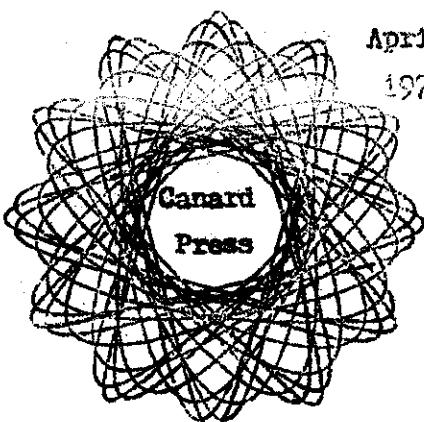


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There are game openings in ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP for novice players only. Game fees are:
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A rating survey #4 from ATLANTIS #78 (C) THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION

Averaged Score	Player	Games won	C.P.C.R.	Games rated
813	Mike Rocomora	6	6.500	8
683	John Beshara	8	8.200	12
628	Tom Eller	7	7.533	12
556	Monte Zelazny	5	5.000	9
544	Ron Kelly	3	4.900	9
544	Andy Phillips	10	12.517	23
542	Randy Hytwerk	6	6.500	12
541	Doug Beyerlein	10	11.900	22
494	Lewis Pulsipher	6	7.900	16
488	Peter Rosamilia	3	3.900	8
473	Tim Tilson	3	3.783	8
353	Jeff Power	4	4.583	13
321	John Smythe	8	8.333	26
320	Jeff Key	3	3.200	10
306	Leonard Lakofka	5	6.177	20

The I.D.A. Publisher's Handbook.

I have volunteered to edit the IDA Handbook for new (and used--ugh) Publishers. I have suggested to the IDA that it make this publication available free to all new publishers and at a nominal rate to all others.

Below is an outline of topics to be covered. If you have any additions to this list please let me know. I also need sets of current Houserules for section IC of the Houserules section. The sets I will use, plus any others which are made available to me, are; Canard Press, Graustark, Alcala Press, Impassable, Claw & Fang, Atlantis and Arena.

John Boyer and Rod Walker will be helping on this project but any and all offers for articles and help will be used.

I. Houserules**A. Purpose and need****B. General Topics****1. Entrance into the game**

- a. Fees
- b. subscriptions
- c. Use of Alliances
- d. Special Requirements, if any
- e. Player-GM Contract

2. Communications**a. To the GM**

- 1. Mail
 - a. Surface vs. Air Mail
 - b. Late Mail
 - c. Postage Due Mail
 - d. Special Delivery
 - e. Certified
- 2. Phone
 - a. Corroboration
 - b. Calls to others in the household
 - c. Collect Calls
 - d. Station to Station vs. Person to Person

3. Other forms of contact; Western Union, Cablegrams, In Person etc.**b. From the GM**

- 1. Schedule of seasons
- 2. Format of moves and options

3. Deadlines

- a. Range
- b. enforcement
- c. Exceptions
- d. Extensions

4. Notation

- a. To the GM
 - 1. Format
 - 2. Correctness
 - 3. Clarity
- b. From the GM
 - 1. Moves
 - 2. Retreats
 - 3. Adjustments
 - 4. Dependant orders

5. Unordered Units**6. Convoy Considerations****7. GM errors**

- a. reporting errors to the GM
- b. Obvious errors
- c. Cloaked Errors

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- 8. Press Releases
 - a. Black Press
 - b. Epic Press
 - c. One Shot
- 9. Substitute Considerations
 - a. Missed Moves
 - b. Replacements
 - c. Substitutes
 - d. Civil Disorder
- 10. Insurance
 - a. Sealed Orders
 - b. Multiple order sets
 - c. SSAB(FC)
 - d. Multiple mailing of moves
- 11. Ending the Game
 - a. Wins
 - b. Voted Wins
 - c. Draws
 - d. Voted Draws

