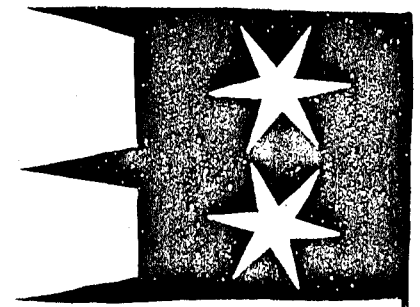
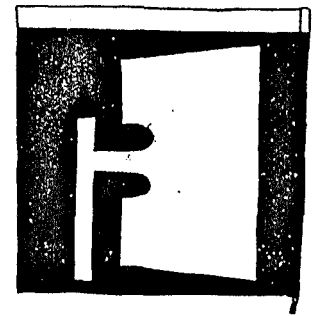
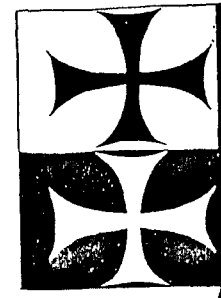


THE AURORA

August, AS XXXII
(1997)



STANDING BARONIAL CALENDARS

Canton of Stonewolf (Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Area)

Weekly topic meetings are held every Thursday at 1900 hrs in the Grand Centre Library. The fighter practices are held weekly every Tuesday at 1930 hrs in the Assumption School in Grand Centre. Armouring is held every Sunday afternoon at Safe Haven, as weather permits. (Inquiries at 826-6871 to confirm. Warning: Impromptu fight practices may break out spontaneously after armouring!)

Canton of Stonewolf Calendar of Events

August

7	Beading - Candace Hughson
14	Tablet Weaving - Lady Rhowyn
21	Protocol & Etiquette - Baron Alfheim
28	Medieval Herb Garden - Lady Igraine

September

4	Brewing - Baron Alfheim
11	The rules of war - Lord Marcus
18	Sir Francis Drake - Facts & Fallacies - Lord Roland
25	Accessories: Medieval Footwear - Aurora Kaspar

Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton and Area)

Dance Practice is held Mondays in conjunction with Fighter Practice at the U of A quad area behind the Administration Building by SUB. Note that this is an out-of-doors site and you are required to dress in accordance with weather conditions. Meetings there start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m.

Business meetings happen on the second Wednesday of the month at the University of Alberta in the Education North Building, Room 3-119 at 8:30 p.m.

Monthly Tavern Nights are held on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 8 p.m. in the Capilano Community League Hall located at 10810 - 54 Street.

Canton of VerAquilon Calendar of Events (and other things to do)

August

Saturday 16	Avacal Investiture	(Moose Jaw, SK)
Saturday 23	Silverwolf	(Gibbons, AB)
Sunday 24	John Janzen Demo	(Edmonton, AB)

September

Wednesday 3	Tavern	(Capilano Hall, Edm.)
Saturday 6	Feast of St. Michael	(Montengarde, Calgary)
Saturday 27	Harvest Feast	(Bitter End, Red Deer)

October

Saturday 25	Grande Ithra	(Montengarde, Calgary)
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BULLETIN BOARD

Greetings unto the populace of Borealis;

I am starting a lend/loan scriptorium (aka library) for Borealis. the way it will function will be that I will compile a list of books that individuals will be willing to loan along with a contact number. I will categorize the list according to subject and publicize it. The books will be clearly labelled as to whose it is and when someone wishes to borrow one they will contact me and the owner will hold some form of a surety or collateral from them until it is returned. Those interested in adding any books of theirs to my list contact me Eadwulf at 986-6623 or e-mail eadwulf@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca.

Gossip:

It was noticed at the last business meeting that a blackhole was forming in the centre of the meeting room. (Both Lady Gwynnaeth and Her Excellency Adelaine were in the same room.)

Sources indicate that Moorish Tavern was great. It was HOT, really hot 30C+ and humid. People from An Tir were everywhere, they were interviewed by channel 13 correspondents (a North Dakota television station). The site was great real showers, a feast, dorms with a fire place each. And the drive was beautiful, imagine driving through fields of sunflowers. I'm told that the fighting was good too, and Sjt. John MacLeod the Black was praised by all great and meek. One thing though, it seems that people from Mid Realm fight differently. Even though we are thought of as the the tough bunch from the north they have rule likes. "You can't hit heads, but can do groin shots are just fine." Go figure. Thanks to everyone who went down and let them know that "WE" are still a force to be reckoned with.

