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News and Views

*Message from CMH Secretary
Eric Elder*

The Board had a meeting on May 15 to discuss a variety of topics which can be found on our Groups.io page files section. We decided to move forward with a Maroon polo shirt with our logo on it, similar to what we have ordered for the club in the past. We also have a poll up on our Groups.io and Facebook page for what dice members would be interested in. Nate will close the polling soon. A Hobby Town Westmister club gaming event we were planning on having in June is postponed to a later date, maybe in August. At our last monthly meeting in May we voted in the same slate of Board Members as last year.



We recently had our West Wars convention which was well attended. I was surprised by the lower number of hosted games, but it sounded like everyone had a good time. I missed Saturday and heard we had an attendance of 20 people and had 25 on the Sunday. There was plenty to trade/buy at our Sunday Swap. Overall, another successful West Wars convention.

It sounds like Dave Manley has a Pirate campaign planned for the summer on Friday nights and monthly meetings. Details of the plan can be found in this newsletter. Also, Richard Kasten has provided a Hoey River battle report. Please keep the articles flowing my way.



May

Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Hobbytown Westminster



Each month, at the monthly meeting, CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Jim Rairdon	6mm	Total Battle Miniatures	Napoleonic	La Haye Sainte
Jim Rairdon	15mm	Kharason Miniatures	Fantasy	Mummies
Dave Manley	28mm	Bolt Action	WWII	M18s, M10, Puma
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Old Glory	Colonial	11 th Hussar
DOUG WILDFONG	28mm	Old Glory	Ancient	Carthaginian Noble Cav
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Old Glory	Napoleonic	Spanish Militia
Nate Torte	28mm	Scratch Built	WWII	UBoat Class IVB

Winner in RED

Historic Location of the Month

Portobelo, Panama

At the port of Portobelo, Military fortifications were built from 1600 to 1753 to protect port. In 1668, the Welsh Buccaneer Sir Henry Morgan attacked Portobelo, using ladders wide enough to carry 3 men abreast to scale the walls of the fortifications. For a month the pirates occupied the city, but no substantial damage to the defensive structures was reported. In 1688 English Pirate Bartholomew Sharp and French buccaneer La Sound attacked the fortifications and caused different degrees of damage.



Summer of Plunder for Pirates!

Campaign Announcement By CMH Member

Dave Manley

Firelock Games and their affiliated organization “Blood and Pigment” are running another summer long New World Campaign between North American and Caribbean Natives, English, French, Spanish, Dutch and Pirate factions. There is an opportunity to win prizes based upon the number of games you play. You will be helping your “faction” win the overall campaign. To learn more, go to the Blood and Pigment Facebook page for all the contest details.

Since this campaign will give club members an opportunity to build relevant forces and put them on the table, I will be running games at Hobby Town on Friday nights and at the club meetings during the summer. The campaign starts June 4th with weekly suggested scenarios. The first week is small force actions called “Scouting Parties.” Players put together forces of 50 points, so it’s good for new players. Each player might even get in a couple games since the forces are so small!



At the club meeting on June 11th, we will be doing a naval action with the theme “Dangerous Territory.” This will put the ship captains in shoal riddled waters while they try to accomplish their objectives. Or maybe, well set up an attempt to run the guns of a fort to escape!

After that, I or others can run the weekly theme at Hobby Town or your own location and I will run games at the June and July meetings. The whole summer looks as follows:

June 4-10; Scouting Parties, 50 point game

June 11-17; Dangerous Territory, Use 2 or more shoals or a fort

June 18-24; Keep your Eyes Peeled, Play a night scenario or Caught Unawares scenario

