

# Variable Pig

## The Fengjing Issue

### 香港小学一年级学生入学考试题

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## VARIABLE PIG (FENGJING)

### POLAR PIG 147

Welcome to another edition of Variable Pig. It's autumn here in Pennsylvania and the weather has turned decidedly cooler in the last few weeks, but the leaves are stunningly beautiful right now. The clocks go back tonight, so winter is definitely on its way; hopefully it won't be as bad as last year.

Since the summer holidays, life has largely returned to normal. The winter bowling league has restarted and our team currently lies 3<sup>rd</sup> (of 8). My form has been pretty erratic this season, but fortunately Jacqueline and the others have been bowling well. Wednesday night soccer has finally finished and the Friday night games won't start until December, so I'm lacking exercise right now, especially as the tennis season ground to a halt.

Jacqueline has a new choir master at Church and is adapting to his new style. Hannah seems to have settled in well at college, while continuing work at the local Burger King. She's still also going to plenty of concerts. Thomas is still spending most of his time with his girlfriend, but has successfully worked another full season at Dorney Park. This will finish next week and we're hoping he can find another job for the winter months.

Work has been fairly tough recently as the restructuring continues. A few good friends have retired and it's sad to see them go. However, the good news is that most of the people I work with have remained the same and my projects are continuing. I've had two business trips recently – one to Brazil last week and one to Cleveland at the beginning of October. My Brazil trip saw only my second excursion away from Sao Paulo state, with a trip to Rio Grande do Sul state in the South. This state was settled heavily by Europeans, especially Italians and Spanish and is a wine growing region. I didn't know Brazil grew wine. Needless to say, some research was needed and Marcelo (our Sales Manager) was willing to play along. We first enjoyed a Malvasia in town, before heading off road and up a track into the forested hills (past a startled capibara and very large lizard) to find the Don Geurino vineyard high on a hill top. I guess there must be a local microclimate in the area to allow grape growing, as it was pretty hill. We now have three new wines to try – a report next issue.

I was lucky enough to enjoy another Browns game during my trip to Ohio. Once again, we were seated high above the half way line with a great view. It was another close game, with the Browns taking control in the first half but unable to take their chances to build a big lead. This allowed the Ravens and Joe Flacco to take the lead with the last drive of the half. The Browns, especially Brian Hoyer at Quarterback, looked good again in the second half but sadly the result was the same – two missed field goals and other missed opportunities meant that the Ravens always had a chance and the Browns failure to get a first down inside the 2 minute warning gave Flacco the opportunity he needed to drive the Ravens into Field Goal range and win the game with the last play. Bugger!

Otherwise, it's been a fairly quiet couple of months (except for work and I'm not allowed to write about that), so I'll call it a wrap here. I hope that you're all well and will catch up again after Thanksgiving.

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## Letters

**Carolyn Townsend** I hope all is well in the States. Scotland has just voted to stay in the UK and now English MPs should be able to vote on English issues leaving the Scots to run Scotland!!!!  
*I have very mixed feelings about the Scottish vote, as I personally think that the English should also have been offered the same opportunity to leave the Union. The lack of an English Parliament (the West Lothian question) needs to be addressed. Quite a few people here were disappointed by the vote - I'm not sure how much they understood about Alex Salmond's political leanings.*

**David Cowie** Alex Salmond's campaign to turn my relatives into foreigners seems to have fallen at the last fence. Stitch that, you smug bastard.  
*Indeed!*

**Martin Walker** I'm sure you'll have heard about the Scottish Referendum, unfortunately whilst I never really believed there'd be a yes vote it did in the end only depend on 5% of the electorate. It was interesting how the no campaign changed tack twice in the process, the first approach was along the lines of you can't run your own country, it'll be too expensive etc, and when the polls showed a 20 point lead they relaxed and allowed a more conciliatory tone to appear relying more on emotional ties than economic problems, this of course resulted in a surge to the yes campaign and a return to the sodom and gomorrah prediction from the naysayers, a return to the dark ages etc. It was bloody depressing to see Labour doing the Tories dirty work for them, in my mind it is about land, you don't know what'll happen in the next 50,100,500 years, Scotland is blessed with many natural resources which may be needed in the future.

*The Private Eye cover showing the yes and no impressions of how Scotland would look after the referendum (think heaven and hell) captured this nicely.*

**Martin Walker** Enough politics guff, BBC4 has restarted Top of the Pops from 1979, recording it as I write, that's my era from 79 through to about 84ish so I recognised a few in the lyrics quiz with little difficulty. *That sounds good – I enjoyed watching TOPT2 when we were in Holland, many moons ago.*

**Jim Bob Burgess** So, I'm going to see Richard Thompson Sunday night in his latest Acoustic Tour, in a new venue up here in Maine where I am for the holiday weekend. I really want to get to Cropredy someday, I always love your descriptions!!! I wrote in my last issue about the rain that plagued our local bluegrass roots festival this summer. I find that rain can make it sort of MORE interesting and fun too. *I hope you enjoy Richard Thomson - it certainly explains the miserable weather we've had today. He hasn't been at Cropredy for the last couple of years, so we're missing him. I can certainly recommend Cropredy to you and you'd be very welcome to join our happy group of campers. You just need to get to England and make your way to Banbury for the second weekend of August - a tent and camping gear would certainly help. We plan to be there again next year, which I think will be our 25th.*

**Jim Bob Burgess** I plan to write about it in the October "The Abyssinian Prince", I'm not sure if you're following that, but I'll try to remember to alert you specifically. *I don't think I've been receiving the TAP reminders and I missed last issue. Please can you resend the link or file.*

**Mike Townsend** Late (but not very late). Hope all is well with you guys after the long summer? Weather has still been pretty good here – that bad weather at Croppers seemed to be a bit of a blip! All set to change next week and autumn arrives with a bang.

*Autumn has definitely arrived here now – the leaves are beautiful but it is getting cold.*

**Mike Townsend** Despite the weather and taking 5 days to get the stuff dry Croppers was still pretty good with one of the best line-ups I can recall. I kind of have refound Genesis (sad as that may seem). So Steve Hackett was probably the real highlight but many others also did it for me too including: a great set from Fairport, Aussie Pink Floyd, Waterboys, Al Stewart (who is just so engaging) and The Wonder Stuff who crammed so many great tunes into such a short set. Glastonbury tickets sold out in around 26 minutes today – managed to get tickets for most that wanted to go but not all. I guess at least you do not have the stress of pressing refresh for 2 hours now!

*It was a very good Cropredy this year, despite the weather and Marillion! I was particularly impressed by Al Stewart who played a very different set to the ones I've seen over here, with a lot more older songs and fewer standards. Congratulations on getting your Glastonbury Tickets - I can remember you battling with this when you visited us in Holland all those years ago. At least Cropredy tickets are easy to orders.*

**Murray Egan** So you have returned safely from your annual 'tour de Europe'??? Was glad to see the picture of you and Jacqueline enjoying yourselves, although my biggest question was of the state of the house on your return. Thoughts of 'Risky Business' come to mind when the parents return home and find a rather frazzled Tom Cruise with too many frightful tales to pass on come to mind. I'm sure it was a great feeling being away with your bride however, and likely a good maturing moment for your kids as well. Well done! *The house was OK when we got back. Not pristine, but not wrecked either. Thomas and Hannah planned to clean it the day before we came home and made a start, and then Hannah had a major argument with her (now ex) boyfriend. Both the kids survived too. We did miss them while we went away, but overall it was a good experience to get away on our own. We haven't made plans yet for next year, but I think we will go again somewhere just as a couple.*

**Carolyn Townsend** I am off to Malta shortly with a female friend for a few days so Mike is looking after the kids for 4 days whilst I top up my tan and see the sights. This should be interesting for Mike as he will see what my daily routine is which is somewhat different from his!!!! Endless cups of tea, lots of biscuits before I start the challenge of the weekly cleaning of the house.

*I hope you have a fabulous time in Malta and that Mike survives his week as house-husband. I hope he can find some time to write his orders....*

**Mike Townsend** Carolyn is away in Malta with a friend so I am home alone with the kids. We decided rather to push the boat out this year and grab some time in the Half Term in Germany. (I am in Munich on business before so saves one flight and saves time). We will spend 3 nights in Munich and 3 in the Bavarian Alps. Both the kids (and I badly) are learning German – so a bit of a chance to practice!

*Hope your attempts to learn German are more successful than mine were and you have a good trip.*

*I'll be housesitting next week as Jacqueline's off to New Orleans for the wedding of a friend's daughter. Hope you survived your weekend alone.*

**Murray Egan** Last week I had a hoot being away with my Dad for a week. I told him a year ago I'd take him anywhere he wants to go...Oslo, Paris, Beijing, Saturn, Mars, whatever...and he chose: 'Son, I appreciate the grand offer and I'd prefer that you take me to all the homes that your mother and I raised you and your sisters in'..."NEBRASKA and COLORADO DAD???" Seriously, I'll take you to Norway or wherever, but NEBRASKA?" 'Yep Son, that is where I'd like to go, and see those houses one last time...' Well, we had a great driving trip and shared LOADS of stories. Was really fun. I thought of Jacqueline and her Dad more than once...life is way too short, we must enjoy to the fullest.

*I'm glad you had a good trip with your Dad - it sounded like a great bonding experience and a lot of fun, although probably also quite poignant. It must have brought some memories back for you too.*

**Allan Stagg** Things are a little busy here at the moment, as I am in the final days of work before my retirement at the end of September. The last exam board has thrown up a lot of issues, and I am having to hand over to a colleague as my successor has not been chosen yet. Still, one early plan is to join a daytime bowling league, which hopefully I can do in October.

*Good luck with your final days of employment and best wishes for a long and happy (well earned) retirement. I hope everything goes smoothly in the last few days so you can leave without leaving any niggling things behind. I also hope you can find a good day-time bowling league with a good crowd of people - have fun.*

**Carolyn Townsend** Life is quiet at work with not a lot of work allocated to me so I just investigate and clear old items on the bank reconciliation. This is not very interesting but at least ensures I don't sit at my desk with nothing to do (standard in some parts of the public sector!!!)

*Work has been very busy and it's likely to get busier following the restructuring.*

**Jason Asker** It's been pretty hectic at work recently. Yesterday the fire alarm went off at 8:30am due to a hot water pipe rubber joint bursting spraying the boiler room with hot water. Some excitement before the H&S external consultant turned up to audit Abcam! Then my work PC decided to have a bit of a meltdown such that the hard drive is (in technical terms) knackered. It was due to be replaced as it is 4 years old, but I've moved up the priority list.

*We had a similar problem with a roof leak last month that flooded my technician's desk. Not fun at all.*

**Jason Asker** Bad news is suppose to come in 3's so why has:

A large rubber seal failed in the boiler room spraying hot water about the place setting off the fire alarm

A joint on a pipe in the roof of the building failed so that is dripping through the ceiling of a meeting room.

