

# *The Grumbler*

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



## Group North, Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> <sup>issue</sup> of the Group North newsletter. This newsletter is for the members of the society and please don't be afraid to contribute articles.

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition for 2002 and from appearances everyone is back and rolling them dice.

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.

This year sees our club turn 30, a milestone for any club. Group North is perhaps the oldest society in Australia? Are we? Can anyone tell me? Actually some other clubs are pretty close to us in age. Our brothers across the border in Perth are 29 years old and Nunawading is celebrating 25 years.

Many things are planned and soon they will be appearing, so stay tuned. In fact I can smell it, the Anniversary Port is coming and it's guaranteed to be better than the previous Battle Series run of many moons ago.

I'd also like to thank Paul Edgar for his CANCON 2002 article, hopefully the first of many. Does it make anyone else want to put pen to paper?

Cheers,

The Editor.

**Welcomes.**

We are pleased to welcome another batch of souls to our group:  
Marcus Tregenza

Chris Jones  
Mike Allen  
Chris Mushan

Great to have you guys with us and good gaming!

This brings membership to 23, which is great.

### **Club Diary**

Shako Competition has commenced!

DBM Competition is in the pipe and due around April, Companion 2002.

### **CANCON 2002**

Australia Day 2002, and Group North made a concerted assault on Cancon, the traditional national games convention in Canberra. A total of 9 Group North members, past members and friends travelled to Sunny Canberra to play in the DBM competition and to watch the goings on.

For those who haven't been, Cancon provides a smorgasbord of DBM, DBR, Warhammer, board games, networked computer games, role-playing and trade stands. It was good to be able to compare the figures and products first hand. It was also nice to meet Mick Sellman, from Mick's Metal Models who has been a consistent club sponsor.

This is the first year that the Ancients competitions (DBM, DBR and WRG 7<sup>th</sup> edition) have been hosted by the newly established Society of Australian Ancient Wargamers. The inaugural AGM for the SAAW was held on the Saturday evening, and covered the proposed constitution, agreement to bid for the International Ancient

Wargaming championships for 2004 and moves to associate with the British Historical Gaming Society. David Knowles and Paul Edgar as South Australian representatives on the SAAW committee for the next year.

In terms of the gaming, the DBM tournament was based on 375-point armies. Six rounds were played, the initial match-ups being made on the year of your selected army list, and subsequent rounds being determined using the 'Swiss Chess' format. Time limit was 3.5 hours plus a random additional time up to 30 minutes (including set up time).

There were 99 entrants in the DBM contest, and overall the competition and atmosphere was great. There was a range of well painted and presented armies, including some lovely Beja (Arabs) and New Kingdom Egyptians. In addition the trophies organised by the SAAW were simply stunning. After hours entertainment included sessions with the Perth and Nunawading club members.

Overall scores for the South Australians were:

<i>Placing</i>		<i>Points</i>	<i>Win/Draw/Loss</i>
40 <sup>th</sup>	Ross Dawe	32pts	2/2/2
63 <sup>rd</sup>	David Knowles	27pts	3/-/3
70 <sup>th</sup>	Norm Asquith	22pts	2/1/3
71 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Edgar	22pts	1/2/3
72 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Grant	21pts	1/2/3
77 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Marshallsay	21pts	2/-/4
81 <sup>st</sup>	Harry Dunn	20pts	2/-/4

On a final note – highlights of the tournament David Knowles' LH(F) cleaning up an elephant C-in-C (!), with his opponent taunting him to do it, wonders who's laughing now?  
Or Michael Grant's Ps(I) pushing back a Knight C-in-C into a Waterway (!), sink or swim? Glug..

The State Team results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	NSW
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ACT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	WA
4 <sup>th</sup>	VIC
5 <sup>th</sup>	QLD
6 <sup>th</sup>	SA

The winners of CANCON were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Troy Adlington	Beja
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Card	Mtn Indian
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig McCarty	Middle Assyrian

Cheers,

Paul Edgar

### **Shako Competition**

The gray hairs are starting to show and Heinz our man in the bicorne madly adjudicates this competition. The 1<sup>st</sup> round has been completed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> round draw will soon be announced.

It seems that Guard Infantry are the pick of the day. Reports from the battlefield have shown the worth of these gritty workhorses. So all beware in this light everyone will probably be rolling out the Guard, Aaaargh!!!

Best thing about the competition to date must be the trophies!! Sensational. Thanks to Steve Wold for a great job on them.

### **Library**

Hmmm!! Well late last year it was requested that members return any and all outstanding books out on loan, but this seems to have fallen on deaf ears. The Committee will be chasing down outstanding loans, this is to help us re-conciliate our library.

This also gives our Committee the chance to see what areas, especially within the Osprey series we lack and thus can provide for in the immediate future.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Acting Librarian

### **Web Pages**

Dave has done some updates recently to reflect the club's Anniversary, but he has mentioned that he would be very appreciative of any members help in improving or giving him things to place upon the website. See Dave.

Also a major refurbishment is underway, so watch for some major new works.