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A word from our Baron and Baroness



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Unto the great people of Borealis
we send Warmest Greetings,

We would like to invite you and
your friends to our Silverwolf
tournament happening on June 16,
2012. This is the weekend where our new Champions will be
determined for our beloved Barony of Borealis.

You may decide to take up the challenge of testing your own
skill in the tournaments of Heavy, Rapier, Archery, Arts &
Science or Bardic or alternatively you may choose to cheer
on your fellow Borealians. Come and enjoy this special day
with us.

To further entice you, the Borealis Culinary group will be
presenting a Glorious feast to honour the day's festivities.
And to round out the night, our entertaining and talented
bards will sing melodious songs and tell great tales of our
champions of the day and those of the past.

This Silverwolf tournament marks our one year anniversary
as Baron and Baroness and we would like to thank the
Great people of Borealis for your support as it is truly
inspiring. We applaud you all for stepping up with us in
making our Dream so memorable. This is evident by your
works, deeds and your willingness to get involved and be
leaders.

We "Thank You" and look forward to more great times,
whether we do battle on the fields with our enemies or
simply enjoy the warm winds of time.

Reme & Divera 

NOTE

The following are dates that the hall **WILL NOT** be available for practices.

MAY 2012: May 20

JUNE 2012: June 3; June 17; June 24

JULY 2012: July 8

AUGUST 2012: August 5

SEPTEMBER 2012: September 2; September 9; September 16



Arts & Sciences May's Challenge

This month is the month to bring your entry into the Arts and Sciences May challenge.

At March's Tavern, Coryn, our Minister of Arts & Sciences announced a new challenge to be concluded at May's Tavern.

Craft a period bag using leather and inspiration from any time period that we strive to recreate.

Here's hoping that there are a bunch of designs and everyone had a blast creating them!



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; ~ Chirurgion (Officer)
~ Scribe (Officer)
~ Water Bearer
~ 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.



Festival of Trees 2012



By Vemadi Blackeye

If I remember rightly, the overall theme for the upcoming 2012 Festival of Tree's is "Peppermint Swirl". 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. 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.

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/





April's Tavern Report



April 4, 2012
Start time: 7:45 p.m.
Finish time: 8:25 p.m.

Newcomers: 1



Reports

Baron/Baroness: We had a great Winter War and of course we Won again. The challengers (Montengard) have not given up and will return next year with a new arsenal. The King and Queen gave out lots of awards to the deserving. Slava was on her vigil and will be made a Laurel at the A/T war in June. We are looking for Auto-crats for Silver wolf, Yule feast, and Winter War, please come see us and/or the Seneschal if you are interested.

Senschal: Everything is going well with the Barony. Reports are due so please get them into me by April 10 as I have to send in my report on the 15th. Remember to join the YAHOO group as that is where you will find any information you might need on ALL things.

Chatelaine: Hi all, and welcome to all the new comers we have been getting (Yeah). If our new comers would like to go to Silver Arrow on the weekend of the 27-29 of April and need a ride please talk to me and we will make some arrangements.

Exchequer: We have a healthy bank balance.

Master of Stables: Everything is going well and again new comers are coming out (Yeah). We would like to move the practice time from 7:30 to 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. It has been suggested we try this for a month and see how it turns out, as it will cost us an extra hour rent, the logistics are in order and will be made available on Line (yahoo.com).

Youth Combat: We now have a 3rd Youth Combant and all is going well. We have 2 Heavy's becoming Senior Marshall for us. We have been donated a gift of some heavy armour which is extremely heavy from the St Albert police force.

Master of Fence: All is well.

Master of Arrows: Everything is going well with Target practice. Next week is the last week for practice until next month as the range is moving to their new facilities. The next practice will be on May 15 2012 at 7:00 till 9:00 pm. The new address is 78th and 56 Street. The first combat practice for the season will be at the St. Albert Salvation

Army Community Service Hall from 7:00 till 9:00 pm, at 165 Libertin Dr. the cost will be \$10.00 per person. All this will be posted to the Borealis site. We will have some storage on the new site.

