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NEW NMR POLICY!!!

Every so often, usually in late Winter or early spring we get a rash of NMRs. This issue is one such. It has been a real pain. Life is too short for this grief. In the past, I've made it standard policy to phone collect for NMR orders to minimize game disruptions. No more. If your orders aren't here by the deadline, you're NMR. Late orders will be accepted up to preptime, but there's no guarantee when that might be. Exceptions to this policy will be few and far between, natural disasters, GM errors, overseas duty, and the like.

Folks on e-mail will continue to get the 1-week warning messages with any errata.

Oh yeah, "no payee, no playee". Get your subscription renewals on time or NMR. Ms Nar insists on it.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: In our days wars are not won by mere enthusiasm but by technical superiority. --Vladimir Lenin

THE HUNT is back! Check it out on page 12.

Thanks to Ron Fisher for forwarding me an article on KREMLIN from Games International, a British gaming magazine. Ron and Mark Frush are waiting some challengers, so step right up!

Mark Frush is considering running an 1835 game on Compuserve. Contact him there if interested.

While at HurriCee last weekend I picked up copies of SILVERTON, "The Game of Colorado Railroading" and CREDO, "The Game of Dusting Dogma". The former can be played as Randy Cox is running four of them in his Cogniscienti, the latter might be. Let me know if there is any interest.

Jeff Vandine is considering resigning either or both of his positions in "Boris VI" and "Boris VII" due to unusual work pressures (Sigh, it reminds of the Carter Administration days of "More with Less.") It got so bad, we had to bring our own pens and pencils from home since the squadron couldn't afford to supply them.) Anyone interested in either position should submit orders. Should he decide not to continue, Ms Nar will choose his successor at random from among the orders submitted.

Proposed House Rules for pbm HISTORY OF THE WORLD appear on page 9. Check them out. It's a great fit game and there's no reason why it couldn't be better pbm.

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award will not be awarded this month. Quoth She-Who-Can-Cancel-Boris"-at-Any-Time, "Did I scare everyone off? Or are you busy thinking of press for next issue?" I'd advise y'all to start writing.

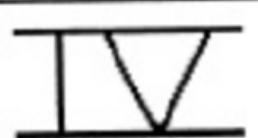
This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to Wormtongue for trying a) her patience, b) to subvert her sense of Justice, and c) for whining unduly.

THIS SPACE FOR A PERSONAL MESSAGE AND/OR AFTERTHOUGHTS

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CST) 2 APR 94



STALEMATE LINE GELS!! WORMTONGUE FOILED!



Spring 1912

Errata: English F STP(sc) should've been listed as [F StP(sc) S A Pro-Lvn](r-???). English F MID's orders were given twice. England could only Tear 1 due to the annihilation of A LVN in the Spring.

CLIFFHOME - Wormtongue's forces are bloodied but unbowed. The Anglo-German arctic forces can deny them STP, NWY, SWE, and DEN forever. The path to victory is through BER, MUN, and, especially, southern Italy. The breakthrough could happen in the Fall when either ROM or ION should be breached. The West must resist the temptation to annex the undefended Italian foreign centers lest the naval blockade of the central Med collapse and Austrian fleets gleefully steam toward the Pillars of Hercules where only the insufficient and dwindling British fleet bars their way.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian A ROM retreats to VEN. English F STP(sc) retreats to BOT. Italian F APU retreats to NAP. Austria builds A VIE & F TRI; England disbands F MID; Germany builds A KIE; Italy tears F POR.

AUS (Frying): F Aeg S F Adr-Ion. A Smy H(u). A Gre H(u). [F Adr-Ion], A Ven S A Trl-Pie. A Tus S A Trl-Pie. [A Apu-Rom]. A Trl-Pie. [A Mun-Ruh](d). A Bob S A Gal-Sil. A Gal-Sil. A War S A StP-Lvn. A Mos S A StP-Lvn. A StP-Lvn. A Vie-Trl. [F Trl-Adr];

ENG (Shackleton): A Lvn-Pin. F Bot C A Lvn-Pin. F Eng-Nth. [F Spa(nc)-Mar](imp). F Wes-Lyo;

GER (J. Fisher): A Swe-Nwy. [A Pro-Sil]. A Ber S A Kie-Mun. A Dan-Swe. [A Hol-Ruh]. A Mar-Bur. A Kie-Mun;

ITA (Klausutis): [A Pie-Ven](r-???). F Nap S F Rom. F Rom H. [F Tun-Ion]. F Tym S F Tun-Ion.

