

# KATHY'S KORNER

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WHITESTONIA

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This is W, and unlike other zines that try to imitate it, this is a FUN-ZINE! W is put out by John Caruso 160-02 42 Ave Flushing, NY 11358, and Kathy Korner. W very own, NEW sub-zine is put out by Kathy Byrne, same address. I have to say this here and now before I forget. SPECIAL THANKS TO KATHY, WITH HER AND KATHY'S KORNER, W WOULDN'T BE WHAT IT IS. KK ROUNDS OUT W. MY VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO HER. AND THANK YOU, ALL YOU PEOPLE THAT VOTED IN THE LEADER POLL. 12th BEST ZINE AND 10th BEST GM ISN'T THAT BAD. I'M VERY HAPPY.

W carries Dip, a game created by Alan Calhauer, WSIM(sometimes), which with Dip are owned by Avalon Hill, Colonia a game created by Fred Hyatt, NH a game created by Dave Grabar, Mastermind an Invicta game, Dip Shutes and Ladders a game created by "sickie" Kathy, and a guest GMed Dip game- the Colonia game is guest GMed too- Thanks to Phil Cooper and Bob Kluge for there promptness and GMing efforts.

Now let me see, whats in this issue.(???????) Ah yes, as usual, Kathy's Korner, letters, a phone call conversation, Leader Poll results, Dreadnought gunboat tournament result, some plugs, the Player Poll announcement, the annu W survey, a new format/system, 2 articles, a profile(the last one on file), many changes of address as its that time of year again-back to school, a new game start, 1979IO end of game statements, and more things than you can shake a stick at. I even remembered to put the sub and game fees in this issue.

A special bit of info, look for Phyllis' Pyramid in other zines. Why? She has decided to have the only "Rowing sub-zine in America". Look for her in "Liar" Als Just Among Friends, in Late Sept, early Oct.

Sorry I missed CloneCon due to softball playoffs. I heard everyone had a lot of fun. As for softball, we lost. Try again next year, now its on to football

Now, onto the new format. I have my job back, but theres no telling for how long, or if I can keep making good bucks. In light of this, W is undergoing a change. Only players in games will receive the game results, with the exception of end of game statements and Mastermind. NH will be carried as a special insert in W for those playing in it only. The Colonia game and all of the Diplomacy games will be carried in a separate zine called Magnificent. All those in the games will get M-7 free, anyone wishing to receive M-7, who isn't in a game, will have to pay 40¢ an issue for it. In M-7 you may only still get your game page. At any rate, if you're playing presently in a dip or Col game or get called as a standby, you will get M-7 free. This will cut my cost of W down considerably. I may even break even. The main thing, W will remain in publication, and the games will continue. All new game starts will appear here. COA's will be here only, too.

- NEW GAMES: Alias is the name- now I need a number Mr BNC.
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Due date is Oct. 10, 1981 unless someone calls for a separation. Good luck!

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\*\*\*\*\*ing KATHY'S KORNOR - THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS RAG!!!!  
This month KK is being dedicated to MARK BERCH, why - well in his  
zine Diplomacy Digest, he gave me a very flattering plug after meeting  
me. He said "She is even more electrifying in person than she is in  
print....Whether it was getting people to pose for her camera or making  
sure everybody noticed that she was going an entire game without  
stabbing Al Pearson, there was Kathy, an authentic, genuine, live-wire."  
Well Mark I thank you for the nice words, and I will reciprocate by  
plugging DD, everyone should request a sample especially of #50,  
no not because he was nice to me, he has this great trivia dip test.  
There is 128 questions, and I sure had fun answering it, you know me,  
if I don't know the answer, I make one up. Anyway it is worth a look,  
Mark's address is 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, Va. 22304.

And now for your dumb questions, let's start with a Grabar one, as usual.  
KK: Ok. I've now told John the truth. Does this mean he'll be my life  
long ally. Forever and Ever.  
Dear "You wouldn't know the truth if you fell over it", He's never going  
to be your ally until you send him the reducing belt, and please hurry  
he needs it desperately. signed "I should Know"

KK: All right, now that you came in 4th at Gen Con East, Kathy, just how  
did you score those 26.4 pts.? Signed ..I told about my score at  
DIICON, and I didn't do well enough to get a ZERO!  
Dear Del Monte, I'm not surprised you couldn't even reach a zero, I've  
played with you. As for my pts., body language will get you everything,  
and flirting with Sacks sure helped..... signed being a female has it's  
advantages!!! Eat your hearts out, you poor males!

Dear Kathy, Mary Beck has attacked me for two seasons in 1981 CD. She  
writes seldom, but charmingly. Should I give her one more chance? If  
so - to do what?.....Steve Langley  
Dear ~~Sacks~~, er Steve, Of course, you should give her one more chance.  
And when she stabs you again, give her another one. That is what makes  
victories, ah but I don't think you will be the one who wins, but who  
knows she may give you her phone number, and she is one real nice lady.  
signed....Del Grande gave me one more chance till he had no centers left.

Dear Kathy, I recently attended Gen Con in Joisey and I played with 2  
Turkeys. One was a K. Byrne and the other was a J. Caruso. Although  
in one game I was side by side Turkey as Austria and in the other game I  
was completely on the opposite side of the board as France, I distrusted  
both of these Turkeys the same! Can you tell me why that was. Is it  
something contagious, like you could maybe catch it on a N.Y. subway?  
signed....."Kush" Pappy

Dear Stray, You're lucky if that is all you caught on the subway, it  
could've been much worse, you could have caught Brain Damage. Oh,  
but you must already have that otherwise why would you have allied with  
Byrne and/or Caruso. signed..I told you I wouldn't stab you!

KK: Did you really rig the voting so "Uncle Al" could win the Nixon  
Award? I think it's fairly obvious that if you're from W. Va. you have  
to be gullible not a liar. Now you being from N.Y. on the other hand  
should be able to win the Nixon Award for the next 5 years! Woody  
Dear Simple, calling Pearson Gullible and me a liar, could get you in  
real trouble. Al won the award fair and square, but he'll never be  
able to hold his title for another year after all you're right he is  
from W.Va. But it seems his biggest competition aside from me, is  
a guy from MERCER, PA. Now there is a man with a forked tongue!....me

And guess what I think I'm out of room on this page, so go to the next one.

Page 2 of this insanity is brought to you from my Kitchen.....  
and guess what I actually have running water, this might not seem like  
much to you, but it sure would be a luxury if your name was Bill Smith.  
Yup, Bill here it comes..... FARM FEVER or my vac. in Canada!