Minister of Art & Science/Bardic: Everything is going well. Remember our new competition is to make a pouch with some documentation as well as inspired by a picture for the May Tavern. Again there will be prizes (the same as the last contest), Remember that the 3rd Monday of the month is A/S at Her Excellency's place. Lets try and get as many entries in for Silver Wolf and remember that it is time to pick our new A/S champion then as well. For the Silver Wolf champion you must have 3 entries to be considered. Have your membership up to date as you must be a paid member for the duration of your commitment and are a resident of Borealis. Could someone please help me find my A/S sign that I have every Tavern, it has gone missing?

Herald: Everything is going well, come see me if you want help, information etc for researching your device and name. Also you can look on the SCA.org site under heraldry.

Chronicler: February and March News letters are here, Aprils is not done yet. If you have any articles or pictures etc. Please Please send them in so I can include them in the newsletters. Anything of SCA interest will be considered.

Gold Key: All is great and have had the clothing at all of the recent events.

Chirurgion: None, if you are interested please see the Seneschal.

Scribe: Again we have no one and if interested please see the Seneschal.

Family Activities Coordinator: Winter War went well, Congrats to you. I am in the planning for Silver Wolf (activities etc).

Water Bearer: None

Web Minister: I am finally passing the torch to Reginald Darvie other than that there is No report.

Calendar of Events

Myrgin Wood (Spring Champion) April 14 2012,
Montengard (Thua) April 21 2012, Bitter End (Silver Arrow) April 28 2012, Prince George (May Champion) May 2012, Kingdom (May Crown) May 18-20 2012, Avacal (June Coronet) June 2012, Borealis (Silver Wolf) June 15 2012 in

Warburg with the Culinary guild doing the cooking and Joan the Just doing the Merchenting and finally Avacal and Tereah War in June 2012.

Old Business

Congratulations to Dirk on his 70th Birthday. Dante has brought up the renting of a Tour Bus to go to the A/T War costing about \$100 to \$105 the more the merrier. Winter War Recap: The event was very successful thanks to all. 202 paid Adults with a total of 239 paid. Our profit is \$1,025.00. Lost and Found is at the side tonight please take your missing items. Come over and try your luck by shooting the Dragon with marshmallows; all the left overs will be turned into rice crispy squares.

New Business

Perigrin brought His Excellency a Dracula Mug from Romania. June tavern will be a Middle East theme come on out and enjoy (Eat, Drink, and be merry). Kashi is calling for a new champion for Bardic at Silver Wolf. (one on one) and new Regalia (bigger than the one Montengard has) a satchel or cloak?

Motion: We would like to add a Bardic Champion to the Silver Wolf Champions. Motioned by Kashi (TABLED TILL NEXT TAVERN). Baron and Baroness are in favor with the idea but Kashi should get a formal proposal to us before next tavern. Do you believe in the will of Leaf (purchase for A/T war).

Bards in the Park

By Kashi and Yemadi

On Saturday April 14, not even Mother Nature could stop our most auspicious Bards from gathering to enjoy each other's company for a night of song, dance and, well, what ever comes to mind to our fun loving Bards!

Do you like to sing? How about hum, draw, doodle, paint, dance, play an instrument, make noise on an instrument, hoola-hoop or just hang out and have fun? Then this could be a group that you would like to join!

Thanks to everyone who made it out in the super shitty weather & road conditions! Sorry so many of you missed out and hopefully next session we will be at a PARK! Till next month! Get ready new date and location will be soon.

Also! Would you like to contribute to inspiring others?? Now looking for folks to volunteer to present a project or skill they would like to work on or teach to the group. (mask making, drumming, painting, paper mache, poi, instrument playing or vocal warm ups, ect)

Drop me (Kashi) a line if you are interested or have suggestions

Local Merchants

Galeana's Closet

Garb for Ladies and Lords

Galeana

Ph: 780-962.6547

Email: creationsbygail@shaw.ca

Webpage:

<http://www.galeanascloset.com>

Purple Parrot Products

Miscellaneous garb and feast products, books, and camp supplies.

Lady Raven Winterheart and Lady Victory Dragoner

Phone: 780-465-4865

E-Mail:

lord_peregrine_falconer@yahoo.com

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.



Deadline for content submission for the June 2012 issue of the Aurora will be May 25, 2012



May Tavern Hosted by The Machiavellis

*May's Tavern will be hosted by the
Machiavelli Household.*

On the menu for the evening

Chili

Bun

Cheese

an assortment of desserts



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 boarner gear? Host a tavern!

