

# FROBOZZ

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1985CX ends this issue in a 5-way draw. That means *Frobozz* once again has game openings. If you want in, you'd better hurry; I expect this one to fill fast. Five people have already expressed an interest in this game. They are: Russ Rusnak, John Ricotta, Rob Noblin, Dan Sellers, and Curt Gibson. I would appreciate it each of you would drop me a line to verify that you haven't changed your mind. Otherwise, I'll have to give your spot to someone else. And everyone who signs up should send me a country preference list, unless you've already done so or have no preference.

Another reason you should avoid procrastinating is that I'm starting to weary under the six game load again. I'm considering dropping down to five, which means I would not open another game until two more end. And that probably won't be for some time yet.

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at DipCon last weekend. I'm only sorry that I didn't get the chance to talk to all of the *Frobozz* readers in attendance. One of the highlights of the trip for me was obtaining the fourth place trophy in the Titan tournament. This is an amazing feat when you consider that I didn't *play* in the Titan tournament; in fact, I have *never* played Titan. But I did get the fourth place trophy... because Jeff Zarse left it in my car. Well, Jeff, what would you like me to do with your trophy? I will send it to you, if you wish, but I'm not sure I should. It looks pretty fragile to me; it could easily get broken into more than the three pieces it's in already. Maybe I ought to hand-deliver to you at the next MadCon. Or I could just proudly display it in my living room and pretend I'm a Titan champ. What do you think?

No one bothered to ask, but I have some extra space, so I'll go ahead explain something which I'm sure is of extreme interest to you all. Ahem. You'll remember last year I was concerned that the printer I use to publish *Frobozz* was scheduled to be replaced by a smaller model at the first of this year. The worst part of this was that the new printer was to be installed in a different building, which would have made it difficult, at best, for me to use. Well, the bosses who decide these things changed their minds (so what else is new) and had the new printer installed at the same location as the old one. This solved the main problem, but unfortunately, the new printer was not entirely software-compatible with the old one (despite Xerox's claims). Naturally, the main area of incompatibility affected the programs I use to publish *Frobozz*. We finally badgered Xerox into fixing their bug, so everything is fine now. In the interim, I had to modify my programs to avoid using features which did not work correctly on the new printer. If you've read this far, I assume you have at least some interest in this, so I may as well add that the old printer was a Xerox 9700, which cost about \$16,000 a month to lease. It was replaced by a Xerox 4050, because it costs much less. The 4050 is only about half as fast as the 9700 (60 pages per minute as opposed to 120), but the difference in quality is nearly unnoticable. In fact, it's difficult to determine by looking at which issue of *Frobozz* the cutover took place. Considering the volume of printing my company does, I'd say it was a good move to downgrade the printer in order to save some money.

In my quest to find new filler material, last month I asked how many of you enjoy the bridge puzzles I publish from time to time. The response was pretty dismal; only two of you bothered to mention it. Now, I happen to know that considerably more than two of you are bridge players. So what's the problem? Is it that you're not interested? Are the puzzles too easy? Too hard? Maybe you just forgot to voice your opinion? Whatever your thoughts, please let me know. How else can I give you what you want to see?

Is this page full, yet? Are we getting close? Let's face it. I've completely exhausted my supply of things to chatter about. I guess there's nothing left for me to do but publish the current standby list and then get on to the puzzles and maybe a few games of Diplomacy. The standby pool: Geryk, Townsend, Hood, Barents, Taube, Christie, Milewski, Vaporis, Holley, Peters, Heinowski, Kurucz, Acheson, Richter, Gonsalves, Davis, Gibson, and Sellers. Does anyone want on or off the list?

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## Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last month's puzzle:

FUR HAT RAY ROT	DEN ERG MAN PIT	FED SET SHE TOE	DIG LIP ROW SAT
REFUND GATHER PARITY MATRON		FASTED DIGEST SHOWER POLITE	
METROPOLITAN PRAISEWORTHY STRAIGHTEDGE UNDERSTAFFED			

This month's puzzle involves the game of poker. In many poker games, a hand consists of five cards dealt from a standard 52-card deck. The number of different five-card hands which can be dealt is 2,598,960. The hands can be ranked from best to worst: tied for first through fourth places would be the four royal flushes, and so forth. The top forty hands appear in the table below. For the purposes of this puzzle, aces rank high only; 5-4-3-2-A is not a straight, just an ace-high. There are no wild cards. Your task:

1. Name one of the hands tied for 1,000th place.
2. Name one of the hands tied for 10,000th place.
3. Name one of the hands tied for 100,000th place.
4. Name one of the hands tied for 1,000,000th place.