June 25-July 1: Bark Wars, Include a Bark or a 4/4 ship in the scenario

July 2-8; Doldrums, Play a sea game where the wind starts at -2

July 9-15, Raise the Black, Play a scenario from the RTB expansion

July 16-22, Fire and Smoke, Use Fire or Smoke in the game

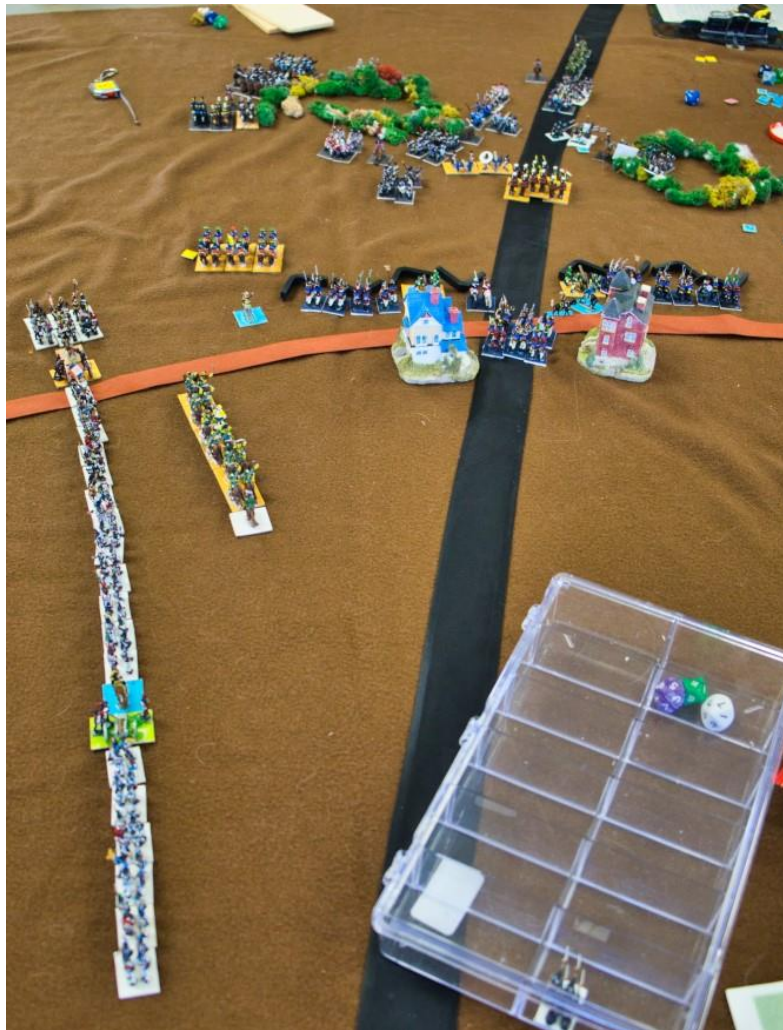
July 23-29, Native Alliance, Include at least one Natives unit in your force

July 30-August 5: Men of Legend, Include a Legendary Commander in your force

Let’s see what participation we can get in the club!

May Game of the Month

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

CMH Member	Scale	Rules	Description
Dave Newport	15mm	Metal Men with Musket Balls	Napoleonic British vs French
DEBBIE SCHOUTEN	15mm	Napoleons Battles	
John Brown	15mm	ADLG	Ancients

Winner in **RED**

Battle of Hoey River

*After Action Report By CMH Member
Richard Kasten*

The Battle of the Hoey River from "Janissaries, Clan and Crown" was the basis for an ADLG(F) scenario.

Matt Johnson took command of the 'Westmen' and fielded three corps, each of ten Light Cavalry Bow and one general with a bodyguard unit of Light Cavalry Bow/Javelin. The corps were led by the Red Rock, Silver Wolf, and Two Waters clans.

Dick Fickles took command of the Allies. King Gaton's knights (2xMkt, 4xHC, 2xLC); Legate Titus Frugi's Romans (6xHC, 2xLC, 2xLI); and Major Mason's Calivermen (LMG, Artillery, 4x Firearms, 2x LgBw).



The Allies had bombarded the Westmen's camp overnight and had been interrupted in their march back to their main camp. Swarms of Westmen had caused the Allies to retreat to various hills along the Hoey River. The Westmen found a large concentration of their warriors between Ganton and the Romans as our battle begins (picture above)

The Westmen had the first bound of turn one and advanced into firing range of Ganton and Mason (giving two disorder results with bow fire). The Red Rock clan gathered an additional unit through reinforcements.

In the Allied bound, Ganton charged off the hill and the Westmen met him in melee. Ganton's wings were slow to deploy and some of his left flank heavy cavalry were overwhelmed (see picture below with the white skull).



Missiles were exchanged between Mason and the Two Waters clan, followed by a charge on turn two. The Light Machine Gun and artillery were taken by the Westmen, but at a cost. The rest of the Silver Wolf front line fell to the heavy cavalry lances (see picture on the next page with red skulls). At the end of turn two the Allies had taken 8 of 25 casualties toward breaking army morale, and the Westmen 19 of 33.

The right half of Ganton's knights continued to charge toward the Romans as they advanced to the edge of the forest. Mason attempted to envelope the right flank of the Two Waters line, but the light horse disengaged on their right while pressing in on the left. By turn three each Westmen command had received two additional units by reinforcement. Casualties had risen to 10/25 Allied and 31/33 Westmen.



At the end of the first bound of turn four, the Westmen morale broke (35/33). Tactical victory for the Allies, but a strategic draw as all Westmen commanders survived.

Unlike the 'historical' event, in our battle the Westmen tried to overwhelm Ganton's knights with numbers. While successful in killing a third of the knights and taking Mason's artillery and the light machinegun, the Westmen broke morale at the carnage inflicted upon them.

2023 Conventions

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
June		
21-25	Origins Game Fair	Columbus, OH
July		
19-23	Historicon	Lancaster, PA
14-16	Twisted Lords	Oklahoma City, OK
August		
4-7	Gen-Con	Indianapolis, IN
19-21	Histori-KC Fest	Overland Park, KS
19-21	Nashcon	Nashville, TN
September		
21-24	Hurricon	Orlando, FL
October		
13-14	Advance the Colors	Springfield, OH



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. 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 \$60.00 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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(For NEW members who join after June 30)

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cmhgamers/>

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