

Eternal Sunshine #69

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Quote Of The Month – "She's punishing me for being honest. I should just go to her house." (Joel in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the only Diplomacy zine filled with all this STUFF. It seems that every issue, as I finish the games up, I realize that I wish I'd done more personal writing. I simply haven't had the motivation lately, although I am working on rewrites and edits from my prison essays in the hope of assembling them into a single book. I'm not working on them as much as I probably need to, but when I make progress here and there I do feel like I'm slowly crawling towards my goal.

So what do we have in this issue? First, the sad news that Richard Walkerdine passed away on September 6th after a short illness. There are a number of tributes to Richard in the upcoming issue of Diplomacy World, which should be out in early October (watch www.diplomacyworld.net for details) but Peter Sullivan's "Octopus's Garden" contains a very nice send off. I'd like to write something too, but I am not ready yet. Richard and I exchanged emails on a lot of topics, some quite personal, and I have to think about what I really want to say in summary. So that may come next issue...or the next...but regardless, I will miss Richard's wit and point of view, and of course his contributions here in Eternal Sunshine. He was really having a good time, writing for Dipdom again on any topic that struck his fancy. We're all fortunate to have been able to travel the journey with him.

In the meantime, on more uplifting topics, we've got two gamestarts this issue. First there's Kremlin, which I haven't run since the old Maniac's Paradise days. Sadly we don't have Mara to roll the 20-sided die anymore; she was famous for killing off more Politburo members than anyone thought possible. Still, I look forward to the game, and I hope we can make Kremlin a regular part of the zine, starting another game when this one ends.

Second, but by no means of less interest to me, is the gamestart of Balkan Wars VI, which is being GM'd by Brad Wilson. I haven't had the pleasure of a Brad Wilson game since Vertigo temporarily ceased publication. Who knows where this will lead? Could Brad rejoin the Diplomacy publishing empire? Well, probably not...but I hope he'll feel inspired to write now and again.

There's plenty more in here: Paul Milewski, Richard Weiss, Jack McHugh, and all the usual garbage. So don't delay, order today. Sign up for some games, suggest games or variants you'd like to see...just don't let the ESI go into a bear market!

Oh, don't forget my birthday is October 29th! I like music, movies, and Godiva chocolate....and cute women. Lots of em. See you next month!

Playlist: Two Birds – Grace Pettis; Best Day – Dala; The Boys Club Live EP – Erin McCarly; From Croydon to Cuba – Kirsty MacColl.

Hypothetical of the Month

Last month, we gave you these two hypotheticals: *Last month both questions came from Andy Lischett: #1 - You stop at McDonald's for lunch and call a co-worker to see if he wants you to bring him something. You occasionally do this, as does he, and you don't "bill" him for his #1 Value Meal. While he is drinking his Diet Coke he pulls a Scrabble tag off the cup and wins \$25,000. Do you ask for half? (of the money, not the fries.) OR, if he bought the lunch and your Coke was worth \$25,000 do you give him half? #2 - Not really a dilemma, but an opinion. Carol volunteers at the Chicago Botanic Garden (pulling weeds, planting flowers, etc.) which is part of the publicly owned Forest Preserve District of Cook County. (A beautiful place, by the way, full of trees, flowers, bushes, paths, bridges). Carol works specifically in the Japanese Garden, comprised of three islands designed and maintained in the style of a traditional Japanese garden. One of the islands is the Island of Eternal Happiness, which according to Japanese tradition is reserved for immortals... no humans except those maintaining it. I say it's public land with no reason to keep the public out, and Carol says that if mortals were allowed on the island it would not be a traditional Japanese garden. But what good is a traditional Japanese garden in a museum - which is basically what the place is - if nobody is ever allowed to see it?*

Andy York - #1 - No and Yes (or some other significant amount, maybe \$5k; however, what is right for one situation is right for the other; and, in the first scenario if I didn't receive anything in return, that's OK (though I might do a slow burn mentally))

#2 - In a first thought, I'd go with the "no access" position. If a person REALLY wants to see it, they can just volunteer to maintain it. Once the commitment is made for the "no access" policy, it is made. Social mores, that change, don't necessarily change the original purpose of the garden (unless it is purely discriminatory). To draw a parallel, if someone agrees to give land to a city with the provision that it is a "free dog zone (no leashes, etc)," may the city make it a dog-free zone?

Dave McCrumb - #1 - No in both cases.

#2 - We don't live in Japan. If someone wants to set up a garden for 'immortals' and the 'caretakers' they should do so on their own dime. This sounds more like a scam to get the government to pay for the 'caretakers' private reserve.

Tom Howell - #1 - This one's interesting. I can't imagine any part of this scenario. Obviously, the answer to the two questions (ask & offer) should be the same. I ran this one by Barb, who often has interesting (and practical) insights into these kinds of questions. She says, the coke belongs to the guy, ... who paid for it. And, in either case it should be 50-50. Sounds right to me.

#2 - This one's easy, I have a very definite opinion. But, first: Andy, you said three islands. You don't explicitly state that the public is allowed onto the other two islands, but the implication is that they are. Is the Japanese Garden area limited to the three islands, or does it include "mainland" surrounding the water defining the islands? A typical Japanese garden would be surrounded by a fence. Is that the case here? I'm guessing (maybe minimal) mainland, with a perimeter fence. If no mainland, I won't guess at the fence, but would be more surprised if it doesn't exist. In either case, I'd expect no (internal) fence around the IoEH: it's "separated" by the body of water, and visible from the other island(s) and possibly the "mainland". This is typically Japanese. There is mystery hinted at on the IoEH, which should be semi-obscure and not fully visible. To go exploring through it would dispel the mystery and spoil the effect. You say, "... nobody is ever allowed to see it." Have you ever been? If it IS a traditional Japanese garden, the IoEH can be seen but visitors are not permitted to traipse through it. Which is as it should be.

Per Westling - #1 - No and no. I would probably buy something in appreciation and give it as a gift, but I would not split it, and not expect the other to split it. One of these things actually happened to a friend of mine. He was member of a club that were expected to sell lottery tickets for a national broadcasted TV show. So he had bought 10 of them himself, but one of his friends had not bought any and asked if she could buy one of them. He did sell it... and she won a brand new car (Volvo, worth maybe 40,000\$). In this situation she invited my friend and his nearest family out to a dinner at a restaurant as a token of gratitude, and I think he was pleased with that.

#2 - I agree with Carol. It is of course possible to take photos or something if one want to show the place for the public.

Jim Burgess - #2 - It is possible the facts of this are misstated, but this actually explains something I've noticed about the Japanese Garden at Roger Williams Park in Providence as well, as for other Japanese Gardens I've seen with the islands without footbridges. I've observed this, but didn't know the story, now that I know the story it eliminates rather than creates an ethical or other dilemma. So, here's the thing. You don't put up a big fence around the Island of Eternal Happiness, you can SEE it, so the enjoyment is from sitting on the benches or strolling through the garden OBSERVING the island that you can't walk to. Why do I need to walk onto it??? Again, I must be missing something. But thanks for the explanation, I've long contemplated Islands of Eternal Happiness and enjoyed them, but now I can enjoy them more fully.

Jack McHugh - #1 - If I bought it, I'd want to him to offer me all of it...If he bought it I'd offer him all of it (but I'd probably willing to split it in either case. I'd probably throw a fit if I bought it and didn't get at least half but I'd just give it all to him if he bought it (I'd take half if offered but I wouldn't ask for it or expect it.)

#2 - I'd say take some videos and photos and exhibit them at least, but I'd defer to whomever the owner is and let them decide where people should be allowed to actually go on the island in question. If public money is used then I would say you HAVE to allow the public on the island whether it is allowed in Japanese tradition or not.

Dick Martin - #1 - sure i'll ask, but if he doesn't give it up i wouldn't mind. if i was the winner i probably wouldn't tell him...but would buy him mcd's whenever he wanted. :)

#2 - if it's public space, anybody should be allowed in. if that means you only have a partial japanese garden, so be it.

Richard Weiss - #1 - I don't ask and I don't tell!

#2 - I don't believe there is any problem if there is a way for the public to view it fully, maybe walkover, sort of like a Tiger's cage. Hopefully no one will want to "be one with the Garden." The Chicago Botanical Garden is publicly owned (see if anyone catches the typo); however, it can keep the island protected. I can't go onto the otter's island. My question is, if no mortal can be there, then who now maintains it and who did in the Japanese days? One lucky gardener a month gets to tend it and then is gutted so he is no longer a mortal?

Andy Lischett - #1 - No, I don't ask for half, as the Value meal was a gift... but I hope he offers it, as I would if he paid for the lunch.

#2 - I can actually see both sides of the argument. If the public were allowed on the third island then it would not be an authentic Japanese garden, but if the public can't see it, who is it being authentic for?

Phil Murphy - #1 - I would give him half myself. I would not ask for it though. It would entirely be his decision to share or not.

#2 - Ouch. Tough one.

The whole point of the Island of Eternal Happiness garden is to be a place 'reserved for immortals' and the maintainers. The gardens themselves are a cultural good in that they maintain a cultural significance as an area which is separated from the everyday life. To admit the public would be to destroy the purpose it was created for. So no, I would not open it to the public.

It's a lot like saying that the Library of Congress should only keep books that people will read. But there are restricted collections paid for by the public purse which are not publicly accessible precisely because they are being preserved and sometimes because they are too fragile for everyday use - therefore only curators and trained professionals handle them. It's not an exact analogy of the situation faced by Carol, but I would say that the concept behind it is similar. Books are retained as a cultural record of a society's achievements, not based on where they are placed in the New York Times Bestsellers list. And that is as it should be.

I would also say that Joe/Josephine Public paying taxes to the Government does not automatically grant him or her the right to dictate how state-owned property is used. The state is the ultimate successor in title to property, not Joe Taxpayer. And while individual taxpayers have a say in who makes decisions through elections and democratic principles, the state ultimately has to act for a perceived greater good in maintaining services,

infrastructure and cultural assets within a society. Sometimes that means providing funding to projects which are more concerned with acting as custodians of cultural projects than with making them accessible to the public.

Don Williams - #1 - Yes, I think I'd hint pretty strongly that my coworker should split the money with me. No really good ethical or logical reason for it but a sense of equity and fairness would factor for me.

#2 - Andy, welcome to the wonderful, wacky, warped world of the Japanese. To have a garden maintained at public expense that is not open to the public would make absolute sense to the Japanese who did not even have a sense of public ownership of land until after WW II ... everything up until then was either under private or Imperial ownership. Land is at such a premium in Japan that such a thing holds outrageous value as a symbol of something more than human ... a squandering of a scarce commodity that can only mean divinity is present. Put such a thing in the US and it makes no sense to us at all because it doesn't represent anything of the sort to us. Putting it in a museum in the US seems foolish for two reasons ... we expect, unlike traditional Japanese, such things to be there for a reason (to be viewed/experienced), and setting aside a plot of land which for them represents a huge cost has nowhere near the intrinsic value as a symbol to us here in the US. All told, it seems trite and incredible self-indulgent of the museum's leadership to have this "exhibit".

Rick Desper - #1 - I'm still trying to picture who is buying me lunch. TANSTAAFL and all that.

#2 - Huh? So, public dollars are being spent to maintain a garden that nobody is allowed to see? Because of, "immortals" or something like that? I'm going to invoke separation of church and state here. Sounds too much like a publicly financed sacred area to me.

Heather Taylor - #1 - I would want to ask him for half (after taxes) and I would expect half...if he had bought it I would give half of what I got after taxes. This is the same reason that I would NEVER give a lottery ticket of any kind for a present. If they won I would be pissed if I didn't get half, but I wouldn't know how to ask for it!

#2 - She sees it, so it has human value. And it is there for the immortals of their tradition to enjoy, just the same concept as leaving food as an offering in a religious capacity--no one that you see is going to eat it but it is the "spirit" of it or the intent.

For Next Month (For the time being, I am usually selecting questions from the game "A Question of Scruples" which was published in 1984 by High Games Enterprises). Remember you can make your answers as detailed as you wish.: #1 – You phone a friend from a pay phone at 1am but dial another friend by mistake. When the sleepy voice answers, do you identify yourself? #2 – Someone has stolen your bicycle. At the police station you are shown a similar bicycle that isn't yours. Do you claim it? Bonus Question this month, #3 – A friend of yours posts frequently on Facebook about his strong opinions in the upcoming Presidential election. Today he has posted "If you're still planning on voting for that moron Candidate X, defriend me right now." You ARE planning on voting for that candidate, but do not discuss politics on Facebook. Do you delete him as a friend?

