

THE AURORA

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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**

November

15 November Theme Feast - Germany

February

7 Feast Of The Evergreens

**Canton of VerAquilon
(Edmonton and Area)**

Dance Practice is held Tuesdays in conjunction with Fighter Practice at the Holyrood Elementary School gym, 7920 - 94th Avenue, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings there start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. (Fencing 6:30 - 7:30, Heavy Fighting 7:30 - 9:30) Please bring a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the gym.

Business meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at the University of Alberta in the Education North Building, Room 3-119 at 8:00 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)**

November

Wednesday 5	Tavern	(Capilano Hall, Edm.)
Wednesday 12	Business Meeting	(U of A, Edm.)
Saturday 14	Theme Feast - Germany	(Stonewolf)

This is just a reminder that reports are due into Principality officers (including heralds) on November 1. Heralds should note that the report needs to be in my possession on or before November 1 or you will be marked as not reporting. This is because our kingdom herald will not use e-mail, so the 15 days I have until my report is due with him is all needed to allow time for postal delivery. I have no slack time to allow a report in a day or two late any more.

-Mordecai

****** Phone List Updates ******

If you need to add/delete/update information for the avacal phone list, please get the information to me PRIOR TO November 15th. I will be out of the country for the last two weeks of November, so late information will simply moulder in my inbox and not end up in the printed phone list until the June issue.

I am still looking for volunteers from each Shire, Barony & Canton to keep the information for their group up to date. I can send out copies of what I have in the database for your group by snail mail or email - as paper, flat text files or a number of database formats.

In (harried & hurried) Service
Mistress Sapphira

Cover illustration:

Submission Deadline:

15th of every the month.

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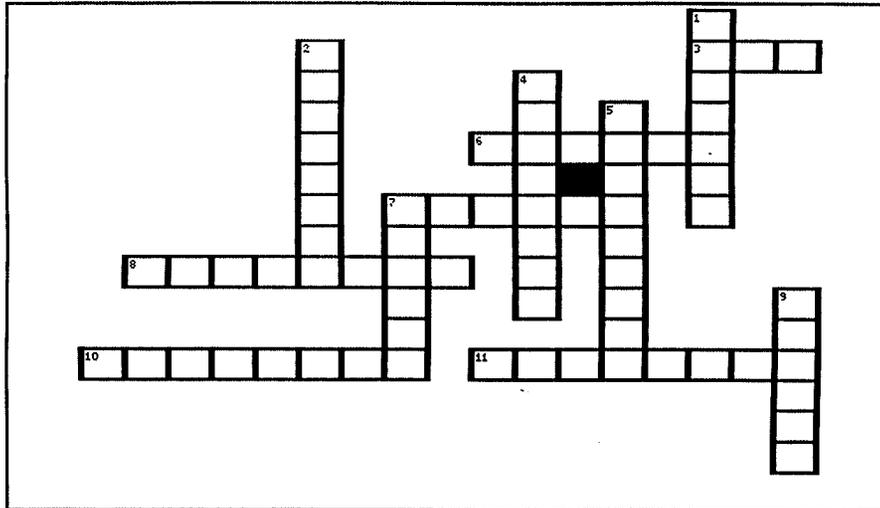
AVACAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(as published in the Avantgarde)

