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The Custodianship of the Boardman Numbers, which position I have filled since September 1972, has become during my tenure a man-killing job. It is now to the point where it has gone too far. Neither I nor, in my opinion, any other single individual can handle the task under the system now in use, without eventually collapsing. And the prospects are that it will get worse, not better.

Accordingly, I have been contemplating solutions. The one I've selected, after some consultation with others, seems to me to have a couple of decidedly worthy advantages. First, it allows sufficient flexibility to change if need be in future. Second, it provides a very healthy influx of other ideas into this task, rather than maintaining the old one-man 'tyranny'. And third, and most important, it spares any single individual an impossible weight.

The system is this. One person (for now, me) will continue to serve as Custodian. It will be his functions to: (a) Assign all numbers and notify GMs of such assignments; and (b) Print EVERYTHING or its equivalent, of assigned numbers, game completion statistics, and Gamesmaster listings.

This will total, roughly, one-fifth of the work now being done by one man. The other four-fifths - the maintenance of running data on games in progress - will henceforward be broken down among several Associate Custodians to be appointed, as soon as possible, by me. Each will have an assigned group of magazines to deal with; it will be that person's responsibility to arrange to be in receipt of all such magazines, and to keep game data leading eventually to the supply centre charts as printed in these pages.

Off the cuff I would suggest a maximum of seven Associates for the time being - this total can be revised as needed, of course. I've not precisely determined just how to break the magazines down into groups; geographically by location of publication, alphabetically by title, alphabetically by publisher, or some combination... I'm hoping for some feedback from you out there on this matter. For instance:

\* But Had Better Sense Than To Ask.

It would likely be wise to be at least somewhat geographic about this, to the extent that I'd think all Canadian magazines ought to be handled by one person, and the English 'zines left to one or two people. But as to the USA? And what to do with the tiny handful of 'other foreign' magazines?

I must state at this point that the logical answer seems to be to give the job over to the various officers of the IDA. There is one problem: I, in company with all previous Custodians, stand on the absolute conviction that the Boardman Numbers must be kept independent from any and all organisational structures. And so, while I would not exclude IDA officers from acting under the terms of this proposal, I would not permit such to occur in any official linking capacity.

Would anyone out there (a) care to volunteer as an Associate Custodian, and/or (b) suggest other people who might be approached for such a task? Some prerequisites come to mind: (1) It is likely desirable that volunteers be publishers, so that they will have a means (the trade agreement) to obtain the magazines they'll need to have. This, however, is not essential, merely convenient. (2) Such persons ought to have some considerable in-depth experience in this hobby, both to demonstrate their past reliability and to ensure their competence. (3) They ought to want the job and have time for it.

Now let me state my own position unequivocally. I am not now certain that we will be able to make this system operative. Volunteers or recruits may not be forthcoming. But they had better be, because under no circumstances can I continue the job I'm now doing. This system, or something equivalent to it, must be in operation not later than 1 March 1974, or I will have no choice but to resign the Custodianship completely. We should know in time for the next issue what it comes to (that will be 1 February). So if you have an idea or an offer, kindly let me hear from you.

#### Changes to roster of Publishers

Delete: R. Johnson (games completed, magazine closed); Coignard (defunct); Holcombe (defunct).

Change: Pettis - add % symbol. (Anybody know his status?)

#### Add:

Bihay, SM Michael 73/35480, Cte GQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Div G-1, Bensburg, EPS 8, B-4090 FBA, Belgium (A.B.L.).

Eynon, Barry - 1700 Geddes, Apt. B-8, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (East Wind).

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Walker, Rodney C. - 3543 First Ave., San Diego, CA 92103 (Zrehwon,  
Big Brother Number One).

Weidmark, Mark - 528 Park Cresc., Pickering, Ontario, Canada L1W 2C9  
(Dunbarton Dynasty).

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Games Abandoned

The following games have been abandoned, revival is impossible:

(1973CO). 1973EP.

The following game was previously declared abandoned in error; it  
is in fact continuing:

1973CQ.

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International Boardman Numbers Recently Assigned

1973GW, missing player list. A- Michael Sherrad. E- Duncan Morris.  
F- Les Pimley. G- John Piggott. I- John A. Hendry. R- Mick Bullock.  
T- Richard Sharp.

