

# THE AURORA

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**BOREALIS**

Society of Creative Anachronism

**Sergertry** as a concept, started long ago, when An Tir was only a principality of the Kingdom of the West. Lacking those peers who could serve as examples, the Baronesses of Lionsgate and Madrone banded together with many like-minded people to form something unique at that time, a group of people who could show their prowess in many different fields. The first successful Sergeant of Madrone, and indeed in the Known World was the man who would go on to become one of the most celebrated and successful Knights of An Tir, his Grace Duke Thorin Njalsson, in AS 9.

From there the tradition spread through the Baronies, and even to other Kingdoms. And in Avacal, the Baronesses decided that just as a need was seen back in the beginning, a need had come again for all three of them, and a chance to take something and make it our own in Avacal. So the Baronesses took council with members of the Serjentry, and those others they trusted and decided to hold the first combined Avacal Sergertry trials. And they were held again the next year. And now a third trial is being called.

Candidates from all over are coming forward to test their strength, their skills and, their limits. These are tests that sometimes make them do things they had not considered trying before. Sometimes they're tests that go far outside the normal zones of comfort. So we ask the Populace to give comfort, encouragement and support to the candidates, for they dare great things.

Daniel the Broc

## From the Chronicler

The submission deadline for next months Aurora is July 22, 2013. Everyone please remember to enter this years **Chonicler Challenge** to create you own SCA cartoon for publication in the Aurora

**Deadline:** September 22 ,2013

**Prize:** Each entry will receive a slip into a draw that will be done at October tavern. SCA prize pack currently includes Sergeant Daniel home brew and a picnc basket.

Cartoons can be drawings alone or include text. Examples of past cartoons are available at Taverns or upon request. Submission of a cartoon means you are giving permission to publish the cartoon in any future publication of the Aurora with credit to the artist.

**Adelaide de Honfleur**  
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Other Groups  
In The  
Principality  
of Avacal



**Bitter End**  
(Red Deer, AB) (Shire)  
[www.sca-bitterend.org/](http://www.sca-bitterend.org/)

**Bordergate**  
(Cold Lake, AB) (Shire)



**Cold Keep**  
(Prince George, BC) (Shire)  
[www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/](http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/)

**Harrows Cross**  
(Strathmore, AB) (Shire)  
[www.harrowscross.ca/](http://www.harrowscross.ca/)



**Montengarde**  
(Calgary, AB) (Barony)  
[www.montengarde.org/inside.html](http://www.montengarde.org/inside.html)

**Myrgan Wood**  
(Saskatoon, SK) (Barony)  
[theringlord.org/mw/](http://theringlord.org/mw/)



**Rhuddglyn**  
(Medicine Hat, AB) (Shire)  
[www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/](http://www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/)

**Sigelhundas**  
(Regina, SK) (Shire)  
[www.sigelhundas.or/](http://www.sigelhundas.or/)



**Valley Wold**  
(Moose Jaw, SK) (Shire)  
[valleywold.ca/index.htm](http://valleywold.ca/index.htm)

**Vinjar**  
(Grande Prairie) (Shire)  
[vinjar.antir.sca.org/](http://vinjar.antir.sca.org/)



**Upcoming Events:**



**July 16, 2013**  
**Dragonslayer**  
**Barony of Montengarde**



**July 13, 2013**  
**Valley War**  
**Shire of Valley Wold**



**August 1-5, 2013**  
**Quad War**  
**Avacal**



**August 16-19, 2013**  
**Avacal Sergeants' Trials**  
**Avacal**



**September 13-15, 2013**  
**Hearvest Feast**  
**Shire of Bitter End**



**September 21 2013**  
**Autumn Celebration**  
**Shire of Cold Keep**

# Silverwolf

June 14-16, 2013

Silverwolf was held, despite less than dry conditions on site. Fortunately our lovely Autocrats had the foresight to secure the curling rink, allowing our Heavy, Rapier and Youth fighters the chance to fight indoors.

Unfortunately, our Archers still had to brave the elements, with the wind turning an already challenging shoot into something that truly tested.

Sir Wernar prepared a feast that just kept coming.

With a full 2 courses to go in the main meal, he defeated both our Prince and our Tanist, with the decision to postpone dessert until after Court to allow some time to digest.

And speaking of Court, the Champions passed on regalia to thier worthy successors, and congratulations to the newest members of the Order of the Decorated Letter

Daniel the Broc





## Congrats to the New Champions

A&S: Cynewulf Torynsskald

Heavy: Seumas Einarsson

Raipier: Mika Machiavell

Archery: Ro-Bear



Photo By: Beothuk

# Festival of Trees 2013

"Up on the Roof Top."