Cover illustration: Pennants of the crusader knights from 14 century Germany. "The Holy Grail, pp. 146"

Submission Deadline:

15th of every the month.

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AVACAL CALENDAR TIER ONE EVENTS

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE EVENTS ARE NOT TO CONFLICT WITHIN AVCAL OR KINGDOM)

August

1 September Aventgarde Deadline
16 Avacal Investiture (Valley Wold)
29 - Sept. 1 An Tir Crown Crown (Wealdsmere)

September

1 September Aventgarde Deadline
13-14 Gryphon's Furry II (Artemisia)
27 Harvest Feast (Bitter End)

October

1 November Avantgarde Deadline
11 Anniversary (Murgan Wood)

November

1 December Avantgarde Deadline
1 Valley Wold Event (Valley Wold)
8 Autumn Crown Council (TBA)
22 St. Celilia Feast (Windwyrn)

December

1 January Avantgarde Deadline
6 Avacal Coronet (Veraquilon)

February

1 March Avantgarde Deadline
21 or 28 Investiture (TBA)

AVACAL CALENDAR TIER TWO EVENTS (NO CONFLICT RESTRICTIONS)

August

2 - 4 Clinton War (Clinton)
9 Cold Keep Champions Tourney (Cold Keep)
23 Silverwolf (Borealis)

September

6-7 Feast of St. Michael's (Montengarde)
27 Harvest Feast (Bitter End)

October

1 Grand Ithra (Montengarde)

SHOWING OFF

This will be a new feature page. The Aurora hopes to keep its subscribers informed of all demo's being done by Veraquilon at large. It will give you adequate time to volunteer your time, your advice and/or any props that will help each demo group teach the people in attendance about life in the middle ages. We hope you are inspired by this page and we would appreciate our readers comments. Thank you.

AUGUST 6TH - TAVERN

DEMO

Please attend in all your finery!

The CBC Television Crew with Brian Paisley from "Rough Cuts" (Wild rose Country) will be filming a special on the SCA.

We intend to show them our usual tavern night, with the we usually bring to a demo.

We need: Fighters, Fencers, Dancers, Merchants, Musicians, Artisans

We also need props., tapestries, armour, games for demonstration and display purposes.

Please come out and support our Barony and Canton and have us look our best to the public.

Autocrat: Gwynnaeth - 478 - 1505

"A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT"

JOHN JANZEN NATURE CENTRE DEMO

August 24 , 1997

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: John Janzen Nature Centre
Autocrat: Gwynnaeth O Coedaneu (Marsha Bremner)
478-1505

This is our most publicized demo of the year, and we have had great response from both the public and media regarding this demo over the last two years. To ensure our continued success for this years efforts and generated interest in following years, we need the people to help us represent the following groups:

Fighters	Fencers
Dancers	Merchants
Musicians	Herbalists
Spinning/Weavers	Food Merchants

We also need props., tapestries, armour, games, garb, pavilions, anything and everything for demonstration and display purpose.

The press release for the demo has been billed "A Midsummer's Night"

Your assistance and commitment are greatly needed and appreciated. Please call Gwynnaeth to confirm both time and possessions.

THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES OF AN TIR

King Sven Gunnarsson
Queen Signe Oxendahl

(Derrick Olson & Racheal Mullenix)
1905 W 2nd Street Apt. K
Spokane, WA 99204

(509) 456-5277

THEIR HIGHNESSES OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL

PRINCE
PRINCESS

Sir Vic Vikingsson (Jim Manners)
Lady Ceridwynn of Abergavenny (Ceri Lepage)
289-2234

Northmount Drive, N.W.
Calgary, AB
T2L 0E4

ARMORING 101

(Direct quote from "The Known World Handbook" 20th Year Edition, pp. 178)

"Armor": (con't from last issue)

6. Leg Armor

a. The kneecap and both sides of both knee joints must be covered by rigid material underlain by 1/4" (6mm) of resilient padding or closed-cell foam or by an approved equivalent. This armor shall be attached in such a way that the knee remains covered during combat.

b. A minimum of heavy padding over the thigh of the shield-side leg is strongly recommended.