Air con units in the logistics area have failed (critical because there are loads of freezers in there which generate a lot of heat, hence the room needs to be cooled otherwise the freezers fail and millions of pounds worth of stock fails).

My PC hard drive failed

At home the shower has packed up

My laptop is bust

The guinea pig appears to have an abscess and is off to the vets tonight

That's 7 bad things and it's only Thursday!

*Maybe its three groups of three, so did you get two more?*

**Jason Asker** The good news is that Cleo, my dog who was given a 50:50 chance of survival after her stroke or other undiagnosed brain problem, spent the night on a drip and £360 later is back as if nothing has happened! She is just as active and as lively as she has always been, and seems to be completely unaffected. Sadly at 13 she probably has 2 years at the most left and I'll be devastated when she does pass away but for now at least she still enjoys her walks and runs in the woods.

*That is good news, particularly as she sounds like she's still having a good life.*

**Murray Egan** Things are good here. Homecoming week at the local high school so lots of weirdness around. Emma dressed up in 'Bro shorts' today and headed off to join her fellow Juniors on 'Bro day'. I must say that I wouldn't have been let out of my parent's house looking like that growing up, but then hey, I guess they call it the generation gap.

*I think Emma's homecoming sounds quite bad for your blood pressure; however I'm sure you had your own share of outrageous outfits back in the day. I remember very tight (and I mean tight) jeans during my sophomore year at Warwick. Glad to hear that all is well with you and Sue up in Chicago. Sadly, I haven't been able to get up your way recently, but hopefully that will change sometime soon.*

**Murray Egan** Ah yes, the tight jeans do bring back memories. Funny, the binding didn't seem to be so off-putting as now. Those classic Levi 501 blue jeans have given way to the 550 models and they are WAY easier to get in/out of. What I mostly remember in high school (late 70's) was the platform shoes...oh man, I felt like John Travolta strutting into my high school prom (without the fancy moves of course).

*While I loved Glam Rock, I never tried the platform shoes sadly. Have you got any pictures.*

**Carolyn Townsend** Hope all is well with you and the family.  
*All is well here. We've even managed to see Thomas occasionally.*

**Harv Barker** Sorry to hear your work isn't going so well. Is this a general trend in the economic climate, or something specific to your organisation? I ask as I have a friend in Texas who's with a large power company and wonder if he's experiencing same. Haven't dare ask him!

*No, it's not the economic climate, more problems with the company not performing as well as it might (or as well as investors think it might). I hope your friend isn't in the same boat.*

**Howard Bishop** Against all the odds, here are my orders, sent late but in the same calendar year as the deadline (just). I would have got them in yesterday, but the boy wonder and I had a footy'n'beer awayday to Peterborough (it's smart, but it's not that posh). Managed to get there in time to dodge the monsoon and try two of the twelve ales available at the Oakham Ales Brewery Tap pub. I did suggest that we should just stick a glass on the table and fill it with the money we would spend on the football and work our way through it and the beers. Joe not convinced and in the end we managed a creditable 2-2 draw in a good game. Sneaked another pint at the Drapers Arms after the game before sprinting to get the train. A top day out.

*I tried some Oakham Ales over the summer – rather nice I thought. Glad to hear you had a good day out and a good game to watch.*

**Kev Lee** I saw my first ever Conference match last night at the Silverlake Stadium and watched a very entertaining game between Eastleigh and Bristol Rovers which finished 1 - 1 and Rovers ended the match with 9 men. This was in front of a record Eastleigh attendance of over 2,600 and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The support throughout the match for the Spitfires was fantastic. I particularly enjoyed the taunts at the Rovers fans! I am certainly considering travelling up to Aldershot in November. It is certainly a lot more affordable than going to Saints Premier League away games.

*Glad to hear that you enjoyed the Eastleigh game. Aldershot lost to a 95th minute goal there earlier this season. Please let me know if you do go - I'll be quite jealous as I haven't been able to see the Shots for 3+ years now. Can I assume you'll be cheering for the Shots when they play Pompey in the FA Cup first round? Great to have the Army – Navy game near the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great War. I think both clubs are planning to make it a special game.*

**Kev Lee** I am naturally delighted with how well Saints and Bristol City are keeping my fingers crossed that Saints can make it 7 wins in a row against Spurs on Sunday.

*Best of luck to the Saints – let's hope they can continue to disrupt the dominance of the Premier League by the big money teams.*

**Harv Barker** How you finding the football this season? Been to Wembley to see the Dolphins/Raiders game which was appallingly one sided. Hoping for more this Sunday when I go to see Falcons/Lions.

*I must admit that it's nice to see the Browns vaguely competitive this year, for a change.*

**Murray Egan** Hope your weekend is going well...seems like my Broncos are travelling to the meadowlands tomorrow for a little Jet action tomorrow.. should be interesting.

*The Broncos are looking very good this year, unlike the Jets...*

**Andy York** Just a quick note at the end of this minor league baseball season for the Express. We ended up 3rd in out division, playing the spoiler for Nashville keeping them behind Memphis to get into the play-offs. But, it was a fun year! Hope the end of the season for the Pigs was enjoyable and that you were able to enjoy a few more games. Now, only seven months until first pitch (way too long, though).

*Sadly, the Pigs finished last this year – hopefully next year will be better.*

**Andy York** Two notes about the Iron Pigs - do you get National Geographic? If so, check out page 31 of the September issue - they have a bit on minor league team names and the Iron Pigs is one of the eight that get special sidebars.

*I used to get the National Geographic, but stopped when I realized that I never found enough time to read them. I'll have to look out for a copy.*

**Andy York** Also, shortly after you visited and left me the cap, I wore it to an Express game. One of the long-time season ticket holders that I chat with immediately recognized it and said, "Iron Pigs, right?". His grandson apparently knows someone who follows that team. As they say, small world....

*Excellent – I can't say I've seen a Round Rock cap at the Pigs yet, but then I'm not sure if I'd recognize their logo.*

**Andy York** After all the speculation about the potential move of the Rangers AAA team back to Oklahoma and returning the Houston AAA team to Round Rock, it isn't likely. It appears LA may buy the Oklahoma franchise and move their team in Albuquerque there. So, Houston seems destined to go to New Mexico (outside chance of Fresno) as there's no chance the Rangers would voluntarily send their team that far west.

*That sounds fairly complicated – I'm not sure if any changes are being planned in the International League, although I did notice a few teams had changed allegiance last year.*

**Andy York** I did get the chance to see Derek Holland in his last rehab start - looked good. Then, on Fan Appreciation Night, they had a mystery photo give-away. Surprisingly, I got a signed Derek Holland photo in his Express uniform. Not many of those around....

*Yes, that will be a fairly unique souvenir – maybe worth a few bucks in the future.*

**Chris Hibbert** I haven't been scuba diving in quite a while. Around here the water is pretty cold, so people tend to head for the Caribbean, Baja California (which is Mexico's west coast), or Hawaii. My first open water dive in Monteray, I saw a 5 foot leopard shark swimming around. These days I'm more likely to go snorkelling. Not quite as exciting, but cheap and easy. I've been to Australia's Barrier Reef and Belize.

*I've never tried diving, but I do enjoy snorkelling. I've snorkelled in Mexico and Thailand and seen plenty of colourful fish, but no sharks (fortunately).*

**Richard Smith** Thanks for the cheque. The Pig fund is now back in the black. The colour laser is proving very frugal with the cheap "unbranded" high yield toner carts lasting well. I don't have any interesting news to report, though I must confess to a spot of gloating about Saints lofty league position (2nd place after 6 games)!

*And they're still there.... Sorry for the delay in sending the wonga.*

**Steve Ham** Sorry I am late. I didn't realize the deadline was on Wednesday. I did see the subject line of your reminder service but assumed your deadline would be a Friday. Sorry.

*Actually, Richard now sets the deadlines although we do consult. The deadline may not be a Friday again this time.*

**Tony Critchley** A little tardy as usual - sorry.

**Michael Pargman** Sorry about late orders. I thought I had printed a copy of VP, but I couldn't find it – and then I found the rule change question for the Kazakhstan game and had to think through my response...  
**Harv Barker** Incredibly sorry about the delay, like I say I know I'm almost certainly the worst offender in the group, but even by my standards this is poor! Blame my spam filter. Sorry again.  
*No worries – it's usually when orders are over a week late that it becomes a real problem*

**Harv Barker** Man now I feel even more angry about letting you down with my orders, I'm only in two games!!!  
*It happens – I'm glad the reminder came through eventually.*

**Tony Bayley** Sorry, but please could you resend the Nuclear War cards for me. Seems that someone deleted them by mistake.  
*I can make you suffer these cards twice - aren't I lucky. Here they are again.*

**Tony Bayley** Hmmm maybe deletion was the better option :-(  
*Bu ha ha*

**Conrad von Metzke** And - oops. I am now suffering from my idiotic decision to play in several games, and I've totally lost track of what I'm doing where. You are by no means the first GM I've forgotten of late. Well - yours is easy enough to fix, and sorry for the lapse. I'll "try to remember" - hey, that's a song! And a good one too - I sang it many times in theatre revues, back when I was young enough to be asked to do such things.  
*No problem about the timing - you've had to chase my WIMM orders often enough. I hope all is well out there on the West Coast - it's been a cold, wet and miserable day here.*

**Harv Barker** Meant to say, was really nice to see the snippet from En Garde. I used to love that, especially the free form elements! Real blast from the past.  
*It's been a very long time now since the En Garde game finished – it ran its course sadly.*

**Richard Smith** Still not happy with my London Underground game so that will probably have to wait another issue. I also have a new puzzle in (slow) development.  
*Good luck with the new game Rich – its tough designing games*

**Tom Howell** Oh, I have an idea for a game. I played it back in the ... 90's, I think it was. Have to dig out the relevant 'zine for the rules. It's sort of like a rat maze variant of Dip. At least, that's what I remember. Either of you have any idea whether I could get an instance of something like this off the ground in the Pig?