May ~ The Machiavelli Household

June ~ Haffa! hosted by Arwyn

July to December ~ NEED HOSTS



April's Tavern was hosted by the Huscarls. Daniel the Broc showed off his culinary skills in the kitchen with providing a meal that consisted of Sausage with Apple and Onion pottage, Buns with sliced cheese and for dessert there were fresh Pizzelles with Ice Cream.

After our general meeting was when the fun began!. The Huscarls again ran their popular "Fools Cup". This is a contest of 5 challenges that teams compete in to win points. A win earned 3 points while a 2nd place finish earned 1 point.

This year (as in previous years I think) it was everyone against the Huscarls. This year there were six teams competing in the 5 challenges.

The 6 teams were; The Bad News Bears, Team Borealis, the Huscarls, The Lost Vikings, Machiavellis and Ravensriff

The five area's of competition were the same as last year; Arm Wrestling, Beverage Chugging, Candle Snuffing, Bardic and Marshmallow Archery and Catapulting.

This year no group dominated in any of the challenges.

For Arm Wrestling, The Lost Vikings won followed by Ravensriff. In Candle Snuffing, there were no new records set, and Team Borealis won followed by the Lost Vikings. Beverage Chugging was won by the Machiavellis followed by a close second by the Lost Vikings.

The Bardic challenge was the only competition that I was able to see. There were many fine performances, with some outstanding solo's. Cynewulf was able to get participation from the crowd with his rendition of "The Old Dung Cow", accompanied on his 3 string ukulele. Alas, Team Borealis won these points with Ravensriff coming in second.

The Marshmallow Archery and Catapulting saw many participants, both young and old competing, with the points being won by a young member for the Lost Vikings.

The overall victory and therefore the "Fools Cup" and the bragging rights for 2012 went to the Lost Vikings!

All proceeds from this night went to activities at this years AT War.





Arts & Sciences Night

April's A&S night was Monday April 16th. A good 7 people were able to come out and work on various projects and share fellowship with others

There was painting of bookmarks for Largess being done by a couple of people, while the other things being worked on was sewing, knitting, embroidery, and leather work. There was also lessons on how to do Lucet weaving!



Looking for Winter War Content

Still hunting after stories and pictures for the special section on Winter War for the Aurora Newsletter. I was not able to go, so I'm in need of content. What happened? Was there anything that happened that stood out for you?

- Was there any fun tom-foolery?
- Was there dancing?
- What did the recipient of the Chicken of Loci do to earn the reward of the clucking chicken?
- What about the Rapier who "won" the Fezz for this year?
- How did the scenario's go for all of the fighting?
- How was the potluck feast?
- What kind of targets were for the Archery part of the war?.....

If your a newcomer, and this was your first event, what did you think? Are you looking forward to getting authorized so that you can be on the battlefield for next year?....

The newsletter is a good vehicle to tell and show what we are all about. Not only that, but it acts as a record of what happens in our barony. Let's make it interesting!

By Yamadi

Bus to AT War

Dante is looking at the option of renting a bus for a group to go down to AT War in June.

The cost per person for the bus would be between \$100.00 and \$150.00 (One Hundred and One Hundred and Fifty dollars) each.

If your interested in pursuing this option to the 8 hour drive down to the event, then please contact him and let him know. he needs a minimum number to make this feasible.

Junes Tavern is a Hafla!

Everyone come out for an evening of good food, music, Middle Eastern Dance and friendship! If you have a drum, bring it! More info will be posted closer to June

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.

They are looking for volunteers in helping to organize;

1. Fighters - Heavy and Rapier Sca and other groups
2. Merchants and Art & Science displays,
3. Music, bards (was definatly something that was missed last year)
4. Canteen

The parade float will be worked on seperatly, and there will be posts with information to follow as it becomes available.

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!



Borealis Snowballs

Raising funds and supporting charities

June's tavern will see Arwyn and Nasheeta hosting a Hafla!

A Hafla is a gathering of Middle Eastern Dance enthusiasts. It is thought that this would be a good opportunity to help support women in crisis. A drive will be held for the Woman's Emergency Shelter.

If you wish to help out, it is asked that you bring hygiene products to tavern. Some of the products on a wish list are...

Soap,

Body Wash,

Deodorant/Antiperspirant,

Manicure Sets,

Shampoo,

Conditioner,

Hair Brushes,

Head Bands,

Hair Elastic Bands...