1973HA. Frigate. Morris. A- Norman Melvin. E- Brian Yare. F-  
Les Pimley. G- John Lettice. I- Ruth Thompson. R- T.H. Ferguson.  
T- Gareth Lodge.

1973HB. El Conquistador. Anderson. A- Daniel Gorham. E- Steven  
Carter. F- John Weswig. G- Lawrence Norton. I- Michael Barnhart.  
R- John Newton. T- George Lowrance.

1973HC. Bellicus. Haven. A- Helen Humphrey. E- Ronald Kelly. F-  
Andy Davidson. G- Larry Pringle. I- Michael Sherrad. R- Alan Hobbly.  
T- Vincent Dwyer.

1973HD. Frigate. Morris. A- Peter Cousins. E- Howell Davies. F-  
Allan Ovens. G- John A. Hendry. I- Andrew Waldie. R- Steve Corbett.  
T- Clive Hamilton.

1973HE. Frigate. Morris. A- Andy Davidson. E- Tony Ball. F-  
Richard Walkerdine. G- Rod Wallace. I- Richard Sharp. R- Peter  
Cousins. T- John Greenwood.

1973HF. 1901 and all that. Bullock. A- Tony Ball. E- Michael Sherrad.  
F- Peter Charlton. G- Adrian Hungerford. I- Clive Spark. R- David  
Jones. T- John Coombe.

1973HG. Drawf. Murphy. A- Scott Robinson. E- John Hirasou.  
F- David Lagerson. G- John Hulland. I- Don Kellogg. R- Don Horton.  
T- Bruce Schlickbernd.

1973HH. Warlord. Gallagher. A- Zane Parks. E- David Claman. F- Howard Nahler. G- Laurence J.P. Gillespie. I- Robert Blau. R- Dennis Klein. T- Robert Vivian.

1973HI. Johnus. Hlland. A- John Leeder. E- John Winters. F- John Carroll. G- John De Prisco. I- John McKeon. R- John Piggott. T- John Britton.

1973HJ. Pendulum. Coombe. A- David Jones. E- Peter Booth. F- Andrew Waldie. G- Tadek Jarski. I- Ruth Thompson. R- Peter Swanson. T- Adrian Hungerford.

1973HK. Ummagamma. Davis. A- Roger Sandell. E- Ken Clark. F- Steve Doubleday. G- Les Pimley. I- Martin Davis. R- Andy Davidson. T- John Piggott. ((Oops - GM is Cook, not Davis.))

1973HL. Book of Stab. Wallace. A- Russ Nekorchuk. E- Douglas Hollingsworth. F- Doug Flournoy. G- R.J. Tatay. I- Ronald Kelly. R- W.M. Clumm. T- Scott Robinson.

1973HM. Domination. Coleman. A- David Blomings. E- Kevin Gallagher. F- Bob Henson. G- Mitchell McCormick. I- R.F. Dodge. R- Herb Barents. T- Gary Peterson.

1973HN. Pouch. Neiger. A- David Lagerson. E- Leo Plotkin. F- Ken Muezynski. G- Gary Peterson. I- David Tutacke. R- Paul Neumann. T- Michael Honig.

1973HO. Moeshoeshoe. Feron. A- Stephen Brownson. E- Peter Swanson. F- Vincent Dwyer. G- Andrew Herd. I- Leo W.G. Niehorster. R- Larry Pringle. T- Greg Ward.

1973HP. Grafeti. Yare. A- Tom Durrheim. E- Wink Thompson. F- Pete Birks. G- Howell Davies. I- Roland Humphrey. R- Andrew Waldie. T- T.H. Ferguson.

1973HQ. Moeshoeshoe. Feron. A- Michel Englebert. E- Jean Pierre Landrain. F- Philippe Collin. G- Bruno Michel. I- Jean-Luc Hanquin. R- Jacques Renard. T- Henri Thomas.

(1973HR). Runestone. Leeder. A- Paul Monahan. E- Brian Johnstone. F- Peter Giaschi. G- Kevin Robertson. I- Harold Bice. R- David Head. T- Rick Kitching. Local game.

1973HS. Grafeti. Yare. A- Clive Spark. E- Bob Emerson. F- Jack Westlake. G- Norman Melvin. I- Steve Corbett. R- David Pink. T- Michael Brunt.

