

*A thought for May*

"If it isn't broken don't fix it."

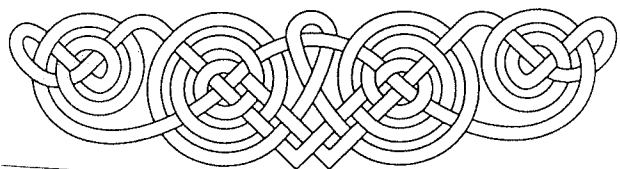
*Baron John McLeod The Black*

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# THE AURORA

May, AS XXXIII  
(1999)



## BARONY OF BOREALIS

**BOREALIS BARONIAL CALENDARS  
(STANDING)**

**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. All inquiries should be directed to 826-6871. **WARNING:** Impromptu fight practices may break out spontaneously after armouring.

**Canton of Veraquilon**

(Edmonton and Area)

**Dance/Fighter Practice, Arts and Sciences Classes, Tavern Night**

**Dance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Near Eastern Folk Dancing – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**Fighter:** Mondays, Heavy and Rapier at 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
(Fighting will be outside, weather permitting.)

**Arts and Sciences:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month

**Tavern Night:** the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30 p.m.

**Activity Locations:**

Dance/Fighter Practices/A&S:

Strathern United Church basement,  
95<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 86<sup>th</sup> Street

Tavern Night: Capilano Community League Hall, 10810 – 54 Street

**Contact:** Lady Gwynnaeth o Coedanue (Marsha Bremner, 478-1505)

**BULLETIN BOARD**

Now that the autocrate has recovered (mentally and physically) she can now thank all who came and enjoyed the day with the Barony of Borealis.

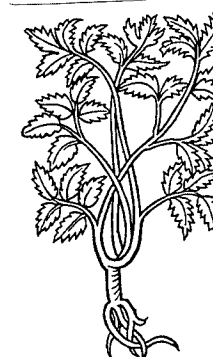
It was a beautiful sunny day with over 200 gentles in attendance, if you missed it, you missed much.

We had lots of entries for A&S, with Fredis the Far-Travelled being named our Baronial Champion. I know the rapiers enjoyed their prize tourney. The heavies even had time to exercise their weapons. As gentles gave thanks to Alfheim and Adeline for their service as Baron and Baroness, all rejoiced as John MacLeod the Black and Kirsten MacBheath became our new Baron and Baroness.

I send a special thank you to all the feast o'crates, they did a wonderful job and I know everyone enjoyed the meal. A big thank you to those who decorated the hall on Friday night and who also stayed to cleaned up on Saturday night. Our new canton of Vingaard arrived and went straight to work helping the canton of Veraquilon with the setup and takedown. They proved themselves worthy of great praise, showing that they are ready (and very excited) to contribute to the kingdom.

**Lost and Found**

Kitchen gadgets (Aethelstan?), Serving spoon  
Dish Cloths, Bottle of cement thinner  
Binder- Book of Combat, Tshirt- Camrose Theatre Festival  
Gold Goblet, Pottery Goblet  
Sunglasses, Ladies LAGear footwear  
Camera Case with Health Card (Vincent)  
Foundation Makeup, Bottle Opener  
Change Purse, Small Green Figurine  
Ring (Vingaard), Copper Ring  
Napkin, Cross Medalian  
Oval Medalian



Water Hemlock

## Our message to the populace:

Greetings unto Borealis from your new (and still recovering) Baron and Baroness!

Well, Spring Faire came and went, we survived, everyone seemed to have fun without burning the hall down, which is what we like to see. (The fun part anyway! Hall burning, is that an Ithra course???)

Anyway, we wanted to thank all of you who attended and several who tried desperately to attend, but because of mundane commitments could not. Most of it is a blur in our minds, but we keep hearing little snippets of stories. Tell us more! Maybe then we'll start remembering what happened ourselves!

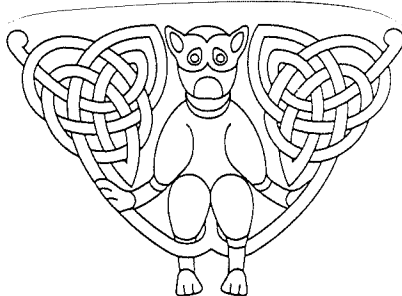
A special note to Alfheim and Adelaine, who despite their own busy schedule, took time to reassure us that we would indeed survive the occasion. Thank you for the years of work that handed us a barony in such a fine state. (Are Court Barons and Baronesses taxed at a higher rate???)

Thank you to the autocrats that made it run so smoothly, the feastocrats who patiently worked around courts, and more courts, those who decorated the hall so beautifully (the king was most impressed) and all those who came the next day to clean the hall.

Please never hesitate to come forth and speak to us of matters concerning this barony.

