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Songs of Drums and Shaks – Napoleonic Skirmish

President's Column

By CMH President Doug Wilfong

I have just become President of CMH for maybe the 5th or 6th time. Having said that, I think the club is faced with many ongoing challenges. One consistently ongoing challenge is that of membership and dues. Once again you will be hearing the call to get your dues paid. it is boring for all and a necessary part of the club doing business. How about taking care of it early this year as opposed to later.

I have had several contacts from members with concerns in several areas and new information about events we could have and support. Our regular meetings and two game fest weekends will of course be on the calendar. We may also have an opportunity to partner with a local museum for historical presentations and events. This is going to need one or more of the membership to husband and committee any effort here. You will likely hear a call for volunteers on this area. A couple of members have also inquired about "Themes" and I had put out a message asking for feedback. I received none and now do not know what

that is supposed to mean. I would like to see us get out of the 'general apathy' arena. I was also asked if it was a problem to here about the background of historical dates and years during meetings. This is the very foundation of the club back in 1965 and a meaningful part of the reason we meet. I for one, hope the information continues to be talked about. Based on those references, I will be putting together several 1812 naval scenarios this year and hope others will do several of the land battles. Thanks to John Brown, we continue to see the "DBA Throw down" with Colorado Springs Gamers happening and continuing. Also thanks to Greg Skelly for contributing a location for regular FNF in addition to the one Baker FNF each month. There was some chatter about other FNF nights being sponsored. I hope that happens for games in other corners of the city.

Please feel free to share ideas you may have to assist me and the board to provide a good gaming year and one still in touch with our roots in historical knowledge and research.

CMH President,
Doug Wildfong



Dan checks some DBA rules

CMH Summer News
Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin

We're in the thick of the summer convention season with several members making the annual trek to Historicon and our own local Tacticon coming up at the end of August. Several CMH members are hosting games at Tacticon and it would be greatly appreciated if we could show our support to our members, the historical gaming community and the local cons. This month I have articles from Doug Wilfong and John Brown. I am always looking for additional material for the newsletter.



Jim sets up his army

Vigil Dominates DBx Smack Down!
Fryer, Irons and Rold Score Big Wins!

Article by CMH Member John S. Brown

After a prolonged year of lamentation and self-examination, the Colorado Military Historians at long last got the opportunity to avenge last years' DBx Smack Down defeat at the hands of the Colorado Springs Gamers Association. The setting was High Noon on 28 July at CollectorMania, a splendid and well-appointed gaming and comics shop in Parker, Colorado. The ancient and medieval armies poured out onto their respective battlefields in grim array. Stroke and counter-stroke struggled fiercely amidst the din. When the dust had settled and results were in, the Chroniclers recounted that:

In DBA 2.2 Book I Competition, Roy Hayes of CSGA with New Kingdom Egyptians smote Terry Shockey of CMH with Mycenaeans 43 to 16.

In DBA 2.2 Book II Competition, Larry Irons of CMH with Tamils smote Bernie Santucci of CSGA with Graeco-Bactrians 35 to 5.

In DBA 2.2 Book III Competition, Matt Vigil of CMH with East Franks smote Doug Mudd of CSGA with Nikephorian Byzantines 39 to 1.

In DBA 2.2 Book IV Competition, Rob Scholtz of CSGA with Teutonic Knights smote Jim Rairdon of CMH with Imperial Germans 36 to 4.

In HOTT Competition, Greg Rold of CMH with Orcs and Elves smote Doug Rains of CSGA with Trolls and Men 31 to 9.

In DBM 3.1 Competition, Dick Fikes of CSGA with Desert Blemmye smote Pat Harvey of CMH with Late Imperial Romans 35 to 15.

In BBDBA 2.2 Competition, Tony Fryer and John Brown of CMH with Late Imperial Romans and Desert Nomads smote Art Hayes of CSGA with Late Imperial Romans and Alans 48 to 2.

Overall team scores totaled 178 for CMH (winning 4 events) and 130 for CSGA (winning 3 events). At long last hard-fought victory gave CMH the vengeance it so richly deserved! The barbarians from south of Castle Rock had been turned back at the very gates of Civilization! As a parting shot, a devastated but still defiant Rob Scholtz vowed CSGA would extract vengeance of its own next year. CMH's un-intimidated response is *Adduct eam!* This roughly translates to "Bring it on!"

With respect to individual awards, Art Hayes of CSGA won the much-feared Pink Dice Award – his luck wasn't just bad, it was spectacularly bad! He did have competition for the Pink Dice from Greg Rold and Pat Harvey, but in a roll-off rolled a 1 to their 5's – it figures! Roy Hayes of CSGA had the lead for ancients and Matt Vigil of CMH the lead for medievals, winning an appropriate DVD each. Dick Fikes' win in DBM 3.1 won him a copy of the rules for DBMM2 – the next step up in war-gaming complexity. Greg Rold, amidst disparaging banter, won the DVD *Princess Bride* for his HOTT performance. Matt Vigil was applauded as the most valuable player. Not only did he score highest, he did so while standing in for Doug Wildfong with three minutes notice. Doug had to go the hospital unexpectedly. Fortunately his condition proved not to be serious, and he was able to rejoin us before the Smack Down was over.

Kudos go to the barbarous Doug Rains for organizing the CSGA half of the event, to Chris and Eric of CollectorMania and their parents for having been such gracious hosts, and to Jim Rairdon for having served so ably as Quartermaster General for the Smack Down. Jim provided superlative home-made sausage with appropriate Teutonic fixings while coordinating the further donations of German rye bread by Larry Irons, German potato salad by John Brown (actually Mary Beth) and delectable cookies by Terry Shockey (actually Anita). The German theme fit in with the number of Teutonic armies in play!

The next big DBx event is to be the DBA 3.0 Tournament at Tacticon on 2 September. Play will run from 0900 to 1600. As this is to be the maiden voyage of the new and exciting DBA 3.0 rules in Denver, we will begin with a tutorial discussing changes in the rules between DBA 2.2 and DBA 3.0. Don't miss it! Be the first on your block to master this new and exciting version of the game! For questions, rules or army lists, contact John Brown at jsandmbrown@msn.com.



John and Tony prepare for Big Battle DBA

July Monthly Meeting Unit of the Month

Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month.

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Unit
No entries this month			

Unit of the Month Winner is highlighted in RED.



World domination through Risk

July Monthly Meeting Game of the Month

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host.

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Jeff Caruso	25mm	Napoleonics	Song of Drums and Shakos	Nap. Skirmish
Bill Daniel	10mm	Napoleonics	Risk	Risk
John Brown	15mm	Ancients	DBX	DBX/HOTT Tuneup

Game of the Month Winner is highlighted in **RED**.



Napoleonic Skirmishers enter town

CMH August Scheduled Events

This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

Date	Meeting	Location	Start Time	End Time
August 3	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
August 10	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
August 12	MM	Baker	12:00pm	5:00pm
August 17	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
August 24	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
August 30	Tacticon	Red Lion Hotel, Aurora	6:00 pm	12:00 am
August 31	Tacticon	Red Lion Hotel, Aurora	8:00 am	12:00 am
September 1	Tacticon	Red Lion Hotel, Aurora	8:00 am	12:00 am
September 2	Tacticon	Red Lion Hotel, Aurora	8:00 am	6:00 pm

Contact Greg Skelly (gskelly@comcast.net) if you would like to attend and to get directions to his house.



A critical moment of the battle



Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. One Friday of the month will be held at the Baker Community Center. The other Friday meetings will be held at a future determined location. See website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers serving on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms of office are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$35.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

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