(1973HT). East Wind. Eynon. A- Mike Montgomery. E- Bill Peterson. F- Dan Siegel. G- Steven Langs. I- Bill Halsey. R- Russ Stambaugh. T- Jim Fufeld. Local game.

1973HU. Fifth Columnist. Scott. A- J.W. Roberts. E- Andy Davidson. F- D.N. Allen. G- J.F. Estdale. I- Paul Barker. R- C.M. Fleetwood. T- Dave Brown.

1973HV. Mad Policy. Walkerdine. A- John Lettice. E- Ronald Kelly.  
F- Charles Burton. G- Churchill. I- Norman Nathan. R- John  
Piggott. T- Clive Spark.

1973HW. El Conquistador. Lakofka. A- Robert J. deJonghe. E- Mark  
Tonnesen. F- Leonard Howard. G- W. Gerald White. I- Gene Giltner.  
R- Gary Blemings. T- Edward Farrell.

1973HX. Mixumaxu Gazette. Lipton. A- Martin Green. E- W.M. Clunke.  
F- Edward Hollshwander. G- William Rakowski. I- Gary Moore. R-  
David Lagerson. T- Kenneth Potts.

1973HY. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Walter Von Demfange. E- Gary  
Chapman. F- Steve Seefeldt. G- Gerald Huang. I- Karl Schuetz. R-  
David Emdee. T- Tim Carleton.

1973HZ. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Gerald Huang. E- Richard Cooper.  
F- Gary Chapman. G- Steve Seefeldt. I- Walter Von Demfange. R-  
Karl Schuetz. T- David Emdee.

1973IA. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Steve Seefeldt. E- James Mathis.  
F- Richard Cooper. G- Gary Chapman. I- Gerald Huang. R- Walter Von  
Demfange. T- Karl Schuetz.

1973IB. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Gary Chapman. E- Leon Horne.  
F- James Mathis. G- Richard Cooper. I- Steve Seefeldt. R- Gerald Huang.  
T- Walter Von Demfange.

1973IC. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Richard Cooper. E- Tim Carleton.  
F- Leon Horne. G- James Mathis. I- Gary Chapman. R- Steve Seefeldt.  
T- Gerald Huang.

1973ID. Spartan? Unknown. A- James Mathis. E- David Emdee. F-  
Tim Carleton. G- Leon Horne. I- Richard Cooper. R- Gary Chapman.  
T- Steve Seefeldt.

1973IE. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Leon Horne. E- Karl Schuetz.  
F- David Emdee. G- Tim Carleton. I- James Mathis. R- Richard Cooper.  
T- Gary Chapman.

1973IF. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Tim Carleton. E- Walter Von  
Demfange. F- Karl Schuetz. G- David Emdee. I- Leon Horne. R- James  
Mathis. T- Richard Cooper.

1973IG. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- David Emdee. E- Gerald Huang.  
F- Walter VonDemfange. G- Karl Schuetz. I- Tim Carleton. R- Leon  
Horne. T- James Mathis.

1973IH. Spartan (?). Unknown. A- Karl Schuetz. E- Steve Seefeldt.  
F- Gerald Huang. G- Walter Von Demfange. I- David Emdee. R- Tim  
Carleton. T- Leon Horne.

1973II. El Conquistador. Smith. A- Paul Roymel. E- David Grabar. F- Ronald Kelly. G- David Johnston. I- Dave Tutacke. R- Steve Harvey. T- Scott Robinson.

1973IJ. Bellicus. Haven. A- Steve Doubleday. E- R.P. Foxton. F- Silvand Woronyez. G- Colin Walsh. I- Charles Longford. R- Geoff Challenger. T- Clive Spark.

And thus we complete the current list, 244 on the year as of 12/15. The predicted final total for 1973 rises a tad to 255, reflecting the discovery of that ten-game tourney noted above. That represents an increase of well over 25% above 1972, a phenomenal growth rate - and largely attributable to the veritable explosion of this hobby in the United Kingdom. Where will it ever end? (I'm just sitting here biting my nails and waiting for the report of the first postal Diplomacy 'zine in Nepal....)

A bit of a statistic of some moment. Game 1973HX, assigned in the preceding list, represents the one thousandth Boardman Number to have been issued in the course of this hobby's twelve years. And of that total, over half are still going on....Good Grief.