Orders in brackets fail: d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, imp = illegal or impossible move, nsc = unit not so ordered, oob = off the board, otm = unit on the move, r-?? unit must retreat, u = unordered. Italian A PIE may retreat oob or to MAR.

Due next time are orders for retreat and Fall 1912. The latter may be conditional on the retreats. Note Austria has a new E-mail address.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

American Journal of Statistics - We have calculated that there were exactly 4,356 different troop positions possible to start Spring 1912 given the situation in Fall 1911. Since each European Power knew its own retreat and build orders, the situation was not quite as daunting as it might first appear. Germany had the most permutations to face with 1,452, then Italy with 728, then England with 396, and finally Austria with 198. Many of these, of course, were tactically equivalent, so the effective number of choices was much lower.

CLASSIFIEDS

Herod did not serve John the Baptist's head half so well as Germany served England's and Italy's head to Austria.



COUP IN RUSSIA!!

ARCHDUKE SEIZES CROWN!

Spring 1906

VI

WALL STREET JOURNAL—News of the coup in St Petersburg arrived after the Market was closed, so it's too early to tell whether investors approve or disapprove the move by Archduke Vladimir to dethrone Tsar Richard. Meanwhile rumors of a palace plot continue to circulate in Vienna. Can both of the European giants be due for a change in management?

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russia: F NWY retreats cb. Austria builds A BUD, A VIE, and F TRI; England tries to build F LON & F LPL—sorry, only 1 build available, so neither happens. Italy tears A POR. Russia builds A SEV & A STP.

AUS (Vandine): A Ruh S A Mun-Bur, A Rom-Tus, [A Pis-Mar], A Mun-Bur, F Tun S F Wes, F Wes H, [A Bud-Ser], F Ion-Tyn, F Tri-Adr, [A Ser-Bal], A Vie-Boh;

ENG (McHugh): [A Hol-Mie], [F Den-Bal], F Nth S F Nwy, [F Nwy S F Ska-Swa], F Ska-Swe,

FRA (Rezzarday): [A Mar S A Gas-Spa], A Gas-Spa F Mid S A Gas-Spa;

ITA (Cameron): [F Lyc-Mar], F Spalco]-Por;

RUS (Anderson): A Smg H, [A Kie S F Bel-Den], A Ber S A Pru-Sil, A Pru-Sil, F Gre S F Con-Bal(sc), F Bel-Den, A Fin S A STP-Nwy, F Con-Bal(sc), [F Bar-Nrg], JA StP-Nwy, A Sev-Rum.

Orders in brackets fail; d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nso = unit not so ordered; nsp = no such place; nsu = no such unit; pib = off the board; atm = unit on the move, r-?? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; u = unordered.

Due next time are orders for Fall 1906. Austria may be resigning his position; anyone interested in assuming it send orders. If he does resign, the position will be assigned at random from all submitted orders.

Alde-Chur Bourse

SPRING 1906 ACTION

RVE sells 75 rubles, buys 47 kroner and 44 pounds (\$1+825-517-308 = \$1).

PRB sells 220 rubles and buys 220 kroner (\$0+2420-2420 = \$0).

RETW sells 34 pounds and 40 rubles and buys 52 kroner (\$8+238+440-682 = \$4).

FROG sells 200 francs and buys 85 pounds (\$0+800-695 = \$5)

USED sells 100 rubles and buys 100 kroner (\$0+1100-1100 = \$0)

Company	\$	Kroner	Pounds	Francs	Lire	Rubles	Value
RVE	1	200	44	0	0	75	\$3334
NEWBOT	4	182	0	0	0	74	\$2930
PRB	0	220	1	0	0	0	\$2427
WOMEX	1	0	333	0	0	0	\$2332
USED	0	150	70	0	0	0	\$2290
RETW	4	182	0	0	0	122	\$2171
FROG	5	3	85	0	0	70	\$1775
CCH	1	80	0	0	0	0	\$981
MT	0	0	0	345	0	0	\$690

LEGEND: CCH = Corporation for Currency Holding, FROG = Federal Reserve Option and Guarantee, NEWBOT = Neenah World Board of Trade, PRB = People's Revolutionary Bank, RETW = Retired Wayne, RVE = RV Exchange, USED (formerly RF) = Ukrainian Circus Exchange & Depository, WOMEX = Wordelmann's Monetary Exchange

The Alde-Chur Bourse is closed this Season.



