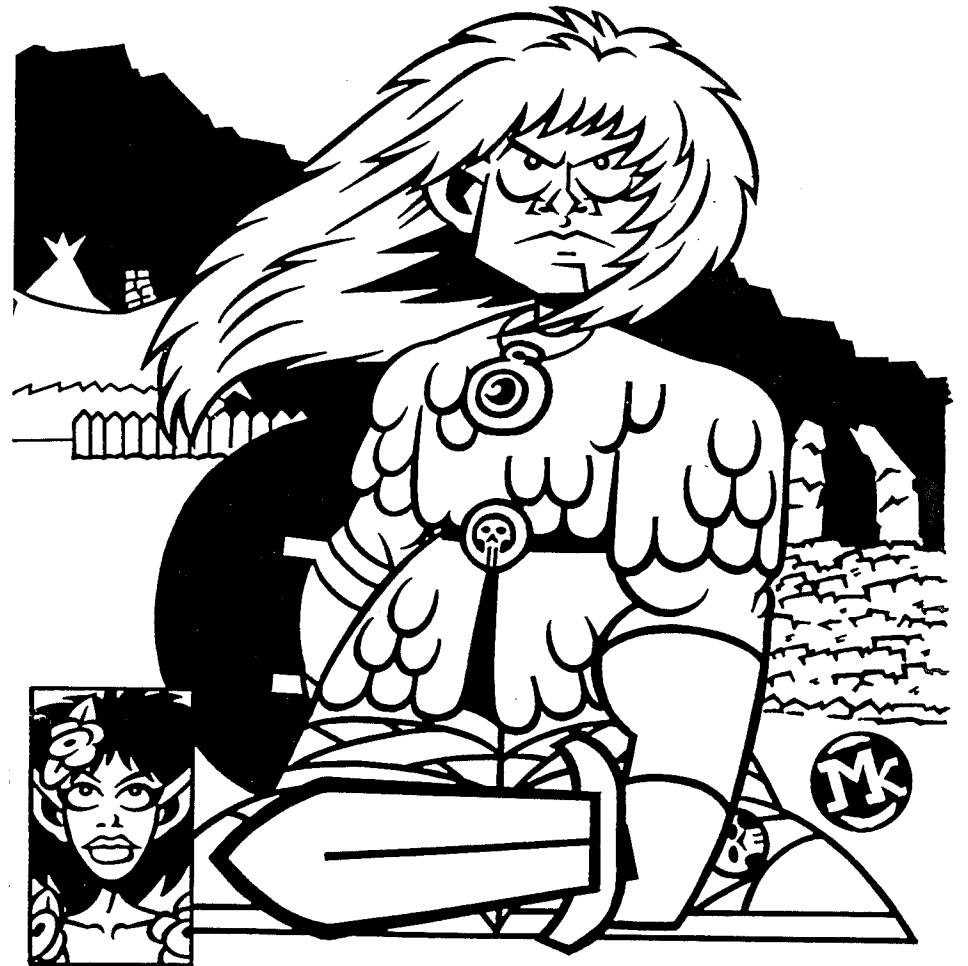


Aurora

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Baronial Calendar

LESSER OFFICES

MARCH

- 1 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon
Brewing Mystery Meeting Lakelands (A&A)
- 8 Business Meeting Veraquilon
Heraldry Lakelands (LSV)
- 15 **Project's Night** Veraquilon
Irish Myths & legends Lakelands (B&A)
((403)594-5637)
- 22 Museum demo servers Veraquilon
Card Weaving Lakelands (LSV)
- 26 Museum Grand Fair Veraquilon
- 29 Wacky Hat Night Veraquilon

APRIL

- 1 Avacal Arts & Sciences Myrganwood
(Museum Demo, no event Veraquilon)
- 5 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon
Medieval Weaponry Lakeland
((403)594-6973)
- 12 Business Meeting Veraquilon
- * A&A - Adelaine's & Alfheim's (403) 594-1083
LSV - Leisure Sports Village

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Canton of Veraguilon Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in Education North, Room 4-110 at the U of A. All Gentles attending meetings are requested to wear Period Attire (or reasonable attempt thereof) with the exception being Council Meetings.

Canton of Lakelands Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083
Classes on various topics take place each Wednesday evening, 7:00pm. see calender for topics and locations.

The Blacksheep Guild (fibreworkers guild) meets every Teusday night at 7pm at HL Erna Kajadottor's. Call HL Erna at 449-1593 for more info and directions to her place in Sherwood Park.

