



# the AURORA



AS XXXIV

(April 2000)

## Greetings to Our Populace



**W**e had a great deal of trouble composing this message. It is difficult to comprehend that in a short while we will no longer have the privilege of being Baron and Baroness. As most of you have heard by now, we will be stepping down as soon as possible. This is due to the fact that John's work schedule is

conflicting more and more with the SCA, and that we have family problems that have necessitated Kirstin dropping out of the SCA for some time to come. This was not an easy decision for us to make, but we have always felt that if you cannot do a job well, you shouldn't be doing it at all. We are sorry that it cast a pall over Winter War. We truly did not believe that it would affect people so strongly, but we certainly discovered how many strong friendships we have made. Not one person made us feel badly or that we were deserting Borealis. Each was more concerned with us than with themselves. The best of the SCA shone that night and it makes this difficult decision somewhat easier to bear.

We have been proud to represent Borealis. It is, in our eyes, the greatest barony existing. The people have so much to offer, more than they themselves realize. The creativity, generosity and pride that we have witnessed during our tenure have convinced us that Borealis is capable of anything it wishes. The dedication of the people will determine the direction of the barony in the future. Show the SCA how it **SHOULD** be done and how working **TOGETHER** develops the dream.

Take Care of Each Other.

KIRSTIN AND JOHN

## WINTER WAR

**T**he call of the raven was heard over the songbirds once again – death was in the air. A terrible battle had raged once again between Borealis and Bitter End.



Bitter End had viciously attacked the stronghold of Borealis but were repelled and defeated. In retaliation, Borealis then attacked the castle of Bitter End but were repulsed also.

The Champions then did battle and Borealis came out victorious. A rapier tourney was held and Bitter End managed to defeat Borealis' best.

Now the challenge, at an impasse, fell to the learned and craftsmen of each aggressor to be judged by the best of Avacal. The verdict was rendered a tie and came to a decision between Borealis and Bitter End over best Norse costume to be decided by our Prince, His Highness, Eric the Trespasser.

Thorkell, from Bitter End, then did present himself to our Prince, with a splendid outfit, complete with a bearskin cloak, gleaming in the candlelight.

A group of gentles from Willowmere claimed representation for Borealis and enchanted all gathered with fantastic stories of a journey to a faraway island.

Prince Eric the Trespasser declared he could not render a decision since both Borealis & Bitter End were under his rule, and His Highness compelled the populous to decide.

Cheers and shouting was heard for both candidates, but then Baron John McLeod the Black stepped forward and was joined by Master Douglas Cameron of Sky. John MacLeod claimed that the war banner looked most comely upon his wall, and he was of a mind to keep it. However, it being a tie, Baron John nobly stated that in return, Bitter End should hold his war banner, as well.

And so next winter will see the war go on again, with the onus on both sides to win back that which is theirs...





## ESTRELLA XIV – It Was Me Against El Nino and All I Had Was an Airbed!

Our tiny Household had a wondrous year since its birth from the ashes of the previous EstrellaWar. We came from a poor and meager beginning to the point of bringing riches to this Great War.

Our armoured fighter had come from being “killed on the ground” by a mesquite bush the previous year to being a valuable and respected fighter at the side of a Viscount and Esquire. We had added a Bowman who would help Aten's cause on the archery field.

For six adults and two marriageable daughters and five urchins, we had brought five of the wondrously beautiful pavilions called by the quaint mundanes “pair o’shutes”. They are huge and warm and colorful. Ours was a colorful camp with two regal azure, two scarlet, and one golden pavilions plus a dining hall of white canvas.

My camp kitchen was a vast improvement from the past year. We had two new portable stoves, and riches in feast gear and all manner of sturdy and utilitarian value.

The Viscount had officially made our camp a part of his.

We had come to the War with a bit of trepidation, as our lovely pavilions had yet to be tested in foul weather, and El Nino was ravishing the countryside.

I had a bit of personal fear myself. I had been widowed in the recent past, and this was my first war without a personal defender. But I had been training in Camp Defense all year with my corn knives, a gift from my late mate. Because our previous House had its camp raided frequently in the past, and there was still a bit of enmity o’er the dissolution of our old House, I slept with my knives.

My corn knives were specially made to fit my hand and my abilities. They are rectangular blades, 18<sup>2</sup> long by 3<sup>2</sup> wide each with a wooden handle to fit my tiny hands. One is rolled steel, and the other is stainless.