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Did you ever wonder what it's like to live with no running water,  
no electricity, and a bunch of cows who don't like being fenced in?  
Well, as they say curiosity killed the cat, but I survived the farm,  
and I must say, I also really enjoyed it. After driving for two days,  
we finally found this huge farm about twenty miles from the nearest  
place of civilization, one store with a built in post office and one  
gas pump. How do you think that Wendy and Bill were waiting anxiously  
for us to arrive....hell, no. We see a note taped on the door, and  
two mean looking dogs just waiting for one of us to get out of the car  
to get to the note. John being the brave macho man tells me to go get  
the note or we will just sit in the car all day, well I go, only because  
I have to go to the bathroom, otherwise we would've sat in the car all  
day! The note says "We are ~~takingxxx~~ at the falls, taking our daily  
bath, go through the barn, and walk through the pasture, when you get  
to the lake you'll see us. Don't touch the fence it is on, and run  
if you see the bull". I couldn't even get John to walk past two dogs,  
so I knew this was going to be something else. John says very funny,  
Kathy, now read the real note. I show him the proof, and he says Bill  
will pay for this. Little did he know Bill had all kinds of neat things  
planned for us. We manage to find them, and believe it or not, they  
even stop swimming a long enough to come get us. The first thing I  
notice is that they talk funny, Wendy in particular (that's Bills wife)  
has this habit of saying Ay after everything. Ay means right, huh, you  
know, speak up I can't here you etc. I find out later, the one day  
they let us go to town, that everyone in Canada talks like that.

Wendy is a great cook, and for five days, she feeds us, and feeds us,  
and I gained about 10 pounds. Even though John ate like a horse, he  
lost about two pounds, as the slave driver Bill, didn't invite John  
to the farm for a vacation, he needed a farm hand to help him. And  
John of course volunteers, But then I mean if Bill said to you, well  
I really wish we could spend time together, and play some war games,  
but I have three more days of baling left, but then again I could do  
it in one, if I had some help. Wouldn't you volunteer?

So John goes to help Bill with the hay, not to say John and I are  
stupid, but we thought, that Baling the hay, meant cutting the hay,  
putting it in squards, and tying it up. Well that is all done by  
machine - all John has to do is toss the bales into a truck. Well  
after, they bring in the first load, I decide to go with them and  
see this. I thought John was going to die. John is absolutely  
filled with hay, down his shirt and everything, Bill on the other  
hand looks fine. Well after they finish, I mention this to Bill, and  
he explains to us how to toss the hay on the truck without, getting  
it all over you. John thanked him for this valuable information, since  
it was after the fact, and he vows to get Bill again.

Now it is about five o'clock, and it is a little chilly, and John really  
needs a bath. Wendy throws him a bar of soap, and tells him to go to  
the lake. John does not think this is funny, I do. And yes, I did  
get yelled at for laughing. Wendy is not kidding, there well has gone  
dry, and they really don't have any water. So why Wendy takes all five  
of the kids to the falls for a swim, oh wait make that four, we take  
Frankie with us to be the soap holder, we go to the lake for a bath.  
The water is ice cold, and there is a man in a boat fishing. I talk to  
the guy in the boat, and John is dying of embarrassment. He can't stand  
the cold water, and says he can't do this to his body, well if I was  
him, I really wouldn't worry about damaging the body, it's not in the  
greatest of shape anyway. He takes his bath & vows to get Wendy.

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Meanwhile, after the bath, we are suppose to meet everyone at the falls. Do you think that the trail is marked? Do you think that Bill was going to make anything easy for us? Nooooo! John and I follow Frank - that was our first mistake, 45mins. later we realize that we are lost, and Frank who is 4 ft. tall, has had us crawling under bushes, and John needs another bath. Eventually one of Wendy's boys finds us, as we walk in circles.

The next morning, is really exciting, Bill works nights, and at 6am, I hear this commotion outside. John is out running around in his underwear, trying to round up the 5 lose cows. Now that was a sight, and I got yelled at again for laugh ing. Come on, yeah that is the cows name, is refusing to follow John, and has John crawling in the bushes to get her, the bushes are damp, and John is not smiling. Frank, my ten year old is standing in the middle of the street, about a mile from Come on, with a stick yelling Eh, hay, or something. Well we round up the cows, and get ready for breakfast - just as we sit down, in come the kids, hurry up, the rabbit is out of its cage. Needless to say, John next chases the rabbit. By this time, Bill is home, and we start to eat, and then in come the kids again the calf has gotten out of the barn, and the bull is attacking her. Well, John goes back to chasing the calf, and lets Bill handle the Bull. Forget breakfast now it is lunch time. And next is our fishing expedition. Bill lets me use his rod which it is absolutely impossible to tangle, want to bet? My first cast, I tangle the line, and you should have seen the pain on Bill's face! He is gritting his teeth, while trying to smile. Next cast, I find that I have caught a tree, and I call Bill, oh, is he ready to kill me. But he keeps smiling, and tells me to be more careful. I cast the next one to find that I am stuck on something again, and I am afraid to tell Bill, so I tell John, and he makes matters worse. Bill comes to our rescue, and vows to get me. I caught two trees, and a bush. Fhyllis caught herself. She thought she had a fish to Nicole, Bill's daughter, told her she was hooked on to her rear end.

Wendy has a great idea - she wants to go on a cruise around the 10,000 islands, now she has been asking Bill for six years, and he won't go. But for us he will. So we all go which means we have to take our car and Bill's truck. Bill's truck makes John's car look good. Ugh! Now I want you to know that all the kids want to ride with us, and do you know why - because they have never been in a convertible. When we get on the boat, Bill says to me "Don't be self conscious, Kathy, I bet half the people on this boat are Yankces, they won't notice you talk funny!" Well, he was wrong, everyone noticed. John went to the snack bar, to get sodas and food. Well, they had a sign for Pop. John asked for ice cream, and the woman thought he was nuts. On this trip we also got to see the hole in the wall, at least that was what I thought they said, but I had to ask Wendy cause I have trouble listening to Canadian. Then Bill says Why don't we get Kentucky Fried Chicken tonight, so Wendy gets a break - well this is something we all agree on as poor Wendy has gone out of her way for us the entire week. So John & I decide to go and get the chicken, I mean it's the least we can do. Well, embarassed I was. First off, I was having trouble with the Canadian coins, so I dump my change purse on the cash register, and tell the girl to pick out the right coins, I now have Amer. & Can. money combined. John meanwhile is ordering, and everyone is laughing at us. He orders a box of french fries, and asks how full is it going to be, me with the money, and our accents, has everyone laughing. I literally crawled out of that place.