C. A Houserule Survey (How 6 or more sets of houserules deal with the above topics.)

II. Methods of Reproductions

A. Mimeo

- 1. Cost
 - a. Paper
 - b. Masters
 - c. Press
 - d. Printing
 - e. Supplies
 - f. Time
 - g. Overall for 100 Copies 2 sides, 500 copies 2 sides, 5M copies 2 sides
- 2. Correcting masters
- 3. Layout
- 4. Advantages of method
- 5. Disadvantages of method

B. Ditto (same as above)

C. Photo Offset (same as above)

III. Cataloguing the Hobby

A. The Boardman #'s

- 1. History

- 2. Application

B. Ending the Game

- 1. Supply center Charts

- 2. the P.D.R.C.

- a. Current rating systems

- b. S.R.B.

IV. Gamesmastering methods and procedures (Individual articles by GMs and procedures used in GMing.)

Please mail all suggestions, Houserules and articles to me by May 15, 1975. Members of the committee will be given specific topics to treat.

The complete Handbook should be about 40 pages in length. Mimeo or Ditto reproduction should be adequate for the Handbook so that costs will be under \$80.

The following persons have sent game fees for the next novice game:
Alan Rowland, N.J.; David Weitz, Wisc.; Fred Brenner, N.Y.; G. Christenson, Texas;
Jon A Michal, Ill.; and Karl Borden, N.H. I need one more game fee to begin
this one. Everyone please send a country preference list! I'd like to begin the
game in the next issue.

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1974 FN, the Fall of 1903 (sorry for the delay!)

Austria, Lagerson/6/owns; bie, bud, tri, ser, bul, gre, RUM 7=6+1 note; S03 A GAL-ukr

A BUL(S) ARUM, A RUM(S) a gal-UKR, F GRE(S) A EUL, a boh-SIL, a vie-GAL

England, Hoffman/4/owns; edin, lon, lvp, nwy, STP 5=4+1 f nth retreats to LON

F LON U, A STP(S)f bar-NWY, A EDIN H

France, Wolf/2/owns; #ff, pft, bff S03 f bre could r to ech. NRR GM, OTB

f port/ D+A/ 0=0 out of game

Germany, McLendon/7/owns; hol, par, mun, kiel, ber, den, bel, BRE, SWE 9=7+2

F DEN(S) f bal-SWE, F NTH(S) F NEG, F HELGO()S F NTH, a par-GAS, A BRE H,
a bel-RUHR

Italy, Keeping/5/owns; mar, tun, ven, rom, nap, PORT, SPA 7=5+2

F SPA S (S) f mar-PORT, a mar-PIED, a gas-MAR, F EMD-ion

Russia, Pitsch/4/NMR owns; mos, war, #ff, #ff 2=2 even into C.D.

a ukr/D+A/, f nwy/D+A/, A LVN H, A MOS H

Turkey, Weeks/4/owns; ank, con, smy, sev 4=4 even

A SEV()S aus a gal-UKR, a arm-SMY, F CON-aeg, F AEG-ion

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1972 BS, the Winter of 1912 GAL ARUM(S) A BUL

Austria, Greer/NRR atri, a ber., retreated OTB (LATE) Postponed on Deadline date
even/ / A VIE, A TYO, A SIL, A RUM, A SEV, A UKR, A BUL

England, Keller/NBR, SOU

7 F LON, A EDIN/9/A RUHR, A LVN, A MOS, F BAL, A BER, F STPN, F NTH

Germany, Osmanson

/3,2 short/A BURG, A MUN, A KIEL

Italy, Chin note GME F 12; a smy-ARM, -13 FCON-bul ec

A NAP, F ADR, A ALB, A TRI, A GRE, A VEN, F ION, F BLA, A ARM,

F SPAS, F LYON, F AEG, FCOn

note; F aeg omitted from roster in W 11, S & F 12.

