

THE GRUMBLER

The Official Newsletter of G.N.H.W.S – October 2001



Welcome to the New Newsletter



Welcome to the 1st issue of the Group North newsletter since the move to new premises. This newsletter is for the members of the society and please don't be afraid to contribute articles.

This newsletter will do it's best to keep it's head above water and produce bi-monthly issues.

On behalf of the President and the Committee, I would like to welcome one and all to the Society's new home. It is by far the best premises the club has had for many years and will be what we make of it. With your support we can make this place great!

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 soul to our group:

Harry Dunn

Pleased to have you amongst us Harry, and we look forward to rolling the dice with you.

DBM Competition – Companion 2001

Well another instalment for the DBM fanatics amongst us has nearly past. This year saw 10 competitors vie for the title of 'Club Champion' and knock Ross Dawe's Chinese off the top.

Round 1 saw Harry Dunn and his Carthaginians took an early lead and this continued into round 2. Harry is playing well and was outright leader at the end of this round.

Round 3 saw a brief changing of the lead to Dave Knowles and his Patrician Romans after defeating Harry's men of Carthage. Chris Young after a shaky 1st round had a couple of blinders picking up a pair of 10 – 0 victories.

Thus round 4 came, with Martin and Harry fighting it out. Harry, desperate to stay in the top 3, needed a draw at worst. For something different they had a river across the table and this made it hard for Martin to attack, but attack he did, be it over two separate areas. This probably saved Harry's bacon. Even though 'Shotgun' Foreman had the upper hand, it ended in a draw.

Norm and Simon played off, Norm needing a big win to crack into the top 3. The odds went with Norm, but a tough opponent Simon is and the Ghurids fought hard and that big command of pike kept them alive, another draw.

Now Ross and Paul E played off, the battle of the Chinese, after we ran out of Romans. A very interesting match, I spotted Paul sweating it out some, but it only takes a few bad die rolls for the tables to turn and it did. Paul defeated Ross's Tang's 10 – 0. A big upset!!!

Chris and Dave played off for the championship. It was a close run affair, but finally Chris broke Dave's C-in-C command, though Dave made a late run at Chris's centre with his knights and missed out by 2 elements on busting the entire Egyptian army open.

Chris took the championship! Congratulations.

Placings.

1 st	Chris Young
2 nd	Harry Dunn
3 rd	Dave Knowles
4 th	Paul Edgar
5 th	tba
6 th	tba
7 th	tba
8 th	tba
9 th	tba
10 th	tba

The top 3 both receive a trophy and a discount voucher from Military Hobbies.

Best presented Army, goes to Ross Dawe for his wonderfully painted Ghurid army. A discount voucher for Ross.

Headhunter Award for most Generals elements eliminated, TBA.

'They died gloriously' award, for the player who lost the most elements eliminated, TBA.

'The Terminator' award, for the player who eliminates the most elements, goes to Martin Foreman. A discount voucher for him too.

We are yet to finalise the results with 1 game outstanding. This result could impact as high as 5th.

Challenge Ladders

The challenge ladders have returned from the dead after some many years, one cannot recall when last the WW1 Air ladder breathed?

First off the rails is the DBM challenge ladder and shortly the Shako one will follow.
See the noticeboard for details.

Membership Fees.

Okay for those who don't already know or have not paid, you have until October 31st to pay the piper. It's only \$50.00 so please see Dave or Terry.

Please remember that the onus is on you to pay, not them to chase you down.

If you have not paid before this date, then you will need to pay before you access to society for anything after this date.

Bylaws of the Society.

The committee has been discussing Bylaws for the society or rather the lack of them. Thus to this end they have banged there collective heads together and came up with a few.

Bylaws will be placed on the noticeboard for all to read.

Wargames Weekend.

Finally a date has been decided and the muster commences for troops. Strangely we have found more than enough to cover the battle. Oh and for those who are not aware of which battle we are doing this year, is Gettysburg.

The re-fight will be held in the Barossa Valley, in the sleepy township of Lyndoch at Dave's place of residence.

There is a small cost involved and that is \$15.00/head to cover food for the hungry generals. Accommodation is being discussed and we may hire a cabin for peoples

See Dave and Terry for details.

Members Survey

The club is currently conducting a survey of members to gather feedback on the club's operations and future events.

A summary of the survey will be provided to the committee shortly. Most members should have completed their survey by now. If you haven't seen your survey, or have some further comments then catch up with Paul Edgar.

Club Diary

24 October 2001 – Presentation of DBM Tournament trophies

TBA – Club Weekend – Gettysburg re-enactment (located at Lyndoch)