Bill, has so little sleep this week, that I really feel sorry for him, so the next day, Wendy and I go fishing, while John and Bill play Panzer 44. Everyone catches fish, except me, it was pitiful to watch. I took John's car as Wendy didn't want to drive Bill's truck. Well, I

understood why, when I saw the cliff we parked on, and even a city driver like me, had no idea, how I was going to turn around. Phyllis and Nicole, and Wendy caught all the fish. I caught nothing. The boys were all home with John and Bill as they were studying, if you knew the boys, you'd understand why this was necessary. My son had to come home to pass a test to graduate to the fifth grade, I took him out of summer school for this. So the girls, went fishing. Well, as we are leaving, someone is coming in. Wendy, tells me don't open your mouth, let me do all the talking- it seems, it was totally illegal for me to be fishing, only residents can fish there. And Bill said my accent wasn't so bad. When we get in the car, Wendy realizes we have N.Y. plates, she says if we get stopped, I'll tell them we borrowed the car. Thank God, we didn't get stopped, I mean who would believe that fairy tale. I mean, borrow a car from N.Y.C. when you live in the middle of no where. Well, turning the car on the cliff, was really exciting. The girls, were having a canary, and Wendy offered to get out and direct me, so that I won't go over the ledge, but I said no that's not necessary. What I was thinking was, if I go over, I want company, and since this was her idea, she was to be my company. Back at the ranch, John and Bill are still playing this game that John claims he doesn't know how to play. Bill calls in sick, and needless to say he stays home to be beaten. John really should have told him, that he was the East Coast Champion for Panzer 44.

Now, I want everyone to know that I bought a book, right before we left as I went there with the impression that I was going to be bored to death. The book never left my suitcase. I really had a great time, and Bills' wife, who I have been penpals with over a year, is great! I mean the day before we left, she gives this plaque to John, it has a man in a real bath tub, and it says there is no place like home.

Well, all I can say is I have already, decided what I'm doing on vacation next year - no I'm not going to Hawaii or Florida, I'm going to the farm, if the Smith's are still talking to me after this article, as it was the best vacation I've had in years.....

The only way I can finish this today is to save my Mich. experience till next month. So, my new found love Ben Shilling is just going to have to wait, and the Overby's including my Sis, Jeri, will have to hang on one more time. Blame Wendy and Bill, if I didn't have so much fun there, I wouldn't have written so much about them.

And now for the contest winning entries. The winners are Keith Mercer, Dan Mathais, and Woody. Tom Swiders answers were thrown out, as you can't try to win just to save yourself the embarassment of letting anyone see what kind of hat you walk around in. Prizes will be presented on Oct. 3rd at Byrne Con, and if Keith doesn't show up, I'll mail him this beauty.

The questions were: 1. Who would you like to dazzle with your B.S.? 2. If you were Swider and you were sitting between Byrne and Mercer, who would you trust? 3. If you had your choice who would you rather play with Phyllis or Kathy Byrne?

Swiders disallowed answers: #1: Keith Sherwood: He sounds like the type I could really snow in. He's even more gullible than I am. Bet I could convince him to open A vie-Gal-Uke to my Turkey. Don't laugh: I did that once in the peak of my career.(no wonder you had such a short career.) #2: Both: Actually, its first one, and then the other. Where is Italy when you need him? Oh, I persuaded him to go west, forgot. I'm a genius, huh? (Who are you kidding Keith & I set up Ita. worse then you) #3. Phil, if I could bribe her in DC & L, she must like me. (I like you too

And now to our winners: and these are good! And winner #1 Keith Mercer:  
#1: Tom Swider should normally be ones first choice, but one grows weary after Dazzling someone twice in less then three months. So, I'd have to choose Brad Wilson, since the ultimate outcome would be victory since he and Tommie are the two ultimate individuals at the Mediocre level - plus Gullible. Besides I'd like to Dazzle Brad as much as he had me at taking to figure out 1981 Q.

#2: Of course Byrne. With a beautiful name like Bloodsucker, how could you not trust this individual? Besides, being Tom, he'd trust any lady who sends a letter with a dab of perfume and he does know snakes don't smell good. Then again I could be wrong.

#3: Another easy one-Kathy. With your ability to crush opposition, you'd be the idle individual to ally with and a great help to a MEDIOCRE player. Phyllis is good but she doesn't have the experience yet - given time and personnal instruction from you shell be excellent- make sure Swider doesn't give her tips.

Winner #2: Dan Mathias: #1: Mark Berch ( I did it at Gen Con this year, why spoil a good thing?)

#2: I would trust Mercer before Byrne, if for no other reason than Byrne would never identify herself (P or K), but I would trust everyone else on the board before either one.

#3: I would choose Phyllis, so I could woo her away from that short, scrawny, nasty Norm Schwartz.

And Winner #3 - the long winded one: Woody! If I hadn't thrown out Swider = you won't have won!

Woody: #1: That's a tough question. I've long prided myself on my straight forward answers. Really I seldom lie! (KK: Believe that and he'll tell you another) I would never lie to you (out of fear). ((Smart Boy)) Debbie Osborne and Mary Beck are too beautiful for lies. (Although I never met Deb except in my dreams). I would never attempt to out B.S. Pearson as everyone knows that Al Pearson makes K. D. look like Mary Poppins. Caruso would be a great choice if you enjoyed living on the bottom of a lake with cement shoes. Bruce Linsey likes fakes so I'd like to see how he acts to BS in a dip game. But Brux only plays in 1 game at a time. Still Linsey is the one, some day (maybe at Gen Con) I'm going to put something over on Brux and it may not be in a dip game. By the way what does B.S. stand for?

2 My name is Swider? First let me say if I was Swider I'd change my name, leave my life of mediocrity, and most all, leave MP Barno (P is for Pippie) K, I'm between Mercer and Byrne, who would I trust? I think there are 3 choices - drop the game 2- NMR! 3- Immediately call "Liar" Al Pearson and get some quick coaching. Since I never NMR or drop, we'll assume I'd call "Liar" Al. With "Liars" advice and plastic surgery, I'd flirt my way into Kathy's arms. There upon the 2 of us would destroy Keith Mercer or Attila the Hun, as he's known in Mercer, Pa.

3 Phyllis or Kathy- What a choice. Its like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. I choose Francine Byrne, the littlest "Bloodsucker".

(John here- I finished this page for Kathy-from Woody #2. Woody, you'll need plastic surgery if you try to "Woocoo" Kathy. You better stick to Brux and Suite 100, or let Tom Mainardi's "Fast Fingers" do the walking.))