Arts & Sciences Learning Calligraphy



At March's Tavern Guillaime de Gualle announced that she would be running a series of calligraphy classes for anyone who wanted to learn to do calligraphy. This class proved so popular, that she will again be running a four session course, this time on Thursday nights.

This will start with the Absolute Beginner class, (that you must take to continue with the 3 other lessons) on Thursday May 10, from 7p.m. to 9p.m. The other 3 classes will be on the evenings of May 24, June 7 and June 21, also between 7p.m. and 9p.m.

These classes are open to anyone with a interest in learning about calligraphy. All materials and equipment will be provided.

If you are interested, please reserve your spot as there is a limit of 8 students.

If anyone is interested we are doing a local Tavern Night here in Lloyd on the 19th of May (Saturday). We will be fighting in the afternoon, feasting in the evening and drinking all night long...

Need more information? Contact Sprinkle



Practices for the Rapiers have been going well with a steady 11 participates coming out to the weekly practices.

The month of April saw a new authroized Rapier fighter join the ranks of the Borealis group this month -

Congratulations Mark!



Archery News

The new location for the CRAC will be opening on Tuesday May 15, 2012.

The new location is at 5618 - 76 Ave, Edmonton.

The facility has a 20 yard (18 meter) indoor range, wide enough for 13 - 14 archers on a shooting line, as well as sitting area and a club room.

Fees for the 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 you a form (CRAC office is open 10am - 12pm on Saturdays, plus during their classes to pay for membership).

A&S Entry?

Where Do I Start??

By Coryn of the Wode

It all starts with an idea.... something which interests you and which you might like to add to your SCA "stuff". Let's say you want something for your encampment.... maybe a table or chair? Sure, a chair sounds good let's start with that.

Now, ask yourself if the chair you have in mind would have existed in period. Nope, a fancy cover for a modern "director's chair" will not do. But a director's chair has one nice feature: it folds up small for travel. Did medieval travelers have collapsible chairs? Did they bring their furniture with them when traveling or did they improvise with what was available when they set up camp? Hmmmm... that might depend on the importance of the traveler and on where and when he traveled.

This is also the time to consider what resources are available. There may be pictures of later-period chairs: illustrations in manuscripts or paintings or even photographs of extant chairs. Early-period chairs are harder to research directly but you might be able to infer how they were constructed if you studied the tools, materials and construction methods which were available. Please don't try to make something first and document it later -- that only leads to frustration and disappointment.

Email the A&S Champion and the Minister of A&S to tell them you're planning to enter the competition. If things just don't come together you can withdraw later (although we hope that won't be necessary).

Gather the materials and tools, and try making a chair. If the materials are expensive you might first make a prototype out of cheaper material. Keep a record of every step in the construction. Take pictures! If the project doesn't work out as expected, that's OK. Learn from your mistakes. With luck you'll have enough time and materials to do it again.

Write a rough draft of your documentation. This is the scary part for most people but it's not really so difficult. Here is a format which generally works well:

INTRODUCTION Tell what the object is, who might have used such an object, and where, when, and why. Include references and pictures to support your assertions.

BODY Tell how you went about making the object, step-by-step. Include photos of various stages of construction if that helps your explanation. If possible, include references to prove you made the object the "right" way. Also tell if

you made any significant changes from the way things would have been done in period and why, e.g. using a cheaper material because authentic materials would be too expensive or using power tools to save time.

CONCLUSION Tell what you learned from making this object, how "authentic" you believe the object is, and what you would do different if you had to do it over.

BIBLIOGRAPHY List your references

There are other ways to organize the documentation which are also effective. Watch for information about a documentation class to be taught soon.

Proofread the draft or ask someone else to proofread it for you.. If you need help citing your references don't be afraid to ask! The final copy should be easy to read in about 5-10 minutes (usually about 5-10 pages). Make at least 3 copies of your documentation so each judge can look through a copy.

Give some thought to how the object will be presented. You will have some table space to display the object. Do you need a backboard to display information? A tablecloth? Some accessories, or tools, or patterns? If you've put a lot of effort into making and documenting the object then you want to display it in an attractive manner so more people will come by to see what you've done.

Imagine the questions the judges might ask you and think how you might answer them. "I don't know but I'll try to find out" can be a satisfactory answer. If the judges ask you to talk about your entry be enthusiastic about what you've learned. Remember, the judges don't know everything they actually enjoy learning from you!

