

# DIPLOMAG

This is the bimonthly newsletter of the American Mensa Postal Diplomacy SIG, bringing hobby and SIG news to Mensans interested in playing Postal Diplomacy, the board game produced in the USA by Avalon Hill. Membership dues are \$4.00 per year for members living in the Continental USA and \$5.00 a year for those living elsewhere, due on January 1st. Please send all dues and enquiries to the Chairman. Edited by Ronald Brown.

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

I would like to wish all our members the very best of the season and hope you all have a prosperous new year.

Flipping through back issues of DIPLOMAG, I realized it is now over a year since I began editing it. It doesn't seem that long, but we've seen a lot of changes during that time. Personally, I resigned my nice cushy teaching job last June in order to work for a living. I just finished a course in Computer Operations and am throwing myself on the mercy of the private sector as a technical writer. There aren't many people who both understand technology and can write in English, so the prospects look good. I expect I'll have a full time demanding job before next issue is due out (touch wood). This means I no longer have the time I am used to give to the hobby and I am trying to cut back. I hope that when 1983 ends I will be only publishing SNAFU! and playing in less than five games.

That means, of course, that I will be stepping down as Committeeman and editor for the SIG. I have already heard from one member who has said he would seriously consider taking over my position in six months or so. But, perhaps you too have been dreaming of being a 'big-time editor'? The person I heard from is an excellent choice, but these positions are supposed to be filled by election—and you can't have an election without at least two candidates. So, give it some thought and let Ed (and me) know if you're interested—or just have ideas on what you'd like DIPLOMAG to be.

Now that the SIG has settled down and is in Ed's capable hands, I can breathe a sigh of relief after all the turmoil during Glenn Overby's brief stint as Chairman. (We still haven't received SIG records or funds from Glenn. The money involved is estimated to be about \$50.00, the amount of our deficit. When Fred Davis resigned as Chairman he forwarded some nine years worth of records and the balance in the SIG's treasury to Glenn immediately, so Glenn has had no excuse not to stick everything in an envelop and mail it to Ed.) So, I would be leaving the SIG executive at a good time and my successor should not have any problems like I had to deal with. Good luck to him (or her) in advance.

Seeing as Ed is enjoying a well-deserved holiday in Mexico, I don't have much to report on, so I thought I'd get the SIG games' state up-to-date.

Mensa #12 (1980 IC) GM: Ron Brown zine: SNAFU!

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
AUS	4	5	6*	6	6	5	6	7	6	Sharon Poppe <i>DRCW</i>
ENG	5	6	5	7	8	8	9	8	9	Charles Byrne <i>DREW</i>
FRA	2	0	-							Pete Gaughan (Out F 02)
GER	6	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	Rick Young
ITA	4	5	6	5	3	3	3	3	4	Darryl Phillips
RUS	6	5	3	0	-					Joe Marshall (Dro F02); Charles
TUR	5	5	6	8	8	9	8	7#	6	Dan // Letcher (Out F 04) Wilson

\* One short; # 2 short.

This oldest current SIG game, and SNAFU!'s first, is still going strong with the original cast. The English-German alliance has taken advantage of NMRs to gain against the Turkish-Austrian alliance. Italy has apparently switched sides and is now helping the West.

Mensa #13 (1980 KY) GM: Chip Charnley

	01	02	03	04	05	
AUS	3	3	4	5	6	Joe Miller (Dro F01); Ralph Baty
ENG	4	5	5	7	4(5)	Mike Granatstein (Res S02); Dan Wilson (Dro
FRA	5	5	6	4	4	Len Johnson // W03); Dean Hess
GER	5	5	4	4	6	Steve Greenburg (Dro S02); Ron Brown
ITA	5	5	5	5	4	Joe Marshall (Dro S01); Bruce Poppe
RUS	5	4	5	4	5(4)	Brad Anderson
TUR	5	6	5	5	4	Walter Compton

The situation in 1905 depends on an English retreat. With everyone still in the game, it could go in any direction. Alliances seem too unsettled to make any comments. (Besides, I'm playing this one.)

Mensa #14 (1981 AQ) GM: Ed Bapple zine: MIGRAINE (Glenn Overby to S 03)

	01	02	03	
AUS	3	2	0	Mark Larzelere (Dro S03); Ron Brown (Res S03); CD (Out W03)
ENG	4	4	4	Pete Gaughan
FRA	6	6	6	Mike Casucci (Dro S03); Eric Strand
GER	5	5	5	Errol Platt
ITA	5	4	5	Pete Sampson (Dro S03); Rick Young
RUS	6	6	7	Mike Whitty
TUR	4	6	6	Paul Larsen

Spring, 1903 was replayed under Ed Bapple, when Glenn Overby's adjudication after failing to send a copy of the game report to a player was ruled illegal. That might explain some oddities in the stats.