Our working hours are a little strange, so the best way to get a hold of us is e-mail, but please do not hesitate to call if needed.

John and Kirstin  
Baron and Baroness of Borealis  
A Truly SCOTTISH Barony!!!!!! (Just for you Alfheim and Adelaine!)



## FROM THE CHRONICLER

*Ah yes, Happy New Year, A.S.K.A.P.V.*

*May is a month for new beginnings. Fires have been lit, crops have been planted and now we tend and wait. New loves have been pledged, and new lives will be created. It's wonderful just to be.*

*This month has few large events happening in Borealis. There are taverns and practice, but not a feast in sight. Sooo, we must look to Baronies afar and travel travel travel. Pillage Practice and Tea seems to be drawing a number of people to the south/east to the Shire of Egelehundas. And as we are a "Truly Scottish" Barony, how can we not join in. It's a wondrous and a moving sight to see the armies of Borealis and Montengarde join as one unit and win.*

*Be safe on your travels, bring back memories of your journeys (then write them down and send them to me to print).*

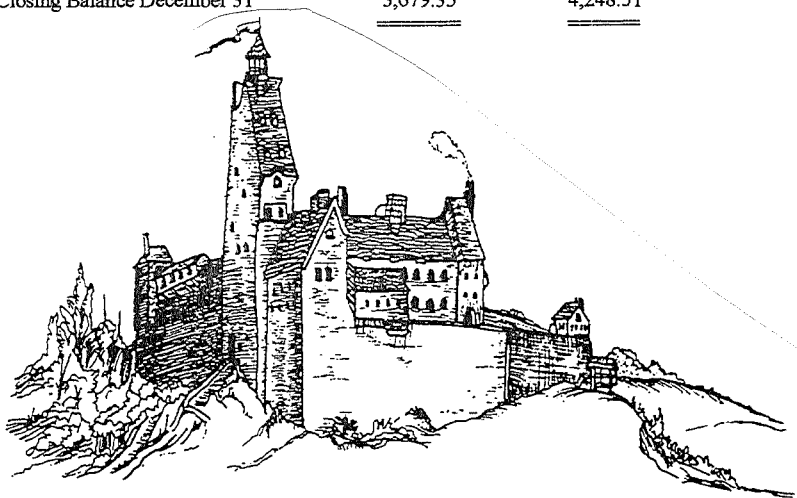
*In Your Service,  
and that of the dream,*

*Lady Morgan of Devonview*



Barony of Borealis  
Statement of Income and Expenses  
for the year ending December 31, 1998  
1998 - 1997

Opening Balance January 1	4,248.51	4,518.60
Income (Baronial Activities and Sales)		
Winter War '98	1,171.79	
Donations from Canton of Lakeland	70.00	
Rattan sticks	280.00	
Newsletter subscriptions & sales	112.18	
	<u>1,633.97</u>	<u>4,136.25</u>
	5,882.48	8,654.85
Expenses		
Coronet/Jul Feast 97 gym rental		214.00
Winter War '98		806.71
Arts & Sciences champions'		30.00
Rattan sticks		337.05
Newsletter printing and postage		273.30
Subscription to Avantgarde		15.00
Exchequer's office		27.08
Gifts from Sargentry		6.00
First Aid Kit		150.00
Kingdom travel fund donation		50.00
Principality travel fund donation		50.00
Kingdom share of Coronet/Jul '97		33.71
Principality share of Coronet '97		202.28
Annual society return filing fee		<u>8.00</u>
	2,203.13	4,406.34
Closing Balance December 31	<u>3,679.35</u>	<u>4,248.51</u>



## OTHER EVENTS

**May 14,15,16**

### Irish/Scottish Pillage Practice and Spring Tea

The shire of Sigelehundas and the "Lost Squires" bring you Irish/Scottish Pillage Practice and Spring Tea (formerly known as Danish/Friesan). The spring tea will be making its triumphant return this year as well as all the rattan you can eat. There will be contests, prizes, and much revelry. The site is (as usual) Camp Gillwell in Sunny southern Saskatchewan. There will be a small brunch Sunday.

This is a camping event so bring your tents (and long undies, just in case) there are also cabins available to crash in as well as the main hall.

Please book early as space can get a little crowded.

There will also be the annual Homme Pilgrimage up mount Homme so bring some good shoes (or not if you choose). Fee is a measly \$12 Canadian (includes brunch).

Directions: Make your best way to Fort Quapelle Saskatchewan, there will be signs the rest of the way.

(better directions will be found on our web page closer to the event date)

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## Barony of Borealis Events

### WAR! WAR! WAR! WAR! QUAD WAR! June 24 - 27

Once again the cries of war ring out in the fine Principality of Avacal! Borealis is sponsoring Quad War V! The entire populace of the Knowne World is invited to fight for supremacy in Avacal! This year, join us in fighting in the castle gate and towers! The event will take place June 24 - 27, with the war itself on June 26. Come and battle not only one enemy, but also three other armies! Who do you trust? Which commander will break his alliances first?

