

THE AURORA

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Medieval Dance

For the next few practices, the Borealis Dancers will be learning a really cool looking sword dance called "Les Bouffons" or "Buffins". In English this means "buffoons" or "fools", so it is meant to be a slightly silly

dance. This dance will be performed at Yule this year. For those of you who are interested, check out a video of the dance at-
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X-BI6S7F8g>

It would be nice to have as many people who are interested join in, so that there are some people that can be used as backups. Anyone who wants to actually perform the dance at Yule Feast will have to commit to attending several classes, plus two dedicated rehearsal sessions in November.



PLEASE NOTE: Because of scheduling problems with the practice hall, there will be no dance practices on the sundays during September.

Greetings dancers,

We had a wonderful 8 people come out for the first Buffins lesson, but there is still room for more! Alberta Avenue Hall, before fight practice, from noon to 1 pm. Please come at 12:00 sharp as we will need all the available time. The last 15 minutes will be for social dance, so we can keep up with tossing wenches and female sailors.

YIS, Catherine of the Rowan Tree

Youth Combat News

There will be quite a bit for our youth to do at the upcoming Harvest Feast in the Shire of Bitter End. The plan is to have a bunch of Youth Combat fighting during this event, so if you know of any kids that are interested, please plan on attending. There will be limited loaner gear available so that they can try it out!

We are quite short of loaner armour.

If you are bringing new fighters out, please let Peregrine know in advance so we can try to suit up everyone.

Any donations of outgrown items, especially hockey helmets (with solid back and sides), and girls sports protection would really be appreciated.



Photo: HL Beothuk

Say What?

Write a caption for the picture!

The best ones will be published in next months newsletter

August's Picture.

Some of Last months submitted captions...

Ewww, what did I step in? ~ Mika

Come here my evil friend,
let me tell you a secret ~ Rhaine

You put your right foot in... ~ Debaraiqh

These orthotics don't work! ~ Reme

What? He said to "Walk this way!" ~ Ymany

Yes Sensei ~



Photo: Ymany Blackeye



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)
~ Tavern Beverage Quarter Master
~ Water Bearer
~ Web Minister (Officer)

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/

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/





August's Tavern Report



August 3, 2011
Start time: 7:50 p.m.
Finish time: 8:45 p.m.



Newcomers: 0

Reports

Baron/Baroness: Quad was awesome. First time the new Baroness tried heavy. Thank you heavies! Weather was exciting. .4 Heroled numbers 600-650 was record!

Senschal: Many volunteers helped at Quad War. Archery and Rapier events were well attended. Bardic and A&S was very good. Next tavern will be archers. Please sign up.

Chatelaine: No newcomers today. 84 newcomers at Quad War. Volunteers needed for demo on Friday at YMCA from 10-2. Saturday Aug 20th at Cooking Lake, also need people

Exchequer: We have a health balance in bank account. Last Tavern made \$180.00

Master of Stables: Nothing to report.

Master of Fence: Nothing to report.

Master of Arrows: Nothing new to report. Many archers, good numbers at the last couple of events. Still looking for new location to hold practices.

Minister of Art & Science/Bardic: Nothing to report.

Herald: Had success at Quad War! Heraldry walk done across the entire site.

Chronicler: August issue still in progress. Waiting for copy and pictures for one story. If you want a look or email, please contact Yamadi. Also, get your stories from Quad War in ASAP.

Gold Key: No gold key at Tavern tonight. Very good at Quad War! Many people using and donating garb.

Chirurgion: Vacant.

Scribe: Vacant.

Pied Piper: Stranded inside, too much rain.

Water Bearer: Vacant.

Web Minister: Please send the official officers list to Paragrin.

Youth Combat: Highly lead by our Barony. Workshop to initiate 9 new fighters. Several of the fighters volunteered their armour and helped teach new fighters. Much chivalry demonstrated.

Calendar of Events

Avacal Sergeantry trials Aug 12-14 - GO. Whipping Winds Aug 25, in Artemisia. Sept 3-4 Crown

Old Business

Festival of Tree's at the U of A - Ukranian Yarn Dolls

New Business

Largest Send expenses to Balinar. There will be a childrens A&S competition at Yule Feast, Many great works shown at Quad War amon the youth, Need new name for "Old Borealis".

New location:- price increasing to \$60,00 an hour for current hall. Discussion on whether moving is prudent or not. If we stay fighter fees will raise from \$4.00 to \$5.00. And the area is too small for all of our needs.

