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Dress your Beverage Contest



This is the month to bring to tavern your design for the Beverage Cover Contest! At January's Tavern our new Arts & Science Minister Coryn of the Wode announced this fun and creative contest.

Individuals who wanted to participate for a chance to win a price were asked to come up with a creative way to discies a modern commercial beverage container (bottle or can). Those who took up the challenge were to bring their creations to March's tavern to be judged by our Baron, Baroness, and group Officers.

Here's hoping that there's Many entries to make their job a hold lot harder!

A Note of Interest:

The Shire of Ravenslake and the Thieves of Hearts are presenting a combined event - the Known World Academy of Rapier and the Known World Costuming Symposium. This will be happening near Chicago, Illinois from November 9-11, 2012. If your interested, here is a link to their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/211361568961372/?notif t=event invite

There will be more information posted at a later date as plans are finalized. There is already many great teachers for Rapier, Cut and Thrust and for Costuming. They are also working on some other activities, such as a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, It is hoped that everyone will be able, to take a look at their collection of period arms and armor and paintings and fiber arts of the period.

Monthly Practice Pass Available



Only \$25.00 for the whole month!

Save time and money!

See Shavarrson, our Master of Stables, or Reme, our Baron for more information.

On sale the first practice of each month.



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.

Jargesse Items 🦨



HE Bryjna Lovisdottir of Axewater is the Largesse Co-ordinator for the reign of TH Tanist Ogedei Bahadur and Tanista Ifatahyo al-Jenne.

Anyone can contribute to the ever growing wordfame of the artisans who reside in the borders of Avacal. Not sure of what would be appropriate? She has a bunch of idea's for projects, just drop her a note.

She will also be making a posting at a later date with ideas for people to take inspiration from.

If you are eager to start, she has started to collect ideas and patterns on pinterest.com under Largesse and Combine for Coolness!!

The northern night is cold and still, for winter still grips these lands. The wolf silently pads through the Boreal forest as he patrols his territory. From time

to time, he howls at the waning moon, and hears no answering cry

Winter War March 10, 2012!

... not yet! But

the wolf is as wise as
he is fierce, and he knows that at
the next full moon - three weeks
hence as men would measure it the impending spring will bring
strangers from the south to

challenge him for his domain

The late snow is deep and the cold is penetrating, but in the crisp air she smells the promise of spring, which will bring good hunting

The she-wolf leaves her lair

and patrols her Boreal territory.

Peregrine Falconer

the south into this rich land. And there are not only aliens to guard against there have been rumours of challenges from within the pack, and the head of them has been dispatched.



Other Groups
In The
Princapality
of Avacal



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

Bordergate (Cold Lake, AB) (Shire





Cold Keep (Prince George, BC) (Shire) www.avacalsca.org/coldkeep/

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





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

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





Rhuddglyn (Medicine Hat, AB) (Shire) www.avacalsca.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/





February's Tavern Report



February 1, 2012 Start time: 7:47 p.m. Finish time: 8:25 p.m.

Newcomers: 12



Reports

Baron/Baroness: Welcome everyone, Kingdom 12th Night was spectacular with the elevation for the new King and Queen.

Congratulations goes to HE Inga the Unfettered for her elevation to Pelican. The Baron of Ersumus enjoyed in the fun as he fought and reveled with the populace.

February Investiture is in Myrgenwood this year come out and support the rise of our new Prince and Princess, also the Rapier and A/S championship contests are at this Investiture.

Winter War is coming on March 10 2012 and the King and Queen will be there. Perigrin is our Autocrat and he is looking for volunteers so if you want to help in any small way talk to him.

Sargentry applications will be at Winter War so if you think you would like to become a Sargent then talk to the Baroness, Sargents.

On an honorable note the Baron of Borealis is proud of all we are, do and learn. Keep doing what you are doing.

Senschal: The Barony is going along well. Many of the new comers tonight were drawn in by the Demo we did at the Winter Festival here at the Alberta Hall in January,

Welcome. Thank you goes to the Rapier community for putting on February (Valentines) Tavern. On that note we have March, April, and May booked so if your group would like to fund raise for your group, sign up and run a Tavern.

Invitation was given to the Barony to come to the event.