The Dining Dead -

The Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

The Master – You've already heard a lot about this film, no doubt. Paul Thomas Anderson, now the darling of Hollywood, wrote and directed this film supposedly partially based on L. Ron Hubbard, the man who started Scientology (and Dianetics before that until he lost the rights to that term). With a powerful cast - Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams, and Joaquin Phoenix – this movie has been mentioned as a sure-fire Oscar winner since before it was ever screened.

The film centers around the relationship between Freddy Quell (Phoenix) and "The Master" Lancaster Dodd (Hoffman, the L. Ron Hubbard persona). Freddy is mentally unstable, which may or may not be from his experiences in World War II as a member of the Navy, and a torrid alcoholic. Stumbling from job to job, he sneaks aboard a small ship during a party and passes out. There he meets The Master and his family, including his wife Peggy (Amy Adams). Here he leans on Dodd's book "The Cause" and the semi-religious organization the charismatic man is building.

I won't go into plot details here, except to say that Dodd becomes a semi-father figure for Quell, and while he does not really understand the concepts Dodd claims as facts in his teachings, he protects him and wants to hurt those who threaten or critique Dodd and his organization. Peggy at first is charmed by Freddy, but later turns against him due to his constant drinking and other issues.

I hate to go against conventional thinking, but this is not a great film. It's okay, and sometimes interesting, and certain scenes are directed particularly well. Phoenix plays Freddy hunched over and odd-looking, which is hard to watch, and every third word is mumbled. The charisma of Lancaster Dodd is not always easy to find, although it seems his skill is more at charming each person on an individual level instead of as a crowd. Amy Adams in particular plays her role well, shifting from quiet dutiful wife to protector of her family and true believer and protector of The Cause.

Maybe it's me. It wasn't until I sat down and thought about Paul Thomas Anderson that I realized I have not really enjoyed ANY of his films. There Will Be Blood, Punch-Drunk Love, Magnolia, Boogie Nights...for me they range between tolerable to terrible. If you consider those films terrific cinema, you'll likely feel the same way about The Master.

I don't.

Seen on DVD – **A Dangerous Method** (B-, strong direction and well-done performances, but the story moves slowly and the Freud/Jung bond never clicks). **White Heat** (A-, I made it, Ma! Top of the world!) **Trick or Treat** (C-, so dumb but still fun).

Meet Me In Montauk

The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

Andy York: Regarding the Rangers (LOC area), they are doing GREAT! I'm glad they brought up Profar to give him some Major League time and he's responded quite well. Of course, the Express haven't done so well with the best players on the bench in Arlington; but, that's OK - I'd rather the Rangers do well than the Express.

And, I'm looking forward to the next Express season - I've already bought my season tickets. And, as a bonus, I'll get at least an inning in the broadcast booth - with Mike Capps. They had a promo that those that renewed extra early could get the broadcast booth, three innings in the press box, a lunch with (unnamed) Express players, throw out the (early) first pitch, enjoy the Friday fireworks on the field or watch batting practice from the dugout.

I've mentioned Amanda Palmer to you previously. She's showing up in Austin for a concert for her latest release on 9/19. I've tickets and looking forward to it - and her new CD!

[[You always use the "polite" version of her name, don't you? Stephen Dorneman just saw her up in MA. See you at the playoffs!]]

Paul Kenny: Just looked over es68. Very good. I liked Jack's answers to the general two hypotheticals.

Dave McCrumb: I had seen one movie last time other than Star Trek II. We actually own The Manchurian Candidate. I guess I didn't recognize it because I have only seen it twice. I didn't care for it. Critics just gush over Angela Lansberry's role in it but I didn't find it all that good. The book, however, if wonderful. Loved it.

Mark Nelson: I'm pretty shocked by this news [Richard Walkerdine's death]. And now I regret not sending him a letter that I'd been meaning to write for a couple of years about Bob Dylan...

The Twisting Tale

This is a rotating story, with a different author every issue, and a chapter of 500 words. If you'd like to participate, please email me and let me know, and I'll let you know when your turn comes up. **We need more participants!** Email me at dougray30@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate!

WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS! ONLY MEANS YOU DO AN ENTRY EVERY 3 OR 4 MONTHS! IF WE DON'T GET MORE PARTICIPANTS, THIS WILL END SOON!

Chapter 15 by Kevin Tighe

Kevin missed this issue, but I hope he'll do his chapter next time...otherwise this is where the story ends.

Next up – Kevin Tighe



The Eternal Sunshine Dead Pool

The new Dead Pool is being run by Jack McHugh. You can email your list to him directly at jwmchughjr@gmail.com or just send it to me and I'll forward it along. Deadline to get your list to him is October 26 at 7am his time.

Rules for new Dead Pool:

1. Each person submits a list of 10 celebrities.
2. The person who is refereed to must show up within the first 10 results for Google.
3. For every one on who passes away you get 30 points.
4. For every year the one who dies we will check for the *CIA World Factbook* for the average life expectancy for the citizens of the country the person is a citizen of at the time of their dying. Every year that the person's age is under the average life expectancy for their sex according the *CIA World Factbook* you will gain a point, for every year over you will lose a point.

Example: Phyllis Diller just past away at 95 years of age, the average age of US women in 2012 is 81.05 years of age so you would lose $95-81=14$ so you'd only get 16 points for picking Phyllis Diller.

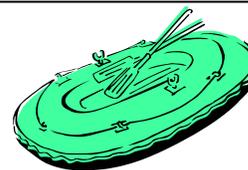
The point of this rule is to penalize someone who just picks a bunch of people over 85 years of age and to reward people by taking a chance on choosing younger people.

5. Your score will be your total points for everyone on your list who dies after they lost or added points based on their age.

Deadline to get your list to Jack is October 26 at 7am his time.

LIFEBOAT!

A game of survival, bad breath, and fish odor...



This is the simple game of Lifeboat. Everyone plays this, whether you participate or not. Each turn everyone still alive in the lifeboat may make a single vote to throw someone off the lifeboat, or a single vote to remove one

vote from yourself (a defensive measure). The high vote getter is thrown overboard, as well as any player getting 2 or more net votes (due to the damage caused when Sanka was tossed overboard). In a tie, everyone with that score is thrown over. Last one in the boat wins. I'll probably give a prize, as usual. **Press is encouraged.** Note that the votes themselves are NOT revealed. I just simply announce who is thrown overboard. If you're not listed as in the lifeboat right now but want to be, email me and I will add you next issue. If you are listed and don't want to be...well, too bad. There is no suicide in this game; you just can ignore it if you want to.

Currently in the lifeboat:

Allison Kent
Amber Smith
Brendan Whyte
Carol Kay
David Burgess
David Latimer
David McCrumb
Geoff Kemp

Graham Wilson
Heather Taylor
Hugh Polley
John Biehl
Lance Anderson
Marc Ellinger
Mark Firth
Martin Burgdorf

Melinda Holley
Michael Cronin
Michael Moulton
Pat Vogelsang
Paul Milewski
Robin ap Cynan
Tom Swider

Jeff O'Donnell starts losing his grip on reality, staring at the sun until he is blind. "I can see my brain!" he yells as he steps off the lifeboat and into the water. Chomp, chomp.

Thrown Into the Shark Infested Waters: Douglas Kent, Jack McHugh, Chris Babcock, Paraic Reddington, Sanka the Cat (safely made it to land), Andy York, Toby the Helpful Kitty (safely made it to land), Phil Murphy, Fred Wiedemeyer, Don Williams, Kayza the Dog (safely made it to land), Michael Quirk, Dane Maslen, Larry Cronin, Chuy Cronin, Richard Weiss. Tom Howell, Jeremie Lefrancois, Harley Jordan, Cal White, Andy Lischett, Rick Desper, William Wood, Jim Burgess, Hank Alme, Kevin Tighe, Per Westling, Kevin Wilson, Jeff O'Donnell.

PRESS

Anonymous: Hey Jeff Buoy, that 'O' in your name looks suspiciously like a personal flotation device. Let's see how well you bob in the water.

Shark to Booboo: Yummmmm, Whyte sauce!

(BOOB to FELLOW SWIMMERS): I speak, therefore I am. Doug hasn't shut me up unless he actually shuts me up and doesn't print my press.

(BOOB COUNTS COUP): We know a couple people in the boat voting, but we don't think it is very many of them.... we know for a fact Little Tommie Swider isn't one of them since he's still stuck on 0.01, so he can't have written that press either. At least *****I***** have the courage to stand up for myself in this game. I'm a good swimmer and plan to keep swimming.

(BOOB to MELINDA): It sounds like you had a great time on your cruise, and didn't fall overboard. We think that you're the only one voting, you can probably tell if you are, just take 'em all out one by one!!!

Deadline for your vote and any press is October 30th at 7:00am my time



Eternal Sunshine Index – ESI

A Scientific Measure of Zine Health

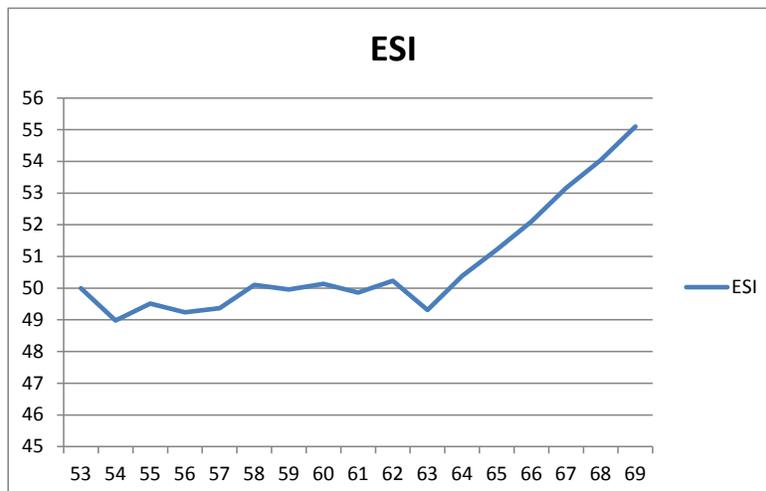
Current Index: 54.04 + 1.66%

The **Eternal Sunshine Index** is a stock-market-like index of the zine. You don't do anything in this game, except write press or commentary on price movements (or why you think your stock should have gone up or down). I move the prices beginning with next issue based on my own private formula of quantity and quality

zine participation (NMR's, press, columns, etc.). Any new zine participants become new issues valued at at 50, but the stock for anyone who disappears will remain listed. The average of all listed stocks will result in the ESI closing value each month, which will be charted issue to issue after we have a few months' worth of data. If you don't like the stock symbol I have assigned you, you may petition the exchange to change it. Blame Phil Murphy for suggesting this section to me.

Market Commentary: A few NMR's this issue, but participation is still strong. Richard Walkerdine's stock is acquired and will no longer change value.

<u>Stock</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>% +/-</u>			
AJK - Allison Kent	63	-7.4%	JOD - Jeff O'Donnell	79	2.6%
ALM - Hank Alme	12	0.0%	KMP - Geoff Kemp	80	2.6%
AMB - Amber Smith	20	-16.7%	KVT - Kevin Tighe	74	2.8%
AND - Lance Anderson	19	-17.4%	LAT - David Latimer	77	1.3%
BAB - Chris Babcock	1	-50.0%	LCR - Larry Cronin	0.01	0.0%
BIE - John Biehl	93	4.5%	MRK - Mark Nelson	17	13.3%
BRG - Martin Burgdorf	82	2.5%	MCC - David McCrumb	76	4.1%
BWD - Brad Wilson	88	4.8%	MCR - Michael Cronin	0.01	0.0%
CAK - Andy Lischett	84	3.7%	MIM - Michael Moulton	65	-7.1%
CAL - Cal White	0.01	-99.0%	MRC - Marc Ellinger	80	3.9%
CHC - Chuy Cronin	0.01	0.0%	OTS - Tom Howell	77	2.7%
CIA - Tom Swider	0.01	0.0%	PER - Per Westling	74	2.8%
CKW - Kevin Wilson	87	3.6%	PJM - Phil Murphy	31	10.7%
CKY - Carol Kay	17	13.3%	QUI - Michael Quirk	2	-33.3%
DAN - Dane Maslen	84	2.4%	RAC - Robin ap Cynan	59	1.7%
DBG - David Burgess	0.01	0.0%	RDP - Rick Desper	82	3.8%
DGR - David Grabar	48	-4.0%	REB - Melinda Holley	82	-3.5%
DTC - Brendan Whyte	80	3.9%	RED - Paraic Reddington	89	2.3%
DUK - Don Williams	66	4.8%	RWE - Richard Weiss	85	6.3%
FRD - Fred Wiedemeyer	77	2.7%	SAK - Jack McHugh	126	4.1%
FRG - Jeremie Lefrancois	0.01	0.0%	TAP - Jim Burgess	96	2.1%
FRT - Mark Firth	77	2.7%	VOG - Pat Vogelsang	0.01	0.0%
GRA - Graham Wilson	0.01	0.0%	WAY - W. Andrew York	82	2.5%
HAP - Hugh Polley	38	2.7%	WLK - Richard Walkerdine	141	0.0%
HDT - Heather Taylor	82	3.8%	WWW - William Wood	0.01	0.0%
HLJ - Harley Jordan	78	2.6%	YLP - Paul Milewski	95	3.3%



Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

Rules in ES #58. Send in your guesses. I've played this in Brandon Whyte's Damn the Consequences a few times and it's fun, takes only a minute or two each turn, and helps you work your brain! As soon as this one ends, a new one will begin.

