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Medieval Warfare – Battle of Durrzo

CMH – A New Year

*Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

The New Year is upon and with it comes a new year of responsibility and possibilities. Membership dues for 2013 are due this month. The dues rate is the same as last year - \$35 for adults, \$20 for students or \$35 for a family. Please send your dues to the Treasurer (Larry Irons) or any Board member. Paid members will receive the 2013 schwag of 4 green CMH dice, available at the March meeting.

We have submitted our schedule for 2013 to Hyland Hills and are awaiting the final contract. Tentatively we have 12 Sundays, 12 Fridays and 2 Saturdays this year. Some FNF's will be held at Kevin Dykman's

office: 8120 Sheridan Blvd, Building-C, Suite-200, Westminster, CO 80003. Dates TBD. It has also been proposed for non-Baker Friday nights to officially host games at various local game stores. If you are interested in hosting a game, please contact Doug Wilfong. Due to the unavailability of the usual May weekend, West Wars has been rescheduled for a weekend in July.

John Mumby has noted that the club has several veterans within its ranks. If you are interested in speaking about your experience at a monthly meeting or writing a short article, please contact me to schedule a time or submit your article.

Thanks to John Brown for his submission on BBDBA at Ghengis Con and thanks also to Eric Elder for the accompanying pictures.

Ghengis Con 2013

Several club members ran and participated in events at Ghengis Con. Their wargaming blog entries can be found at:

<http://laststanddan.blogspot.com/>

<http://elderswargaming.blogspot.com/2013/02/genghis-con-2013-saturday.html>

<http://elderswargaming.blogspot.com/2013/02/genghis-con-2013-sunday.html>



Big Battle DBA 3.0 at Ghengis Con (photos by Eric Elder)

Mudd, Rains and Rold Dominate Genghis Con BBDBA 3.0 Tournament

Article by CMH Member John S. Brown

Over a year in the making, Big Battle *De Bellis Antiquitatis* 3.0 made its Front Range tournament debut at Genghis Con on 17 March. Phil Barker and his world-wide tribe of play testers are, after heroic efforts, on the cusp of going final with DBA 3.0. Since Tacticon last fall, the rules themselves have been only a few tweaks shy of being ready for publication. The remaining delay in publication has far more to do with the extraordinary research being invested in revising all the army lists rather than with the rules *per se*. Allowing the use of either DBA 2.2 army lists or various draft DBA 3.0 lists posted by Sue Barker on the web, CMH and CSGA enjoyed very satisfactory DBA 3.0 tournaments at Tacticon and West Wars. The time had come to go larger!

The BBDBA 3.0 battlefields were awesome to behold. In grim array one found Art Hayes' Numidians with a Roman ally, Brent Sustaita's Feudal Spanish, Doug Mudd's Marian Romans, Doug Rains' Ptolemaics, Greg Rold's Thracians with a Greek ally, John Brown's Seleucids with a Parthian ally, Matt Vigil's Late Imperial Romans, Robert Scholtz's Teutonic Knights, Roy Hayes' Carthaginians, and Terry Shockey's Carolingians with a Serbian ally. Battle was close fought and fierce, with all parties involved putting in splendid performances. When the dust settled Brown's Seleucids appeared to be in the lead with 36 points, but they were disqualified for playing with six dice rather than three, and for having naked women in their camp in a public setting. This propelled Mudd's Marians to the top of the heap with 35 points. Rains' Ptolemaics were a close second with 31 points, and Rold's Thracians a tight third with 30. Art Hayes, with 29 points, earned the prize for the highest scoring Book I-II player (who had not already placed).

The infamous Pink Dice Award went to Roy Hayes, but not without close competition from Robert Scholtz. We believe Roy now has the record for rolling the most ones in a single game, although such claims are never provable. Scholtz seems to have exhausted his inventory of ones for the year as well. Interestingly enough, a Rules Confabulation Award went unclaimed. We fully expected, given the scale of the game and the newness of the rules, some player to experience a fantastic disconnect between rules he remembered and the rules as actually written. Surely someone would forget that blades destroy knights on equals, or that 1mm of recoil room is as good as a foot (that turn). Amazingly, the several umpired calls required proved un-contentious, and no one experienced such a dramatic lapse. The prize, a game of *Battleship* noteworthy for its lack of complexity, awaits award at a later time.

The rules used for the tournament were posted to the internet on 28 November 2012, so everybody had had a chance to play them several times. The only subsequent tweaks are a provision that elements fleeing over a side edge instead turn at the edge and flee towards their own rear, and a stipulation that light horse get rear support to simulate rolling in in train to deliver archery fire. Both proved popular. We imposed an interpretation that residual frontal contact not meeting "legal" requirements would be characterized as being in a Threat Zone rather than being in contact. This worked well, although Phil's final clarifications may change it. We have found that a provision counting an element attacked while "edge sitting" as overlapped has undesirable effects. As a house rule we excused cavalry, light horse, auxilia in rough or difficult terrain, and psiloi in rough or difficult terrain from the provision. This satisfied everybody.

CMH and CSGA have played variants of DBA 3.0 for over a year, and have played the current version for three months. Recurrent surveys have demonstrated high levels of satisfaction. Even better, Phil has addressed problem areas identified in play testing and survey over time through repeated

revisions. Indeed, everything we were howling about a year or six months ago seems fixed. Mere tweaks remain. We heartily look forward to the ultimate dispatch of the army lists and the expedient publication of the whole DBA 3.0 ensemble. Until then, we'll go with what we've got. The next big outing for DBx will be the Summer Smack Down pitting CMH against CSGA. Events will include DBA 3.0 Book I, DBA 3.0 Book II, DBA 3.0 Book III, DBA 3.0 Book IV, BBDBA 3.0, DBMM2, and DBN. CSGA won in 2011 and CMH in 2012, so this summer will be a tie breaker! Beyond the Smack Down, we again plan a DBA 3.0 Tournament at Tacticon.
 For questions or comments, contact John S. Brown at jsandmbrown@msn.com.



Unit of the Month entry – 6mm ACW artillery and orchards

February 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	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Hinchcliff	Ancients	Roman Velites
Steve Schultz	6mm	Irregular/ Heroics & Ross	ACW	CSA Artillery
	6mm	Scratchbuilt	ACW	Orchards
Greg Skelly	28mm	Foundry	Ancients	Late Romans

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



Unit of the Month entry – Roman Velites and Late Romans



Unit of the Month entry – Late Roman infantry and Cavalry

February 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
Larry Irons / Doug Wildfong	28mm	Medieval	Medieval Warfare	Battle of Durrzo
Steve Schultz	6mm	ACW	Battle Cry (modified)	Various Scenarios
John Brown	15mm	Ancients	BBDBA 3.0	Misc Matchups

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



Games at the Monthly meeting – BBDBA 3.0

CMH March 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
March 1	FNF	TBD	TBD
March 8	FNF	TBD	TBD
March 10	Monthly Meeting	Baker	Noon
March 15	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm
March 22	FNF	TBD	TBD
March 29	FNF	TBD	TBD
April 5	FNF	TBD	TBD
April 12	FNF	TBD	TBD
April 14	Monthly Meeting	Baker	Noon

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur this month due to a lack of a scheduled host. Some FNF's may be held at the office of Kevin Dykman:

8120 Sheridan Blvd.
 Building-C Suite-200
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American Civil War and Zombies!



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 who serve 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.

One year Adult Membership: \$35.00

Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00

(For NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$35.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)

Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)

Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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