If you are competing for the A&S Championship, repeat the foregoing steps several times. Be sure to send your letter of intent to the Baron and Baroness also. Find out what is expected of a Champion of Borealis., just in case!

Have fun preparing and discussing your entries!



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.



Working towards a Kingdom of Avacal

For the last number of years, there has been many people talking about the Principality of Avacal becoming a Kingdom all on it's own.

We have had the paid membership to do it for a number of years, and now it looks like it might become a reality.

In late April there was a posting by Viscount Kirk Einarsson about this issue, looking for people to be part of a small group who would be gathering the information that is required to attain this goal (please see the posting to the right).

Although the group would of been chosen before this May's newsletter is published, there is a need for others to help out with this endeavour.

"a kingdom can not be run with so small a group"

As our Seneshal Mika has said in his posting on this subject "a kingdom can not be run with so small a group".

There will be a need for more people of all levels of experience to help out with this,

If you are interested and think that you have skills that would be an asset, then please forward your name and a bit about yourself to Mika, our Seneshal, either Baron Reme or Baroness Divera, or contact the Avacal Seneshal, HL Kirk Einarsson.

As you may be aware, Avacal and its people are uniting in their desire to be their own kingdom and we have been gaining momentum. On the avacal_kingdom Yahoo group forum:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/avacal_kingdom/ many discussions regarding what Avacal could look like as a Kingdom have been taking place and it is now time to take organized action.

With the consent of Their Highnesses, a team of approximately 10 people will be assembled to work together to help assemble the information needed and lay the ground work for what will soon become our kingdom bid. This team will operate under the Seneschal's Office and report regularly to Avacal on the progress and status of the bid.

If you wish to be on the team and a part of Avacal's future, please submit your Application / Resume to myself via e-mail at seneschal@avacal-sca.org

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2012. The final Committee will be formed and announced by May 10, 2012.

Qualities we are looking for in our team:

- ~ A good communicator
- ~ Organized
- ~ Attention to detail
- ~ Ability to work in a group setting
- ~ Able to meet deadlines with little supervision
- ~ Must have a valid SCA membership

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

In Service to Avacal

Viscount Kirk Einarsson
Principality Seneschal





Silver Wolf Championship Competitions

By Coryn of the Wode

Each year the Barony of Borealis chooses new champions to represent the heavy fighters, the rapier fighters, the archers and the artisans of our barony. This year we are also looking into the possibility of choosing a bardic champion.

The competitions for the Heavy Champion and the Rapier Champion get a lot of attention. The populace enjoys watching these tournaments as the noise of combat and cheering attracts passer-bys. The competition for Archery Champion is usually harder to find because the shooting must happen in a safe area far away from other activities. Spectators are welcome at the archery range if they stay well back.

The competition for Arts and Sciences (A&S) Champion usually happens indoors, in a quiet corner where display tables are set up. It's easy to overlook, especially because talkative spectators are unwelcome during judging sessions. However, people are strongly encouraged to walk by and look at the displays, and to ask questions of the entrants when they are not surrounded by judges.

If there is a competition for Bardic Champion it also will be in a quiet, out-of-the-way place. Again, spectators would be welcome if they do not distract the performers.

The names of the new Baronial Champions will be announced during the evening court at Silverwolf. The champions will receive regalia which they are encouraged to wear and/or carry at Baronial events. They are asked to attend the Baron and Baroness during court. They do not have to pay a site fee at Baronial events (Yule Feast, Winter War and the next Silverwolf) although they do have to pay for feasts.

The duties of the champions vary, but they are encouraged to promote their

area of expertise. They are involved in creating scenarios/competitions at Winter War and the A&S Champion also helps to organize an activity at Yule Feast. At the end of their year as Champion, each one is expected to organize the competition to choose their successor, with the help of their respective Baronial Officer.

Anyone who has been a Baronial Champion will tell you that it's a really positive experience. It's also an excellent preparation for entering championship competitions at the principality or kingdom level. Why not give it a try this year?

**New this year!
Enter to compete
in the Bardic
Championship!**

I 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.

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.

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!



The Baroney of Borealis Arts & Sciences Championship Rules for 2012

By Kseniia, Current Borealis A&S Champion

Silverwolf is a little over a month and a half away, and at that time I will hold a competition to choose my successor as Arts and Sciences Champion of Borealis. It's been a honour and a privilege to hold this position, but the rules state it is time for me to pass on this mantle.