November 1997 Events		
1	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
8	Kingdom Crown Council	TBA
15	November Theme Feast	Stonewolf
22	Feast of St. Cecilia	Windwym
December 1997 Events		
6	Avacal Coronet	Veraquilon
January 1998 Events		
24	Twelfth Night	Montengarde
31	Collegium & Tavern	Myrgan Wood
February 1998 Events		
7	Feast of Evergreens	Stonewolf
14	Dance / Bardic Ithra & Masquerade Ball	Montengarde
21 or 28	Investiture	TBA
March 1998 Events		
1 or 7	Kingdom A & S	TBA
14	Winter War	Borealis
21	Bizarre Bazaar	Montengarde
28	Rapier and A & S championship	Myrgan Wood
April 1998 Events		
3	Wedding - Bianca & Taras	Myrgan Wood
10-12	Easter Ithra	Loch Dr
17	Spring Faire & Ithra	Borealis
25	Silver Arrow / 15 th Anniversary	Bitter End
27	Coronet Council	TBA
May 1998 Events		
15	May Crown	TBA
23	May Day Campout	Windwym
27	Pillage Practice	Sigehundas
June 1998 Events		
7	Avacal Coronet	TBA
20	Dragonslayer Tourney & Feast	Montengarde
27	Quad War	Borealis?
July 1998 Events		
5	An Tir/West War	Oregan
19	Kingdom Coronation	TBA
25	Cold Keep Event	Cold Keep
August 1998 Events		
8	Baroness's Weekend	Montengarde
15	Avacal Investiture	TBA
September 1998 Events		
Date	Event	Location
5-7	September Crown Tourney	Myrgan Wood
11-13	Spyphon's Fury IV	Artemisia
19	Michaelmas	Montengarde
26	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
October 1998 Events		
Date	Event	Location
3	Silver Wolf	Borealis
10	Myrgan Wood Anniversary	Myrgan Wood
17	Theme Feast	Stone Wolf
24	Grand Ithra	Montengarde
November 1998 Events		
Date	Event	Location
7	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
14	Kingdom Crown Council	TBA
28	St. Nic's Feast	Stonewolf



The Games We Play



<p>← 3 across → Type of wood used to make an arrow shaft.</p>	<p>← 11 across → A four-pointed spike used to stop charging horses.</p>	<p>↑ 1 down ↓ A late 14th c Italian helmet.</p>	<p>↑ 9 down ↓ Short leather thongs used with hawks.</p>
<p>← 6 across → The part of a castle that protects defenders against missiles.</p>	<p>↑ 2 down ↓ A steel hand cover.</p>		
<p>← 7 across → An arrowhead used to penetrate armour.</p>	<p>↑ 4 down ↓ Medieval board game.</p>		
<p>← 8 across → Figure used in jousting practice.</p>	<p>↑ 5 down ↓ What does a trebuchet work like?</p>		
<p>← 10 across → Knighly code of conduct.</p>	<p>↑ 7 down ↓ A castle courtyard.</p>		

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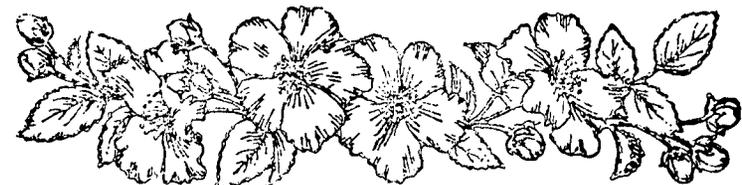
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ARMORING 101

The following was taken from the sca marshalls email list. I thought it might be of interest to any one going to Estrella .

Jon

Subject: [MARSHALL] - Synopsis of rules changes for Estrella 1998

A new version of the Atenveldt War rules will very shortly be posted on the War Web Site. In the mean time here is a heads up on the basic changes from the version currently posted.

Major changes to Atenveldt's War rules engendered by Royal Decree and/or the 1998 Estrella War treaty as signed at Barons War.

- 1) The !!!! ONLY ONLY !!!! allowable Combat Archery tip shall be "Rebar-Safety Tips" These are the plastic safety tips designed for the construction industry to protect humans from exposed rebar ends. These tips do not have the compressibility associated with the tennis balls we have been used to
- 2) The only acceptable archery kill will be to the face plate, or front of the neck. No other hit from an arrow nor crossbow bolt need be counted.
- 3) No minors will be allowed on the combat field, while a scenario is in progress. Please note this now includes any one under eighteen years of age. Minors can not fight in an war scenario at Estrella 1998.
- 4) Low profile thrusting tips (1.25") will not be allowed at Estrella 1998
- 5) Great swords can not exceed six (6) feet in length.
- 6) Rock bows, sling stones, Roman lawn darts and throwing axes : are all not allowed at Estrella 1998.
- 7) Javelin hits count as if from a sword.
- 8) For Siege engines at Estrella 1998 : Single tennis ball ammunition is not allowed from any engine, Bunker busters are not allowed. If a Ballista throws Bolts or Arrows the same size as normal combat archery bolts or arrows, then they do the same damage even if they have been colored orange. Destroying siege towers and castle walls will be by three hits from a siege missile. At the engine authorization each engine will be given a number of counter battery hits it can absorb before it is destroyed.
- 9) .Since the only arrow tips are Re-bar safety tips, all Field Marshals will need some form of face and neck protection while on the field. Marshaling will be by two man teams (One from Atenveldt and one from the Outlands)

