

FROBOZZ

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We have several new subbers and traders aboard, namely Matt Fleming, Mark Fruch, Scott Hanson, Melinda Holley, Steve Langley, and Frauke Petersen. All of these people began receiving Frobozz this issue or last. Welcome. I hope you'll find Frobozz to your liking.

Standby pool for regular Diplomacy: Harris, Rauterberg, Plummer, Peters, Holley, Fleming, Fruch, Kay. For WWIIb: Riley, Peters. Please let me know if you wish to be added to or removed from either list.

1984AT Jack of Diamonds Winter, 1907

Aus: Builds A BUD. Eng: Removes A wal. Ger: Builds A KIE. Ita: Builds F NAP.

Spring, 1908

AUSTRIA (Rusnak) A SER S Italian F CON-bul(ec), A RUM S Italian F CON-bul(ec), A WAR-lvn, A MOS-sev, A gal-UKR, A bud-GAL, A BOH S A bud-GAL.

ENGLAND (MacKechie) F LVP summons the whale-boats and lowers the harpooners.

FRANCE (cd) A POR H.

GERMANY (Riley resigns) F NAT-mid, F lon-ENG, F NTH S F lon-ENG, A GAS S A BUR-mar, A BUR-mar, A BRE S A GAS, A RUH S A MUN, A MUN S A SIL, A SIL S A BER-pru, A BER-pru, A KIE-ber, F PRU-lvn.

ITALY (Kurucz) F SPA(NC)-mid, A MAR H, A PIE S A MAR, F nap-TYN, F acg-GRE, F EAS-smy, F CON-bul(ec), A TYO S Austrian A BOH.

RUSSIA (Kiersz) A BUL-con, F BLA S A BUL-con, A SEV-rum.

TURKEY (Geryk) A ANK S A SMY, A SMY S A ANK.

Deadline for Fall, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23, 1985. The A-G-I draw proposal was defeated. It is again proposed. Will Howard Christie please take over as Germany. Addresses are on page 3.

PRESS - Italy to world: Aw, c'mon guys! Vote for the draw.

The Bulletin Board

The Boardman Number Custodian is currently Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, TX 77301. Bill has decided to take on an additional responsibility. He is establishing a "Universal Standby List" for use by the Orphan Service and GMs who have no standbys. This is your chance to help the hobby while getting into a game for free. If you would like to be placed on the Universal Standby List, write to Bill. Include your name, address, and the number of games for which you are willing to standby.

The Runestone Poll results are out. Congratulations to the top finishers:

TOP TEN ZINES

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| 1. The Voice of Doom | 6. Sleepless Knights |
| 2. No Fixed Address | 7. Perelandra |
| 3. Europa Express | 8. Diplomacy Digest |
| 4. Snafu! | 9. The Diplomat |
| 5. Excelsior | 10. Magus |

TOP TEN GAMESMASTERS

- | | |
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| 1. Mark Larzelere | 6. John Boardman |
| 2. Gary Coughlan | 7. Steve Langley |
| 3. Andy Lischett | 8. Steve Heinowski |
| 4. Bruce Linsey | 9. Dave Carter |
| 5. John Daly | 10. Dave Kleiman |

Frobozz finished 13th with a score of 7.586. Jeff Richmond finished 19th with a score of 8.2. I thank everyone who took the time to vote for me in the poll. If you would like a complete 56-page copy of the poll results, write to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St. #3, Dalton, MA 01226. The price is \$1.00 if you voted in the poll, \$2.00 if you did not.

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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last issue's puzzle:

	9	9	6	
2	8	9	3	9
6	3	1	1	8
1	0	8	1	3
	1	0	4	

♠ Q J 7
 ♥ A K 6 5 4
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ 10 9 5

 ♠ 10 8 5 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 2
 ♦ K Q 7 6
 ♣ 7

 ♠ A K
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ A 9 8 3
 ♣ A K Q J

♠ 9 6 4 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2

Even if you correctly choose to take a first round heart finesse, West can still give you trouble if he started with four hearts to the queen. He will insert his queen on an early round, blocking the suit. (If you then win the third round of hearts in dummy, you'll find that West is left holding the master heart.) Your only hope in this case is a red suit squeeze against West. Your best line of play is: win the first trick, cash the top spades, take a heart finesse (say West ducks), repeat the finesse (West covers this time, while East shows out to reveal the bad split), cash the spade queen, run clubs.