Still John here, Kathy doesn't have time, nor do I have the space to finish the S&L games here. That, and I don't have the room in the zine this time. Kathy will mail them out seperately to all the players when shes done, unless she finishes before I mail W. In any event, it shouldn't be more than a day or 2 behind W. By for now- and you see, I can make it to the big time- Kathy's corner- given enough room. Bye for the both of us.

End KK

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THE 2nd ANNUAL DIPLOMACY PLAYERS POLL

Well, its that time of year again for the player voting poll. This is your chance, you the player, to vote for your fellow hobbyists in the 3 categories. This is not a W only poll, this is a hobby wide poll. It is requested that all of you publishers plug this poll. Thank you.

The poll is broken down into 3 categories: Regular Diplomacy Player; Variant Player; Article Writer. Unlike last year when I only accented 1 vote per person, per category, this year will be different. You are asked to vote for your own favorites- the best 3 so-to-speak, in each category. You may not split your votes, nor may you vote for yourself in any category. Place your votes in order of 1,2,3- with the 1st being your favorite, 2nd being #2 and 3rd being your 3rd choice. All votes are due to me, here at 160-02 43 Ave Flushing, NY 11358 by November 22, 1981.

You are asked to spread the word, pubber and player alike. Everyone who is associated with the hobby may vote. The results will be published, hopefully in the W after the deadline. Please list the categories seperately.

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ERROR: The new guy on the block, is put out by Ken Halpern 11 Bellingham Lane Great Neck, NY 11023 and Brian Lorber 7 Polo Road Great Neck, NY 11023. There will be many different types of games run here. They will also be printing articles submitted, and rewarding the writer for his effort. Eric Kane, another GN, NYer, will be assisting Ken and Brian. Send a SASE for a sample and find out for yourself if you like it. Kathy will be playing there, and you know what that means. Oh by the way, hopefully, Ken and Brian will bring a few samples to ByrneCon for the visitors to take and read. They will be here for the gala event. And samples are always welcome here. Hint.....

IRKSOME Scott Hansen 701 15 Ave SE Minneapolis, Minn 55414 is also another new zine, the Scott used to be a Below-Par, Sub-Zine. So Scott is no new-comer to GMing and pubbing. He has numerous game openings, and the price is right. Scott also says he will carry anything else, within reason- whatever that means- how about a 5 ton elephant? Send a SASE for a sample.

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The purpose of DOGHOUSE is to keep the hobby informed of the Service's activities and to request information about orphaned games and folded zines. Corrections and questions are welcome.

Publishers are asked to let their readers know that the U.S. Orphan Service exists and what it does. We can only do our job if people know about us and have enough confidence in us to take the time to contact us. We have a list of fourteen publishers who will run regular Diplomacy orphans and two of these kind souls will also run variants, so we can restart orphans as soon as we get enough information to do so.

SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS: Dave Carter 118 Horsham Ave Willowdale, Ont, Canada M2N 1Z9 I forgot to plug Dave last issue, or above here. How silly of me. Anyway, now that the GP strike is over, you may want to look into this new and very good and very exciting zine. It has humor, games, just about everything any good zine has to have, and it has it all at a reasonable cost, and the best is, it is a first class zine. Send for sample today. Most certainly, tell Dave that John, the NYer sent you.

THE WHITE DUKE: Steve Shadix 216 Roberts Long Beach, Miss 39560 is on the move again. It is looking good and if Steve keeps his act together, this ought to be a good zine to get. Steve has game openings, and has a whole bunch(???) of written type material. On very clear repro- its easy to read. Send a SASE for a sample, and say the John sent you.

EMHAIN MACHA: Mike Mills product is winding down. But more on that later, or in Kathy's Korner. Mike will, however, GM his games to completion. The whole hobby will really miss EM, the Mike will remain I'm sure.

197910: end of game statement

John Zipper: This game suffered from the usual player switches and NMRs that plague the hobby. I am happy to have won, but would feel better if all original players were in it, like Richard Kovalcik, who stuck out a miserable position. To him I say thanks for a good game.

I started out with an alliance with Eng that went well for me as I held to all agreements with him while helping the other players not get hurt by him. The 6-9 center jump(gamble) in 1903 was the game. I was in a strong point and was able to dictate the play somewhat. Missed Ita moves before Gene picked it up allowed me to get into position to eventually eliminate Ita threat.

Final good point for me was the anticipation of Phil's move to go with Tur. It kept me in control. The battle for the Balkens was fun and I learned how hard it is for Ger to get any farther south without fleets.

John Caruso(GM for the end): Looking back over the charts, this game looked like fun, with many centers changing hands all the time. NMRs are part of the game, unfortunately. Wish I could have followed the game from the beginning. Congrats on a well-deserved win.

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1981LammW Mastermind- at its finest! The lady takes the lead!

Ms Wyatt	x,x,x,x,o,o	4right, 2 wrong place
Wilson	x,o,-,-,-	1 right,1 wrong place
Lew	resigns!	see below
Coughlan	x,x,-,-,-	2 right ((come on Gary. Gonna let a "Belle" beat you?
Henricks	x,o,o,o,-,-	1 right,3 wrong place ((the leader is losing))
Fearson	x,x,o,o,-,-	2 right,2 wrong place ((lying never helps))
Del Grande	-,-,-,-,-	0 right
Grabar	x,o,-,-,-	1 right,1 wrong place

PRESS:

Berkeley to GM: I haven't actually moved yet, so my Greenbrae address is still good... I hope there isn't any RED in the answer, being anti-Stanford, I can't use it as a solution! And change "Yellow" to "Gold", OK?

GM to Berk: Guess what? I can't change "Y" to "G", nor can I take red out of the solution, if its in it. You'll just have to lose, AGAIN!

AL to Cary: Eat my dust.

GM to AL: I would have said, eat my grits.

AL to Roy: Not both of us again.

Lew Posthumorous: Sigh, Johnny C and the USPS have conspired to screw me up in turn 3, and make me NMR in #4, so thats seems as good an excuse as any to quit. I leave you with these parting words; turn 1- no black or white; turn 2- can't remember, but I think no red or green.

Lew to GM: Thats perfectly legal I assume?

GM to Lew: You assume correctly, theres no telling if you're telling the truth anyway. Sorry to see you go, like I said, I will return you fee. But the rules do say how I'll answer you. I repeated you turn 1-3 guesses back to you, each turn. I only save them for 1 turn, and no, I don't make a record of them. This is a fun game. You should be keeping your own records anyway, just in case. However, due to the mail screw up, if you want to stay in, you can submit to me guesses for turn 4, 5, and 6. I leave it up to you.

