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Trivia quiz

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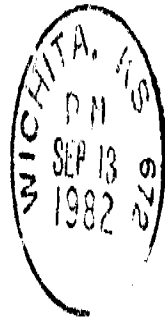
This is Diplomacy Digest, the zine for the dippy" purest". I am sure all of you are going to enjoy this special issue. It is being brought to you from the Diplomacy Hall of Fame nursing home. Which I am obviously just visiting, as I have still not accomplished anything worthwhile to warrant my induction. It is however a real treat getting to see the hobbys finest, like- - - Kathy, Woody, Lousy, Uncle Al (you remember the novices pal), Toots, Pudge, Elsie, and of course Black Jack Masters. I found it very interesting that Canadians are not allowed here, yet they do let Brux do custodial work for them even though he would never rate up there with players of their caliber. Well here it is the trivia quiz you have all been eagerly waiting for. Please send me your answers ASAP. For each correct answer I will give you one free issue of DD.

1. How many housrules did Voice of Doom finally accumalte before its pubber, Bruce Linsey went insane?
2. What was more insane Linsey or the Houserules?
3. What role did Michalski play in WW III? How many millions of deaths was this mad man responsible for?
4. How many little kids did Al Pearson befriend, only to stab them later?
5. This year Rod Walker has outdone himself and he has bought first publication rites to my autobiography. Guess the exact amount paid. I'll give a hint, I'll never have to work again. (Answer this question wrong, and you receive my autobiography)
6. The envelope which Lincoln wrote his Gettysberg address is now stored in the Smithsonian institute. Can you tell me what became of the envelope on which Linsey wrote his famous "the river Speech"?
7. Who had their sex change operation first, Woody or Barno?
8. How is it that John Boardman still manages to publishe Graustrk, on time, even though he died five years ago?

9. How many clones of Dick Martin have been made? And why is it neither Dick nor his clones have yet been able to finish the hobby census started in 1982?
 10. How many people attended the stoning of the mad scientist that cloned Dick Martin?
 11. How many times has Brad Wilson reincarnated BORN TO DIP in the past 21 years? What was the longest continuing run of this zine? (hint: no game ever went past '02)
 12. How many years did John Carusá get for murdering Tom Mainardi, when tom tried to pull a Fastfingers stab on his paisano buddy? Was public appreciation the reason he was let out on parole after serving one week or was it his weight problem?
 13. The winner of the incipient bossiness award in the early and late 1980s, Gary Coughlan has now turned his bossiness in other directions. How many nursery school children have turned to drugs to escape Gary's whip? And how much money has Gary made by selling these kiddies drugs?
 14. Fred Davis is 140 years old, yet he **only** looks 120. How does he manage to preserve his youth so well? Is it the repeated face lifts or the Gary Coughlan wonder drug, MOONSHINE?
 15. Did Hoosharar ever come?
 16. Did Robert Sacks ever come?
 17. Every year for the past 20 years people have made the pilgrimage to Wichita, Ks. to get a glimpse of the Duke of Dipdom, pudge Olsen. Explain how this 400 lb. man has stayed out of sight from his 2000 loyal screaming Fudgies?
 18. Although I vote Dipdmaster a '0' every year along with other various rif raf zines (too many to mention) it has managed to remain #1 in the hobby polls for the past 20 years. Explain why anyone could vote a zine dedicated to attacking anyone as bald ... as me so high?
 19. Did John Michalski murder Ralph Morton because ... A) he was a liberal B) he was blind C) Deadwood D) he subbed to too many zines, helping to kill trees and forcing Toots to find other places to take a leak E) none of the above. John Michalski was innocent and Ralph Morton sufficated under a large pile of zines.
 20. It is common knowledge that Mike Mazzer is the most disliked person in dipdom (my opposite) is it because: A) he has stabbed Bob Olsen 122 times B) He's ugly C) he is a letter passer D) he has made passes at Elsie
 21. Avalon Hil went out of business in 1985, due to Ron Brown of Canada mailing dip sets to the U.S. He was one of the only people to obtain that rare substance called wood to make the blocks. Who has more money fort Knox or Ron Brown? How much is that 1985 wood worth today? (Bonus: Does Dippy Don Ditter talk to little Red blocks made from Canadian wood?)
 22. Masters has appeared and disappeared over the years plagerizing such great authors as Thurber, Tolstoy, Hemmingway, Byrne, Shakespeare, Yeats, why has he never seen fit to plagerize the all time great writer, me (Scoop Berch)?
 23. What finally financed the Martin Mansion in Rockville? A) Sub and game fees stolen from his subbers B) Amway (HA HA) C) Julies body D) Money solicited by his clones
 24. Explain the expression on my face when I saw Mona and elvis Coughlan riding into the sunset on Elsie's back, with Gary running behind yelling giddy up? Was Gary Sober on this day? And what famous artist painted this picture and where is it hanging?
 25. How many ~~444~~ years was Dave Grabar in the hobby before he stopped grabbing the dot in hte North Atlantic Ocean? And how many times was his France wiped out by Spain?
 26. How many nude pictures have I sent out of my current wife Dixie Grey? If you don't have yours yet send me a buck and I'll send you a picture.
 27. How many pairs of panty hose does Al Giddings own? (Brownie points given for the most and best descriptive answer on the kinky things Al does with the Panty hose)
- XTRA CREDIT: 5 points each 1e) In what year did the hobby flagship zine fold 2e) in what year did Diplomacy World cease publication?