M’lord Davor, head of our House, had impressed on each of us the need to curry favor. We are a young and small House, and had come from a scandalous beginning. My part of that is my cooking.

I am the Household Cook. I am queen of my domain. It is my job to see that my fighters and other household members are well fed while we are at War. I cook hearty, not fancy meals most of the time, but I always plan at least one fancy revelry for my Family and our friends.

The weather had held good for the first three days, but we knew the rains might come soon. We had an unexpected influx of Caidan invaders because the Great Western War had been flooded out.

Saturday was the feast of St. Valentine, and there was joy in our camp as our Viscount chose the afternoon to request the hand of his beloved lady in a most romantic way. I was honored no end to be asked to help the ladies of his House to prepare and impromptu betrothal feast.

I was doubly honored when after the feast m’lord Davor bid me go and enjoy the revels of the War as he and the men of our House did the odious duties of cleaning up after the

feast. I put on my only feast dress and went out under proper escort to enjoy the encampment. It was a glorious sight, all lantern lit, and the night filled with drums and music. I returned to our camp early, however, as I am an old woman not much given to wanton revelry, and it had begun to rain.

I helped the others of my camp batten it down for the storm. Being a practical sort, and loving my comfort and a warm bed, I had procured copper bed warmer, which had been laying on the coals since we put out the cook fire. I placed this between my quilts, to warm my bed whilst I finished my chores about the camp. I also had a most marvelous mundane thing: an air bed, to protect my bottom from the cold ground and give these old bones a soft place to lay.

My pavilion was not leaking yet, but some of the others were. So I took off my feast garb, and put on an old work chemise then erected a small shade pavilion over my bed inside my large pavilion. I packed all my War Garb except the chemise in a waterproof sack and loaded it upon my old War Dragon, just in case.

What with helping batten the camp, and trudging uphill a couple of furlongs to the “necessary” and helping situate all the household, I was definitely cold and wet when I retired. I looked at my warm dry bed, then at my cold wet chemise and realized I had nothing dry to sleep in. Being the practical sort that I am, I decided it was better to sleep warm and dry than decent, especially since I had the walls of two pavilions between me and anyone else. I congratulated myself that I probably had the warmest driest, safest sleep of anyone at the event. I removed the bed pan to the floor so as not to burn my feet during the night, and fell blissfully to sleep.

About three hours past midnight, I awoke to the old woman's complaint of a weak bladder. I could hear torrents of water sounding like all of Rolling Thunder pounding upon my pavilion, so I lay still, and dry and warm for a few second before I decided: yes I really did have to go to the “necessary” NOW.

I rolled toward the edge of the bed, only to be deluged by an icy bath. My bed ducked and bobbed like the swamped raft it had become. There was about three feet of icy water in my pavilion on which my air bed floated. To my horror, it began to drift toward the open door!

Out I floated into the terrible scene of a flooded Encampment. Men-at-arms, squires, barons, kings, viscounts, dukes, and counts all rushing about gaped at me in awe as I passed.

I had hoped this war would allow me to help my House by impressing the peerage with my cooking. One powerful gust of storm driven wind stripped my bedrobes from me, and I had my chance. I impressed them ALL. There I was, nekkid, floating through the entire Encampment of ESTRELLA XIV, brandishing two eighteen inch corn knives!

This embarrassing tale is true, so I swear and avow.

Mordonna DuBois, Cook, Warrior Haven,  
Atenveldt, Atenveldt

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## ALL FOOLS DAY

The Revelry of All Fools Day seems to be utter nonsense; however, there is a method to its madness. It is remind the merry makers that the rules they must follow are not always easy, but total disorder can be disastrous. Things may be unfair, difficult and unruly but it would be even worse if the world were turned upside down. Frolicking of the April banquet includes such fanfare as music created by banging made pots and pans together and clothing being adorned backwards. The oddities prevail as servers carry empty trays, a jester occupies the chair of honor at the high table and the least important tables are served first. Bows to nobles are made facing away from their intended, notes are written in mirror writing, announcements are conveyed from finish to start and the festivities take place in reverse order. Such disarray is called "widdershins". A man dressed in black wearing a tall pointed hat adorned with stars and moon performs magic tricks for the feasters and the chair of honor at the high table is reserved for the court jester. Dressed in a fool's costume of many colors (a motley), a long floppy hat with bells and a scepter topped with a small head, he is the Lord of Misrule. Nothing is at it seem and chaos and frolic is the theme of the "fools" evening. The church holiday called the Feast of Fools features the children controlling the elders and the students controlling the teachers. In Rouen and Beauvais, the celebration are call the Feast of Asses and feature plays that depict the adventures of the Biblical prophet Balaam and his donkey who became the protector of the prophet.