ROUND 1

Rick Desper:

Jonathan Goldsmith (a.k.a. "the most interesting man in the world") in Montevideo, Uruguay

John Biehl:

Josef Stalin in Tbilisi

Brendan Whyte:

Marie Curie in Cadiz

Richard Walkerdine:

Charles Dickens in London

Michael Moulton:

Abraham Lincoln in Moscow

Andy Lischett:

Barbara Bush in Biloxi

Kevin Wilson:

Christiaan Huygens in Bangkok

Marc Ellinger:

Barack Obama in Beijing

Tom Howell:

Ludwig van Beethoven in Bukhara

Paraic Reddington:

Bob Dylan in Vancouver

Dane Maslen:

Neil Armstrong in Houston

Mark Firth:

Jane Seymour in Krasnodar

Kevin Tighe:

Henry the 8th in Bombay

Clue to Person with the Closest Guess (Notified by email): Like you, I had an interest in a wide variety of subjects.

ROUND 2

John Biehl:

Thomas Edison in Albany (NY)

Dane Maslen:

Leonardo da Vinci in Phoenix

Jim Burgess:

The Dalai Lama in Lhasa, Tibet

Dave McCrumb:

Albert Einstein in Berlin

Richard Walkerdine:

Galileo Galilei in Pisa

Kevin Wilson:

Mark Twain in Melbourne

Brendan Whyte:

Leonardo da Vinci in New Delhi

Tom Howell:

Leonardo da Vinci in Cherchen at the edge of the Takla Makan.

Marc Ellinger:

William Randolph Hearst in Havana

Michael Moulton:

Thomas Jefferson in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Rick Desper:

Ho Chi Minh in Ho Chi Minh City

Richard Weiss:

Michelangelo, Christ Church, NZ

Jack McHugh:

Leonard DaVinci in Singapore

Kevin Tighe:

Ben Franklin in San Francisco

Paraic Reddington:

Charles Dickens in Rio De Janeiro

Mark Firth:

Thomas Edison, in Windsor

Clue to Person with the Closest Guess (Notified by email): I died more than a century before you were born.

ROUND 3

Brendan Whyte:

Erasmus in Anchorage

Kevin Wilson:

Voltaire (1694-1778) in Manila

Will Abbott:

Bob Vila in Springfield, IL

Dane Maslen:

Galileo Galilei in Kathmandu

Jim Burgess:

Charlemagne in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Richard Walkerdine:

Leonardo da Vinci in Rome, Italy

Tom Howell:

Ben Franklin in Manila

Dave McCrumb:

Sherlock Holmes in London

Andy Lischett:

Isaac Newton in Taipei

Rick Desper:

Leonardo da Vinci in Hanoi

Jack McHugh:

Issac Newton in Santiago Chile

Marc Ellinger:

Thomas Jefferson in Paris, France

Paraic Reddington:

Charles Darwin in Seattle

Richard Weiss:

Michelangelo in Phnom Penh

John Biehl:

Pliny in Islamabad

Mark Firth:

Isaac Newton in Darwin, Australia

PRESS

Rick Desper: Commentary for people to chew on: did anybody show more interest in "a wide variety of subjects" than Henry VIII? He married several of his subjects!

Clue to Person with the Closest Guess (Notified by email): Both of us were considered brilliant, but we lived in different eras.

ROUND 4

John Biehl:

Rene Descartes in Alice Springs, Aus

Brendan Whyte:

Archimedes in the Vatican City

Dave McCrumb:

Heinrich Himmler in Hell, Michigan

Will Abbott:

Bill Clinton in Silver Spring, MD

Tom Howell:

Benjamin Franklin in Vientiane

Paraic Reddington:

Leonardo Da Vinci in Darwin, Australia

Jim Burgess:

Charles Darwin in Phnom Penh

Marc Ellinger:

Copernicus in London, England

Jack McHugh:

Francis Bacon in Tokyo

Dane Maslen:

Galileo Galilei in Karachi, Pakistan

Richard Weiss:

William Shakespeare in Yangon, Myanmar

Andy Lischett:

DaVinci in Rangoon (Yangon, Myanmar)

Kevin Wilson:

Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyya (aka Muhammad ibn Abi Bakr) in Yangon, Myanmar

Mark Firth:

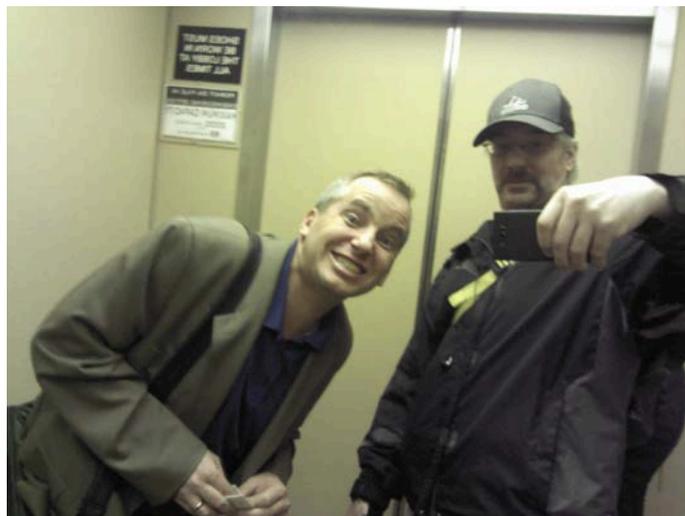
Le Troglodyte in Lascaux

Rick Desper:

Gottfried Leibniz in Jakarta

Clue to Person with the Closest Guess (Notified by email): You know who I am but you do not yet know where I am.

Deadline for Round 5 is October 30th at 7:00am My Time



Two of my brothers.....



Brain Farts: The Only Subsubzine With It's Own Fragrance
By Jack "Flapjack" McHugh - jwmchughjr@gmail.com
(or just email Doug and he'll send it to me)
Issue #47

Make sure you play in my new Dead Pool or I'll do whatever I need to in order to get you to join the ranks of the deceased. No job, no money, no phone or cable, and I may lose internet at any time. Also, running out of food...waiting for word on assistance in that regard. I'm depressed, lonely, broke, shattered, and have zero motivation, so this will be my shortest subzine yet. Tough shit asswipes. Next month I may be too busy moving into the park.



A Chinese guy goes to a Jew to buy black bras, size 38. The Jew, known for his skills as a businessman, says that black bras are rare and that he is finding it very difficult to buy them from his suppliers. Therefore he has to charge \$50.00 for them.

The Chinese guy buys 25 pairs. He returns a few days later and this time orders fifty. The Jew tells him that they have become even harder to get and charges him \$60.00 each.

The Chinese guy returns a month later and buys the Jew's remaining stock of 50, and this time for \$75.00 each.

The Jew is somewhat puzzled by the large demand for black size 38 bras and asks the Chinese guy, "...please tell me - What do you do with all these black bras?"

The Chinese guy answers: "I cut them in half and sell them as skull caps to you Jews for \$200.00 each."

EXTRACTS FROM EDWARD ENGEL'S THE GLORIOUS STRUGGLE

By Paul Milewski

Having just finished reading Engel's book, which is a collection of letters written by George Washington during the Revolutionary War. To the extent my spellchecker would allow, I have adhered to the original spellings and punctuation, as reproduced in Engel's book.

I found this prohibition against playing any gaming whatsoever [page 101]—the meaning of "gaming" I would guess is restricted to what we today would call "gambling":

GENERAL ORDERS, May 8, 1777

As few vices are attended with more pernicious consequences, in civil life; so there are none more fatal in a military one, than that of GAMING; which often brings disgrace and ruin upon officers, and injury and punishment upon the Soldiery; And reports prevailing, which, it is to be feared are too well founded, that this destructive vice has spread its baneful influence in the army, and, in a peculiar manner, to the prejudice of the recruiting Service, The Commander in chief, in the most pointed and explicit terms, forbids ALL officers and soldiers, playing at cards, dice—or at any games, except those of EXERCISE, for diversion it being impossible, if the practice be allowed, at all, to discriminate between innocent play, for amusement, and criminal gaming, for pecuniary and sordid purposes.

Officers, attentive to their duty, will find abundant employment, in training and disciplining heir men—providing for them—and seeing that they appear neat, clean, and soldierlike—Nor will any thing redound more to their honor—afford them more solid amusement—or better answer the end of their appointment, than to devote the vacant moments, they may have, to the study of Military authors.

The Commanding Officer of every corps is strictly enjoined to have this order frequently read, and strongly impressed upon the minds of those under his command. Any officer, or soldier, or other person belong to, or following, the army, either in camp, in quarters, on the recruiting service, or elsewhere, presuming, under any pretence, to disobey this order, shall be tried by a General Court Martial..

An expression I ran across more than once is "ocular demonstration" as in "...who were well apprized of the nakedness of the Troops from ocular demonstration" [page 129, from a letter to Henry Laurens dated 12/23/1777; Laurens had been elected to replace John Hancock as president of Congress]—but I never ran across the expression "see with your own eyes" in any form.

A word I ran across more than once was "animadvert" as in "I shall not in the Letter animadvert upon them..." [page 137, from letter to Laurens dated 1/2/1778] or "animadversion" as in "...will be unhappy in its consequences, as it will be a precedent for others, and may become a subject of animadversion" [page 230, from a letter to Lund Washington, Mount Vernon's farm manager, dated 4/30/1781]. My Shorter Oxford English confirms that Washington used that word in its various forms to mean "pass judgment" or "criticize or censure"— if used as an intransitive verb, it would simply have meant to observe, take notice of, or consider.

Twenty-six-year-old Catharine "Kitty" Livingston was the daughter of William Livingston, the governor of New Jersey [page 150, from a letter to her dated 3/18/1778]:

General Washington, having been informed, lately, of the honor done him by Miss Kitty Livingston in wishing for a lock of his Hair, takes the liberty of inclosing one, accompanied by his most respectful compliments.

In a letter to Laurens dated 11/14/1778, Washington expounds on international relations [page 167-8]:

"...but it is a maxim founded on the universal experience of Mankind, that no Nation is to be trusted farther than it is bound by its interest."

Washington thanked the French Major General Chastellux for the gift of some wine [page 234, from a letter to Chastellux dated 7/19/1781]:

Dear Sir

You have taken a most effectual method of obliging me to accept your Cask of Claret—as I find, by your ingenious manner of stating the case, that I shall, by a refusal, bring my patriotism into question, and incur a suspicion of want of attachment to the French Nation, and of regard to you which of all things I wish to avoid. I will not enter into a discussion of the point of divinity, as I perceive you are a Master at that Weapon. In short, my dear sir, my only scruple arises from a fear of depriving you of an Article that you cannot conveniently replace in this Country. You can only relieve me by promising to partake very often of that hilarity which a Glass of good Claret seldom fails to produce.

This is from a letter dated 1/15/1783 in which Washington offered advice to his twenty-one-year-old nephew Bushrod Washington, who went to Philadelphia to become a lawyer [page 259 *et seq.*]:

Let the object, which carried you to Philadelphia be always before your Eyes—remember, that it is not the mere study of the Law, but to become eminent in the profession of it which is to yield honor and profit—the first was your choice, let the second be your ambition, and that dissipation, is incompatible with both.

That the Company in which you will improve most, will be least expensive to you—and yet I am not such a Stoic as to suppose you will, or to think it right

that you ought, always be in Company with Senators & Philosophers; but, of the young and juvenile kind let me advice you to be choice. It is easy to make acquaintances, but very difficult to shake them off, however irksome & unprofitable they are found after we have once committed ourselves to them—the indiscretions, & scrapes which very often they involuntarily lead one into, proves equally distressing & disgraceful.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence—true friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo & withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

Let your heart feel for the affection, & distresses of every one—and let your hand give, in proportion to your purse—remembering always, the estimation of the Widows mite. But, that it is not every one who asketh, that deserveth charity; all however are worth of the enquiry—or the deserving may suffer.

