

EPGS Heroics

Newsletter of The Eastern Pennsylvania Gaming Society

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EPGS meets from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM this Saturday, December 17th, in Oxford Valley Mall's Community Room. Subsequent meetings will be January 7th and 21st, and the first and third Saturdays each month of 2006.

The Wabbits Wampage through EuroQuest Again

For the second straight year *Wabbits Wevenge*, a team of EPGS members, won the team championship at the EuroQuest convention. Their results came from:

- Eric Freeman - 1st place Wild Card Tournament
- Barb Flaxington - 3rd place Wild Card Tournament
- Chris Moffa - 1st place *Goa* & 2nd place *Puerto Rico*



EPGS *Paydirt* League Standings

AFC Division

TEAM	COACH	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WIN %	Games Played	Games Behind	PF	PA	DIV Wins	DIV Losses	DIV Ties	Div %
San Diego	Alex	7	2	0	778	9	0	176	131	4	0	0	1000
Pittsburgh	Steve F.	5	2	0	714	7	2	99	69	3	1	0	750
Cincinnati	Chris	3	3	0	500	6	3	124	79	3	2	0	600
Buffalo	Keith	3	4	0	429	7	2	129	103	1	4	0	200
Indianapolis	Dave	0	5	0	0	5	4	55	148	0	4	0	0

NFC Division

TEAM	COACH	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WIN %	Games Played	Games Behind	PF	PA	DIV Wins	DIV Losses	DIV Ties	Div %
Philadelphia	Ken	4	1	0	800	5	0	111	89	2	0	0	1000
Seattle	Steve C.	3	2	0	600	5	0	109	100	2	1	0	667
NY Giants	Jim	2	2	0	500	4	1	75	54	1	1	0	500
Carolina	Larry	2	3	0	400	5	0	59	104	1	2	0	333
Minnesota	Mike	0	5	0	0	5	0	63	123	0	2	0	0

Anniversary Gaming

December 17th is the anniversary of the scuttling of the German cruiser *Graf Spee* at the outset of World War II in 1939. Boardgames about this incident have been published by 3rd Millennium, Tsukuda and Minden. And of course there is the famous story about the results of the battle having been foreshadowed by miniaturists using Fletcher Pratt's rules before the actual battle took place.

Numerous games exist about the 1944 Battle of the Bulge. Yeltsin's 1991 pronouncement of the demise of the Soviet Union can be commemorated by *Ideology* (Z-Man).

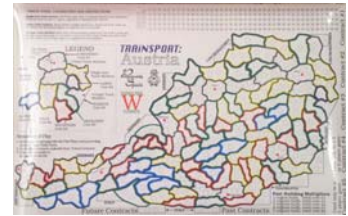
(Although this has nothing to do with gaming, your editor was pleased to see the Center City Strawbridges resume their *Christmas Carol* presentation after a lapse of five years.)



December 17th

- 1777 France recognized American independence from Britain
- 1843 Charles Dickens published *A Christmas Carol*
- 1862 Fed up with cotton speculators, Grant expelled Jews from his department. (Revoked by Lincoln.)
- 1903 Orville Wright flew 120 feet, aloft for 12 seconds, at Kill Devils Hill near Kitty Hawk N.C.
- 1908 Willard Libby born, inventor of Carbon-14 dating
- 1938 Italy denounced 1935 agreement with France (see January 7th 1935 entry)
- 1939 German “pocket battleship” *Graf Spee* scuttled
- 1940 Britain captured 38000 Italians in North Africa
- 1941 Rear Admiral and scapegoat Husband Kimmel relieved of his command for Pearl Harbor
- 1944 One day after start of what would be called Battle of the Bulge, U.S. began reinforcing Ardennes
- 1944 U.S. announced that Japanese internees could return to the west coast
- 1990 Jean-Bertrand Aristide won the first free election in Haiti
- 1991 Boris Yeltsin announced the Soviet Union would break up by year’s end

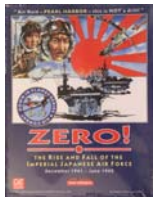
January 7th The 1745 birth of Montgolfier can be commemorated by the eponymous game published by Eurogames. That and *Balloon Cup* (Kosmos / Rio Grande) are appropriate for the 1785 balloon crossing of the English Channel. James Fisk’s murder can be commemorated by *1830* (Avalon Hill). The creation of Buck Rogers inspired the game *Buck Rogers – Battle for the 25th Century* (TSR). The best game I know of about Austria is *Trainsport: Austria* (Winsome).