That will leave a position similar to the one at right. When you lead your last club, West will have to pitch his last spade. (He obviously can't spare the diamond queen, and if he throws a heart, it is now safe for you to lead a heart and overtake it in dummy.) Next, you cash the nine of hearts and exit with a diamond to West's queen. West must then concede the last trick to dummy's king of hearts. Note that this line is better than ducking the opening lead to rectify the count for a simple squeeze. The simple squeeze requires West to hold the ten of diamonds as well as the queen. Ducking the first trick also loses if East has the heart queen and less than two diamonds.

♠ 9
 ♥ K 6 5
 ♦ J
 ♣ 10
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 9
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ J

Here is your new puzzle:



1. _ _ A T _ _
2. B _ _ A _ _
3. _ _ C _ O _
4. _ _ M _ _ D
5. S _ _ _ T _
6. _ _ P H _ _
7. _ U _ O _ _
8. P _ _ _ _ T

Put one letter in each of the four boxes above. Then, using only those four letters, complete the eight words to the left. You may repeat a letter within a word as often as you wish, but the words you form must be six-letter English words. Contractions, capitalized words, hyphenated words, and words ending with "s" are not allowed. Deadline for solutions is Friday, August 23, 1985.

Here is the solution to the bridge puzzle. You, the declarer at six notrump, receive the lead of the diamond king. To succeed, you will need to win four heart tricks to go with your other eight winners. The best chance by far is to take the heart finesse. At first sight, it may appear that it is safe to cash one top heart first, to guard against the singleton queen with East. However, this line is in fact very dangerous. If West has the queen of hearts, as you hope, he will now be able to defeat the contract by putting up his queen on the next round of the suit. This drives out dummy's last heart honor, forcing you to win the third heart trick in your hand. Since you cannot return to dummy, you will be unable to win a fourth heart trick.

Puzzle Champions

The math puzzle proved to be quite popular. Correct solutions were received from Bruce Linsey, Bruce McIntyre, Len Kay, Chuff Afflerbach, Stan Plummer, Lu Henry, Pat Jensen, Jim Lawniczak, and Joel Peacher. They earn 100 points each. Since there was so much interest, I'll take the hint and include more puzzles of this sort in the future. Nine people also attempted the bridge problem, with varying degrees of success. Only Matt Chen found the correct solution, for which he earns 50 points. The other eight of you get partial credit. I guess I've been making the bridge problems too difficult. Next issue, I'll have an easier one, I promise. The current standings are:

1. Jim Lawniczak - 390 points
2. Chuff Afflerbach - 340 points
3. Len Kay - 225 points
4. Bruce Linsey - 191 points
5. Lu Henry - 172 points

- 6/7. Bruce McIntyre - 125 points
- 6/7. Pat Jensen - 125 points
- 8/9. Stan Plummer - 100 points
- 8/9. Joel Peacher - 100 points

- 10 Jack Brawner - 80 points
- 11 Matt Chen - 50 points
12. Debi Peters - 35 points
13. Marc Peters - 30 points

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1984AU

Ragnarok

Summer, 1907

Aus: A rum r SER.

