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Waiting lists:

- ① **Diplomacy** [GM John R]: Kalle Stengård, Pascal Boulerie, Anders Færden, Jonas Mattiasson, Björn von Knorring, Leif Kjetil Tviberg. Still need one. If someone don't want to play in this gang, I could start another waiting list.
- ② **Faith and the Sword** [GM Pascal B]: Roland Isaksson, John Robillard, Leif-Kjetil Tviberg [Vik, Fr, BE, Ar, Per, Ay], Ingvar Gräns [Pref. List: Vik, Per, Ar, Ay, Fr, BE]. 4 out of the 6 needed. Rules available on request and the updated version will be distributed to the players.
- ③ **Scattergories** [GM Owl]: Is running but anyone can participate at any time by sending in an entry. The rules can be found near the game each issue. Please note the "Best of 95"

competition.

④ **NYEED** [GM Owl]: Ingvar Gräns, Björn Westling, Roland Isaksson, Anders Færden and Pascal Boulerie. 5 out of 7 for this *quick* game.

⑤ **Black Press Winter 1900 Gunboat Diplomacy** could be worth a try. This could be a speedy game if there is interest.

⑥ **Railway Rivals** [GM Owl]: I think I have some maps somewhere. Anyway, this game will have a slight gamefee to cover the costs of any maps. Let me know if there is any preliminary interest and I will investigate a suitable map. If you have any special preferences let me know.

⑦ **Intimate Diplomacy** [GM Owl]: I still think it could be worth trying this twoplayer variant. How about a ladder construction where people can have "duels"? I need at least two names to start a game. Any interest?

Withering bytes

I have lost contact with Alexander Armiento. Anyone know his new address?

Once more I'd like to remind you about the excellent source for English language gaming fanzines, not just for Diplomacy and not just for

North American – *Zine Register*. The next issue (#24) will soon be published, and Pete is

ZAT for all games is Tuesday 27 June 1995.

Deadline for letters and for external GMs is Tuesday 4 July 1995.

collecting the last information needed. To get a copy of you own write to Pete Gaughan at his new address 1236 Detroit Avenue #7, Concord CA 94520-3651, USA (e-mail gaughan@netcom.com). Available for US\$4 overseas.

Another good source of information is the recent issues of *Foolhardy* published by Doug Kent (new address: 6151 Royalton Drive, Dallas, TX 75230, USA, e-mail: doug.kent@llpb.com) which is the discussion forum for the Diplomacy hobby (mainly the American/English, but some parts of the rest slip through as well, to the resentment of B[r]ad Wilson) and in recent issue this has been complemented by correspondents column for various parts of the world's hobbies (e.g. Roland Isaksson writing news from Sweden, and Mark Nelson from InterNet). BTW, since I wrote this Doug Kent has become both editor and publisher of *Diplomacy World*. Support him by sending in your subscription to this must-have.

Do you have a hard time finding opponents for your *Go* games? In that case you should try the Goserver! Use the following command:
telnet hellspark.wharton.upenn.edu 6969
If you don't find anyone to play against there you then have to play against the computer program by choosing "ManyFaces".

Speaking of InterNet the first Swedish Web-homepage thanks to Magnus Selhammar (magnus@solaris.astro.uu.se). The address to it is <http://www.astro.uu.se/~magnus/diplomacy>

I August L4E will be 6 years (and in late-Autumn PG will be 7 years), but the last year has been the worst with only 3 issues in 12 months. This has been due to several reason, the main one being non-existent motivation. As I think I have written before my goal was to publish upto WDC IV and then decide what to do, which I have done. Also, the main reason for publishing - to be a bridge between the Swedish hobby and the International hobby - has been overtaken by the Swedish Diplomacy hobby flagship *Mu*. So, why should I continue? I have decided to go on for the following reasons:

1. The number of postal gaming zeens in Sweden are very few (*Mu*, *Avalonia*, *Red Dwarf*, *Animal Farm* and hopefully *Desiderius/File of*

Integer, and maybe *Backstabber* although it is Norwegian).

2. At last the WWPDC is starting. L4E could be a good forum for contacts within the team and between teams. I expect to publish Larry's game summaries here. This is also a limited time project (although it will be, say, three years).

3. I have still not got the Boardman Number Custodian job done.

4. Now that I live in Nyköping (again) it could be nice to have something to do at nights besides work...

5. It could be fun to run a game of *Railway Rivals* again. And I still haven't managed to start some of the variants I would have liked to run.

6. May I might one day convince someone to write a column for this zeen...

As you see I still have reasons to publish. And as I finally have received a computer of my own (an IBM Thinkpad 360CE) I can now sit at home and edit the zeen. This will be the first time in 6 years that I do the zeen at home!

Käre Per

Slum

Michael Pargman: "I'd like to comment on Conrad von Metzke's quotations about working class slum.

I think that Conrad has the correct answer when he assumes that it makes a difference that Allan Pettersson was born in 1911.

During the last 100 years, Sweden has experienced a tremendous development in all parts of society. You should have in mind that from 1870 to 1915 about 1 million Swedes emigrated to America because of poverty and starvation. That was 1/6 of the total population!

I would that that during the 1920's and 1930's these areas in Stockholm where he lived could well be compared to the same type of areas in America where the poor Italians and Jews lived during the same time. You think of a slum as populated by minorities, but that is just another name for those of the lowest step on the social ladder. At that time in Sweden it was the workers

(and especially people who came from the countryside looking for jobs).

In that time, housing was bad and shanty-towns rose outside of the inner city, and so many people were living together, you could really compare it to some of the developing countries of today, 8-12 children per family was normal and diseases were widespread. After the second world war the shanty-towns were teared down and a lot of new areas were developed and new houses built in Stockholm. That way the overcrowding ended forever. Later, in the 1950's and 1960's, the politicians decided to tear down many of the old working class areas in the inner city too. This was really a shame, because the houses were in working order, filled with tiled stoves and other beautiful decoration. What had to be done was to take care of sanitation and plumbing. But I think the social democratic politicians had too many bad memories and simply wanted to get rid of this dark past.

This policy is the reason why, in my opinion, there is no other major city with higher living standards than Stockholm. Everywhere you go in the world, it's easy to find people living under harsh conditions. And when I say harsh, I mean lousy toilets, no bath, bad heating etc. I've found it in Paris, in Oslo, In Copenhagen, in London and in New York, but you would find it hard to find it in Stockholm. On the other hand this means that it's also difficult to live cheap in Stockholm, because the rent has gone up with the standards.

Today, Sweden has nothing compared to the American slum areas. We have problems with segregation in some areas, as Per points out, but the problems with unemployment, poverty, overcrowding, drugs, weapons and crime are not on the same scale as the problems in America. They are not today, but they could develop into that."

PBM Games

W. Andrew York: "I don't know what happened with my Scattergories! entry for last time. Just careless in submitting I guess. My apologies. As for this months, as I've just finished adjudicating the one here in RW, I don't think it would be fair to submit answers to you"

((The mistake might be on my part, but I don't think so this time. Anyway, I hope you try the new version.))

"To answer Michael Pargman's questions, I've found the average round takes four-five weeks. I do have one New Zealander in both games, so that includes international mailing time. Out of the two games I'm running, I've had only one round take over two months (as I remember). Of course, rounds with multiple mergers will take more time as mailings to handle the disposition of the stock holdings will lengthen mailing.

The only "harassment" I've had to do was mention once in RW for the players to give me an update on when they had posted the information (so I could find the slow-up). However, by the time I had all the responses, the delayed sheet had arrived."

((What do you say, Michael; Are you interested to run a game of Acquire in LAE/PG? If needed we could use a game fee to cover separate mailings, and I could speed up PG to make the game run more smoothly. This could be interesting now that Peo's interest to publish Casi Bellorum seem to have vanished.

BTW, I am interested in suggestions for new games for the reborn LAE/PG.))

EDA

François Rivasseau: ((From a form letter)) "You will find hereby annexed the summary of our discussions of our second regular meeting in Cirencester by our secretary general. I had our traditional (already!) administrative summary of conclusions which completes the work of Shaun and will be annexed to it. Let me express once again all our thanks to Shaun Derrick and to all the organisers for the marvelous time we all had in Cirencester.

Let thank too all the players who come there have contributed to make of the manifestation a success story, with a special thought to the many foreign players, particularly the impressive Norwegian delegation. No wonder that our new European champion, Inge Kjøl is from Norway and this will give more peps to our next Eurochampionship in Oslo at the end of June 1996.

For the EDA itself, Cirencester will be recorded too as a success story; the need of a coordinated presence at European level to help

developing the playing of Diplomacy has been quite unanimously confirmed and I am particularly glad that Shaun Derrick and the British hobby, after having get the necessities clarifications and insurances they were entitled to ask for, decided to maintain their full participation within the EDA. Let me conclude in expressing to our new Secretary General Shaun Derrick and to the Norwegian organisers of next Eurochampionship all our wishes of success for the forthcoming year."

Bridge Story #1 - Sam Scaffidi

by Sharon Stone Gerstman

Sam Scaffidi was a native of Mingo Junction, West Virginia and played in nearby Stubenville, WV and in Pittsburgh in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Sam was a diabetic and sweated a great deal. He was also overweight and decidedly unattractive, but he was extremely lecherous. Most young women dreaded playing against him, because he was extremely likely to drool and ogle for the time you would be at the table... but I digress. Sam was a known peeker. He once passed a forcing 3♠, because he saw the AQT of trump offside. When he made 4 anyway (losing only those 3 tricks) he had a lot of explaining to do to teammates. He start with "I had a very good reason..." His teammate, responded, "I know the good reason, you saw AQT offside!!"

At a local club in Stubbenville, Sam and partner sat down opposite two well endowed dowagers. Dowager One said to her partner, "hold your hand back, he peeks." To which Sam responded, "madam, you are a big fat cow." Sam was barred from the club for 6 weeks. on his first day back, he sat down opposite the same lady, and before she could say anything, Sam simply said, "Mooooooooooooooooooooo." Barred again.

Also at the Stubenville club, at a social gatyhering, players wore name tags. One dowager had hers displayed prominently on her left breast. When Sam got to her table, he asked her what the name of her other tit was.

World-wide Internet community appalled over the Scientology seizure

Was the child porn scandal just a cover?

by Johan Helsingius <julf@penet.fi>

The reputation of Finland as a country that holds freedom of expression, justice and human rights in high esteem has suffered among the world-wide Internet community. So far Finland has gotten a lot of positive publicity as the home of the best-known anonymous server, anon.-penet.fi. These servers enable safe net discussion of sensitive issues, such as reporting violations of human rights.

The ease with which the Church Of Scientology (with the help of Finnish police) obtained sensitive information has caused great concern and uproar. With the help of the Finnish police, the Church Of Scientology found out the identity of a person who had published material on the Church of Scientology anonymously on the Usenet newsgroups. At the same time there has been a lot of speculation on the net on whether the recent child porn scandal (which was totally unsupported by hard evidence) might be connected to the Scientologists' interest in the anonymous server.