Due date for turn 6 guesses is Oct.10,1981

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I had no place else to put this, so I stuck it here. I received a phone call the other night from a Dave Kotta(who). We talked for a few centons, and told me about the Canadian Civil War. It seems that Kotta was overjoyed that his side won. Seems like a 100 years ago or so, a man namd Louie Riel and a bunch of Indians (Cleveland I think), decided to try to take over Manitoba. Needless to say, the uprising was squelched when "The Mounties" shot Riel. Thus was the shortest and least publicized revolution, or civil war if you prefer that the modern world has ever seen.



((Below is a reprint of the end of game material from Dreadnought, a zine dedicated to the play of Gunboat Tournaments, done by Vern Schaller 207 Garfield Ave Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Congrats to Karl on your win. Vern, I like the silhouetted ships!))

## DREADNOUGHT

### TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

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 Fred Hyatt, 400 State St., Brooklyn, NY 11217  
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 Roscoe McPherron, 1006 N. McLean, Bloomington, IL 61701  
 Karl Schuetz, 20 Toledo Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046

### COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>DR 1</u>	<u>DR 2</u>	<u>DR 3</u>	<u>DR 4</u>	<u>DR 5</u>	<u>DR 6</u>	<u>DR 7</u>
Fred Hyatt	E	G	I	T	A	F	R
Karl Schuetz	R	E	G	I	T	A	F
Phil Cooper	F	R	E	G	I	T	A
William Hart, Sr	A	F	R	E	G	I	T
Lee Kendter, Sr	T	A	F	R	E	G	I
Roscoe McPherron	I	T	A	F	R	E	G
Robert Caton	G	I	T	A	F	R	E

The Players in the Country Assignments Table are listed in the order in which they were randomly drawn for pre-established slates of positions.

### TOURNAMENT FINISH

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>GAME POINTS</u>	<u>BEST COUNTRY POINTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	Karl Schuetz	172	24	196
2	Lee Kendter, Sr	139	30	169
3	Fred Hyatt	136	24	160
4	Robert Caton	97	6	103
5	Roscoe McPherron	95	-	95
6	William Hart, Sr	42	-	42
7	Phil Cooper	26	-	26

Congratulations to Karl Schuetz for winning the Gunboat Diplomacy Tournament! I also want to thank all of the Players for their dedication to this tournament for the past sixteen months. It's been a long haul, and I fully appreciate all of your efforts.

Well, that just about wraps it up folks! I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to my grand total of two subscribers - Bob Kluge and Robert Stimmel, as well as to my standby - John Zipper. Additional thanks go to my traders - Mike Conner and John Masters plus several other people who have followed the tournament on an intermittent basis.

Have you ever wondered why Bernie Oaklyn and Buddy Tretick are idolized and even admired? Especially after John Caruso brought the point out in #37? Well, here are a few of the reasons I think this happens.

First, upon entry into the hobby, a novice sees a warning about Oak/Tret in the novice package. Then he writes off for a few of the zines, and in virtually each one, Oak/Tret will be mentioned. So he has a constant spotlight which places foremost among the baduics, or perhaps buddies. Next, an issue like the Tro affair occurs, which gets the same sorts of slander, slinging around at others. Well, the novice thinks that Tro isn't so bad, but Brux and a few others treat him about the same as Oaklyn, only Tro's star will eventually die, while Oaklyn's attention will last considerably longer. Well, if they're about the same and Tro is good- so is Buddy.

Second, Tro, Brux, Crud, Me, Mike, John Caruso and probably all of you are meglomaniacs, more or less. Who wants to be ignored? Personally, I love getting mail, so to get more attention I'll be helping Mike Mitchell put out Politburo this fall. Heck, this new zine is already getting me some attention. Well, if you can't get good attention like all of the zine pubbers who are honest- you can sure get a heck of a lot by being like Oaklyn, altho its bad attention. Ever notice how children will behave poorly if they aren't praised enough? Well, some people are still children and see Oaklyn as a beacon showing the way to get attention. Don't get me wrong, by saying the only reason I or any other person publishes is for attention, But it certainly plays a part.

Third, is Oaklyn or his Buddy really as bad as all that? Personally, since I've never seen proof or really had any proof given to me (its all opinions), I have to view this slander skeptically as a fair human being. I've asked Brux for Oaks address, which he hasn't yielded, in order that I could get a sample of his horrible thing- is that so bad? Usually, along with this question a novice might ask "Can't a person like Oaklyn reform?" or "Are you sure Oaklyn and Tretick are the same person?"

I don't idolize Oaklyn, but I can see the type of thing happen. Why should someone idolize Hitler? I used to, and these types of things occurred to me then. O sure, I would be a nice ruler of the world instead of a Hitler type- isn't this a nice rationalization? We'd almost all like to conquer the world, (thats what dip is about), but we'd do it a little different. Isn't the Oaklyn thing the same? Did Oaklyn do anything right? I doubt it, but thats the train of thought of some. ((below a late addition to the article))

Up until a few days ago I wondered about the frequent attacks on Oaklyn as the above indicates. I wrote a few letters to various personalities including Oaklyn, to obtain the proof or disproof I desired. Oaklyn responded by using \$1.34 in postage to send me 8 copies of his zine Le Front De Liberation Du Dip, when I had asked for only 1, with a SASE. I was impressed with the zine in general altho I decided from these that I'd never play in a game GMed by him. I may yet sub due to the original and interesting articles of various unusual types found there. Bernie even included a SASE of his own to allow me to respond and send him a sample of Politburo. Well, I began to think that was all there was to it, everyone else seemed to be ignoring my comments to them. But then a couple of days ago, Bruce Linsey sent me more than enough proof to prove that Oaklyn is Tretick and still commits the same atrocities he was villified for. Now, I'm convinced and I can accept these unrelenting attacks.

((Like so many young people, how quickly you change your tune. This isn't BB or John M, so I won't chastize Oaklyn. But he is very much of all those things that are said about him. His product may be improving with the help of guest GMs, writers and a certain amount of trust. But Oaklyn is still Oaklyn. I wouldn't play there or recommend it, but if you want to find out for yourself, go right ahead. Let me ask you this, what happened to your being a fair human being? Why don't you hear Oaklyn's side before coming to a conclusion. The result will probably be the same. You may even think that Oaky is right? After-all, you idolize Hitler too. As far as I'm concerned, any GM/Pubber involved in any funny stuff, would be in the same class as Oaklyn. Interpreting HRs isn't funny stuff, unless 2 sides aren't heard.))