Chatelaine: Welcome to all of the new comers. The Demo in January went very well.

A new possible Demo for School kids may be coming up in the near future. This is for the Medeval unit taught in school. There is No set date yet, but it will be during a week day.

Exchequer: We have a healthy bank balance.

Master of Stables: Everthing is going well. There is a Demo for 25 Scouts anyone interested it will be at Wednesday nights fight practice on February 8 talk with Cynwolf for more details.

Youth Combat: Perigrin was acting as Marshall but has now become the Full Marshall. Practice is going well, with 2 fighters. If you know any children who want to fight then have them talk to Perigrin as we need more kids.

Master of Fence: Fencing is going well, with no Incidents.

Master of Arrows: Practices are going well, with more archers coming out since the holidays are over.

The Range is closed on April 30 2012 as they are moving, the practice is moved until the new facility is open, we are checking on storage once the move is done. The new address is 5618 76 Ave Edmonton, May 15 2012 is the Grand Opening. We are still looking for a 40 yard range outdoors.

Minister of Art & Science/Bardic: Kingdom A/S is inbetween Investiture and Winter War in Danescombe (Penticton) March 3,4 2012. Remember the contest for Bottle covering which will be judged at the March Tavern. There will be prizes for the top 4 works of art. Remember to get on the Yahoo list as things are announced there. Every 3rd Monday of the month is A/S night at the Baroness' place come out and help paint, sew, bead, or do your own thing for a couple of hours. There are no classes yet unitil after.... The Music and Dance class this Sunday (not SCA) but come out and give it a try anyway. Slava will be teaching Pottery in the future and Cisenia will teach some sewing.

Herald: For any of your questions on Heraldry see Owen and he will set you in the right direction..

Chronicler: February News letter is not ready but will be in March with the March news letter - See Yamadi for any articles you wish to put in the Aurora, she is always looking for good articles and pictures. Thank you to the Barony for the new stapler it works great (its a weapon).

Gold Key: All is good and all sorted out.

Chirurgeon: Vacant, Write us a letter.

Family Activities Coordinator: Working on the College of Pages with a new hand book which will include all ages of children. When it is published we will get the book. Have some ideas for Winter War and would welcome any volunteers.

Water Rearer: Vacant

Web Minister: No updates and all is going well. If e-mails are not working they will be fixed..

Calendar of Events

February 17, 18 2012 is Tir Righ's Investiture, February 24-26 2012 is Avacal's Investiture, March 3-4 2012 Kingdom A/S in Danescombe, March 9-11 2012 Borealis' Winter War (War will be arranged with Montengard), March 17 2012 Avacal War Practice in Ruddglyn, April 14 2012 Spring Champions in Myrgenwood, and April 27-29 2012 Silver Arrow in Bitterend.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Corin would like to make a new Borealis Directory for contacts. It will be a paper copy only. Information such as SCA name, Mundane name, E-mail address, and phone number. This is all voluntary of course. The Aurora will have the Officers contact information as well. In conclusion for the tonight the Baron has opened the

Rapier Tavern, which will have for sale desserts. A silent auction sill conclude at 9:30pm, with all proceeds going for loaner gear for the Rapiers. For some fun there will also be Candle Snuffing so come try your luck and try and beat the records with the best time, by a 7 year old of 4.5 seconds and 12.5 for a 13 year old.





April's Tavern will be hosted by the Huscares.

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!



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.



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.



Javerns

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 loarner gear? Host a tavern!

March Tavern ~ Hosted by Patrick & the Archers
April Tavern ~ Hosted by the Huscarls
May ~ The Machiavelli Household
June ~ Haffa! hosted by Arwyn
July to December ~ NEED HOSTS





Thanks to everyone who came out to the Rapiers AMOUR Tavern. This was a fund raiser for the rapiers to make much needed upgrades and additions to their Steel Key loaner gear.

For the meal of the evening there was ground beef and gravy in a Big bread bowl, or for those who did not care for meat, there was baked macaroni and cheese.

The rapiers also ran their dessert revel with a selection of desserts that started from 50 cents and up. Dante ran the ever popular candle snuffing and there was a silent auction of a great variety of merchandise. Meagan, one of our local barbs also serenaded certain members with performance valentines!