Europe Mobilizes!! Coup Planned in Turkey?

VII

Winter 1901/02

MURKWOOD: The Great Powers have thrown all their newly gained resources into mobilization. The French excess of power is likely to incite German, Italian, and British jealousies. An Austro-Turkish alliance has never historically proved stable, so too is this one predicted to be short-lived, perhaps even to the demise of Russia, although persistent rumors of an impending military putsch against the Sultan are heard in the embassies in Constantinople. Russia's troubles are partially compensated by the (temporary?) lack of British presence in NWY.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russia retreats A SEV to MOS.

AUS (Racicot): A Rum, A Tri, F Gra, +A Bud, +A Vie;

ENG (Wilson): A Pic, F Nth, F Eng;

FRA (Cohn): A Spa, A Bel, F Por, +A Mar, +A Par, +F Bre;

GER (Morrison): A Hol, A Mun, F Den, +A Ber, +F Kie;

ITA (Franz): A Pic, A Ven, F Tun, +F Nap;

RUS (Carboneau): A Mos, A Pra, F Swe, +A War;

TUR (Vandine): A Bul, A Sev, F Bla, +A Ank, +F Con.



REVENGE IS SWEET

Only PR Floats!!
Egtvedt Resigns!
Morrison Assumes Command



Errata: Hanna should only have \$215, not \$235.

PLAYER STATUS:

Quist	\$175, B&Op, 2 B&O(Pres)
Hanna	\$215, D&H, M&H
R. Fisher	\$360, C&SL <Priority>
Chinnery	\$400
Butitta	\$310, C&A
Morrison	\$360, SVN&RR

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A100	0	\$100	---	---	3	
PA	????	0	???	---	---	4	:

STOCK ROUND 1.2

Fisher buys Pres share of NYNH&H, setting par at \$67 (\$360-134 = \$226). Chinnery buys Pres share of PA, setting par at \$100 (\$400-200 = \$200).

Butitta buys 1 PA (\$210-100 = \$110).

Morrison buys Pres share of NYC, setting par at \$82 (\$360-164 = \$216).

Quist buys 1 B&O (\$175-100 = \$75).

Hanna buys 1 NYNH&H (\$215-67 = \$148).

Fisher buys 1 B&O (\$226-100 = \$126).

Chinnery buys 1 PA (\$200-100 = \$100).

Butitta buys 1 PA (\$110-100 = \$10). PA floats!

Morrison buys 1 NYC (\$216-82 = \$134).

Quist passes. Hanna buys 1 NYNH&H (\$148-67 = \$81).

Fisher buys 1 PA (\$126-100 = \$26).

Chinnery buys 1 PA (\$100-100 = \$0).

Butitta passes. Morrison buys 1 NYC (\$134-82 = \$52).

Quist passes. Hanna buys 1 NYNH&H (\$81-67 = \$14), assumes Presidency.

All pass.

Due next time are orders for OR 1 and SR 2. Fisher retains the Priority Card.

PLAYER STATUS:

Quist	\$75, B&Op, 3 B&O(Pres)
Hanna	\$14, D&H, M&H, 3 NYNH&H(Pres)
R. Fisher	\$26, C&SL, 2 NYNH&H, 1 B&O, 1 PA <Priority>
Chinnery	\$0, 4 PA(Pres)
Butitta	\$10, C&A, 3 PA
Morrison	\$62, SVN&RR, 4 NYC(Pres)

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
PA	A100b	0	\$100	\$1000	---	4	
B&O	A100a	0	\$100	---	---	3	
NYC	C82	0	\$82	---	---	4	
NYNH&H	F67	0	\$67	---	---	2	

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 2222223333344445556666DDDDDD

The Bank has \$10,823.

TILES AVAILABLE:

#1(1), #2(1), #3(2), #4(2), #7(4), #8(8), #9(7), #55(1), #56(1), #57(4), #58(2), #59(1)



1835

BA zu operieren!



Bemerkung: Die Bank hat keinen 2+2-Zuegen.

