

The Palatine Area Advanced Squad Leaders (PAASL) Newsletter #24 (sessions #90-91) Nothing Special About This Newsletter!!! Whoo Hoo!

First item of interest was that Doug Bennett took 2nd place in the St. Louis tournament. I guess I'll have to go to that one if it is so easy to win (just kiddin' Doug). Congrats! The club is getting some serious new players over the last 2 years and the newest addition is Tim Klepaczyk, who, in a bizarre twist of fate, lives in Palatine along with Timonen, Holmstrom, and Hollander. Well he doesn't live WITH those other guys, like, not in the same house or anything. Just in the same town..... you know....Palatine. Give a big welcome to Tim.

Our 90th session (games 201-203), featured Kleinschmidt playing both Bennett and Klepaczyk (hey I forgot to ask you how you pronounce your last name. He beat Klepaczyk in scenario S7 **Prelude to Festung Brest**. Klepaczyk showed great skill for a rookie. He avoided moving as a stack, kept a leader back to rally, attacked broken guys to keep them DM'd, used smoke to assault across the street, but he broke against Kleinschmidt's last defensive shots and Kleinschmidt counter attacked to bring the game to a finish. This session saw the return of Bennett, who fixed a broken gun on one of two tanks to take out Kleinschmidt's tanks (the ones Kleinschmidt needed to exit), thus winning the classic scenario 23 **Under the Noel Trees**. Kleinschmidt found it difficult to play two opponents at once, especially since they were different scenario's, and especially since he has a small brain. Stubits defeated Pellam in the new action pack scenario AP 18 **Village of the Darned** (we are not allowed to swear in this newsletter, damn it!). Joe's danged Italians ended up surrounded by Stubits' advancing Russians. A critical point came when Pellam rolled a 9, when he needed an 8, to take out a Russkie tank using the AFV bypass freeze move. That would have been a CC Reaction Fire attack. Everybody should look up those rules and learn to use 'em vs. the dreaded "AFV freeze" move.

We met twice during August. Isn't that exciting? Session 91 was played and Kleinschmidt defeated Fujii in **Ad Hoc at Chef Du Pont**. That is one of the extra starter kit scenario's. It is the scenario **Gavin's Take** redone for the thin boards. Kleinschmidt's Germans stopped the Americans from exiting by laying lot's of fire power on the exit hex and even placing a squad on it preventing the Americans from advancing offboard in the final turn. It did not help matters that Fujii's 8-0 leader, sitting on 2 broken squads, failed to rally four times and then had the audacity to roll boxcars on the 6th try, followed by a 6 on the wound check of course. Game #205 was played by Stubits whose French managed to defeat (hold on to your seats everybody) Holmstrom's attacking Italians. Yes I said Stubits defeated Holmstrom, well we knew it had to happen sometime. We are all impressed and blessed to have Bob bring his level of play to our club. The end saw Holmstrom roll a series of bad rolls that cost him the game (not to take anything away from Stubits who set up a good defense). The scenario they played was **Sweet Surrender** HP #32 and was a Critical Hit offering. Both players rolled several snakes.

And now for the awards....

Best Performance by a Rookie - Tim Klepaczyk

Best Performance in a Tournament- Doug Bennett

Most Snakes in a Game – Holmstrom and Stubits

The standings so far....

100% **Bob Holmstrom** (can anybody defeat this guy?)

78% **Dave Kleinschmidt** (better get used to 2nd place)

62% **Doug Bennett** (hope to see you in the fall)

56% **Dave Timonen** (climbing nicely)

45% **Dan Sullivan** (missing you)

45% **Rick Hollander** (hope to see you next month)

40% **Jon Fujii** (will Wednesdays work better for you?)

39% **Joe Pellam** (Taking a fall by volunteering to play Holmstrom)

36% **Greg Haas** (needs to overtake Pellam)

33% **Keith Berkout** (could go for a match with either Haas or Stubits to make a move)

33% **Mike Stubits** (fallen but studying hard)

30% **Jeff Hallett** (learning well from repeated play, attack Stubits)

0% **Mark Fischer** (rookie taking the bottom spot from Hallett while he learns the game).

Tim Klepaczyk