

**Pied Piper:** Plenty of activities at Silverwolf.

**Youth Combat:** No news.

**Water Bearer:** Vacant, please apply.

**Web Minister:** In India currently.

## Calendar of Events

Cold Keep → Coronet. June 18th → Silverwolf. Get your recommendations in now!!! June 25 → T & A War. July 2 → Antir West War (The Quad War of California)

## Old Business

Taking payments and Volunteering for Silverwolf tonight. Championship requirements for Silverwolf - you must have a valid SCA membership and reside in the Barony of Borealis.

## New Business

Lost and found auction being held tonight. Proceeds will be used for entertainment at Quad War. Looking for Judges for A & S at Silverwolf. Sign up for Tavern PLEASE!



## 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!***

## Mad Robins, Squirrels and Bones

What do "Old Man is a Bed full of Bones, Mad Robin, Hunt the Squirrel, Cheat the Lady and Chase the Squirrel" have in common? They are all dances from the Renaissance!

We are very fortunate in the Barony of Borealis as we have a couple of ladies who are very passionate about dance.

The two ladies, Catherine of the Rowan Tree, (our Dance Mistress) and Alynn, are both going to be attending the Known World Dance Symposium that is being held in the Shire of Mynydd Seren (Bloomington, Indiana) from July 1 to 3rd, 2011.



Photo: Kentair

With an expected crowd of 250 dance enthusiasts, there is sure to be a lot of dance laurels, with our very own Cath teaching a hour long lesson that will cover 4 French Renaissance Dances from the Arbeau Suite on Friday morning.

The purpose of this class is to be able to dance the sequence of four dances without stopping between the dances. These four dances are the Pavan, Galliard, Basse dance, and Tordion.

These are the very same dances that she taught our own dancers during the Sunday May 29th practice at the Alberta Avenue Practice Hall.

Dance practice has been held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. most Sunday's that there have been a fighter practice being held (from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.),

Dance is a great way to warm up your muscles for fighter practice, and it is one of the requirements for the Sergeant Trials.

There has been a good turnout for these practices with anywhere from 6 to 16 participants coming out.



Photo: Cynwulf

Dance practice is open to all levels of dancer, from novice to the more experienced.

Come on out and give it a try. It's a lot of fun!

The next dance practice for the summer will be held at the Alberta Avenue Practice Hall on Sunday July 24th.



Story and all Photo's by Cynwulf



Hey y'all! It's me, Cynwulf! Did I mention? Viscount Sir Toryn 'the Terrible' Davinsson, Swift Sword of Warlike Tyr, First son of Dreaded Duke Davin, defeated Kirk Einarsson in the Coronet finals and has earned the right to elevate the breath-takingly beautiful matron of our warband, Evja Torynswife to Tanista of Avacall!



# Coronet Tournament





# Quad War Principality of Avacal

Info compiled from  
postings on the web

War has come again to Avacal. Are you ready?

The Principality of Avacal invites one and all from the populace of our fair, northern lands and beyond for Quad War. Castle scenarios, field battles and tournaments for both heavy and rapier will run through the weekend. If you are not interested in fighting, target archery, children's activities, equestrian, Arts & Sciences competitions, bardic, THUA courses and more will be available to keep you busy. If you want to relax, just come, shop Merchants Row and keep company with old and new friends.

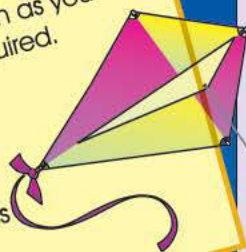
Whatever your interests, Quad War is the place to play.

## Arts & Sciences War Point

The fighters are strong and brave, protecting us with the might of their arms and their weapons skill. Non-fighters have skills too! Important skills that will be created and displayed at this year's Quad War A&S WAR Point! Here is your chance to contribute! Pick up your A&S War Bag from the Troll Booth as you enter. Bonus! No documentation is required.

Your entry will be judged on

- \* Quality of workmanship
- \* Originality
- \* Authenticity/Period correctness
- \* Overall appeal



## Gaming



We will be holding an informal gaming tournament during this year's Quad War. Several period games will be set up by the THUA registration tent. Grab your opponent and fill out the gaming card, play a game and make a notation on the card who won, then hand it into the THUA registration tent. The most "wins" wins! This will be announced at Sunday's court, so you have all day Saturday to play!



