

Gaming the Way Life Should Be!

Summer Updates! Welcome to our (revived) club newsletter!



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News from the Board

By Brian Butler, Club VP and Petra Bender, Huzzah! Committee Chair

Huzzah! 2024 (Huzzah Goes Hollywood) was a tremendous success with over 300 attendees participating in over 130 events. If you have not seen the event photos saved at our Facebook page (taken by our photographer David DeVeau), you are missing out. We want to thank our Huzzah! Committee for all of their hard work – Petra Bender (chair), Stacy Colonna, Mike West, Larry Irish, Wayne Warner, Joerg Bender, Billy DiGiulio, Tim Jones and Mark Tuson, who not only planned the weekend but worked to provide participants with the best experience. We had 13 vendors (list on the last page of this newsletter), including several new ones, and we hope that they all had a great event. In addition – we had the Muse's Touch running our painting room, and Wargaming Recon conducting a podcast live! Special shout out to Brent Amberger (Goobertown Hobbies) as a special guest and painting judge. We look forward to next year!

Petra announced on the podcast the theme for Huzzah! 2025 – The Crossing!



Club Volunteers Need

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Upcoming Events

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The following are a summary of upcoming events – this will be updated on a rolling basis.

Saturday September 14 – Games Day and BBQ in Belgrade! 11 AM to 5 PM. Held at the Belgrade community center (1 Center Rd., Belgrade off Rte 27) – we plan to provide burgers and hotdogs – we ask you BYOB, and bring a side/salad/chips to share. RSVP's to Brian Butler are appreciated for a head count – at briankbutler@icloud.com

Sunday November 17 – Games Day and Annual Club Meeting! The one needs some additional planning and final location, but we intend it is a games event followed by our annual meeting and then dinner (catered). More details will be in the Fall Newsletter and on our FB events page, and emails. RSVP's will be needed for a food headcount. Will likely be in the Portland area.

Winter Games Day – Location and Date to be set – we will try to not have it overlap with other game weekends in New England. Likely at a volunteer FLGS.

Huzzah! 2025 – The Crossing! 16-18 May 2025 – planning begins in the fall. We already have our reserved weekend set. Contact us if you'd like to be on the planning committee.



We have the following volunteer needs:

Club Officers for 2025 – in September we begin our “nominating process” for the club, to affirm and recruit club officers. It begins with a volunteer or more to be the “**nominating committee**”. Their work is complete before the Annual Meeting in November, offering a full slate of officers for vote. The nominating committee should be a volunteer or two not on the board if possible. Instructions are provided.

Huzzah! 2025 Committee Co-Chair – We need a person to work with Petra throughout planning for 2025, and to be the face / director at Huzzah! 2026 (Petra cannot attend that year due to a family event). Coaching, mentoring, and support are all provided.

Newsletter article writers! We decided to prepare this newsletter and get it out to you all – with the goal of recruiting contributors later. Whether you want to write a regular piece or just a battle report, or be the editor in chief, let us know.



Getting your Head into the Game

By Brian Butler, Club VP

Summer brings lots of challenges to keep motivated in your wargaming hobby. Here are some tips to “stay in the game!”

Get out and visit your local game store(s)! Plan a day (rain days are my favorite) to get out of the house and visit your local game store. Even better – couple it with a road trip, lunch date, museum stop, or beer tasting stop! Just getting into the store and talking with friends and the store keeper can be inspiring – not to mention looking at new items and games that have come in since your last visit.

YouTube for an evening! YouTube is a tremendous free resource you can use on multiple platforms – including your TV! Search up your favorite game system and see who has videos – you can find everything from “how to play” to “rules you get wrong” or even demos by the game designers. You might not have the time to get out on a weekend to play “Black Powder” but on a Tuesday night, you can catch a video of someone playing the game.

Call a friend! Overall the best thing to do is get a friend to come over and get a game in. There is always someone who can be bribed with some food and beverages to roll dice or play cards with!

Buy-Print-Build – Decisions!

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It is a crazy time we live in for tabletop gamers! In the span of just 15 years – we have gone from lead or tin game pieces to pewter and plastic, to varieties of hard and soft plastic, to digital “wire” plastic, to digital resin printed and even pre-painted. Single casts to multi-part (model) kits! This does not even include things like game terrain!

Nowadays a gamer has tremendous choices in a broadening market. Here in Maine – you can find most of the popular (mass produced) game systems available in at least one store. But for many – the drive can be far! You can still online order (anything), but I prefer to buy local when I can.

The newest thing of course is digital printing. I have had a resin printer in my hobby room now for 8 months and have not used it...Don't have one? No problem! Digital printing can be easy – let someone do it for you! There are now some stores in Maine (and online) that offer digital printing for you – all you need to do is buy a print file for a figure (online), save it to a thumb drive – and send it to the shop to print for you (or buy one of their print on demand stuff!). All the ease of getting what you want – with no mess...

HUZZAH! 2024 Vendors! Thank You!

Company	POC	Website
Wee Wolf Miniatures	Donald Hauser	https://weewolfminiatures.com/
Bloody Scotsmen	Dave Valentine	https://bloodyscotsmengames.com/
Trench Coat Minis/Trilaterum	Timothy Colonna	https://www.trilaterum.com/
MSD Games	Marty Fenelon	http://msdgames.com/
Things from the Basement	Joerg Bender	https://www.thingsfromthebasement.com/
Day of Battle	Chris Parker	https://www.chrisparkergames.com/
Silver Eagle Wargame Supplies	Jacob Kovel	https://www.silvereaglewargames.com/
Midgard Comics and Games	Jason West	https://www.midgardhobbiesandgames.com/
Legendary Wares	Kirsten Vargas	https://www.legendarywares.com/
Mountain Rogues & Farm	Ruth Savage	https://mountainrogues.com/
Breachstorm	Zach Senchuk, Trevor Attridge	https://www.breachstorm.com/
Polygon 3D	Chris Thibeault	https://www.polygon3d.us/
Machine Room Productions	James Ortega	https://www.jamesortega.art/