Anonymous servers enable anonymous discussions via electronic mail and newsgroups on the Internet, used by millions of people all over the world, and are vital for support of freedom of expression. These servers are used by people who are under pressure or persecuted, people who report offenses of human rights or even discuss their personal problems and sufferings.

One of the longest-lasting and probably the most famous anonymous server is anon.penet.fi, created by the Finnish Internet specialist Johan "Julf" Helsingius back in 1992. Every day more than 7000 messages are automatically handled by the service, and there are over 200 000 registered users. The popularity of the server is largely due to its trustworthiness, based on both the personal reputation of Helsingius among the network community, as well as on the good reputation of Finland as a

country where individual rights, privacy and freedom of expression are respected.

This kind of reputation is important, since there are lots of people and organizations in the world that would rather see the anon servers being shut down. Governments that violate human rights, as well as other organizations banning public and open discussion of their activities, such as the Church of Scientology, are among these. The Church of Scientology has in fact approached the people offering anonymity services, threatening with lawsuits unless the anonymous discussion in scientology-related newsgroups stops. In fear of lawsuits many American servers have either stopped altogether or strongly limited their activities.

The flow of events

On Thursday, February 2, an American representative of the Church of Scientology (CoS) contacted Johan Helsingius, informing him that some information residing on a private and closed CoS system had been made public via the anon.penet.fi server. Based on this they have reported a burglary to the Los Angeles Police and FBI. The representative of CoS asked Helsingius for the real identity of the individual that had posted the confidential information. After Helsingius had made it clear that he was in no position to give out the information, he was told an official request to the Finnish Police was on its way via Interpol.

The next day, February 3, the Finnish police contacted Helsingius, informing him that if need be, they would get a warrant of search and seizure. The necessary documents for these actions were promised for Monday.

On Monday, February 6, the Swedish newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* published an article based on the investigation of Mats Wiklund from University of Stockholm. The article stated that child porn was distributed to Internet from the Finnish anon.penet.fi server. The Finnish media picked up the story, with headlines such as "Internet distributes child porn from an address in Helsinki" (*Helsingin Sanomat*) and "Internet flooded with child porn" (*Ilta-Sanomat*). The first public reaction in Finland was based purely on the initial article in *Dagens Nyheter*.

Meantime, the Internet community started to investigate the matter. The child porn statements caused amazement, as the anon server has (due to heavy traffic) been forced to limit the maximum size of messages, and ban postings to groups containing pictures altogether. At closer look the Wiklund "research" is revealed to have been made sloppily and without enough expertise.

The information needed to reveal the sender of the articles has not been saved, and the famous pictures themselves are nowhere to be obtained for a closer look. The only picture that is actually included in Wiklund's report seems to be taken on a nudist camp.

Wiklund has investigated four newsgroups dealing with sexual pictures, checked 5651 postings and found 8 pictures of adolescent nude children, none of which are (according to Wiklund's own report) actually pornographic. After a closer look at the pictures in those groups, they are shown to actually come from United Kingdom, not Finland. Wiklund admits that he never thought of the possibility of the source of the pictures being forged. On Saturday, February 11, Johan Helsingius reveals the true nature of events and the headlines in Finnish media quiet down.

On the Internet there follows a lot of lively discussion and questioning of the motives of the Swedish researcher, the person who forged the source of the pictures, and the journalist of *Dagens Nyheter*. Some writers suggest a connection to the attempts by the CoS to silence anon servers. Since the authorities don't seem to be investigating the case, Helsingius himself files a request for investigation with the Finnish police. The initial investigation reveals no crime committed at least in Finland.

In the meantime, on February 8, the Finnish police serve Helsingius with a warrant for search and seizure, and obtains from Helsingius the electronic mail address of the anonymous user that the CoS wants. Within an hour after the Finnish Police gets hold of the information, the Finnish representative of the CoS informs Helsingius legal representative that they received the information.

On 14 February the criminal investigation on the scientologists case is dropped. Helsingius gets this information on February 17, and reveals the situation on some discussion groups and mailing lists on the Internet. This announcement

has caused a flood of electronic mail, and a huge outcry among the Internet community.

During the weekend, Helsingius received hundreds of comments and queries, most of them questioning the actions of the Finnish authorities.

February 19 the maintainer of an anonymous service in Amsterdam tells Helsingius that the Church of Scientology has approached him again, threatening with legal action unless the anonymous participation into the discussion on scientology is stopped. This time the issue would be claims about illicit distribution of copies of copyrighted computer programs.

((The above article was released to the press 20th February.))

Bridge Story #2 - Is this funny?

by Lars Andersson

While waiting for our teammates to finish the first 12 boards of our 24 board match our opponents asked us:

"Do you know how to ask for a jack in the first round of bidding?"

"No, dont think so"

"Do you play 4 in a minor as a solid major?"

"Yes"

"Then 5N asks if the suit is solid opposite a void"

"Not really a jack ask, how about AKQTxxxx? We once bid 1♣ (two-way) - 4♣, 5♥ - 6♥ and played there with AKQTxxxx opposite a void. Trumps broke 4-1 so 6♥ was all we could make. At the other table the opponents played ACOL 2-bids and did not know how to show a solid eight-card suit opposite a 2♠ bid. They ended up in 6♣(!) and went down"

Some more friendly chat and then our teammates finished. We were 12 imp down in half-time.

So on the second hand of the second half I pick up:

- ♠ AKJ98x
- ♥ --
- ♦ Ax

♣ AKQTx

I open 1♣ (9-11 NT or 17+) and partner responds 4♣ showing a solid/semisolid heart-suit. Deja-vu and 5NT (after all, this sequence is no longer possible to misunderstand). Parterner tries 7♣ to get me play it and (after briefly considering 7NT :-)) I bid 7♥. Dummy holds:

- ♠ x
- ♥ AKQTxxxx
- ♦ xxx
- ♣ x

After the lead RHO shows me J98x in hearts. Luckily we are not vulnerable since at the other table they try 2♠ (ACOL) - 5♥; 6♣ - 6♥.

Loose 14 instead of winning 11, that was the match since we recovered 1 imp in the 2nd half.

WWPDC Column

by Per Westling

So, finally, the WWPDC Team Tournament is about to start. The first orders should be in July 29th. Below I give you the starting position for each table, and after that I have an internal discussion with the Swedish team.

Austria	Wolfgang Kovac	Austria
England	Tom Carlson	Legionnaires
France	Pierandre Rosso	Italy
Germany	David Addison	Commonwealth
Italy	Yann Ricard	France
Russia	Paul Nilsson	Sweden
Turkey	Ron Cameron	USA

Austria	Fred Townsend	USA
England	Fritz Kunz	Austria
France	Frederic Abrassart	Legionnaires
Germany	Angelo Penna	Italy
Italy	Brendan Whyte	Commonwealth
Russia	François Rivasseau	France
Turkey	Björn von Knorring	Sweden

Austria	Kalle Stengård	Sweden
England	Melinda Holley	USA

France	Helmut Ritter	Austria
Germany	Lex Pater	Legionnaires
Italy	Alessandro Moroni	Italy
Russia	Mike Collins	Commonwealth
Turkey	Stephanie Gentric	France

Austria	Thibault Constans	France
England	<i>Ola Hansson</i>	Sweden
France	Michael Gonsalves	USA
Germany	Kay Hansen	Austria
Italy	Martin Burgdorf	Legionnaires
Russia	Davide Cleopadre	Italy
Turkey	Michael Hood	Commonwealth

Austria	Greg White	Commonwealth
England	François Sommaire	France
France	<i>Ulf Jiretorn</i>	Sweden
Germany	Marc Peters	USA
Italy	Wolfgang Alber	Austria
Russia	J-F Mougard	Legionnaires
Turkey	Pasquale Giovine	Italy

Austria	Sergio Suran	Italy
England	Colin Craig	Commonwealth
France	Emmanuel Lorge	France
Germany	<i>John Robillard</i>	Sweden
Italy	Edi Birsan	USA
Russia	Kaweh Kristof	Austria
Turkey	Eric Voogd	Legionnaires

Austria	Hannu Tuikkala	Legionnaires
England	Natale Seremia	Italy
France	Alex Phoon	Commonwealth
Germany	Cyrille Sevin	France
Italy	<i>Ingvar Gräns</i>	Sweden
Russia	Gary Behnen	USA
Turkey	Robert Nedoma	Austria

I think this might become a great competition. Hopefully this concept will be used in the future to make this tournament a tradition (compare Postal Chess). Anyway, I wish everyone good luck!

Så vad ska vi göra nu?

Lagkaptenen talar ut

Frågan är på vilket sätt vi ska hålla igång kommunikationen inom laget? Ingvar hade en ide om att ge ut en egen publikation, men detta rann ut i sanden eftersom det tog så lång tid för det hela att starta. LAE/PG kan vara ett alternativ som kan fungera eftersom samtliga i laget är prenumeranter men visst kan separatutskick vara en ide. För övrigt är vem som helst välkommen med egna utskick. Jag ska försöka publicera adresserna till samtliga i laget + de två bisittarna.

Observera draginlämningsdatumen. Vi har inte råd med några DIM så jag föreslår att förutom att skicka (flygpost)brev till Larry med drag (+ ev press) skickar ni ett ex av draget till undertecknad. Det ska vara inne senast 10 dagar innan deadline. Jag kommer sedan att skicka draget per e-post till Larry. 10 dagar innebär i första fallet 19 juli vilket är en måndag. Om jag inte har draget till handa på ZAT-dagen kommer jag att använda "piskan" (= telefon) för att få fram ett drag, med lämplig avgift avdragen från prenumerationskontot (för att täcka telefonkostnaden). Synpunkter på detta (eller vad som helst) är varmt välkomna.

När jag tittar på laguppställningarna kan jag lungt utse favorit till slutsegern. USA har ett mycket bra lag. Ron Cameron, Fred Townsend och Marc Peters är inga dåliga PBM-spelare. Edi Birsan har hållit på sedan 60-talet och namngav Lepanto-öppningen. Gary Behnen kallas allmänt "greedy" efter den gången han gick från 4 till 8 centers första året! Har blivit vald till bästa spelare. Melinda Ann Holley driver ett fansin som får Animal Farm att verka fjuttig, och har väl spelat i ungefär lika många PBM-partier som svenska laget ihop. Michael Gonsalves har spelat många internationella PBM-kampanjer med bra resultat.

Bland de andra lagen har Frankrike ett mycket namnkunnigt lag, men deras förmåga vad gäller PBM är mer obekant. Nog ett lag att se upp med.

Legionärerna har en del bra namn och samväldsspelarna är vana vid internationella partier. Italien och Österrike vet jag lite om, och bara de förra har några internationella kontakter att tala om. Dock vet jag att det finns en del

kontakter Frankrike-Österrrike, samt att Italien (genom Davide Cleopadre) ger ut ett engelskspråkigt fansin.

