THE AURORA

September, 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

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 7:30 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)

September	
Wednesday	:

Wednesday 3	Tavern	(Capilano Hall, Edm.)
Saturday 6	Feast of St. Michael	(Montengarde, Calgary)
Saturday 27	Harvest Feast	(Bitter End, Red Deer)
October		
Wednesday 1	Tavern	(Capilano Hall, Edm.)
Wednesday 8	Business Meeting	
	Everyone Welcome	(U of A, Edm.)
Saturday 25	Grande Ithra	(Montengarde, Calgary)

BULLETIN BOARD

Gossip:

There has been in recent times a weapon of such force seen on the field that it deserves mention. It has many names, but the one that sticks in my mind is the "LOLLY POP OF DEATH". Watch out for this one, you can't miss it, and with luck it will miss you.

August was filled with many events including two great demos.

The Rough Cuts demo which aired at the end of the month went well. Lady Gwynaeth o Coedaneu and Morgan of Devonview taped it and if you would like to see it or get copies made please ask.

The Jensen demo was wonderful. His Highness Prince Albrecht Von rugen and Her Highness Eirika Francesca Pacchioni, His Excellency Baron Alfheim der Wundersman of Borealis and Their Excellencies Baron Sir Thorwulf Bjornsson and Baroness Sapphira of Sherwood both of Montengarde were in attendance as were many fighters and travelers from far distant lands. Many thanks to all those people who took the time after a major event like Silverwolf to help make the event such fun and something really worth seeing.

I have heard an amusing story revolving around Hrolf the Thunderer, Lady Gwynaeth o Coedaneu and Silverwolf. It happened that near the end of the tournament that Lady Gwynaeth o Coedaneu went to wish him luck before fighting. She walked up to him and laid her hand on his chest and said good luck. Shortly there after, when fighting out on the field his basket hilt fell off. Later the next day it was heard that His Excellency Baron Thorwulf Bjornsson told Lady Gwynaeth that she will become a secret weapon to be used at Griffin's Fury III. She is to approach, touch and wish luck to Artemesia's Prince. Then with luck his armour will fall to pieces.

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AVACAL CALENDAR TIER ONE EVENTS

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

September

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

October

November Avantgarde Deadline
 Anniversary (Murgan Wood)

November

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

December

1 January Avantgarde Deadline 6 Avacal Coronet (Veraquilon)

February

March Avantgarde Deadline

21 or 28 Investiture (TBA)

AVACAL CALENDAR
TIER TWO EVENTS
(NO CONFLICT RESTRICTIONS)

September

6-7 Michealmas (Montengarde)

October

25 Grand Ithra (Montengarde)



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 Society; 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 has 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 is extending his welcome to persons wishing to become members and his appreciation and thanks to those who are currently members. To celebrate membership he has created an opportunity for the populace of Borealis, new memberships and old memberships in good standing, to win two tickets to each feast sanctioned by the Barony of Borealis for 1998. 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 Devonview Chronider





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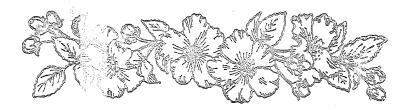
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ARMORING 101

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

Weapons: (Continued)

3. Mass Weapons:

- a. Hafts shall be of rattan (or equivalent material) of no less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in diameter.
 - b. The Haft may not be treated in any way that significantly reduces its flexibility.
- c. The head shall not be constructed solely of rigid materials. The head shall be firmly and securely attached to the haft. The head shall allow some progressively resistant "give" between the striking surface and the weapon haft.
- d. The striking surfaces of all mass weapons shall have no sharp edges or square corners.
- e. If grips or guards are used, they shall have no sharp edges or protruding unpadded points with cross-sections of less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in diameter. Guards and pommels shall be firmly and securely affixed to the haft.
- 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 then 1/2" (12.5 mm) into a legal face guard.

4. Pole arms:

- a. Shafts shall be of rattan (or equivalent material) of no less than 1 1/4" (33 mm) in diameter.
 - b. Pole weapons should not be excessively flexible or whippy.
- c. The head shall not be constructed solely of rigid materials. The head shall be firmly and securely attached to the haft. The head shall allow some progressively resistant "give" between the striking surface and the weapon haft.
 - d. No pole arm may have a cutting head and/or a smashing head at both ends.
- e. 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 then 1/2" (12.5 mm) into a legal face guard.



EVENTS

MICHEALMAS

September 6, 1997

Date:

September 6

Time:

Armour inspection at 12:30 p.m.

Feast at 7:00 p.m.

Cost:

Feast: \$15.00, adults

Site fee: \$5.00

Location:

West Hillhurst Community Centre

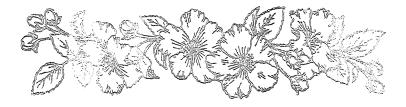
1940 - 6th Avenue N.W.

Calgary, AB

Come one and all to 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, a course in butter making will be offered during the afternoon, cost \$2.00.

Directions: From the North and South, take Highway 2 (Deerfoot) to Calgary to 16th Ave. N. Turn West on 16th Ave. and follow it to 19St NW. Turn South and follow 19th St. NW to 6 Ave. 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



HARVEST FEAST (Bitter End, Red Deer) September 27, 1997

Dates:

September 27

Time:

Light Tournament at 11:00 a.m. Armour inspection at 12:00 noon Heavy Tournament at 1:00 p.m.

Feast at 7:00 p.m.

Cost:

Site fee \$7.00, youth (10 - 17) \$7.00

Feast \$15.00 before Sept. 20 \$20.00 after Sept. 20

Greetings all. The peasants have done well at the Harvest and all is calm about the countryside. So calm that Master Douglas Cameron has decided to invite all and sundry to join him for a day of feasting and merriment at his hunting lodge. There the fighters will be invited to test their mettle against one another to decide who will be Bitter End's Heavy and Light Champion for the coming year.