## Children's Activities



We have much planned this year for the children! Activities include, but certainly not limited to:

- Heraldic banner making (children get to make their own heraldic banner and have it complete to proudly fly at their encampment)
- Children's story times (perfect for the little ones, or simply children of all ages!)
- Medieval dancing and songs
- Medieval games
- Scavenger hunts and relay races
- Youth Armoured Combat Classes and tournaments
- Children's Equestrian Tournament
- Puppet shows
- Theatrical plays
- Build your own castle or catapult (not life size)
- Chivalry, Etiquette, and Service in the SCA
- Embroidery and beadwork (not recommended for those under 4 years of age)
- Introduction to Archery
- Water fight Tourney (pending appropriate HOT weather)



And much, much more!

Organizers are asking for supply donations (anything you may have lying around your house that you could donate to the Griffin's Nest is appreciated), and volunteers!





To date, there are 8 scenarios planned, but more may be added as we get closer to the event.



## *The Forsorn Hope*

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

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

## *Dante's Challenge XI*

This is the 11th year for Dante's Challenge. There are three categories that people can participate in.

**Novice Trials:** ~ Any authorized rapier fighter who has authorized in the SCA less than a year and has never won or placed in an FIE or SCA tournament can compete.

**Junior Trials:** ~ Any authorized rapier fighter who has never won or placed in an SCA tournament may compete.

**Open Trials:** ~ Any SCA authorized rapier fighter may compete.



## *Target Archery*

**Populace Shoot-** An open tourney for any member of the Populace, to declare a side. Total points determine winner of War point.

**Water Jug Tourney-** a favorite of the archery community. Challengers shoot jugs filled with water, attached to ropes and pulleys. The idea is to make your opponents jug hit the ground before yours does.

**Champions Challenge-** The Champion and the Iron Arrow form teams which face off against each other for a War Point.



Quad War Players will be presenting a minimum of one (but possibly two) dramatic production at this year's war. This year's scripts are a study in medieval drama and have both been taken from the York cycle.

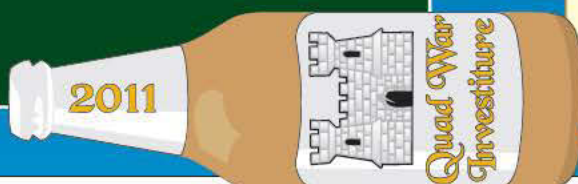
As middle-ages-style theater was very simple, these two productions should be an easy way to begin.

**NEW  
THIS  
YEAR!**

## *Brewmeister*

Calling all those who love to brew! Bring in your best bottle of period made alcoholic beverage for a chance to be known as the Quad War 2011 Brewmeister!

Drop your entries off before 5pm at O'Malley's Bakery on merchant's row, fill out the entry card, include a brief "documentation" on the card as to the period-ness of your brew, then wait with anticipation for the outcome.



# Upcoming Events



## Dragonslayer/Hidden Treasures

July 8 - 10, 2011

### The Barony of Montengarde

Autocrat: Viscountess Morrigan daytime  
phone 403.355.4382,  
Evening 403.275.0338

The Barony of Montengarde and Their Excellencies  
Beothuk of the Beothuks and Wilma the Still invite you to  
Dragonslayer/Hidden Treasures.

It's time to slay the dragon; it's time to take a stand! The  
dragon that was slain a year ago left her eggs hidden in  
the sand. Here we are again, to take this youngling in  
hand!

Our Heavy and Archery Championships will be held, as  
well as numerous other activities including the popular  
Friday night shoot, rapier, thrown weapons, children's  
events, a feast among the forest and a bardic fire  
Saturday evening.

Site fee: \$15 (12 and under free). Non-member  
surcharge: \$5

Feast \$15.00 - (A roast beef supper)  
Held at the Calgary Archers Club,  
4855 47th Street SE,  
Contact Brian, 403-255-6830 with any questions. July 6th  
is the last day to reserve for the feast.

#### Site Info:

Calgary Archer's Club / Clearwater Brook Camp  
Highway 8, East of Calgary (directions below)  
No hookups for Trailers Trailers are to be parked in the  
parking lot vehicles must unload at the parking lot and  
then be moved to the Clearwater Brook Camp for  
overnight or weekend parking - follow the signs!

#### Directions:

Best route to Alberta Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail in Calgary)  
Take Deerfoot to Glenmore Trail W. Glenmore turns into  
Highway 8 at Sarcee Trail. \* Follow Highway 8, over Elbow  
River Bridge, Site is 2nd driveway on the right.