**Richard Smith** I don't think heavy Dip-like games are too popular with VPs cognoscente, hence the low takeup of Origins of WWI.  
*There are a number of fairly keen Dippy players in VP, notably Brad and Brendan, but I agree that this has never been really popular in VP. It has been a very long time since we last tried though. I'll paste this conversation into the letter column to see if it drums up any feedback, but we can also include a waiting list if you wish.*

**Tom Howell** I dug out the rules for "Algernon Dip". I googled for the rules, but didn't find anything. <boo>. I've copied them into a text editor, but still need to add an example map. Algernon Dip is a hidden map, variable number of players, Dip variant. I'll have an example map for the rules in a few days, and I'll send the rules to you in a PDF. How's that sound?  
*Sounds good to me.*

**Jim Bob Burgess** PS putting in the inquiry early this year, think of coming to TempleCon, February 6-8 in Providence so I can meet you....  
*Thanks also for the reminder about Templecon. I don't have any plans but will discuss with her indoors if she'd like a trip to New England next February. And that's wrap...*

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**BY ODDLY POPULAR DEMAND**

**Turn Three**

Player	Grape used for Wine	Strong Spirit	Fruit for Schnapps	US Micro-brewery	Cocktail	Soft Drink	
Steve Guest	Pelaverga	Orujo	Peach	Tuckerman (NH)	Farnell	Traubí	(23) 100
Dane Maslen	Nebbiolo	Vodka	Apple	Jolly Pumpkin (MI)	Negroni	Coca Cola	(26) 95
Harv Barker	Albarino	Absinthe	Apple	Alchemist (CT)	Angel Face	A&W	(26) 94
Martin Walker	Merlot	Ouzo	Apple	Sick n Twisted (SD)	Crowbar	Írn Bru	(23) 93
Michael Pargman	Erbaluce	Midvinterblot	Apple	Free State Brewery (KS)	Mint Sunrise	Vira blátira	(28) 91
Howard Bishop	Xynomavro	Strega	Apple	Top of the Hill (NC)	Yellow Sock	Vimto	(28) 91
Bob Gingell	Primitivo	Orujo	Pear	Walnut River (KS)	Caiparinha	Írn Bru	(22) 91
Roger Trethewey	Cinsaut	Green Chartreuse	Cranberry	Fargo (ND)	Tom and Jerry	Tomato Juice	(23) 91
John Walker	Negrara	Dr J's Gin	Apple	Dogfish Head (DE)	Rum Blazer	Spruce Beer	(26) 89
Richard Smith	Grillo	Vodka	Plum	Smuttynose (PA)	Slow Comfortable	Lemonade	(22) 88
Conrad von Metzke	Furmint	Tennessee Whiskey	Pomegranate	Ballast Point (CA)	Staten Island Ferry	Strawberry Soda	(28) 86
Chris Green	Gamaret	Grappa	Raspberry	Lakeshore (WI)	Screwdriver	Coke	(22) 86
Brendan Whyte	Muscatelle	Rum	Cranberry	Amplified Aleworks (CA)	Harvey Wallbanger	Orange Spot	(22) 85
Kev Lee	Sauvignon Blanc	Bacardi 151 (rum)	Peach	Neuweiler (PA)	Bloody Mary	Orange Juice	(24) 85
Tony Critchley	Sylvaner	Tequila	Blueberry	Upslope (CO)	Four Horsemen	Dandelion & Burdock	(23) 78
Tom Howell	Tazzelenghe	Gin	Cherry	Slippery Pig (WA)	Tamago-zake	Coca Cola	(20) 77
Murray Egan	Cabernet Sauvignon	Whiskey	Strawberry	Samuel Adams (MA)	Daiquiri	Coca Cola	(25) 77
Steve Ham	Pinotage	Scotch Whisky	Peach	Funky Buddha (FL)	Gin and Tonic	Granadilla Twist	(23) 76
Blaise Hudson	Pinot Grigio	Knob Creek Bourbon	Peach	Kona (HI)	Gin Sling	Írn Bru	(20) 76
Jim-Bob Burgess	Cabernet Sauvignon	Rum	Apple	Boston Beer Co (MA)	Gin and Tonic	Coke	(24) 75
Allan Stagg	Bastardo	Absinthe	Cherry	Tired Hands (PA)	Screwdriver	Prune Juice	(20) 75
Andrew York	Malbec	Old Granddad Whiskey	Lemon	Live Oak Brewing (TX)	Mojito	Diet Pepsi	(21) 75
Jacqueline Reader	Malbec	Whisky	Raspberry	River Horse (NJ)	Pina Colada	Coke	(20) 74
Brad Martin	Shiraz	Brandy	Blueberry	5 Rabbit (IL)	Avatar	Lemonade	(17) 73
Chris Hibbert	Grenache Noir	Vodka	Lemon	Anchor (CA)	Martini	Coca Cola	(21) 68
Arthur Owen	-	Whisky	-	-	Pina Colada	J2O	(13) 68
<b>MY CHOICES</b>	<b>Tannat</b>	<b>Awamori</b>	<b>Raspberry</b>	<b>Troegs (PA)</b>	<b>Gloom Chaser</b>	<b>Guarana</b>	<b>(24) 81</b>



1. A grape used for wine making? Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon both score 2, Pelaverga, Merlot, Nebbiolo, Primitivo, Tannat, Albarino, Cinsaut, Grillo, Gamaret, Xynomavro, Negrara, Muscatelle, Erbaluce, Sauvignon Blanc, Furmint, Tazzelenghe, Pinot Grigio, Shiraz, Sylvaner, Bastardo, Pinotage, and Grenache Noir all score 3

*I must admit that I hadn't realized there were quite so many. This question was inspired by finding a Uruguayan Tannat wine. I didn't realize that Uruguay made wines nor had I heard of Tannat so I had to try it – sadly it was quite disappointing. Last week, I was in the Rio Grande de Sul state of Brazil, where they also grow wine. I tried a pleasant Malvasia (white, another grape I'd not heard of) and bought a Teragildo. I did check all the answers and could find reference to them all.*

2. A strong spirit (40% or more alcohol)? Vodka (3), Whiskey (3), Whisky (3), Rum (3), Orujo (2), Absinthe (2), Gin (2); Ouzo, Green Chartreuse, Grappa, Strega, Midwinterblot, Bourbon, Brandy, Tequila, Awamori score 4. *My intent was the type of drink rather than brand, and as most people interpreted it this way, I rules couple of brand answers as their generic spirit. There are differences between Scotch Whisky and American or Irish Whiskey, so I counted these separately. Awamori is a strong rice spirit unique to Okinawa and the Yaeyama islands of Japan. We enjoyed it many years ago, but it's almost impossible to find in the US, although I did have a glass in Vegas a few years back.*

3. A fruit used to make Schnapps? Apple (7), Peach (4), Raspberry (3), Cranberry (2), Blueberry (2), Cherry (2), Lemon (2): Plum, Strawberry, Pear and Pomegranate score 8.

*Raspberrys (himbeern) produce himbeergeist, that I often used to drink with our German Sales Manager when we were travelling together in Germany. Walnuß (walnut) is my favourite Schnapps, but I only ever saw this in Nurnberg. I chose to allow other fruits as I didn't specify German Schnapps types, although I meant to.*

4. A US Microbrewery? Sam Adams scores 2 and everything else scores 3.

*Thanks to everyone who researched Pennsylvania beers for me; I currently have a crate of Kona beers to enjoy. Troegs is a Philadelphia microbrewery whose beers are easily found in the Valley. They make some very nice and reliable ales. Sam Adams and the Boston Beer company are one and the same as far as I can tell.*

5. An Alcoholic Cocktail? Screwdriver, Gin and Tonic and Pina Colada (2): Farnell, Caiparinha, Crowbar, Negroni, Angel Face, Tom and Jerry, Slow Comfortable Screw Against the Wall, Yellow Sock, Rum Blazer, Harvey Wallbanger, Mint Sunrise, Bloody Mary, Staten Island Ferry, Tamagozake, Gin Sling, Avatar, Four Horsemen, Mojito, Daiquiri, Martini and Gloom Chaser all score 3.

*Gloom Chaser is my favourite cocktail at the Bethlehem Bookstore Speak-Easy. It's 1 part Curacao Orange, 1 part Grand Marnier, 1 part Grenadine and 1 part lemon juice.*

6. A soft drink? Coke / Coca Cola (7), Irn Bru (3), Lemonade (2): A&W, Tomato Juice, Traubi, Guarana, Vimto, Spruce Beer, Orange Spot, Vira blâtira. Orange Juice, Prune Juice, Diet Pepsi, Strawberry Soda, Dandelion and Burdock, J2O and Granadilla Twist all score 8.

*Guarana is the soft drink of Brazil – I don't think I've seen it anywhere else. I think it's cherry based.*

In this round, the top scorers this round was **Michael Pargman**, **Howard Bishop** and **Conrad von Metzke** who all scored 28 from a maximum of 29.

### And now, the players comments section

#### Steve Ham

I think you're being overly harsh. The International Olympic Committee recognises Chess as a sport - unlike Darts and, dare I say it, Ten Pin Bowling.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association\\_of\\_IOC\\_Recognised\\_International\\_Sports\\_Federations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_of_IOC_Recognised_International_Sports_Federations).

The whole of the Zambian nation considers chess as sport as evidenced by the extensive press coverage on the Sports pages of the country's top selling newspaper

<http://www.postzambia.com/search.php?cmd=subcategory&subcatid=91>

On what basis do you base your contention that chess is not a sport? Or is this just some unconscious petty prejudice that you've just shared?

*From [http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american\\_english/sport](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/sport), but also other sites that I found searching "Definition of Sport" - An activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment. My own interpretation of a sport is that it is an activity that requires physical activity and skill - chess to my mind is a highly skilled, mental game.*

*There are many activities that I would consider sports that are not included in the list, in part because they are not international enough or because the sports are now dominated by professional organizations. The IOC list does not include soccer, tennis or Kabaadi. Regardless of their lack of inclusion by the IOC, I would definitely define darts and 10 pin bowling as sports - both require the physical act of throwing an object, accurately and repeatedly at a target. I do not consider the physical action of moving the chess pieces part of the skill of chess - the skill is where you move them to.*

I think you are being selective. I undertook the same google search and the oxforddictionaries.com definition did come up first. I have two issues concerning your interpretation of this definition: first you overlook that without the (comparatively small) physical exertion of moving the pieces there isn't a game of chess, but secondly I think you understate the physical impact of playing chess at the highest level (<http://www.chess.com/article/view/chess-and-physical-wellbeing>) for hours at a time. Turning to wiki, it appears that a more authoritative definition of what constitutes a sport is provided by SportAccord: Definition

See also: Game § Definitions

Show Jumping, an equestrian sport

The precise definition of what separates a sport from other leisure activities varies between sources. The closest to an international agreement on a definition is provided by SportAccord, which is the association for all the largest international sports federations (including association football, athletics, cycling, tennis, equestrian sports and more), and is therefore the de facto representative of international sport.

SportAccord uses the following criteria, determining that a sport should:[1]

have an element of competition

be in no way harmful to any living creature

not rely on equipment provided by a single supplier (excluding proprietary games such as arena football)

not rely on any "luck" element specifically designed into the sport

They also recognise that sport can be primarily physical (such as rugby or athletics), primarily mind (such as chess or go), predominantly motorised (such as Formula 1 or powerboating), primarily co-ordination (such as billiard sports), or primarily animal-supported (such as equestrian sport).[1]

There has been an increase in the application of the term "sport" to a wider set of non-physical challenges such as electronic sports, especially due to the large scale of participation and organised competition, but these are not widely recognised by mainstream sports organisations

That seems more plausible?