#### Games Recently Completed

1970C. Magazine: Atlantis. Gamesmaster: Christopher Schleicher. Players: A- Jay Kimmel (out F04). E- James Becker (res F06). Richard Miller. F- Peter Comber (res F11). John Beshara (won S15). G- Leonard Lakofka (out F07). I- W. Gerald White (dro F03). Gary Gygaz (dro F08). c.d. (out F09). R- Lawrence Peery (res S11). Edi Birsan (res S15). c.d. T- Charles Welsh (dro F03). Ricky Thompson (out F04). Victory by GM declaration, no dissent.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	(15)
A	3	4	3	2												
E	3	4	4	6	7	8	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	6	7	
F	3	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	
G	3	5	5	5	4	3	1									
I	3	5	6	4	4	3	3	2	1*							
R	4	6	7	9	12	12*	12	13	14	14	14	13	14	14	14	12**
T	3	4	3	1												

1971DM. Magazine: ADAG. Gamesmaster: Harold Naus. Players: A- John McCallum (dro S05). Stephen Brooks (drew F08). E- Jim Carr. F- Lester Pendergrass (out F06). G- R.S. Bagala (dro S05). c.d. (out F05). I- David Davies. R- Lawrence Peery (res S02). Edi Birsan (drew F08). T- Doug Nelson (dro S05). c.d. (out F05). Draw by player vote (A-R only included). Chart overleaf.

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	3	5	5	6	6	8	8	8	11
E	3	4	4	5	7	7	8	7	4
F	3	4	5	3	1	1	-		
G	3	5	6	6	3	-			
I	3	4	4	5	7	6	6	4	3
R	4	6	6	7	9	12	12	15	16
T	3	4	4	2	1	-			

1971EH. Magazine: Platypus Pie. Gamesmaster: Brenton Ver Floeg. Players: A- Robert Ward, E- Walter Buchanan (won F11), F- Greg Warden (out F04), G- Edi Birsan (out F07), I- Conrad von Metzke (res F02), Arnold Vagts, R- Randy Bytwerk, T- Bernard Tretick (out F06).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	3	5	7	8	7	6	9**11*	11*	11	9	6	
E	3	5	7	8	9	10	14*	15	15	15	17**18	
F	3	5	3	1	-							
G	3	5	5	4	4	5	2	-				
I	3	4	4	6	8	8	5	3	3	3	3	4
R	4	7	6	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	6
T	3	5	2	2	1	1	-					

1972BH. Magazines: Carbon 13 (to F06), Buchanan. Gamesmasters: Fred Winter (to F06), C.F. von Metzke. Players: A- Richard Toyson, E- John De Prisco (out F06), F- Scott Majeske (dro S07), Bill Klitzke, G- Sean Summers (out F06), I- Victor Ricci, R- Roger Miller (won S07), T- Rick D. Stuart (res F06), c.d. (to S07), Duane Linstrom.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06 (07)	
A	3	5	4	4	3	4	5	
E	3	4	5*	2	2	1	-	
F	3	5	5	7*	7	10*	11**	Victory by concession.
G	3	4	4	4	5	2	-	
I	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	
R	4	6	7	9*	8	8	11	
T	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	

1972BP. Magazine: Arena. Gamesmaster: Edi Birsan. Players: A- Gary Tesser (out F07), E- Victor Ricci, F- Louis Menyhert, G- Michael Honig (won S10), I- Mark Thomas (dro S10), c.d. R- William Osmanson (out F06), T- Wayne Harris. Victory by concession. Chart overleaf.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	(10)
A	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	-			
E	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	-	
F	3	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	
G	3	6	7	8	9	10	12	12	12	15*	
I	3	4	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	4	
R	4	5	5	4	2	1	-				
T	3	4	5	5	7	8	9	9	10	10	

1972CG. Magazine: Alpha (to S04), Stab. Gamesmasters: David Hunt (to S04), C.F. von Metzke. Players: A- Robert Arnett (out F05), E- Tom McMahon (drew F08), F- David Ayres (out F04), G- Robert Schoumacher (drew F08), I- T. M. Worthington (drew F08), R- Anita (Bailey) Hughes (drew F08), T- Mike Kelly (res F02), David Fujihara (drew F08).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	3	4	5	4	2	-			
E	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	10	10
F	3	5	4	2	-				
G	3	6	6	7	9	10	10	10	10
I	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
R	4	6	7	7	6	6	4	4	4
T	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6

Draw by GM declaration,  
no dissent.