The Roger de Cote School of Fence Meets at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. For more info call HL Roger de Cote at 449-1593.

Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice Please do not hesitate to contact Lord Otto Gruber @ 468-6783 for more information.

Dance Practise is held every second Monday in the Dimwoodie Lounge, in SUB, at the U of A, from 7:30pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051.

The Groaning Board meets monthly to research and plan for our thrice-yearly feasts. It is our mandate to provide an opportunity for developing excellence in period culinary arts, as well as the science of planning events and autocratting them. If you share our interest, we welcome you. We have a structure for advancement and recognition of the attainment of our goals, based on the period guild system. For more information regarding meeting times and place, phone HL Eleanora fitz John (mka Leeanna Ryan) 449-6834

Announcements:

*****NOTE*****

The third wednesday of every month is now **Projects Night!** Bring your projects to work on, get advice where you have problems or just to do them in company. Show off your skills and brainstorm on other ideas.

House of Erna : Custom Design and Fashion

Erna would like to announce her costuming service. For an appropriate fee, she will construct garb to your specifications. Alterations also a speciality. For discreet inquiries, contact HL Erna at 449-1593

- **Archery Practice** at the residence of Joan the Just has been discontinued for the winter.

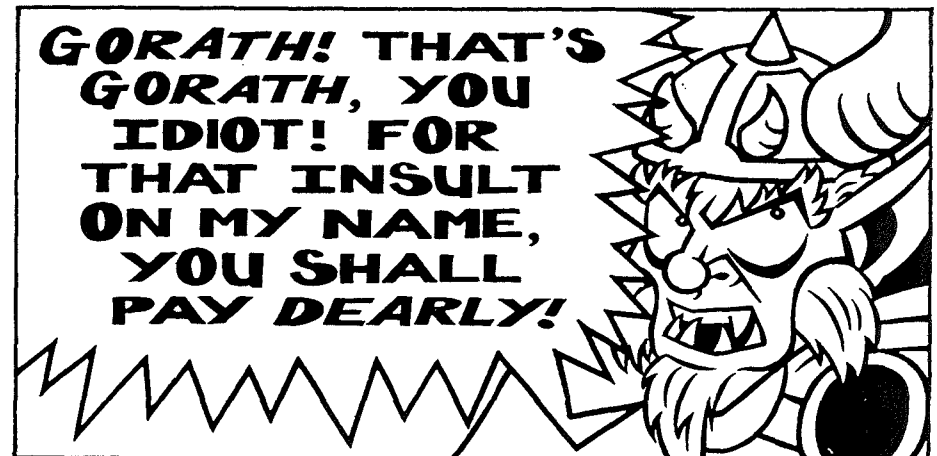
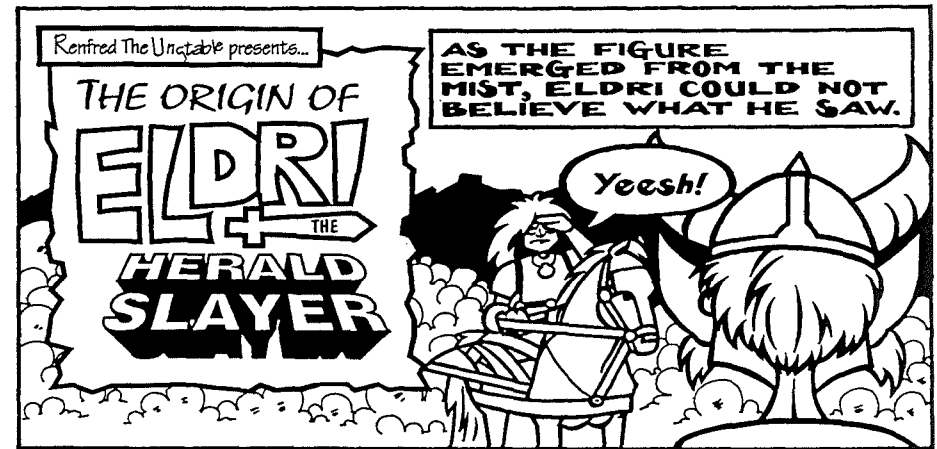
- **Vacant Baronial positions** must be filled. List Mistress, Water Bearer. Those interested please send resumes to the Seneschal.