Letter of intent for both Yule Feast and Winter War, please get into Mika Machiavelli!

Motions

Motion to name the Old Borealis to "Olde Borealis" to reflect the difference of the Heralds of Antir. Proposed by Arwen, Seconded by HRS Highness Torin.

Motion to continue to rent our current location. Proposed by her excellency Inga. Seconded by Marina. For the period of six months, and for the search for another location.

Motion to increase the fees of the hall use to \$5.00 for fighter practice and \$3.00 for Tavern. Until further notice. Proposed by Her Excellency Inga. Seconded by Arwen.

Motion to adjorn - Proposed by HE Inga. Seconded by Arwen.

September Tavern

Septembers Tavern is being hosted by the Machiavellis. All money raised from this tavern will be going towards the costs of construction of Cavalier City at the Quad War site, and also the cost of bringing out Heather Dale to this years Quad War.

August Tavern

August's Tavern was hosted by the Archers, who stepped up at the last minute to fill in the void of no one signing up to host it.. All money raised from this tavern will be going towards materials to revamp the Archery regalia for the Archery Champion.

On the menu for the night was a roast beef bun, pickles, cheese, and for desert, a choice of cookies. A good accompaniment for a (finally) hot summers evening.



Who am I?

I play with swords mostly, but I do own heavy armour and recently have been playing in the Heavy area

I was part of the group that hosted February 2011's Tavern

I am a Cadet to a local White Scarf

I attend a lot of Courts



Photo: A. Gough

August's Who Am I? -
Dragoslava Vladis lasa dock

Festival of Trees 2011



By Ymany Blackeye

A Harvest Celebration

The overall theme of the Festival of Tree's for this year is "Under the Tree". As stated in last months newsletter, the direction of our tree will be going with a Harvest theme. Golds, silvers, bronzes, burgundy, oranges - anything that makes you think of fall and all of its spectacular colours.

At our August Tavern, a few more people came over to talk to me about our tree, the direction we were going to be going with it, and the Ukrainian Motanka dolls that I had discovered at this years Heritage Festival. It was decided by general consensus that it might be a good idea to bring supplies to the next couple of Taverns so that others can participate in making ornaments for our tree.

Anyone can participate in this group project. If you have an idea for an ornament, or just want to help out with the crafting of them, come on over and see me at Tavern, or contact me at yamadif@yahoo.ca



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 loarner gear? Host a tavern!



Principality of Avacal Sergeantry Trials

With renewed interest in Sergeantry from the populace in Avacal, the Baronesses of Avacal along with their Sergeants worked tirelessly on unifying the process and thus the "New" Sergeantry Handbook- within the Principality of Avacal was created

What is Sergeantry you ask... here is an excerpt from the handbook.

The position of Sergeant (heavy), Yeomen (Archery), Gallant (Rapier), Lancer (Equestrian) and Courtier (A&S) within the Baronies of the Principality of Avacal have been developed to allow individuals the opportunity to demonstrate the martial prowess, commitment to service, pursuit of the arts and sciences and dedication to the chivalric qualities and developmental ideals esteemed within the Society for Creative Anachronism. The goal of the Sergeantry is to provide leadership within Avacal and their local group and exemplify commitment to service to the populace of the Barony to which they swear fealty.

On the weekend of August 12-14 the first principality wide testing and trials took place at the Quad War site. This was a combined event for the 3 Baronies in Avacal; Myrgan Wood, Montengarde and Borealis. There were over 60 people in attendance consisting of candidates, testers, populace and royalty. The populace came to support and witness the candidates through their testing which consisted of Skill at Arms / Artistry or Service, Marshalling & Rules of the List, Persona Development, Heraldry, Arts & Leisure, Bardic Arts, Arts & Science, Military Science, An Tirian History & Geography and Courtesy. The Trials are rigorous and are there to challenge Candidates but with challenges also comes rewards..Congratulations to our newest Sergeant- Daniel the Broc! HUZAH!



Story by Divera della Cava, Pictures by Peregrine Falconer

Upcoming Events

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

This is a camping event

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



Harvest Feast

September 9-11, 2011
Shire of Bitter End, Red Deer, Alberta

M'lords and Ladies, Prey attend! The Shire of Bitter End would welcome one and all to attend Harvest Feast here in the heart of the glorious principality of Avacall!