As I announced at the beginning of April, we are now taking letters of intent to enter the full competition at Silverwolf. Letters are due no later than May 15 to give us time to find judges and prepare for this competition.

A full entry is a minimum of 3 items, where no more than 2 of the items can be part of the same piece (embroidery on a tunic and a tunic's construction can be two separate items). Each item must have documentation.

We also have room for those who wish to enter a single entry for feedback from either the youth or adult categories (6-17 or 18 and up). Again you must submit a letter by May 15 so we can make sure we have judges for everyone's entries.

Please look below for more information about the rules of the competition and for the email addresses of those who you need to send your Letter of Intent to. I know our barony has some amazing artisans, so please enter!

BOREALIS A&S CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

The competition to choose a new Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion is held at Silverwolf each year.

Those who want to compete for the championship must have a minimum of three entries. A fourth entry is permitted. All entries will be displayed and judged. The scores of the best three entries will be counted toward the total score.

A Championship competitor **must be a resident of Borealis** and must have a **valid SCA membership**. The winner is expected to maintain his/her membership during their tenure as Champion.

A&S Championship competitors may not compete for other Championship at Silverwolf (i.e. one person may not hold two Baronial Championships at the same time).

Those who do not want to compete for the championship may bring one or two single entries to be displayed and judged.

Each entry must have documentation to accompany it.

A maximum of two entries may be assigned to one item (e.g. a tunic and the embroidery on that tunic) but each entry must have its own documentation.

The entries should be "new" entries. They should not have been entered in another competition and they should have been completed within the past 12 months. The only exception: an item which was entered in a Silverwolf competition one or two years ago may be re-entered if there has been significant change in the item itself or the documentation accompanying it.

Entries can include; sewing, weaving, embroidery, woodworking, metalwork, leatherwork, calligraphy, illumination, cooking/baking, brewing, etc. anything that is an art or science activity which was practiced between 500 AD and 1600 AD in Europe or in an area which had contact with Europe. Bardic entries (storytelling, singing, drama, etc.) will also be permitted this year (may change in future years).

Championship entrants **must send a formal declaration of intent to the Baron and Baroness, the current Baronial A&S Champion and the Baronial A&S officer no later than May 15.** Single entrants must inform the A&S Champion and the A&S officer of their intention no later than May 15.

There should be a very brief description of each entry (e.g. "Saxon oil lamp" or "Elizabethan embroidered purse") so suitable judges can be found. If you have specific needs (e.g. access to electricity or an early judging time) please include this request.

If, after making a declaration of intent, a potential competitor is unable to produce one or more of the entries, he/she is expected to inform the current A&S Champion and the A&S officer as soon as possible. (Note: the object does not have to be completely finished to be an acceptable entry.)

A judging schedule will be sent to each entrant at least one week before Silverwolf. The entrants must be available to talk with the judges during their scheduled judging time.

The name of the new A&S Champion will be announced during evening court at Silverwolf.

Any questions about this competition should be directed to the A&S Champion and /or the A&S officer. Questions about the role of the champion may also be directed to the Baron and Baroness.

Baronial Pair: rjrudyk@shaw.ca

Current A&S Champion: kristina.jarvis@gmail.com

A&S officer: corryvz@telus.net



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events May ~ August



Beltaine

May 5, 2012
Barony of Montengarde



May Champions

May 12, 2012
Shire of Cold Keep



Bordergate Champion Revel

May 26, 2012
Shire of Bordergat



Avacal June Coronet

June 2, 2012
Barony of Montengarde



Silver Wolf

June 16, 2012
Barony of Borealis



Avacal / Tir Righ War

June 22 - 24, 2012
Principality of Avacal



An Tir / West War

July 7, 2012
Gold Beach, OR



An Tir July Coronation

July 21, 2012
TBA



Quad War

August 2 - 6, 2012
Marsden, Sask



Harvest Feast

September 8, 2012
Red Deer, AB



May Champions

May 12, 2012

Shire of Cold Keep, Prince George, BC

It is now A.S. XLVII, 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.

Site: Miworth Community Hall

13510 Flint Rd

Prince George, BC V2M 7B9

Site will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m.