Spieldauer: (Aktienlimit = 9)

Tauk:	112M, #1, Hann., 1 BY, 2 SX
Butitta (LG):	162M, 3 SX(Dir), #5 <der Zug>
Chinnery:	153M, NF, 3 BY, 1 SX
Hanna:	207M, #2, #6, 1 SX
Fruh:	220M, #4, Braun., 1 BY
Farrow:	158M, 3 BY(Dir), OB, 1 SX
Zieske:	127M, #3, PB, 2 BY, 2 SX

Beschaffungssituation:

Name	Wert	Kartell	Bank	Geld	Zuege	Token
#1	---	---	---	80	2	0
#2	---	---	---	25	2,2+	0
#3	---	---	---	100	2	0
#4	---	---	---	105	22	0
#5	---	---	---	100	2	0
BY	A148	0	0	480	22,2+	0
SX	C92	0	0	640	2+2+	2
BA	D84	0	10	--	--	2
PR	D154	0	4	--	--	2

Betragsrunde 6:

LG passt. Chinnery verkauft 3 BY und kauft BA Direktionsaktien ($153M + 444 - 168 = 429M$). BY fällt zu B134; PR Aktien jetzt verfügbar.Hanna kauft 1 BY ($207M - 134 = 73M$).Fruh kauft 1 BY ($220M - 134 = 86M$).Farrow kauft 1 BY ($158M - 134 = 24M$). BY ausverkauft!Zieske, Tauk, und LG passen. Chinnery kauft 1 BA ($429M - 84 = 345M$).

Hanna, Fruh, Farrow, Zieske, Tauk, und LG passen.

Chinnery kauft 1 BA ($345M - 84 = 261M$).

Hanna, Fruh, Farrow, Zieske, Tauk, und LG passen.

Chinnery kauft 1 BA ($261M - 84 = 177M$). BA zu operieren!Hanna passt. Fruh verkauft 1 BY und kauft WT Direktionsaktien ($86M + 134 - 168 = 52M$). BY fällt zu C122.Farrow passt. Zieske kauft 1 BY ($127M - 122 = 5M$). BY ist ausverkauft!

Tauk, und LG passen.

Chinnery kauft 1 BA ($177M - 84 = 93M$).

Hanna, Fruh, Farrow, Zieske, Tauk, und LG passen.

Chinnery kauft 1 BA ($93M - 84 = 9M$).Hanna verkauft 1 SX und kauft 1 BA ($73M + 82 - 84 = 91M$). SX fällt zu D88.Fruh, Farrow, und Zieske passen. Tauk kauft 1 SX ($112M - 88 = 24M$)

LG und Chinnery passen.

Hanna verkauft 1 BY und kauft 2 BA ($81M + 122 - 168 = 36M$). BY fällt zu D112.

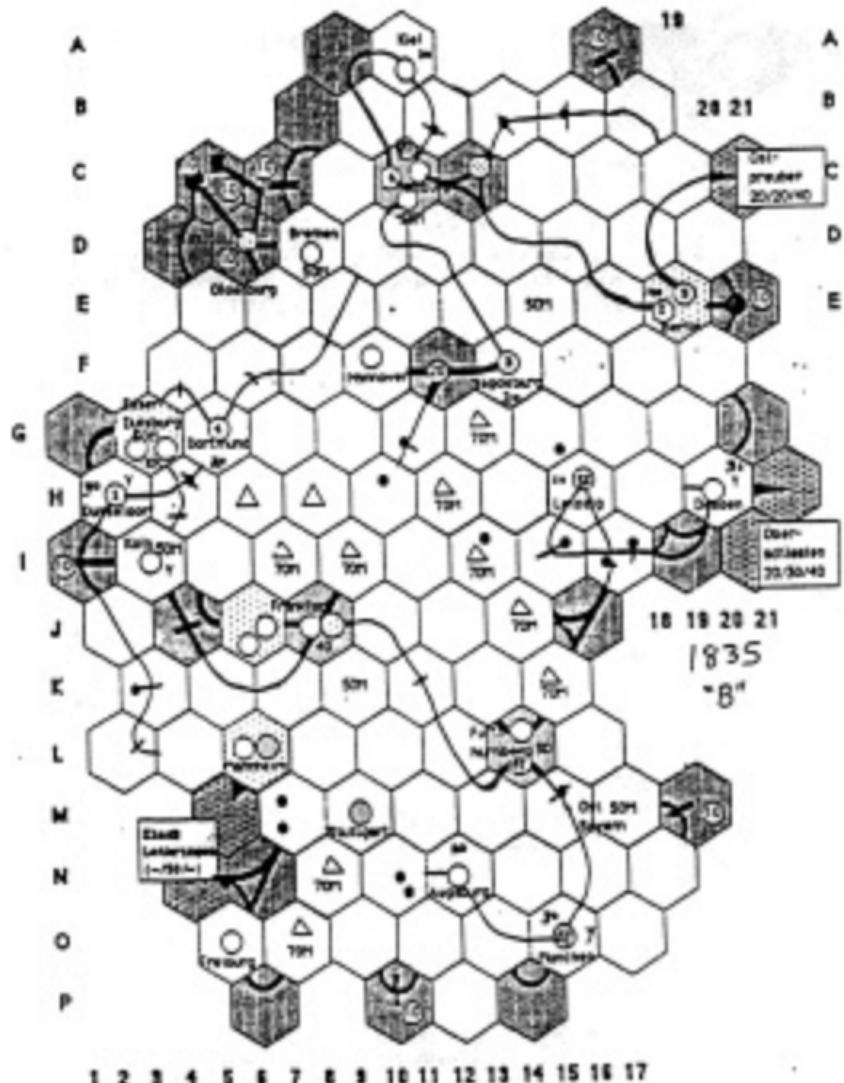
BA ist ausverkauft!