I'm not sure if our Chess is a Sport discussion has finished but might your explanation of why you allowed Jerusalem to be an African capital city be a little inconsistent with the reasoning of Chess not being a sport? (i.e. plenty of Web evidence that it is a Sport).

*Regarding the Chess discussion, we probably didn't finish this as work here went crazy and I had almost no time to deal with any Pig enquiries. As noted, I can also find websites that would not describe Chess as a sport. I allowed Jerusalem as the first websites I checked did indicate that Jerusalem and Israel could be considered part of Africa and I personally was not sure. Ultimately, in this type of game (especially now the Internet is available for research), I have to make the final call. I must admit that in other BPD games, where I send in unusual or potentially debatable answers, I usually include a reference in my orders. By way of compromise, I will include our discussion in the report and ask other players opinions - if enough agree that Chess can be considered a sport, I will allow your answer. Fair?*

4. Microbrewery - Funky Buddha. I had no idea so had to google this and came up with almost 2000 entries. I guess it will be disappointing if someone also goes with this one. I presume Budweiser doesn't count?

6. Soft Drink - Grenadilla Twist (if you need a raw sugar fix there's nothing better in Africa and possibly the world).

### **Andy York**

2) Bottom of the Barrel Old Granddad Whiskey

4) Live Oak Brewing (here in Austin)

### **Roger Trethewey**

You might have a laugh at the fact that when I did Dane's Games last I thought it was an oddly BPD, and consequently scored 6. Now I have a lot of catching up to do.

## Dane Maslen

The big question for me is how did I manage to miss "in the United States" in "A AAA Affiliated Minor League Baseball Team in the United States"?

1. NEBBIOLO. I used <http://www.wineloverspage.com/wineguest/wgg.html#classic> as reference
2. VODKA. I had been intending to answer Brennivín, but then discovered it was only 37.5%. So, having failed on my attempt to come up with a rare answer, I switched to what I assume will be a popular one. Most vodkas are 40%, though European vodkas are allowed to be only 37.5%.
4. JOLLY PUMPKIN ARTISAN ALES. This appears in [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_microbreweries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_microbreweries)

## Allan Stagg

2 Absinthe (makes the heart grow fonder)

3 Cherry (as in Kirsch)

Well at least I did not have to research the last two!

## Murray Egan

3. A fruit used for making schnapps Strawberry (gotta be a better choice than Peanut Butter or Sprouts?)

## Kev Lee

4. Neuweiler Brewing Company. I chose a random Pennsylvania company. Won't be surprised to see everyone scoring 1 in this category.

## Bob Gingell

2 Orujo (from Northern Spain – I have fond memories of drinking this)

3 A limited range (of 6) unless you count American Schnapps which are flavoured drinks with added sugar classed as liqueurs elsewhere in the world. Since peppermint and butterscotch are not fruits that might exclude many of those anyway. Pear

4 Strange. I actually misnumbered them – question 4 of BOPD should be the US microbrewery which I had written down (but not typed) as Walnut River Brewing Co in El Dorado, Kansas. That should be pretty obscure.

5 This question asks about a 'type' of alcoholic cocktail, not for the name of a cocktail. This could be confusing as initially I thought that you wanted the name of a specific cocktail, and other players may also think that.

Wikipedia's list of cocktails ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_cocktails](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cocktails)) categorises them by type based on the primary type of alcohol, so I will rely on that. There are also a wide range of named cocktails only some of which are accepted by the International Bartenders Association (IBA), which means that anyone can invent a name and it will probably be a real but not "official" cocktail. As an example I have come across a 'Long Slow Comfortable Screw Up Against A Wall' but do not see that on Wikipedia's list and I suspect that the IBA do not list it either.

Type of cocktail: Wine Cocktail

Fallback if you do in fact want a specific named IBA cocktail: Caipiringha.

6 Irn Bru (although 'soft' flies in the face of the advertising...)

## Brendan Whyte

4. Amplified aleworks, San Diego (internet search)

6. Orange Spot (Indian Fanta, now owned by Coke)

## Michael Pargman

OK, picking up a lot of Swedish brands here...

1 Erbaluce (well, I doubt there are any Swedish grapes for wine)

6 Vira blåtira (a very strange Swedish soft drink that had a dark blue colour and tasted like candy – really, really awful)

## Howard Bishop

1. Grapes : Xinomavro (top wine making grape in Macedonia apparently)

2. Spirit : Strega (an Italian herbal liqueur produced since 1860 by the S. A. Distilleria Liquore Strega in Benevento, Campania, Italy)

4. US Microbrewery : Top Of The Hill in Chapel (have spent too way too much time there)

5. Cocktail : Yellow Sock (1 part Vodka, 1 part Pisang Ambon, Orange Juice over ice)

## Blaise Hudson

4. Kona ( I think there still going I met them back in 95 when they just started)

## Tony Critchley

5. As a whisky (malt) fan, has to be the bastardised.... Four Horsemen

**Conrad von Metzke**

On the microbrewery - apparently San Diego County has the distinction of having more microbreweries than any other county in the US. I cannot vouch for that, but my younger son - who is shall we say "in touch" with the local beer scene - thinks it may well be true. Ballast Point Brewery is the first local one that occurred to me, because I saw one of their trucks driving along today; but there are literally dozens. There's at least one tavern known to me that specializes in beer from only local micros, and they have a menu board listing over fifty. One of which is their own, and you sit in the tavern right in front of the big vats in which they are brewing at all times. And to think that I don't drink in the first place!

*From your description, it sounds like I would like San Diego county :).*

**Tom Howell**

4 Slippery Pig Brewery - This was the time consumer/hard to research one. It's amazing how little real information these guys put on their web pages. I can imagine everyone getting 2 points on this one, except the zero for those of us who you can show chose breweries making too much beer to be considered 'microbreweries'.

5 Tamagozake - you ever try this one? Yummmm!

6 Coca Cola

**Jim Bob Burgess**

As I desperately attempt to stay out of last place, I am not quitting!!!

1) Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon; I think that or Merlot should be the good answers.

2) Strong Spirit: Rum (151 Bacardi is one of the strongest)

3) Schnapps fruit: apple-pear is what I want to say, the combination, but is that allowed? If not, I'll just say "apple"

4) US Microbrewery: Oh come on, this is impossible, there are hundreds of them, and most are regional/local! I'm going to do The Boston Beer Company that makes all the micro Sam Adams products since they still claim they're a micro, even though they aren't.

5) Alcoholic cocktail: Gin and Tonic (oh, heck, I don't know!)

**Harv Barker**

It turned out I had one or two A's then I thought what the hell...

The questions for the fourth round are

1. A major battle of World War I
2. A German World War II General
3. A battle of the English Civil War
4. A battle of the American Civil War
5. A conflict that is currently happening
6. A type of aeroplane that fought in the Battle of Britain

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## Lyric Quiz

### Game Ten – Round One

I forgot to congratulate **David Cowie** for winning game 9 of this game last turn. We're starting a new set of 5 rounds this turn. Anyone can play – score 1 point for identifying the song and another for the artist.

1) "But it's getting kind of late now, I wonder if you'll stay now, stay now, stay now, stay now"

**"Will You"** by **Hazel O'Connor**

*Jacqueline Reader, Richard Smith, Dane Maslen (singer only), Steve Guest, Martin Walker, Blaise Hudson, David Cowie, Harv Barker*

2) "We had guns and drums and drums and guns, The enemy never slew ya"

**"Johnny I Hardly Knew Ya"** by **The Dropkick Murphys**

*John Hopkins*

3) "My father yells what you gonna do with your life, Oh daddy dear you know you're still number one"

**"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"** by **Cyndi Lauper**

*Andy York, Jacqueline Reader, Dane Maslen (song only), Chris Green, Murray Egan, Brendan Whyte, Martin Walker, Blaise Hudson, Tony Critchley, David Cowie, Arthur Owen (song only), Harv Barker*

4) "You've done it all, you've broken every code, And pulled the rebel to the floor"

**"(Come Up and See Me) Make Me Smile"** by **Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel**

*Jacqueline Reader (song only), John Walker, Richard Smith, Dane Maslen, Martin Walker, Blaise Hudson, Tony Critchley, Arthur Owen, Harv Barker (singer only)*

5) "Lost in a riddle that Saturday night, far away on the other side, he was caught in the middle of a desperate fight, and she couldn't find how to push through"

**"Moonlight Shadow"** by **Mike Oldfield**

*Jacqueline Reader (song only), John Walker (song only), Richard Smith, Steve Guest, Brendan Whyte, Martin Walker, Blaise Hudson, Tony Critchley, David Cowie,*

6) "I've seen the morning in the mountains of Alaska, I've seen the sunset in the east and in the west"

**"Far Far Away"** by **Slade**

*Richard Smith*

7) "A church house, gin house, A school house, outhouse, On Highway number nineteen, The people keep the city clean"

**"Nutbush City Limits"** by **Ike and Tina Turner**

*Jacqueline Reader, John Walker, Richard Smith, Dane Maslen, Chris Green, Martin Walker, Blaise Hudson, Tony Critchley, Harv Barker*

8) "Sometimes I find myself long regretting Some foolish thing some little simple thing I've done, But I'm just a soul whose intentions are good"

**"Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood"** by **Nina Simone or Elvis Costello or The Animals**

*Andy York (song only), Tom Howell (song only), Jacqueline Reader (song only), Dane Maslen (song only), Chris Green, Murray Egan, Steve Guest, John Hopkins, Martin Walker (song only), David Cowie, Arthur Owen*

9) "And I knew I had to run away, And get down on my knees and pray that they go away but still they begin"

**"Needles and Pins"** by **The Searchers**

*Dane Maslen (song only), John Hopkins, Brendan Whyte (song only), Martin Walker, David Cowie, Arthur Owen*

10) "So on we go, his welfare is my concern, No burden is he to bare, we'll get there"

**"He Ain't Heavy (He's My Brother)"** by **The Hollies**

*Andy York (song only), John Walker, John Hopkins, Brendan Whyte (song only), Martin Walker (song only), Blaise Hudson, Tony Critchley, David Cowie, Arthur Owen, Harv Barker (song only)*

### Comments

#### Andy York

#5 - Maniac "Flashdance"

#### Tom Howell

Just because I put a question after the correct artist means I don't get credit for it? Boooo.

Lyric Quiz (*last turn*): Wake Up Little Suzy artist - try Everly Brothers ?

*I will credit you the point next turn*

Thanks. Not that a) it matters a whole lot, or b) that I really care much. After all, last with one point or last with two points makes a huge difference, doesn't it? <GRIN>

#### John Walker

3 Papa Don't Preach - Madonna

5 Moonlight Shadow - Sarah Brightman

#### Dane Maslen

An initial scan through the lyrics suggest that I've heard seven or eight of them. Unfortunately identifying the titles and artists is proving difficult.