#### Weekend Program

Friday July 8 5:00 pm Site Opens  
After Dark: Night Shoot

Saturday July 9 - Subject to change at Their Excellencies  
and/or Highnesses discretion

9 am to 12 pm: Dragonblinder (Archery) Championship  
Tourney

10 am to 6 pm: Hidden Treasures tournament open

12 pm to 3 pm: Rapier tournament

2 pm: Children's activities

3 pm to 6 pm: Dragonslayer (Heavy Fighter)

Championship Tourney

7 pm: Feast!

8:30 pm: Court!

After Court: Bardic Circle

Sunday July 10

2 pm: Site closed



## July to December 2011 Event Listings

### July 2011

9 - Dragonslayer - Montengarde

15 - 17 - July Coronation - Midhaven

30 - Quad War

### August 2011

20 - Valley War - Valley Wold

### September 2011

2 - 5 - September Crown - Glymm Mere

17 - Theme Feast - Rhuddglyn

24 - Vinfest XIII - Vinjar

### October 2011

1 - Autumn Celebration - Cold Keep

8 - Myrgan Wood's 32nd Anniversary - Mygan Wood

22 - Skull n' Crossbones - Sigelhundas

### November 2011

26 - Avacal Coronet Tournament - Rhuddglyn

### December 2011

10 - Yule Feast - Borealis



# July Coronation



July 15 - 17, 2011

Midhaven  
Autocrat: Angharad Banadaspus Drakenhefd &  
Rosamund of the Misty Meadows

Please join us in celebrating the reign of King Skeggi and Queen Taisia and the coronation of their successors Crown Prince Thorin and Crown Princess Dagmaer.

On Sunday, the Kingdom Champion's Tournament will be held. There will also be a rapier tournament, archery, thrown weapons, youth combat and more activities.

Site fee: Adults (16 & over) \$15.00  
Youth (6 - 15 years) \$10.00  
Child (5 & under) Free  
Family Cap \$50.00

\$5.00 non member surcharge will be applied.  
Make checks payable to "The Barony of Aquaterra, SCA Inc".

Site Info:  
Name: Northern State Recreation Area  
25625 Helmick Road  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284



## Avacal's Quad War Investiture Principality of Avacal

July 28 to August 1, 2011

Whatever your interests, Quad War is the place to play.

Fees: 0-5 Free  
6-14 \$10.00  
15 and older \$25.00 (family cap = \$70.00 -  
which includes ONLY direct family members,  
ie; parents and children)

Site fees are a flat rate for the entire weekend. There will not be a day rate.

### Troll hours:

Thursday (July 28th) 12 noon - 10 pm  
Friday (July 29th) 8 am through to Saturday (July 30th) 9 pm (will be manned overnight Friday)  
Sunday (July 31st) 9 am - 2 pm

There is no street address for this private site near Marsden, SK.

### Driving Directions:

From the North, South West and Southwest - make your best route to Wainwright, AB. Go East on Hwy 14 (become Hwy 40 at the Saskatchewan border). Drive 8 Km past and turn North (left) on Arland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the West (left).

From the East and Southeast - make your best route to Saskatoon SK. Take Hwy 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on Hwy 40. It will turn west(right) midway through town. 5 km west of (past) Marsden, turn North (right) on Arland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the west.

Please bring your own drinking water - the local water is not potable.

## September Crown Tournament



September 02, 2011 to September 05, 2011  
Barony of Glymm Mere  
Olympia, Tumwater & Lacey, WA

The Barony of Glymm Mere is proud to host September Crown Tournament for the Kingdom of An Tir.

There will be Championships in Archery, Equestrian and, of course, the new King will be chosen in a grand tournament of fighting skill and honor.

There will be activities for everyone; archery, arts and sciences, bardic, equestrian, heavy fighting, rapier fighting, meetings galore... oh, and shopping, shopping and more shopping.

Join Their Majesties and the Kingdom of An Tir for the glorious spectacle that is September Crown Tournament.

For the latest event information, please see our website at [www.glymm-mere.org](http://www.glymm-mere.org)

This is a camping event

Site Info: Bob Nix Ranch  
220 Nix Road  
Chehalis, WA 98532



## 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  
Vinfest - 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](http://www.avacal-sca.org/events)) or the Antir Events page ([www.antir.sca.org/upcoming](http://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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