

AURORA

SPRING FAIR II - May 11

As if the Celts could invade! Fighters of the Known World, arm yourselves and come to Myrgan Wood so that we all may sharpen our defenses against this "threat"! (Are you Celts going to let me get away with these slurs? You'd best come as well, and show us what you're made of!) Of course, the evening shall hold for all, fighter or gentle, Celt or not. A time of great feasting and merriment!!!

COMBATS

Outdoor melees Crestfallen Battles
(Indoor tourney if need be)

CONTESTS

Best helm crest Site story telling
Most unusual cloven fruit

Feasting at The Irish Club 115 105th
St. E., Saskatoon, Sask. (Back door,
please) Cash bar available

Fighting at: Father Basil Markle Park
(across from hall)

Site opens at 12:00 Noon - armour
inspection at 1:00 p.m. Feast begins
at 6:30 p.m.

FEES

\$14 for advanced site and feast
reservations \$17 for site and feast if
reserved after May 6 \$6 for site fee
only

Autocrats

Fabienne Alyse de l'Isle Argent mka
Kathi Davis #9 720 Main Street
Saskatoon, Sask. (306) 244-5717

Emeric of Pevensey mka Tim
McShane 1714 Sommerfeld Ave.
Saskatoon, Sask. (306) 477-2840

** for details on 'crest' for fighting
and contest call autocrat**

D.D.L..

The Ladies of the Dulcissima
Domine Legio of Montengarde are
embarking on a new venture. We
would like to invite all ladies in the
Region of Avacal to participate in a
new Order, tentatively called the
Order of the Coeur de la Rose.
Membership in the order will be
based on an applicant's ability to
pass all of the tests set out in the
rules, which will be taken from five
areas: Mediaeval History, Domestic
Arts, Current Middle Ages, Ethnic
Pursuits, and Courtesy & Etiquette.
Each of these sections will have
several requirements; some verbal,
some written and some creative
endeavors. The testing will be
rigorous and will require commitment,

patience, willingness to learn and
some skill on the part of the
applicants. This is so, because we
believe that if something is worth
doing, it is worth doing well. While
the DDL will be sponsoring and
testing for this Order this first year,
the two are not one and the same,
and will be only marginally affiliated.
The Order will be based in
Montengarde, but it is open to all
ladies in Avacal. Investiture of this
year's applicants will occur at
Montengarde's Dragonslayer Feast in
June; and the final testing will take
place at the DDL Valentine's Revel in
1992.

Interested ladies should phone:

DEADLINE FOR June ISSUE:

May 17, 1991

Have all information,
submissions, ect. to me
BEFORE the above date.

Send To:

MAGNUS

9340-85 St.

Edmonton AB

T6C 3C8

THE ARCHER'S BUTT

by Lord Cedric the Diviner

The Shire of Hartwood hereby
invites qualifying archers in the
kingdom of An Tir to compete
in our first annual:

INTER-SHIRE MOST
IMPROVED ARCHER
COMPETITION

INTER-BRANCH MOST
IMPROVED SMALLS ARCHER
COMPETITION

A prize of a favor will be
offered to the winner in each
competition. As well, the
winner's name and scores will
be entered on the record
scroll for these competitions.

continued on page 3..

HL Everild of Blore Heath, at
(403)274-4812 BEFORE MAY 15,
1991. At that time, they will be given
a handout detailing the list of
requirements to be met for
membership in the Order of the
Coeur de la Rose. We look forward
to hearing from you!

COOKING WITH ERNA

OOOOH - it's finally Spring!!

We expect a couple of late snow storms, but we know they will be brief, blustery, and GONE soon. The grass is turning green, the trees are flowering; even a few are flushing that heart-warming green that only comes once a year, that tender, pale, is-it-or-isn't-it really spring green. So, our stomachs turn to something different, something that might be served on the Riviera perhaps, something that will let us cruise the the Farmer's Market for those newest potatoes and vegetables. So, we decide to try Roast Chicken with Olives and Potatoes, with steamed whole green beans, warm crusty French bread, and cool white wine. I know - that potato thing. Oh well!!