The site features: an under construction castle; chemical outhouses, medieval in appearance (wood seems more medieval than blue plastic! And there are more under construction); unlimited on site well water, with increased access; close amenities (food, fiery beverages, necessities, gas all available in Marsden, SK, a 5 minute drive; small town Co-op grocery store open until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, liquor/convenience store until 8 p.m.). Never attended before? The site is a grazing field, with some bush shelter, developing into a permanent village.

The first few battles will feature the 4 armies (Montengarde vs Myrganwood vs Borealis vs Prince & shires). This will change if any one shire or external Avacal group can come up with larger army than a Barony's. At this point, the smallest baronial army will become mercenaries. There will be no "native only" battles. These will consist of 2 open field, 2 crossroads (ex. a "cross" bridge battle) and 2 mixed field battles (paths through bushes, buildings, etc). After that we will have non-quad scenarios. The war will also feature numerous "6 ft and under" weapon battles, as well as archery/light combat.

Directions: From the East: Proceed to Highway #40 from Battleford through Cutknife, Neilburg, etc. Shortly after Marsden, turn North on the Artland Lake road, and proceed for 4 km (2.5 miles). From the West, eventually get on Highway #14 (from Edmonton to Wainwright, etc) and proceed into Saskatchewan. Shortly before Marsden, turn North on the Artland Lake road.

From the North, get to Lloydminster. Follow straight south on Highway # 17 until it ends. Turn east onto Highway #40 to Marsden. The highways will be well marked, as will the turn offs.

Site fee: \$5 (14 and under free, but please supervise them). Autocrat: Alfhelm der Wundersman (mka Stewart Hiar Box 4865 Station Forces, Cold Lake, AB T9M 2C2); email: gail.hiar@avcollb.ges.ab.ca; phone 780 594 1083

Come have fun!  
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### Bank Reconciliation: December 31, 1998

Bank balance	3,555.05
Plus: undeposited cheques	+ 81.68
Total funds	3,636.73
Plus: newsletter editor's petty cash fund	+ 42.62
	<u>3,679.35</u>

### Funds Reconciliation: December 31, 1998

Kingdom	8.71	8.71
Principality	33.71	-66.29
Baronial general fund	2,529.34	3,031.38
Aurora (newsletter)	319.90	481.02
Sargeants'	708.25	714.25
Constable	31.84	31.84
Chatelaine/Steward	37.82	37.82
Pied Piper	9.78	9.78
	<u>3,679.35</u>	<u>4,248.51</u>



## PIRATE TAVERN

June 2, 1999

(ARGH)

Sung to the tune of A Modern Major General

I am the very picture of a thief, a thug a buccaneer  
And if you don't give me your treasure I'll slit you from ear to ear  
We'll string you up into to the sky  
The crows will come peck out your eyes  
You'll be a tasty treat for flies.  
We'll turn your kidneys into pies.  
(by CA and MD)

(Any one care to write the next part?)

This not only being a chance to fight at Robin's Crossing, test your skill at Bronwyn's now famous axe throw and fight with your best boffer weapon during snacks and drink; but, you also get to celebrate our new Baron's "Birthmonth" (being the Baron he gets the entire month).

So, come in your best buccaneer style garb. Bring your (boffer) weapons, your voice and your courage. Find the clues to get the key for the (very large) treasure chest, and get what lies within. (Last year a clue was on Morgan.) Join us for the second (and perhaps) annual "June Pirate Tavern".

## A Friendship Blessing

May you be blessed with good friends.  
May you learn to be a good friend to yourself.  
May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where  
there is great love, warmth, feeling, and forgiveness.  
May this change you.  
May it transfigure that which is negative, distant, or cold in  
you.  
May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship, and  
affinity of belonging.  
May you treasure your friends.  
May you be good to them and may you be there for them;  
may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth, and  
light that you need for your journey.  
May you never be isolated.  
May you always be in the gentle nest of belonging with  
your anam cara.

(An excerpt from "Anam Cara, A Book Of Celtic Wisdom" by John O'Donohue.)