The DEADLINE for the Spring of 1913 is by 4PM on Wednesday April 30, 1975

1975 A The Fall of 1902 (From the HA--DIPLOMACY WORLD--Demonstration Game)

Austria(Lakofka) ATRI(S) atyo-VEN, A SER(S)F GRE, F GRE(S)A BUL H owns; bud, tri, vie, gre, ser, BUL, VEN build 2 //// England (Rocamora) F SPA S (S)ITA A PIED-mar, F NTH(S) Anny # d..., F ECH-bre //// France (Holcombe) A PIC-par, F MAO-bre, A MAR-pied, F PORT-spas owns; bre, mar, par, port EVEN //// Germany (Brockr) f bal-SWE, a kiel-DEN, F BEL-nth, ABURG-par, A MUN-burg, owns; ber, keil, mun, bel, hol, DEN, SWE build 2 //// Italy(Birsan) APIED-mar, F WES(S)ENG F SPAS, A VEN-TAI/d..., FION-gre owns; nap, rom, trun, #ff remove 1 //// Russia(Pitsch)f swe-NWY, FSTPN(S)fsw-NWY, A LVN H, A UKR-sev, F SEV-bla, A RUM(S)AUS A BUL, build;mos,sev,stp,war,nun,#ff,NWY EVEN //// Turkey(Cockrell) F AEG(S) ITA F ION-gre, A CON-bul, F ANK-bla owns;ank,con,smy, #ff even (England even)
Press, plus analysis appears in HA & DM, Walt Buchanan R3, Lebanon Ind. 46052

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Analysis:

The only real surprise in the move was the Austrian aid to Russia. It seems that Italy might be of more help to Austria in the position but Eric is going to go down with all flags flying by taking Edi down with him. Such malice can only help Turkey, in the long run, for even if Austria gives Sud to Russia (by removing A Bud) Russia can't hold it very long when Turkey presses home the attack.

Pitsch now has the best game with the best possibilities because, seeing Austria's vendetta, Italy may give up to the Sultan--I'm sure Edi won't give centers to Verheiden or Johnson! If Turkey builds A Smy, Fank Johnson has had it in the south. F aeg-ion is textbook in this situation to keep all Turkish options open. I expect a massive anti-Russian move both north and south that may even crush him before Austria falls. Russia throwing his Italian ally to the dogs in S02 was a monumental blunder which will seal his fate in 1903-04.

Germany is too stable and set. With a growing France and a growing England Germany's long term position could be weak. It will depend on the English for they are the key. Vagts is allying with Germany and ignoring the French. Sooner or later the 3 way defacto western alliance must decide to stay together against the 10-12 piece Turk growing in the east or they must break up in a stab quickly enough to still stave off the Turk.

France will have a great deal of influence in the west and the east. His build of F Mar, which is very likely, will seal the Med. If Italy gives up to him instead of Turkey then France will hold the best cards in the 3 way western alliance.

Russia's alliance with the dregs of Austria will never suffice. He is doomed in the north and has nothing to offer. Germany gains nothing from turning on England and has everything to lose. There would have been a lot to say for an all out attack on Germany instead of the waste in 'Austria'. Had Russia forgotten the south he might be able to do something in the west even though he would have to remove 1 (his useless F Rum). Now Germany can afford a probe into Gal or a supported convoy into Lvn with tragic effect on Russia.

When Italy saw no hope of allying with Austria (I'm sure Eric didn't lie--too much--to Edi) he should have invested all his strength west to try to convince England and Germany to get France. Trying to maintain a two front war is impossible for Italy--especially if the west ignores France.

England still has a good game but after StP, then what? He must be content with 6 or stab Germany or France. Soon the ignoring of France will come home to haunt Arnold. He should have jumped in on the body while he had a chance. That chance is almost gone!

The Value Grid for the game shows England ahead but this is due to England's ability to stab Germany, which I don't think he will do. I would now rate the country's chances of a win at; Austria 60:1, England 2.5 to 1, France 7.5 to 1, Germany 8.0 to 1, Italy 12:1, Russia 10:1, and Turkey 2.5:1.