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Paul Nilsson (R-1), Råbyv 2, 29535 Bromölla, 0456-28997

John Robillard (G-6), Sundsg 26, 87140 Härnösand, 0611-10951

Kalle Stengård, Nysättra Gård, 14191 Huddinge, 08-7749113 (hem)

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Bridge Story #3 - The LOL returns

by Chyah Burghard

One day, two pros did not have clients and sat down to play. Soon, two little old ladies ((LOL)) sat down and subsequently became the defenders. The LOL on lead was holding her cards in her left hand. She transferred to the cards to her right with flair. She selected a card with her left hand and placed it face down on the table, at which point her partner said "alert!" The pros inquired and were informed that they always lead singletons with their left hands.

The director were called, the hand was played and the ladies got up to leave, but they were heard to remark "I don't know what all that fuss is about, but if they are going to act this way, we just won't tell them!"

Je Me Souviens Brum!

by Larry Peery

A lot of words have already been written about last year's WDC IV in Brum (that's Birmingham, England to you), mostly wrong ones. In spite of the falling value of the Ami dollar, here's my two cents worth.

There are many ways to describe last year's WDC IV in Birmingham, England (that's Brum to you). Alas, most of them thus far have been negative.

Hobby history has shown us that no matter how hard the GM or TD tried, or what scoring system they used, or who won, somebody will always complain. Believe me, I know.

WDC IV was no different. Except it was. Most of the complaints about WDC IV were -- to be blunt -- exaggerated. Many were self-serving. Some were just plain sour grapes.

However, I come not to damn WDC IV, but to praise it in just three words. Here may words.

GREAT is a word much too often used, and often abused, in modern America. Still, WDC IV was a GREAT Con, not only because of its size but because of the caliber of players it attracted.

The French and Swedish won because they brought their best players, played as a team, and wanted to win. Of such are GREAT Dip Cons, even world class ones, made. As for the criticisms of the French team's behavior, look back to the CADs¹ and Cooley's Gang. Where they any different? For that matter, look back at the behavior of the Brits at MIDCON in 1989, when six of them ganged up on the only foreigner present (me) who happened to draw England in the top board of the final round. After eliminating him, they decided to declare a six-way draw and headed for the pub.

HISTORIC is another word we tend to use too often, but in the age when an antique is anything more than one hundred years ago, perhaps the use of the word HISTORIC to describe WDC IV can be excused, if not justified. Be that as it may, WDC IV will go down in history as the first WDC or major Con anywhere not dominated by the host community. It may not set well with the hosts, but it was a definite plus for the international hobby.

Finally, I choose the word DYNAMIC. The WDC Charter meeting showed that democracy is alive and well in the International hobby, but

¹ ((CADs = Carolina Amateur Diplomats, includes among others David Hood - editor's remark))

reminded me that it is only a small step from democracy to anarchy. The WDC Charter meeting – I cannot bring myself to yet refer to a WDC Society – should have been no surprise to any student of history (See the War of the Austrian Succession.) or current events (See the European Union.) Britain's problem today in both the real world and Diplomacy world is the same: a lack of leaders with vision, any vision.

A GREAT con. A HISTORIC event. A DYNAMIC encounter. These are the words that histories yet to be written will use to describe The Summer of 1994 in Brum. Betcha.

There is a certain irony in the fact that it was at WDC IV in Brum that the WDC concept suffered its first major set-back. I say this because Brum, long dismissed as England's Second City, is rapidly becoming Britain's first real modern international city. No wonder so many Brits hate it so. But if you have a chance to go for a MANORCON or MIDCON do. You'll enjoy the Cons and you'll find Brum is a delightful city to visit with much of England's best, past and present, in and around it.

The bottom line: It was a world class event in a world class venue, it will be hard to top. So much for hindsight, what of the future?

In conclusion and in the aftermath of Brum 1994, this is my message to you. And take it just as personally as you can.

To the Nay Sayers, I say: "If you think you can do better, come to Paris, and show us your victories, or you bid." And we will salute you.

To the Yea Sayers, I say: "Words are cheap, come to Paris and demonstrate your support." And we will entertain you.

To the Rest, I say: "Come to Paris and see for yourself. And then judge for yourself." And we will convince you.

I come not to bury WDC, but to raise it to its rightful position -- that of the international hobby's premier event. Some things are inevitable. And this is one of them. WDC has survived, and it will go on surviving as long as the international hobby supports it, because, even when poorly executed, the basic concept is a good one.

Je me souviens Brum!

((Even though Larry says he loved the event, his expression during the Charter meeting could have fooled me. That Charter can

explained in a few words, just the words the Chairman of the meeting used for the EDA society meeting at EDC II in Linköping: "It was a farce!" Finally I say to everyone: Come to Paris and vote NO to the WDC Charter the Frenchmen are bound to present there, not that unlike the charter voted down by them at WDC IV for "political reasons".))

Bridge Story #4 - Roth-Stone

by Chyah Burghard

The old Mayfair club on 57th St. had about 28 tables running at any given moment. Table 1 was situated right at the entry and was on platform above the rest of the tables.

On a night in 1973, Tobias Stone was sitting at that table opposite an unnamed woman (Stone, btw, was one half of the great Al Roth-Tobias Stone partnership that created the Roth-Stone bidding system.) Vic Mitchell, another world class player, was sitting at table two, directly ahead and beneath table one, facing Stony's back and Stony's partner.

After a particularly bad play, Stony yelled at his partner. She picked up the bridge boards (metal racks for holding the cards, not heavy but with potential for harm) and motioned to throw it at Stony.

Vic Mitchell cries out, "Stony! Whatever you do, DON'T duck!"

((So what do you think about having some Bridge in the zeen? I hope the stories above is on a suitable level, so that you need little or even none understanding of Bridge to appreciate them. This and other things are things YOU could write about to the letter column.))

PAX GERMANIA

#57, subzeen of L4E #36

Shelley (Scattergories) - The X-mas round

I did receive two entries this time, one of them from Ulf Jiretorn, but I made a mess of my filing system so I cannot present any result this time. Anyway, time to change the rules slightly for this game. I have decided to go down to 10 categories instead of 15 each time. Also, everyone participating will get their scores added to a separate yearly total competition with prizes to be decided upon; Double chances of winning that is!

The rules of Shelly is simple; Give an answer for each category, a distinct one for each one. The entry can be in English or Swedish, and I have been known to allow Norwegian. Entries should be found without looking in any references, and if they are obscure please explain them to me.

For next time all entries should start with the letter "F". The ten entries are:

- Someone/something on TV.
- Something to eat
- Author
- Famous person
- Larger (100,000+) city
- Existing or historical state/nation
- Adjective
- Wellknown abbreviation
- Entry that could be found in my copy of "The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction"
- Compound

Solaris - Not Fall 1912 - Regular Diplomacy [PG13/1993FJ]

GM: CoA – Per Westling, Östansvägen 10, S-61135 Nyköping, Sverige/Suede.

Germany: [Björn von Knorring, S:t Johannesgatan 7, 75311 Uppsala]

Russia: [Leif Kjetil Tviberg, Kjølberggata 28 B, N-0653 Oslo, Norge]

Turkey: [New: Pascal Boulerie, Esc. 7B, 28 bd A. Briand, F-93100 Montreuil, France]

Notes: I can't seem to find the orders from Leif Kjetil although I am pretty sure that I did receive them. The orders from Pascal (thanks) and Björn are on file. So could Leif Kjetil send in a new set a.s.a.p. When I receive them I will adjudicate quickly and send out the results separately. ZAT for *Spring 1913* will probably be around the same time as *Dune* below.

Dune - Apr 1887 - 1885IIIR [PG14]

GM: Sven Eriksson, Furigatan 4, 58347 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: sven-e@lysator.liu.se. Phone: 013-273999.

The war isn't over yet! Welcome Mark, to this get-together.
Note the new addresses of Niclas and Per.

Austria: [Jan Talts, Lindesbergsg. 7DII, S-75240 Uppsala, Sweden]

A(Swi) ⇨ Bur S by A Ruh ; A(Pie) ⇨ Mar ; A(Tyr) ⇨ Swi ; A(Bud) ⇨ Ser S by A Clu ;
A(Alb) ⇨ Zar ; A(Zar) ⇨ Cro ; A(Vie) ⇨ Tyr ; F(TYS) ⇨ Tus ;
A(Tun) board F(MAS), A/F MAS ⇨ TYS ; A(Kie) H ; A(Nap) H

France: [Pascal Boulerie, Esc. 7B, 28 bd A. Briand, F-93100 Montreuil, France]

NMR!! A(Bur) H

Italy: [Per Westling, Östanvägen 10, S-61135 Nyköping, Sweden]

A(Mar) S (F) Bur H

Russia: [Lars Petrus, Gustafsv. 4, 17149 Solna]

F(Mor) ⇨ SAO, S by F(Azo) ; F(Tri) ⇨ Tun ; A(Egy) ⇨ Ara ; F(Per) ⇨ IND ; A(Con) H ;
A(Lap) ⇨ Sto ; F(Ark) ⇨ BAR ; F(StP) ⇨ RIS ; A(War) ⇨ Mos ; A(Ukr) ⇨ H ; A(Ser) ⇨ Alb ;
A(Rom) H ; A(Cou) H ; F ION H

Spain: [New: Mark Nelson, 1st Floor Front Flat, 3 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2, England.

e-mail: amt5man@amsta.leeds.ac.uk]

F(Ice) ⇨ NWG; A(Edi) ⇨ Jut (illegal) ; F(Por) ⇨ SAO , S by F(MID) ; F(Cad) ⇨ ALS ;
F(Val) ⇨ WMS , S by F(LYO) ; A(Mad) ⇨ Cad

Sweden: [CoA: Niklas Gyulai, Ärenprisv. 40, 59262 Lingham, Sweden, e-mail: niklas.gyulai@berzelius.se]

F(NWG) ⇨ NTH ; F(Osl) ⇨ NWG; A(Lon) board F(NTH) ; A/F NTH ⇨ HBS ; A(HBS) ⇨ Ire ;
F(Hol) S Bel H , S by F(Bel) ; F(Bre) ⇨ MID , S by F(BOB)

Retreats:

France: A(Bur) ⇨ Par

Spain: F(MID) ⇨ Ast

Proposals: All old proposals were voted down.

New proposals:

Austria/Russia

Press: [Dune]

Mar ⇨ Sto: I give up!

Sto ⇨ All: I will keep on fighting until Spain falls.

Vie ⇨ StP: We're getting there

Vie ⇨ Sto: I'm honoring our deal and coming to
your rescue

Vie ⇨ Mad: Death to all papists

Vie ⇨ Par: Soon, soon

Vie ⇨ Mar: Thanks for the thought

Notes: Niklas tells us that he can be reached by e-mail at niklas.gyulai@berzelius.se.

Mark can be reached at amt5man@amsta.leeds.-ac.uk.