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## The Scoreboard

For last month's puzzle, eleven points were awarded for each acceptable 12-letter word formed, and seven points were awarded for each 6-letter word. Steve Langley, Ted Davis, and Jim Lawniczak all scored a perfect 100 points. The runners-up: Melinda Holley, 78 points; Pete Kurucz and John Ricotta, 67 points; Bruce Linsey, 60 points; Rory Noble, 53 points.

Despite my best efforts to avoid it, two of the 6-letter words had anagrams: refund/funder and shower/whores. Full credit was given for either answer in each case. A couple of you found both "shower" and "whores", and one of you asked for extra credit for this feat. OK, calculate your extra credit as follows: Add the number of atoms in the sun to the number of stars in the galaxy and multiply the result by the number of times I visited Antarctica in 1986.

It was possible to form other 6-letter words, such as "towers" and "stipel". These words were given credit, though it made complete solution of the puzzle impossible. Words which were disallowed (as they were not in my dictionary) include "goited", "sathegrafted", "undergifteds", "metalportion", and the world's shortest 12-letter word, "prestidiaty".

The new standings are:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Jim Lawniczak - 312 points | 4. Pete Kurucz - 236 points    | 8/9. Scott Drane - 100 points  |
| 2. Steve Langley - 264 points | 5. Bruce Linsey - 176 points   | 8/9. Alan Stewart - 100 points |
| 3. Ted Davis - 260 points     | 6. Rory Noble - 153 points     | 10. John Ricotta - 67 points   |
|                               | 7. Melinda Holley - 125 points |                                |

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# The Corner Guard

Fall, 1901

AUSTRIA (Rory Noble, 436 S. 10th St., St. Helens, OR 97051) F alb-ION, A SER S Turkish A BUL-gre(nso), A boh-VIE.  
 ENGLAND (Ted Davis, 1604 Miles, Kalamazoo, MI 49001) F nwg-NWY, F NTH C A YOR-bel, A YOR-bel.  
 FRANCE (Paul Milewski, P.O. Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103) A par-GAS, F mid-SPA(SC), A MAR H.  
 GERMANY (David Anderson, P.O. Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48059) F DEN-swe, A RUH-bel, A kie-HOL.  
 ITALY (Glynne Walley, 2305 Maytime Dr., Gambrills, MD 21054) A ven-TRI, A pic-TYO, F ion-TUN.  
 RUSSIA (Fred Townsend, 2144 N. Dayton, Chicago, IL 60614) F BOT-swe, A gal-BUD, A ukr-RUM, F sev-BLA.  
 TURKEY (Steve Heinowski) NMR. A BUL H, A CON H, F ANK H.

Deadline for Winter, 1901 adjustments is 9PM Friday, July 10, 1987. Will David Hood, 604 Tinkerbelle Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 please standby for Turkey.

## 1987CA supply center chart - 1901

AUSTRIA	vie, <del>xx</del> , <del>yy</del> , <del>zz</del> , SER.....	2, -1
ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, NWY.....	4, +1
FRANCE	par, bre, mar, SPA.....	4, +1
GERMANY	ber, kie, mun, DEN, HOL.....	5, +2
ITALY	rom, nap, ven, TUN, TRI.....	5, +2
RUSSIA	stp, mos, war, sev, RUM, BUD.....	6, +2
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, BUL.....	4, +1

PRESS — Austria to Italy: Hi there, neighbor. My front door may be open, but I hope you have the common decency to knock before you enter.

Italy to Austria: I thank you for your gracious offer of last spring. I endeavored to oblige, but as I could find no "Wyoming" on any of my European maps, I was forced to assume you meant Trieste. Olympia, anyone?

Oregon to Maryland: Of course it would be Oly! What else is there?

Germany to Austria: Sorry about not writing, but why didn't you? Hopefully, we can work out any problems before war explodes into our two peaceful nations.

Italy to all literate Europeans: il Primario, in a fit of drunken insanity, has insisted on launching a massive invasion of all European territories whose names begin with the letter "T". Of course, Tuscany was already conquered, and he neglected to provide for the coup of the Tyrrhenian Sea... Let us all hope we can dissuade him from this fetish before Spring.

Austria to Russia: A move to Galicia! On top of no correspondence! Well, I guess that means only one thing for us...

Germany to world: In a news report from Munich that an Austrian artist in an attempt to take over the city invited the Austrian troops for "beer and pretzels". The artist, named Adolf something or other, was arrested and put into prison. "Some people are just lunatics," an unidentified citizen said, although reports are sketchy as to whether the Austrian troops accepted the offer.