RESULTS TO 5th ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL

Key: Placing; Average; Name of Zine; # of votes; last year finish;  
Based on 10 votes or more, the results are:

1- 8.15 Black Frog	65-*	33- 6.26 Terran	27-24
2- 8.04 Dot Happy	24-*	34- 6.15 Snfu!	13-*
3- 7.95 Brutus Bulletin	60-8	35- 6.12 Peek	26-*
4- 7.87 Murdring Ministers	62-14	36- 5.96 Everything...	25-11
5- 7.81 Retaliation	42-21	37- 5.92 Appalling Greed	25-*
6- 7.77 Europa Express	47-*	38- 5.86 Libetterrean	21-39
7- 7.72 Lone Star Diplomat	58-*	39- 6.69 Graustark	26-31
8- 7.61 Just Among Friends	36-*	40- 5.66 The Shoguns Sword	32-25
9- 7.56 Jihad	36-*	41- 5.60 Klepto Mania	10-*
10- 7.53 Cheesecake	30-12	42- 5.56 Ruritania	16-27
11- 7.43 East Of Edem	30-*	43- 5.41 Claw and Fang	22-19
12- 7.36 Whitestonia	50-43	44- 5.27 Infidel	15-22
13- 7.13 Bushwacker	16-29	45- 5.25 Invasion	32-*
14- 7.11 Pol Si Fie	28-1	46- 5.14 Y'All	14-*
15- 7.10 St Geo and the Drag	40-15	47- 5.05 Egnog	20-17
16- 7.07 Diplomacy Digest	60-13	48- 4.81 The Chamber	21-*
17- 6.97 Plague Times	29-*	49- 4.60 LDNS	10-36
18- 6.93 Why Me?	27-7	50- 4.54 Italiano Pribe	13-42
18- 6.93 Torpedo	27-*	51- 4.06 Toronto Telegram	16-26
20- 6.90 Enchain Macha	40-5	52- 3.92 Boast	12-29
21- 6.89 Diplomacy World	55-4	53- 3.48 Born To Dip	29-*
22- 6.88 Dogs Of War	40-19	54- 2.89 Tetracuspid	26-45
22- 6.88 Volkerwanderung	57-2	55- 2.10 Front De Lib Du Dip	21-47
24- 6.85 Bersaglieri	13-*		
25- 6.78 Sleepless Knights	18-*		
26- 6.71 Voice Of Doom	77-10		
27- 6.67 Snake Pit	12-*		
28- 6.65 Life Of Monty	34-*		
29- 6.60 Envoy	42-17		
30- 6.54 Passchendaele	24-23		
30- 6.54 Runestone	24-16		
32- 6.36 Dragon and The Lamb	28-9		

The zines below had less than 10 votes to their names. They are alphabetical order with their average following:

Antwerp 3; Assorted Garbage 2; Arda 6; Big Timer 5; Batoche 6; Broadside 4.3; Byrne Syndrome 3.5; Buzzard Breath 5; Baltic Sea 6.5; Bark of Doom 10; Benzene 7.67; Beholder 7; Catastrophe 3;

Le Cameleon A Binoculaire 1.5; Canal Dregs 3; Down & Dirty 6.2; Diplomag 6.1; Dobson St Conspiracy 5; The Diplomat 6.5; Dreadnaught 4.4; Diplodocus 5; Diplomacy by Moonlight 0; Deck of many Things 5; Extremism in Def of Liberty 7.7; EFGIART 6; Empire 4.5; From Women Only 6.5; Flying Dutchman 0; Flying Orphan 2.3; Field of Fire 2.3; General Stab 4; Home Office 4.3; Hoof 'N Mouth 4.4; Hansard 4; Irksome 6.7; Kobold 0; Kaissa 0.5; Lord of Hosts 3; Lemuria 6; Mikes Mag 4.8; Maniacal 7.67; The National 4; Numenor 5.3; Naval Orange 5.3; Overbright 6; Politician 3; The Power & the Glory 1; Pink Dragon 1.4; Pearl 5; Prospectus 3.7; Perils of Paulina 6; Pax 6; Pacific Diplodeur/Origins West 5; Paranoics' Monthly 9; Rebus Sic Stantibus 6; Russ-Q 7; Revenge 2; Soup To Nuts 2; Stab is a 4 Letter Word 6.5; Schizophrenic 6.7; Supernova 0; Shatto Folly 4.5; Sandpit 5; Salusa Secundus 10; Slobinpolit Zhurnal 9; Twilight Zine 7.5; Touche 7; Ticket To Ride 6.8; Tel Amfir's Journal 4; Urf Durfal 2.9; Ultsent 0; Utopia LTD 2; White Duke 3.2; Western Star Dippy 4.9; Wargames Information 4; Xenologic 2.3; Zimiamvia 6;

A total of 126 people voted this, compared to 93 last year, an increase of 35%. As you can see, alot of newer zines made the top of the chart, which goes to show that the hobby is moving in the right direction. As you can see, some fakes and non-existent zines made the charts. But as a whole, the voting is a fairly accurate representation of the zines themselves. My own ideas are that the preprinted ballots had alot to do with the rise in votes.

**RESULTS OF THE 4th ANNUAL NORTH AMER GM POLL**

Key: same as for the zine poll. Based on 5 votes, the results are:

1- 8.15 John Daly	20-4	26- 7.29 Don Del Grande	7-*
2- 8.90 Ron Brown (MN)	29-19	26- 7.29 Allen Wells	7-*
3- 8.86 Gary Coughlan	7-*	28- 7.18 Michael Mills	17-22
4- 8.61 Bob Sergeant	23-6	29- 7.17 Mike Barno	6-*
5- 8.60 Don Ditter	5-1	30- 7.15 Roy Henricks	26-10
6- 8.55 Andy Lischett	20-15	31- 7.08 Steve McLendon	12-17
6- 8.55 John Michalski	11-11	32- 7.00 Marion Bates	5-*
8- 8.50 Randolph Smyth	8-21	33- 6.83 Francois Guerrier	6-30
9- 8.40 Fred Davis	5-13	34- 6.80 Dick Martin	25-16
10- 8.38 John Caruso	21-39	35- 6.60 Keith Mercer	5-*
11- 8.33 John Boardman	9-*	36- 6.57 Don Sigwal*	7-34
12- 8.20 Lee Kendter Sr	15-8	37- 6.50 Don Horton	6-18
13- 8.17 Dave Marshall	6-*	37- 6.50 Tony Watson	6-46
14- 8.14 Glenn Overby	14-*	39- 6.40 Al Rodriguez	5-34
15- 8.13 Al Pearson	15-*	40- 6.00 Tom Swider	9-*
16- 8.11 Bob Osuch	9-7	41- 5.67 Jerry Jones	6-41
17- 8.00 Jack Masters	31-*	41- 5.67 Bruce Linsey	30-48
18- 7.94 Bob Arnett	16-14	43- 5.33 Jack Frost	6-37
19- 7.88 Jim Bumpas	8-26	44- 5.17 Scott Hansen	6-*
20- 7.80 Drew McGee	5-27	45- 4.60 Bruce Schneider	5-*
21- 7.67 Mike Conner	18-*	46- 2.25 Richard Kovalcik Jr	8-50
21- 7.67 John Leeder	6-9	47- 2.22 Brad Wilson	9-*
23- 7.62 Steve Heinowski	13-4		
24- 7.55 Berr Sampson	11-*		
25- 7.40 Gerald Austin	5-*		

Below are the remaining GMS that received votes. They received less than 5.