Roast Chicken with Olives & Potatoes

1 7lb roasting chicken, 6 tbsp olive paste (olivada)*, 2 bay leaves, olive oil, 4 tbsp fresh thyme leaves

4 medium russet potatoes (or 8 baby ones), peeled (or scrubbed), cut in 1 1/2" pieces, 2 tbsp olive oil, 1/2 cup Kalamata** olives

Fresh thyme leaves

Preheat oven to 450. Slide hand between chicken skin and meat over breast and legs to form pocket. Spread 4 tbsp olive paste over breast & leg meat of chicken. Spread remaining olive paste in cavity of chicken. Place bay leaves in cavity. Tie legs together to hold shape. Rub olive oil into chicken skin. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, 2 tbsp of thyme. Place chicken in large roasting pan. Place potatoes in large bowl. Add 2 tbsp olive oil and salt &

pepper to taste & coat. Add potatoes to pan with chicken. Roast 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375 and roast one hour longer. Add olives to pan. Continue roasting until juices run clear when chicken is pierced in thickest part of thigh, basting occasionally with pan juices, about 10 minutes. Transfer chicken to platter. Surround with potatoes and olives. Sprinkle with additional thyme. Pour chicken pan juices into large cup and degrease. Serve chicken, passing pan juices separately.

* Olive paste (olivada) is available at Italian markets & specialty food stores. If unavailable, puree 1/2 cup pitted, black, brine-cured olives (Kalamata) in processor or blender.

** Kalamata olives are available at Greek and Italian markets and at some specialty stores. Whatever you do, don't substitute! These olives have a fabulous, salty taste that no other olive can match.

BARONIAL OFFICERS LIST

BARON AND BARONESS His Excellency, Baron Sir Conrad von Graz and Her Excellency, Baroness Christiona of Ulidia. Wilf and Christine Backhaus 6607 - Enevold Drive Camrose, AB T4V 3J7 Phone: 672 - 3795

BARONIAL SENESCHAL Her Ladyship, Erna Kajadotter. Karin Thirlwell 10670 - 9340 - 85 st. Edmonton, AB T6C 3C8 Phone: 469-9052

HERALD William the Boisterous Mark Henry 3021, 3007-56 Ave. Lloydminster, AB T9V 1Z6 Phone:

EXCHEQUER Lady Sunniva Ragnvald. Kym Banks #1 10173 - 117 St. Edmonton, AB T5X 1X5 Phone: 482-1884

MASTER OF STABLES His Lordship, Sargent Colin Ironwolf. Larry Sutherland 9017 A - 85 St. T6C 3C8 Phone: 466-6848

BARONIAL ARCHER Lady Yeoman, Joan the Just Joan Reader Box 765, 4308 - 48 St. Beaumont, AB T0C 0H0 Phone: 929-2054

MASTER OF ARTS His Lordship, Sgt. Cennet ap Llangollen Ken Reader Box 765, 4308 - 48 St. Beaumont, AB T0C 0H0 Phone: 929-2054

MASTER OF SCIENCE (See Above)

CHIRURGEON (See Baronial Archer)

CONSTABLE Lord Haakon Draken Chris Argall 6352 - 10 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6L 5S2 Phone: 461-8502

MASTER(MISTRESS) OF THE LISTS (Insert HERE)

GOLD KEY Anne of Montengarde Anne Robertson Simms 143 Marlborough Place, Edmonton, AB T6T 1Y6 Phone: 481-5473

CHATELAINE Her Ladyship, Sigrit Rabenfelds Chris Argall 6352 - 10 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6L 5S2 Phone: 461-8502

SENESCHAL'S GRIPE

REPORTS DUE

MAY 15

From all Baronial Officers and Canton Seneschals!!

THE ARCHER'S BUTT

by Lord Cedric the Diviner

continued from page 1...

The Inter-Shire competition is limited to scored shot by members of shires in An Tir or shot by visitors at shire sponsored events or archery practices.

The Smalls competition is open to all smalls in An Tir. There will be a 9 to 12 year old division and 8 years and under division. A shooter's division

will be based on the shooter's age as of October 31, 1991. Those who turn 9 before November 1 can choose to compete in the 8 years and under division, but can only count scores shot before their 9th birthday. Those who turn 13 before November 1 can enter the 9 to 12 year division, but can only count scores shot before their 13th birthday. A prize will be awarded for each division.