- 1) It continues something like "Or will you just politely say 'goodbye'" and I've always liked it, but what's it called and what was the name of the woman singer? My memory's first stab at the answer to the latter question was "something-beginning-with-H O'something". Subsequently my memory became schizophrenic with one part giving Sinead O'Connor as an answer, seemingly unconcerned by the fact that 'Sinead' does not start with an 'H', while the other was convinced it was "Hazel something". Consequently I'm going to do something I've not done before: name an artist I don't have any recollection of ever having existed. Let's try "Politely say goodbye" by Hazel O'Connor, even though I'm pretty sure that's not the title.
- 2) No bells ringing for this one. For no particular reason let's guess at 10CC.
- 3) "Girls just wanna have fun" by Madonna. This is one of the few that I not only recognize but can also identify.
- 5) This one has been driving me nuts. At one stage I thought I'd identified the title as "Moon shadow", but I've subsequently come to the conclusion that my memory is muddling two songs.
- 6) Vaguely familiar. Could it be something by Men at Work?
- 7) "Nutbush City Limits" by Ike and Tina Turner. Originally I thought I was looking for something from the early 60's, but (assuming I've identified it correctly) it's from the early to mid 70's, isn't it? When I was in the 6th form one of my friends came in one day without his nascent moustache. He explained that he'd been listening to the radio while shaving, had become a bit too animated while listening to this song, and had finished up accidentally removing half the moustache, thereby necessitating the demise of the rest of it.
- 8) Well, the next line is something like "O, Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood" but that doesn't help me identify either the title or the group. I suppose I should at least say "Please don't let me be misunderstood" for the title, just in case.
- 9) "Needles and Pins". By The Tremelos perhaps?

So, there I was, sat in the laundrette, reading a magazine while waiting for my washing to finish, when from the radio in the corner I heard the lyrics "I'm just a soul whose intentions are good, O, Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood" though it's something of a miracle that I recognised the song as it was being crucified by the singers. I wandered over to the radio to hear the lyrics better, hoping that I would hear something that I would recognise as the title. Alas, no, but there was still the expectation that once the song ended the DJ would say "That was ... by ...", though knowing the group's name was of no interest to me. Come the end of the song, the DJ announced the name of the group, but not the title of the song. Bah!

### Chris Green

1 I'll doubtless kick myself when I find out the answer...

### John Hopkins

- 2) Johnny I hardly knew ye, by Traditional (so any old folkie who sings with a finger in his ear)
- 1, 3 - 7) Heartbreak Hotel, by the King  
(A few from the right century, anyway!)

### Martin Walker

1. Hazel O'Connor - Will You (great song)
8. Kinks - Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood
10. Gerry & the Pacemakers - He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother

### Brendan Whyte

8. Know it but no idea of title or singer.
9. Needles and pins. Some 60s boy band...
10. He ain't heavy he's my brother. (should be bear not bare in lyrics, no?)

*Correct!*

### Tony Critchley

\* Just youtube-ing "Nutbush" - and turning the speakers up loud. Great track!

### Arthur Owen

1. I Think We're Alone Now
5. Total Eclipse of the Heart by Bonnie Tyler

### Harv Barker

- 3 - Cindy Lauper, Girls just wanna have fun (I said to my 21 year old colleague the other day, this song hasn't really dated, and he said, it's from before I was born. Great.)
- 4 - By the lyrics I'm going to guess Cockney Rebel... that's as good as it gets I'm afraid!
- 10 - He ain't heavy, he's my brother, was it Righteous Brothers? Everly Brothers?

Scores

Blaise Hudson	14 (14)
Martin Walker	14 (14)
David Cowie	12 (12)
Tony Critchley	10 (10)
Richard Smith	10 (10)
Arthur Owen	9 (9)
Jacqueline Reader	9 (9)
Dane Maslen	8 (8)
John Hopkins	8 (8)
Harv Barker	8 (8)
John Walker	7 (7)
Steve Guest	6 (6)
Brendan Whyte	6 (6)
Chris Green	6 (6)
Murray Egan	4 (4)
Andy York	4 (4)
Tom Howell	2 (2)

Next turn's selection

- 1) "If you need me, call me, No matter where you are, No matter how far"
- 2) "We are undercover passion on the run, Chasing love up against the sun"
- 3) "Can I have your daughter for the rest of my life? Say yes, say yes 'cause I need to know"
- 4) "And through it all she offers me protection, A lot of love and affection"
- 5) "Goodbye, Piccadilly, Farewell, Leicester Square!"
- 6) "Oh, if the sky comes falling down for you, There's nothing in this world I wouldn't do."
- 7) "I saw the rain dirty valley, You saw Brigadoon"
- 8) "Only know you've been high when you're feeling low, Only hate the road when you're missin' home"
- 9) "You said it belonged to me, Made me stop and think, And then I noticed yours was red and mine a baby pink"
- 10) "I could leave but I won't go though my heart might tell me so, I can't feel a thing from my head down to my toes"

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## 6 Nimmt! - Game Ten

### Round Seven

There were a couple of corrections from the report published last issue. The first was that Jacqueline's 70 was placed in the wrong column in last turn's hand 4 report: it should have gone in column 2 and not column 1 as reported. The second, more serious error was that Steve's 72 was also placed in the wrong column of hand 3; it should have gone in column 3 (on top of the 71) and taken the column for 6 points, rather than column 1 as reported. I have corrected both errors and all players were notified by email.

HAND 1				HAND 2				HAND 3				HAND 4			
	90		100		96	100	54		59	26					
	76		99		94	90	44		58	23		71	67		
	71		87		80	87	37	70	48	21		70	66		
	70		86		79	85	36	55	40	5	57	62	65		
80!	68	53°	84	63#	77	82	18	45	33	2\$	50	60	64	47*	24
<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

Kev Lee plays **22** in Hand 1, **20** to row 1 in Hand 2, **26** in Hand 3 and **17** in Hand 4.

Score = 13

Steve Ham plays **2** to row 3 in Hand 1, **31** in Hand 2, **21** in Hand 3 and **23** in Hand 4.

Score = 22

John Walker plays **49** in Hand 1, **30** in Hand 2, **23** in Hand 3 and **24** in Hand 4.

Score = 22

# Variable Pig - Fengjing

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Carolyn Townsend plays <b>8</b> in Hand 1, <b>51</b> in Hand 2, <b>2</b> to row 3 in Hand 3 and <b>67</b> in Hand 4.	Score = 25
Dane Maslen plays <b>53</b> in Hand 1, <b>52</b> in Hand 2, <b>5</b> in Hand 3 and <b>47</b> in Hand 4.	Score = 51
Arthur Owen plays <b>45</b> in Hand 1, <b>63</b> in Hand 2, <b>50</b> in Hand 3 and <b>16</b> in Hand 4.	Score = 54
Jacqueline Reader plays <b>80</b> in Hand 1, <b>96</b> in Hand 2, <b>57</b> in Hand 3 and <b>71</b> in Hand 4.	Score = 57

- ° Steve takes row 3 of hand 1 for 2 points followed by Dane who takes the same row for 10 points.
- ! Jacqueline takes row 1 of hand 1 for 10 points.
- # Kev takes row 1 of hand 2 for 2 points followed by Arthur who takes the same row for 9 points.
- \$ Carolyn takes row 3 of hand 3 for 1 point.
- @ Arthur takes row 4 of hand 3 for 9 points
- & John takes row 4 of hand 4 for 6 points
- \* Dane takes row 3 of and 4 for 7 points

## Press

**Dane Maslen** ... and I fear that those selections could give me as colourful a collection as appears on the front cover!

*The picture of (fellow Cret) Nick on the front cover was taken from a real game on this year's holiday. I think Nick managed to take 43 points in one hand, the most (worst) I've ever seen.*

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# Work Rest and Play

## Game 9 - Sunday

The honours are shared once more which means the game finishes with a tie.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arthur	62-27-11	50-49-1	97-2-1	49-48-3	50-49-1	51-48-1	60-30-10
Lee	50-49-1	35-33-32	97-2-1	50-49-1	35-33-32	97-2-1	50-49-1
Roger	35-33-32	97-21-1	50-49-1	35-33-32	50-49-1	35-33-32	97-2-1

Arthur	$1 \times 2 \times 2 = 4$
Lee	$3 \times 3 \times 2 = 18$
Roger	$3 \times 2 \times 3 = 18$

## Congratulations to Roger and Lee

*Game End Statements welcome*

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# Breaking Away 7

## Turn Three

Tom asked a question about Sybil's replacement card last turn. I had given a replacement of 4 when it should have been 3. However, Tom asked whether it should have been a two. However, as this was the second turn Sybil was in the lead, having broken away, the replacement of 3 (not 4) was correct according to rule 13.



"13. If, however, a cyclist is leading the field on his own (even by one square), he is said to have broken away. His new card is equal to the number of squares he is in front of the second place cyclist(s). If still in the lead on the next turn, he gets a 3. "

However, during the discussion, I realized that I have always used the fwtdr website for checking Breaking Away rules and these are slight different to those on the VP website, which is rather embarrassing. I think I have always played a minimum replacement of 3 for riders that have broken away, which is not correct. It is not a problem for this game, but please note I will apply this rule for future riders that break away.

Tom also pointed out an error in the VP website rules – the second sprint line is at the 80/81 line and not the 90/91 line as listed.