((Editor: ZAT for Mar 1887 is Tuesday 27 June 1995. The new Spain is Mark Nelson, First Floor Front Flat, 3 Kelso Road, Leeds, LS2 9PR, England. I think Mark prefers to receive negotiations by e-mail at his Internet-address amt5man@amsta.leeds.ac.uk))

ALDEBARAN

(Diadokhoi)

Autumn - 320.

Addresses

• GM : Pascal Boulerie, Escalier 7B,
28, boulevard Aristide Briand,
F-93 100 Montreuil, France.

Players :

- Antigonos : Ola Hansson, Ignaberga,
Prastgard, S-28 190 Hassleholm,
Sweden.
- Antipatros : Hans Sommer,
Hammestrasse, 22b, D-52 355 Düren,
FR Germany.
- Eumenes (CoA) : Martin Burgdorf,
Garenhof 7, NL- 2 201 LR Noordwijk,
the Netherlands, (or Martin Burgdorf, c/o
The Workshop, South row, Chilton, Nr.
Didcot, Oxon, OX11 0RT, United
kingdom ?).
- Lysimachos (CoA) : Per O. Westling,
Sankt Annegatan, 33, S-61133 Nyköping.
- Ptolemaios (CoA) : Leif Kjetil
Tivberg, Kjølberggata 28 B, N-0653
Oslo, Norway. T : (47) 22 67 72 66.
- Seleukos : Thomas Franke,
Haarenufer, 12, D-26 122 Oldenburg,
FR Germany.

Standby players :

- Thomas Scheben, Cairo, Egypt.
(• Markus Schreiber, Obertorstr. 25,
D-5 401 (?) Münstermaifeld, Germany.)

Moves

- Antigonos (NMR) : A Bit h (r Axy), A
Pis H, A * Lyd H.
- Antipatros : A Att = Cre, F Philippos IoS
C A Att - Cre, A Lac Bsg2 Sparta,
F * Cyc = EMS, Roxane Pella H (o).
- Eumenes : F * Pap = Bit, A Lyc = Phr,
A Cil Bsg1 Soloi, A Trd Bsg1 Panticapea.
- Lysimachos : F Aeg = Eol, F Pro = Hel,
F * Eol = Rho, A Ion Bsg2 Ephese.
- Ptolemaios : A * Cyr Bsg1 Cyrene,
F EMS s A * Cyr (r Egy), A Phe Bsg1 Tyr.
- Séleucos : A Med Bsg2 Ekbatana,
A * Mes = Com, A Syr S A * Mes - Com.
- Greeks : Am Lib : Cyr.

Messages

- Ptolemaios - Antipatros : I hope you
have accepted my peace offer. ((pfff...))
- Ptolemaios - Greeks : I would
recommend an oasis in the south of
Sahara - you would have much more fun
there than in the dull city of Cyrene.
- Pascal - Per and Leif : sorry about
Faith and Sword.

Treasures and VPs

	Treasures	VP	PP
Antigonos	7300	5	50
Antipatros	6700	9	90
Eumenes	7000	4	40
Lysimachos	5700	4	40
Ptolemaios	5800	3	30
Seleukos	7000	4	40

Comments

Standby needed for Antigonos !
Antigonos may marry Cleopatra.
Retreats for Antigonos and Ptolemaios
have been randomly chosen.
The Antigonid army in Axylon rebels
against Antigonos. The other Diadokhoi
may buy it at the beginning of spring (it's
an auction sale).
Ptolemaios is surrounded by hostile
forces.
Ephese is less important than Milet.

Abbreviations

- Aeg : Aegean sea = Egé.
- Cyp : Cyprus = Chy.
- EMS : Eastern Mediterranean Sea = MOe.
- IoS : Ionian sea = Mlo.
- WPE : Western Pont-Euxine = POc.

Spring - 319

Rebellion in Etolia. + Am Eto.
The Winter season is *separated* from the
Autumn one.

Map error last time

Ptolemaios * Cyr, not Lib.

Could please Thomas Scheben who lives at c/o Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, 33 B
Mohammed Mazhar Street, Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt, please send orders for ANTIGONOS ???

Possessions

	Antigonos	Antipatros	Eumenes	Lysimachos	Ptolemaios	Seleukos
Capital city	Gordion	Pella	Ankyra	Lysimachia	Alexandrie	Babylone
Citadels	Sardes	Sparta, Athens	Ariararthea	Byzantium		Alexandria of Issos
Cities	Isaura	Pydna	Laranda	Ephese	Salamine, Pelusa, Gaza	Susa, Ekbatana
Provinces	Pis, Lyd, (Mys)	Tau, Eto, Ill, Mac, Cha, Att, Cre, Lac	Lyc, Cap, Pon, Pap, (Pté), Ank, Bit, Com, (Cau), Cil, Trd, Phr	Bos, Che, Rho, Hel, Ion, Thr	Cyr, Egy, Phe, Cyp, Pal, Idu, (Ara)	Med, Mes, Com, Syr, Dam, Ass
Treasures						Ekbatana

Tributes

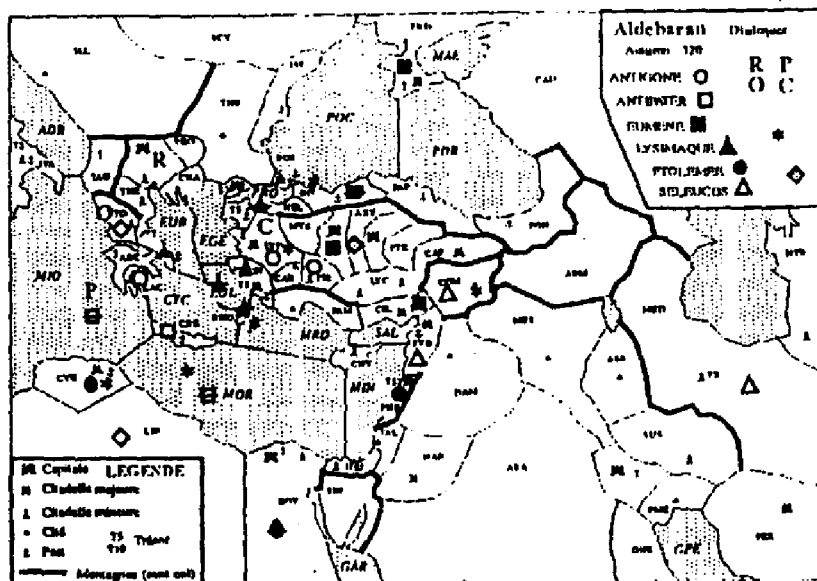
	Antigonos	Antipatros	Eumenes	Lysimachos	Ptolemaios	Seleukos
Capital city	31	31	31	31	31	31
Citadels	11	22	11	11	0	11
Cities	2	2	2	2	6	4
Provinces	2	8	11	6	6	6
Treasures						5
Total	46	63	55	50	43	57

Treasures

	Antigonos	Antipatros	Eumenes	Lysimachos	Ptolemaios	Seleukos
Former	27	4	15	7	15	13
Tributes	46	63	55	50	43	57
Total	73	67	70	57	58	70
Expenses						
New						

These sums are given in hundreds of talents.

There may be several minor errors in the exact list of provinces. It will be checked in the next game result.



Aldebaran
(Diadokhoi)

Winter - 320

Addresses

GM : Pascal Boulerie, Esc. 7B, 28 bd Ar. Briand, 93100 Montreuil.
Antigonos : Dr Thomas Scheben, c/o Konrad-Adenauer Foundation, 35
Abu El Feda street, Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt.

Telephone : 0020-2-3404329 (office), 0020-2-3406119 (home).

Fac-simile : 0020-2-3422121.

Eumenes : Martin J. Burgdorf, Melibokusstrasse 36, D-64625
Bensheim 3 Auerbach. Or : Garenhof 7, NL-2201 LR Noordwijk ZH,
Nederland.

Lysimachos : Per O. Westling, Götgatan 50A, S-58231 Linköping,
Sweden.

Other addresses are in Diplomat 31.

Antigonos (Thomas Scheben) : keeps A Lyd, trains A Pis into Ae,
builds G Gordion, Gm Sardes. Expenses : 5500. Treasure : 1800.

Antipatros (Hans Sommer) : keeps F IoS, F EMS, disbands A Lac,
A Cre. Expenses : 3000. Treasure : 3700.

Eumenes (Martin Burgdorf) : keeps A Phr, A Cil, A Trd,
disbands F Bit. Expenses : 3500. Treasure : 3500.

Lysimachos (Per O. Westling) : keeps F Eol, F Hel, F Rho, A Ion.
Expenses : 4000. Treasure : 1700.

Ptolemaios (Leif Kjetil Tviberg) : keeps A Cyr, F Egy, A Phe,
builds F Cyp, F Cyr. Expenses : 5000. Treasure : 800.

Seleukos (Thomas Franke) : keeps A Med, A Com, trains A Syr into Ae.
Expenses : 4000. Treasure : 3000.

Messages

Ptolemaios - Antipatros : peace please.

Pascal : it seems Ola has quit the game at last.

Pascal : two players nearly NMRed...

Pascal : those who have already sent their spring moves may change
them if they wish.

Pascal - Thomas : your EMS letter dated 12 November got here
on 15 November.

Next spring, there is a rebellion in Etolia (Am Eto).

Antigonos will marry Kleopatra.

Auction sale : rebels for 500 talents.



Don't you ever wash your ears?

So... that's it!

Why do you cry?

DIADOKHOI - Details

Map features

- Attica has 2 coasts : we and ec. Fleets of Athens may be built on either coast.
- There are no connexion between Assyria and Armenia, as well as between Media and Mesopotamia.
- The Hyrcanian sea is impassable.

Supports

- The support given by a unit which has to retreat is void.

Sieges

- A personage can not besiege a citadel.
- Fleets can not besiege citadels which are not ports.
Example : Pella, Sardes, Sparta, Parsagades, Cyrena, Delphi, Lamia, Ephese, Pelusa and Gaza.
- Fleets can not besiege an adjacent citadel. Fleets can besiege only the portuary citadel located in the same province.
Example : F Hel Besieges1 Cyzica.
But : F Pro besieges1 Cyzica (impossible). F Mac besieges1 Pella (impossible).

Garrisons

• A garrison can be converted into an army in the province containing the citadel. In a port, it can also be converted into a fleet into that province, or into a marine province adjacent to the citadel ! Therefore, it is possible to escape from a besieged portuary citadel !

Example : G Cyzica = A Hel, G Athens = F Att, G Alexandria = F EMS
(even if Alexandria is being besieged).

- A fleet can not be converted into a garrison into an adjacent portuary citadel.
Example : F EMS ; G Alexandria (impossible).
- Garrisons must be maintained at the same cost as the corresponding army types. An élite, a militia or a Guards can be converted into a garrison of the same type.
- A garrison can be corrupted only by a unit located in the same province.
Example : F Aegean sea can not corrupt a garrison in Lysimachia.
- A garrison can not give support to a sea province.

Corruption

- During winter, corruptions are not allowed.