-**Attention:** The Barony of Borealis is looking for a Steward. The position would be a deputy of the Chatelaine and responsible for keeping track of Baronial property such as regalia. Letters of application should be sent to their Excellencies, the Baron & Baroness, and to the Baronial Seneschal.

- **Baronial Meeting** will be held at Quad War on June 3, time to be arranged.

- **NOTICE TO THE POPULACE OF THE BARONY!**

Yes, things are starting to simmer at the Alberta Provincial Museum, in anticipation of Spring-in-the-Middle. Last year, 14,700



ELDRI THE HERALDSLAYER ©1994 Matthew Kissau

↑ **THIS ENDS THE FIRST PART OF "THE ORIGIN OF ELDRI THE HERALDSLAYER". OUR HERO CAN BE SEEN AGAIN IN ELDRI #4 AND NEW ISSUES CAN BE PICKED UP AT WARP 1 AND WHITE KNIGHT.**

CREAMED CABBAGE SOUP

This soup brought rave reviews and many recipe requests at the last Groaning Board event (Feb 11).

2 cans (14 oz) chicken broth
2 celery ribs
1 medium head cabbage, shredded (3 lbs)
1 medium onion, chopped
1 carrot, diced
1/4 c butter
3 tbsp flour
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1 c light cream (half & half)
2 c milk (homo)
2 c cubed fully cooked ham
1/2 tsp dried thyme
chopped parsley (handful)

In large kettle, mix broth, celery, cabbage, onion, & carrot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, simmer for 20 minutes or until the vegetables are tender (not mushy). Meanwhile, melt butter, add flour, salt & pepper. Stir to make a paste (I use a whisk). Slowly add mixed cream and milk, stirring (whisking) constantly. Cook and stir 'til thickened. Continue cooking one minute longer. Gradually stir into vegetable mixture. Add ham, thyme and heat through. Garnish with parsley.
Yield 8-10 servings.

people went through the exhibit. This year, the exhibit will run from March 25 to April 17, 1995. The Faire will be held on March 26. There are two sleepovers planned; March 31 and April 7. The feast, which is already sold out, will be held April 1st. The special theme will be a Landsknecht encampment - complete with campfollowers!

If you would like to volunteer, or have questions, ideas, or items to donate for the exhibit, please contact HL Erna Kajadotter. I will be attending the Canton of Veraquilon Business meetings for the months of January, February and March. Naturally, I can also be reached at home:

HL Erna Kajadotter
mka Karin Thirlwell
244 Regency Drive
Sherwood Park, AB
T8A 5P6

Phone: (403) 449-1593 (no calls after 9pm, please)

Yes, I have an answering machine.

- **The Groaning Board** has decided to release a list of their upcoming events, in order that participants may better prepare themselves (ie: making a special costume) if they so desire. These events will be held over the next couple of years. We encourage and appreciate any extra effort that guests make, and to that end, we will occasionally hold advance workshops if they are deemed helpful. Each event will include a free lecture (pertaining to the event theme), a period menu, special entertainment, and dancing. All reservations must be paid two weeks in advance of the event.

- I. German Hunting Lodge (c. 1400)
(Held Feb 11, 1995)
- II. Chaucer: an English tavern (c. 1350)
(to be held June 10, 1995)

- III. Richard III: a Trial by his Peers
(England, 1485)
- IV. Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Courts of
Love (France, 1175)
- V. Midsummer's Eve: A Celebration (England,
1600)
- VI. Renaissance Masked Ball: All is Not What
it Seems (Italy, 1460)
- VII. Don Quixote: Shades of Spain (1605)
- VIII. Hamlet: Something's Rotten in the State
of Denmark! (Deneland, 1050)

Aurora Cover and Art Contest

The populace is asked to design, draw and submit artwork for a permanent cover for the Aurora. The winning entry will be picked by popular vote at a future event in Borealis. Prizes will be awarded for the top entries. (Prizes have not be determined at this time, but will include a bottle of mead, and may include a bottle of Valgard's Brandy Plums). Non-winning entries will go into the pending art file and may be used as filler art in future issues, at the discretion of the Editors.

For further information contact the Chroniclers, Valgard and Edwina, at (403) 923-2864 (no calls after 10pm, please)

An Tir Arts & Science Championship

March 4 & 5

Shire of Dragon's Laire welcomes An Tir to the 2nd Annual Kingdom Arts & Science Championship to be held in Belfair WA at the Sand Hill Elementary School.