Mensa #15 (1981 HR) GM: Ed Bapple zine: MIGRAINE (Glenn Overby to Fall 02)

After a year of trying only two game years have been played. First there were the long delays caused by Mr. Overby. Ed's adjudication of Spring, 1903 was challenged by a player and an ombudsman was not agreed upon when Ed left on vacation. So, we're awaiting the outcome of this little disagreement. In 1902, Ron Brown's Russia had 8, J. R. Douglas' France was at 7, with Larry McCloud's Austria at 6. H. D. Bassett's Italy had 4 centres, and all the rest had 3: Mark Warner (Eng), Dan Wilson (Ger), Lynne Cicotte (Tur).

Mensa #16 (1982 I) GM: Ron Brown zine: SNAFU!

	01	02	03	
AUS	4	0	-	Walter Compton (Out W02)
ENG	3	5	4	Steve Geislinger (Dro S0+); Mike Mazzer
FRA	4	5	6	Robert Young
GER	5	5	4	Windy Windblad
ITA	5	6	6	Keith Sesler
RUS	4	7	8	Dave Lincoln
TUR	4	6	6	Paula Marie Dodge

The only SIG game representing 1982 is bombing right along. Alliances seem very insecure as everyone is struggling to get into the mid-game with a strong power base. The BOURSE players attached to this game seem to be having quite a struggle trying to anticipate what will happen next.

Mensa Variant #3: Gusher (1980 Mjj) GM: Fred Davis zine: BUSHWACKER

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
ENG	4	7	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	Chip Charnley
FRA	3	8	7	8	6	8	3	5	2	Dan Wilson (Dro W06); Darryl Phillips
GER	3	5	7	6	4	2	0			Scott Hanson (Out W06)
ITA	4	7	10	10	11	11	12	13	16	Rick Young
AUS	3	6	8	9	10	12	16	14	12	Ralph Baty
RUS	3	4	6	7	8	9	9	8	8	Ed Bapple
TUR	3	3	3	0						Joe Marshall (Dro S02); Steve Greenburg (Out W03)

In this variant the number of units a supply centre can supply varies randomly from 0 to 3. I didn't mark all the times a power played short, as it happens so often. The numbers show the number of units a power was entitled to, which is not the same thing as the number of centres he has.

Mensa #17: Mensa Variant #4

You may have noticed that the same names keep reappearing in the SIG games. Surely some of our newer members are interested in playing in SIG sponsored games as well? There are enough new members this year to fill three new games. Send Ed Bapple a note telling him you'd like to play in the next regular or variant game. When he has enough players, he'll send the list to the scheduled GM (Chip Charnley for M#17, Fred Davis for M Variant #4). That's all there's to it. You'll hear from your GM when the game is filled and ready to begin. Your games are protected by the SIG and you get to meet other M's who share your interest in Diplomacy. (And they're a pretty weird bunch, if you ask me...)

SIG MEMBERS' ZINES

Ed Bapple (address on page 1). MIGRAINE. No charge. Could use standbys for M#14 and M#15.

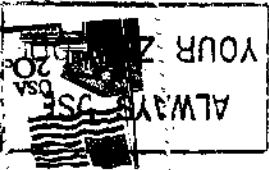
Konrad Baumeister, Henle Hall, Box 6050, Georgetown U., Washington, DC 20057. GIVE ME A WEAPON 10/\$4.50. Has openings in a regular game and needs standbys.

Ronald Brown (address on page 1). SNAFU! 10/\$8.00. Has openings in a regular game. Needs standbys for regular and SIG games. Could also use variant standbys (maps and rules free). Lots of games, including

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a "Seven Nations" about to fill (players must live in different countries). You even get pictures of his kid every few issues.

Chip Charnley (address page 1) could use standbys for M#13 (and #17 once that gets underway). By computer print-out with a different printer every time, it seems.

Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207. BUSHWACKER. Game fee: \$8.00 includes a sub for the length of the game. Standbys or straight subs are \$4.00. Fred runs only variant games in one of the oldest zines around. You really must check this one out.

Scott Hanson, 939 - 18th Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. IRKSOME 10/\$5.50. Has regular game openings and could use standbys. You also get MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT by John Michalski in IRK, which makes this a real bargain.

Steve Hutton, c/o 704 Brant St., London, Ontario N5Y 3N1. NO FIXED ADDRESS 10/\$6.50 CDN, \$6.00 US. Needs standbys. A new zine with a great future. His puzzle page ought to give your M brain something to work on.

Allen Wells, 1450 Rochester Rd., #8109, Farmingham, MA 01701. DOT HAPPY. I haven't seen this one for a few months, so I'm not sure what his latest rates are. I'm sure Allen could always use standbys at least.

If you publish a zine and it's not listed above, it's because I don't know about it. I like receiving all M zines, so send it along.

SPACE FILIERS by Fred Davis

\*Our own SIG member Linc Beaumont of Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed as one of the members of the Nominating Committee for the selection of candidates for the 1983 American Mensa Elections. Linc is serving on the Committee as one of the two representatives of Region 7.

\*11,000 M's belong to the 116 SIGs operating in North America. This figure includes Canadians and other M's, but does not include any M's who may belong to any of the International SIGs. However, there are only about ten International SIGs.

AND THAT'S IT FOR THIS YEAR... Happy New Year!

(And don't forget to send your 1983 dues to Ed.)