

# THE GRUMBLER

The Official Newsletter of G.N.H.W.S – April 2002



## Membership on the rise!



Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Group North newsletter. This newsletter is for the members of the society and please don't be afraid to contribute articles.

Please if you have any suggestions bring them to the committee who will be more than happy to discuss with you and take on board.

Cheers,

The Editor.

**Welcomes.**

We are pleased to welcome another of soul to our group:

Marc Fairhead

Great to have you guys with us and good gaming!

This brings membership to 24, which is great.

Growth is good and since Group North has moved to Penfield, we have seen a boom in membership!!

Simply sensational! There has been many visitors down gaming with us and we can only hope that they to join us.

### Club Diary

The DBM Competition has been placed on hold until the later half of the year as there is simply too much going on right now.

A Napoleonic gaming weekend is being organised, by a few members. Currently one battle will be Leiberkowitz – The Great Cavalry battle of 1813.

There is a plan for another. For further information see Paul Edgar.

There is even another weekend in the rumour mill for June so stay tuned.

### Shako Competition

The Shako Competition has entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, be it an extended one. At the end of round 2, and relatively unknown player to Shako has charged out of the darkness. Martin Foreman has swept al before him and scored some big points.

Round 2

1<sup>st</sup> – Martin Foreman

2<sup>nd</sup> – Heinz Schroeder

3<sup>rd</sup> – Greg Small

So far for round 3, Martin has beaten Greg in a close match, but the big move was the 184 points win by Dave Knowles over Terry Whitelaw, taking Dave to 372 points and a handy lead.

Their game was slighted different from those thus far as they used the army list from the rear of the Shako rulebook to make 100 point armies. So, 1806 French vs Saxons. There was no guard infantry on the tabletop for a change.

### Library

The library recently had come into a full catalog of Osprey's and this is being researched to find suitable books to purchase for the club.

If any members have any suggestions as to what they would like to see on the shelves please see.

Paul Edgar

### **Web Pages**

Continued work and uploading of more pictures has been done. The recent DBM historical re-fight of Philip of Macedon against the Athenians is up there.

The website is growing, so much so that it tipped the 20MB limit by the ISP. Thus some pages went AWOL and some quick work done on the large images on the site.

### **DBM Challenge Ladder**

Just a quick reminder, the ladder is due to finish in June. So if you have not played the required 8 games then you had better hurry as only those have will be considered for the Ladder Championship. Currently Martin Foreman is the only one to complete 8 games.

There is a plan afoot for a nice new trophy to adorn the clubrooms for this purpose.

### **Campaign Season**

The season has begun, currently 2 campaigns are running and another is coming.

Currently we have a WW2 Naval based on the Cape of Matapan action of 1941. Thus far it's been bloody with the British losing an entire cruiser squadron and at the same time putting some Italian cruisers out of action.

It's still in the balance as the British have their naval air support in bound.

Now the other is a DBM/R hybrid. Norm Asquith's little brain child. We are playing Renaissance but with some mods to DBM rules.

A 4-player campaign is set to begin on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. Could be fun and should be fun.

Ross Dawe is also planning a campaign, I think using Armati rules, so stay tuned for more information.

### **Anniversary Port**

The Anniversary Port will soon become available for purchase and drinking. It will sell for \$15 per bottle.

We have purchased 100 bottles and wish to sell them as quickly as possible.

We will be looking for volunteers to take a few to work or anywhere else you may be able to sell some for us.

It a pretty nice drop too!

### **Australian Bid for the DBM IWF Titles**

The DBM World titles were held in Durban, South Africa this year, but unfortunately not many Aussies went.

The Society of Australian Ancient Wargames (SAAW) has put in a bid to host the 2003 championship. The results are still not known as the vote to decide the location for the next event was not decided. This was mainly due to the attendance, being only UK and SAF players.

A postal vote I believe is coming. We have an outside chance, but feel that it will go back to the UK. In which case the SAAW will again bid to host the 2004 event.