Personages

- Philippos Arrhidee III has a counter-corruption bonus of 500 talents on the military unit he commands. He and his wife become neutral, if left without a military unit at the end of a season.
- A personage can take control of the province where he is currently, but this is not compulsory - especially if the diadokhos is allied with the owner of that province.
- A personage can be convoyed by fleets.
- An Argeades or a prisoner can be transferred to an adjacent military unit. He/they can also be transferred to a friendly citadel and then be kept inside this citadel as a hostage. A prisoner left alone in a province is free. A diadokhos may assassinate, keep as prisoners or free the personages under his control.
- An Argeades can be corrupted from a distance ! As well, counter-corruption can be invested on an Argeades from a distance.
- Once married, Kleopatra can not be corrupted.
- A diadokhos held prisoner can not corrupt the units adjacent to him.
- Epigonoi : after - 317, when a Diadokhos has died, his epigonos may start from any province or citadel he owns.
- Kleopatra : the marriage with Kleopatra lasts 2 consecutive turns, and may not be postponed after it has been made public.

Alliance

- a diadokhos may lead an ally's unit at war. This gives a + 1 bonus in force, but no counter-corruption bonus. At any time, the alliance may be broken at the beginning of a game season, but during that season, the diadokhos can not corrupt the unit he was formerly leading, and that unit can not capture its former leader.

Events

- During sea storms, the Argeades are treated like Diadokhoi.
- There is no event in spring - 321 (imagine the disastrous effects of a flood in Chaldea or a sand storm in Libya or Arabia!).
- Events are made public one turn before they occur to minimize the effects of (bad) luck on this strategy game.
- A *temporary* revolt lasts for at least one full year (including spring, summer and autumn). As a result, if a revolt occurs in summer or autumn, the unit is *automatically maintained* during the first winter until the next spring, even if it has not reached its objectives (except if it has been ousted out of its theatre of operations). Therefore, revolts occurring during the summer are the most dangerous ones.
- Players may help rebels, but rebels can not help any player.
- A unit lost in a *non-supplied province* at winter disbands without rebelling if it has been trapped there during autumn by a storm, a revolt or a flood.

Royal order

- It is possible to get the right of given a royal order by controlling either Philippos or Alexandros.

Retreats

- If 2 units retreat to the same province, both are annihilated.

Death of a Diadokhos without successors

His treasure is left in his capital city. His units hold in civil disorder until the next winter. When forced to retreat, they are annihilated. They may be corrupted by the other diadokhoi. After winter, they disappear.

The capital city becomes a normal fortified city (1100 talents of tribute and 1 VP).

Revolts (optional rule)

- When a revolt occurs, a rebel unit *destroys* all units present in the uprising province. Personages may flee to another province or to a friendly adjacent citadel (otherwise, they may be seized by the rebel).

CORRECTION

The China Seafood Restaurant
ad that ran in last Saturday's

Green Section was incorrect. It
read 中國海鮮店 . It should
have read 中國海鮮店 . We

regret any inconvenience this
may have caused.

CHINA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
6400 HORSEPEN RD. . . 282-7055

THE EURODIPCON III/MASTERCON II REPORT

The Kings Head Hotel in Cirencester 24-26 February 1995

Organizer's view

With a number of on-the-day entrants MasterCon attracted nearly 70 registrations overall - about the number I was expecting, though a few more Diplomacy players would have been nice! I was very pleased to see so many non-Diplomacy players supporting, what was essentially, a Diplomacy convention. At least the limit on Diplomacy finalists on the Sunday provided some additional opponents for those non-Diplomats!

I believe the venue was very good, the ballroom was light and airy allowing the non-smokers amongst us to breathe a little more easily. The bar was right in the gaming area - a tremendous bonus. There was enough space between tables to allow Diplomacy to take place unhindered by a mass of furniture and allowed other games to take place without players kicking their chairs or having to squeeze past to find room to talk.

I have had a few comments since the convention, most of which have been positive. Mike Collins and John Dodds specifically sent letters commenting on how much they enjoyed the convention. John specifically mentions a couple of negative aspects such as the hotel rooms. 'His room "smelt like it had seen 20 years of chain-smoking travelling salesmen...". I admit that there are no non-smoking rooms for those who are averse to the habit and it can certainly be off-putting to have to sleep in a room reeking of stale cigarettes. Other comments were that the hotel was a bit scruffy. Actually I think that, considering the age of the building, the hotel was in quite a good state of repair. The front part of the hotel is over 400 years old so there is bound to be a few creaky floorboards and irregular decoration. I think, for £25 per night, it is good value, particularly as it included breakfast and tax. Consider that for just £5 more than ManorCon you are getting a hotel room as opposed to a 'cell'.

There were 21 foreign delegates leaving 46 British delegates, so we were slightly up on last year if you take out the European Diplomacy attraction. If I hold MasterCon III in Cirencester I would hope to attract about 50 players, so I need to work on my pre-convention publicity - point taken, John!

I would like any other feedback from those who attended, particularly if you liked or disliked the location - is Cirencester too remote? I will be booking somewhere for MasterCon III within a month or so, so your comments are much appreciated, positive or negative, are much appreciated.

I don't think anyone had a bad word to say about the meals in the hotel other than they were not readily available at all hours. The banquet meal was excellent value and breakfast was sufficient. One disappointment was the fact that we were not all seated together for the banquet. I will make a point that this is what we want next time.

I will only be sending the Diplomacy stat's to those who participated, so if you didn't play but want them, then let me know. It cuts down the cost of postage which will be high.

The Tournaments

18xx: I believe there were about 5 or 6 games played over the weekend that qualified for this. Danny Victor was the organizer, as last year, but at least we did get a few more games in this time. The top three players were...

1st David Smith 2nd Geoff Hardingham 3rd Steve Jones

Last years winner was Steve Jones.

Skittles: This took place in the 'Monk's Retreat' in the basement of the hotel, the alley was originally the entrance into the Public House from the Abbey about 300yds away. We had four brave foreigners, Fredrik Orlyng and Carl-Fredrik Lodding from Norway and Francois Sommaire and Frederic Saby from France who were trying Skittles for the first time!

I have misaid the scrappy bit of paper that I was scoring on, but I think there were 16 of us altogether. We played 'Killer' as it was the simplest way of playing a game in a short space of time. I won the first game myself, so as I am not really allowed to win my own trophy we played a second game won by Duncan Adams. Frederic Saby was 2nd in both games having missed the Skittles to lose on both occasions!

Last years 10-pin Bowling was won by Bob Kendrick who came well down the rankings this time.

Future MasterCon tournaments

Nick Kinzett kindly ran the Intimate Diplomacy for me, the details of which are on the opposite page.

With the biggest ID tournament ever at a convention I think the MasterCon ID tournament will be one of the convention highlights of the future, the 18xx just gets sufficient support to continue, but what about another tournament? As the convention is quite small perhaps there isn't room for any other official tournaments? When I was organizing MasterCon I I approached Waddingtons to see if they would be interested in holding a Waddington Games tournament at MasterCon, or maybe a qualifying round of the British or World 'Monopoly' championship; they were initially enthusiastic, but then declined to pursue the matter any further. I thought it would bring a few more players into the convention circle who were not normally seen at conventions. What do you think? Should I try again?

With Colonial Diplomacy published as a commercial game, will it attract enough players to hold tournaments in its own right? I doubt it as its hard enough attracting players to the standard game, but it has the appeal of something different, and perhaps Diplomacy tournaments of the future may not just be the standard game, but include commercial variants such as this! Personally I would like to take part in both standard tournaments and variant tournaments, maybe to include the best of the uncommercial variants!

THE MASTERCON INTIMATE DIPLOMACY KNOCKOUT (semi-organized by Nick Kinzett)

<u>Preliminary Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
Steve Jones (holder bye)....	Steve Jones (T)	}..... Steve Jones (T)	}
	v.		
Mark Stretch (bye).....	Mark Stretch(F)		
		v.	}..... STEVE JONES (I)
Stephen Agar (F) }	Stephen Agar(R)	}..... Keith Loveys(R)	
Duncan Adams (T) }	v.		
Keith Loveys (F) }	Keith Loveys(R)		
Steve Cox (I) }			v.
James Hardy (A) }	James Hardy (A)	}..... Bob Kendrick(I)	}..... <u>STEVE</u> <u>JONES</u>
Rich Williams(I) }	v.		
Bob Kendrick (I) }	Bob Kendrick(I)		
Steve Massey (T) }			v.
			}..... NICK KINZETT (G)
Haz Bond (bye).....	Haz Bond (E)	}..... Nick Kinzett(F)	
	v.		
Nick Kinzett (er, bye).....	Nick Kinzett(F)		

Semi-organizer's notes:

Once again, well done to Steve, notwithstanding the fact that all his games were effectively conceded to him. This includes the slightly ludicrous Final...in which yours truly, having done the hard bit (preventing Steve getting his favourite Turkey), completely cocked up my initial bids. I suppose that any Germany faced by an A-F-R assistance for Italy might be forgiven for feeling a little, ah, disheartened, although in retrospect I should really have gone through with Spring 1901 (which basically entailed trying to outguess Steve re Army Warsaw). Sorry chaps. There were better games, including an epic semi-final between Bob and me, also the mock-grudge clash between Dunx and Fluffy Agar. But thanks to all participants, likewise to Dave Thorby for overseeing the Final (all five minutes of it).

For those wondering, my initial match against Haz was originally meant to be a preliminary round game (it being only right that I get at least as many potential hurdles as any other participant), but in the end my prospective QF opponent couldn't make it (the EDA meeting going on, like, forever). Of course, the necessarily ad hoc nature of the ties and the need to fit them in when least inconvenient (vis a vis important things like ~~sating~~ the Dip Tourney) militates against a more formal arrangement — the only reason I played in the first place was because we weren't sure of getting eight players at that stage. Still, if I get roped into doing this again next year, I'll prepare a number of "contingency draws" and we'll improvise around them. Suggestions welcome: I'm particularly interested in means of allowing competitors at least two games if they want them (thus perhaps not a straight knockout tournament).