It's been a few months since we finished our entry into the Festival of Tree's 2012, hats and other headwear through the ages.

Although we didn't win any of the ribbons that were available (sigh!!) I did not get a phone call to go and pick it up at the end of the festival, so it must of sold during their big gala auction night. I had asked a couple of years ago how much interest there was in our tree, and was told that there is interest in our trees. So, here's hoping that there was a bidding frenzie, and our tree generated some good dollars!

For those of you who do not know, this is a fundraiser for the University of Alberta Hospital for various needs. Most years it's been for specialized equipment, like equipment to handle brain injuries.

I believe that we have been entering a tree into this festival since 2005, so this year would be our 8th year. For the first few years it was just a small 4.5 to 5 foot tree, but the last few years it's been as big at 7.5 feet.

Do we want to participate again?

This is a group project where the more people who participate the better!

Want to participate but not sure where to start or not into designing Christmas ornaments?

Not a problem! There's always a few designs that have been created that individuals and smaller groups can make. Many of the ornaments are worked on during A&S Nights and during the fall Taverns.

I have just received information on the overall theme from the governing committee. This year the theme is "Up on the roof top."

Up on the roof top means Santa and his sleigh. What comes in the sleigh? A big sack of TOYS! So, maybe we could use a big "sack" as our tree skirt, with the tree and toys spilling out of it?

How about ornaments being geared towards toys from the Medieval and Renaissance times?

This would allow us many options to decorate from tournament wooden horses, finger puppets, and hobby horses that could be made out of various mediums.

Please contact me to let me know if you want to be involved.

I will also be bringing some idea's to A&S Nights and Taverns for those who need some inspiration for designs.

Later on, probably just past Quad War, is when ornaments will activity begin to be worked on so that we will have enough made for the November festival.

In the meantime, we will be in need of a tree this year as our "stash" of store display tree's that I was able to purchase a few years ago are now all gone. If you know of anyone getting rid of one, please see if you can snag it for us.

We will also be needing someone or a small group to work on the tree skirt and the tree topper. Over the next few months, can people also check into their "stashes" of materials and craft supplies to see what they would be willing to donate?

Thanks,  
Yamadi

## Borealis Officers



**Seneschal**  
Mika



**Herald**

Owen de Caldeket



**Exchequer**  
Jenette Wen  
Moryen



**Master of Stables**  
Eric Shavarrson

**Warden of Youth  
Combat**  
Peregrine



**Master of Fence**  
Dante Machiavelli



**Minister of Art &  
Science**  
Coryn of the Wode

**Deputy-** Catherine  
of the Rowan tree

**Bardic Deputy-**  
Vacant

# Tavern Report

**BARONY OF BOREALIS**  
**MINUTES FOR June 5 2013**  
**START: 7:45PM**

**Baron/Baroness** – Baroness - Welcome and thank you. We have new heirs to the throne. Baron – We are looking for new Champions at Silverwolf and we look forward to seeing them in action. Remember that in order to vie for any of the championships you must have a valid membership and be valid throughout your term, must have your authorization cards with you. It should be a great and busy weekend. This is a great time of year to renew your memberships and these are very important for Avacal to become a Kingdom.

**Seneschal** - Thank you to Ravensrift for hosting tonight's Tavern. We do not have anyone sponsoring any Taverns after tonight. If you are interested please come and see me. The end of my term is the end of June but I will carry on till we have a new Seneschal. Other than that, everything is good with the Barony.

**Chatelaine** – We are looking for a Chatelaine team to be able to get together and do demo's. If you are interested and can spare the time come see me.

**Exchequer** – We have to change the bank accounts name from SCA Inc. to SCA-Borealis. The Principality has already set up their accounts with no problems.

**Motion** – Jennifer Baird motions to create a new branch account under the name SCA-Borealis at TD Canada Trust. Signatories shall be Keri-Anne Lawton (Principality exchequer), Jennifer Baird, Rick Farruga, Jackie Rudyk and Corry Venderzee, Motion is seconded by Dezi, motion carried.

**Motion** – Jennifer Baird motions to close ASCA Barony of Borealis once the new account is set up and transfer the funds in their entirety to SCA-Borealis. Motion is seconded by Sir Aiden, motion carried.

**Minister of Stables** – not present, Sir Aiden spoke in his place and has said that practices were good with no injuries.

**Minister of Fence** – Attendance has been very good and we have a couple of new authorizations being done.

**Minister of Arrows** - Archery is going very well at the new location which is on Tuesdays. With membership at the Sherwood Park Archery club you have access to the range anytime. Still no crossbows though. If you have any questions see myself or Robert.

**Minister of A&S/Bardic** We are looking for new Champions at Silverwolf. If you are not competing, come out and see all the work that those who are competing have put in, it is also a good learning experience.