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1974 H, the Spring of 1906 Russia win almost absolutely sure in Fall 1906:
Austria, McCarthy/7/

A TRI(S)a tyo-VIE, A ROM(S)f apu-NAP, a bud-gal/d..../, F GRE-aeg, A BUL-con France, Borden/7/ no moves received, no sealed orders

A PAR, A BRE, F ECH, A BURG, F TUN, A PIED, A BEL Germany, Ditter/2/

a lvp-YORK, f lon-WAL

Italy, Weswig/1/

f nap h/d..../

Russia, Jackson/16, 1 short/

a GAL(S)a vie-BUD, A RUHR()S a sil-MUN, f edin(S) f hol-NTN, a war-SIL, a mos-UKR, f stpn-NWY, a ukr-RUM, a sev-ARM, A SMY-con, F CON-aeg, a mun-TYO, f rum-ELA, f kiel-HOL

I have a call for a vote to concede to Russia, although it is not necessary.
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1973 CI the Spring of 1908

England, Shamray/2/ NMR A YORK, F NWG

France, Burkett/6/ f bre-MAO, A MAR H, A BURG H, a gas-BRE, f mao-NAF, f spas-WES

Italy, Drews/11/ F AEG(S) a con-SMY, A BUD(β) a gal-vie/d.../, A VEN(S) a pied-TYO,
A BUL-con, f smy-EMD, a con-SMY, A SER-rum, a tyo-TRI, f ion-GRERussia, Stevens/15/ A UKR(S) a war-GAL, F ECH (S) alon-WAL, F BLA(S) a sev-rum,
f stpn-NWY, A RUM-bud, A VIE-bud, A MUN-tyo, a sil-BOH, a ber-SIL, F ANK-con,
a nwY-EDI

If France stabs Italy it's all over folks!

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1973 FM, the Fall of 1907

Austria, Osmundson/6/ owns; tri, gre,bal,ven,amy,β,β,β 5=6-1 a boh/r/OTB
a ven-TRI, a tyo-vie/d.../, F AEG(S)a con-SMY, A BUL-con, f tri-ALEFrance, Fish/8/ owns; mar, β,β,nap,rom,tun,β,spa,prt 6=8-2 a burg/r/mar
A MAR(S) A GAS, A GAS(β) A MAR, F WES-mao, f tun-NAF, a tus-PIED, f ion-TUN,
F LYON-wes, f mao-SPA NGermany, Stevens/9/ owns; bel,ber,lvp,edin,hol,kiel,den,lon,mun,BRE,PAR 11=9+2
A BRE(S) A BURG-gas, A RUHR(S)A MUN-burg, F ECH-mao, a pic-PAR, A KIEL-mun,
f den-NTH, f wal- IRIRussia, Kelly/10/owns;stp,sev,ank,nwy,wax,mos,rum,swe,con,vie,BUD,SER 12=10+2 f con/r/ank
a smy(β)F ANK-con/d.../, A VIE(S)a boh-TYO, A BUD(S)a rum-SER, f bar-NwY, a fin-
NWY, a war-GAL, a urk-RUM/ β

I have a call for a 2 way draw vote between Russia and Germany, but let me advise the players that RG will not rate such a draw with so many centers still outstanding from the 2 way.

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1975 S, the Fall of 1901 Russia and Italy fail to coordinate

Austria, Allen/3/owns; bud,tri,GRE,SER ven 5=3+2

A SER(S) TUR a bul-RUM, f alb-GRE, a vie-BUD

England, Tresco/3/ owns; lon,lvp,edi,BEL,NWY 5=3+2

F NTH (C) a york-BEL, f nwg-NWY

France, Labre/3/ owns; par, mar,bre,PORT,SPA 5=3+2

F mao-PORT, a mar-SPA, A PIC-bel

Germany, Ditter/3/ owns; mun,kiel,ber,HOL,DEN 5=3+2

F HOL(S) ENG a york-BEL, a kiel-DEN, a ruhr-MUN

Italy, Foster /3/ owns; ven,rom,nap,TUN, 4=3+1

f tyrr-TUN, a ven-TYO, A TYO-vie

Russia, Weeks/4/ owns; sev,mos,var,stp,SWE 5=4+1

f both-SWE, A UKR-rum, A CAL-vie, f rum-SEV

Turkey, McCarthy /3/ owns; smy,ank,con,BUL,RUM 5=3+2

f con-BUL EC, a bul-RUM, a ank-ARM

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NEW GAME -- 1975 A?-- correct Boardman Number will appear next issue--DOUG?