The competitions will work as follows:

1) Improvement will be judged based on Royal Round or Small's Royal Round scores (see rules for smalls archery below.)

2) A shooter's first three shoots after December 31, 1990 will be averaged to determine their starting average.

3) The starting average will be compared to the average of the shooter's best three 1991 shoots, shot before November 1, 1991.

4) Chief Archer's are invited to compile scores for his branch and submit one candidate for each competition and division to the Chief Archer of Hartwood by November 31, 1991.

I will be sending full details of the competition to all Chief Archer's in An Tir. If your branch does not have a Chief Archer, you are invited to contact me to get a copy of the rules

(Lord Cedric the Diviner, mka Wendell Rylander, P.O. Box 1337, Parkville, B.C., Canada V9P 2H3 (604) 248-8750.)

** SMALLS ROYAL ROUNDS **

- 1) Must be age 12 or under.
- 2) Yardage is 10, 15, and 20 yards.
- 3) Speed rounds are 45 seconds.
- 4) Bounce offs count as 2 points.

5) At least one adult for every 3 smalls on the firing line.

All other rules are as per an adult Royal Round shoot



May the soft sweet rains fall gently upon your heart so that all the little flowers may spring up there and scatter their sweetness on the air.

Irish Blessing

CANTON SENESCHALS

AQUILON - Ulf Ingbrandsson Daryl Haaland 7308 -152 A AVE
Edmonton, AB T6C 2Z4
Phone: 476 - 6468

SCHWANSTEIN - Lord Brian von Schawanstein Brian L. Nelson R.R. #1 Ohaton, AB T0B 3P0 Phone: 672 - 6374

LAKELAND - Massuke-No-Tasashi Matsu Greg Dorrington #39, 5612 - 53 Ave. Grand Centre, AB

T0A 1T1 Phone: 594 - 2510

BORDER GATE - William the Boisterous Mark Henry 302 I, 3007-56 ave. Lloydminster, Alberta, T9V 1Z6 Phone:

BORDER WAR

It's Spring again, and, once more, time for the hills around Bordergate to ring to the sound of combat. Who will prevail. The peaceful, fun-loving inhabitants of Bordergate as they repel the vicious, war mongering hordes from the cold north. Or will righteous, stalwart citizens of Lakeland trounce the motley collection of smug merchants and farmers from Bordergate?

Come to Bordergate the weekend of May 25-26 and find out. Mercenaries welcome. Cheering crowds are welcome. All at Sandy Beach Provincial Park, approx. 15 min. north of Lloydminster on Highway 17. Same site as last year.

Site opens Friday evening about 6 P.M.

Saturday:

Field battles, and a three fight match between Bordergate and Lakeland. Native Heavies, Native Heavies and Lights, Native Heavies and Lights and all mercenaries. Weather permitting, armour inspection at noon.

Sunday:

Site closes at noon.

Bring portable water, as the supply on site is very, very iron rich. Very probably, there will be no open fires allowed again this year, so bring your coleman stoves.

Site fee \$5.00 per adult

Autocrat: William the Boisterous #302
1, 3007 - 56 Ave. Lloydminster, Alta.
T6V 1Z6 (403) 875-4785

Another William the B. productions!

CALENDAR

- April 6 ----- Spring fair - Aquilon
- April 20 ----- Silverarrow Tourney - Bitter End
- May 25 & 26 ----- Glacier War - Montengarde/Wastkeep
- May 25 & 26 ----- Border War - Border Gate
- June 8 & 9 ----- Borealis Sgt's Tourney
- June 15 ----- Dragon Slayer Tourney - Montengard
- June 29 to July 1 ----- Regional Tourney
- Aug 3 to 5 ----- Clinton War
- Aug 10 & 11 ----- Camrose Fair
- Aug 17 & 18 ----- Fringe Demo

AVACAL REGIONAL CHAMPION'S TOURNEY AND WA.