Do not conceive that fine Clothes make fine Men, and more than fine feathers make fine Birds—A plain genteel dress is more admired and obtains more credit than lace & embroidery in the Eyes of the judicious & sensible.

The last thing I shall mention is first of importance. And that is, to avoid Gaming—This is a vice which is productive of every possible evil, equally injurious to the Morals & health of its votaries—It is the child of Avarice—the brother of inequity—& father of Mischief—It has been the ruin of many worthy families—the loss of many a man's honor—& the cause of Suicide. To all those who enter the lists, it is equally fascinating—the successful gamester, pushes his good fortune till it is overtaken by a reverse—the losing gamester, in hopes of retrieving past misfortune, goes on from bad to worse; till grown desperate, he pushes at everything and loses his all. In a word, few gain by this abominable practice (the profit, if any, being diffused) while thousands are injured.

This is from a letter [page 283] dated 9/2/1783 to Annis Boudinot Stockton, who wrote poems in praise of Washington:

You see, Madam, when once the Woman has tempted us, & we have tasted the forbidden fruit, there is no such thing as checking our appetites, whatever the consequences may be.

Finally, there is his letter of resignation he read aloud to the Continental Congress on 12/23/83 [page 288-9];

The great events on which my resignation depended having at length taken place; I have now the honor of offering my sincere Congratulations to Congress & of presenting myself before them to surrender into their hands the trust committed to me, and to claim the indulgence of retiring from the Service of my Country.

Happy in the confirmation of our Independence and Sovereignty, and pleased with the opportunity afforded the United States of becoming a respectable Nation, I resign with satisfaction the Appointment I accepted with diffidence—A diffidence in my abilities to accomplish so arduous a task, which however was superseded by a confidence in the rectitude of our Cause, the support of the Supreme Power of the Union, and the patronage of Heaven.

The successful termination of the War has verified the most sanguine expectations—and my gratitude for the interposition of Providence, and the assistance I have received from my Countrymen increases with every review of the momentous Contest.

While I repeat my obligations to the Army in general, I should no injustice to my own feelings not to acknowledge in this place the peculiar Services and distinguished merits of the Gentlemen who have been attached to my person during the War. It was impossible the choice of confidential Officers to compose my family should have been more fortunate. Permit me Sir, to recommend in particular those, who have continued in Service to the present moment, as worthy of the favorable notice & patronage of Congress.

I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my Official life, by commending the Interests of our dearest Country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendence of them, to his holy keeping.

Having now finished the work assigned me, I retire from the great theatre of Action—and bidding an Affectionate farewell to this August body under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my Commission, and take my leave of all the employments of public life.

From various sources, I gleaned the following sketchy facts about Washington's education. Washington received his primary education at a nearby churchyard school and then was sent to a boarding school 30 miles away. It is known that from age seven to fifteen, Washington was home schooled and studied with the local church sexton and later a schoolmaster in practical math, geography, Latin and the English classics.

YAHTZEE AND YAHTZEE VARIANTS

Everyone is free to join now; BUT, this is your LAST chance. Send me an email and your orders for Round 5 and tell me what to keep for Round 4. I will randomly choose one of the players already in the game and you get his or her rolls and score for the rounds already completed or in progress.

Rules published in Eternal Sunshine #65. Scoring and play modified from Milton Bradley's Yahtzee Game copyrighted 1982. Hasbro lists the official rules at: <http://www.hasbro.com/common/instruct/Yahtzee.pdf>

GM Musings: I'm back to living in Folsom, CA. Not far from the prison Johnny Cash made famous. Probably most of the week for the next month in Yuba City, CA.

I had a phone Saturday evening gaming gala at the home of Chris Hassler of S.O.B. zine fame. Check out the zine if not yet done so. The Whining Kent Pig Monolith must not be allowed to subsume all.

Game Offerings

I've been thinking about Yahtzee variants. I have three that I'd like to try and see if anyone enjoys them. Please let me know if you *might* be interested. One person has expressed interest so far. I will run Yahtzee Lightning, game name *Yoshira* next month.

Yahtzee Lightning:

A Yahtzee variant with two turns. Named: Yoshira.

First turn, you see five rolls for twelve rounds. You send me how to score them and your calculated score. Second turn, you see the three rolls for the final, 13th, turn and tell me how to score them.

Yahtzee Game: Kim Philby

Round 2, How Scored

<u>Players:</u>	<u>Scored</u>
Doug Kent	24 in the sixes
Kevin Wilson	24 in the sixes
Geoff Kemp	28 in Four of a Kind
Dane Maslen	28 in Four of a Kind

Round 3, Roll 3: 6,3

<u>Players:</u>	<u>Kept</u>
Doug Kent	5,5,5
Kevin Wilson	5,5,5
Geoff Kemp	5,5,5
Dane Maslen	5,5,5,6

Round 4, Roll 2: 3,1,6,4,2

<u>Players:</u>	<u>Kept</u>
Doug Kent	1,2,3,4

Kevin Wilson 1,2
 Geoff Kemp 1,2,3,4
 Dane Maslen 1,2,3,4

Round 5, Roll 1: 6,6,5,4,1

<i>Upper</i>	Doug Kent	Kevin Wilson	Geoff Kemp	Dane Maslen
Ace = 1	1			
Twos = 2				
Threes = 3				
Fours = 4				
Fives = 5				
Sixes = 6	24	24		
Total				
Bonus +35 if ≥ 63				
Total Upper				
Lower				
3 of a Kind				
4 of a Kind			28	28
Full House = 25				
Sm Straight = 30		30		30
Lg Straight = 40			40	
YAHTZEE = 50				
Chance				
Yahtzee Bonus				
Total Lower				
GRAND TOTAL	25	54	68	58

Orders Due: 48 hours before Doug's deadline.

Need to include: The five dice you want to keep and how to score them for Round 3, now that we've had the 3rd roll. Make your best(least damaging) score and tell me where to put it.

The dice you want to keep from Round 4, Roll 2.

Which of the five die rolled for Round 5, Roll 1 you want to keep.

Yahtzee Master Musings: Seems Geoff and Doug have the early best situation, ala the predictive percents in televised Texas Hold'em.

BOURSE

2012 USA Presidential Election Bourse: The Bain of All Bourses

Only Kevin Wilson wanted to play. Game closed for lack of interest. Maybe I should offer a free game play in E.S. to the person who guesses the electoral college numbers for each party as determined after the election day ballots are cast (not as cast in the actual Electoral College).

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Sub-editorial

HELLO, good evening and welcome to Octopus's Garden, the subzine with its very own Railway Rivals game. It's a subzine to Jim Burgess' [The Abyssinian Prince](#), which is now a subzine to Douglas Kent's Eternal Sunshine. Produced by Peter Sullivan, peter@burdonvale.co.uk. It's also available on the web at <http://www.burdonvale.co.uk/octopus/>.

Richard J. Walkerdine is dead...

...but I don't have to believe it if I don't want to.

The great American baseball player Yogi Berra (whom, sadly, most Brits only know via his cartoon bear alter-ego) once said "You should always go to people's funerals, else they won't come to yours." Which is a part, but actually only a very small part, of why I drove the six hours down to Gloucestershire on Monday, and the six hours back again the day after, for Richard Walkerdine's funeral.

Not many people would be able to say that producing over 100 issues of a poll-winning postal games zine was only the 4th most important thing they ever did in the postal games hobby. But Richard could.

There was also the Zine Poll itself, which he ran in two separate sessions in the 1970s and 1980s, and which became the focus of much discussion and debate every year, as people discussed the methodology, the results, and (most enthusiastically of all) the eligibility criteria.

The Walkerdine Archives, now held by Stephen Agar, was another example. Even after the first ten years of the postal games hobby in the UK, there had already been so many Diplomacy zines about that no one person would have had anything close to a full collection. But Richard had the personal standing that a whole host of people were happy to let him have what he needed to fill in the gaps – or even their whole damn collection – in order to build what has become and remains the definitive collection of the collective output of the British postal games hobby.

And then there was Manorcon, then as now the largest event in the board games convention calendar. Richard didn't invent it but, like Thomas Edison with numerous inventions, he perfected it. After the first event in 1983, run by the Birmingham University Diplomacy Society, he moved in as Treasurer, and changed it into the hobby behemoth that it still is today. This was a role he was to hold for almost ten years, during which time the event grew to over 330 people, and hosted the first and fourth World Dip Cons. My own spell as Treasurer afterwards was really just a phase of consolidation - all the hard work had already been done.

RJW a host of contradictions, and he revelled in them. He was the Anti-Vietnam War protestor who went on to work for a major defence contractor. The quiet, unassuming, efficient administrator who loved to play

up his allegedly outsized ego. The right-wing Thatcherite who was alife-long devotee of the music and songs of Bob Dylan.

The British postal games hobby had two great influxes of people – one in 1974 onwards, and one in 1985 onwards. Richard was already an established figure for both of these influxes, and was a mentor to many people in both these periods, including (I am proud to say) me.

One of Richard's more minor achievements -- and yet one that was typically him -- was that he was the only person in hobby history to win a Diplomacy tournament in absentia. One year, the Saturday of Manorcon clashed with a Queen concert he especially wanted to see. So, having done all his usual hard work in the run up to the con & setting up registration on the Friday, he left the Mad Policy All-Stars to compete in the Saturday Team Diplomacy tournament without their (notional) captain. They won. Needless to say, there was much teasing from the team members about having finally been able to drop "the weak link" and, hence, finally win. Needless to say, he loved this.

Richard put into words something that imbued the writing of both myself and many others in the postal games hobby when he said "Friends are the only ones worth insulting." which, even before I'd heard it crystallised quite so clearly, had been an aspect of my writing. And continues to be so, whether in the postal games hobby, science fiction fandom or on social media like Twitter and Facebook. Let this be the mad old fool's permanent legacy.

Although, it has to be noted, I'm sure he'd rather like it if we decided to name the World Dip Con trophy going forwards as "The Richard J. Walkerdine Memorial Trophy" as well. And I feel it would be entirely appropriate, given his key role in setting up the WDC concept.

-- Peter Sullivan

Round 8 – "Hannibal Hamlin"

Railway Rivals Map FR

- 8) (22-44) Cherbourg - Lyon : FRAK IT 20-6-1 ; FWOGGIE 10+6 ; NERTZ +1.
- 9) (@3-62) Germany - Montpellier : NERTZ 20-2-2 ; RENAISSANCE +2 ; LOSER +2.
- 10) (35-55) Metz - Bayonne : LOSER 20 ; NERTZ 10-2 ; RENAISSANCE +2.
- 11) (43-34) Dijon - Reims : RENAISSANCE 20 ; LOSER 10.
- 12) (63-16) M'ille - Le Havre : RENAISSANCE 20-1-2+3+2 ; LOSER 5-2-3+7+2+1 ;
FRAK IT 5-2-1-7 ; FWOGGIE/NERTZ (joint) 0-1 ; NERTZ +2+1 ; FWOGGIE +1.
- 13) (54-@2) Bordeaux - BeNeLux : FRAK IT 20-1 ; LOSER 10-1+4 ; FWOGGIE 0-4+1+1.
- 14) (11-26) Paris - La Rochelle : FWOGGIE 20+5 ; FRAK IT 10-5-2 ; NERTZ 0+2

Builds:

NERTZ (William Whyte, USA.) [purple]

(S24) - Q23 [-1 Fr] [-1 Fr] [-1 Fw] ;

(N11) - T14 [-1 Fw] [-1 Fr] [-1 L] ;

(A59) - X17 [-1 Fr] - W18 [-1 L].

-12-4[Fr]-2[Fw]-2[L]=-20

LOSER (Geoff Challinger, UK.) [blue]

(J11) - I12 - I13 - H13 - H14 - G15 - Toulouse ;

(F55) - F50 - G50 [-1 Fw].