Fall, 1907

AUSTRIA (Early) A bul-RUM, A SER S A bul-RUM, A BUD S A bul-RUM, A VIE S A BUD, A TRI S A VIE, F AEG-con, A pie-TUS, A VEN-tyo.
 ENGLAND (Ross) F TUN H, A ukr-SEV, A MOS S A ukr-SEV, A nwy-STP, F SWE-den, F mid-SPA(SC), F NTH H, F eng-MID, F lon-ENG.
 FRANCE (Harris) F LYO S A MAR, A MAR H.
 GERMANY (Petersen) A GAS-mar, A BUR S A GAS-mar, A bre-PIC, F DEN-swe, A mun-TYO, A ruh-MUN, A SIL-gal, A BOH S A mun-TYO, A GAL-bud.
 ITALY (Townsend) A ROM-ven, F TYN-tun, F GRE-bul(ec)(imp).
 TURKEY (Rauterberg) F CON S Italian F GRE-bul(sc)(nso), A SMY S F CON, A RUM S Italian F GRE-bul(sc)(nso)(d, ukr,otb).

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EDT, Friday, August 23, 1985. The proposed draws were defeated. An E-G draw is now proposed.

1984AU supply center chart - 1907

AUSTRIA	tri,bud,ser,bul,rum,ven,vie, gpa	7, -1
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy,swe,stp,por,mos,tun,SEV,SPA.....	11, +2
FRANCE	gpa ,mar.....	1, -1
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,hol,bel,war,bre,par.....	9, even
ITALY	rom,nap,gre.....	3, even
TURKEY	ank,smy, gpa ,CON.....	3, even

PRESS - Vienna to GM: Are these crazy moves or what? I gave up sanity long ago.

Ann Arbor: No comment.

St. Helena to GM (via ex-Russian): I guess Jim grew up in a town where it's okay to just recklessly split infinitives. However, that is the kind of unacceptable usage up with which I will not put.

Ann Arbor: Hmm. You need to do some work on your split infinitives, but the elegant way you avoided ending a sentence with a preposition is nothing to sneeze at.

Vienna to Constantinople: You get Bulgaria, but I get to keep Con! How does that sound?

Vienna to Athens: You can stay. I changed my mind.

London to world: I'm going on vacation to the south of France from July 1 to August 15. You must correspond first next turn, if at all. I will have time to respond to all letters on my return and will get my moves in on time. My apologies for any inconvenience.

Vienna to Berlin: I'm gonna laugh my head off as England gradually begins to absorb you.

Vienna to London: Start absorbing! (Not me, stupid... HIM!)

1984CC

Silverball

Summer, 1907

Ita: A tri r VEN, F ion r TUN.

Fall, 1907

ENGLAND (Peacher) F NAT-nwg, A LON-yor.

FRANCE (Riley resigns) A BUR S A MUN, A MUN S A BUR, F CLY-edi, F MID-nat, A EDI-yor, F ENG S F pic-BEL, F pic-BEL, A par-BRE.

GERMANY (Henry) A kie-hol(d,r den,ruh,otb), F HEL S A kie-hol.

ITALY (Kiersz) F NAP S F ADR-ion, F ADR-ion, F TUN S F ADR-ion, A TYO-tri, A VEN S A TYO-tri.

RUSSIA (Baker) F NWY-nwg, A war-SIL, F BAL S A ber-KIE, F HOL S A ber-KIE, F NTH S F HOL, A ber-KIE, A sil-BER, A VIE S Turkish A TRI, A GAL S A war-SIL, F RUM H(U).

TURKEY (Harris) A TRI S Russian A VIE-tyo(nso), A ALB S A TRI, A SER S A TRI, F ion-TYN, F GRE S F EAS-ion, F AEG S F EAS-ion, F EAS-ion.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23, 1985. An F-R-T draw is proposed. Will Jim Petersen please take over as France.

1984CC supply center chart - 1907

ENGLAND	lon, pey	1, -1
FRANCE	par, bre, mar, spa, por, lvp, edi, mun, BEL.....	9, +1
GERMANY	pey , pey	0, out? *
ITALY	rom, nap, ven, tun, xyx	4, -1
RUSSIA	stp, mos, sev, swe, nwy, den, war, kie, rum, vie, HOL, BER.....	12, +2 *
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, gre, ser, bud, TRI.....	8, +1

* If the German army dislodged from Kiel retreats to Denmark, Germany will remain in the game at 1, -1. Russia would then be at 11, +1. Russia should write conditional orders based on the German retreat.