Bob Albrecht 1; Ed Bapple 6.5; Konrad Baumeister 7.25; Doug Beyerlein 8.67; Jim Broshot 6; Herb Barents 4; Kathy Byrne 6.67; Uli Baumeister 9; HD Bassett 6; Dave Carter 7.5; Vic Carpenter 4.33; Greg Costikyan 0; Wade Dudley 3; Nikita Frobish 8; Paul Funkenbusch 7.5; Phil Fry 3.5; Julie Glass 9.33; Dave Grabar 3.67; Tim Haffey 6; Lee Kendter Jr 8; John Kelley 3; Dan Kuszynski 9; Bob Kluge 9; Bill LaFosse 1; John Lipscomb 3.33; David Lowenstern 2; Pierre LaBreche 5; Ramon Lazaro 7; Mark Lazelere 7.5; Robert Lipton 7; Jack Martin 8; Tom Mainardi 9; Mike Mataschak 1; Dave Manuel 7; Bernie Oaklyn 1.5; Eric Ozog 3.67; Paul Osage 8; Dan Palter 2.5; Nick Russon 4; Dave Berlmutter 5; Pete Reese 7.67; Jeff Richmond 7.67; Mike Scott 7.5; Dan Stafford 8; Art Schleinkofer 7.5; Rick Shatto 1; Dan Sundre 8.5; Clive Tonge 3.67; Jack Tyler 0; Oscar Twiddle 9; Eric Verheiden 9; Dave White 5; Peter Walker 6; John Kador 5.5; Tom Gould 1; Pat Carson 6; Ron Brown 7 (Snafu);

As you can see from the results, the trend in voting on GMS, the more established GMS appear to rate higher than the "Rookies".

Anyone wishing to have their own official copy of the results can mail a SASE to John Leeder 121 19th Ave NE Calgary, Alta, Canada T2E 1N9. You may wish to include 50¢ instead- SASE in Canada are no-good. Ask for issue #327.

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**CONVENTIONS (MINI THAT IS)**

**PaesanoCon:** At Tom Mainardi 1403 Lawrence Rd Havertown, Pa 19083. This will be held on Sat Sept 25, 1981. Write or call Tom or Woody about directions on how to get there. We will be there for the festivities.

While I'm on the subject, Tom and Woody (Steven G Arnawoodian 602 Hemlock Circle Lansdale, Pa 19446) are putting out a new zine called Coat Of Arms, which will be on display at the PTF. If its  $\frac{1}{2}$  as good as Bersag was, they will have themselves a smash zine. As both are good writers, this zine comes highly recommended. If you want a sample by mail, send a SASE and say I sent you.

**ByrneCon 7:** At our house on Sat Oct 3, 1981- back to back weekends. If you intend to come, write or call and tell me, and if you need directions, let me know. We expect to have alot of people.

LETTERS

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There aren't as many letters in this issue as in some of the past issues. I guess you guys, and gals, are losing your imaginations. That or you are just getting BORING!

Dear John, ((from Woody))

I see you have a reader who is too much a coward to sign his own name to the articles he writes. Bob Osuch is a fool indeed! I don't even know the man. I must admit the article was funny but not my style. However since my name was placed as its author I will be happy to sub credits for writing in Whitestonia. In fact I suggest more people write articles and sign my name to them. Just ask me where I need a few extra issues. There's no point in sending them to a zine I do not like. Please do not send them to Born to Steal, Bozo already took ten dollars from me. Since Whitestonia is my favorite zine I can always use free issues there. Also I'll be publishing Coat of Arms along with "Bennie Fastfingers" Mainardi in Sept. So send me articles with my name on them. This way I'll receive free material and can take credit for a well done article. If it's poorly written or in bad taste I'll put "Bennie's" name on it.

One more thing to the Fanthom writer. Teets Michalski wrote me and said the article confused him. Could you please send him a letter and explain the article word for word. Remember Teets is from the dustbowl and I suppose it has affected his brain.

(( The coward did sign his own name to it, or was that it signed his own name. Why are you so down on Brad Wilson? After all, I heard he is sub-zining in your new zine. And you called Bob Osuch a fool to boot. Will you ever learn? Received your other article and will print it if the space allows. As for "Toots", I will try to help unconfuse him. Woody wrote it, and anything that Woody writes makes no sense, or nonsense. Got that now "Toots?"))

Dear John Caruso, Editor Whitestonia: ((from Mark Berch of Diplomacy Digest))

In #38, you said, "If you support hoaxes and fakes you support all" I don't agree. I believe that you can be selective, supporting some and not others. I enjoyed, for example, the Las Vegas Tournament Hoax, and the first hoaxes of VOD, BB, Passchendale, DD, Volkerwanderung and others. But by contrast I don't think that a hoax should mess with someone's games. That is, put out a no-games hoax issue, or use moves that are patently preposterous so no one is confused. I also think its poor form to hoax someone's zine when you are feuding with him, and the Bates hoax was in poor form as well. I might add that most of the major hoax-zines were clearly just that, in many cases explicitly saying so. I might add that I consider hoax issues to be a useful outlet for those who would like to publish occasionally before doing so regularly, or as a way of finding out if they enjoy it.

(( Even when you disagree with me, you still agree with me. You said exactly what I said last issue, only in different terms. I think the Bruce Linsey proposed bet is a dumb one, and if John Boardman takes BL up on it, he's no better than the other. You can't vote for hoaxes as fun or damaging when there are more than 1 type- simple as that. Some are fun, some hurt. Aside from the enjoyment some of us get from reading fakes, one that looks real can and probably will hurt or embarrass more people than it will make smiles. And as I said last issue, I agree with you Mark that the Bates hoax, and the ones done when feuding are in poor taste. ))

This is a special note, from me to those charitable souls that offered to put out W for me if my loss of job and lack of funds makes it impossible to do so myself. Thank you very much for the offer, but I have my job back, being senior man has its advantages. Only now I work on commission, so money may be tighter. I really appreciate the offer. Its nice to know I have such good friends. And no Woody, I still have enough money to take Kathy out, and yes Toots, I still flatter her, and buy her occasional flowers.