Throughout All Fools evening, asinine tales are read aloud from the 12th century book called the "Mirror of Fool" by Nigel Wireker. The challenge of the evening is for everyone at the Feast to try to tell a ridiculous story and get a listener to believe it. After the amusements of All Fool's Day, gentles willingly turn their attentions to the constraints of their "forward" lives without so much grumbling and complaining.

Compiled by **Lady Sidonia Dokianos**  
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a calendar of celebrations" by  
Madeleine Plener Cosman



## MURPHY'S LAWS OF SEWING

Fusible interfacings always fuse to the iron

The serger only eats the customer's garment.

If you need 6 buttons, you will find 5 in your button box.

The seam you meant to rip out is invariably the other one.

When you are in a hurry, the needle eye is always too small.

The fabric you forgot to pre-shrink will always shrink the most.

The pattern you wanted to make again will have one key piece missing.

If you drop something out of your sewing basket, it will be your box of pins... with the cover off.

Whenever the construction process is going well the bobbin thread runs out.

The magnitude of the goof is in direct proportion to the cost of the fabric.

Your lost needle will be found by your son, husband or brother-in-law... while walking around barefoot!

Facings tend to be sewn to the wrong side (Opposite sides attract).

Collar points don't match, and you've trimmed all the seams.

The iron never scorches the garment until its final pressing.

Pants seams always rip where they are the most noticeable.

The steam iron only burps rusty water on light silk fabric.

The sewing machine light usually burns out on Sunday.

Pinking shears get dull just by looking at them.

Gathering threads always break in the middle.

The scissors cut easiest past the buttonhole.



**The Lost Vikings at Winter War**



# Chronicles Scrawl



Greetings Friends,

The Aurora begins a new concept of getting into more hands of the populace. The Aurora will now be freely distributed at the individual canton taverns, feasts or business meetings. This will hopefully increase readership and will greatly reduce mailing costs. As this is experimental, it will continue month to month as a trial basis. I do not for see problems with this format, but please talk to me about any concerns you may have. Three cheers for Her Highness, Princess Cailleach Aine for suggesting this format and to His Excellency, Baron John McLeod the Black, for pursuing the idea to make it work!

A freely distributed newsletter offered the unique opportunity of also providing it online. It is available as a web site attached to the Borealis web site. There is also a printable .PDF format that may be downloaded from there. A joyous noise for Master Mordecai Salzer and the site provider, The Network Company, for making this free space available!

I am currently looking for individuals to be assistants in the cantons of Veraquilion and Stonewolf. It can be merely somebody responsible for receiving a package of Aurora's in the mail and taking them to the monthly meeting for distribution. However, I would very much like to have somebody to tell me a bit of the happenings in each canton. Perhaps even to write an article once in awhile. If any are interested, please contact me.

I hope you all enjoy the new Aurora!

In Your Service,

LORD FINN ONEILL  
BOREALIS CHRONICLER



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**<http://www.tnc.com/~sca/aurora>**

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## THE AURORA

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December/January  
February/March

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# BOREALIS STANDING CALENDAR

	Veraquilon	Stonewolf	Vingaard
<b>Monday</b>	7 -10 pm Fighter and Rapier Practice every week. Dance Practice/Music rehearsal on 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Bonnie Doon Community Hall 9240-93 Street. A contribution of \$2 would be appreciated to offset the costs for the Hall		
<b>Tuesday</b>		Arts & Science Classes 7:00 – 9:00 PM Cold Lake South Library	Fighter Practice (heavy/rapier) Grande Prairie Regional College room L106. 8:00 pm until we drop. For more info contact Cyriac at 539-7388.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1st Wednesday of Month Capilano Community Hall • Business meeting @ 7:30 PM • Tavern Night @ 8:30 PM		
<b>Thursday</b>		Fighter (Heavy and Rapier) Practice Grand Centre Elementry School 5:00 – 8:00 PM	
<b>Saturday</b>			Feasts – Generally the 2nd Saturday of each month, location varies. Contact Melisant de Alemanyne at: dpearcy@telusplanet.net (780)538-3946
<b>Sunday</b>			Arts & Sciences gathering almost every afternoon at Sidonia & Magnus's house in Beaverlodge. Call (780)354-8733