PRESS - Ghost of Austria to (the soon following) Ghost of Italy: HA ha ha ha ha ha ha..

1985AC

Saint Cleve

Spring, 1901

AUSTRIA (Peacher) A vic-TRI, A bud-SER, F tri-ALB.

ENGLAND (Harris) A lvp-YOR, F edi-NWG, F lon-NTH.

FRANCE (Peters) F bre-MID, A par-PIC, A mar-BUR.

GERMANY (Chen) F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE, A mun-RUH.

ITALY (Holley) A rom-VEN, A ven-PIE, F nap-ION.

RUSSIA (Geryk) F stp(sc)-BOT, A mos-STP, A war-UKR, F sev-BLA.

TURKEY (Riley resigns) F ank-CON, A con-BUL, A smy-ANK.

Deadline for Fall, 1901 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23, 1985. Will Lee Kendter please take over as Turkey. The \$4.00 game fee is still due from Harris.

PRESS - Marc to GM: Your zine seems to lack a bit in the way of press. Ah, well, no doubt you prefer it that way, as it keeps the zine to a manageable length. Well, tough toenails. Cause I'm a rambling kind of guy. Sort of remind myself of one of my favorite limericks:

There once was a poet of Japan,
Whose lines, it was said, didn't scan.
When they spoke to the poet
He said, "Yes, I know it.

But I've always had this penchant for getting as many syllables into the last line as I possibly can!"

GM to Marc: Oh, brother.

Marc to GM: Sorry 'bout that. (heh, heh)

Italy to Austria: I want peace. For us to fight would be suicidal.

Paris to Munich: Sorry about the move to Burgundy, Matt, but to be honest, I expected more than five lines on a postcard for our first communication. Perhaps I'm paranoid, but I've got this nasty feeling I wasn't the only one moving to Burgundy.

Brest to London: You, on the other hand, wrote a letter — all of which probably means I'm in Burgundy and you're in the Channel. Geez, I just can't figure this game out!

Italy to board: Hey, guys — I like this ratio. 6 male - 1 female. So who wants to play Prince Charming?

AUSTRALIA (*Rusnak*) A new south wales-PAPUA, F CORAL SEA C A new south wales-PAPUA, F BERMUDA TRIANGLE C Brazilian A DIXIE-sahara(nso), F northern territory-ARAFURA SEA, F great australian bight-WESTERN AUSTRALIA, A western australia-NORTHERN TERRITORY, F GULF OF SIAM S F java-BORNEO, F java-BORNEO, F timor sea-JAVA, A burma-THAILAND, A NEPAL-kashmir, A bangladesh-assam(d,r burma.otb), F sea of okhotsk-NW PACIFIC, A inner mongolia-SZECHWAN, A MANCHURIA S A inner mongolia-SZECHWAN, A KAMCHATKA S A MANCHURIA, F south pacific-GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT, F galapagos sea-SOUTH PACIFIC, F EAST PACIFIC S F galapagos sea-SOUTH PACIFIC, F inca-GALAPAGOS SEA.

BRAZIL (*Rautenberg*) A cordoba-LA PAMPA, F mid atlantic-NW ATLANTIC, F spain(nc)-north atlantic(d,r portugal.otb), F nw atlantic-LABRADOR SEA, A TEXAS H, A DIXIE S A TEXAS, A HONDURAS-mexico, A PANAMA H, A colombia-ECUADOR, A amazonas-NAPO, F belem-MOUTH OF THE AMAZON, F BAHIA S F belem-MOUTH OF THE AMAZON, A bolivia-CUZCO, A MATO GROSSO-bolivia, F mouth of the amazon-CARIBBEAN SEA, A PORTO ALEGRE-mato grosso, F EASTERN MEDITERREAN S WAF A GREECE-yugoslavia.