-12-1[Fw]=-13

FRAK IT (W. Andrew York, USA.) [black]
 (S14) - S13 [-1 L] ;
 (Montpellier) - F22 [-1 R] ;
 (J59) - Amiens - Boulougne & Buys Folkstone Ferry.
 -6-6-1[L]-1[R]=-14

FWOGGIE (Brendan Whyte, Aus.) [green]
 (L12) - K12 - H13 - Lourdes ;
 (H13) - H14 - G15 - Toulouse [-11 L]. ("There's nothing Toulouse!")
 =-12-11[L]=-23

RENAISSANCE (Robin ap Cynan, UK.) [yellow]
 (Y15) - U13 - T13 [-1 L] ;
 (Y15) - Y10 [-1 Fw].
 -12-1[L]-1[Fw]=-14

Scores on the doors:

Company	B/fwd	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Builds	C/fwd
NERTZ	69	1	16	8		3		2	-12-08+00	79
LOSER	-9		2	20	10	10	13		-12-01+15	48
FRAK IT	111	13				-5	19	3	-12-02+04	131
FWOGGIE	125	16				0	-2	25	-12-11+04	145
RENAISS	196		2	2	20	22			-12-02+01	129
	392	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	-60+24-24	532

Races for Round Nine:

- 15) (@4-25) Switzerland - Orleans
- 16) (32-@5) Dunkerque - Italy
- 17) (24-65) Nantes - Toulon
- 18) (66-41) Nice - Strasbourg
- 19) (53-13) Toulouse - Paris
- 20) (45-56) Lyon - Lourdes
- 21) (14-36) Paris - Nancy

GENEVA: For Round Nine, you may enter up to four of these races, and then build up to 10 physical points of track (i.e. payments to rivals don't count against the limit; although of course you still pay them.) The deadline for Round Nine orders is SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 2012 to Peter Sullivan, peter@burdonvale.co.uk.

That was Octopus's Garden #76, a Startling Press production.

Game Openings

Diplomacy (Black Press – Permanent Opening in ES): Signed up: Dave Grabar, Steve Cooley, Hugh Polley, Don Williams, need three more to fill. Will be named in honor of Richard Walkerdine.

Gunboat Diplomacy (Black Press): Two signed up, need five more.

Everybody Plays Diplomacy (Black Press): An ongoing everyone-plays variant. Rules are in ES #47. Join in at any time!

Yahtzee!: Richard Weiss is running a game of **Yahtzee!** in his subzine **Zero Sum**, returning from a decades (?) long absence. *Join in now!*

Presidential Bourse: Richard Weiss is running this in his subzine **Zero Sum**. *Join in now!*

By Popular Demand: Back to the normal format. Join anytime.

Eternal Sunshine Movie Photo Quiz: New game begins this issue. Join anytime.

Lifeboat: Everybody plays, whether you actually do anything or not.

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?: Rules in ES #58. *Join anytime!*

Standby List: HELP! I need standby players! – Current standby list: Richard Weiss, Jim Burgess (Dip only), Hank Alme, Martin Burgdorf, Paul Milewski (Dip only), Brad Wilson, Kevin Tighe (Dip only), Chris Babcock, Don Williams, Marc Ellinger, and whoever I get into it in an emergency.

I'm going to continue to go through my files and seeing what other variants I can offer, until I find one that gets enough interest to fill. When I offer a variant I'll give it an issue or two, but if nobody signs up I'll drop the opening and replace it. If somebody wants to guest-GM a game of anything, just get in touch. If you have specific game requests please let me know.

Eternal Sunshine Game Section

BALKAN WARS VI "WESTERN PACIFIC" NEW GAMESTART GM'd by Brad Wilson!

Greetings!

This is my return to postal GMing after a decade or so. Some of you may remember my old zine "Vertigo" and its game-oriented subzine "Meet George Jetson". I doubt either of those are coming back anytime soon, but this is the first step, perhaps.

I like to name all my games and I generally name variant games after railroads. Here's "Western Pacific",

named after the Utah-to-San Francisco route most famous for being one of the three railroads that ran the legendary passenger train "California Zephyr".

So, here's the country assignments done by random draw:

ALBANIA: Jim Burgess, jfburgess@gmail.com; has Choice Tirana, Choice Montenegro, Choice Valona

BULGARIA: Geoff Kemp, ggeoff510@aol.com; has A Sofia, F Varna, A Plovdiv, Choice Thrace

GREECE: Jack McHugh, jwmchughjr@gmail.com; has Choice Athens, A Salonika, F Sparta

RUMANIA: Doug Kent, dougray30@yahoo.com; A Bucharest, A Galati, F Constanta

SERBIA: Phil Murphy, philip.murphy@skynet.ie; has A Belgrade, A Nish, A Skopje

TURKEY: Brendan Whyte, obiwonfive@hotmail.com; has A Constantinople, F Izmit, F Smyrna

Remember the choice units get built in special "Winter 1909" turn and we proceed directly to Spring 1910. Remember no seasons are EVER separated in Balkan Wars VI. PRESS (Black) is encouraged.

Deadline is 3 p.m. Oct. 26. If you need rules/maps, please advise.

My contact info: Brad Wilson, 713 Tasker St. #1, Philadelphia, PA 19148; 215-668-5522 voice/text; bwdolphin146@yahoo.com or fullfathomfive675@gmail.com.

Good luck and have fun!!!!

Gamestart – Kremlin – "Four Stitches"

We've got five players for this game: **Jack McHugh, Rick Desper, Jim Burgess, Mark Firth, and Geoff Kemp**. We'll be using the Basic and Advanced Rules A-F but nothing else special. You'll get an email from me with your Intrigue Card numbers once you send me your IP allocations. Then by the deadline you need to send me your Turn 1 orders from Cure Phase to Health Phase. Also, please send me a nickname for your faction. The Politburo is seated as follows:

Party Chief: A, Nestor Aparatschik, 80, +

KGB: Y, Ulan Putschnik, 52, (Strong)

Foreign: M, Sergei Eatstumuch, 64

Defense: L, Igor Doberman, 65

Ideology: U, Wassily Protzky, 56, (Weak)

Industry: Q, Tigran Zenjarplan, 60

Economy: W, Leonid Bungaloff, 54

Sport: C, Alexej Gofebrook, 74

Candidates: D 73, E 72, H 69, S 58, T 57

People: B 75, F 71, G 70, I 68, J 67, K 66, N 63, O 62, P 61, R 59, V 55, X 53, Z 50.

Deadline for Turn 1 through Health Phase is October 29 at 7pm my time.

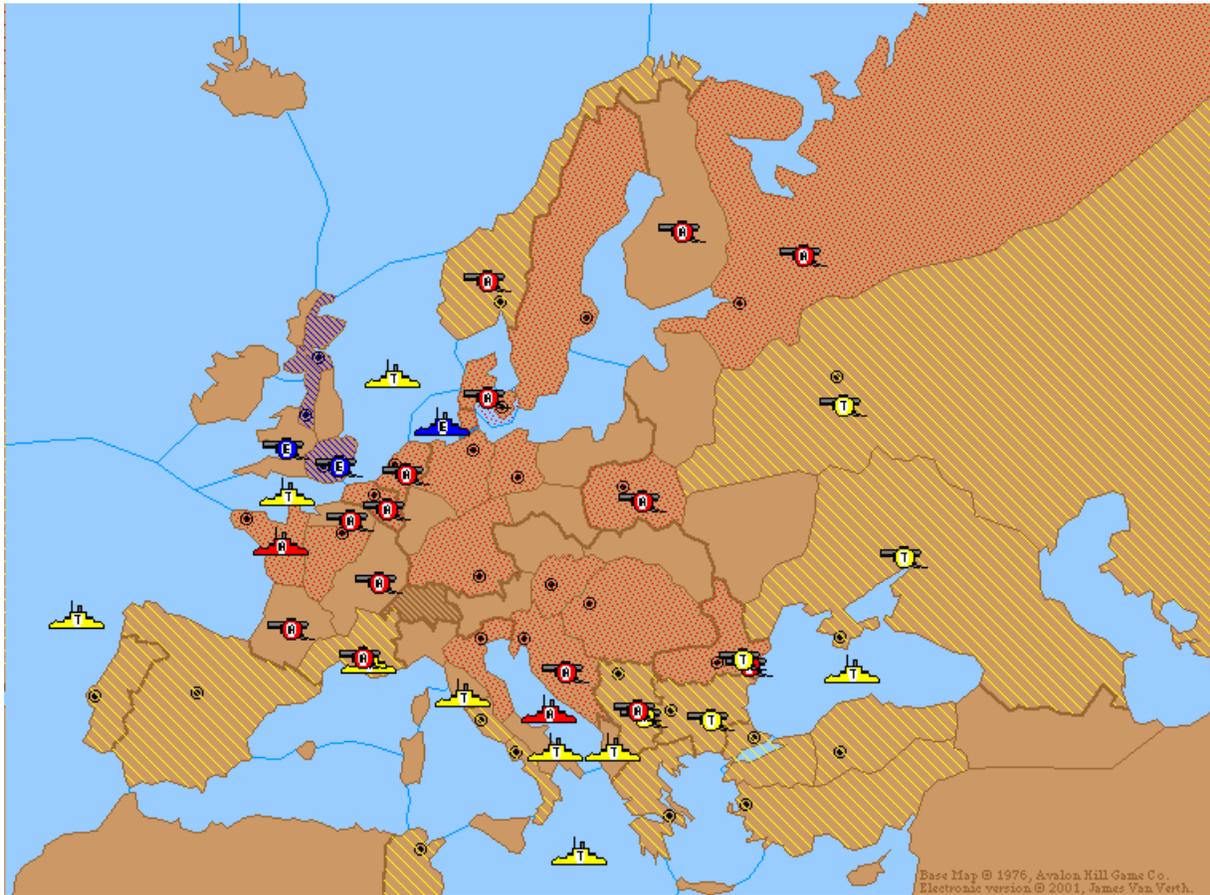
Diplomacy "Dulcinea" 2008C, S 20

Austria (Martin Burgdorf – martin_burgdorf "of" hotmail.com): F Adriatic Sea Hold, A Belgium Hold, F Brest Supports F North Sea - English Channel (*Void*), A Budapest – Serbia, A Burgundy Supports A Piedmont – Marseilles, A Denmark Hold, A Finland Supports A Sweden – Norway, A Gascony - Spain (*Bounce*), A Holland Supports A Belgium, A Picardy Supports F Brest, A Piedmont – Marseilles, ~~A Rumania – Bulgaria~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Ukraine or Galicia or Budapest or OTB), A St Petersburg Supports A Warsaw - Moscow (*Cut*), A Sweden – Norway, A Trieste Supports A Budapest – Serbia, A Warsaw - Moscow (*Fails*).

England (Kevin Tighe – tigheman "of" yahoo.com): A London Contains latest Royal scandal (Holds), F North Sea - Helgoland Bight, A Wales Hold.

Turkey (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): A Ankara – Rumania, F Black Sea Convoys A Ankara – Rumania, A Bulgaria Supports A Ankara – Rumania,

F English Channel - North Sea, F Greece – Albania, F Ionian Sea Supports F Greece – Albania,
~~F Marseilles – Spain(sc)~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Gulf of Lyon or OTB), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - English Channel,
A Moscow Supports A Norway - St Petersburg (*Cut*), F Naples – Apulia, ~~A Norway – St Petersburg~~
 (*Disbanded*), F Rome – Tuscany, ~~A Serbia – Budapest~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Greece or OTB),
 A Sevastopol Supports A Moscow, F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean.



F 20 Deadline is October 30th at 7:00am my time

PRESS

(BOOB to MARTIN): Sorry it has to be this way, it WILL be fun and I understand what you decided, but you have one last game year to take a shot. We'll see how it goes.

(JIM-BOB to TIGHEMAN): Yes, Kevin, we can do it, hang with me and we'll turn the corner soon.

(BOOB to GM DOUG): You don't care, I know, but this should go on another ten game years or so, what's your longest game you've GMed in game years?

GM – Boob: I do not know. I have to see what records I still have, since I don't have copies of my Maniac's Paradise issues. I believe one game went into the 20's but how far I am not sure. Wait, actually I thought I found some of my old GM sheets a few weeks back...well as near as I can tell at the moment, the longest game I GM'd from start to finish went to 1919. So assuming I finish this one myself it will be the longest. I'm not counting Orphan games, which may go past this one (like 2002D).

English public - Kate: If you are outside ANYWHERE we can see you. Bet on it.