Bear witness to; or compete to become one of this fantastic Shire's Champions. The heavy, rapier, archery, A&S, and Jr/Sr Youth championships are open for all to compete. Membership, and a declaration of intent (Letter/Scroll/Rune stick...etc) are required to compete for championships, and for youth there is parental consent required as well.

There is plenty of outdoor camping space available, and some limited indoor space.

There will be no bar on site, but a canteen will be available with non alcoholic beverages and assorted munchies.

Site Fees:

12yrs and under-free

12-17 \$20.00, NMS does not apply

18+ \$25.00

Site fee only, no feast (not recommended) \$15.00

This includes both site and feasting fees. Remember there will be a \$5.00 Non member surcharge added to non members attending the event over the age of 18 years.

Make Cheques payable to ASCA SHIRE OF BITTER END. All numbers are in Canadian Dollars.

Site opens Friday at 6:00pm and closes Sunday at noon.

The Site is the Shady Nook Community Hall, there is no street address.

Directions:

From the junction of Hwy 11 and Hwy 2 at Red Deer, Turn WEST onto HWY 11 for 1km to the lights. Turn LEFT at the lights onto Hwy 596 and travel for 6km to Twp283. Turn Left onto Twp 283 and follow to RR380. Turn RIGHT on RR380 for 1km, hall will be on the RIGHT. Signs will be posted.

September to December 2011 Event Listings

September 2011

- 2 - 5 - September Crown - Glymm Mere
- 10 - Harvest Feast - Bitter End
- 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

- 17 - Yule Feast - Borealis ****DATE CHANGE****

Vinfest

September 23-25 2011

Shire of Vinjar

Grande Prairie AB

With the threat of frost upon us and our harvests all stored what better way to celebrate but with a Tournament. So come one and all to Vinjar and compete in our Tournaments of A&S, Archery, Rapier and Heavy Combat. After our battles are fought and our grapes are all smash let us gather round for songs ,plays, stories and such.

This year's Autocrat :

Gunnar (Tom Paul) ~ Gunnar_65(at)hotmail(dot)com

Contact Joscelyn for reservation. The only reservation is a paid reservation. Feast seating and beds are limited Joscelyn (Crystal lbach) ~ mcibach(at)telus(dot)net

Site opens at 7 pm September 23 and closes at 12 noon on September 25 .

Make cheques payable to: "SCA - Shire of Vinjar."

Site fee: \$10 with membership, \$5 NMS; Day fee: \$5

Family Cap: \$35 (2 adults, 2 children - smalls under 6 are free)

Breakfast and bag lunch sold on site

Feast: \$12 - smalls under 6 are free, but need to be registered.

Beds: \$10/night; Limited Camping: \$5/tent

The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers/washrooms.

There is no street address, so to reach Camp Tamarack Campground:

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turn LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction, Follow that road until you get to 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, and follow Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road (108 St.), Follow Hwy 40 South through and out of Grande Prairie, Continue south of Grande Prairie 5km, and turn LEFT at "Camp Tamarack" signage and follow the SCA signs,

Autumn Celebration

October 1, 2011

Cold Keep - Prince George, BC

Summer has ended, the harvest is in, the storehouses are full and we are celebrating with our families. All children - the truly young and the not-so-young - are invited to join us for a day of fun, festivities and feasting! There will be games, classes and surprises for everyone. This year's feast will feature kid-friendly period (or similar) dishes and the children can vote on their favourites. Feast tickets will be available until September 16th.

We are also having a silent auction featuring "Items Donated Via Lost and Found". Donations of other gently used or new items are welcome.

Further details are on the Cold Keep website:
<http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>

Site opens at 9:00 AM and closes at midnight. This is a dry site.

Site fee:

Adult (19+): \$10.00

\$5.00 Non-member surcharge (NMS) applies.

Youth (13 to 18): \$5.00

Child (12 and under): no charge

Feast fee:

Adult or Youth: \$8.00

Child: \$4.00

Make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep".

For feast tickets, crash space or other questions please contact the Autocrat: Caitlin the Rose (Judy Johnson), 433 Brigade Drive, Prince George, BC V2M 4N7.

Phone (before 8:00 PM): 250-640-0735.