Master Charles of the J.A.C.s : Atenveldt deputy Earl Marshal & Siege Marshal

Just visiting <http://www.wyvernhall.com/sca/> supports this list Write to listhelp@wyvernhall.com for unsubscrition instructions

Here is proof that aliens have replaced key officers in their bid to help a lab mouse take over the SCA;-} Decided to post these rules so gentles know them before heading down there. Have fun and conquest !

In service to An Tir, Avacal, and the Society,
I remain,

HL Alen Bendbow, Yeoman Emeritus

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is an important part of any non-profit organization. It supports the essential infrastructure for running the organization and its ideals. In return the organization can give it's members benefits that non-members are not able to receive.

As one of these benefits, The Alberta Society for Creative Anachronism has a comprehensive insurance benefit package. It provides coverage for those members who are hosting events from fight/dance practices to Crown events.

Being a member also gives a person an opportunity to register their name and their device with the Heraldry Office; the opportunity to hold an office within the Societ the opportunity to fight in tournaments, and wars; the opportunity to be fought for in a tournament or war; the opportunity to earn titles from Baron and Baroness to King and Queen. Without a membership you can still enjoy all that the Society ha to offer but you give up the opportunity to participate in any type of tournament martial art, ie: fencing, heavy and light armoured fighting and archery.

His Excellency Baron Alfheim der Wundersman and Baroness Adeline von Schwarzwald are extending their welcome to persons wishing to become members and his appreciation and thanks to those who are currently members. To celebrate membership they have created an opportunity for the populace of Boreal new memberships and old memberships in good standing, to win two sets of 1 tick each to all events sanctioned by the Barony of Borealis for 1998. Other donations for this draw will be accepted for those persons interested in making a donation in support of the Barony. All members names will be entered once, for a one time random draw that will take place on December 6, 1997, at Avacal Coronet.

Morgan of Devonium
Chronicles

**STONEWOLF NOVEMBER THEME FEAST
GERMANY**

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: November 15, 1997
Cost: 0-11 free; 12-15 \$8; 16-adult \$15:00;
family rate \$40 (children under 16);
Site only \$5 adults, \$2 children;
(All feast fees include site)
Location: Cherry Grove Hall, located 8 km outside of
Grand Centre/Cold Lake on Highway 55
(highway to/from Pierceland).

The Canton of Stonewolf, along with the Baron and Baroness of Borealis, wish to invite the populace to its annual theme feast. This year's theme is German. (It is hoped Their Highnesses will be in attendance, pending their Schedule).

Baroness Adeline will be sponsoring "Adeline's Bop & Die Prize Tourney." Fighters, come and have fun, and prepare to heavy fight and dice your way to the top!! Prizes will be awarded to the finalists, and to the "fighter" who displays the best death.

Lord Roland Murdoch is sponsoring a Bardic competition, open to anyone. There will be five different categories: Songs: Sing a song... as long as it sounds period; it matters not whether you wrote it **Filks**: original, new filk. If you've already performed it in front of a large group of people, it will be disqualified; **Period Piece**: enter a documented period piece. All types of performance art will be accepted (documentation judged to A&S standards) **Poetry**: Whether the work has been beautifully written, or can be stirringly recited (or both), entries must be of period flavour. **Storytelling**: Spelling your listeners with a story of 7 - 10 minutes, of period flavour. This competition will be held in the afternoon; the winner of each category will be asked to perform at the feast, where the assembled guests will vote on **Best Overall**. Pieces may be entered in more than one category. Announce your intent to compete, or ask questions, to Roland (aka David Rothbauer) 594-5455 or roland@telusplanet.net

Itinerary:

7:00 p.m. Friday : site opens
12:30 p.m. Saturday: lists open, armour inspection
1:00 p.m. warm up melee begins, followed by tourney
4:30 p.m. Borealis curia (officers come prepared-- inform seneschale if you are unable to attend and send a report) 6:00 p.m. First Remove, followed by Court

Merchants are welcome (no table charge)

Please reserve by Nov 10.