January 7th

- 1745 Jacques Montgolfier born, inventor of hot air balloon
- 1782 Robert Morris founded Bank of North America, first commercial bank in United States
- 1785 First balloon crossing of the English Channel
- 1789 First U.S. election of presidential electors
- 1800 U.S. President Millard Fillmore born
- 1872 Railroad financier James Fisk murdered
- 1894 W.K.L. Dickson patented motion picture. Patent contained a 47 frame / 2 second film *The Sneeze*
- 1927 First transatlantic telephone calls. Five minutes for \$75
- 1929 Comic strip *Buck Rogers* started
- 1935 Franco-Italian agreement signed (see December 17th 1938 entry)
- 1945 British Field Marshall Montgomery claimed full credit for Allied victory in Battle of the Bulge
- 1946 Western powers recognized Austria with its 1937 boundary
- 1954 Picture-in-picture television first displayed
- 1979 Cambodian dictator Pol Pot deposed
- 1989 Japanese emperor Hirohito died

The Games We Played



This month we had a new champion, *Hive* having been played eight times. A close second was *Paydirt* with seven plays, with *Puerto Rico* third with five. Being played three times apiece was *Advanced Squad Leader*, *Cloud 9* and *Zero!*, and being played twice was *Amun-Re*, *Barbarossa to Berlin*, *Goa*, *Ingenious*, *Memoir '44* and *San Juan*. Will the new *Caylus* be next month’s leader?

Thanks to Rick Cambron, Steve Cameron and Jason Wagner for helping compile this information.

This month’s list is missing several publishers, as my assistants don’t track that information. Until now this hasn’t been a problem, as I have been able to use www.boardgamegeek.com to determine the publisher. Or, if there are multiple games with the same title, I have been able to make reasonable hypotheses, for instance this month that *Greed* was the Avalon Hill game. But this time there were three titles whose publisher is a complete mystery! *Ark*, *Himalaya* and *Intrigue* all baffled me! There are three reasonable games titled *Ark* and two *Himalayas*, *Intrigue*, on the other hand, had zero likely possibilities. If you can help improve our database, please email me the missing information at fhc2@hotmail.com. Thank you.

NEW	GAME	PUBLISHER	NOV 19	DEC 3
GP	<i>\$Greed</i>	TDC / Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Advanced Squad Leader</i>	Avalon Hill / Multi-Man	1	2
	<i>Alhambra</i>	Queen		1
	<i>Amun-Re</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	1
G	<i>Ark</i>	?		1
	<i>Attika</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Axis & Allies - Pacific</i>	Hasbro/Avalon	1	
	<i>Barbarossa to Berlin</i>	GMT	1	1
G	<i>Cloud 9</i>	Out of the Box	3	
G	<i>D-Day</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Elchfest</i>	Kosmos		1
	<i>Empire Builder</i>	Mayfair		1
	<i>Empire of the Sun</i>	GMT		1
	<i>Eurorails</i>	Mayfair	1	
	<i>Fall of France</i>	Games Research/Design	1	
G	<i>First World War, The</i>	Phalanx	1	
	<i>Fluxx</i>	Looney Labs / ICE / Amigo		1
	<i>Friedrich</i>	Histogram		1
	<i>Goa</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	1
	<i>Guillotine</i>	Wizards of the Coast	1	
	<i>Hammer of the Scots</i>	Columbia	1	
G	<i>Himalaya</i>	?		1
	<i>Hive</i>	Gen Four Two		8
	<i>Ingenious / Einfach Genial</i>	Kosmos / Fantasy Flight	1	1
G	<i>Intrigue</i>	?		1
	<i>Lightning: War on Terror</i>	Decision	1	
GP	<i>Lines of Action</i>	Hexagames		1
	<i>Mare Nostrum</i>	Eurogames/Descartes		1
	<i>Memoir '44</i>	Days of Wonder	2	
	<i>Napoleon</i>	Gamma Two / Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Nuclear War</i>	Nuclear War / Flying Buffalo	1	
	<i>Palladium</i>	Palladium Books		1
	<i>Paris Paris</i>	Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Paths of Glory</i>	GMT	1	
G	<i>Pickomino</i>	Zoch / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Pirate's Cove</i>	Days of Wonder	1	
	<i>Power Grid</i>	Rio Grande		1
	<i>Princes of Florence</i>	Alea / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	2	3
	<i>Ra</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	1	
G	<i>Republic of Rome</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Ricochet Robot</i>	Hans im Glück / Abacus / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>San Juan</i>	Alea / Rio Grande		2
	<i>Santiago</i>	Amigo		1
	<i>Shadows over Camelot</i>	Days of Wonder	1	
G	<i>Shogi (Japanese Chess)</i>	?		1
	<i>SI Pro Football / Paydirt</i>	Sports Illustrated / Avalon Hill	2	5
	<i>Silberzweg</i>	Queen		1
	<i>That's Life</i>	Ravensburger		1
	<i>The Big Idea</i>	Cheapass		1
G	<i>The Reef</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Tigris and Euphrates</i>	Hans im Glück / Mayfair	1	
	<i>Titan - The Arena</i>	Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Triumph of Chaos</i>	Clash of Arms		1
	<i>TurfMaster</i>	AZA	1	
	<i>Vinci</i>	Eurogames/Descartes	1	
	<i>Wellington</i>	GMT	1	
G	<i>Xiang-Qi (Chinese Chess)</i>	?		1
	<i>Zero!</i>	GMT	3	
13/2	TOTAL	-----	32/39	34/49

G = New Game

GP = New Game and Publisher

Military Games are Red

Railroad games are Blue

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