The Site will open at 6 PM Friday evening and will close Sunday afternoon. There will be a special breakfast for judges and contestants at 8 am Saturday and judging will start at 9 am. The schedule of events is still being worked on but a pot luck feast is planned for Saturday night. Peerage meetings, a Crown Council, an informal fencers workshop, and a heavy fighter practice (weather permitting) are being planned. There will be space for display of items made by non-contestants. Please inform Orfhlaith Broinnfind IngenBhrian (Peggy Sue O'Brian) (206) 367-3120 before the event if you would like to display items in this area so adequate space can be set aside and help enlisted to watch over them.

If you would like a copy of the Championship rules, please contact the Kingdom Minister of Art & Science Ellen Fraser (Ellen Winnie), PO Box 39, Keyport WA 98345-0039 (206) 779-5979 until 9 PM only. Please send a SASE. Entrants need to be committed at 12th Night.

The site is a school and there are some restrictions that we will be expected to observe. There will be no smoking or alcohol allowed on site. If your entry includes alcohol, please contact Charles of Tanglewood and he will provide directions to his home (very near the school) where your entries will be stored and judged. We are not allowed to sell merchandise on site. The shire culinary guild has been given special permission to sell simple breakfasts and lunches for a modest fee on both days of the event.

There will be crash space in the gym Friday and Saturday nights (no tents please) and there is plenty of parking for RVs but no hookups. There is a motel and shopping one mile form the site. You will be given a special rate at the motel if you mention the SCA. Belfair State Park is just a few miles from the site.

Site fee is \$8 US if you pre-register and \$10 US at the event. Make all checks payable to the Shire of Dragon's Laire, SCA Inc. The pot luck is \$2 as we have to rent tables. The meat and bread will be provided so please bring enough of your favorite dish to feed 8 to 10 people.

Directions: Get out your map of Washington state and find your best route to Belfair on the shore of Hood Canal in North Mason county. From HWY 3 turn onto Hwy West 300, go through the four way intersection and turn right on Sand Hill Road. The school is on the top of the hill on your left.

The Co-Autocrats are Inga Calle (Deanna Devitt) 11 NE Kirman Road, Poulsbo WA 98370 (206) 779-3541 and Charles of Tanglewood (Charles Patterson) NE 280 Schooner Loop Belfair WA 98528 (206) 275-4417 (e-mail is deanna_devitt@tscnet.eskimo.com)

Arts & Sciences and Bravo Championships for the Crown Principality of Avacal

to be held in the Barony of Myrgan Wood

on the 1st of April, 1995, A.S. XXIX

The tourneys are to start at 12:00 noon
with Feasting to take place at 7:00p.m.
Merriment and Festivities All Day!!

The Feast will follow that of a late-period tradition
in honor of our Bravo participants.

cost \$15.00 per person with a \$3.00 surcharge for all non-S.C.A. members.
Site Fee only: \$7.00 + surcharge

For contest rules please contact your local Minister of Arts and Science
and/or your Bravo Marshall

The following day a heavy-fighting instructional will be held by
His Majesty Duke Sir Djorkill Kanne (pending confirmation)

Their Majesties shall be in attendance (also pending confirmation)

For further information on this fun-filled day please contact the autocrats.
Autocrats:

HL Vychan O'Llyn Dhu (Kent Pollard) HL Brynne of Kidwelly (Victoria Pollard)
1028A 7th St. E. Saskatoon, Sk. S7H 0Y8 (306) 343-7336

* Feast reservations to be made A.S.A.P. none will be taken after March 26th, 1995.

*Bring your Tankards

Site: Sutherland Hall: 1108 Central Avenue, Sutherland

Adeline and Alfheim SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 1995 (tentative)

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| April 1 | Myrganwood (Avacal Tier I)
CP Arts & Science Pentathalon |
| April 8 | Lakeland demo, no event |
| May 27 | May Day, Windwurm (Avacal Tier I) |
| June 3 | Quad war, Bordergate (Avacal Tier I) |
| June 10 | Uprising War, Principality of
Artemesia |
| June 24 | Champion's Tourney, ??? (Avacal
Tier I) |
| July 15 | Coronation, Wealdsmere, (Kingdom
Tier I) |
| Aug 5 | Clinton War, LionsGate, (Kingdom
Tier I) |
| Aug 12 | Hinton demo, no event |
| Aug 18-20 | Baroness' War, Terra Pomeria
(Kingdom Tier I) |
| Sept 1-4 | Crown, Ramsgaard (Kingdom Tier I) |

MINUTES OF THE BARONIAL MEETING OF THE BARONY OF BOREALIS, HELD SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 1995 AT THE CANTON OF LAKELAND, 12:45 - 1:45 pm.