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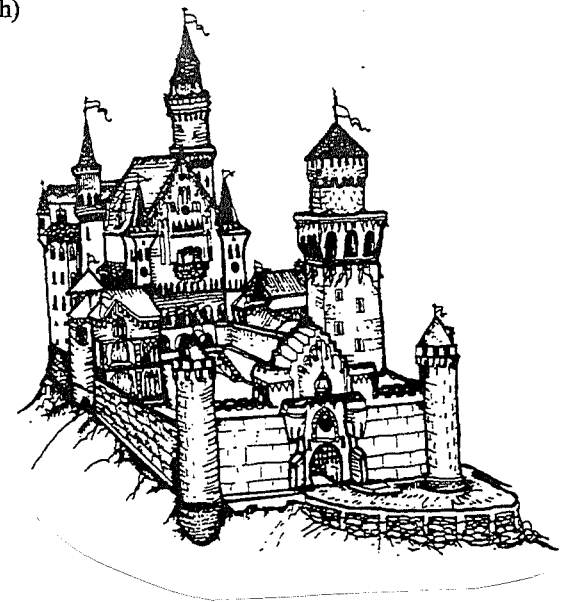
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Alfheim searches for co-autocrats to assist with A & S activities, registrations, games, other ideas; if anyone is interested in assisting in these areas or has ideas, especially for non fighters, please contact Alfheim. Many ideas for the site are in the works, including a full castle with towers, tavern, town sites, and more; their completion dates will be dependent upon volunteer man-hours. If anyone is interested in participating in the planned work weekends to assist with construction and/or own camping spot, please contact the autocrat! These work dates will not be published so as not to draw away from scheduled SCA events.

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To The Bitter End  
June 11 – 13, 1999

Good gentles of Avacal and An Tir, the Shire of Bitter End invites you to share a weekend of fun and competition with them June 11-13th. The clash of steel will echo through the air as the Shire chooses it's first rapier champion. In keeping with Bitter End's mercenary tradition the tournament, run by Devon Macleod, is open to all.

The Shire of Bitter End and House Ice Tiger present "The Rivendell Challenge West", based on the tournament designed by Master David McDougalls of the East Kingdom. This is a tournament for teams of no less than 3 and no more than 5 people per team. (This may be altered slightly if there are a large number of participants.) From each team 3 must shoot target archery, 1 must fight heavy, 1 must fight rapier, and 3 must submit an individual A&S project.

The tournament is designed to blend martial and non martial activities in the spirit of teamwork. Participants can form teams prior to arriving onsite or show up and join or form a team once there. Those planning to find a team onsite are advised to have an A&S submission handy since you may end up being one of the 3 contributors for your team regardless of any martial skills you have. The individual tournaments comprising the challenge will have separate prizes in addition to the challenge points so everyone is encouraged to enter whether they are part of a team or not.

In addition there will be archery workshops, practice, and instruction all weekend with Principality Champion HL Michael O'Byrne, Principality Royal Archer Master Douglas Cameron of Skye, Montengarde Champion HL Dalton Arundel, and Bitter End's Chief Branch Archer Murdoch Buchanan.

The weekend also features a variety of games and contests. A multi-remove feast featuring stuffed roast on a spit with a wide assortment of vegetable, fruit and deserts is planned for Saturday night. Bards, storytellers, and dancers are cordially invited to entertain us with your talents. Merchants are welcome and encouraged to come and tempt us with your wares.

**For information** on the challenge contact Dalton (Jim Martin) at (403) 275-0338 or e-mail [jmartin4@telusplanet.net](mailto:jmartin4@telusplanet.net). **For information** on the rapier tournament contact Devon Maceod (Chris) at (403) 227-5507. A&S info contact Lyonet Lamoureux (Lya Lamoureux) at [Tigress@telusplanet.net](mailto:Tigress@telusplanet.net).

**For reservations** by phone contact the Autocrat, Brooke Seton at (403) 342-4086, or by email contact Lyonet at the address above. Event Fee(site fee): \$8.00 Feast: \$12.00 with advanced reservation, \$15 without.

**Directions:** Best way to Alberta highway 2 (The highway running from Calgary to Edmonton.) Take the Bowden turnoff for Red Lodge (Highway 587 West). Travel about 20 kilometers. Site is on South side of highway. Signs will be posted. Site opens Friday 5pm and closes Sunday at 5pm. Reservations are strongly recommended to ensure we have enough to feed everyone properly.

## FROM THE CHRONICLER

*This month of June hails the birth month of our revered Baron John MacLeod the Black. Best tidings to His Grace and many happy returns.*

*I must thank <sup>the</sup>our sponsors of the Pirate Tavern that was held on June 2, 1999. Big Rock Breweries Ltd. and Fort Edmonton Park were our corporate sponsors for this event and there were numerous prizes donated by Barony members who wish to remain as silent patrons.*

*June has many events happening. We have Avacal Coronet in Lock Dor, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>; To The Bitter End, June 11-13; Dragon Slayer, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1999 Calgary; and Quad War, June 24-27, Borealis. Every weekend booked what a difference from last month. And so the summer camping season begins*

*There is the first submission <sup>for</sup> a three-part article on 'Anglo-Saxon Charms' and a new section on the "Pleasures of Food" this month. Our thanks to Lady Julianna for the hours of research that have gone into these works of art.*

*We hope to see everyone out and about over the summer season and really want to hear your stories and tall tails about your adventures.*

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