**Polly** breaks away, but not too far as **Sybil** gets absorbed back into the stretching pack.

Square	Replacement	Riders
29	3	<i>Polly</i>
28	-	
27	-	
26	3	<i>Allardyce,</i>
25	4	<b>Nolan, Smackdown, Bini,</b> Hodgson,
24	8	<b>Blue Duke, Deadly Sins,</b>
23	10	<b>Basil, Sisters,</b>
22	12	<b>Red Baron, Bushwacker, Wonders,</b> Manuel, Seas of Rhye
21	15	<b>Roy Batty, Sybil,</b> Asteroid
20	15	<b>Carroll, Shepherd Hills Tested, Luft Hanza,</b>
19	15	<i>Clavus,</i>
18	15	<b>Number 6,</b>
17	15	<i>Darth Vader,</i>
16	15	<b>Amens,</b> The Terminator (T-800), Derogo,
15	15	Rickenbacker

**TEAM NO NAME** (*Tom Howell*) **0 points**

- A. **Amens** 15, 15, **15**, 14
- B. **Bini** 13, 15, **4**
- C. *Clavus* **15**, 15, 11
- D. Derogo **15**, 15, 7

**THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN** (*Allan Stagg*) **0 points**

- A. **Sisters** 14, 10, **10**, 1
- B. **Wonders** 13, 14, **12**
- C. *Deadly Sins* 12, **8**, 2
- D. Seas of Rhye **12**, 15, 1

**CARROLL SINGERS** (*Lee Batchelor*) **0 points**

- A. **Carroll** 14, **15**, 3
- B. **Nolan** **4**, 3, 6
- C. *Allardyce* 8, 3, **3**
- D. Hodgson 6, 3, **4**

**BULL** (*Steve Ham*) **0 points**

- A. **Bushwacker** 13, 10, 3, **12**
- B. **Smackdown** 15, 3, **4**
- C. *Shepherd Hills Tested* 6, **15**, 7
- D. Asteroid 10, **15**, 15

**FLOWERY TWATS** (*Bob Gingell*) **0 points**

- A. **Basil** 15, **10**, 5, 5
- B. **Sybil** 5, 7, **15**
- C. *Polly* 6, 6, **3**
- D. Manuel **12**, 4, 11

**SOPWITH** (*Arthur Owen*) **0 points**

- A. **Red Baron** **12**, 8, 6, 3
- B. **Blue Duke** 9, **8**, 4
- C. *Luft Hanza* **15**, 11, 3
- D. Rickenbacker **15**, 15, 3

**TANHAUSER GATE SURVIVORS CYCLING CLUB** (*Bob Pitman*)

- A. **Roy Batty** (Nexus 6, Blade Runner) **15**, 9, 3, 15
- B. **Number 6** (Humanoid Cylon) 11, **15**, 6
- C. *Darth Vader* 14, 6, **15**
- D. The Terminator (T-800) 3, 11, **15**

## Breaking Away 6

### Turn Ten

Tom's question also applied to this game, but I think I have been applying a minimum replacement of 3 throughout this game, so will not change now. **Bertone** times his break close to perfection and opens space between him and **McHale**; both are well ahead of the rest of the pack that has started to fragment. **Bertone** will win the race, but there is still a lot to play for next turn.

Square	Replacement	Riders
112	5	<b>Bertone</b>
111	-	
110	-	
109	-	
108	-	
107	3	<b>McHale</b>
106	-	
105	-	
104	-	
103	3	<i>Uncool &amp; Heavy, Georgia Blue</i>
102	5	<b>Armstrong</b>
101	-	
100	-	
99	3	<b>Kinnock, Kiraly</b> . Dodd
98	6	<b>Bird</b>
97	7	<b>Pininfarina, Stoklos</b>
96	9	<i>Otherguy Overby, Zagato,</i>
95	11	<b>Artie Wu, Parish, Guigliaro</b>
94	14	<b>Quincy Durant</b>
93	15	<b>Sinjin, Ainge</b>

#### **OUT ON THE RIM** (*Steve Ham*)

**34 points**

- A. **Artie Wu** 11, 3, 3, 12  
 B. **Quincy Durant** 12, 14, 3  
 C. *Otherguy Overby* 6, 9, 8  
 D. Georgia Blue 11, 3, 1

#### **NEILS ON WHEELS** (*Lee Batchelor*) **8 points**

- A. **Kinnock** 10, 4, 3, 3  
 B. **Armstrong** 4, 5, 6  
 C. *Uncool & Heavy* 3, 4, 12  
 D. Razor dropped

#### **VOLLEYBALL GREATS** (*Chris Hibbert*) **18 points**

- A. **Kiraly** 3, 3, 8  
 B. **Sinjin** 15, 7, 3  
 C. *Stoklos* 7, 4, 7  
 D. Dodd 3, 3, 2

#### **CELTIC LEGENDS** (*Tony Critchley*) **10 points**

- A. **Bird** 6, 3, 7  
 B. **McHale** 3, 8, 3  
 C. *Parish* 7, 11, 14  
 D. Ainge 12, 5, 15

#### **AUTO ITALIA** (*Richard Smith*)

**8 points**

- A. **Bertone** 14, 7, 3, 5  
 B. **Pininfarina** 4, 7, 7  
 C. *Zagato* 8, 3, 9  
 D. Guigliaro 1, 11, 8

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## Bus Boss (TEXEL) BB337TXL

### Round Nine

	vPE Arthur Red	NSCB Brad Blue	BOTTOM Roger Black	GREEN Bob Green	PEAR Kev Purple
19. t'Hoorntje (6D) – De Koog (9C):	+ 1		20 - 1 - 1		10 + 1
20. De Koog (JC) – De Schorren (8S)	+ 2			20 + 1 - 2	10 - 1
21. Den Burg (3D) – Oudeschild (9H)	20	10			
22. De Cocksdorp (4S) – t'Licht van Troost (9D)	+ 2 + 2 + 2 + 2	10 - 2	11 - 2	5 - 2 + 2	4 - 2 - 2
23. Oudeschild (8H) – Zuid Eierland (QS)	5 - 2	4		10 + 2	11
24. Den Burg (AD) – Oost (AH)		7 - 2	7 + 2	16	
25. De Waal (KH) – Zwen Paradijs (6C)	7 - 2		16	+ 2	7
26. Pomona (QC) – Vuurtoren (AS)		12 - 1	13 + 1 - 3 + 2	5 + 3 - 2	

<b>Last Turn</b>	122	183	138	152	125
<b>Points from Races</b>	39	38	65	60	38
<b>Builds</b>				- 7	
<b>Bank</b>	161	221	203	205	163

**GREEN:** De Schorren – De Cocksdorp  
**NSCB:** No builds  
**vPE:** No builds (*there is no line from Den Burg – t'Hoorntje and the line Zwen Paradijs "Calluna" to Ecomare has already been built*)  
**BOTTOM:** No builds  
**PEAR:** No builds

The fourth set of races is

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 27. Ferry to Vlieland (2S) – Ferry to Den Helder (8D); | 28. Oosterend (2H) – Molen (KS)       |
| 29. Any Nature Area (KC) – Oudeschild (8H):            | 30. Zuid Eierland (QC) – De Koog (JC) |
| 31. Golf Course (6S) – Den Burg (3D):                  | 32. Oosterend (4H) – Oudeschild (9H)  |
| 33. Oudeschild (10H) – De Geul (10D):                  | 34. De Koog (10C) – Den Hoorn (QD)    |
| 35. Duinen (2C) – Midden Eierland (9S)                 |                                       |

Enter up to 5 races. The build order for next turn is Arthur, Kev, Roger, Bob then Brad.

## Bus Boss (ISHIGAKI-JIMA) BB347ISH

### Round One

**Arthur** gets into the hard stuff quickly while almost everyone gets their first choice builds and no-one braves the peninsula.

Roger Trethewey	Company Name: RED
	Colour: Red
	Bid: Ishigaki-Machi – Airport - Miwa
	Bank: 120 – 10 = 110

- Brad Martin                      Company Name: Best Buses (BB)  
    Colour: Blue  
    Bid: Tousato Ondo – Miwa – Seishika Bridge  
    Bank: 120 – 12 = 108
  
- Arthur Owen                    Company Name: Japanese Always Deliver (JAD)  
    Colour: Green  
    Bid: Sukiji Beach – Awamori Museum – Kabira – Connections for Oganzaki  
    Bank: 120 – 12 = 108
  
- Kev Lee                            Company Name: Hirakubo Expressways Are Rampant (HEAR)  
    Colour: Black  
    Bid: Nakasuji - Yonehara - Omoto Tunnel  
    Bank: 120 – 11 = 109
  
- Bob Gingell                      Company Name: Godzilla Helpers In Dread Of Radiation And Hellfire (GHIDORAH)  
    Colour: Purple  
    Bid: Nagura – Nagura Wetland – Kabira  
    Bank: 120 – 12 = 108

Next turns build order is Brad, Arthur, Kev, Bob and Roger.

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## Café International 8

### Turn Thirteen

**Kev** completes his second single nationality table so each of the waiters is down to three customers.

- Brad** plays mUS to USA.IND scoring 2 points
- John** plays fFRA to USA.FRA scoring 2 points
- Kev** plays mIND to FRA.IND scoring 10 points
- Steve** plays mAFR to the bar scoring -4 points

The turn order for the fourteenth round is John, Kev, Steve then Brad.

<b>Brad Martin</b>	female: IND	male: USA, RUS	score 60
<b>John Walker</b>	female: USA, JOK	male: IND	score 45
<b>Kev Lee</b>	female: GB, USA,	male: JOK	score 31
<b>Steve Ham</b>	female: CUB	male: JOK, CHI	score 48

There are still 29 customers waiting at the Café and approximately 18 chairs still to be filled.

	fAF		fIT		mIT		mCH		mCH		mES	
mAF	<b>AFR1</b>	mIT	<b>ITA1</b>	fIT	<b>ITA2</b>	mCH	<b>CHI1</b>	fCH	<b>CHI2</b>	mES	<b>ESP1</b>	fES
	fAF		mIT				fCH		fGB		fES	
mAF	<b>AFR2</b>	fAF	<b>GB1</b>	mGB					<b>GB2</b>	fES	<b>ESP2</b>	
	mAF		fGB						mGB		mRU	
fJO	<b>CUB1</b>	mCU									<b>RUS1</b>	fRU
	fCU					<b>Bar</b>					fRU	
						<b>- 6</b>						
mCU	<b>CUB2</b>	fCU									<b>RUS2</b>	
	mTU		fFR								mIN	
ftU	<b>TUR1</b>	ftU	<b>FRA1</b>	fFR					<b>FRA2</b>	mIN	<b>IND1</b>	fIN
	mTU		mFR						fFR		fIN	
mTU	<b>TUR2</b>	fDE	<b>DEU1</b>		<b>DEU2</b>		<b>USA1</b>		<b>USA2</b>	mUS	<b>IND2</b>	
	ftU		mDE									

Customers at the bar are – mUS, mCUB, mFRA, fFRA, mUSA, mDEU, fIND, mIND, mAFR

# Fair Means or Foul 5

## Turn Twelve

I managed to mess up **John's** orders again last turn (sorry John, it's not personal) and forgot to advance him the two spaces for his successful Detective last round. I also forgot to move him back to the auction house. I don't think this affected anyone's orders this turn so I have not held the game over.

Ambassador **Whyte** had set his heart on the French Porcelain Chamber Pot (F1890) and was willing to spend big (24K) to get it, easily outbidding the Earl of **Critchley** and Lord **Walker**. The Auction House later reported the theft of the Ambassador's check and 'Orrible **Owen** is suspected. However, DC **Bishop** and DI **Stagg** were both on patrol at the art exhibition.

