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## Champions

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Archery	Lord Markus Pheilsmid
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## Practices

Heavy

Winter: At UNBC on Thursday starting at 7:00pm. As the weather allows, outside in front of the Wintergarden. Otherwise, in the research laboratory building rotunda.

Summer At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time.

Contact [Markus](#) for further details.

### Rapier Practices

Current place and time: UNBC, Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00.

Summer: At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time.

Contact [Markus](#) for further details.

### Archery Practices

Archery practice during the summer (May - September) is on Sunday at 2pm. One other practice is held each week, but the time and day varies. Contact [Markus](#) for further information

## Socials

No Socials being held at this time

## Events/Activities

February Revel/Lights of the North  
Feb 7, 2009  
Studio 2880  
2820-15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Prince George

This was a great success with about 30 in attendance. Thanks to Celeste and her helpers for all their hard work. The Light of the North Award went to HL Markus Pheilsmid and Caitlin received her AoA from Princess Natal'ia

May Champions  
Prince George, BC  
May 30-31, 2009

## Status Report – November 2008 Excerpt

Since discussions began after August Investiture, the goal has been to determine the tasks that will need to be accomplished in order to put forward a successful bid for kingdom status and to identify volunteers that are willing to work on those tasks. The list of tasks generated includes a considerable number of items representing significant amounts of effort. Fortunately, the list of volunteers is also significant. See Appendix A for a listing of tasks and those who have come forward to work on them.

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Discussions revealed a general sentiment of 'not reinventing the wheel'. While Avacal will have to establish its own laws, rules and policies, in most cases, it was felt that we would not want to significantly move away from An Tir's way of doing things. One exception to this was the desire to combine all the rules for combat into a single volume. This is only a minor exception as An Tir is working toward this goal as well. There are other areas where we could take advantage of being a Canadian only kingdom to develop policies that make more sense for us.

What do we need in a successful bid? In addition to demonstrating that we meet the standards as laid out in the SCA's Governing Documents, a successful bid package will have to show the following:

- Firm support of the populace for advancement. 51% is not sufficient; we must far exceed that.
- Good relations and compliance with An Tir. Our officers must have excellent reporting and communication records with their superiors and with the branch officers in the Principality.
- Our officers must demonstrate that they can solve problems in house.
- Membership numbers well above the minimum 400 required. The SCA assumes that kingdom populations can and will fluctuate wildly and therefore a significant cushion is necessary to ensure new kingdoms don't fall below the minimums.
- We must show that there is a compelling reason to create a new kingdom. We will need to illustrate the unique traits of the Avacalian identity that give us our sense of unity.
- Our major institutions will need to be at a level equivalent with many other kingdoms. Our newsletter, our Coronet lists etc, have to be 'kingdom quality'.

Of all the challenges before us, the membership numbers are going to be the biggest hurdle. Our most recent count (September 08) has us at 435 members. The target we talked about hitting was 600. That will require significant recruitment efforts. HE Kvigr came up with some proposed targets for each branch that we could use to help us get to our desired level (Appendix B).

### Going Forward

First and foremost, we need to work on getting our numbers up. Encouraging those already playing in Avacal to buy memberships is important but we will need to recruit new members as well. Sustainable growth is the objective as it will provide for a healthier Avacal in the future. While recruiting efforts need to be implemented at each branch, successful strategies need to be shared amongst all the branches. Successful recruitment will require support from all current members but engaging the Chatelaines in this effort will be key.

While the recruiting effort is underway work can continue on the other tasks. Ideally we can have most of the work done so that when the membership numbers are high enough we can run the poll for support and then submit the bid. Some of the tasks on our list are anticipated to take a considerable amount of time so it is appropriate that they be worked on concurrently with the recruitment effort.

Cover Art : Bayeux Tapestry (Just a small section)

<http://www.bayeuxtapestry.org.uk/BayeuxInfo.htm>

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/bayeux.htm>

The Bayeux Tapestry is preserved and displayed in Bayeux, in Normandy, France. Nothing is known for certain about the tapestry's origins. The first written record of the bayeux Tapestry is in 1476 when it was recorded in the cathedral treasury at Bayeux as "a very long and narrow hanging on which are embroidered figures and inscriptions comprising a representation of the conquest of England"

The Bayeux Tapestry was probably commissioned in the 1070's by Bishop Odo of Bayeux, half brother of William the Conqueror. It is over 70 meters long and although it is called a tapestry, it is in fact an embroidery, stitched not woven in woolen yarns on linen. Some historians argue that it was embroidered in Kent, England. The original tapestry is on display at Bayeux in Normandy, France.

Websites

Cold Keep

<http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>

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<http://www.varghala.com/main.html>

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