There is "!!!!" NOISY crash space at the hall fri and sat or quiet crash space with one of the local gentles. Please ask the autocrat to arrange this, (first come first served)

For further information or food allergies please contact the autocrat:
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The next few issues will cover an article researched by a member of the SCA at large titled " Nara and Kyoto, Japan".

Nara and Kyoto, Japan (710 a.d. - 1185 a.d.)

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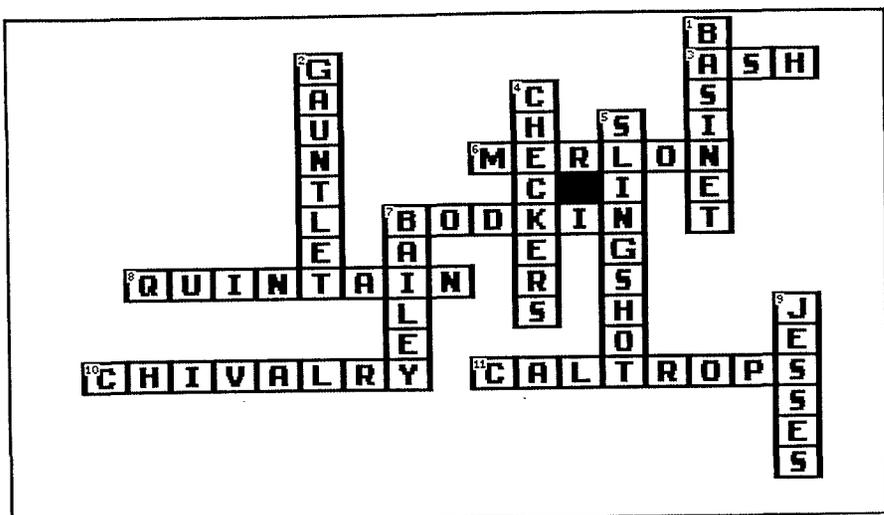
(installement 1 of 4)

The History of the cities of Nara and Kyoto, located on Honshu (which is the main island of Japan) began in the sixth century when Chinese civilization was introduced into Japan by practitioners of the Buddhist religion which led to the first great flowering of Japanese culture during the Nara era (or period) which fell between the years of 710 - 794. This new culture included the Chinese writing system, a system of centralized bureaucratic government, art, architecture, and an imitation of the Chinese interest in written historical records. These new ideas led to many changes in the culture and politics of Japan, one of the first of these changes was the creation of the written account of the legendary origins of the Japanese imperial family called the Kojiki (written in 712) and the NihonShoki (written in 720). The greater poetry anthology Manyoshu was compiled during this era. Even the layout of the city of Nara was modeled after the city of Chang'an (known today as Xian or Sian) which was the capital of China during the Tang Dynasty (618 - 906). It extended 3 miles from north to south and 2.7 miles from east to west. The Heijo Imperial Palace which contained building such as the Diago Kuden where the Emperor had his offices, was located in the north-central part of the city and from there a wide boulevard extended to the main entrance gate in the south. This city at it's height had a population of 200,000.

The city of Fujiwarakyo had been Japan's capital from 694 - 710, however in ancient Japan the Imperial Court moved to a different location on the succession of a new emperor and Nara was chosen as the new capital. During this period in Japan's history the country was divided into provinces, districts, hamlets, and villages governed by official appointed by the emperor and the Japanese people were regarded as his subjects who were expected to obey the emperor's representatives.

To be continued in December's issue of the "Aurora".

THE GAMES WE PLAY



AVACAL CORONET TOURNAMENT

Date: December 6, 1997

Cost: Before November 30
 * 0 - 11: free; 12 - 15:
 site \$2, feast \$6 (total both \$8);
 *16 and up: site \$5, feast \$10 (total both \$15)

After November 30 add \$2.00

Location: Tournament: Queen Elizabeth Composite High School
 9425 - 132 Avenue, Edmonton
 Feast: Northmount Community Centre
 9208 - 140 Avenue, Edmonton

Their Highnesses, Ritter Albrecht von Rugen and Erika Francesca Pacchioni, Prince and Princess of Avacal invite the populace of the Kingdom of An Tir and our Principality of Avacal to the 4th Avacal Coronet Tournament, and Jul Feast, Saturday, December 6th, held in the Canton of Veraquilon, Barony of Borealis. Come one and all to witness first hand the competition to select the next Tanist and Tanista and feast with them in their victory!