"Dulcinea" Diplomacy Bourse

	<u>Austrian</u> <u>Crowns</u>	<u>English</u> <u>Pounds</u>	<u>French</u> <u>Francs</u>	<u>German</u> <u>Marks</u>	<u>Italian</u> <u>Lire</u>	<u>Russian</u> <u>Rubles</u>	<u>Turkish</u> <u>Piastres</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Opening Value	\$1.9865	\$1.4485	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$1.9347		
Closing Value	\$2.0568	\$1.3670	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$1.9234		
<u>Player Holdings</u>									
Billy Ray Valentine	500	1677	700	1000	700	700	1500	\$ 0.59	\$6,206.55
Duke of York	360	4199	0	0	0	0	4284	\$ 2.06	\$14,722.39
Smaug the Dragon	1586	0	0	1371	0	4750	1550	\$ 1.43	\$6,244.78
Rothschild	1044	1849	8360	650	0	0	3437	\$ 1.80	\$11,287.41
Baron Wuffet	986	3367	0	822	400	300	622	\$ 0.29	\$7,827.34
Wooden Nickel Enterprises	6833	152	0	0	0	642	0	\$ 1.18	\$14,263.08
VAIONT Enterprises	5784	194	0	0	0	0	887	\$ 1.55	\$13,869.34
Insider Trading LLC	2475	1232	0	0	0	0	1866	\$ 730.81	\$11,094.60
Bourse Master	0	0	0	0	0	1000	4088	\$ 0.84	\$7,863.70
<u>Any New Players</u>	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	\$ -	\$5,347.20

Billy Ray Valentine: Probably in his limousine.

Duke of York: Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 685 Pounds.

Smaug the Dragon: Sells 500 Piastres. Buys 487 Crowns.

Rothschild: Sells 500 Pounds and 500 Piastres. Buys 851 Crowns.

Baron Wuffet: MIA.

Wooden Nickel Enterprises: Sells 500 Pounds. Buys 365 Crowns.

VAIONT Enterprises: Sells 500 Crowns and 500 Pounds. Buys 887 Piastres.

Insider Trading LLC: Holds.

Bourse Master: Holds.

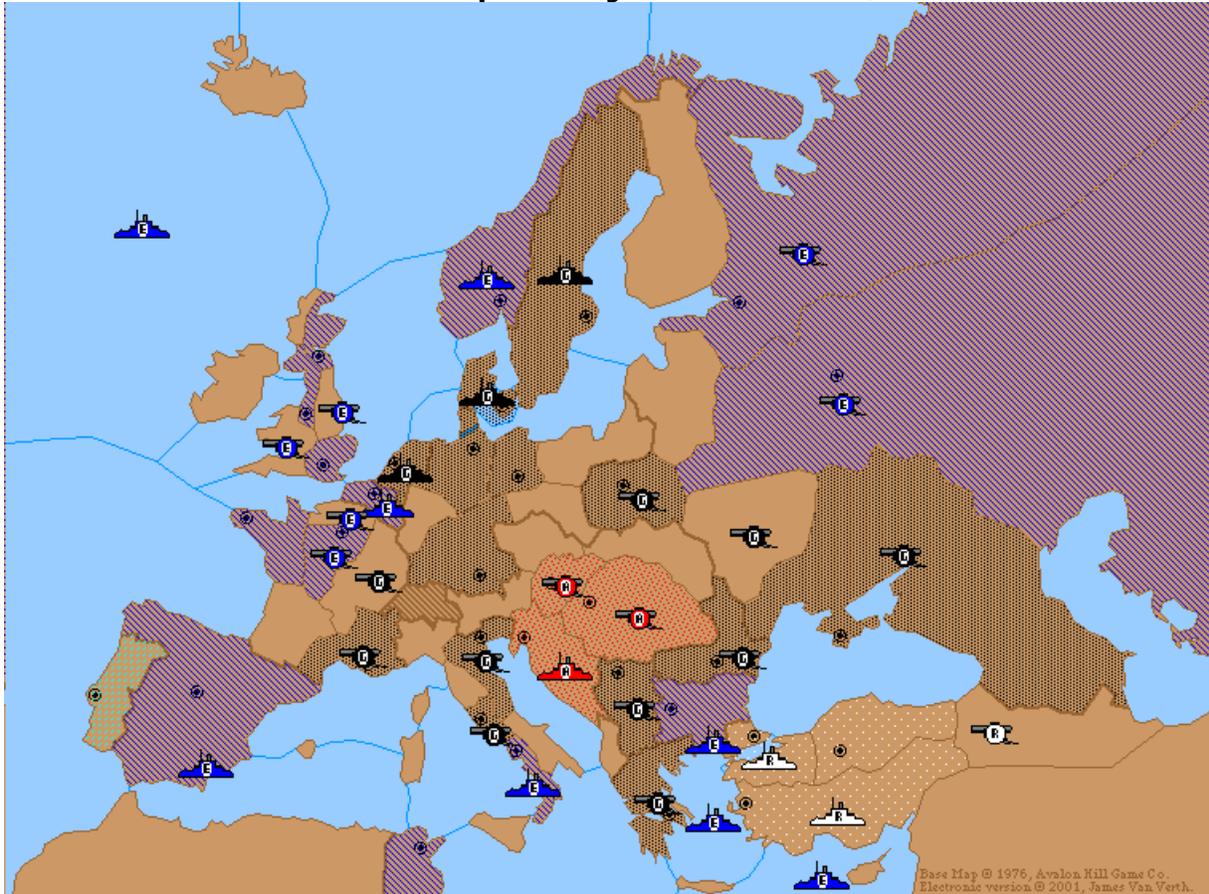
PRESS

DUKE OF YORK: It's NEVER too late to change tactics. But, I'm almost out of my Austrian Crowns, soon it will be too late for those, I suppose.

SMAUG TO ALL - I'm not dead yet. Despite your tireless plotting. *snorts flames*

Next Bourse Deadline is October 29th at 7:00pm my time

Graustark Diplomacy Game 2006A, F 18



Austria (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org): F Albania – Trieste, A Budapest Hold, A Trieste - Vienna.

England (Fred Wiedemeyer – wiedem "of" telus.net): F Aegean Sea - Constantinople (*Fails*), F Belgium Hold, F Bulgaria(sc) Supports F Aegean Sea – Constantinople, F Ionian Sea - Eastern Mediterranean, F Irish Sea - North Atlantic Ocean, A Moscow Hold, F Naples Hold, F Norway Hold, A Paris Hold, A Picardy Supports F Belgium, F Spain(sc) Hold, A St Petersburg Supports A Moscow, A Wales Hold, A Yorkshire Hold.

France (Hank Alme – almejh "of" alumni.rice.edu): No units.

Germany (Harley Jordan – harleyj "of" alum.mit.edu): A Burgundy Supports A Marseilles, F Denmark Hold, A Galicia – Rumania, F Holland Hold, A Marseilles Supports A Burgundy, A Rome Supports A Venice, A Rumania – Serbia, A Serbia – Greece, A Sevastopol - Armenia (*Fails*), F Sweden Hold, A Ukraine - Sevastopol (*Bounce*), A Venice Supports A Rome, A Warsaw Hold.

Russia (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca): Retreat F Aegean Sea - Smyrna.. A Armenia - Sevastopol (*Bounce*), F Constantinople Supports F Smyrna (*Cut*), F Smyrna Supports F Constantinople.

All Draw and Concession Proposals Fail
W 18/S 19Deadline is October 30th at 7:00am my time

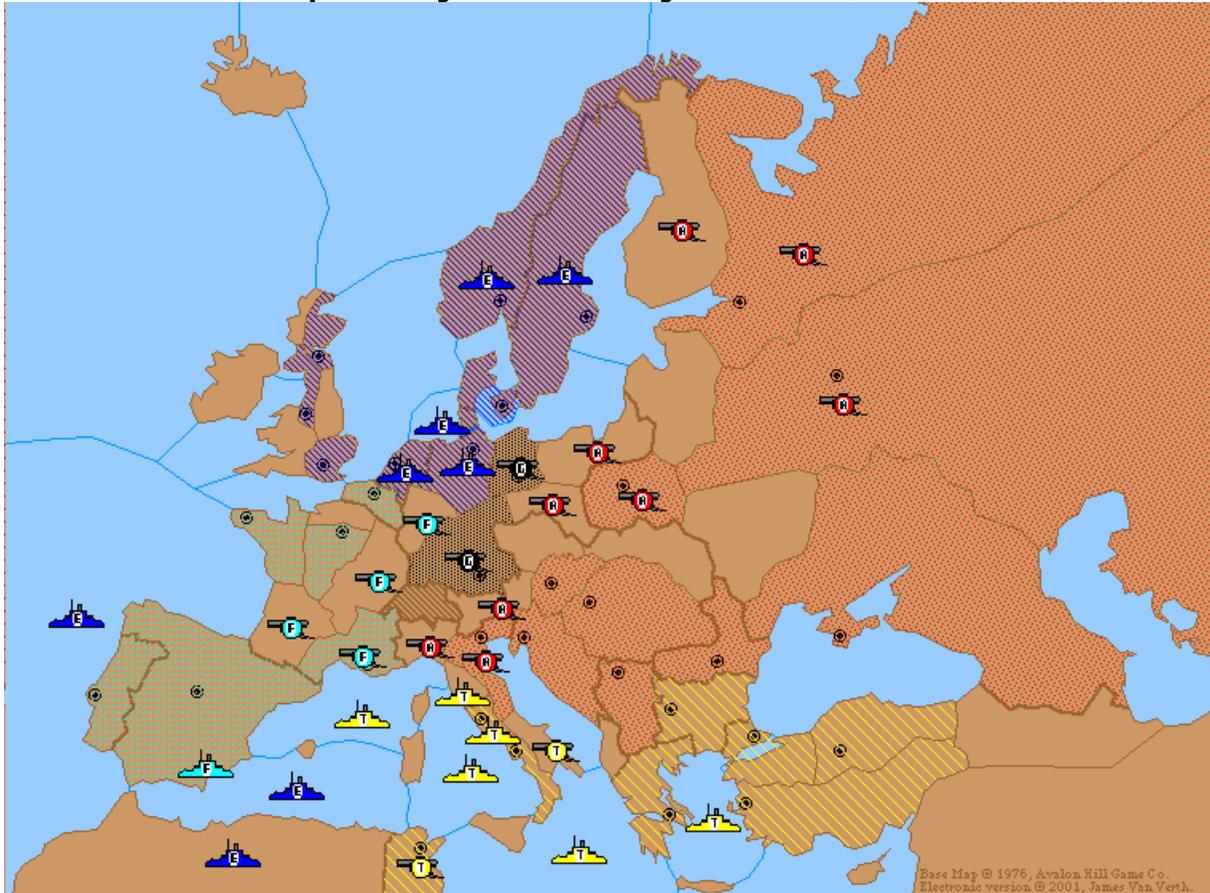
Supply Center Chart

Austria:	Budapest, Trieste, Vienna=3, Even
England:	Belgium, Brest, Bulgaria, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Moscow, Naples, Norway, Paris, Spain, St Petersburg, Tunis=13, Remove 1
France:	Portugal=1, Plays 1 Short
Germany:	Berlin, Denmark, Greece, Holland, Kiel, Marseilles, Munich, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Sweden, Venice, Warsaw=14, Build 1
Russia:	Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna=3, Even

PRESS:

Berne[d] (Oct 31, 1918): The Institute for Strategic Studies, in their latest periodical publication, have lambasted both England and Germany for their respective, cautious military strategies as they both had the opportunity to win but, instead, cravenly established a draw. Cowards!

Diplomacy "Dublin Boys" 2010D, F 10



- Austria (Paul Milewski – paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com):** A Bohemia – Silesia,
A Finland Supports A Livonia - St Petersburg, A Livonia - St Petersburg,
A Moscow Supports A Livonia - St Petersburg, A Piedmont - Marseilles (*Fails*), A Prussia Supports A Berlin,
A Silesia – Warsaw, A Tyrolia Supports A Munich, A Venice - Piedmont (*Fails*).
- England (Kevin Tighe – tigheman "of" yahoo.com):** F Baltic Sea – Sweden,
F English Channel - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, F Helgoland Bight Supports F Kiel, F Holland Supports F Kiel, F Kiel Hold,
F North Africa Supports F Western Mediterranean, F Norway Supports F St Petersburg(nc),
~~F St Petersburg(nc) Hold~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Barents Sea or OTB),
F Western Mediterranean Supports F Spain(sc) - Gulf of Lyon (*Void*).
- France (Jeff O'Donnell – unclestaush "of" yahoo.com):** A Burgundy - Munich (*Fails*),
A Gascony Supports A Marseilles, A Marseilles Hold, A Ruhr Supports A Burgundy – Munich,
F Spain(sc) Supports F Western Mediterranean.
- Germany (Melinda Holley – genea5613 "of" aol.com):** NMR! A Berlin Unordered, A Munich Unordered.
- Turkey (Brad Wilson - bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com):** F Aegean Sea Supports F Ionian Sea, A Apulia Hold,
F Gulf of Lyon Supports A Piedmont – Marseilles, F Ionian Sea Supports A Tunis,
F Rome Supports F Tyrrhenian Sea, A Tunis Hold, F Tuscany Supports F Gulf of Lyon,
F Tyrrhenian Sea Supports F Gulf of Lyon.

