

THE GRUMBLER

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



The Christmas Grumbler



Welcome to the 2nd issue of the Group North newsletter. This newsletter is for the members of the society and please don't be afraid to contribute articles.

Well Christmas approaches and that large fellow in red will be paying many households a visit shortly. I wonder if a sleigh carpet bomb?

This year has certainly been an interesting one to say the least and I am sure many are breathing a sigh of relief and climbing out of their trenches and looking forward to a bright future.

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.

On behalf of the staff of 'The Grumbler' we would like to wish everyone and their families and Merry Xmas and very Happy New Year.

Cheers,

The Editor.

Welcomes.

We are pleased to welcome back another couple of souls to our group:

Darren Percival
Steve Wold

May your gaming dice be with you!

Presidents Report

Now the dust has settled it's time for the President to report on progress to date.

Penfield is turning out to be a much better venue than I had anticipated and thus the President is smiling.

The spacious surrounds easily accommodate our club's needs and should handle the clubs future growth, as we have already had a small influx of new members. The atmosphere is friendly and the motivation levels are on the rise.

Competitions have encouraged growth and an opportunity for people to improve their tactics and learn from others. Of course I'm defending my standing in the DBM Comp as champion of the wooden spoon. There has been some interest in a Shako competition and looks like beginning in the new year. All very good to see.

Gettysburg, was a biggy! It was a great weekend and the Johnny Rebs kicked the Blue Bellies back to Washington. This game is testimony to current impetuous within the club towards gaming in general.

Again I would like to thank all the members for their support over the last few months and also my fellow committee members. The future is what we will make it and it's certainly looking rosy.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Xmas picnic on the 16th of this month, which is a long awaited social function for the club. There will be more!

There is are plan for a small working bee over the Xmas break to do some housekeeping, so I will be prowling the club looking for volunteers to help out.

Also, a thank you to the guys you have put together 'The Grumbler', it is a great piece of work and should suit our needs well.

In closing I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Xmas and New Year. Have a great break and play it safe.

Greg Small
President

Challenge Ladders

The DBM Challenge ladder is in full swing with many games having been played all ready. The average amount of DBM'ing is around 3 games a week, which is great to see.

Everyone is getting in a lot of practise for CANCON. Speaking of CANCON, looks like quite a few members are making the migration to the east. Notably, Ross, Norm, Harry, Dave, Paul E and Terry, look like making the trip to give the Crow-eaters some representations. Good luck fella's and safe journey.

Wargames Weekend.

What a blast it was!! This was game was outstanding to say the least. This weekend was this year held in the lovely Barossa Valley at the home of one of our members.

The work that went into this affair was considerable to say the least. The scenery was hand made by Dave and Terry. Great work guys!

To give you a snap shot of the scenery, we had over 35 feet worth of hills, mostly long sweeping ridges and all painted and flocked. Beautiful...

The gaming table was 14' by 6'. The wheat fields, ploughed fields etc, some kind of fur and a heap of different coloured artificial-turf was used to portray these features

The weekend for those that played or visited was super.

The battle commenced on Friday evening and finished early Sunday morning. It was a great game and with nearly 3000 miniatures involved. Victory goes to General Lee and his commanders, the Union put a spirited defence but it was for nought.

Union casualties where very high, nearly 50% of the army. The Confederates captured the Peach Orchard, Gettysburg and half of Cemetery ridge starting at the Cemetery Gates.

Culp's Hill stood as a bastion of Union grit, and though nearly surrounded would not let go.

On behalf of all that attend I would like to thanks all those who attended to make it a great weekend and Dave and Terry for their efforts. Thanks to Heinz and Greg for scratch building the Cemetery gate, College and Lutheran Seminary. Lastly thanks to Dave's wife Marianne for opening up her house to the lads.

Club Diary

16 December 2001 – Club Xmas Picnic. See Greg for details.

TBA – Battle of the Pyramids, 1798. See Paul Edgar for details. This is the first game for our 30th Anniversary

Group North's - 30th Anniversary.

Next year will see our great club turns 30! There will be much celebration.

Throughout 2002 the club intends to run at least 4 events. These will probably be Open Days, with a big, big game being played, historical battles that are also having an anniversary.

Paul E has kindly offered to project manage the affair. So if you have any ideas or be wanting information, please see Paul.

Club Trivia.

Who has acquired a taste for Watermelon and Vodka UDL's?

Who managed to drive his car directly into a retaining wall at the Wargames Weekend? See question one for the answer.