PRESENT: Their Excellencies Alfeim and Adelaine, Baron and Baroness of Borealis; Dagmar of Hjørring, Chatelaine; Edwina of Loxley and Valgard af hus Vendrer, Chroniclers; Mordecai Salzer, Herald; Albrecht von Rugen, Master of Stables; Derek the Exiled; Markus Wynniat; Aelien Wynniat; Elenor Wynniat; Amalyne; Aphra; Carmen; Graeme Kennald; Richard Sparhawk; Alphonse de Lorraine; Patricia Cowan; Kendrick; David and Patricia Rothbauer; Gawain ap Gawain; Alys Sylfrloc; Susan Koziel; Thorwulf; Mary of the Lakeland; Alton of Harlow House; Joan the Just; Kennet; Hamish; Petra; Guy of Aldernay; Dimetra.

1. Baroness Adelaine read the minutes of the Baronial Meeting held Sunday, December 4, 1994. The minutes were adopted as they stood.

2. Officers' Reports

a. Chatelaine's Report

Lady Dagmar of Hjørring reported that the Crown Principality Chatelaine has requested a census of the populace of Borealis. Dagmar will provide the Chatelaine with a copy of those people with paid membership.

b. Master of Stables

Albrecht von Rugen announced that Veraquilon fighter's practice is held every Monday at the Dinwoodie Lounge, second floor of the Student Union Building, University of Alberta. Practice begins at 7:00 pm. Approximately 5-7 people practice every week. Albrecht also reported that the fighters hosted the bar at Jul Feast on December 4 to raise money.

c. Herald

Mordecai Salzer reported that Her Excellency's device was being submitted to the College of Heralds for approval. He also announced that he has not heard back from Middle Kingdom regarding their current use of the name Aquilon. Mordecai pointed out that it is important that all regalia be checked for heraldic correctness before any work is done making new items.

Mordecai will be available for consultation to discuss devices, to take requests and to research suggested devices during the afternoon of February 4.

d. Chroniclers

Edwina of Loxley reported that subscriptions to the Aurora remained the same as last time, with lapsed memberships being offset by new members. Baron Alfeim said he would encourage the populace of Lakeland to subscribe to the Aurora.

e. Seneschal

No report. Jarla Helena was unable to attend due to mundane commitments.



**1995 TIER ONE EVENTS FOR
AVACAL**

NO OTHER EVENTS MAY BE SCHEDULED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

Date	Hosting Group	Event
January 6-8	Kingdom	12th Night
February 4	Lakeland	Feast of the Evergreens
March 18/19	Sigelehundas	Pillage Practice and Spring Tea
March 4/5	Kingdom	Arts and Sciences Championship
April 1	Avacal	Arts and Sciences Championship
April 29-30	Loch D'orr	
May 20-22	Kingdom	Crown Tourney
May 27	Windwurm	May Day
June 3/4	Bordergate	Border War
June 24/25	Avacal	Champion's Tourney
July 1-3	Kingdom	An Tir/West War
July 15	Kingdom	Coronation
July 22/23	Cold Keep	
August 5-7	Lions Gate	Clinton War
September 2-4	Kingdom	Crown Tournament
September 23	Bitter End	Harvest Feast
October 7	Mryganwood	Anniversary Event
November 11	Valley Wold	Ferret's Feast
December 2	Vere Aquilon	St. Nicks

MISSING:

Tier one for Ithra... T.B.A.
Avacal Winter Event - date T.B.A. (depends on bid).

FOR BID:

Avacal Winter Event:
Bids due now...
Arts and Sciences Championship
bids due by November 1, 1994 (2 recieved thus far...)
Champions' Tourney
bids due December 1, 1994

Please send Tier II Listings (not necessarily copy... YET) to Avantgarde ASAP so we can avoid duplicating events wherever possible. We'll publish the year's list of Tier II's as soon as we have one, for greater planning ease, and will continue to publish Tier II information, if not whole-page event copy.

f. Baron and Baroness

Baroness Adelaine read a letter of thanks received from the Baron and Baroness of Madrone, thanking Borealis for the hospitality extended to them during Jul Feast. Special thanks was extended to Sgt. John McLeod; Sgt. Kennet; and Yeoman Mordecai for their personal help.

Their Excellencys' schedule of events will be posted in the next issue of the Aurora.