***All Draw Proposals Fail. I expect Melinda to return.
W 10/S 11 Deadline is October 30th at 7:00am my time***

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Budapest, Moscow, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, St Petersburg, Trieste, Venice,
Vienna, Warsaw=10, Build 1

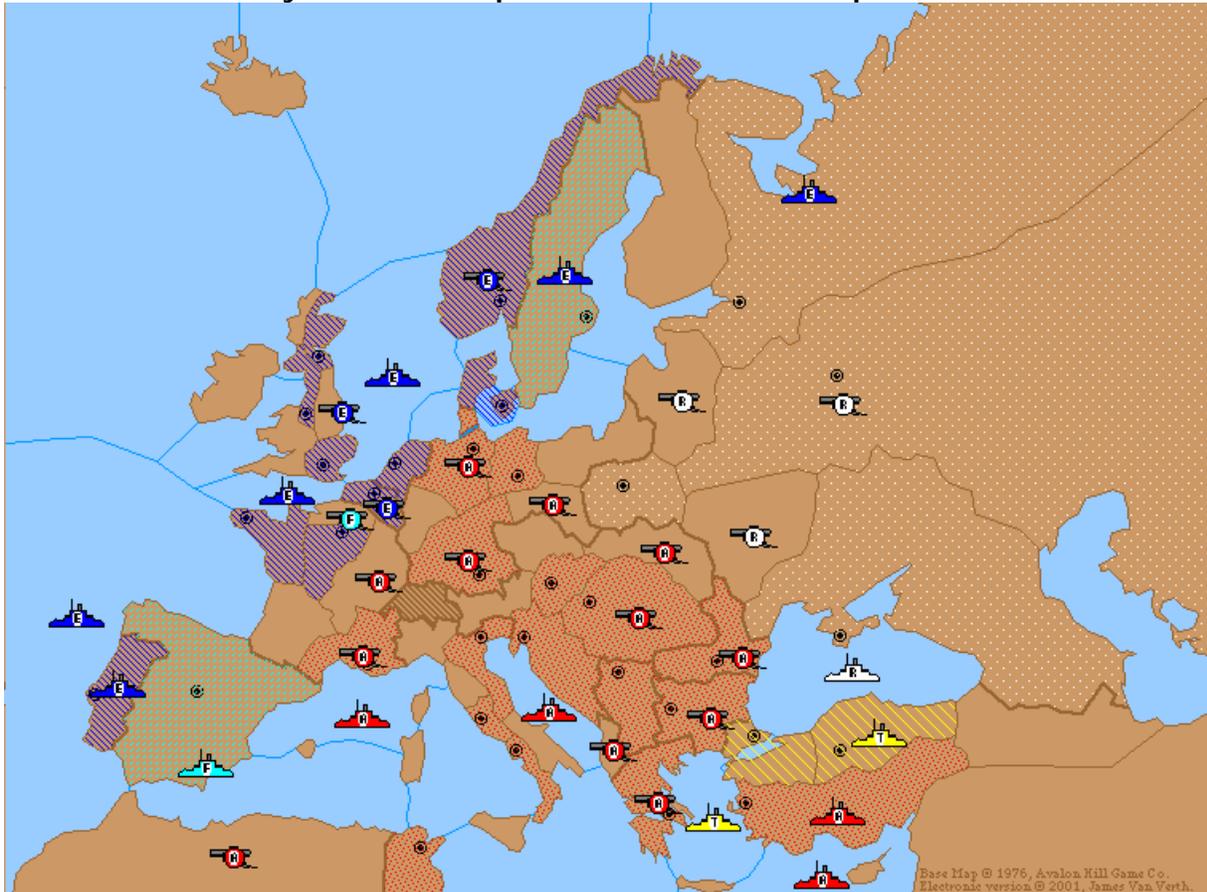
England: Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London, Norway, Sweden=8, Even or Remove 1
 France: Belgium, Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=6, Build 1
 Germany: Berlin, Munich=2, Even
 Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Naples, Rome, Smyrna, Tunis=8, Even

PRESS

CON-PARIS: Three-way! Three-way!

Eng - Kate: Really, what were you thinking? That people will respect your privacy? Have you looked at the European newspapers?

Everybody Plays Diplomacy "Dandelion" 2010Cvj08, W 10/S 11
Player Names or Handles will be shown for any power they commanded each season.
Remember, in some seasons if we get enough players you may not wind up commanding any nations. All press submitted will be printed.



Austria (Tom Howell): Build A Vienna, F Trieste.. A Albania - Greece (*Fails*), A Bohemia - Silesia, A Budapest Supports A Rumania, A Bulgaria - Constantinople (*Bounce*), F Eastern Mediterranean Supports F Syria - Smyrna, A Greece - Bulgaria (*Fails*), A Kiel Hold, A Marseilles - Burgundy, A Munich Supports A Marseilles - Burgundy, A North Africa Hold, A Piedmont - Marseilles, A Rumania Supports A Greece - Bulgaria (*Fails*), F Syria - Smyrna, F Trieste - Adriatic Sea, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Gulf of Lyon, A Vienna - Galicia.

England (Rick Desper): Build F London, A Edinburgh, A Liverpool.. F Barents Sea - St Petersburg(nc), A Edinburgh - Norway, A Holland - Belgium, A Liverpool - Yorkshire, F London - English Channel, F North Atlantic Ocean - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, F North Sea Convoys A Edinburgh - Norway, F Norway - Sweden, F Portugal Supports F North Atlantic Ocean - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Cut*).

France (Brad Wilson): Disband A Holland.. A Burgundy - Picardy, F Spain(sc) - Portugal (*Fails*).

Russia (Dave McCrumb): F Black Sea - Ankara (*Fails*), A Moscow Supports A Warsaw - Livonia, A Sevastopol - Ukraine, A Warsaw - Livonia.

Turkey (John Bieh): F Aegean Sea - Smyrna (*Fails*), F Ankara - Constantinople (*Bounce*).

F 11 Deadline is October 30th at 7:00am my time

PRESS

LONDON; Help! The Commoners are rising!! All hands to Britain ASAP!!

Austria Must Not Win: Just wait till I get the Red Devils again.

Anonymous: Quit attacking France and Russia, 'Howell I do this?', you Limey bozo!

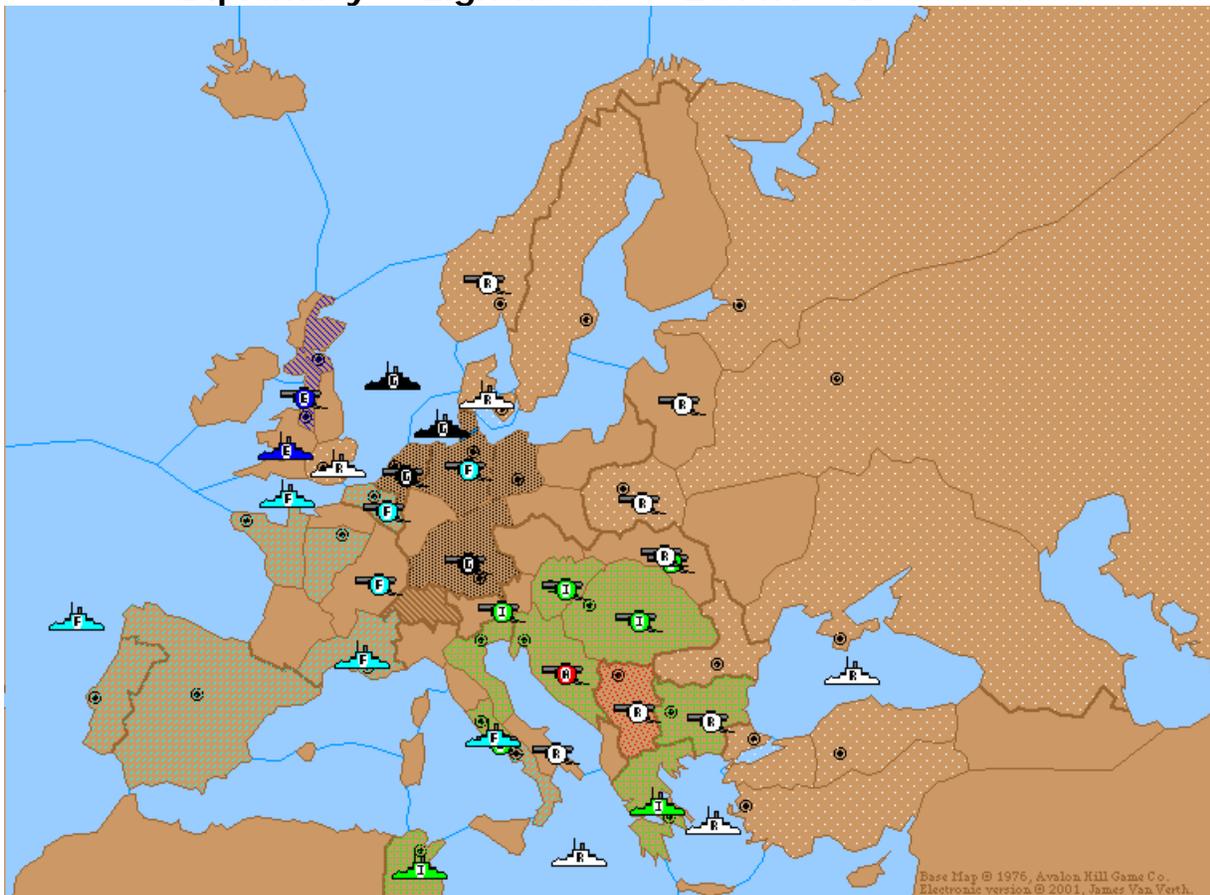
Anonymous: Hey Mc 'Crumble', last turn F Spa(sc) - Mar was the move, you bozo!

Anonymous: We know what 'dark red' side you are on, Darth 'Scumwilson'.

Italy Must Win #3: I propose Austria concede a home center to Italy so he/she can return cause 'Italy Must Win!'.

ITALY MUST WIN to AUSTRIA: I stab at thee from the grave, this goes on until you concede to me!!!!

Diplomacy - "Lighthouse" – 2011A – W 05/S 06



Austria (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org): A Serbia - Trieste.

England (Paul Milewski – paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com): Disband F London.. A Clyde – Liverpool, F Liverpool - Wales.

France (Kevin Wilson – ckevinw "of" gmail.com): A Belgium - Holland (*Fails*), A Burgundy - Munich (*Fails*), F English Channel Supports F London - North Sea (*Void*), F Naples – Rome, F North Atlantic Ocean - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, F Piedmont – Marseilles, A Ruhr - Kiel.

Germany (Brad Wilson – bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com): F Helgoland Bight Supports A Holland, A Holland Hold, A Munich Supports A Vienna - Bohemia (*Void*), F Norwegian Sea - North Sea.

Italy (Melinda Holley – genea5613 "of" aol.com): NMR! A Budapest Hold, F Bulgaria(sc) Hold (*Disbanded*), A Galicia Hold (*Dislodged*, retreat to Silesia or Bohemia or Rumania or OTB), F Greece Hold, A Rome Hold (*Dislodged*, retreat to Venice or Tuscany or OTB), F Tunis Hold,

A Holland – Belgium, A Munich Supports A Ruhr – Burgundy, A Ruhr - Burgundy.

Italy (Mark Firth - mark.firth "of" bluefingroup.co.uk): A Apulia Supports A Venice, F Naples - Ionian Sea, F Tunis Supports F Naples - Ionian Sea, A Venice Hold.

Russia (Richard Weiss – richardweiss "of" higherquality.com): A Galicia Supports A Armenia - Rumania (*Cut*), F Sevastopol Supports A Armenia – Rumania, A St Petersburg – Norway, F Sweden Supports A St Petersburg - Norway (*Cut*), A Ukraine Supports F Sevastopol.

Turkey (Geoff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com): A Armenia – Rumania, F Black Sea Convoys A Armenia – Rumania, A Bulgaria Supports A Armenia – Rumania, F Smyrna - Aegean Sea.

F 02 Deadline now is October 30th at 7:00am my time

PRESS

London (May 1, 1902) The Russian Ambassador has been summoned to Whitehall where the Second Lord of the Admiralty, Horatio Hornblower gave the Russian a formal declaration of war stating that the placement of a second Russian fleet in the north was an unacceptable provocation.

Whitehall (June 1, 1902): Letters of Marque have been issued to the Pirates of Penzance by order of the Third Lord of the Admiralty, Davey Jones of Locker, to interdict all unfriendly ships plying the waters of the English Channel. Rumours suggest the Pirates have hired continental freebooters (read Germans) as they have no ships of their own (dreadnoughts being rather expensive and beyond the industrial capabilities of Land's End.