England to world: I just want you all to know that England is making sacrifices in order to prevent Col. Klink and Sgt. Schultz from sweeping the board! Besides, I couldn't think of anything else to say.

Austria to Turkey: Remember that old song from War in the summer of '75? "Why can't we be friends? Why can't we be friends?..."

Italy to anyone at random: In the chivalrous spirit so well exemplified by the French press agency, I, too, vow to stay out of the Black Sea... as long as England stays out of the Adriatic.

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## The Blue Parrot

Winter, 1902

Aus: Builds F TRI. Eng: F eng r otb, F nwy r otb; builds A LVP.

Ger: Builds A BER, F KIE. Ita: F ion r GRE; builds F NAP.

Rus: Builds A WAR, A MOS.

Spring, 1903

AUSTRIA (*Russ Rusnak, 1551 High Ridge Parkway, Westchester IL 60153*) F tri-ADR, F BUL(SC)-con, A bud-RUM, A SER S A bud-RUM, A VIE-gal.ENGLAND (*John Ricotta, 222 Sunshine Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120*) A yor-EDI, A LVP S A yor-EDI.FRANCE (*Brady Richter, 54 Fries Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003*) A gas-BUR, A pic-BEL, F eng-LON, F WES S F mid-NAF, F mid-NAF.GERMANY (*David Hood, 604 Tinkerbell Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514*) A edi-yor(d,r cly,otb), F NTH S French F eng-LON, A bel-RUH, F DEN S F kie-BAL, F kie-BAL, A mun-TYO, A ber-PRU.ITALY (*Matthew Chen, 2060-D Orchard Street, Urbana, IL 61801*) A tyo-PIE, A ven-APU, F nap-ION, F TYN S F nap-ION, F gre-aeg(d,r alb,otb).RUSSIA (*Tal Seaman*) NMR. A NWY H, F SWE H, A GAL H, A WAR H, A MOS H.TURKEY (*Ted Davis, 1604 Miles, Kalamazoo, MI 49001*) F ion-GRE, F AEG S F ion-GRE, F BLA-con, A rum-ser(d,r ukr,otb), A SEV H.

Deadline for Fall, 1903 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 10, 1987. The proposed draw was defeated. Note the new address for Russ Rusnak. Will Herb Barents, 17187 Wildemere, Detroit, MI 48221 please standby for Russia.

PRESS — Germany to Russia: Sorry, but I just decided it was time I stopped giving you handouts.

Germany to Italy: It would help if you wrote me, you know.

Germany to France: There. Satisfied?

Turkey to Russia: There are some things I am willing to do, but giving you the key to my back door is not one of them.

England to Germany and France: Whatsamatter with you guys? Did all that power go to your heads and paralyze your fingers? Or did you forget how to write? I'd have thought that at least one of you would have responded to my magnanimous offer. Do you need some stamps?

1986D

## Flying Carpet

Fall, 1908

ENGLAND (*Holley*) A nwy-STP, A edi-NWY, A kie-BER, A PIE-ven, A MUN S A kie-BER, F NWG C A edi-NWY, F NTH H, F NAF-tun, F DEN H, F LYO-tyu, F BAR S A nwy-STP, F WES S F NAF-tun.GERMANY (*Plummer*) F bal-BOT, A bud-SER, A TRI S A bud-SER, A WAR-mos, A LVN S A WAR-mos.ITALY (*Gonsalves*) F gre-ion(d), A rom S English A PIE-ven(d).RUSSIA (*cd*) No units.TURKEY (*Baker*) A SEV S A MOS, A stp S A MOS(d,r fin,otb), A MOS S A stp, F TYN-wes, F TUN S F TYN-wes, F NAP S A tus-ROM, A tus-ROM, F APU-ion, A BUL S A ser-GRE, A ser-GRE, A rum-GAL, A VIE-tri, A VEN H(U).

Deadline for Spring, 1909 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 10, 1987. The proposed draw was defeated. I thank Michael Gonsalves for playing out the standby position.

## 1986D supply center chart - 1908

ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bre, por, spa, par, bel, swe, hol, kie, mar, DEN,		
		STP, BER, MUN.....	17, +5
GERMANY	<del>ber, nwy, edi, stp</del> , war, TRI, SER.....		3, -2
ITALY	<del>lon, gre</del> .....		0, out
RUSSIA	<del>stp</del> .....		0, out
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, rum, bud, <del>ser, tyu</del> , ven, vie, nap, tun, mos, GRE,		
		SEV, ROM.....	14, +1

1986CF

## The Philosopher's Stone

Summer 1905

Rus: A stp r MOS.