Borealis Webpage: <http://www.tnc.com/~sca/>

**There are several groups in the Barony dedicated to various activities:**

- The Groaning Board is a cooking guild who puts on theme feasts throughout the year. You can contact Edwina of Loxley at MGARRISO@epsb.edmonton.ab.ca
- Our Medieval Dance troupe rehearses every two weeks and performs at various demos and events. Contact Mordecai Salzer at rms@cha.ab.ca or Catherine of the Rowan Tree at cjackel@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca
- We have a Fibre Arts guild called the Black Sheep Guild who get together to spin, weave, dye etc. You can contact Alyne of Kendal at lgottesf@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca
- There is a fighting household in Veraquilon known as the Lost Vikings. See them at:

<http://www.shades-of-night.com/lostvikings/>

## Champions of Borealis

### Silverwolf Heavy

**Hjalti the Wonder Viking**

### Silverwolf Light

**Magnus the Hunter**

### Silverwolf Rapier

**Marcus Wynniat**

### Arts & Sciences

**Sidonia Dokianos**



# AVACAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 2000

01	Borealis Ithra	Borealis
08	Spring Faire	Veraquilon
15	Silver Arrow	Bitter End
22-23	Easter Ithra	Loch Dorr
29	Beltane	Montengarde

## July 2000

01-03	An Tir/West War	TBA
08-09	Rivendell Challenge	Montengarde
15-16	An Tir Coronation	Shittermoode
22	Boor Hunt	Stonewolf
29	Food Ithra	Montengarde

## May 2000

06-07	Culture Shock	Valley Wold
06	Cold Keep Champion Tourney	Cold Keep
13-14	Pillage Practice & Spring Tea	Siglehandas
20-21	May Crown	TBA (An Tir)
26 - 28	Windy War games	Windwyrn

## August 2000

19-20	Avacal Investiture	Myrgan Wood
26	Sergeant's Trials / Rivendell	Montengarde

## June 2000

03-04	Avacal Coronet	Cold Keep
10-11	Dryads War	Siglehandas
17	Dragonslayer	Montengarde

## September 2000

02 - 04	September Crown	TBA
09 - 10	Gryphon's Fury	Artemisia
16	Silverwolf	Borealis
23	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
30	Vin Fest	Vingaard

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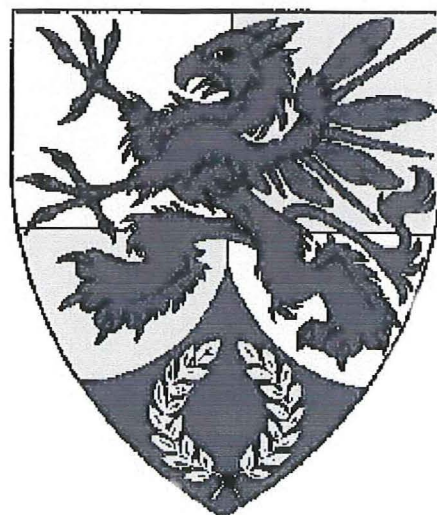
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**Minutes of the Barony of Borealis meeting  
held on Saturday February 5, 2000  
at the Feast of the Evergreens  
in the Canton of Stonewolf**

**Chair:** Gwyneath o Coedaneu

**Acting Secretary:** Alexandra Montgomery

**Attendance:** Alexandra Montgomery, Sidonia Dorianos, Mordecai Salzer, Finn O'Neill, Thorndyke, Joan the Just, ?, ?, Fessic the Unspeakable, ?, ?, ?, Cennet ap Llangellen, Cailleach Aine (Tanista, Avacal), Eric the Trespasser (Tanista, Avacal), Angar Ninefingers (Dread & Unholy Prince Avacal), John McLeod the Black (That Baron Guy), Gwyneath o Coedaneu.

(Chronicler's note: Taken directly as written on roster, the "???"s were illegible off the copy received )

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

No minutes from any previous meetings were available to be read.

**Officers Reports:**

**Exchequer:** Balance \$3679.35 as of Jan. 1, 2000.

**Chronicler:** Contact person needed in Stonewolf & Veraguilion for the Aurora.

**Arts & Science:** Not Much going on in Veraguilion & Stonewolf.

**Constable:** Nothing to report.

**Chiurgen:** Hasn't been any injuries. Kit is good. Need to purchase oxygen. \$300-\$400 for Barony. Angar might be taking Principality Chiurgen as well. Richard of Gibraltar (Craig) 988-9544 looking into a cheaper oxygen set up.