Scapa Blow (Apr 1, 1902) The First Lord of the Admiralty, Ima Honker, was apoplectic, " That Dwarf Czar called me a piss ant? I'll have him know I'm no Ant and as far as 'piss' is concerned, I'm full of it, so he better not get in my range or I'll hose him down!"

Liverpool to Munich: Go ahead and snarf and snort all the 'suds' you want. I'll quaff my ale n bangers' here while you scarf all the 'sourkraut' you want.

Flap-Duck: Your threats bore me--Don't let your mouth write a check your blocks can't cash--by the way I don't want to be rude but your flanks are wide open...

Flap-Sara: You write about everyone else but me--I feel left out <sniff, sniff>

Flap-Boob: The force is strong in this one but he is to young and impetuous.....did anyone actually answer you this turn Obi-Wanna-Write-A-Letter?

France-Germany: See when you don't write that's called Gunboat Diplomacy--this is normal Diplomacy, or as normal as it ever gets with Doug's cast of misfits and Dip rejects--you're supposed to write....you know like back in the day when you, John Boardman and Mark Berch were running the hobby and being harassed by Kathy Caruso and our own Miss Sara when men were geeks, women were scarce, Star Trek was still had one TV series and no movies and zines were written on the ancient papyrus scrolls....

France to Russia and Great Britain: Can't we all just learn to get along????? You're compromising my brilliant plans for Diplomacy Domination....so work on that this turn will you two???

France to Sara: Miss Kitty is back in town...where??? where?????...oh wait she's a dom and i'm a dom..this isn't going to be as much fun as i thought...

(BOOB to JERUSALEMITES): I'm baAAAACKKKK!!!!

(JIM-BOB to RICHARD): We had a great time in Chicago and really missed seeing you there!!

(NOOSE NECK to SARA): I await your torture expectantly, but you have to catch me first!!!

(PROVIDENCE to JERUSALEM): I only KNOW how to write drivel, what you see is what you get.....

Moscow to London: At least you communicate! Whadup dinosaurs of postal diplomacy? Don't have enough stamps anymore!?

By Popular Demand

Credit goes to Ryk Downes, I believe, for inventing this. The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the "most popular" answer. You score points based on the number of entries that match yours. For example, if the category is "Cats" and the responses were 7 for Persian, 3 for Calico and 1 for Siamese, everyone who said Persian would get 7 points, Calico 3 and the lone Siamese would score 1 point. The cumulative total over 10 rounds will determine the overall winner. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. ***In each round you may specify one of your answers as your Joker answer. Your score for this answer will be doubled.*** In other words, if you apply your Joker to category 3 on a given turn, and 4 other people give the same answer as you, you get 10 points instead of 5. Players who fail to submit a Joker for any specific turn will have their Joker automatically applied to the first category. And, if you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner. ***Research is permitted!***

Note – This is the regular By Popular Demand, not the By ALMOST popular demand we did last time.

Round 6 Categories

1. A branch of the military.
2. A female singer.
3. Someone who appears in "The Great Escape" (other than Steve McQueen).
4. How many cups of coffee an average person drinks each day.
5. A nation beginning with the letter L.

Selected Comments By Category:

Military Branch – Andy York "Though my preference is Air Force." Per Westling "Comes natural to me as I live in a town where they manufacture military aircraft. But I did my service in the land based part of the navy."

Female Singer – Dave McCrumb "I know this won't get more than my vote but as Allison Kraus is by far my favorite singer; I had to list her." Geoff Kemp "Aretha Franklin is a brilliant singer but don't know how many will agree." Jim Burgess "In honor of the memory of Richard Walkerdine, I'm choosing Kirsty MacColl this time, I don't care how many points I get for it."

The Great Escape – David McCrumb "A lot of well-known actors in this movie. I think Garner will get the most but David McCallum will probably get a lot due to NCIS. Charles Bronson is also well known. Attenborough, Pleasance and Coburn are all fairly well know, or at least used to be, but I don't think they will get that many votes." Geoff Kemp "It was him or Richard Attenborough as the only other ones i could remember, but think your countrymen will go for Bronson out of the two." Dane Maslen "If, like me, one knows essentially nothing about films, then the answer to 3 has to be either James Garner or Richard Attenborough given that the IMDb entry for the film says "Stars: Steve McQueen, James Garner and Richard Attenborough."

Coffee – Andy York "For me, zero." Per Westling "When it comes to question 4 I googled on it and found the following: "In 2007, the world produced 7,742,675 metric tons of coffee. The world population then was 6,670,000,000. Therefore there was 1.16 kg of coffee per person per year. 1.16 kg/year = 3.18 grams/day = 0.318 cups per day." So, the "correct" answer would probably be "zero", "less than 1" or something. But I guess the others will think about how many cups on average the coffee drinking part of the population in a rich country like US drink, and therefore I guess 2. Myself I drink about 1 cup of tea per day, and have NEVER drunk coffee." Jim Burgess "This is a weird question, in the US the answer cited on many web sites is 1.9 for men and 1.4 for women, we're mostly men here, rounding seems the way to win, so two is my answer"

"L" Nation – Dave McCrumb "I doubt Liechtenstein will get many votes but I had to list it. We took a family vacation to Europe 10 or so years ago. We got to Liechtenstein about 2:00 on a Saturday afternoon. The country had SHUT DOWN. Everything was closed except for one pub which had a limited bar menu. We still had a pleasant time talking to the staff as we had lunch. We wanted a souvenir so they called the owner of the shop down the street who came down so we could buy something from our visit. Thinking back on it, this was hilarious but it was also wonderful as it showed the friendliness and helpfulness of everyone we met." Jim Burgess "Some interesting choices here and no slam dunk, Libya certainly has been in the news the most recently." Dane Maslen "I'm inclined to believe that either Libya or Lebanon should top category 5, but the choices might be quite widely spread." Rick Desper "#5 became a lot easier with the recent attack in Benghazi. I'll make it my joker wildcard."

<u>Player</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Female Singer</u>	<u>Great Escape</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>L Nation</u>	<u>Turn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dane Maslen	Army	Madonna	James Garner	2	Libya	82	395
Jim Burgess	Army	Kirsty MacColl	James Garner	2	Libya	76	374
Brad Wilson	Army	Beyonce	James Garner	2	Liberia	65	360
John Biehl	Army	Celine Dion	James Garner	3	Lithuania	66	343
W. Andrew York	Army	Cher	Charles Bronson	3	Luxembourg	59	340
Kevin Wilson	Army	Lady Gaga	Charles Bronson	2	Libya	67	340
Rick Desper	Navy	Madonna	Richard Attenborough	3	Libya	48	329
Marc Ellinger	Marines	Madonna	Richard Attenborough	4	Libya	28	327
Richard Weiss	Army	Britney Spears	James Garner	N/A	Lithuania	57	323
Per Westling	Air Force	Whitney Houston	James Garner	2	Libya	51	314
Heather Taylor	Army	Barbara Streisand	James Garner	3	Lebanon	67	314
Brendan Whyte	Army	Cher	James Garner	0	Libya	68	308
Carol Key	Army	Carole King	James Garner	3	Liechtenstein	67	297
Hank Alme	Army	Stevie Nicks	Charles Bronson	2	Laos	57	289
Dick Martin	Army	Madonna	James Coburn	1	Libya	61	286
Allison Kent	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	28	281
Don Williams	Army	Barbara Streisand	James Coburn	3	Libya	57	276
Michael Moulton	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	28	273
Geoff Kemp	Army	Aretha Franklin	Charles Bronson	4	Luxembourg	50	272
David McCrumb	Marines	Allison Kraus	James Garner	3	Liechtenstein	33	271
Paraic Reddington	Navy	Madonna	Charles Bronson	3	Libya	39	271
Andy Lischett	Army	Grace Slick	James Garner	2	Liechtenstein	67	252
Martin Burgdorf	Navy	Madonna	James Garner	1	Lebanon	37	237
Philip Murphy	Army	Duffy	Richard Attenborough	3	Libya	57	231
Jack McHugh	Army	Madonna	James Garner	2	Luxembourg	73	223
Robin ap Cynan	Army	Tori Amos	James Garner	3	Libya	69	222
Kevin Tighe	Army	Adele	James Garner	2	Latvia	56	191
Melinda Holley	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	28	186
Mark Firth	Navy	Lulu	Charles Bronson	2	Laos	33	139
<u>MOST POPULAR</u>	Army	Madonna	James Garner	2 or 3	Libya		

Congrats to Dane Maslen for pulling the highest possible score of 82. Sorry Marc Ellinger, you get the booby prize for a lowly 28.

Round 7 Categories

1. A Canadian province.
2. An island.
3. A Clint Eastwood film (as an actor).
4. Something you find in a closet.
5. A nation beginning with the letter S.

Deadline for Round 7 is October 30th at 7:00am my time

Eternal Sunshine Movie Photo Contest

There are ten rounds of movie photos, and each round consists of ten photos. **Identify the film each photo is from.** Anyone may enter at any point. If you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner – **and it might be a very good prize!** **Research is not permitted!** That means **NO RESEARCH OF ANY KIND**, not just no searches for the photos themselves. **The only legal “research” is watching movies to try and locate the scenes.** Each round will also contain one bonus question, asking what the ten movies being quoted have in common. **The player with the most correct answers each round gets 3 points, 2nd place gets 2 points, and 3rd place gets 1 point. In the event of ties, multiple players get the points (if three players tie for first, they EACH get 3 points). High score at the end of ten rounds wins the game, and a prize (unless you cheated). If there’s enough participation I may give a prize for 2nd and maybe even 3rd place overall too. The final round will be worth double points.**

Round 1



1. **Notes on a Scandal.** Correct – RD, PR. The Reader – DW. An Education – KT.



2. **Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines.** Correct: BW, RD, PR, AL, DW, KT. Great Waldo Pepper – AY. Around the World in 80 Days – KW. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – DM.



3. **Billy Elliott.** Correct – AY, KW, RD, PR. Chariots of Fire – DW. Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner – KT.



4. **4 Weddings and a Funeral.** Correct – KW, BW, RD, PR, JB, AL, DW. Runaway Bride – AY. Notting Hill – DM, KT.



5. **Kinky Boots.** Correct – RD. Love, Actually – DW, KT.



6. **Remains of the Day.** Correct – RD, DM. The Day of the Jackal – PR, AL. Love Actually – DW.



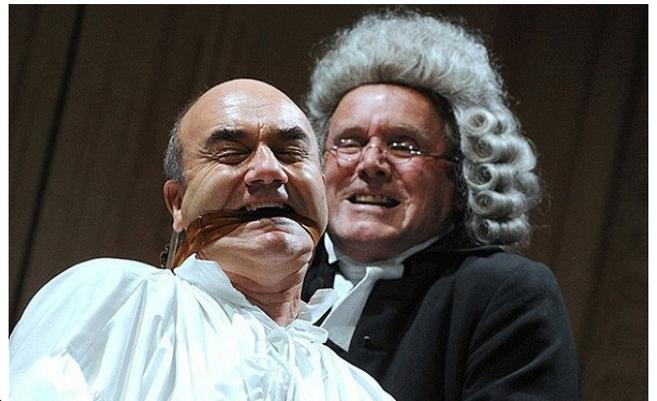
7. **Monty Python and the Holy Grail.** Correct – AY, KW, RD, JM, JB, DW, KT. Eric the Viking – BW. Excaliber – DM. The Vikings – PR.



8. **Scrooge.** A Christmas Carol – AY, BW, RD, DM, JB, AL, KT. The Life of Brian – PR, JM. Harry Potter Part 52 – DW.



9. **The Hours.** Correct – RD, PR, KT. The Piano – KW. The Others – DW.



10. **The Madness of King George.** Amistad – The Director's Cut – RD. The Long Good Friday – AL. Quill – DW.

Bonus – What do these films all have in common? They all take place in England. Correct – KW, RD, DM, PR, JM, AL, DW. All Based on Books by British Authors – KT.

Points This Round: Rick Desper [RD] – 9; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 6; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 4; Don Williams [DW] – 4; Andy Lischett [AL] – 3; Kevin Tighe [KT] – 3; Dave McCrumb [DM] – 2; Jim Burgess [JB] – 2; Jack McHugh [JM] – 2; Brendan Whyte [BW] – 2; Andy York [AY] – 2.

Scores So Far: Rick Desper [RD] – 3; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 2; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 1; Don Williams [DW] – 1.

Round 2

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See You Then!**



A raven-like and his whimsical dog watch the company in disbelief. A ghostly minstrel group supplies them music for this spooky playground, while the head ghosts recline.