Allen passen.

Weil SX und BA ausverkauft sind, sie erklimmen zu C92 und C86 bzw. Ich noetig habe fuer Ordnungen Betriebsrunde 6. Fruh hat den Zug.

Spieldauer: (Aktienlimit = 9) (* = Doppelaktien)

Tauk:	24M, #1, Hann., 1 BY, 3 SX
Butitta (LG):	162M, 3 SX(Dir), #5
Chinnery:	9M, NF, 1 SX, 7 BA(Dir)
Hanna:	35M, #2, #6, 3 BA*
Fruh:	52M, #4, Braun., 1 BY, 2 WT(Dir) <der Zug>
Farrow:	24M, 4 BY(Dir), OB, 1 SX
Zieske:	5M, #3, PB, 3 BY, 2 SX



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Beschaffungsteilung:

Name	Wert	Kartell	Bank	Geld	Zusage	Token
#1	--	---	---	80	2	0
#2	--	---	---	25	2,2+	0
#3	--	---	---	100	2	0
#4	--	---	---	105	22	0
#5	--	---	---	100	22	0
#6	--	---	---	150	2	0
BY	D112	1	0	400	22,2+	3
SX	C92	0	0	640	2+2+	2
BA	C88	0	0	840	--	2
PR	D154	0	4	--	--	2
WT	D64	0	8	(168)	--	2

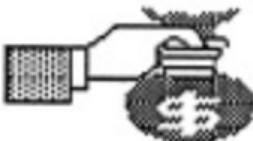
Bereitbare Zusage: 3333,3+3+3+,444,4+,55,5+,66,6+6+6+6+
Die Bank hat 9.189M.

Sollen verfügbaren Bleistiften:

#1(1), #2(1), #3(0), #4(0), #5(1), #6(0), #7(8), #8(4), #9(8), #55(1), #57(2),
#58(0), #59(1), #201(1), #202(0)



GREEO IS GOOD THEY SPERK!



Don Chinnery: I was very happy to have achieved this victory. I even surprised myself despite the several goofs I made. My apologies to Mike for having sold BOM. My reasons for raising cash and changing positions were not valid. I didn't need the 6th share of BOM. My gain on that 6th share however equaled what the gain would have been if had I retained BOM. Thank you to all for having made a very interesting game.

Wayne Morrison: Well done, Don! One of these games of 1930 I'll figure out what I'm doing and build a better railway. May your engines run smooth and your rail beds stay firm.



16 TONS Some Speak!! Some Don't!



Errol: It was closer than we thought. Mark Frueh contends that NYNH&H had a \$500 run and that CDO had a \$240 run, narrowing the margin of victory to \$13.

Don Chinnery: My first time playing this variant and I was soon left behind. I felt like the trains going so fast that I was not going to get onboard. SO I am pleased that I was able to stay in the money at the end.