JUNE 29 & 30, 1991

This annual event will be hosted on this occasion by the Shires of Myrgan Wood and Valley Wold and the incipient Shire of Seglehundas. This will be the first time the event has been held outside Alberta. The proposed site is on a private ranch adjacent to the Cypress Hills Provincial Park, 15 miles south of Maple Creek, Sask. The site is 3 to 4 hours drive from the hosting branches, Wyndwyrn and Montengarde. For Bitter End and points in Borealis it will be 5 to 7 hours drive. The Cypress Hills are the most scenic area of Saskatchewan. The ranch which has been recommended to us is also used at times for a local rodeo. Our camping site is undeveloped and will be very much like camping at Clinton

War. There is extensive rolling pasture, dense trees and a creek. Our site will be secluded from the public, yet easily accessible with vehicles. We will need to rent toilets and either haul water or use the creek [ed.note - bring your own water!]. It is doubtful that open fires will be allowed. The outline of the schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY:

Authorizations, Regional Champion's Tourney for Heavies, Regional Archer's Champion's Tourney, pick-up battles for non-entrants. Fencing lists. Also lthra classes to be organized.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Investiture of the new Champion.

continued on page 5...

REGIONAL CHAMPION AND WAR GAMES

continued from page 4

SATURDAY EVENING:

Investiture of the new Regional Champions and some sort of celebration in the form of either a feast, tavern or both. Free form partying.

SUNDAY:

War scenarios for both heavies and lights. Perhaps more lthra classes &/or other diversions.

MONDAY:

wake up and clean up every scrap of refuse before wandering home.

The Shire of Valley Wold is responsible for setting up and organizing the Champion's Tourney. If you can assist as a Marshal, Herald, List person, pack slave, etc. please contact :

Tourney Autocrat:

Edward de Wolfe (mka Wilf Gayleard), P.O. Box 1902, Moose Jaw, Sask., S6H 7N6. (306)693-9705

Archery and Security:

Thorkell Ranulfsson (mka Lyle C. Frost), 2 Melville Ave, Regina, Sask. S4T 7H6. (306)775-1239.

Fencing:

Raoul Derochier (mka Duane Walker), #212-403 Tait Court, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 5L3 (306)955-8852.

lthra classes will be organized by: Mistress Laurel of the University of lthra. Please contact her if you have a suggestion regarding classes you'd like to take.

CHIEF AUTOCRAT:

The Shire of Myrgan Wood is the sponsoring branch and will be responsible for everything else until it gets delegated.

Site and War Autocrat:

Geofry of Cyrttenham (mka Kim Tipper), 2908 - 14th St. East, Sask. S7H 0S1, res.(306)374-8126, bus.(306)343-7400, FAX:343-7402.

Please volunteer; we will need everyone's help. If you are bringing horses or other animals, please notify the autocrat. Vikings are OK.

DIRECTIONS:

Take your best route to Maple Creek, Sask. Drive 18 miles south on Highway #21 until you come to the sign for Cypress Hill Park. Turn East and drive 1 mile. This will bring you to the ranch owned by Glen Bowles. The entrance will be marked with SCA signs. If you miss the ranch, you will be at the Provincial park gate in another mile.

D. DOGSBODY PAPERS

Once again, we turn to "The Dogsbody Papers" for inspiration. And we find it, in the words of the Vicar of Bray, 1558.

" Before the following prayer could be first delivered, altered circumstances dictated its sudden revision. It and the amended version were preserved by the churchwarden of the Parish, Ephriam Dogsbody (1500 - 1592).

1 God bless and save Our Sovereign Mistress Mary. Look kindly upon her, Lord, with the light of Thy countenance in that she has extricated the nation from the snare of the abominable protestant heresy and returned it safely to the fold of the True Faith. May she and her ministers continue to cut down and commit to the flames those mildewed branches fit for the burning by dint of foul apostasy. Protect and succour all those who do God's will as made manifest to us by the Holy Father and this his most dutiful daughter...

2 God bless and save Our Sovereign Mistress Elizabeth. Look kindly upon her, Lord, with the light of Thy countenance in that she has extricated the nation from the snare of the idolatrous popish abomination and returned it safely to the fold of the True Reformed Faith. May she and her ministers continue to root out and deliver over unto death those renegade and apostate priests who would most foully and traitorously bind thy true servants to the whim of the Scarlet Woman, that great Whore of Babylon seated in Rome. Number among Thy Saints, O Lord, all those cruelly martyred in the lamentable reign lately and mercifully concluded. May Thy will continue to be made manifest to us by the scrutiny of Thy Holy Writ...