The 1995 European Diplomacy Championship

The placings:

1st INGE KJOL(NORWAY)	128.07	Best Italy
2nd Simon Bouton(UK)	119.17	Best England
3rd Johannes Nesser(Sweden)	92.37	Best Germany
4th Xavier Blanchot(France)	88.33	Best Austria
5th Borger Borgersen(Norway)	81.00	
6th Bjorn von Knorring(Sweden)	80.83	
7th Richard Williams(UK)	74.38	
8th Sigurd Eskeland(Norway)	71.20	Best Turkey
9th Stephane Gentric(France)	67.00	
10th Lars-Roger Moe(Norway)	66.00	
11th Francois Sommaire(France)	65.00	Best France
12th Patrick Sahlstrom(Norway)	64.00	
13th Mike Collins(UK)	58.83	
14th Carl-Fredrik Lodding(Norway)	57.66	
15th Atle-Mikkola Kjosien(Norway)	48.00	
16th Bob Kendrick(UK)	45.00	
17th Risto Marjomaa(Finland)	44.93	
18th James Hardy(UK)	42.33	Best Russia
19th Jeremy Tullett(UK)	40.50	
20th Ivan Woodward(UK)	36.83	
21st Ville Hurmalainen(Finland)	36.50	
22nd John Colledge(UK)	33.33	
23rd Sebastian Scherr(France)	31.33	
24th Stephen Massey(UK)	29.83	
25th Frederic Saby(France)	29.00	
26th Mark Stretch(UK)	25.50	
27th Eero Hurmalainen(Finland)	23.83	
28th Guy Thomas(UK)	22.50	

29th Dave Wreathall(UK)	35.83	
30th Trond Botnen(Norway)	18.83	
31st Erik Andersen(Norway)	18.33	
32nd Francois Rivasseau(France)	14.00	
33rd Peter Berlin(UK)	10.00	
34th Duncan Adams(UK)	7.66	
35th John Dodds(UK)	6.00	
36th Haz Bond(UK)	5.50	
37th Iain Bowen(UK)	5.00	
38th Paul Barker(UK)	3.50	
39th Fredrik Orlyng(Norway)	3.00	
40th Fred Fall(UK)	1.33	
41st Steve Cox(UK)	1.00	
42nd Sally Field(UK)	0.00	
43rd Rob Wilson(UK)	0.00	

The top 28 were all Finalists while those below 28th were either non-finalists or players who did not want to play on the Sunday. I was very pleased to see 4 different nationalities in the top 4 places, a bonus for the international game!

All the stat's start on the next page....

The Diplomacy Championship was divided into 4 rounds, the first 3 rounds were qualifiers for the 4th round; the Final, on Sunday. The best two results out of your first 3 games counted as your qualifying score. Your final total was the sum of your best two qualifiers and your Final score.

I used a simple %age system of scoring. Each players aim was to accrue as big a percentage as possible by leading the field at the end of the game and by being a leading contender during the game.
All qualifying games were played to 1908, the Finals to 1911.

Friday: Round 1

Austria: Ville Hurmalainen(Fin)	10	/	Stephane Gentric(Fra)	14
England: Mike Collins(UK)	6	/	Eero Hurmalainen(Fin)	4
France : Frederic Saby(Fra)	1	/	Jeremy Tullett(UK)	7
Germany: Johannes Nesser(Swe)	10	/	Ivan Woodward(UK)	0
Italy : Atle-Mikkola Kjosen(Nor)	2	/	Fredrik Orlyng(Nor)	0
Russia : Borger Borgersen(Nor)	5	/	Francois Sommaire(Fra)	9
Turkey : Xavier Blanchot(Fra)	0	/	Guy Thomas(UK)	0
Austria: Carl-Fredrik Lodding(Nor)	9	/	Fred Fall(UK)	0
England: Mark Stretch(UK)	0	/	Lars-Roger Moe(Nor)	0
France : Richard Williams(UK)	10	/	Bob Kendrick(UK)	9
Germany: Bjorn von Knorring(Swe)	6	/	Inge Kjol(Nor)	8
Italy : Trond Botnen(Nor)	4	/	Stephen Massey(UK)	6
Russia : Sigurd Eskeland(Nor)	5	/	Erik Andersen(Nor)	3
Turkey : Risto Marjomaa(Fin)	0	/	Patrick Sahlstrom(Nor)	8

Saturday: Round 2

Austria: Francois Sommaire(Fra)	10	/	Frederic Saby(Fra)	0
England: Risto Marjomaa(Fin)	7	/	Haz Bond(UK)	2
France : Xavier Blanchot(Fra)	11	/	Dave Wreathall(UK)	9
Germany: Stephen Massey(UK)	0	/	Richard Williams(UK)	8
Italy : Steve Cox(UK)	0	/	Stephane Gentric(Fra)	0
Russia : Mike Collins(UK)	2	/	James Hardy(UK)	13
Turkey : Mark Stretch(UK)	4	/	Erik Andersen(Nor)	2
Austria: Lars-Roger Moe(Nor)	7	/	Duncan Adams(UK)	4
England: Atle-Mikkola Kjosen(Nor)	8	/	Guy Thomas(UK)	5
France : Sigurd Eskeland(Nor)	6	/	Patrick Sahlstrom(Nor)	7
Germany: Jeremy Tullett(UK)	0	/	Borger Borgersen(Nor)	4
Italy : Paul Barker(UK)	1	/	Ivan Woodward(UK)	5
Russia : Rob Wilson(UK)	0	/	Trond Botnen(Nor)	4
Turkey : Simon Bouton(UK)	12	/	Bob Kendrick(UK)	5
Austria: Francois Rivasseau(Fra)	1	/	Sally Field(UK)	0
England: John Colledge(UK)	7	/	Sebastian Scherr(Fra)	7
France : Bjorn von Knorring(Swe)	10	/	Ville Hurmalainen(Fin)	3
Germany: Fred Fall(UK)	0	/	John Dodds(UK)	5
Italy : Johannes Nesser(Swe)	8	/	Inge Kjol(Nor)	18
Russia : Iain Bowen(UK)	2	/	Carl-Fredrik Lodding(Nor)	1
Turkey : Eero Hurmalainen(Fin)	6	/	Fredrik Orlyng(Nor)	0

Saturday: Round 3

Austria: John Colledge(UK)	0	/	James Hardy(UK)	1
England: Erik Andersen(Nor)	5	/	Simon Bouton(UK)	12
France : Francois Sommaire(Fra)	13	/	Stephane Gentric(Fra)	0
Germany: Trond Botnen(Nor)	0	/	Risto Marjomaa(Fin)	8
Italy : Patrick Sahlstrom(Nor)	2	/	Ville Hurmalainen(Fin)	2
Russia : Sebastian Scherr(Fra)	5	/	Mark Stretch(UK)	4
Turkey : Johannes Nesser(Swe)	9	/	Ivan Woodward(UK)	7

Austria: Xavier Blanchot(Fra)	1	/	Bjorn von Knorring(Swe)	5
England: Inge Kjol(Nor)	6	/	Carl-Fredrik Lodding(Nor)	9
France : Peter Berlin(UK)	5	/	Duncan Adams(UK)	0
Germany: Guy Thomas(UK)	5	/	Atle-Mikkola Kjosens(Nor)	9
Italy : Lars-Roger Moe(Nor)	3	/	Frederic Saby(Fra)	3
Russia : Jeremy Tullett(UK)	6	/	Bob Kendrick(UK)	1
Turkey : Richard Williams(UK)	8	/	Stephen Massey(UK)	7

Austria: Eero Hurmalainen(Fin)	0
England: Fredrik Orlyng(Nor)	0
France : Borger Borgersen(Nor)	12
Germany: Dave Wreathall(UK)	3
Italy : Mike Collins(UK)	0
Russia : Francois Rivasseau(Fra)	4
Turkey : Sigurd Eskeland(Nor)	15

Sunday: Round 4 Final

The top board was each of the best qualifiers from each participating country, but with only 5 countries involved, the next best two players were also seeded to the top board. The top board players received an extra 10% bonus on top of their normal score for this round.

Austria: Francois Somnaire(Fra)	0	/	Lars-Roger Moe(Nor)	16
England: Risto Marjomaa(Fin)	0	/	Borger Borgersen(Nor)	15
France : Inge Kjol(Nor)	7	/	Stephen Massey(UK)	0
Germany: Simon Bouton(UK)	10	/	Carl-Fredrik Lodding(Nor)	0
Italy : Johannes Nesser(Swe)	9	/	Ivan Woodward(UK)	2
Russia : Richard Williams(UK)	2	/	Patrick Sahlstrom(Nor)	1
Turkey : Sigurd Eskeland(Nor)	6	/	James Hardy(UK)	0

Austria: Mike Collins(UK)	10	/	Xavier Blanchot(Fra)	16
England: John Colledge(UK)	5	/	Mark Stretch(UK)	8
France : Frederic Saby(Fra)	8	/	Ville Hurmalainen(Fin)	0
Germany: Jeremy Tullett(UK)	3	/	Bjorn von Knorring(Swe)	10
Italy : Stephane Gentric(Fra)	8	/	Eero Hurmalainen(Fin)	0
Russia : Bob Knedrick(UK)	0	/	Sebastian Scherr(Fra)	0
Turkey : Atle-Mikkola Kjosens(Nor)	0	/	Guy Thomas(UK)	0

European Championship Roll of Honour

1993 Paris, France

1st Samy Malki(France)	Best Austria: Samy Malki(France)
2nd Patrice Blandin(France)	Best England: Cyrille Sevin(France)
3rd Phillipe Gomes(Portugal)	Best France : Roland Isaksson(Swe)
4th Bjorn von Knorring(Sweden)	Best Germany: Benoit Clergoet(France)
5th Francois Doucet(France)	Best Italy : Stephane Gentric(France)
6th Antonio Ribeiro da Silva(Port)	Best Russia : Stephane Gentric(France)
7th Antoine de Tourquat(France)	Best Turkey : Samy Malki(France)

1994 Linkoping, Sweden

1st Xavier Blanchot(France)	Best Austria: Fredrik Orlyng(Norway)
2nd Karl Stengard(Sweden)	Best England: Bjorn von Knorring(Swe)
3rd Nils Lindeberg(Sweden)	Best France : Karl Stengard(Sweden)
4th Stephane Gentric(France)	Best Germany: Emmanuel Lorge(France)
5th Thomas Andersson(Sweden)	Best Italy : Nils Lindeberg(Sweden)
6th Emmanuel Lorge(France)	Best Russia : Kristoffer Bengtsson(Sw)
7th Shaun Derrick(UK)	Best Turkey : Dan Horning(Sweden)

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Statistics continued

I had better mention, before I forget, that the Best Strategist award was won by Johannes Nesser(Sweden) and the Best Tactician award by Borger Borgersen(Norway).

Average supply centres per country at each EDC:

	1995	1994	1993
Austria	5.47(3)	4.02(6)	4.01(6)
England	5.58(2)	5.50(2)	5.62(3)
France	6.21(1)	6.35(1)	6.02(1)
Germany	4.68(=4)	3.87(7)	3.81(7)
Italy	3.84(6)	5.22(3)	4.03(5)
Russia	3.53(7)	4.33(5)	4.74(4)
Turkey	4.68(=4)	4.70(4)	5.74(2)

The improved showing by Austria demonstrates the quality of the players in my opinion, Austria is a strong country on a strong board. France maintains its 1st position as the strongest power. Russia flopped quite badly as a result of the Austrian gain I'm sure, but it was also the country with the least eliminations - see below. A lot of Russia's just hung on in there, again showing quality of play where weaker players would give up once they saw StP taken by an English fleet, for example. England maintains it's strong showing either as a good ally of France or, in many cases, despite the French results.

Why did Germany do so badly in EDCI and EDCII? Again a strong field ensured this country jumped up the rankings, but no-one got above 10 centres this time.

Italy's result was helped by the 18 centre win; the next best Italy being 9!