The tournament will be held at Queen Elizabeth Composite High School, 9425 132 Ave, North Central Edmonton, AB. (It has showers!!!!) The feast will be held at the Northmount Community Centre, 9208 140 Ave, North Central Edmonton. Directions to the gymnasium: From the North: Enter Edmonton on Highway 28, 9 Street. Turn east on 132 Ave. Watch for SCA signs. From the West: Enter on Highway 16 (yellowhead). Turn north on 97 Street, east on 132 Ave. From the East: Enter on Highway 16. Turn north on 82 street, west on 132 ave.

The hall is available for crash space for Friday and Saturday night--please reserve with the autocrat in advance. (bedding must be removed by 11 a.m. the next day).

Paid reservations take precedence; reservations without payment accepted, but take the chance of not having a seat for the feast (seating is limited). Please make cheques payable to ASCA Barony of Borealis.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a competition, please contact the autocrat. Times for tournament, Noble estate, Peerage meetings will be printed in the Avantegaard after Their Highnesses' decide. Map and directions will also appear there.

For more information, please contact Autocrat: HL Ulf Ingbransson (Daryl Haaland) Fax 403 477 2151; e-mail opals@worldgate.com or Co-autocrat/feastocrat HL Freydis (Tracy Jarratt) phone 403 433 7732 (leave message).

Avacal Coronet Tournament - Itinerary

Itinerary:

(at gym, Saturday)

10:00 a.m. Noble estate

11:00 a.m. Laurels' meeting; Borealis Serjeantry meeting

11:30 a.m. Knights' council

12:00 p.m. Pelicans' meeting; Lists open and armour inspection 12:30 p.m.

Lists close

12:45 p.m. procession of combattants and inspirations

1:00 p.m. Tournament commences

Tanist and Tanista will be invested either immediately following tournament or at 5:45 p.m. at the hall-- Their Highnesses will decide this on that day.

(at hall)

6:00 p.m. First Remove

6:15 p.m. Court

7:30 p.m. Second Remove

7:45 p.m. Borealis membership draw

8:00 p.m. Third Remove followed by auction and Fourth Remove

Sunday: Avacal curia; time to be announced

(note: although this itinerary has been approve by THs, it can be changed at their discretion!!!)

Merchants welcome; no table fees

Contests: Best table decoration with a Jul Theme (Baroness Adeline); People's Choice A&S competition: open category; all those on site will receive ballot when they pay fees and can vote for their favourite. Bring your latest project and show it off! (Lady Morgan the Unknown) Other contests, contact autocrat or Baroness.



Fiber Arts News

I would be interested in hearing from people in An Tir who are interested in, or involved with, spinning. Is there is enough interest in period spinning to have a guild? I think it is important to show people just how amazing handspinning can be.

There is, as you may know, a period knitters' guild active in An Tir, and the editor of the newsletter has recently gained email access. This lady's name is Fiametta (mka Melinda Shoop) and she can be reached at: mediknit@nwinfo.net.

If we can establish a spinners' guild, I would hope that we can work with the other textile guilds to promote more awareness of and interest in period textile reproduction.

In service to An Tir, Avacal, and Montengarde,

Nan Compton (mka Bess Anderson) eanderso@acs.ucalgary.ca

Barony of Montengarde

Tolle legens!

Greetings good people,

I just want to say I had a spectacular time at the Montengarde Ifira, and I hope all of you did too.

I also want to say a few hearty Huzzah's to Lady Katharina d'Alessandro Franceschi da Firenze who recieved a much deserved AoA from their Highnesses.

As well I would add my thanks to Duke Rorik for teaching the Intermediate Fighting course, I hope the next time it is offered more people will take it as it is well worth it, and my thanks to all those in the class.

That is my cheeriness for the day and I'll sign off now,

YIS,

-Skeld

(mka: Jeffrey Moore)



I, on the other hand would LOVE any "old tired ones" and we have so many new members, I think they would benefit from our long, illustrious and colourful history. Please send them along and if they get to me before mid-November....they will be added!