Site Fee: - Adults \$10, Youth 6 - 12: \$6, Children 0-5: Free

Feast Tickets: - Adults \$12, Youth 6-12: \$6, Children 0 - 5: Free

Please remember that there will be an additional **non member surcharge \$5 CAD added at the gate for non members.**

There is a cap limit of 80 feast tickets. Please make cheques payable to "ASCA Shire of Cold Keep". This is a first come, first paid situation.

Site regulations: Animals are welcome but must be leashed, picked up after at all times, and are not permitted into the feast hall (assistance animals exempt). Please return all armor bags, sword cases, and large feast totes to your vehicle to maintain the decor and room in the hall. All combat disciplines will take place outside regardless of weather. All legal laws and SCA laws will be in effect and abided by.

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 you are interested, here is a link to their Facebook page:

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.



Bordergate Champion Revel

May 26, 2012
Bordergate, Cold Lake, AB

Come one, come all to the Shire of Bordergate on 26, 27
May 2012 and help us choose our new Champions

Site: - Alexander Community Hall

Directions: This is a rural site 62301 RR 433 on the corner of
RR 433 and Twp Rd 623.

From the West: Please make your way towards Bonnyville,
AB and travel east along Highway 28.

From the East: Please make your way towards Cold Lake,
AB and travel west along Highway 28.
Alexander Hall is between Bonnyville and Cold Lake, AB.
Signs will be posted.

All disciplines (Heavy, Rapier, Archery and A&S) are open for
ALL to compete!

Schedule will be posted. Lunch is available on Saturday.
There will be a fabulous feast created by Lady Daegan
O'Malley of Quad War Fame. Direct any dietary or allergy
concerns to her at lostworldsapparels@yahoo.ca

Sunday breakfast will be served at the Hall (price will be a
donation). Merchants welcome, no fee, please reserve.
Overnight tent/camping outside (no dumping) and crash
space available in the hall. On Sunday we will be hosting
the first annual Hangover Tournaments for Heavy, Rapier and
Archery with "special" prizes for the winners!

Site opens at 10 am on Saturday and closes late afternoon
Sunday.

Fees: - Site: \$10.00, Feast: - \$15.00, - **\$5.00 NMS applies**
Kids under 10: Free. - Please make cheques payable to
SCA, Inc. Shire of Bordergate

Please reserve through Event Steward:
Marcus Wynniatt (Mark Traub)
780-826-6871 no calls after 8pm thanks
wtraub@worldpost.ca
Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Ardmore, AB T0A 0B0



Avacal June Coronet Tournament

June 01, 2012 to June 03, 2012
Montengarde, Calgary, AB
Autocrat: Ellias Silver device4959OP

Ogedei Khan and **Ifatahyo Khatun** do hereby invite you to
join them at this years summer Coronet this coming June.
Come and bear witness as the mightiest fighters in the land
battle to be named the successor to the thrones of Avacal.
Battles will be fought with sword and shield, with bow and
arrow with rapier and dagger, and at the end of the day all
will rejoice in fellowship and revelry. Come one, come all to
Summer Coronet.

Here are the **requirements to fight in our Coronet**. These
are in addition to the Laws of Avacal.

- 1) Double elimination tournament
- 2) Standard An Tir shield conventions
 - a. Round: 30" Max, measured elbow to elbow
 - b. Heater/rectangle: chin to crotch sitting high and shoulder
point to shoulder point wide
 - c. Oval: do not exceed 707 square inches in total surface
area
- 3) No more than three combined striking surfaces
- 4) Madus:

a. In general these will not be allowed.

b. If you have documentation that your persona used such
a weapon AND you are making a reasonable attempt to
portray said persona upon the field, we may allow such a
weapon provided it is built in a realistic manner.

c. Our word is final, if you have doubts about anything you
wish to fight with, get it checked with us PRIOR to Coronet

5) Those wishing to enter our list must present themselves
with displayed heraldry. This heraldry does not need to be
passed with the College of Heraldry

Site opens on Friday June 1st at 4:00PM and closes on
Sunday June 3rd at 2:00PM

Cost per person, includes camping:

Adult \$20.00 Youth (13-17) \$10.00 Children (10 and under)
Free

Non member surcharge of \$5.00 applies.

Plenty of camping space is available. If you are bringing a
RV or Trailer please contact the autocrat (Ellias Silver) in
order to make arrangements. **NO ground fires please.**

Site Info: Emerson Bridge Campground
SW 10 19 14 W4
Brooks, AB T1R 1C6

Directions:

Just east of Calgary and North of Brooks,
Take Alberta Highway 36.