Site for the Tourneys is Three Mile Bend.

Take the 67th St. exit of Hwy 2 and continue till you are just about to cross a bridge and see a sign that says Lions Campgrounds. Make a right hand turn to exit 67th St. At the bottom of the off ramp will be Riverside Drive, turn left onto Riverside Drive. Continue until you see a sign that says Three Mile Bend Park. Turn right and follow the road to the archery range.

Site for the Feast is Boyce St. Hall.

From the north, take the 32nd Ave. exit off Hwy 2, go to Gaetz Avenue and turn right. Continue to Boyce Street (the PetroCanada will be on your left) turn left on Boyce Street. The site will be on your right a short distance down the road.

From the South. Follow the road into town where it will become Gaetz Avenue. At the second set of lights after you leave the highway (there will be a PetroCanada on your right) turn right on Boyce Street. The site will be on your right a short distance down the road.

Autocrat: Katerina de Navarra (Jacqueline Lenton) (403) 346-1334 6551 - 59 Avenue #C, Red Deer AB T4N 5R2 e-mail gdshore@agt.net

THE GAMES WE PLAY

by: Gerhard Kendal

BARLEY BREAK

(Last Couple in Hell, Chevy Chase) Middle ages, outdoor chase game

Couples in the two end zones attempt to change places, and still avoid being caught by the couple in the middle (Hell). The couple in the centre must hold hands, the couples in the end zones may break if hard pressed.

KING CAESAR (Tag game, Middle ages)

The king (who must hop on one foot) must tap the other players on the head, making them his subjects. They then capture the other players by the same method, until one is left, who becomes king for the next game.

FROG IN THE MIDDLE (Tag game)

"It" is seated on the ground with his legs tucked under. The other players pull, push and buffet the player until he is able to catch one, who then becomes "it". The seated player cannot rise up.

HOODMAN BLIND (Several variation, medieval tag game)

A blindfolded man is placed in the centre of a ring of ladies. Who he catches, he kisses. Then the blindfold comes off. In some variations, he must catch and kiss all the ladies before his place is taken by another player. The ladies can talk to him, slap or pinch him, etc. Or want to be caught.



GRAND ITHRA

October 25 - 26, 1997

Dates:

October 25 - 26

Cost:

Feast: \$7.00 with pot-luck contribution

\$12.00 without

Courses: Catalogues may be obtained from

Mistress Aldreada of the Lakes (D. Booker)

244 Huntridge Way NE Calgary AB, T2K 4C5 (403) 275-8761

e-mail dbooker@freenet.calgary.ab.ca

Location:

University of Ithra,

Barony of Montengarde

Feast:

Cambrian Heights Community Hall

600 Northmount Dr. NW

Calgary, AB

The University of Ithra will be in session in the Barony of Montengarde Oct. 25 - 26, 1997. Scholars, apprentices, journeymen, masters, folk of all degrees are invited to participate in classes and workshops on a variety of topics. Classes include costuming, needlework, martial arts, sciences, history, food, SCA life and customs, etc. Catalogues will be available from the chancellor in September

There will be a pot luck feast on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, at Cambrain Heights community Hall. The University will provide breads, butter and a substantial main dish. Pot-luck contributing is by level of award: no AOA - appetizers, finger food: AOA - vegetable dishes; Gouttes/Jambes: casseroles/stews/main dishes; Peers - deserts; Royal peers: bribes to the Chancellor and Hall Steward OR work in kitchen. Hall Steward: Lady Nan Compton (Bess Anderson, 8 Beddington RD NW, (403) 295-2142. (Note: Lady Morgan the Unknown, Avacal Arts and Sciences Champion, has decreed an unofficial competition for "most interesting food" for dinner)

For more information, catalogues, etc. contact the Chancellor

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AVACAL'S DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO ARTEMESIA

GRIFFIN'S FURY III

September 12 - 14, 1997

Dates:

September 12 - 14

Time:

Site opens at 12 noon on Friday the 12th

Site closes at 1 p.m. on Sunday the 14th

Cost:

Site fee \$7.00 CN dollars

Cabins \$20.00 US dollars

Location:

Lions Sunshine Camp

Children of the Gryphon, on September 12 through 14th, our golden cousins to our south have offered to meet with us once again in friendly parley to discuss who in the two Gryphon lands is to be the next protector of the embalmed Gryphon. The site has been changed since last year so be warned and pray thee pay close attention.

The camp boasts much camping and fighting space, hot showers, great hall, barbecue area, mess kitchen, small playground and interesting, varied fighting terrain. It is approximately the same travel distance as last year, but is on the other side of Helena and the access road is much better. A river runs along one side of the site, parents be warned. (Artemesian copy will probably refer to this as a "crik" don't be confused!)

There will be a soup kitchen on Friday night, and since it proved so popular last year, there will be a mixer on Saturday night. Exchange rattan, arrows, schlagers, songs, ideas and outrageous stories with our Southern cousins.

There are seven cabins (sleep 6 + gear) that are being rented. Contact Baron Sir Kian of Sentinel's Keep (406) 549-4107 for reservations.

From North, take best route to Helena, Hwy #15 into Helena. Exit 192 and follow signs to Hwy 12 W. Travel approx. 37 km to site turn off (Left a short way past Little Blackfoot River). Watch for signs. Follow Telegraph Creek Road for approx. 5 km to Lions Sunshine Camp on right. Pay close attention to the parking trolls.

AVACAL AUTOCRAT: Baron Sir Thorwulf Bjornsson (William Christensen-Ten-Hove) 535 - 10th Avenue NE, Calgary AB T2E 0X7



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