Email: [caitlin_the_rose \(at\) hotmail \(dot\) com](mailto:caitlin_the_rose(at)hotmail(dot)com)

Site:

Ferndale Community Hall
3595 Upper Fraser Road
Prince George, BC V2K 5C8

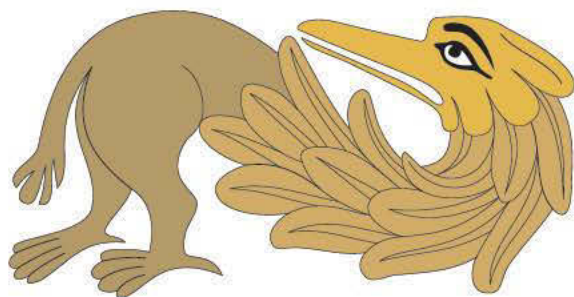
Directions:

From the East: go west on HWY 16W. 3.2 km past Tabor Mountain Ski Area turn right onto Upper Fraser Road.

From all other directions: make your best way to the Junction of HWY 97 and HWY 16. Get onto HWY 16 East.

Follow highway signs through and east of Prince George (towards Jasper) for 22.3 km. Turn left onto Upper Fraser Road.

Drive 1.8 km; Ferndale Hall is on the left. SCA signs will be posted.



Myrgan Wood Anniversary

October 8, 2011
Myrgan Wood -Saskatoon, SK

HE Grimolfr Griotgardsson and HE Dezzrienne Dragnova doch', Hersir and Posadnitsa Myrgan Wood are celebrating the Barony's 32nd Anniversary!! They invite you to join them in these celebrations and in the selection of Their Armoured and Missile Champions. There will also be a rapier tournament, A&S classes and youth activities. More information on tournaments and classes please check the Kingdom of An Tir Calendar for updates.

Merchants are welcome and should contact HE Dezzrienne for space.

Where: J.J. Loewen Community Center
206 Railway Ave. E.
Dalmeny, SK
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Event Steward: HE Dezzrienne Dragnova doch'
(mka: Dezzrienne Windecker-Klassen)
411 Gordon Rd., SK S7T 0A1
Ph: 306-382-7420
Email: dragnova@sasktel.net

Feast Fee: \$25
Adult Site: \$5
Youth Site (5 to 15): \$2
Child (ages 4 and under) - Free
For Family Rate contact the HE Dezzrienne (for more than 2 adults and 2 youth inc. feast)
NMS - the \$5 NMS fee will be applied to all adult site fees for those individuals that cannot show proof of membership.
Make cheques payable to "SCA - Myrgan Wood"

Directions to Site:
From Saskatoon: Take Idylwyld Drive North out of Saskatoon; Exit left onto Highway 16; Follow Highway 16 for about 10km; Turn right (north) at road 684 (to Dalmeny); Drive 11 km to Dalmeny; Turn right (east) at Railway Ave (first turn after the railway tracks); Drive 2 blocks; watch for signs.
From Edmonton: Take Highway 16 to Junction 305 (just past Langham); Turn left (northeast); Follow 305 to Dalmeny; Turn left (north) into Dalmeny; Turn right (east) at Railway Ave (first turn after the railway tracks); Drive 2 blocks; Watch for signs.

Skull & Crossbones Tavern

October 22nd, 2011
Shire of Sigelhundas - Regina, SK

The Wreckers' Ball

Our pirates have gone ashore somewhere along the Bristol Channel to visit some colleagues who manage their piracy - um, salvaging - from land with the help of a beacon that's somewhat in the wrong spot. On this dark (but not too stormy) night, their prize is a fine ship loaded with spices and other delights from the East Indies. They save many a fine luxury, although, alas, there are no survivors of the shipwreck. They even salvage an enormous pot of some mysterious spicy chicken delight from the galley.

It will be a merry time with the Rapier Tournament, Arts & Sciences Tournament and plenty of games to while away the time in between that and the feast.

If you wish to partake of the feast you MUST pre-register. And please let Wynfryda know ahead of time if you have any food allergies, lactose intolerance or special requirements such as vegetarian fare.

Where:
St. Luke's Hall
3233 Argyle Road
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 2B5

When:
11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Costs:
Adults (18 yrs and up) - Site \$6; site and feast \$20
Youth (age 13 to 17) - Site \$5; site and feast \$15
Children (age 3 to 12) - Site \$3; site and feast \$8
Little ones (under 3 years) - Site free; feast free
Family (2 adults and 3 or more youth or children) - Site \$18, site and feast \$45
\$5 non-member surcharge applies.
Please make cheques payable to "QCSCA".

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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) 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.
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: \$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 - \$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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