Mark Frueh: I believe Mike Puffenberger played a fantastic game and would certainly win had the game continued. I think I would have made it interesting if I succeeded in obtaining the NDW from Egteadt...Rick must have wrote some very good stock orders to flush his cash and still remember to guard the NDW from takeover. I actually wanted the third company in order for multiple track legs and attempt to further maximize my potential earnings as compared to Mike Puffenberger and Paul Zieske.

I also think my stock manipulations (i.e. flushing the NYC, CPR and Erie) was justified in order to try to buy the cheaper permanent trains and try to balance Mike's lead. It's a part of the game which normally happens in the games I play locally in an attempt to slow down the leader. I enjoyed the variant and wish it could have gone the full extent.

GHC: Yes, it ended just as things were getting interesting, but Rick knew he was losing and didn't want to prolong the agony. Should we try it again, or should we in the future avoid such "occasions of madness"?



STELLAR CONQUEST

Game Progress



The games are presently awaiting:
FLESH GORDON—Turn 28 production.
SIMON WAGSTAFF—on Turn 32.
GOLAN TREVIZE—Turn 38 production.

Please expedite your orders. The time you save is only your own.

Proposed House Rules for THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

1. All standard rules as published by The Avalon Hill Game Company are in effect unless superseded here.
2. All Empires will be pre-assigned by the GM before the game begins. The total strength for each set of six empires will be 68 ± 2 . Empires may not be traded. Only the player controlling each set will be informed what his Empires are. The identities of the players' Empires will not be revealed until it is time for them to move.
3. No optional rules will be in effect for this first playing. The Trade Bonus Event card will be removed from the Event deck. The Sumerians will be set up by the GM with a capital, an army, and a monument in Lower Tigris, and one army in each of Zagros, Eastern Anatolia, and Levant.
4. Each Epoch will be broken into a variable number of mailings (from 1 to 6) during which orders for one or more Empires will be submitted and adjudicated. Turns will be broken up based on GM's judgement as to which Empires can reasonably be expected to submit orders simultaneously. Each pbm turn, each player will be informed whether he should submit moves for his Empire in that Epoch and, if so, he will also be informed of the identity and ownership of any Empires that will be moving before him during that pbm turn. EXCEPTION: In Epoch 1, all Empires will be revealed at the start of the turn since all will be in play and we'll try to get the whole Epoch done in one mailing.
5. Your orders should include:
 - a) Which, if any Event, cards you will play and under what circumstances.
 - b) Where you wish to place your armies and fleets; conditional orders based on previous losses, card expiration (elite status lost or leader died, etc), or prior Empire move are fine.
 - c) If you intend to occupy the starting area of a major or minor Empire yet to play this Epoch or that will play next Epoch, give your druthers for retreats.
- If you lose 3 units during your turn or if something unforeseen should arise, I will stop the turn, but if you can write conditionals for 3 or more losses that would certainly speed things up. A simple listing of which territories you want to capture in the order that you could capture them will suffice in many cases.
6. Rule clarifications:
 - a) From Avalon Hill: A Disaster Event MUST be played in an area containing a monument.
 - b) My interpretation: An "area" is any territory or sea zone. A "land" is any "area" that is land.
7. Example of orders:
Egypt: 1) Cap & A Nile Delta, 2) F E Med, 3) A Nubia, 4) A Palestine, 5) A Levant.
Minoans: Play Population Boom, 1) Cap & A Crete, 2) F E Med (if Egyptian F E Med, attack until victory), 3) A E Anatolia (if occupied play Treachery card), 4) A Levant, 5) Zagros, 6) A whichever is unoccupied Libya>Shatt Plateau, if neither than A Nile Delta, if Fort there then Fort in Crete.

Thanks to Scott Cameron and his 'fine Protossas', from whose house rules these have been largely borrowed.

DEIRE

Arrivede D' Fremen Ally!

Slech Tahr D' Arrakeen Again!

THRA 4

Errata: There should be 4 BG tokens in the Tanks (1 from the explosion at Slech Tahr and 3 from the battle at Haggis Basin). B has only two cards.

ATREIDES: (R. Shacklett) 1C, 5S.

BENE GESSERIT: (Bodkin) 2C, 12S, 4T in Habbanya Ridge Slech, 2T in Haggis Basin(s13), 2T in Arrakeen, 1T in Tuk's Slech, 1T in Shield Wall(s8).

EMPEROR: (R. Fisher) 2C, 14S, 1* & 2T in Arrakeen, 3T in Habbanya Ridge Slech, 2T in Pasty Mesa(s5).