28. Everyone knows that Winsome-Losesome is the longest running zine, pubbed by a living person, who is Judy Winsome? A) Jack Masters B) Jack Masters C) John Masters D) James Thurber
29. What has been the biggest strain on the Scott Hanson and Frauke marriage? Scott's publishing or Frauke living in Germany while Scott lives in Minnesota?
30. During WWII John Michalski saw to it that Santa Claus' workshop at the North Pole was nuked. Why did he do it? A) he's jackass B) because Christ is Jewish C) Because he hates giving presents to little kids D) because Mrs. Claus was blind E) The elves collected welfare during the off season
31. What's brighter Rudolph's nose or my head? If any of you DARE vote for me, you will receive a life time sub to dip digest and a life size picture of Paul Rauterberg
32. In the early 80's Steve Langley boarded a bus bound for Kansas to Pudgecon. When did he arrive A) Yesterday B) Next Week C) never the bus was caught in the 'Nevada triangle' D) The bus was booby trapped by John Michalski as the only passengers were Steve Langley and his harem of blind, pregant rabbits.
33. What famous hobby madman still has a sign in his front yard that reads, "Danger Mine Field, blind people enter at your own risk. (please note: sign not in Braille). Is it A) Mary Beck B) Stevie Wonder C) The Flying Nun D) Other
34. Due to Bob Osuch's senility, stubbornness and general narrow mindedness, Mass Murders has become the longest played game in the hobby and will continue that way for many yaers. Why? A) Because Dick Martin, the core player, needed a delay to complete the hobby census B) everyone is using perpetual orders and Osuch is still trying to looke up the word perpetual in the dictionary. C) Bob Olsen votes no to every draw because this is the only game he killed Mike Mazzer in. D) Because Keith Shherwood was blown up trying to cross Michalski's mine field blind folded (Scoop here, Isn't this one of my better questions? a real run on Sentence)
35. What became of Herb Skaggerak (BOAST) after he was dethroned from the Dip Con Society by Eric Ozog? A) he shot himself B) No such Luck C) He was reduced to reading about stalemate lines in DD D) He married Robert Sacks and was forced into Reading Al Giddings best seller book on 1001 kinky things to do with a Dip Board
36. What ever became of the infamous Suite 100? A) It was turned into a museum B) Anita Bryant bombed it C) Robert Sacks and Herb Skagggerak rented after reading Gidding's book D) Woody still lives there
37. What became of the fungus in Phyliss room? A) It ate N.Y. B) Gary rammed his tongue down its throat C) Steve Langley mated with it D) All of the above
38. Who has Kathy Byrne chosen as her successor to be hobby Bloodsucker? A) Elvis Coughlan B) Langley and the fungus offspring C) Langley and the Harem rabbits D) No one she'll never quit aggravating us!
39. Will there ever be a zine more entertaining or interesting than DD? A) YES B) Definitely yes. C) Absolutely D) All of the above
40. Will there ever be another Mark Berch? A) I hope not B) IMpossible C) they broke the test tube D) Maybe, you never know whst Sacks and Skaggerak will yield
(NOTE: I sprang from fungus, that is why I like being bald and wearing moldy styrofoam hats.

I hope you enjoyed this as much as I enjoyed doing this. Get your answers in to me immediately if not yesterday. The wimmer will receive his choice of A) Weekend in suite 100 with Woody and Brux B) a Cancellation sub to DD and I promise to lose your address and never write you again C) A date with Langley's fungus offspring D) A dead blind pregant rabbit courtesy of John Michalski. D) A bus ride through Oklahomea with a load of blind pregaant rabbits.



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Does Thomas Stone still live
in Monte Park? Say Hi to Mom