Wenture Scouts Visit Fight Practice

On Wednesday February 15, 2012 between 8:00 until about 9:00 p.m. there was a local group from the Venture Scouts who came to check out what the SCA is all about. The group had boys from the ages of 14 to 18 accompanied by their group leaders and parents.

At the beginning of the evening the Rapiers explained to the group what rapier fighting was and showed what the weapons and armour for their sport was.

The heavies did a mini tournament showcasing many of their weapons and how they are used. They also explained about their armour, and what valid blows were

There were a few non-combantants on the side showing Arts and Sciences, and answering questions.



Borealis Symballs

Raising funds and supporting charities

At Novembers Tavern, Shafter announced that he would be participating in the "Movember". This is a fund raiser that raises funds for Prostate Cancer research. Many of our local athaletes and media celebrities participate in this charity. Although he put the challenge out there, he was the only one who participated, and was able to raise over \$300,00 for the charity.

If your going to be part of a run, walk, bike ride, marathon, or one of the other events that charities use to help raise funds for their causes, this is the spot to let everyone know what your going to be doing and also how you did.

T Need Content! By Yamadi &



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.

Tooking 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.

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

Borealis Merchant Guild

The aim of the Borealis Merchant Guild is to change the perception of merchants in the eyes of the populace in Borealis and Avacal.

How do we do this?

- 1. Have more SCA and medieval saleables on our tables.
- 2. Work together with Event Stewarts for events.
- 3. Strive for excellance as a group.
- 4. Help each other achieve this without negativity.
- 5. Brain storm as a group when needed.
- 6. Educate others and self police.

What Borealis is doing along these lines is this;

- Members of the SCA get spaces first, non members are put on a waiting list. Reasonable length of time is given for members to reserve.
- Mistress Joan the Just is the contact person for merchants and event stewarts. Event Stewarts should let her know about the availability of space and tables.
- 3. We will be keeping a list (of no shows) at events.
- 4. If a merchant does not show up at an event by 12 non, without prior notice of being later, their space will be given to another.
- Please, Event Stewarts co-ordinate with Mistress Joan on Merchant business

Joan can be contacted at; joanandcennet@hotmail.ca or 780-986-6623

Lloyd Practice Invite

Some SCA members out in Lloyd hosted a small gathering of fighters on February 11, 2012.

Many of our fighters from Borealis made the trip out to have some fun and some fighters also came out from Red Deer.

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!



CRAC has announced their new location will be opening in May of 2012. There are a few specifics still needing to work out, but this is what is known so far;

Because the current locations building was deteriorating beyond usable condition, and the lease was expiring anyhow, a new location was needed. One was found at 5618 - 76 ave, Edmonton. The new facility has a 20 yard (18 meter) indoor range, wide enough for 13 - 14 archers on a shooting line. There is also a sitting area and a club room

Hopefully there will be some more specific details to follow on how the new location will affect us (i.e. storage room). Instead of key locks at the new location, there will be an electronic locking system.

Between April 12th and May 15th, Shooting may be temporarily suspended. Other arrangements might be able to be made to shoot at a different range for that time period.

Fees for the new range should be the same as the current pricing grid (24/7 access for CRAC members, \$5 drop-in on a nightly basis for non-members). Anyone wishing for a CRAC membership, let Somerled know and he will retrieve a form for you (CRAC office is open 10am - 12pm on Saturdays, plus during their classes to pay for membership).

The Archers are after anyone with information on a 40 yard facility that will allow combat/crossbows.

Any questions or comments, please contact Somerled of Ballindore.

The war drums are
beginning to beat
within the heart of Borealis,
and soon the snow will soon give way
to fighters footsteps on the march to war!

Winter War 2012 • Kristina Jarvis

Apcoming Events



Upcoming Events March ~ May



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, Aberta)

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

Winter War Continued

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.



Silver Arrow Bitter End's 20th Anniversary April 23, 2012 Ship 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 viking 1066@xplornet.com

Deputy Autocrat: HL Gabrielle of the Leaf

Deputy Autocrat: HL Sybell Deva

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.

Jocal 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

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

Javern 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

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

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