FREMEN: (Morrison) 2C, 6S, 2T in False Wall West(s15), 2T in the Polar Sink, 1T in Habbanya Erg.

GUILD: (Tuk) 4C, 36S, 11T in Tuk's Slech.

HARKONNEN: (Klausutis) 8C, 14S, 8T in Carthag.

TANKS: A 17T, B 4T, E 6T 1*, F 6T & 1*, H 2T, Cpt Arendham, S. Mapes, Dr Yueh, T. Hewet, Chani, D. Idaho

TURN 4

1. Storm moves to Sector 2.
2. Spice Blows are at Funeral Plain (6) and the Great Flat (10). But first a Worm appears at Broken Land and munches on ST there. We have a nexus. A & F ally. B & E remain allied. 2S remain at Haggis Basin.
3. Bidding: B & F receive 2S in CHOAM charity. There are 4 cards available.
E bids 3S, F bids 2S, A bids 1S. E gets _____ (-3S)
E bids 3S, F bids 2S, A bids 1S. E gets _____ (-3S)
B bids 3S, F bids 2S, A bids 1S. E loans B 3S, B gets _____
B bids 3S, F bids 2S, A bids 1S. B gets _____ (3S to E).
4. Revival: A revives 2T, B revives 2T (-2S), E revives 1* & 2T (-4S), F revives 1* & 2T, H revives 1T.
5. Shipment: G goes first and ships 8T to Slech Tahr (-5S); B hitchhikes 1T. E ships 1* & 2T to Arrakeen (3S to G); B hitchhikes 1T. B ships 2T to Habbanya Ridge Slech (2S to G). A attempts to ship 2T to Slech Tahr but G plays a Karana card to prevent the shipment. H ships 8T to Arrakeen (6S to G); B hitchhikes 1T, F places 8T and 3* in the Great Flat.
6. Movement: E moves 3T from Habbanya Ridge Slech to Wind Pass (s15). F moves 3T & 3* to Slech Tahr. H can not move 3T from Carthag to Slech Tahr since two factions are there already. B moves 1T from Haggis Basin to Carthag and declares she will not combat there.
7. Combat: G @ 8T vs F 3* & 3T at Slech Tahr. H 8T vs E @ 2* & 4T in Arrakeen. H @ 8T vs B 1T in Carthag.

Due next time are combat orders.

LEGEND: * = starred token, @ = aggressor, A = Atreides, B = Bene Gesserit, C = card, E = Emperor, F = Fremen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, KH = Kwisatz Haderach, L = leaders, S = spice, sf = sector #, T = token.

ATREIDES: (R. Shacklett) KH, 1C, 5S.

BENE GESSERIT: (Bodkin) 4C, 7S, 8T in Habbanya Ridge Slech, 4T in Arrakeen, 1T each in Tuk's Slech, Shield Wall(s8), Slech Tahr, Carthag, and Haggis Basin(s13).

EMPEROR: (R. Fisher) 4C, 4S, 2* & 4T in Arrakeen, 3T in Wind Pass(s15), 2T in Pasty Mesa(s5).

FREMEN: (Morrison) 2C, 2S, 2T in False Wall West(s15), 2T in the Polar Sink, 1T in Habbanya Erg, 3T & 3* in Slech Tahr.

GUILD: (Tuk) 3C, 42S, 11T in Tuk's Slech, 8T in Slech Tahr.

HARKONNEN: (Klausutis) 8C, 6S, 8T in Carthag, 8T in Arrakeen.

TANKS: A 16T, B 2T, E 4T, F 4T, H 8T, Cpt Arendham, S. Mapes, Dr Yueh, T. Hewet, Chani, D. Idaho

PRESS:

To Rose: Are you making way for the Emperor?

MAGIC REALM



Bart Spares Goblins!
Sir Jordan Exits!

The Cast

John Butitta: John Butitta
Scott Cameron: Marcel Carbonneau
Don Chinnery: Dan Farrow
Richard Price: Jack Shacklett

"Moondoggie" the Sorcerer (Bushytail, Misty)
"Black Bart" the Black Knight
"Amber Rose" the Amazon
"Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit Silky)
"Woolly" the optional Wizard
"Sir Jordan" the White Knight
"Fang Gulfwulf" the Berserker

ERRATA: Fang is at DW3, not Mt5.