IF YOU THOUGHT BOB OSUCH WAS A JERK  
WAIT TILL YOU HEAR ABOUT JOHN MICHALSKI  
by Stephen G. Arnawoonian

I bet all of you liked my tale of 2 Osuch's. With that in mind, I thought I'd show you what this mindless arone knows about John Mih-al-skee.

As a human being, John isn't a bad guy, I mean he hates liberals, gays and Brad Wilson. But under the surface John is really a quiet, shy revolutionary. He is actually quiet liberal and quite simple. In diplomacy he is very gullible. I'm in a few games with him, and let me tell you, he is so dumb that I have successfully stabbed him in all the games, and now I'm writing to him telling him I'll pull off, and he's buying it. I'm gonna really clean his clock this time. I even managed to talk Luscious into stabbing John with me, and this was after John told me that "Luscious would never stab her one and only Toots." Hahahahahaha.

Have you ever read that poor excuse for a zine that "Toots" puts out? Its sort of a cross between Mad and The National Inquirer. There is more dirt in that rag than there is on a baseball field. And very little of it by John's own hand, as he doesn't have the imagination of a dead mule.

That reminds me, I have to running along. Fast Fingers and I have a new and better zine to put out. Its much better than these rags that the rest of you put out, and its cheaper. Its free to anyone who attacks Bruce Linsey, John Caruso, John Michalski, Bob Osuch or Southerners. Game fees are free with a subscription. Was that a good plug John? It was alot better than the one you gave me last issue. At least Kathy gave us a good plug. Now I know why I like her better than you, besides for her body.

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PROFILE: DEBBIE OSBORNE((what? another one?))

Hi! I'm 27 years old, 5feet tall, 100pounds, 34-26-34 ((every inch of too I might ada)), brown hair, blue eyes, glasses, married((shucks!!!)), with 1 child.

My gaming habit began quite innocently. A friend from college taught me to play a new game, "Dungeons and Dragons". I set up shop as a DM(time out for wedding and baby). The family DM, as others learned and friends played. Then my husband, while searching for rocket engines for his brothers birthday, ran across a shop that sold D&D stuff. My zerox copies were in bad shape, so I went to get the rulebooks. I complained to the man about my lack of victims and he told me where I could find the next meeting of the Metro Detroit Gamers.

I attended and discovered there were other games too! This led me to my 1st convention- MichiCon 9 1980. There I discovered the existence of the Detroit Gaming Center, where I promptly became a member.

One Sept eve, while waiting for someone to play D-Day with, a man named Glenn Overby asked if I'd like to play diplomacy. I hadn't heard of the game before, but I didn't have anything else going just then. I drew Italy, Glenn was Austria, and his mother, Jeri, was France. I headed for Denmark. I spent most of my time, supported by my allies places (both Jeri and Glenn). I lasted to a 4 way draw- F,I,A,R. As I sat reading the rules later, I discovered that you could play dip by mail- it said so right in the rules. I asked Glenn if he knew where, and I learned that he published a "zine" cevoted to PBM games. My 1st issue of Jihad arrived in Oct and my 1st dip gamestart was in Dec 1980.

Currently, I get 9 zines, have 16 gamesmasters/publishers, and have 27 games running with 2 gamestarts coming and 6 games waiting(maybe 9- three are kind of iffy). In addition to dip, I play Kingmaker, Stellar Conquest, En Garde, Magic Realm, Divine Right, Mighty Portress, Rail Baron, Wreck Voyage of Pandora, Nuclear War, Risk, Outdoor Survival, Midway, D-Day, WSIM, Source of the Nile, Wizards Quest, and lots of variants.

(( Thank you again, my Debbie, player at large. But which one was the real profile, this or the last?))

WHITESTONIA SURVEY

Here we are again for this annual survey. So take out your pens and pads and write back by next issue with your answers. Remember, this is your chance to participate in W, don't pass it up. Oh by the way, I even put this on the last page, for those who want to take it out and mail it back. Please number your answers.

- 1- What is the best part of Whitestonia?
- 2- What is the worse part of Whitestonia?
- 3- Should Whitestonia go back to 3 staples again?
- 4- Whose picture would you most like to see printed here?
- 5- What reader of Whitestonia should be "ROASTED" next?
- 6- What things would you like to see more of, or what new things would you like to see appear within these pages?
- 7- Should Gary and Elsie name their 1st child Elvis?
- 8- In your opinion, who is the sexiest reader of this zine?
- 9- Should Dick "Crud" Martin give Gary Coughlan, a full public apology for all the heart aches he's put Geary thru in the last year?
- 10- From all you've read and heard about the players here, who is the craziest player in a Whitestonia game?

These answers ought to be interesting. I remember last years so well. I received the sickest answers imaginable. To insure that your answers make the next issue, mail them back ASAP.

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Plague Times: Marion Bates Box 381 Kalkaska, Mich 49646 is back. We're all glad that Marion is OK. PT anniversary issue is coming up and it should be a very good one. Marion runs a variety of games from Dip to war games. Contact Marion for the fees, and send a SASE for a sample.

Before I sign off, I want to take this time to personally thank each one of you again who offered to help me out with W in my time of need. It was real nice of y'all. Its nice to know I have so many good friends that are ready, willing and able to help. Lets hope that the need never arrises where I will have to call on you. For now, W will come out on time, and hopefully, in its entirety.

One last thing, I truly am very pleased with my showing in this years NA Zine/GM poll. It only goes to show you, with enough people voting, anything is possible. I will continue to try to improve, and strive for excellence. Your acknowledgement makes it all worth while. I will always try to give y'all just what you want, when you want it, and at a quality you've come accustomed to receiving. There is always room for improvement, so please vote in my survey. You could be helping to make me better, and W more enjoyable. Now if only I could learn to type.....Take care

- Sub. Fee \$5.00 for 10 issues
- Dip Fee \$5.00 for all new games-- there will be no standbys. You hold your position until it is eliminated. No CD's either.
- WSIM Fee \$2.00 entered Heinowski, Horn(????)
- Mastermind no openings until this one ends.
- NB no openings
- Articles, Pictures, Profiles, Storys are all rewarded with extension to your sub. I have no more profiles, pictures or other various nonsense.
- All previously started dip games will still utilize the standby system.
- Stand by list: Carter, Mercer, Johnson, Martin, Grabar, Heinowski, Osborne
- And that list is alot uncertain. See you next month. Bye



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Sample

See Page #7 and  
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