CANADA (*Petersen*) A british columbia-OREGON, A CALIFORNIA-mexico, A OHIO VALLEY-texas, F ontario-QUEBEC(NC), A quebec-NEW ENGLAND, F barents sea-NORWEGIAN SEA, F bay of biscay-NORTH ATLANTIC, A FRANCE H, F EGYPT-eastern mediterranean, F ICELAND S F bay of biscay-NORTH ATLANTIC.

UofSA (*Browner*) F mozambique-MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL, F ANGOLA-cordoba(imp), F DRAKE PASSAGE S F mozambique channel-SOUTH INDIAN, F SUMATRA-gulf of siam, F south indian-EAST INDIAN, A TRANSVAAL H, F mozambique channel-SOUTH INDIAN, F east indian-BAY OF BENGAL, F ITALY-yugoslavia, F WEST INDIAN S F south indian-EAST INDIAN, A TIBET-kashmir, A assam-BANGLADESH, F SANTA CRUZ-chile, A CHILE-bolivia, F RUMANIA S WAF A UKRAINA(otm), F PRADESH S A assam-BANGLADESH.

USSR (*MacKechnie*) A SINKIANG S A MONGOLIA, A TSINGHAI-szechwan, A KAZAK S A SIBERIA, A SIBERIA S A KAZAK, A MONGOLIA S A SINKIANG.

WARSAW PACT (*Jensen*) A RUSSIA-georgia, F BALTIC SEA-russia(wc), F NORWAY S F BALTIC SEA-russia(wc), A poland-CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A HUNGARY S A YUGOSLAVIA, A YUGOSLAVIA S Canadian A FRANCE-italy(nso).

WAF (*Kiersz*) F guinea-CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F central atlantic-MID ATLANTIC, F FALKLAND SOUND S UofSA F DRAKE PASSAGE-south pacific(nso), F SE ATLANTIC S UofSA F mozambique channel-SOUTH INDIAN, F SW ATLANTIC S F guinea-CENTRAL ATLANTIC, A paraguay-CORDOBA, F MOROCCO S A libya-SPAIN, F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN C A libya-SPAIN, A libya-SPAIN, F tunisia-LIBYA, A UKRAINA-hungary, A GREECE-yugoslavia, A GEORGIA-russia.

Deadline for Fall, 2002 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23, 1985.

1984CB

Arrakis

Summer, 1907

Ger: A lvn r PRU.

Fall, 1907

AUSTRIA (*Browner*) F GRE S Russian F AEG-ion, A ALB-tri, A BER S A KIE, A MUN S A ruh-BUR, A ruh-BUR, A KIE S Russian F DEN, A SIL S Russian A lvn-WAR, A VIE S A TRI-tyo, A TRI-tyo, A BUD S A ALB-tri.

ENGLAND (*Early*) F eng-LON, F mid-IRI, A bel-RUH, A HOL S A bel-RUH, F EDI S F NTH, F NTH S A HOL.

GERMANY (*Sandelin*) F swe-den(d,r bal,bot,otb), A PRU-ber.

ITALY (*Sheffield*) A bur h(d,r bel,pic,par,gas,mar,otb), A PIE-tyo, A VEN S A PIE-tyo, F ION S Russian F AEG-gre(nso), F NAP S F ION, F ADR S F ION.

RUSSIA (*Jensen*) F wal-ENG, A arm-SMY, F EAS S F AEG-ion, F AEG-ion, A nwy-SWE, F SKA S A nwy-SWE, A lvn-WAR, F DEN S A nwy-SWE, A stp-FIN.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23, 1985.

1984CB supply center chart - 1907

AUSTRIA	vie,bud,ser,gre,rum,bul,mun,ber,tri,kie.....	10, even
ENGLAND	lon,bel,por,hol,edi,bre.....	6, even*
GERMANY	par,ber.....	1, -1 *
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,tun,mar,spa.....	6, even*
RUSSIA	stp,mos,sev,nwy,ank,con,smy,lvp,den,SWE,WAR.....	11, +2

* If the Italian army dislodged from Burgundy retreats to Paris, Italy will be at 7, +1, and Germany will be out. If instead the army retreats to Belgium, Italy will again be at 7, +1, while England will go down to 5, -1. I recommend conditional orders for England.