I have approximately 20 songs now, and all from you wonderful people who were thoughtful enough and generous enough to send them....thank you so much! The only thing that's sadly missing is some songs from Kataya's? (sorry about spelling) wonderful repertoire.

The Avacal Song Book (complete with coloured cover!) will be available from me at the Veraquilon's Yule Feast/Coronet in December (I'll be running the lists, so ya can't miss me).

Very minimal cost just to cover the paper \$2 -\$5 and NO GST!!!!

Lady Rhowyn The Bard

Greetings all:

I have just found a local source of alfalfa-clover honey who sells at \$15 per 4 litre pail. Anyone interested? I plan to be at St. Nicholas Feast in early December in Borealis and don't mind transporting it up there for people.

Gawain of Swalwell

Fiber Arts News

There will be a meeting for those interested in the fibre arts, and the burgeoning An Tir Spinners' Guild, at the Fire Mountain Ithra, which is November 15th and 16th. The meeting will (most probably) be at Sunday lunch-time; please contact Fiametta either at mediknit@nwinfo.com or at the Ithra for information. Please come along and introduce yourself and meet some of the other fibre-obsessed types in the Kingdom.

In service,

Nan Compton

A new guild has been established to encourage and foster handspinning and other related interests within the Society. It is the An Tir Spinners Guild.

There is an email list set up. You can subscribe to it at: spinning-list-request@eskimo.com, with the usual subscribe in the subject line and the body of the text. Appropriate topics for discussion include: spinning, weaving, dyeing, equipment merits or defects, book recommendations, citations, reports on personal projects, announcements of meetings, exhibits, or other fibre-related events.

This list, which has been in existence for less than a week, has now some 75 subscribers both inside and out of An Tir. A digest format is available.

For those without net access, there will be a page contained in the Knitters' Guild newsletter, The Ravel'd Sleeve, devoted to guild news and lists and local contacts. The RS is issued four times a year, and the subscription rates are \$8 US or \$9 Can. It may be obtained from Melinda Shoop, 4002 W Arlington Street, Yakima, Wa. 98908.

For information or guild business, please contact Nan Compton (mka Bess Anderson) 8 Beddington Road N.E., Calgary, Alberta T3K 1N6, phone (403) 295-1242.

WORDS FROM AFAR (as heard on the Common)

Unto the gentles of the great land of Avacal do I Captain Stragin O'leary MacGregor send this missive. Let it be Known to all in the land that I hereby relinquish command of the Forlorn Hope to my bosun Thamas Apple aka Thamas ap Glen.

I also hereby relinquish all captains property and rights to the new captain to do with as he sees fit.

If you want to know why I do this it is because it is no longer fun for me and some members of our principality are taking it far too seriously, and are beginning to make me very upset.

When and If I ever return to this game i will be known as Stragin Elingson.

Thank you for your time.

Darcy Posein

Greetings All!

This past weekend I did witness the 2nd Crown List of Artemisia. I am happy to pass on the results!

The finalists were Lord Jonathan de Clare (Squire to Earl Alan Youngforest) and Viscount Morgan d'Antioch. The final bout was fought best 2 out of 3 fights.

The victor that day was : Lord Jonathan de Clare

Lord Johnathan's Consort is his gracious sister the Lady Alnya de Clare. Both are residents of the Barony of 1000 Eyes (Idaho Falls, ID)

Their Coronation is set for January 10th, 1998. Site TBA

Congratulations to Their Hignesses, Jonathan and Alnya, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Artemisia!!!

Baroness Juliana

P.S. These are two of the most awesome people I know. I suspect that you will see them come to Avacal sometime during thier reign. HE Jonathan was at Gryphons Fury and had a blast. --J.

The dread bard Stragin wrote.....

Greetings all tis I the dread bard Stragin, I was wondering if anyone would have or know how to get more Gaelic songs with translations into English as well as pre-recorded music?

I am also trying to compile an Avacal song book of original and filked songs please not the same old tired ones. You can e-mail your submissions to me @ fdaborn@cableregina.com. thanks all Capn' Stragin