Shields:

1. Shields shall be edged with leather or other padding in such a way as to minimize the damage to rattan weapons.

2. No bolts, wires, or other objects may project more than 3/8" (9mm) from any part of a shield without being padded. (Rounded shield bosses are not included in this category.)

Weapons:

1. Weapons used single-handed shall have a wrist strap (or equivalent restraint) which will keep the weapon from leaving the immediate area of the user.

2. Swords:

a. Swords shall be constructed of rattan (or equivalent material) and shall be not less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in total diameter (including rattan and tape) along its entire length.

b. The rattan shall not be treated in any way that will substantially reduce its flexibility.

c. The edges of the blade shall be rounded, and the blade itself shall be no less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in cross-section.

d. The tip of the blade shall be rounded.

e. The full length of the blade, including the tip, shall be wrapped in such a way that no rattan splinters protrude.

f. When thrusting tips are used, they shall be no less than 2" (51 mm) in diameter or cross-section, and shall provide progressively resistant 'give' under pressure without allowing contact with the rigid tip of the weapon. Further, it shall not be possible to force the thrusting tip more than 1/2" (12.5 mm) into a legal face guard.

g. Swords shall have a hand guard such as a basket hilt, quillons, or equivalent. The hand guards shall have no sharp edges or protruding unpadded points of less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in diameter. Further, it shall not be possible to force the guard more than 1/2" (12.5 mm) into a legal face guard.

h. Pommels shall be firmly and securely affixed.

EVENTS

AVACAL INVESTITURE

August 16

Dates: August 15 - 17

Time: Site opens 12 p.m. on August 15 and closes at 12 p.m. on August 17

Cost: Site fee \$15.00, adults
Children 1 - 15, \$0.50 per year

Unto all their fellow Knowne world citizens far and wide, does the shire of Valley Wold send greetings. On the 16th of August, it will be our honor to host the third Avacal Investiture. Central to the coronation celebrations will be the choosing of the new Heavy and Light Champions for the Principality.

Site information:

This event will be held at the Scout camp just outside the city limits of Moose Jaw, a place of peace, quiet and privacy. The area's basic camping facilities include a well, a creek, and outhouses (we are working on showers). The site will be discreetly wet, with SCA leash and Scouts/Guides waste management regulations in effect. All merchants and minstrels are most welcome. The Swan's Rest Tavern will be open for trade and the Chatelaine will be found dispensing hospitality and information at the main gate.

Autocrats: Dun Dreagain Dhuib, HL Esperanza Razzolini d'Asolo and L. Seumas Camshronach an Lochabair (Maria & James Crook) PO box 328/PMQ250 Bushell Park, SK, Canada S0H 0N0. (306) 693-2117

Directions: Contact Autocrat for map or directions.

SILVERWOLF CHAMPION'S TOURNEY

August 22 - 24

- Dates:** August 22 - 24
- Time:** Site opens 12 p.m. on August 22 and closes on Sunday Evening
- Cost:** Site fee \$5.00, children free
Site with feast \$15.00 adult, \$5 child
(NB: Feast limited to 60, reserve ASAP)

Tournaments will be held on Saturday, August 23 to determine champion of Sword and Champion of Arrows. Various other fighter activities are planned for the weekend. Archery tournament will use 3/4" blunts. An early Irish theme feast will be held Saturday night on site. The feast will be limited to 60 so you must reserve in advance with lady Seraphine at (403) 433-6803. A soup kitchen and bar is available Friday night. There is also a demo at the John Janzen Nature Centre in Edmonton on Sunday from 12-4 pm which everyone is invited to attend. This is a rustic site with NO available water or showers. There are two towns within 15 minutes travel where some may be available.

The big NO'S: no ground fires and no pets (propane stoves are acceptable)

Site opens at 12 pm on Friday and closes Sunday evening. If you wish to come earlier (i.e. Thursday or before noon Friday) arrangements may be made with the autocrats.

DIRECTIONS:

From the North travel south on hwy 28 as if you were going to Edmonton. Turn right on Range Rd. 232 approximately 8 miles from Redwater on hwy 28. Head north on the gravel road for 1 mile till you come to the first T intersection, turn left, turn left after 1/4 mile at the first road/driveway you come to (it will look as if you are driving into a field).