**Seneschal:** Want \$260 portable garage from costco. Ask Adeline about daging. Need transportation boxes – info from Vingaard. Talking to Dante to purchase.

**New Business:**

**Baronial Army:** Matching tabards made - \$106 – \$110 for 8. Plastic War heater shields proposed – \$400 for 6 fully finished. Fundraising for this as long as doesn't interfere with Principality. A cloth cover to go over any one, Joan the just to make a trial. Making 6 sheild for Winter War. John is going to approach the Vikings about it. Something to mark the tabards for # of wars fought. Tabards & Shields approved.

**Group Rapier Blades:** Who owns them? A third Barony, Third Veraquilion, Third Stonewolf.

**Aurora:** Free issues instead of subscription. To produce is \$0.60 each and to mail is \$0.92 each. Instead of mailing them individually mail a buch to the cantons for free distribution. Vingaard raise \$54, Veraquilion raise \$190, Stonewolf \$50 per year to cover printing/complementary copies. Or put it online, and one person print it out and the groups do their own pricing. April starts for trail basis.

**Fundraising** wanted to pay for Brand & Cyndric to come.

**West Edmonton Mall:** Wants a demo of 200 – 300 people throughout the mall. Wants everything – combat, heavy & swashing, merchants, dancing of all kinds. Get phase 1 and empty stores for archery display, security, crash space & showers. Mall providing advertising.

**Vingaard:** Propose to become a canton of Borealis. Want to get the response of the populace of their opinion.. Gold key going to Vingaard, they need it and would like some.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.



# SPRING FAIRE

**April 8, 2000**

Veraquilion (Edmonton, AB)

Greetings unto the populace of Avacal,

By invitation of the Baron and Baroness of Borealis, all are welcome to attend the Spring Faire held April 8th, in the Canton of Veraquilion. The chosen site of Sandhills Hall shall be host to the Baronial Rapier Championship, and a wonderful feast prepared by our feastrocrat, Wenar the Wild. Finally, there is to be a Belly dancing competition held after court finishes. Also, for those wishing refreshment, never fear, there will also be a stocked bar.

Feast tickets (includes site): \$15.00

14 & under: \$5.00

Site only: \$5.00

Reservations and concerns can be directed to our Autocrat: Lord Dante (Alan Baldwin) (780)962-6547  
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For concerns regarding crash space, please contact:  
Lady Asha Delgejin (Janet Muise) (780)456-6542  
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\*Please note there will be no crash space available inside the hall, however there are outdoor camping facilities on site.\*

## Directions to the Sandhills Hall:

### **Travelers from the North, East and West:**

Get onto Hwy 16 and head west of Edmonton. Turn south onto Hwy 60 (towards Devon) and go 13.5 km. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 627 (traffic lights mark this intersection) and go 5 km. Turn right (north) onto Sandhills Rd, go 1.5km and the hall will be on your left.

### **Travelers from the South:**

Take Hwy 2 north towards Edmonton. Approx 8 km before Edmonton city limits, take Highway 19 turn-off towards Airport/Devon. Follow it west until you hit Hwy 60 (stop sign at this intersection) Turn right (north) onto Hwy 60 and travel 14 km to Hwy 627 (traffic lights mark the intersection). Turn left (west) on Hwy 627 and go 5 km. Turn right (north) onto Sandhills Rd, and go 1.5 km. The hall will be on your left.

I hope to see everyone there!

**Keegan DunVegan**

# SILVER ARROW / 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**April 15th, 2000**

Bitter End (Red Deer, AB)

Hear Ye, Hear ye, come one and all the Shire of Bitter End would like to invite the known world to come in celebration of there 20th birthday, and 19th Silver Arrow tourney. This year's events will include the ever famous Silver Arrow archery tournament to commence on Saturday April 15th to be followed by a heavy practice, the evenings festivities will include a hearty new world feast to be followed by a Grand Masked Ball, with a prize for best mask. So please musicians and dancers come and share with us your many talents.

On the following day there will be a Rapier advancement tourney hosted by the Bitter School of the Blade, this will be a promotion tourney {school system}. each entrant must produce a prize bill to challenge for position within the school format. For more info, please contact Douglas Camron Off Skye.

This years site is at the Shady Nook Hall, there is limited indoor crash space, but plenty of room out doors for those hearty of soul. This years site will be discretely wet, and there will be spirits available.

Site fee's will be as follows: \$15.00/person this includes site and feast fee. And for those going off board site fee will be \$7.00/person, and children 12 and under are free. Site opens Friday at 4:00pm and will close Sunday at 4:00pm.