	'Victories'	Eliminations
Austria	4½	6
England	1½	4
France	6	4
Germany	2	6
Italy	1	5
Russia	1	3
Turkey	3	7

The Turkish eliminations stick out like a sore thumb! There many instances of Austro-Russian alliances against Turkey which seemed to help Austria more than Russia in the end. The Austrian results are quite impressive but scored there normal fair share of eliminations.

Over half the games ended with France 'winning' or being eliminated, the same with Turkey, though the odds favoured France in this case.

Austria and Russia survived on 1 centre in three of their games!

Openings Survey

The **bold** script represents EDCIII openings and the light print the total including the 9 games from last years MasterCon I.

Austria:

F(Tri)-Alb 18, **std 1** / Alb 24, Ven 3, **std 1**
A(Bud)-Ser 15, Gal 1, Rum 1, S A Vie-Gal 1, Tri 1 / Ser 24,
Gal 1, Rum 1, S A Vie-Gal 1, Tri 1
A(Vie)-Gal 14, Tri 2, Bud 1, S A Bud-Gal 1, Tyr 1 / Gal 18,
Tri 5, Bud 3, S A Bud-Gal 1, Tyr 1

England:

F(Edi)-NWG 14, NTH 5 / NWG 23, NTH 5
F(Lon)-NTH 14, ENC 5 / NTH 23, ENC 5
A(Lpl)-Yor 11, Wal 5, Edi 3 / Yor 15, Edi 7, Wal 5, **misorder 1**

France:

F(Bre)-MAO 18, ENC 1 / MAO 26, ENC 2
A(Par)-Pic 10, Bur 6, Gas 3 / Pic 16, Bur 8, Gas 4
A(Mar)-Spa 7, S A Par-Bur 5, Bur 4, Gas 2, **std 1** / Spa 11,
S A Par-Bur 7, Bur 6, Gas 2, Pie 1, **std 1**

Germany:

F(Kie)-Den 17, Hol 2 / Den 24, Hol 4
A(Mun)-Ruh 11, Bur 7, Tyr 1 / Ruh 16, Bur 10, Tyr 1, **std 1**
A(Ber)-Kie 19 / Kie 28

Italy:

A(Ven) **std 8**, Pie 3, Tri 3, Tus 2, Tyr 2, Apu 1 / **std 11**,
Tri 6, Pie 5, Apu 2, Tus 2, Tyr 2
A(Rom)-Apu 15, Ven 3, Tus 1 / Apu 19, Ven 5, Nap 3, Tus 1
F(Nap)-ION 19 / ION 27, TYS 1

Russia:

F(StP)-GOB 18, **std 1** / GOB 26, Liv 1, **std 1**
A(Mos)-UKr 16, StP 2, Sev 1 / Ukr 22, StP 5, Sev 1
A(War)-Gal 17, Ukr 2 / Gal 23, Ukr 4, S A Mos-Ukr 1
F(Sev)-BLA 11, Rum 7, **std 1** / BLA 17, Rum 10, **std 1**

Turkey:

F(Ank)-BLA 14, Con 5 / BLA 20, Con 8
A(Con)-Bul 19 / Bul 28
A(Smy)-Con 9, Ank 5, Arm 4, **std 1** / Con 11, Ank 10, Arm 6,
std 1

Ber-Kie and Con-Bul have been played in every game, the former could have seen a little variation, but the latter is not at all surprising. A(Ven) provides players with the most difficult choice of opening. The stand order prevents any immediate commitment, but the Italian results were none too good, perhaps Ven should do something! A(Mar) also provides a variety of choices but most surprising to me was A(Lpl)-Wal. A most definitely anti-French move, in fact every move to ENC was accompanied by this move to Wal! Too many 1902 stabs by French fleets into the back door of England make France the English players most formidable enemy.

The European Diplomacy Association

A grand total of 12 people attended the EDA meeting on Saturday night. It just goes to show the interest, or more precisely, the lack of it, for this meeting. I was not surprised. The British position is very dismissive of the Association - only myself, Mark Stretch and Stephen Massey attended to voice British interest. Upon announcing my motion to dissolve the association I pointed to the fact that this lack of interest was one reason for my motion. It didn't help, my motion drew not one vote of support!

In a strange way I was glad the motion wasn't supported as the commitment from those in attendance to make something of the EDA seemed genuine. If it was to exist, then I want to be part of it!

As Chairman of the meeting I summarised the meeting in Sweden during EDCII, then discussed various topics as follows:

+ out (prop med)

Ethics and Diplomacy: This was raised as a consequence of the French play at WDCIV. The fact that the French do recognize that there were some players prepared to give away centres to allow compatriots to score highly is a step in the right direction. There was talk of referees, penalties for unethical behaviour and even the swearing of oaths before a tournament to play fairly and in the spirit of the game. Nothing conclusive was devised, but the fact that it was recognized as a problem should, hopefully, prevent such occurrences again. I will reiterate that this convention has laid some of those ghosts to rest, and from now we should consider the affair as being history.

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Data Cell: There was unanimous agreement that all results of all tournaments should be kept on a database in order to produce statistics at a European level. The criteria needed to include tournaments needs to be 'fine tuned', but a form of standardisation has been proposed by Francois Rivasseau. Results and the statistics derived from such results are certainly of interest to me. I have tried to keep a Worldwide profile on every player that has ever won anything in any tournament with at least 3 boards and 21 players. This has proved virtually impossible to maintain as tournament directors are often not communicating with me, and chasing them is costly and time-consuming.

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Voluntary contributions and Bank Account: Francois has opened a bank account for the Association, presumably with some of his own money! He said that the cost of producing and sending out information was costly and would be open to voluntary contributions. Using this as an opportunity to extract Xavier's registration fee from him I said that I would donate £5 - Xavier duly handed Francois the note! I have reservations about finance in such a loose organization, but so long as the accounts are open to all I hope there won't be a problem.

+ member (only)

Defining membership of the EDA: This one still baffles me. Instead of a desk or assembly why not just have 'correspondents' - so many in each country. All these correspondents should have the names and addresses of all the other correspondents in all the other countries. I see no reason why every country shouldn't have three correspondents. This business of so many seats per country seems to be an odd way of categorizing countries into those of great importance and those of lesser importance according to the number of active players involved in each national hobby. Is this really necessary? When are votes going to be important other than choosing the site of the next EuroDipCon? Constitutionally, a President,

Secretary and Treasurer are all that is required. The secretary should be one of the members of the host committee for the next EuroDipCon. All other members of the EDA are the correspondents responsible for promoting and communicating EDA news to the rest of the hobby. Three correspondents per country allows for disappearances or dropouts so there is always someone active within each national hobby to convey the EDA news. Each national hobbies' correspondents should certainly be in contact with each other on a regular basis so that information isn't duplicated. In Britain, for instance, I can communicate to the hobby via Globetrotter in Spring Offensive while John Dodds can communicate through Hobby News. The third member of the British threesome is now Mark Stretch instead of Stephen Agar. I recommended that Stephen was replaced as he has too much on his plate already, possibly staving off 'burnout' for a little longer!!!

*action
response*

Bid for EuroDipCon IV in 1996: Won by Norway uncontested, see flyer within this booklet. Xavier Blanchot put in a word for Belgium for 1997 - nothing like being one step ahead to try and stave off competition. Looks like it will be Belgium for 1997!! The final decision, of course will be made in Norway next year.

Exchange of views on EuroDipCon from 1997: This was just an exchange of views as the title suggests - I think by now we were all getting very tired and decided to skip through this as we had had so much discussion about this already.

Standardising rules for all EuroDipCons: Yes to standardising rules but not so clear cut when it came to scoring systems. Most of the arguments at Diplomacy tournaments are due to subtle differences in each set of rules. One set of standard rules for all tournaments quell these problems. A standard form of notation should be adopted in English and in French, but what if EDC is held in Austria or Italy? It would be great to have just one set of abbreviations, but this is a long way off. It would be of immense help to all foreign players if conference maps were published with the abbreviations shown for that host country. Having to write down unfamiliar abbreviations is a distinct disadvantage to foreign players. As the English notation is very widespread and most used, except in France, we could use English and the host countrys' notation.

WorldDipCon V and Diplomacy at World level: As this was not an EDA issue we cut this short, besides we were all getting very tired. Xavier said that WDCV almost certainly be the first weekend in December (1st - 4th December). One thing that really aggravates me is the indecision on dates of such important events. EDCI was changed weeks before the event occurred, lets not have the same thing happening to WDCV. Potential attendees have to book time off work and plan travel, so don't change the dates, guys!

Finally, as an aside, I would like to just say a few words about to my fellow compatriots. In international tournaments the British players have not been particularly successful, it is not surprising because there are so few who go abroad. I feel that we have been overtaken by France and Sweden and even Norway as a Diplomacy playing nation. We do have some good players but no real strength in depth. Lets get a good group together for WDCV and gain the international experince we desperately need.

The thoughts of Chairman Shaun

Firstly I would like to thank various people for helping me out over the weekend. Nick Kinzett ran the ID tournament and looked after the registration desk for a time, on Saturday he stood in for me looking after the Diplomacy tournament whilst I slipped out with Jan for a bite to eat.

Jan Martin, my fiancée looked after the registration desk for a time as well as offering support and suggestions before the event. She also set up the front table in order to display the trophies and decorated the certificates. There were times when she had little to do but sit in the room reading - how many other wives or partners would put up with that!

Danny Victor ran the 18xx again for me this year. I was hardly aware of the games going on as I concentrated on the Diplomacy. Thanks Danny, your help is much appreciated.

I felt the staff at the hotel were supportive and generally discreet. A world of difference compared to the Forte last year. The flexibility they afforded was welcoming ie Trond Botnen had to leave on Saturday night and cancel his room for that night. The hotel were kind enough not to charge him for that night whereas they were quite within their rights to do so. As far as I am aware there were no real problems with the hotel at all, for £25 per night B&B inc. tax I think the deal was a good one!

The Car Parking was a problem. The hotel does have a garage that is supposed to hold 25 cars, but on all my previous visits it has been difficult to find room, that is why we had to use the public car park. Fridays are difficult because it's market day in Cirencester, there seems to be little we can do about that. The other modes of transport are not so suitable which makes Cirencester a bit too remote, but if I hold MasterCon III there again next year it will be much easier to foresee these problems.

Cirencester is virtually a fast-food-free zone, but there are quite a few takeaways, restaurants and pubs, some of which are not so good. I used the pub on the corner of Gosditch Street and Blackjack Street - can't remember the name of it - which was good. The Courtyard bar annexed to the hotel was quite poor with a skimpy Sunday lunch consisting of fatty lamb and tasteless vegetables. Compared with the hotels own restaurant they are poles apart!