The campsite is on the WEST side of the highway just south
on the Red Deer River and north of Highway 556.



Silver Wolf Tournament

June 16, 2012

Barony of Borealis - Edmonton, AB

Come one and all and join Their Excellencies of Borealis, Reme the Burgundian and Divera in celebrating This one year anniversary as the Baron and Baroness of this fine land. At this welcome festival They will be witnessing the competitions to choose the next champions of Borealis in Armoured Combat, Rapier Combat, Archery and Arts & Sciences.

The culinary guild of Borealis will be providing a feast in honour of our Baron and Baroness on Saturday evening. Feast tickets are limited to 150 so please pre-register to ensure a plate. The menu will be published as soon as it is finalized. Camping is highly encouraged!

Warburg Community Hall

5435 - 50A Ave

Warburg, AB

T0C 2T0

Camping and Archery across the street at:

5424 - 50A Ave

Warburg, AB

T0C 2T0

The site will be open for camping and check in starting at 5pm on Friday June 15 and all camp sites must be packed down by 2pm on Sunday June 17.

The Warburg Legion #205 will be open late on Friday to cater to the road weary with a regular menu as well as liquids to quench any thirst. They will also have a lunch menu on Saturday and a breakfast menu on Sunday.

The Site Schedule and Feast menu will be finalized and sent out in May.

Site Fees: - Adult \$10, Youth (13-17) \$5, Child (12 and under) Free

Feast Fees: - Adult \$15, Youth (13-17) \$15, Child (12 and Under) Free

\$5 NMS fee will apply to any attendees without valid proof of membership.

Make cheques Payable to: ASCA - Barony of Borealis

Event Steward

Adelheid Holtzfallerin

Nerissa Hymers

16231 110 St NW

Edmonton, Alberta

780-238-0053 (no calls after 10pm please)

nerissah@gmail.com

Merchants please contact:

Joan the Just at joanandcennet@hotmail.com to reserve space

PREGRISTRATIONS: Can be sent via email to Adelheid at nerissah@gmail.com



Avacal/ Tir Righ War

June 22, 2012 to June 24, 2012

Principality of Avacal - Eastern & Northern BC, AB, SK, YK, NT

Clearwater, BC

Leif wills Avacal and Tir Righ to WAR

A year has passed since, the Holy One was ordained in the deep mountain passes separating the Great principality of Avacal from the lowland swamps of Tir Righ, much has changed, infidels have polluted and desecrated the sacred lands, they no longer deserve to be the caretakers of such a Holy place, the Holy Lands must be liberated and returned to their former GLORY, it is time for CRUSADE ... Leif WILL's IT!

Please join Their Majesties and Their Highnesses as the forces of Avacal & Tir Righ meet upon the war field!

Activites will include:

War: Heavy, Combat Archery, Rapier, Target Archery & Thrown Weapons, A&S Classes & Challenges, Youth Activities

Site fee: - Adults \$20, Youth (13-18 yrs.) \$10, Children 12 & under free

Family cap of \$55 (modern family, 2 adults + kids)

A NMS of \$5/person will apply for adults who are unable to produce written proof of valid SCA membership.

Please make cheques payable to "SCA-Avacal"

Event Steward:

Leif the Lucky (aka Graham Dickie)

(780) 904-2027

wulfmania@hotmail.com

Mailing address: 13407 - 132 Street, Edmonton, AB T5L 1S1

Toryn Davinsson (aka Nathan Bartley)

(780) 667-1169

toryn@shaw.ca

Site:

Trophy Mountain Buffalo Ranch, Clearwater Valley Road (NSA) Box 1768 RR#1

Clearwater, BC V0E 1N0

<http://www.buffaloranch.ca/>

Site Opens at 4pm Friday and closes at 5pm Sunday.

Directions

GPS: N 51 48,945'

W 120 1.895'

Make your best way to Clearwater BC. When you reach Clearwater, turn at the Clearwater Tourist Information Centre onto Clearwater Valley Road.

Follow this road for 20 kilometers and you will find us on the left hand side of the road. The ranch is half way between the town of Clearwater and the Wells Gray Park entrance

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

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
 5618 - 76 Ave, Edmonton
 Cost:\$5.00 Lane Fee

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