**DIRECTIONS:** To the site are, take best route to Red Deer, haed west on highway 11 turn south at Alberta Spring Golf Club, then turn west when you come to the Armatage Feed lot. Head about 1 km and we will be on your right hand side. There will be plenty of signs. Merchants please reserve for space. Any questions please contact autocrat.

Autocrat: Gabrielle of the Leaf

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So please one and all come celebrate with us.

P.S. Please reserve by April 5.

Thank you,  
Gabrielle of the Leaf



# BELTANE

April 29, 2000  
Montengarde (Calgary, AB)

My Lords and Ladies, once again spring is upon us and it is time to celebrate Beltane in Montengarde on April 29, 2000, AS 34. The infamous Montengarde Surly Serving Wenches will be serving a tavern style feast with a New World theme. Come and see all the treasures that the New World has to offer. The evening will be a joyous occasion with many games and filled with amusement to celebrate the on coming summer.

The discoveries and mishaps will be celebrated as the Heavy Tournament will determine who is the strongest and bravest and able to conquer the many monsters of the sea, and while the rapier tournament will show who has the most skill and style to rescue the mermaid.

The Event will be held at Pineridge Community Association, 6024 Rundelhorn Dr NE.

The directions from 16<sup>th</sup> avenue take your best way to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. At 52<sup>nd</sup> Street turn north, go down 52<sup>nd</sup> Street until you arrive at Rundelhorn Drive turn east. The hall is approximately 8 blocks down. Signs will be posted.

## Time Table

10:00 am	Hall opens
12:00 to 2:30 PM	rapier tournament
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Heavy Tournament
5:30 to 9:00 PM	Dinner is served by the Surly

## Wenches

12:00 AM	Dawn, Hall Closes
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Subject to change

Merchants welcome with no site fee.

Site Fee: \$6.00 per adult

Smalls 5-12 years, three dollars

Smalls 0-4 years, free

Food will be served at a reasonable price, approximately 5 to 8 dollars per meal, depending on meal

The proceeds from the food served will be used for the Arts and Sciences office of Montengarde, any donations of food to sell or coins for the office purse would be appreciated

## Auto-Crat and Feasto-Crat

Johanna Katrin (mka Jodi Dyck) #4 223 4Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta

Phone (403) 714 2483

Email [jodilrdyck@hotmail.com](mailto:jodilrdyck@hotmail.com)

Please RSVP Johanna by April 25

Please feel free to contact the Feasto-Crat for any questions regarding the menu

P.S. Only votive, hurricanes, or some way of covering the flame from the candles are allowed in the hall for this event. In order to obtain forgiveness of the populous I have created a contest for the best decorated candle, or center piece with a candle in it. This will be held at Beltane in the evening

# COLD KEEP heavy CHAMPION TOURNEY AND SPRING REVEL

May 6, 2000

Cold Keep (Prince George BC)

Oyez Oyez Oyez... Come celebrate the coming of spring.....come compete for the right to be Cold Keep's Heavy Champion.....please check website for requirements. [members.tripod.com/shireofcold\\_keep](http://members.tripod.com/shireofcold_keep) or contact

Lord Gowan (MOS) (250) 962-6575 email [draco@netbistro.com](mailto:draco@netbistro.com) or Lord Ogedei (250) 963-9648 email [ogedei@hotmail.com](mailto:ogedei@hotmail.com)

Site opens at 11:00 Site fee \$10 under 13 free

Potluck dish to feed eight to ten people. Those of Cold Keep bring Main dishes, those from out of town Desserts

A table decorating contest with the theme of spring, best table wins a prize. Also, a rapier tourney with Champion of the Day will be held.

We have also talked Lord Ogedei into teaching dancing so bring along your dancing shoes. The gaming box will also be present for those who wish to sit and relax.

Bardic competition, Best funny story five minute time limit.

For more information;

Autocrat; M'lady Muirinn Quinlan (Jacqui Wells) (250) 613-4585 (leave a msg) email [thomas.wells@mailcity.com](mailto:thomas.wells@mailcity.com)

Alternate contact; Lady Cerridwen Maelwedd (Diana Whitwick) (250) 963-9648 email [valkyrie@direct.ca](mailto:valkyrie@direct.ca)

The site is located at Malcolm Memorial Park. Just outside of Prince George, B.C. From the east travel on Hwy. 16 West, at the first set of lights before entering City of Prince George, turn left onto the Old Caribou Hwy. Stay on this road till you get to Bendixon rd. then turn left. Go approximately 1.5 Km, the site is on the right.