Countries by lot:

Austria; John Kador, 1316 Wyldewood Rd., C-1, Durham, N.C. 27704 (air mail)
England; Fred Brenner, 2821 West 12th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224
France; Alan Rowland, 52 Eighth Ave., Westwood, N.J. 07675
Germany; David Weitz, 533 N. Drew St., Appleton, Wisc. 54911
Italy; Karl Borden, 4 Huntington St., Concord, N.H. 03301
Russia; G. Christensen, 1712 Market St., Galveston, Texas 77550
Turkey; Jon A. Michal, 6814 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60631

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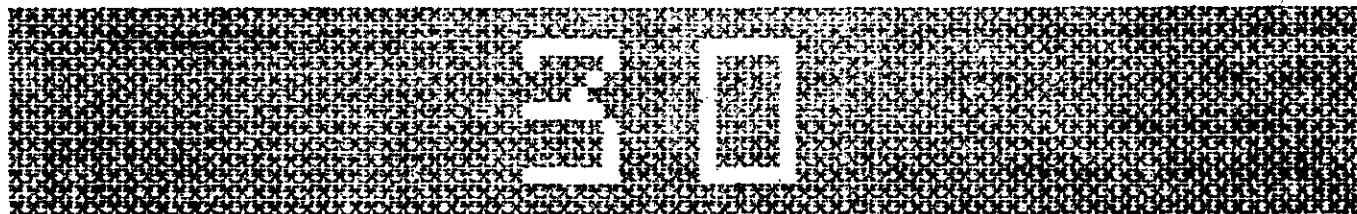
Please send an initial set of moves by return mail. This habit insures delivery and you can always change your moves after you negotiate. ALL MOVES should be one one side of one sheet of paper. They should be clear and readable (proofread them!). They should have this information;

1. Game # (use the Boardman #, which will be assigned next issue)
2. Your Country
3. The Season and Year which the moves cover
4. The date on which the moves were written
(the postmark is unimportant)
5. YOUR SIGNATURE--unsigned orders will NOT be followed

Complete houserules will be included with the next issue of LD.

About the GEMIGNANI AWARDS BALLOT....

This little piece of good will was invented by Robert Sacks' sick little mind to foster some bad blood, because it certainly is not "fun" to fill out and shows a certain amount of horror. Fill it out and have "fun"!



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The GAMESLETTER Vol. 13 #5&6; Whole 77/78 is out from Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906. subs; 25¢ ea., 10/\$2. Reviews of Wargaming and Diplomacy magazines plus books on games in general. Highly recommended!

ATLANTIS #78, Christopher Schleicher, 814 East Old Willow Rd., Apt. 214, Wheeling, Ill. 60090. 10/\$2. Game fee \$7. Games, article on DIPLOMACY OPENINGS by Eric Verheiden. ((note; the majority of the article is correct but detail is lacking especially the A Mar-Burg, A Par-Gas, F Bre-MAO french opening, and does not the the full potential of the Italian and Russian openings. But otherwise it is of good content and of value to new players.)) Zine reviews are included plus an updated "A RATING SURVEY #4". This 'survey' is of questionable value as it is not based as much upon the "standard rating base" as are the other true rating systems in the hobby.

GEMIGNANI AWARDS BALLOT

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Check off, or write in, up to seven(?) candidates for the first award and up to one candidate for each of the others. Place your ballot in a signed envelope(?) indicating your present (or most recent) relation to the hobby (e.g.; player in 1974 AB, GM in the POUCH, Diplomacy Widow, etc.). Mail to Robert Sacks, GEMIGNANI AWARDS Teller, 15-F Tang Hall, 550 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Ma. 02139. Ballots will be opened and counted 22 May, 1975.