A&S is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Baroness Divera's house. There is also A&S in Spruce Grove every Thursday night at Galeana's. Information is on the web site.

**Herald** – Owen – Remember to get your submissions in. We can now submit our devices and names through Avacal Harold.

**Chronicler** – not present, Joe spoke for her – This month's newsletter is on the tables. There is a competition for the best SCA cartoon, draw October, and the deadline is 22 September for submissions. Send your



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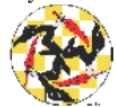
**Chatelaine**  
Tanwen



**Chronicler**  
Adelaide de  
Honfleur



**Gold Key**  
Cynewulf



**Scribe**



**Chirurgion**



**Family Activity  
Coordinator**



**Web Minister**  
Reginald Urrie

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submissions to Adelaide

Youth Combat – have been away the last little bit. There will be a Coronet tournament practice on Sunday and there will also be a practice at Silverwolf. I wish to thank everyone for their support. Baron Reme – It is so great to see the young demonstrating their skills, so go out and support them. Mike – They are our future Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses.

Gold Key – Still need big boy tunics, Falean is getting some belts. Please let me know if you will be needing any gold key so that I can bring the nonstandard sizes with me.

Chirurgeon – Still no news yet from Kingdom

Scribe – NONE, if you are interested please see Mika

Family Activities – This office is now empty, if you are interested please see Mika or Perigrin. We require one in place as there is something coming down from Kingdom. We have a ton of craft material in the lock up so there is no need to purchase anything. You are not running a daycare just coordinating activities.

Water Bearer – NONE

Web Minister - The web site is updated with Silverwolf information and has a Google map for directions to Silverwolf. Please take lots of pictures so I can update the site. All the newsletters are now on the site if you wish to read them. Every Thursday there is an informal archery get together in Spruce Grove if you are interested in joining us.

Calendar of events – 15 June – Silverwolf Borealis. 22-23 June Avacal/Tir Righ War, Avacal Eastern and Northern BC, AB, SK, YK, NT. 4-7 July, An Tir West War, An Tir WA< OR< Western ID, BC, AB, SK, NT, YK. 5-7 July, Dragonslayer Montengarde Calgary AB, they have hidden treasures, about 24 targets that will take about 2-3 hours to do and you can use cross bows. 12-14 Valley War, Valley Wold Moose Jaw, SK. 18-20 July, July Coronation. 1-5 August, Avacal's Quad War Investiture.

Old Business – None

New Business – Divera – Sargentry Trials are 17 August and we need some buckles made. I motion for up to \$100 for creation of casting of Sargentry buckles. Seconded by Robert, motion carried. There are Officer positions available, Family Coordinator, Chirurgeon, and Seneschal; if you are interested, you need to be a member and let Mika or the Baron or Baroness know.

Baron Reme – We are revamping our loaner gear. We will be painting everything Barony Blue to be more visible as loaner gear.

Summerled – At Silverwolf, come out and see the tournament. Archery will be Friday evening and if everything goes well there will be a night shoot.

Falean – Avacal has its own Heraldry site. Principality Heraldry going well, we have record submissions for Kingdom, 10 and they came from us.

Tanwen – We need a children's activities coordinator, pop up tent. Come see me if you wish to get on the feast list. Remember to bring your membership card. I wish to make a motion to loan Winar up to \$2,500 for feast food. Motion to loan Winar up to \$2,500 for feast food, seconded by Daniel, motion carried.

Dezi needs workers for gate on Saturday. If you are interested please see Dezi.

Baron Reme – There is a new location for AT War. Salmon Arm – Every year they call us out and every year we beat them down and this year is no different. Beg or borrow a ride and come out and support us.

Valley War is being resurrected in southern Saskatchewan. They are feeling a little isolated, so go out and support them. They are looking for instructors as well.

Tobias – motion for up to \$50 for prizes for Silverwolf. We can't give money for prizes, speak to the merchants and the event stewards for items.

Coryn – spent money for cutting boards for culinary guild. Motion to reimburse Coryn for \$78 for cutting boards. Seconded by Adelheid, motion carried.

Yamadi – This year's theme for Festival of Trees is "UP on the Roof Top". If you want to partake see Yamadi. We have run out of all the trees we had and will need a tree, if you know of anyone who wants to get rid of trees let Yamadi know and she will arrange for pick up. I was thinking of "medieval and renaissance toys" for our theme. If you have any ideas see Yamadi. We have been doing this for about 8 years and have never had to go back to pick up the trees. The money goes to the U of A hospital.

Baron Reme – The fundraiser for the principality are the license plates. They are \$15 each, see Falean to purchase.

Time of Adjournment – 8:20

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