From the South take your best route through Edmonton to Manning Freeway. Drive north until you come to the Gibbons/Cold lake turnoff (hwy 28) keep driving north past Gibbons for 6 miles then turn left on Range Rd 232. Follow the above instructions once on the gravel. Don't worry, there will be signs posted. If you get lost phone 942-4177.

Autocrats: Lady Rosoin MacAskil and Lady Arianrhod the laughing
(403) 431-1542

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Membership. Interesting word. It means support, being part of a group that has like interests, it means acceptance for both the other people involved and the organization as a whole.

Membership is also a touchy subject. People hesitate to pay into a group when they don't know how membership will be a benefit to them or what their monies are being used for. In this issue and the next issue the Aurora hopes to enlighten its subscribers to the good things about membership and find out where the money does go.

Membership

Participation in the SCA is open to any person who shares the Society's interest in medieval re-creation and re-enactment. Paid membership is a requirement for Crown Tournament participants and for kingdom and Society officers. Sustaining, contributing or patron members receive their kingdom's newsletter and the Society's quarterly journal. Tournaments Illuminated. These publications provide important information about kingdom and Society-wide events, along with educational and how-to articles, as well as some material that is just for fun.

Kingdom newsletters include the names of persons to contact in each of your kingdom's groups. If your newsletter does not list the meeting dates and times for the group nearest you, call or write the primary local contact person, known as the Seneschal, for more information.

By formally joining the SCA, you provide valued financial support, are counted in the growing ranks of those supporting the Society's aims and ideals, and may receive a discount at many Society events. The SCA is one of the few organizations, however, where you can participate without paying dues, although those who are able are strongly encouraged to become paying members.

To become a paid member, you need to complete and return an SCA membership form. If you don't have one, please ask a paid SCA member for a copy, or send a post card or letter with your name and mailing address to:

The Society for Creative Anachronism
Post Office Box 360743
Milpitas, CA 95036-0743
USA

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

September 6, 1997

Dates: September 6

Time: Tourney 12 noon
Feast at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Feast \$12.00 before August 15, \$15 thereafter
Site fee \$5.00

Location: West Hillhurst Community Centre
1940 6 Avenue N.W.

Come one and all the Michaelmas in Montengarde on September 6th, 1997. A prize tourney will be held in the afternoon followed by a feast in the evening. For those who wish, an Ithra course in butter making will be taught during the afternoon, as well (cost \$2.00).

Directions: From the North and South, take Highway 2 (Deerfoot) to 16th Ave. N. Turn West on 16th Ave. and follow it to 19th St NW. Turn South and follow 19th St. NW to 6 Ave. The hall is on the left. From the East or West, take the Trans-Canada (16th Ave.) to 19th St. NW. Turn South on 19th St. and follow it to 6 Ave NW. the hall is on the left.

Autocrat: James D'Orleans (Mike Johnson). **Feastocrat:** Custance Feathersonehaugh (Christine Dauphinee). Both can be reached at (403)237-9665, or via e-mail at mikej@worldis.com

THE GAMES WE PLAY

GLUKHAUS

Glukhaus is a German version of a popular European game from the Late Middle Ages.

The board is set up to depict a double cross. The King (number 12 is at the top of the board. On the first cross are 11, 7 and 3; 7 being the wedding square. Next , going one space down from the 7 is number 10. On the second cross are 6, 9, and 5. The next space down from the 9 is space 8 and the last space down is number 2 representing a pig for good luck.

Playing pieces include: 2 dice and 12 counters per person.

Rules:

This is a game for two or more players. Players role the dice in turn to indicate either placement or collection of counters.

Upon rolling a

-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, or 11 one counter is placed on the matching square. If that square already has a counter on it, the counter is collected instead of being laid down.

-7 "the wedding" the player must lay down a counter and may not pick up those counters already laid down on the square.

-2 "the pig" a player may pick up all counters on the board except those on square 7. A player does not lay down a counter on the 2.

-12 "the king" a player may collect every counter on the board including those on square 7. A player does not lay down a counter on the 12.

-4 a player gets to roll again.

When a player runs out of counters they are out of the game.

The game is over when one player has collected all of the counters.



SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC. (SCA) international membership application



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