Having thought more about promoting MasterCon, I am not so sure that there were many hobbyists unaware of the event. I think that people choose to attend ManorCon or MidCon due to familiarity with these conventions, the same can be said of FurryCon and BayCon. I am trying to find MasterCon a niche in the hobby with something unique, which, as yet, has yet to be found. The Diplomacy tournament is my main reason for holding the event, but I do not want to alienate the non-Diplomacy contingent by focusing totally on this one game. I do think the popularity of the ID tournament could be expanded upon with specific times set aside for the earlier rounds so as not to clash with the main Masters tournament. ManorCon thrives on its multi-game atmosphere whereas MidCon is held in plush surroundings and has the advantage of history and familiarity. Moving MasterCon around the country is still my goal, but not to move every year. Is this a disadvantage? Do people prefer the familiarity of the same venue every year? I felt MidCon was disrupted by the move to the Midland Hotel in 1990 and from then on has never quite achieved the same support. Food for thought.

European Association
of Diplomacy

Second EDA regular meeting of Cirencester
(25th February 1995)

Summary of conclusions

1/Ethics and Diplomacy; approves (unanimously) the Swedish proposal of making public before each Eurochampionship the following statement and asking solemnly to the players to respect it:

"You should always play so that you maximize your own score and placing in the tournament (or the game if you are playing just one isolated game).

You should not play cross-gaming i.e. give some favors for help in earlier games or hope of help in later games. Every game is a new one and should be treated as one. You should not try to take revenge for a stabb or elimination in another game.

You should act properly when diplomizing with the other players and not try to cheat or complain as soon you can.

You should never attack or ally with someone because of ethnical or geographical reasons."

2/Datas about tournaments; it is asked to every EDA member to send information to the Desk about the tournaments held on a regular basis (with at least two conventions already held) and with at least 3 tables, 21 players and two rounds. Postal games will not be taken in account at this stage. It is also asked to send to the Desk information in due time about all national championships (at least France, U.K., Austria, Sweden, Norway, and Belgium are supposed to answer) in order to constitute a data cell about the results and to favour foreign participation in such tournaments, with the view of setting up in Oslo a new Eurocompetition based on the participation in some of these conventions.

3/Finances;

The financial balance is now the following (at the 26 of February 1995 and in French francs);

INCOME	* OUTCOME
Donations from	* Registration of the EDA; 225F
François Rivasseau; 785F	* Mailing of 24 12 1994 ; 171F
Shaun Derrick ; 50F	* Mailing of 15 2 1995 ; 389F
TOTAL INCOME ; 835F	* TOTAL OUTCOME ; 785F
INCOME-OUTCOME=	+50F

Justifications of expenses have been presented and are available on request. (it is recorded that a British pound is a bit less than ten French francs). Opening a bank account

will be decided in Oslo if organisers of next Eurochampionships should not been asked a contribution to EDA finances to cover current expenses as mailings

4/Membership of EDA;

Belgium is now receiving a second seat (Jean-Louis Delattre)

U.K./: Stephen Agar has been replaced by Mark Stretch

France; the representativity of the french federation (FFJDS) has been considered and will be possibly reconsidered in Oslo. The association ADELFF which seeks to develop diplomacy in conformity with the purposes of EDA in french speaking countries or regions has been granted a status of cooperative membership which will carry the same effects as in the case of an observer.

5/Eurodipcon 4 and 5;

confirmation of OSLO in 1996, taking note of a belgian bid (NAMUR) for 1997.

6/standardising rules and notation:

A proposal from the desk will be circulated as quick as possible in order to be definitely approved in Oslo.

7/Motion of Shaun Derrick about dissolution of the EDA; rejected at the unanimity minus one. Shaun Derrick joins the consensus in accepting continuing his job within EDA.

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NyhetsSubFansinet om Svenska Diplomacy Rallyt

DEPAN #9

Jag gratulerar Thomas till segern! Men det var nära, om Henrik hade vunnit den sista turneringen i Borås istället för att komma trea så hade han vunnit årets SDR med 36 poäng. Den inofficiella tjej-tävlingen vinner Kirsi extremt lätt, i brist på motstånd.

En liten jämförelse med förra årets tävling; Då hade vi nio konvent (varav två i Stockholm) med sammanlagt 375 deltagare och med ett medel på 42 deltagare. I år ligger vi på 412 respektive 52, men detta mest tack vare EuroDipCon. Det enda konvent som ökat antal Diplomacy spelare från förra året (om man inte räknar EuroDipCon/LinCon) är SydCon, och det rejält (från 42 till 70). Andra konvent som Gothcon (75 - 54), UppCon (48 - 41) och Borås (40 - 29) har istället minskat.

Man kan också se att det var svårare att vinna förra året då både Dan Hörning och Björn von Knorring fick mer än 35 poäng (40 resp. 36) och det utan att ha haft tillgång till ett stort "bonus" konvent som EuroDipCon. Dan som vann hade då två segrar en andra plats och en sjunde plats.

Tidigare vinnare: 1990: Roland Isaksson
 1991: Ulf Jiretorn
 1992: Nils Lindeberg
 1993: Dan Hörning (40 poäng)

SM-segrare: 1992: Niklas Jansson (LinCon)
 1993: Dan Hörning (DiplomacyMästerskapen)
 1994: Sigurd Eskeland (Nor) (UppCon)

VM: 1988: Phil Day (Eng) (Birmingham, Eng) EM: 1993: Samy Malki (Fra) (Paris, Fra)
 1990: Jason Bergmann (USA) (Chapel Hill, USA) 1994: Xavier Blanchot (Fra) (Linköping, Swe)
 1992: Steve Gould (Aus) (Canberra, Aus)
 1994: Pascal Montagna (Fra) (Birmingham, Eng)

Regler inför 1995 års drabbningar

De konvent, kongresser, möten etc som meddelar mig tre månader innan tävlingen att de kommer att arrangera Diplomacy kommer att delas in i klasser enligt nedanstående tabell. De tävlingar som inte gör det kommer att automatiskt hamna i klass ett (Om de platsar). Undantaget de etablerade turneringarna som klassas efter storlek automatiskt. I skrivande stund: GothCon, LinCon, UppCon, BorCon och SydCon. Den tävling som är SM det aktuella året räknas en klass högre.

Lex Holm-Andersson-Lennertoft: Om tre eller fler personer (två, vid första placeringar) delar på en placering efter turneringens slut, så kommer de alla att få lika många poäng som den som skulle ha fått minst poäng om det inte var exakt lika. Ex: Om tre personer delar på andra platsen, så kommer alla tre att få poäng enligt fjärdeplatsen.

Klass: 1: 28 - 48 2: 49 - 69
 3: 70 - 4: SM med över 70 delt.

Place: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

K1 10 7 5 4 3 2 1

K2 15 11 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

K3 20 16 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

K4 25 21 17 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4

Tävlingperioden är mellan den 1 Januari och den 31 december. Jag lägger ihop resultaten från den aktives tre bästa konvent plus ett eventuellt resultatet från SM-turneringen. Vinnaren av det årets Svenska Diplomacy Rally blir den som skaffat sig den största summan poäng.

Slutställningen i Svenska Diplomacy Rallyt 1994

Spelkonvent:		CalCon	MittCon	EuroDipCon	UppCon/SM				
		GothCon	SydCon	StabbCon	BoråsCon				
Ort:		Kalmar	Örnsköldsvik	Linköping	Uppsala				
		Göteborg	Lund	Huddinge	Borås				
Antal deltagare:		28	54	40	70	120	30	41	29
Plac.	Namn	Poäng							
1.	Thomas Andersson	35	-	6	-	1	5	-	-
2.	Marcus Holm	31	-	-	-	2	-	2	3
3.	Karl Stengård	23	-	-	-	-	2	7	5
4.	Nils Lindeberg	22	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
5.	Henrik Andersson	21	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
6.	Xavier Blanchot (Fra)	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
7.	Niklas Lennerloft	16	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
8.	Johannes Nesser	15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Sigurd Eskeland (Nor)	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10.	Björn von Knorring	13	-	2	-	-	-	6	-
11.	Dan Hörning	12	-	-	1	-	13	-	-
12.	Krister Persson	11	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
	Stephane Gentic (Fra)	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
	Leon Lindbäck	11	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
15.	Pär-Johan Sporsén	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Paul Nilsson	10	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
	Heikki Holmås (Nor)	10	-	5	-	-	11	-	-
	Per Danngjärde	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19.	Daniel Møglit	9	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
	Lorge Emmanuel (Fra)	9	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
	Kirsi Höglund	9	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
22.	Leif Bergman	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
	Joakim Fong	8	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
	Shaun Demick (Eng)	8	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
25.	Ola Stavås	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Roland Isaksson	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Anders Deesmark	7	-	-	-	8	-	-	-
	Joel Grönberg	7	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
	Erik Ny	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	Andreas Lytter	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
31.	Fredrik Emilsson	6	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
	Fredrik Ørlyng (Nor)	6	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
33.	Kristian Dreyer	5	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
	Daniel Björkman	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mikael Wallman	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Kristofer Bengtsson	5	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
	Roger Forsberg	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	9
38.	Johan Norman	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kenneth Mossberg	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
	Andreas Bergsten	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
	Thomas Young	4	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
	Borger Borgerssen (Nor)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	Jacob Nyberg	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.	Andreas Hassler	3	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
	Magnus Dahl	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fabian Gibson	3	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
	Erik Rosengren	3	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
	Anders Schrøder Amundsen (Nor)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	Björn Westling	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50.	Henrik Christiansson	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fredrik Lödding	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
	Stefan Häggkvist	2	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
	Johan Hake	2	-	-	-	13	-	-	-
	Mattias Jerrewing	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
55.	Simon Magnusson	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Torbjörn Ström	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
	Jari Nenonen	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
	Mattias Lindvalf	1	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
	Henrik Jonasson	1	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
	Terje Sundberg	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
	Tomas Larsson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

Hittills i år så har vi haft en helg (6-8 jan) med Diplomacy spelande och det var meningen att vi skulle få hela tre turneringar samtidigt. DalCon i Borlänge, KalkKon i Kalmar och Stockholms Spelkonvent men endast Stockholm lyckades få ihop fler än 27 deltagare, nämligen 38 stycken. Och så här blev resultatet i den turneringen:

	Spelkonvent:	StoSpk
	Antal deltagare:	38
Plac. Namn		Poäng
1. Leif Bergman		10
2. Erik Ljungberg		7
3. Joel Grönberg		5
4. Erik Rosengren		4
5. Per Danngjärde		3
6. Dan Olsson		2
7. Mattias Jerrewing		1

Idel (?) kända namn, samtliga förutom Erik och Dan lyckades ta SDR-poäng förra året.

KOMMANDE KONVENT MED SDR DELTÄVLING

BlåCon:	17-19 feb	i Uppsala	Kontakt: Björn von Knorring, 018-694182.
GothCon:	14-17 apr	i Göteborg	Kontakt: Jacob Hallén, 031-7742526.
MittCon:	25-28 maj	i Örnsköldsvik	Kontakt: Dan Hörning, 08-65666783.

Om ni undrar över något eller kanske vill anmäla ett konvent så är det bara att kontakta mig.

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