The deft re-drafter of this edifying orison, Simon Aleyn, remained Vicar of Bray in Berkshire until his much - mourned death many years later."

We could really use people of this calibre to write the Constitution of Canada - truly a great, adaptable politician. I wonder how Simon would deal with Quebec...

- Erna

"The Dogsbody Papers", compiled and edited by E.O. Parrott, 1988, Viking Press,

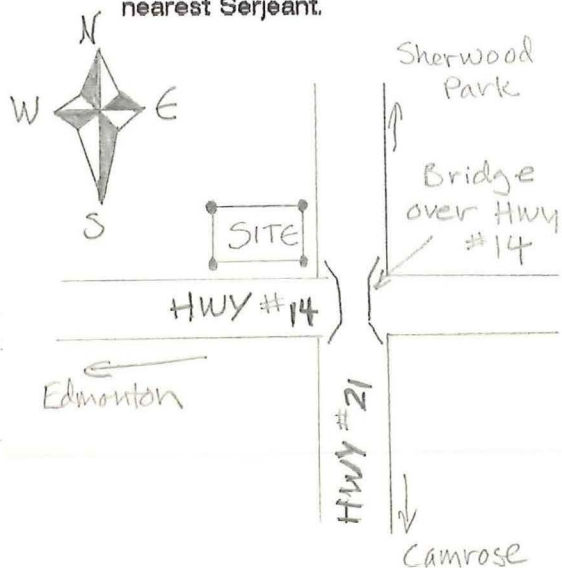
SERJEANT AT ARMS TOURNEY

Unto the populace of An Tir, region of Avacal and Barony of Borealis, we the serjeants and yeoman of the Baroness of Borealis send greetings and invitations to all. Once again it is time to choose our serjeants and yeomen from the applicants.

Therefore, we are holding our annual tournament and are inviting all applicants and non-applicants to participate and come to Brettonia (sp?) Campgrounds, June 7, 8, & 9, 1991.

The site shall open 5 o'clock Friday, but as this is an open site [mundane campground], we recommend you arrive early. We will be taking reservations for campsites, if you would like to be sure of getting one near the group. The site fee will be \$3 per person, smalls under 6 are free. This is a discreetly wet site, with water and privies but no showers. The site is located at the junction of Highways 14 and 21, southeast of Edmonton (see map).

For further information, please contact autocrat Colin Ironwolf, mka Larry Sutherland at 466-6848, or your nearest Serjeant.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter apparently referring to paternal duties destined to be thrust upon Magnus in conjunction with the Regional Champion's Tourney. What is a stick jock to do - Lamaze or La Tourney???

Unto Magnus Erikson, Regional Champion, and all round highly honored lord, the most humble and beset upon Geofry of Cyrttenham sends extremely serene and fraternal greetings:

My Lord:

Those extremely disreputable scaliwags, the rumor mongers have whispered the possibility that your splendiferous self might conspire with your widely esteemed lady to generate some small and insignificant, nay commonplace family member, which you may then perchance use as a flimsy and transparent excuse to avoid the grave duties of your high office as they would befall you, June 28 next. I am sure this is not so and would not mutter a single trivial word of it were I not entrusted with the dire duty of setting a place for the coming tourney. As you can see from the document I have sent herewith [ed. note: see event copy], I have delegated the details of assisting you in performing your solemn and practically unavoidable duties to our brother serjeant, Edward de Wolfe and his cronies in Valley Wold. I entreat your most noble, steadfast, highly honored and completely reliable self to communicate your instructions, plans and wishes for this tourney to Edward and any thoughts on the Investiture ceremony to my terribly humble and completely ingratiating self.

Succinctly yours, Geofry

Notice to Barony of Borealis

We will be preparing a formal bid for September Crown 1991. Please Volunteer! Come to Border War with your ideas and help us (the Barony) make this a great Crown! Lady Erna, Lord Colin Ironwolf and Lady Main will make a presentation at Border War to describe the site (fabulous) which Colin (chief autocrat) has found. Please participate

- Erna