3. Old Business

- a. Baroness Adelaine announced that she had been informed by the Kingdom Exchequer that all finances related to the SCA must be directed through the Baronial Exchequer. This includes the Sergeant's and guild funds. Canton-level funds would be directed through the appropriate Canton Exchequer. Each account would require three signing authorities. The Baronial Exchequer must be made aware of all expenditures and deposits.
- b. Baroness Adelaine reported that the positions of Baronial Exchequer and Arts & Sciences Officer have become vacant. Anyone interested in applying for either of these positions should contact both the Baronial Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness.
- c. Plans for the Provincial Museum demo are progressing well. A meeting with the organizing committee, the Baron and Baroness, and the Museum will be held on February 10 to formalize the SCA's involvement in the demo.
- d. Valgard af hus Vendrer reported that he would be purchasing material for the Baronial pavilion and hoped to begin work on sewing it within the next few weeks. An advance was approved for the purchase of the material.
- e. Mordecai Salzer announced that an Avacal mailing list was now available for all those with access to an e-mail address. Baron Alfeim stated that he was hoping to have access to e-mail soon.

4. New Business

- a. The first Baronial Fencing Championship will be held today. Alphonse de Lorraine offered to make and donate a half-cape to be passed from champion to champion. The cape will display the Baronial badge surmounted over crossed rapiers. The Baron and Baroness thanked Alphonse for his generous offer.
- b. Baroness Adelaine announced that a new policy will be instated requiring the Chronicler's to ensure no Baronial events are scheduled which would conflict with Tier I events. If such an event is scheduled, the Chronicler's will notify the event autocrat requesting a new date be set. All Tier I events are set at least one year in advance. Autocrats are requested to publish event dates in both the Avantgarde and the Aurora as quickly as possible.
- c. Derek the Exiled provided information on the Bordergate Quad War to be held on June 3-5 1995. The event will be held approximately 14 km east of Wainwright, Alberta. Marshals, Chirurgeons, and Waterbearers are required. The four armies will

be: Borealis; Montengarde; Myrganwood; and everyone else. The fourth army will be led by the Avacal Crown Principality Heavy and Light Champions.

- d. Winter War will be held on February 18-19 1995 at the Camrose Drill Hall. Event copy is available from Hamish and Petra. This is an over-night event and a potluck dinner will be provided.
- e. The Avacal Crown Principality Arts & Sciences and Bravo Championships will be held in Myrganwood on April 1. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- f. Guy of Aldernay has registration forms and programs for the Thirtieth Anniversary to be held in May 1996.
- g. Kennet announced that he had been unable to book a hall for the Baronial Arts & Sciences Championship. Baroness Adelaine will discuss the possibility of rescheduling the event with Kennet.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. The next Baronial Meeting will be held at Quad War on June 3.

TAVERN NIGHT

It is said that the English language was started when Norman soldiers tried to date Saxon barmaids.

Come to the tavern where it's all happening and watch or participate in the process... Whether you're Angle, Saxon or Jute settlers or a Norman or Norse invader (perhaps even a Johnny-come-lately from Southern Europe) come and add your silver penny's worth - or at least be part of the madding crowd.

THE MELTING POT TAVERN

Wednesday, March 1st, 1995

Doors open 7:30, bar opens at 8:00 pm,
Capilano Community Hall, 10810 - 54 st,
Veraquilon (Edmonton)

Attention, Autocrats and/or Seneschals:

Re: Tier II Listings and Copy

Avantgarde DOES list Tier II events and DOES print their event information, although usually in a condensed format because of space restrictions.

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TIER II EVENTS - Not to conflict with other Tier II events in mundane province or with Tier I events within Avacal.

<i>December 10</i>	<i>Yuletide Tourney & Feast</i>	<i>Cold Keep</i>
<i>December 31</i>	<i>12th Night</i>	<i>Sigelhundas</i>
<i>January 21</i>	<i>12th Night</i>	<i>Montengarde</i>
<i>February 11</i>	<i>DDL Revel</i>	<i>Montengarde</i>
<i>February 18</i>	<i>Feast of the Doves V</i>	<i>Valley Wold</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Silver Arrow</i>	<i>Bitter End</i>
<i>April 29</i>	<i>Beltane</i>	<i>Big Rock</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>Dragonslayer</i>	<i>Montengarde</i>
<i>August 19-20</i>	<i>Baronial War</i>	<i>Montengarde/Borealis</i>