1. SEVEN MOST HATED PERSONS IN THE HOBBY

- Gordon Anderson
 - John Beshara
 - Edi Birsan
 - Eric Blake
 - John Boardman
 - Walt Buchanan
 - Evan Jones
 - Lenard Lakofka
 - James Massar
 - Gary Peterson
 - Lew Pulsipher
 - Charles Reinsel
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2. WORST PUBLICATION

- BIG BROTHER
 - COMMAND POST
 - ALTERNATE REALITY
 - CARN DUM
 - LA GUERRE
 - DIPLOMACY WORLD
 - MIXUMAXU GAZETTE
 - EL CONQUISTADOR
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3. WORST NEW PUBLICATION

- ALTERNATE REALITY
 - BIG D
 - SINAI
 - COMMAND POST
 - DIPLOMACY WORLD
 - THE TIMES
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4. WORST RELIABLE GAMESMASTER

- Charles Reinsel
 - Kevin Slimak
 - Buddy Tretick
 - Gordon Anderson
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5. LEAST RELIABLE GAMESMASTER

- Gordon Anderson
 - Jeff Koy
 - James Massar
 - Charles Reinsel
 - Stan Wrobel
 - Conrad von Metzke
-

6. WORST SINGLE PRESS RELEASE

- Peter Berggren /1974 CN/ PELLUCIDAR #27
- Scott Rosenberg /1973CNbu/ CARN DUM # 2

7. WORST PRESS RELEASE SERIES

- the Habbits & the Lord of the Board/ the Times
 - Kimball Drek / The Pouch & Carn Dum
 - A Search for Treasure/ DIPLOMACY WORLD
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8. WORST REGULAR GAME

- 1972 CP/ BELLICUS
 - 1972 DO/ STONED & ARRAKIS
 - 1973 AR/ PELLUCIDAR
 - 1974 C / EL CONQUISTADOR
 - 1974 HB/ ARRAKIS
 - 1974 HW/ Liaisons Dangereuses
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9. WORST VARIANT GAME

- 1971 Dbu/ LOST HORIZONS
 - 1973 Hb/ PELLUCIDAR
 - 1973ABdu/ THE POUCH
 - 1973AUce/ 1901 AND ALL THAT
 - 1973Ceq/ PELLUCIDAR
 - 1974 Wfg/ THE AMERICAN WARGAMER
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10. WORST VARIANT DESIGN

- HYBOREAN AGE II
 - COLONIAL VARIANT
 - INTIMATE DIPLOMACY
 - FUTURE WAR
 - SLIMAK'S RULE
 - GIGATON BOMB
-

11. WORST PLAYER

- Margaret Gemignani
 - Ron Kelly
 - Kenn Marr
 - Fred Winter
 - Hal Naus
 - Conrad von Metzke
 - David Johnson
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12. LEAST MERITORIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOBBY

- Doug Beyerlein/ Beyerlein Player Poll
- John Beshara/ TDA
- Alan Galhaner/ Diplomacy
- Lou Lakofka / ROGUES' GALLERY
- Larry Penny / Galhaner Awards
- Rod Walker / the New York Conspiracy
- Von Metzke / Bealburr # Transfer

13. WORST ARTICLE

- Alan Galhamer/ Scoring a Diplomacy Tournament
- Michael Honig/ The Honig Rating System
- Gordon Anderson/ anything
- Evan Jones/ An Honest Review (of Binary)
- Len Lakofka/ IDA Presidential campaign statement

14. SPECIAL AWARD

- Evan Jones/ Open Mouth-Insert Foot
- Nick Ulanov/ Best Campaign Statement for the Wrong Race
- Conrad von Metzke/ Record Number of Drop-outs
- Robert Sacks/ This award ballot

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