From the South, travel north on Hwy 97. Turn right onto the Old Caribou Hwy. towards Jasper, about 18 Km north of Red Rock (14 km south of Prince George), you go right past an Art Knapps Plantland. Travel about 5 km and turn right onto Bendixon Rd. Travel about 1.5 km, the site is on the right. If coming from the North or West go towards the Airport and follow the SCA signs that will be posted.



# CULTURE SHOCK

May 5 – 7

Shire of Valley Wold, (Moose Jaw, Sask.)

I, Lady Alessandria da Pavia, of the Shire of Valley Wold, will be autocrating this years Culture Shock. I extend a cordial welcome to all who wish to attend. This year, however, Culture Shock will be a camping event.

WHEN: May 5,6,7, 2000

COST: Adults \$15 Children: 0-7 years of age \$0.50 per year of age , 7-16 years of age \$7.50 This will include the saturday night supper but you must place your reservation in to the autocrat or no supper.

WHAT: The M.O.S. of Valley Wold Lord Percival Calverleigh has announced that their will be rapier fighting and a grand melee. Please contact Lord Percival and Lady Alessandria da Pavia. For the heavy fighters their will be the opportunity to fight (perhaps as they choose) please contact the Lady Alessandria da Pavia and Chad Payton of Valley Wold.

Archery : Lord Allen Bendbow has offered to teach archery to all who wish to learn. Also their will be space at the site for other archery compotitions.

Both rapier and heavy fighters will have the afternoon while the archery will commence after breakfast. Some time may be available Sunday morning for the fighters.

Services: pit toliets, fire pit, potable water on site, tavern ( open for breakfast ,lunch and supper very reasonable rates ), extra sleeping space will be available in the loft of the barn ( please inform Lady Alessandria da Pavia that you will require space in the loft)

All merchants are welcome to come and sell their wares at no cost except for the entrance fee.

Supper Saturday Night: The supper included in the site fee will be pit roasted pig with accompanied meal. However you must reserve with the autocrat or take your chances of not getting any supper.

## Directions

- look for SCA signs and in the event copy sent to your Seneschal their will be a map.

1-From the junction of 9thAve. NW and Hwy 1 drive west

11.4kms to the Boharm sign

2- At the Boharm sign turn north drive 6.5 km

3- Turn west and drive 3.2 km

4- Turn north to the white 2 storey house and barn.

Please reserve by April 15, 2000

Contact : Lady Alessandria da Pavia aka Susan Pomedli (306) 694-1748 or dpomedli@sk.sympatico.ca

# DRAGONSLAYER

June 17, 2000

Montengarde (Calgary, AB)

Calling all hearty explorers. Once again the Dragon rises, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. This monster has seized the land and people of Littlewood in the countryside of Montengarde. We ask all willing and able people to travel West to rid us all of this menace. Their Excellencies welcome all to watch who will become the next Dragonslayer and Dragonblinder. Also join us for a Rapier tournament and merchants. In the evening, great feasting, dancing and merriment. We will also have a costume contest.

Dress in your favorite attire from the 14th Century from one of these countries: Italy, Byzantine Empire, Persia, China. One prize will be given for best overall costume from each country.

Offboard/Site fee: \$5

Feast Tickets: \$13 until May 15, \$15 after that time (site fee incl.).

Please Reserve Early! Feast tickets are limited. Paid seats are guaranteed seats. Cheques payable to: Mountain Society for Creative Anachronism (M.S.C.A.) \* If paying on the day of the event, fees will be collected as you enter Tourney site. \*

Reservations: contact Autocrats

Autocrats: Tjorvi Fasthaldi and Galen MaGuire (Laura & Cliff Erasmus) (403)275-7259 511 Thorneycroft Drive N.W., Calgary, AB. T2K-3K3

Feast O'crat: Lady Custance Featerstonehaugh (403)280-2796

On Tourney site: Merchants are welcome, contact Autocrats to reserve a space. There will be a food vendor, and access to port-a-potties. If conditions, and fire restrictions permit, there will be a designated smoking area. Details will follow. The Tourney site is a waterless site. The Waterbearer will be prepared, so should you be. The Tourney/Feast sites are a 15 minute drive West of Canada Olympic Park (C.O.P.) on the TransCanada Hwy.