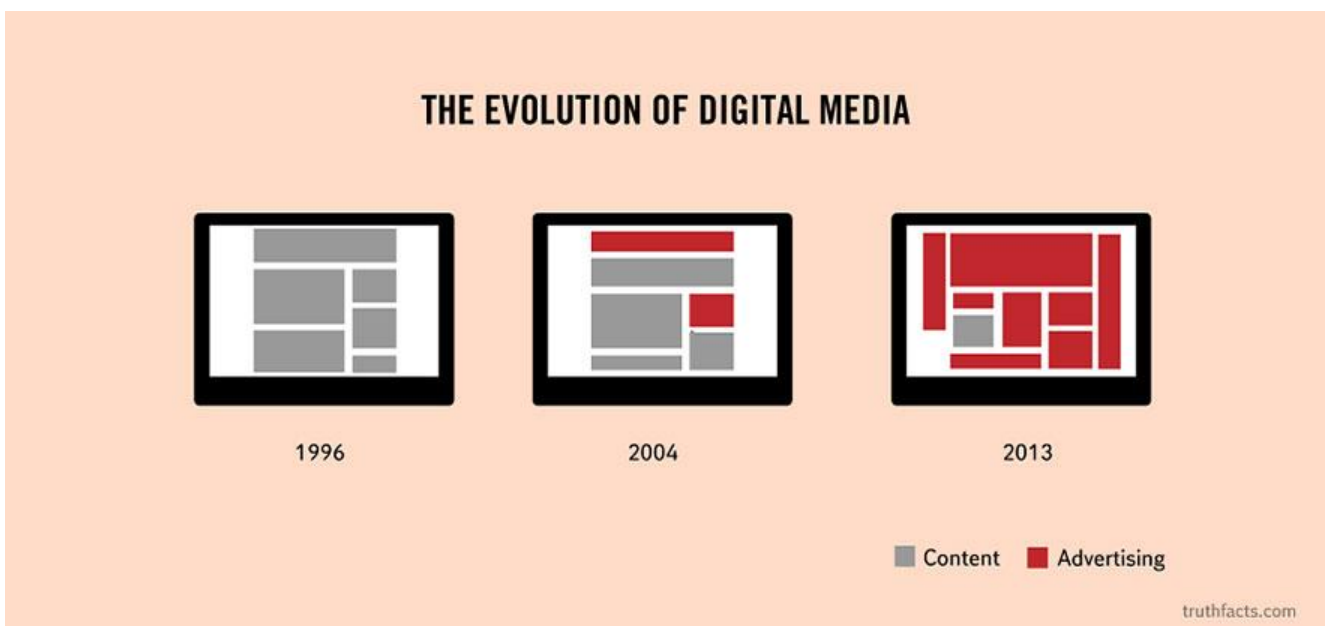
	<b>Howard Bishop</b>	<b>Allan Stagg</b>	<b>Brendan Whyte</b>	<b>Tony Critchley</b>	<b>John Walker</b>	<b>Arthur Owen</b>
Cheques	1, 12	2, 11, 14	10, 15	4, 9, 16, 21	5, 8, 17, 20, 22	6, 7, 24
Thieves	-	5	9	3, 10	2	1, 12
Location next turn	Castle	Auction House	Castle	Auction House	Auction House	Auction House

2/1	3/2	4/2	5/3	3/2	4/2	4/2	2/1	3/2	4/2	4/2	3/2	4/2	2/1
			AO		HB, TC		AS		BW	JW			
5/3	3/2	4/2	5/3	3/2	4/2	2/1	3/2	4/2	3/2	4/2	2/1	5/3	Finish

**Jail: John Thief 11, Brendan Thief 4, Arthur Thief 4, Allan Thief 8, Howard Thief 7, Howard Thief 6**

At the auction next month are a Schuddig-Mundle Mask (A 1887) and a Rococo Mask (A 1760).

Please send orders for next time should include bid orders (which check and what item you're bidding for) and exhibit details (if exhibiting) plus your location for the following turn. The location choice may be made provisional on the outcome of actions next round.



## Hare and Tortoise

### Game Four – Turn Fourteen

**Bugsy Malone** pauses and quickly confirms that the lettuce square is still occupied, so bides his time and edges forward a little closer. **Big Bunny** is in a hurry and he hurtles forward past **Hare Dai** nibbling his lettuce and close to the finish line. **Jumping Jack Flash** is another rabbit enjoying his greens and frustrating the rabbits behind him. **Rampant Rabbit** is forced to visit a Hare where he loses 10 carrots. **Old Thumper** moves so close he can watch the **Jack Flash** eating, while **Bugsy** retreats to see the Tortoise.

Player	Start Square	Finish Square	Carrots	Lettuces	Next Turn
<i>Old Thumper</i> Richard Smith	26	23	44	1	5
<i>Bugsy Malone</i> Howard Bishop	29	24 27	139	2	6
<i>Big Bunny</i> Brad Martin	17	4	33	0	1 and 7
<i>Hare Dai</i> John Walker	7	7	4	2	2
<i>Jumping Jack Flash</i> Kev Lee	22	22	64	2	3
<i>Rampant Rabbit</i> Arthur Owen	28	25	93	3	4

Next turn, **Big Bunny** can easily get home for the win on the first move of the game, so this one is a wrap.

## Congratulations to Big Bunny (Brad Martin)

*Game End Statements welcome*

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## The Golden Strider 3

### Round Six

**Xavier Vincent CIV** continues to stay far in the lead, while the others bunch up behind him.

<u>P</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Runner</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>O</u>
1	22	<i>Xavier Vincent CIV</i> John Walker	6/0, <del>9/2</del> , 9/3, 8/4, 0/5, 4/6	9	2	5	2	4	
2	14	<i>Mr Lapp</i> Allan Stagg	7/0, <del>40/2</del> , 10/3, 9/4, 7/5, 9/6	10	3	3	4	9	
2	14	<i>Sweaty Betty</i> Steve Ham	<del>8/4</del> , 8/2, 10/3, 4/4, 9/5, 9/6	8	0	4	4	9	1
2	14	<i>Hitch Gitalong</i> Tom Howell	<del>9/4</del> , 9/2, 9/3, 10/4, 10/5, 9/6	9	0	5	4	9	2
5	13	<i>Dick Dastardly</i> Tony Critchley	8/1, <del>40/2</del> , 10/3, 8/4, 10/5, 10/6	10	2	4	4	10	1
6	12	<i>Pinback</i> Lee Batchelor	<del>6/4</del> , 8/2, 8/3, 10/4, 10/5, 8/6	6	0	3	3	8	
7	11	<i>Hollie Moloney</i> Arthur Owen	10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 9/4, <del>8/5</del> , 10/6	8	0	3	5	10	
7	11	<i>Mo Nearer</i> Richard Smith	<del>8/0</del> , 6/2, 8/3, 9/4, 6/5, 10/6	8	0	3	5	10	

# Nuclear War 5

## Turn Two

**Duke Nukem** is struck with fear as the dreaded little old ladies defect to **Los Angeles**, but is relieved when they are lured to **COIBA** by the Peace Corps. Meanwhile, **Ronald Ray-Gun** gave an incredibly tedious speech driving 2 million Atlanteans to flee to **PISS OFF MY LAND**. After all that excitement, **COIBA** declared war by dropping a 10MT warhead on **MARS** from its space platform, while two missiles are now in the air.

### Press

**Duke Nukem** to **Wolfgang Adolf Rudolph**: Nobody steals our chicks... and lives!

**Imperator Wolfgang A. Rudolph**, not having heard any peace negotiations, re-iterates his call for peace treaties with all peace loving countries.

**COIBA:** Whilst rummaging amidst a partially overgrown area, President Sums was most happy to discover the LUNCH dispenser. A great rumbling from the ground revealed a promisingly capacious sandwich box rising from the jungle floor. Some 10 Mins later the rumbling was heard from President Sums stomach and the words "Buggerit, I was hoping for cheese salad sandwiches and a cold beer". All I get is Salamis in orbit, what use is that ??

**COIBA:** LATEST newflash..... It seems that the LUNCH dispenser button had not been cleaned properly, after licking it in the vain hope that it would be edible, a previously unseen letter A was discovered. President Sums apologies for any inconvenience that has resulted from this minor technical hitch.

**MARS:** Ack Ack Ackety Ack-Ack! (Translator Device: Start with Los Angeles – it's just like in the movies!!)

Ach-Ach-Ach Ach, Accchh Ach Ach! (Translator Device: We few are the last remnants of our people, be our friends!)

Ack Ack-Ack Ack Ach (Translator Device: Emperor Ack-Ack-Ack invites all esteemed leaders to a Tom Jones karaoke evening)

Ack-Ack-Ack Ack Ack!! (Translator Device: Free rides in the flying saucer for our friends!!)

### This Turns Actions

	Secrets and Other Nefarious Activities	First Face Up Card	Second Face Up Card	Other Activities
WASTELAND		5M Prop at Atlantis	5M Prop at Atlantis	None
LOS ANGELES		5M Prop at Wolverhampton	5M Prop at Wolverhampton	None
PISS OFF MY LAND	Secret - Atlantis President just gave another boring speech; 2 million enemy defect to you.	5M Prop at Atlantis	5M Prop at Atlantis	None
WOLVERHAMPTON	Secret - 2 million highly moral little old ladies rebel against Wolverhampton military policies and defect to Los Angeles	10M Prop at PISS OFF MY LAND	5M Prop at PISS OFF MY LAND	None
COIBA	Secret - Peace Corps reduce tension; 2 million Angelinos leave their homeland to join your form of superior Government	Space Platform	Titan	Drops 10MT warhead from Space Platform on MARS killing 3M
ATLANTIS		5M Prop at WASTELAND	25M Prop at WASTELAND	None
MARS	-	25M Prop at Los Angeles	Polaris	None

## Status Report

	Secrets In Hand	Face Up Card	Population Change this turn	Net Population Change	25 mil cards played	Visible Deterrents	Other Specials
WASTELAND <i>Arthur Owen</i>	Top Secret	-	+ 5 + 5 - 5 - 25	- 43	1	None	None
LOS ANGELES Richard Smith		-	+ 5 + 5 + 2 - 2 - 25	- 19	0	None	None
PISS OFF MY LAND Jason Asker		-	+ 5 + 5 + 2 - 10 - 5	- 3	0	None	None
WOLVERHAMPTON Tom Howell	Top Secret	-	- 5 - 5 - 2 + 10 + 5	+ 3	0	None	None
COIBA Tony Bayley		Titan	+ 2	+ 2	0	None	Space Platform
ATLANTIS Chris Hibbert		-	- 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 2 + 5 + 25	+ 8	0	None	None
MARS Bob Pitman		Polaris	+ 25 - 3	+22	0	None	None

## Question

**Chris Hibbert** Should someone have gained 2 Million for their population whinge?  
*Yes, I forgot – there are 2 million more Martians in the game!*

**Arthur Owen** Can you please explain the Titan, Minuteman and Polaris and what maximum warhead they can carry – obviously less than a B1 bomber?