EVENING 22

No action

Monster Roll - 4

DAY 23

Amber Rose @ DW3: M DW5, S(Loc 4.2 = chits = n/a), M DW4, M DW5, S(Loc 6.6 = -); reveal DANK M, VAULT 3.
Black Bart w/ Company @ BL2: M Ru5, M Ru3, M CV1, M CV4; reveal BONES V, attract two ghosts.
Fang & R7 @ DW3: H(5.4 = y), S(Lt 6.4 = -), S(Lt 1.1 = a treasure), S(Lt 6.3 = -).
Sir Jordan @ Chapel: M EV2, M offboard.
Scitch w/ Bashkars @ LW5: M LW4, R(MAGIC IV3*), R(MAGIC V4*), M Le4; reveal SMOKE M, SLITHER 3, drew 2 H Serpents to Le3.
Moondoggie @ Cr5: H(5.4 = -), S(Loc 3.2 = pass), S(Loc 3.1 = n/e), S(Loc 4.2 = discover Cairns); reveals STINK M, LOST CASTLE 1, ALTAR 1, PATTER 2, LAIR 3, CAIRNS 5, ROAR 6. T Demon moves to Cr5.
Woolly @ Guard: H(5.3 = y), S(RR 2 = learn/awaken "Witch's Brew"), S(RR 1 = 1/a "Lost"), S(RR _ = 1/a "Fog").

COMBAT: Bart and the Company vs two ghosts @ CV4. Moondoggie vs T. Demon @ Cr5.

DEAD PILE: The Patrol, T Giant, T Troll, 1 bat, 2 workhorses, the Lancers, the Guard, 1 H Spider.

BOARD NOTES: A sixpack of ax-goblins at BL3, a sixpack of spear-goblins at BL5, a sixpack of sword-goblins at Cn1, and two H serpents at Le3. A T Giant and an abandoned treasure at Cr3. Two horses are abandoned at the Inn. A short sword and a treasure are abandoned at the Guard. There is a short sword abandoned at Ru2. The Vault is open. BL, PW, and LW are enchanted. All the Rogues are available for hire except R7. Crone and Quest are at LCF @ LW5. The Warlock has the Alchemist's Mixture.

PRESS:

Moondoggie: Eat my mist ghost dudes--I'm outta here.



THE HUNT



Third Hunt Begins!

THE HUNT is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep" or "pride" for "lions". Boris and Ms Nar will rank each entry for each word and the best score will be the winner. Each word is a possible 1 point, but the point will be split if either more than one player suggests the word or two or more words are ranked equally. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. THE HUNT is run in Chases or rounds. This is the opening Chase of the 3rd Hunt. Gentlefolk, mount your steeds! To the Hunt!

CHASE 1 (Theme: March Sports)

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| 1. marathons | 2. playoffs | 3. holdouts |
| 4. skiers | 5. bikini contests | 6. rookies |
| 7. chugging contests | 8. trades | 9. auto races |
| 10. ice fisherman | | |

On Deck

1829: Zieske

1830: Bodkin, Farrow, Klausutis, Morrison, Zieske. Alternates Chinnery, Frush, Tsuk & Wordelmann.

1835: Chinnery, Quist & Zieske signed up. Chinnery and Farrow signed up for any variant. Alternates Frush, Tsuk & Wordelmann.

BOURSE: "Aldo-Chur" closed. "Boldhome" has continuous openings.

BRITANNIA: Zieske, Hanne. Need 2 more.

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Zieske

CONQUISTADOR: Vandine

COSMIC STELLAR CONQUEST: several

DIPLOMACY: Anderson, Carbonneau, R. Fisher, Fryling, & Zodda signed up. Alternates Carbonneau, Ford, Franz, Frush, Hanne, Morrison, Seissler, Tsuk, Wilson.

QM DIP: Hanne.

DOWN WITH THE KING: Butitta, Vandine. Need 2 to 4 more.

DUNE: Anderson. Alternate Anderson.

GUNSLINGER:

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Frush, Klausutis, Morrison. Need 3 more.

KAMAKURA: Vandine

KREMLIN: R. Fisher, Frush, Zodda. Need 1 to 3 more.

LIFTOFF:

MAGIC REALM: Carbonneau

MERCHANT OF VENUS:

MYSTIC WOOD: Carbonneau

SILVERTON:

TITAN:

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