Tourney Site Directions: Take your best route to Calgary's 16 Avenue N. (TransCnd. Hwy. #1) Head West. Continue West on #1 Hwy. past Cochrane Overpass and PetroCanada Service Station. Watch for Signs Take next Overpass turnoff (Jumping Pound Road) head North on paved roadway. (hint: stay on paved road and you will get there, don't stray to gravel roads) Will come to T<sup>2</sup> intersection, turn left Go over first hill, climb second hill to top (can either go straight onto gravel road but please,) turn right to continue on paved road. Now Northbound, will approach Gas Plant, turn left into last field before Plant. Will see signs and Troll Booth at gate entrance. Other details will be at troll booth.

Feast Site Directions: Start out exactly the same way. When you turn off #1 Hwy. onto Jumping Pound Road Northbound you will.... Follow road North take first right turn (onto gravel road) Follow up small hill take first left into Hall parking lot (white building with red roof). To back track from tourney site, we will provide a map upon entrance to tourney.



# Egil Skallagrimson Memorial Tournament XXVI

All preregistrations must be postmarked by May 1, 2000

Gate opens May 26, 2000 at noon for those preregistered or at 3 pm for those without preregistration, and closes at 5 pm on May 29, 2000. If you have a serious medical condition, please contact Chirurgeon point on site. Please read the following information very carefully. By preregistering, you agree to abide by these terms whether you have read them or not. This year pets must be preregister. Fill out one (1) copy of the registration form for each pet you wish to preregister. You must include a current Rabies Certificate. Pets are not included in the Family Cap.

## Preregistration

Preregistrations must be postmarked by May 1, 2000. Fill out one (1) copy of the registration form for each person wishing to preregister. **Group forms will not be accepted.** Please print clearly and legibly. You may photocopy the form but do not reduce or enlarge it. Do not substitute or staple the form.

Send your completed form(s) along with a check or money order (US funds only) for the correct preregistration fee. Make checks and money orders payable to: "Barony of Adiantum-SCA, Inc". If you are providing payment for more than one person, include a list with the name of each person and the amount of their preregistration fee. Each person still needs to fill out a preregistration form (unless they are 2 & under).

### Egils Site Fees

Free (2 & under)

\$8 (12 & under)

\$12 (over 12)

\$45 Family Cap (Max 6)

\$5 (Pet)

*All fees double at the gate*

## Transfers

Transfers must be postmarked by May 1, 2000 - no exceptions. There is a \$5 nonrefundable processing fee for transfers which is payable by check or money order (US funds only) at the time of the transfer and will be charged for each transfer requested.

Transfer requests will only be accepted via US mail and granted at the autocrats' discretion. Persons requesting a transfer may be contacted by phone for verification. **Any attempts at falsification of transfers are grounds for denial of entry to the event and will be reported to the appropriate mundane and SCA authorities.**

To request a transfer, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Egils PO Box with a signed/dated note stating the modern names of the persons wishing a transfer. Both parties must include a copy of photo identification.

### Preregistration Autocrat

Donald the Undecided

(Donald Dansdill)

(541) 744-4127 • 8am - 9pm PST

E-Mail: Egils2000@yahoo.com

## Refunds

Refund requests must be postmarked by May 26, 2000 - no exceptions. **There will be no refunds during or after the event.** Refund requests will only be accepted via US mail.

To request a refund, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Egils PO Box with a signed/dated note stating the mundane name(s) of the person(s) wishing a refund. Write: "ATTN: REFUND" on the envelope you are sending your request in.

If, for whatever reason, you decide to attend the event after mailing a refund request, you will be allowed to attend the event, but will not receive a refund. Refunds will be mailed out after June 1, 2000 - no exceptions.

### Mail Forms & Fees To:

Egils Tourney

c/o Jonna Hayden

P.O. Box 643

Harrisburg, OR 97446

E-Mail: fearga@yahoo.com

Detach and mail this section with your payment

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(Circle One)

\$5 • Pet    \$8 • 12 & Under    \$12 • Over 12    \$45 • Family Cap (Max 6) (Same Address Only)    Age \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

SCA Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Off-Site Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check or Money Order payable to: "Barony of Adiantum - SCA, Inc". **DO NOT SEND CASH.** All preregistrations must be postmarked by May 1, 2000. Fill out one form for each person (pet) wishing to preregister. You may photocopy this form but do not reduce or enlarge it. Do not substitute or staple this form. The Barony of Adiantum - SCA, Inc is not responsible for any errors or mistakes. It is your responsibility to verify any and all information presented here.