PRESS - London to St. Petersburg: Can't we find the minds that made us strong? Can't we learn to feel what's right and what's wrong?

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA (Bakken) A VIE S A BUD, A BUD S A SER, A SER S A BUD, F gre S Italian F ION-aeg(nso)(d,a).
 ENGLAND (Milewski) F ENG-bre, F nth-eng(d,r nwg,edi,yor,lon,sk,a,otb), F nwg-NAT.
 FRANCE (MacKechie) F WES-tun, F lyo-TYN, A spa-GAS, F MID-bre, A bel h(d,r pic,otb).
 GERMANY (Townsend) A mun-BUR, A ruh-BEL, A HOL S A ruh-BEL, F hel-NTH, F DEN S F hel-NTH.
 ITALY (Jensen) F ION-tun, A ALB-ser, A ven-tri(nsu), A TYO H(U).
 RUSSIA (Christie) F STP(NC) S F NWY, F NWY S German F hel-NTH, A fin-SWE, A RUM S Italian A ALB-ser, F SEV
 S A RUM, A gal-BOH, A ukr-GAL.
 TURKEY (Plummer) F smy-EAS, A bul-GRE, F AEG S A bul-GRE, A con-BUL.

Deadline for Spring, 1903 is 9PM EDT Friday, August 23 1985.

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1985V supply center chart - 1902

AUSTRIA	vie,tri,ser,gre,BUD	4, +1
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy	3, even
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,spa,por	5, even
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,hol,BEL	6, +1
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,tun	4, +1
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,swe,rum,ukr,NWY	7, even
TURKEY	con,ank,smy,bul,GRE	5, +1

PRESS - Italy to Germany: Early hit you with his collect phone calls too? Hey, you got off lucky, a friend's came in around \$10 and mine \$15. Here's how we get even. We put on walls "for a good time call Janet 1-713-941-6364 collect" get it?

Italy to Ann Arbor: Don't worry, I'm not going to do it. I wouldn't even call him at 3:00 AM a couple of nights in a row (collect of course). Then again...

Vienna to world: I know a couple of dancing girls with sexy navels I'd be happy to send to anybody who can get R-T off my back. P.S. They don't really "dance" that great. Use your imagination.

Turkey to Austria: Isn't it about time you stopped playing your little children's games and grew up?

Italy to my dear friend Dale: I really thought I lacked the killer instinct, and I was thinking, "Hey, what would Dale do in this situation? He would keep helping Austria, that's what." But then my eyes fell on a stream of light landing on So I Lied #6 and behold, he helped Austria in S'02, and he was Italy. But Dale's good will and precedent was shattered in F'02 when he plunged into Austria's back! I realized this was a sign from Rusnak, patron diety of the Madlads. Thank you for giving my destiny.

Italy to Ann Arbor: I hope you will do me a BIG favor and pull that press if it doesn't work, right?

Ann Arbor to Italy: Wrong.

Turkey to Italy: Welcome aboard, Pat. Watch out for those frogs paddling their bathtubs in the Mediterranean.

Madison to Ann Arbor: Any chance you could "carelessly" lose Russia's orders soon?

Ann Arbor to Madison: What's this? Are you offering me a bribe to abandon my principles? I'm shocked that you think I'd even consider such a thing. Uh, how much did you have in mind?

Italy to Austria: Hey, France forced me into this. He said if I didn't do this, he'd stop attacking me. If this happened, I would grow and see all my hopes crushed by a stab. I just couldn't take the chance.

Italy to Ann Arbor: This one too.

Turkey to Russia: How come you are giving gifts to England/Germany? You haven't given me anything! How about you, Italy? France?

____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

____ Please take over the position in

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