Fall, 1905

ENGLAND (*Gonsalves*) A edi-NWY, F NTH C A edi-NWY, A FIN S F STP(NC), F STP(NC) S A edi-NWY, F BAR S  
A edi-NWY, F bal-SWE, A HOL S French A ruh-KIE.

FRANCE (*Vaporis*) F wes-MID, F TYN-rom, F TUN-ion, A mar-PIE, A TYO-mun, A BUR S A TYO-mun, A ruh-KIE.

GERMANY (*Falkiner*) NMR. A kie h(d,r den,otb), A BER H.

ITALY (*Bakken*) A MUN-ber, A ven-tri(d,r tus,otb), F NAP-apu, F ROM-nap.

RUSSIA (*Drane*) A SIL S A BOH-mun, A BOH-mun, A VIE-tyo, A MOS S A nwy-stp, A nwy-stp(d,a), F RUM H, F NWG-bar.

TURKEY (*Rothchild*) A tri-VEN, F ADR S A tri-VEN, F ION-apu, F EAS-ion, F GRE S F EAS-ion, A ser-TRI, A BUL S F GRE.

Deadline for Spring, 1906 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 10, 1987. The proposed draw was defeated. The E-F-I-R-T draw is again proposed.

## 1986CF supply center chart - 1905

ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, hol, nwy, den, swe, STP.....	8, +1 *
FRANCE	par, bre, mar, spa, por, bel, tun, KIE.....	8, +1
GERMANY	ber, <del>kie</del> .....	1, -1 *
ITALY	rom, nap, mun, <del>ven</del> .....	3, -1
RUSSIA	<del>sil</del> , mos, war, sev, rum, bud, vie.....	6, even
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, ser, gre, tri, VEN.....	8, +1

\* If the German army in retreat goes to Denmark, Germany will be at 2, even. England will then be at 7, even.

PRESS — Italy to Turkey: I met your Russian ally at DipCon. Hey... I figure in about two years, this guy is gonna rip you to shreds!

1986CG

## The Eye of Agamotto

Winter, 1904

Aus: Removes A tri. Eng: Builds F LON. Ger: Builds A MUN.

Ita: A tri r VIE, builds F VEN. Rus: Removes F bla. Tur: Builds F SMY.

Spring, 1905

AUSTRIA (*Peters*) F ION C Turkish A alb-NAP, A RUM-bud, A SER S A RUM-bud, A UKR S Turkish A mos(otm).

ENGLAND (*Geryk*) F nwg-NAT, F bar-NWY, A STP S A lvn-MOS, A lvn-MOS, F lon-ENG, F POR-spa(sc), F BRE-mid.

GERMANY (*O'Brien*) A bel-RUH, A bur-MAR, A GAS S A bur-MAR, A WAR S English A lvn-MOS, A GAL-bud, A sil-BOH, A MUN S A sil-BOH, F SWE-den.

ITALY (*Ricotta*) A SPA-por, F WES-mid, F lvo-TYN, A TUN-apu, A tyo-TRI, F VEN S A tyo-TRI, A VIE S German A GAL-bud.

RUSSIA (*Taube*) F BAL-den.

TURKEY (*Noble*) F smy-AEG, F ank-BLA, F CON S F ank-BLA, A alb-NAP, A mos-ukr(d,a), A arm-SEV.

Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM EDT Friday, July 10, 1987. Last season, I inadvertently omitted the German order A ber-SIL. Players were notified of the error by postcard.

COA: Marc Peters, 4002 Hanover St., Madison, WI 53704.

PRESS — Sultan to Pope: Sorry about the changes, but our neighbors to the west are about to take charge. Hope you're with us.

Rome to Budapest: Sorry, Marc, but his majesty is a one-woman man. He doesn't care for menage-a-trois.

1985CX

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Final

Would ya believe it? The 5-way draw is approved! Congratulations (or, if you prefer, condolences) to you all.

Zine: Frobozz. GM: Jeff Richmond. A: Steve Langley (draws S10). E: Hugh Christie (draws S10). F: Len Kay (drop W01), Pat Jensen (drop F07), Mike Van Wie (drop S09), Rory Noble (draws S10). G: Terry Ross (drop F04), Fred Townsend (draws S10). I: Vince Springer (drop S05), cd (out F05). R: Pete Kurucz (draws S10). T: Dale Bakken (out F03).

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AUSTRIA	5	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	Draws S10
ENGLAND	5	7	7	8	9	8	8	9	9	Draws S10
FRANCE	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Draws S10
GERMANY	5	5	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	Draws S10
ITALY	4	3	1	1	0					
RUSSIA	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	8	8	Draws S10
TURKEY	4	1	0							

Deadline for endgame statements is 9PM EDT Friday, July 10, 1987.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

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