1972DE. Magazine: Costaguana. Gamesmaster: C.F. von Metzke. Players: A- Michael Childers (drew F06), E- John Tansley (dro F01), John Leeder (drew F06), F- John S. Hendry (drew F06), G- Eric Just (out F03), I- Jeff W. Key (drew F06), R- Joel Klein (drew F06), T- Dennis Brackman (out F05).

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
A	3	4	5	5	6	7	7
E	3	4	6	7	7	7	7
F	3	6*	7	8	10	10	10
G	3	3	2	-			
I	3	4	5	6	6	6	6
R	4	4	5	6	4	4	4
T	3	4	3	2	1	-	

draw by player vote.

1972DG. Magazine: Moeshoeshoe. Gamesmaster: Michel Feron. Players: A- Jacques Renard (out F04), E- Henri Thomas (out F07), F- Jean-Pierre Landrain (out F07), G- Jean-Luc Hanquin (won F07), I- Bruno Michel (out F05), R- Philippe Chode (out F06), T- Raphael Ankri.  
Chart overleaf.



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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	3	4	3	1	-			
E	3	3	4	4	4	2	1	-
F	3	5	5	6	5	6*	4**	-
G	3	6	6	7	10	13	17*	21**
I	3	3	4	2	1	-		
R	4	6	6	5	3	2	-	
T	3	5	6	9	11	11	12	13

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(1973CC). Magazine: Misalliance. Gamesmaster: John Coleman. Players:  
 A- Lothar Stien (out F07). E- Pat Henson (won F10). F- Mike Tomkins  
 (out F10). G- Don Efron (out F09). I- Ken McEvoy (dro S10), c.d.  
 R- Randy Snyder (dro F02), Joanne Colvin (res F04), c.d. (out F04).  
 T- Bob Henson. Local game.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	3	4	4	5	3	4	2	-			
E	3	5	6	8	8	8	8	9	13*	16	18
F	3	5	6	8	12*	12	11	9	2	2	-
G	3	4	5	3	3	2	3*	4**	5**	-	
I	3	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
R	4	5	4	3	-						
T	3	4	5	4	6	7	9	11	13	15	15

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Miscellany

John Figgott writes an interesting letter concerning the origins of some of the British magazine titles:

ETHIL THE FROG - "In Monte Python, the newspaper which first published the truth about Doug and Dinsdale Piranha." ((Monte Python was the host - of sorts - of a screwball TV show over there until recently.))

OJ - From a popular song called 'The Backstabbers' by a group called The O'Jays.

BERSERKER - Title of a SF novel by Fred Saberhagen. "Read it and you'll know why a dippyazine is named after it."

BLACK SPOT - "A spoof award in Ethil the Frog, awarded twice to Lee Pimley ((editor of Black Spot))."

DOLCHSTOSS - From a press release in a game in War Bulletin.

OUR 'ENRY - "A title suggested by Richard Sharp for no particular reason other than that it sounds ridiculous."

And Dave Staples writes that his magazine title, RIGOT, is "a manufactured word. Any meaning applied to it is correct, it's all-inclusive." Well, that's one way to name a magazine - call it something that means whatever you wish it to mean....

This page will not be filled to the brim, as I've little material and absolutely no time to develop any. Let me note in conclusion that the circulation of this magazine is now 62.

Now I inadvertently left out a supply centre chart from a game reported last issue, 1971CR. It follows, my thanks to both Hal Maus and Andy Phillips for providing data for this.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	3	5	6	6	5	3	2	-	
E	3	4	5	7	9	11	11	10	7
F	3	5	7	9	11	9	8	9	9
G	3	4	4	2*	-				
I	3	4	3	2	1	-			
R	4	6	4	2	2	2	1	-	
T	3	4	5	6	6	9	12	15	18

Also, in the player summary from last issue, correct listing for Austria: Edi Birsan (res S05).

Andy makes a comment that's worth repeating about this game: "An interesting feature...was the fact that the fleet that began it in Ankara ended up an army in Silesia." These curiosities do on occasion turn up; Hal Maus turned up another game some time ago that had long since been won on the 18-centre criterion, in which the winner actually had only 17; he had been credited with one centre that he had never actually captured for something like the last eight years of the game!

Oh well. Enough for this browse. See you in February.