*Polaris and Minuteman missiles can carry a single warhead of 10MT.*

*Titan and Atlas missiles can carry a single warhead to a maximum of 20MT.*

*B70 bombers can carry a combination of warheads up to a maximum of 50MT.*

*B1 bombers can carry a combination of warheads up to a maximum of 100MT.*

*Saturn and MX missiles can carry a single warhead up to a maximum of 100MT*

*Cruise missiles are special and do not need warheads.*

Please remember to include orders for both of your two face down cards, plus secrets and any special cards that you may have, plus orders for two new face down cards.





## Maneater 3

### Round Fifteen

Game 1: The Shark swam round the rock in frustration but **John Green** still wasn't moving.

Game 2: The battle of wits continued and was finally won by **Arthur Shark** who swam his ground and waited for Red **John** to come his way.

	<u>Game 1</u>		<u>Game 2</u>		<u>Game 3</u>		<u>Game 4</u>		<u>Game 5</u>	
<b>SHARK</b>	Roger	85	Arthur	116	John	93	Tony	183	Brendan	170
<b>RED</b>	Arthur	Home	John	<b>RIP</b>	Tony (1 leg)	<b>Home</b>	Brendan	RIP	Roger (1 leg)	<b>RIP</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	John (1 leg)	<b>A</b>	Tony	<b>RIP</b>	Brendan	Home	Roger	Home	Arthur (1 leg)	<b>Home</b>
<b>BLUE</b>	Tony (1 leg)	Home	Brendan	Home	Roger	<b>RIP</b>	Arthur (0 legs)	<b>RIP</b>	John	Home
<b>YELLOW</b>	Brendan	RIP	Roger	Home	Arthur	Home	John	Home	Tony (0 legs)	<b>Home</b>

### Scores

Arthur: 14  
 Brendan: 12  
 Roger: 11  
 Tony: 11  
 John: 10

## Congratulations to Arthur Owen

*Game End Statements welcome*

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## Grand National

### Round Fifteen

A lot of risky riding coming into the final fences sees **Land Biskit** close the distance on leader **Sarah Jessica Parker** but it's not quite enough as **Steve Ham** watches his horse come home the winner in the first Pig Grand National.

### Comments

**Chris Hibbert** Nice sacrifice, Steve! And Dunrinnin' is such an obvious name for the fall guy.

**Michael Pargman** That was a really smooth move by Steve. Now I expect the other players with two horses to do something similar... If they don't, then I will go down for sure.

**Steve Ham** I didn't think I would get to the front last turn and thought I would need to chance it on the last turn having given the idea that one horse in a two horse team can take a fall for the team. Now I'm in the front I've got to assume someone else will either do the same or anticipate it and go lower than me. Then again I might just fall off.

Player	Horse	Starting JP	Fence 29: Plain Fence (TN is lowest)	Fence 30: Plain Fence (TN is lowest JP)	Penalties	Comment	JP after Fence Twenty Six
Steve Ham	Sarah Jessica Parker	164	5	7			152
Tom Howell	Land Biskit	154	3	3			148
John Walker	Mickey Boy	149	5	5			139
Michael Pargman	Rapid	144	4	5			135
Allan Stagg	Gran	157	18	5			134
Howard Bishop	Still Running	150	15	3			132
Richard Smith	Camilla	141	17	18			106
Richard Smith	Anne	137	18	17			102
Jon Carter	Chancer	107	2	3			102
Kev Lee	Prawn Cocktail	135	17	18			100
Steve Guest	Overproofed Rum	129	18	18			93
NPC	Mr Consistent	52	16	16			20
Arthur Owen	Another Omen	50	17	17			16
Brendan Whyte	Get It Off	50	17	17			16
Arthur Owen	All Over	42	18	18			6
Jon Carter	Fools Guess	115	3	2		Fallen at fence 30	
Chris Hibbert	Opening Bell	161	1			Fallen at fence 29	
Jason Asker	Punters Folly	135	1			Fallen at fence 29	
Steve Ham	Dunrunnin'	159				Fallen at race 28	
Chris Green	Old	181				Fallen at race 26	
Chris Green	Nag	191				Fallen at race 25	
NPC	Metro Gnome	84				Fallen at race 25	
NPC	Lounge Lizard	0				Fallen at fence 24	
Tom Howell	Land Biskit	0				Fallen at fence 24	
Jason Asker	Sure to be Shot	0				Fallen at fence 23	
NPC	Fade Away	0				Fallen at fence 23	
Mike Townsend	Hopping Mad	0				Fallen at fence 22	
Bob Pitman	Filly Steak	0				Fallen at fence 22	
Bob Pitman	Flatulent Prophet	0				Fallen at fence 22	
Harv Barker	Muppetchops	0				Fallen at fence 21	
Chris Hibbert	Red Sky	0				Fallen at fence 20	
Steve Guest	Spiced Rum	0				Fallen at fence 19	
Allan Stagg	Canaria	0				Fallen at fence 19	
Roger Trethewey	Devon Sands	0				Fallen at Fence 19	
Blaise Hudson	Glue Pot	0				Fallen at fence 18	
Blaise Hudson	Knackers Yard	0				Fallen at fence 17	
NPC	Middle Man	0				Fallen at fence 16	
Kev Lee	Cornish Delight	0				Fallen at fence 16	
Jacqueline Reader	Not Dead Yet	0				Fallen Fence 16	
Howard Bishop	Nag O'Saki	0				Fallen Fence 16	
NPC	Aquarius	0				Fallen Fence 15	
Tony Bayley	Mary Huff	0				Fallen Fence 14	
Andy York	Houston	0				Fallen Fence 13	
Tom Howell	Sea Ankor	0				Fallen fence 12	
Roger Trethewey	Devon Air	0				Fallen fence 12	
Harv Barker	Slapper	0				Fallen fence 10	
Michael Pargman	Rigel	0				Fallen fence 9	
NPC	Mediator	0				Fallen fence 8	
NPC	Slow Riser	0				Fallen fence 8	
Mike Townsend	Crazy Frog	0				Fallen fence 7	
Jacqueline Reader	Run Away	0				Fallen fence 6	
NPC	Chaos Theory	0				Fallen fence 6	
Tony Bayley	Sound of Gunfire	0				Fallen fence 5	
Brendan Whyte	Get It On	0				Fallen fence 4	
John Walker	Shazza	0				Fallen fence 3	
Mark Stretch	Stretchy	0				Fallen fence 3	
Andy York	Austin	0				Fallen fence 2	
Mark Stretch	OMR	0				Fallen fence 1	

**Congratulations to Sarah Jessica Parker (Steve Ham)**

*Game End Statements welcome*

## Puerto Rico

### Game Six – Round Two

Mike takes the Mayor and mans his Indigo and Tobacco Plantations. Jon mans his indigo plantation, Chris mans his corn plantation, Allan mans his Hospice and Richard mans his Quarry. 5 more colonists board the colony ship.

Jon takes the Settler and takes a Quarry. Chris receives a Sugar from his Hacienda and takes an Indigo. Allan takes a corn, manned from his Hacienda; Richard takes indigo and Mike takes another tobacco.

Chris takes the Craftsman (+1 doubloon) and collects a corn, Allan collects 2 corn, Richard cannot produce, Mike produces a tobacco and Jon produces a sugar. Chris then produces an extra corn.

Allan takes the Trader (+1 doubloon) and trades corn for a doubloon. Richard cannot trade, Mike trades his Tobacco for 3 doubloons, Jon trades his sugar for 2 doubloons and Chris cannot trade.

Richard takes the Builder and builds a large indigo plant for 1 doubloon. Mike buys a Small Market for 1 doubloon, Jon buys a small indigo plant for 1 doubloon, Chris buys a large indigo plant for 3 doubloons and Allan passes.

Player	Doubloons	VP	Goods	Buildings	Plantations
Richard	1	0	-	Construction Hut (x) Large Indigo Plant (x,x,x)	Indigo (√,x), Quarry (√)
Mike	2	0	-	Tobacco Storage (√,x,x) Small Market (x)	Indigo (√), Tobacco (√,x)
Jon	3	0	-	Small Sugar Mill (√) Small Indigo Plant (x)	Indigo (√), Sugar (√), Quarry (x)
Chris	1	0	2 corn	Hacienda (√) Large Indigo Plant (x,x,x)	Corn (√), Coffee (x), Sugar (x), Indigo (x)
Allan	3	0	1 corn	Hospice (√)	Corn (√,√), Tobacco (x)

The play order for the second turn is Jon, Chris, Allan then Mike, Richard. There are 5 colonists on the colony ship and all the ships are empty. The trading house holds 1 corn, 1 sugar and 1 tobacco. There are + 1 bonuses available both Prospectors and a + 2 bonus on the Captain. The plantations available this turn are corn, sugar, corn, sugar, tobacco and coffee.

	Stock
Quarry	6
Corn Tiles	6 (1)
Indigo Tiles	9 (1)
Sugar Tiles	5 (2)
Tobacco Tiles	5
Coffee Tiles	6
Corn Goods	7
Indigo Goods	11
Sugar Goods	10
Tobacco Goods	8
Coffee Goods	9
Colonists	82
Victory Points	122

Building	Cost	Victory Points	Number Available
Small Indigo Plant	1	1	4
Small Sugar Mill	1	1	3
Small Market	1	1	2
Hacienda	2	1	1
Construction Hut	2	1	1
Small Warehouse	3	1	2
Large Indigo Plant	3	2	1
Large Sugar Mill	4	2	3
Hospice	4	2	1
Office	5	2	2
Large Market	5	2	2
Large Warehouse	6	2	2
Tobacco Storage	5	3	2
Coffee Roaster	6	3	3
Factory	7	3	2
University	8	3	2
Harbour	8	3	2
Wharf	9	3	2
Guild Hall	10	4	1
Residence	10	4	1
Fortress	10	4	1
Customs House	10	4	1
City Hall	10	4	1

**Questions**

I am still struggling with this game, could you explain what the numbers in the tile/goods table mean  
*The numbers in the tiles / goods table refer to the number of plantation tiles or goods that are available in the 'bank'. New plantations are drawn randomly after the end of each settler phase and these will then make up the 6 plantations that are offered for the next settler phase. The quarries are not offered but can be taken either by the player who takes the settler role or any player with a manned construction hut. To be honest, this information is unlikely to be used by the players but I keep it to make sure I don't offer too many of the same type of plantation*  
*The goods are the number of goods available for production when someone takes the craftsman. This is more important as the number of goods are fixed so when a type of good (corn, indigo etc) run out, players can no longer produce this.*  
*Starting for the player who takes the craftsman, each player produces as many goods as they can. Each manned corn plantation produces one corn, but all other goods (indigo, sugar, tobacco and coffee) require both a manned plantation and manned production building (i.e. to produce one indigo, you need an indigo plantation and an indigo plant (small). Each must be manned, that is have a settler placed on both plantation and building (this is done in the Mayor phase). Note, that all buildings need to be manned to function.*

## Rail Baron 5

### Round Seven

Three more railways are sold, but **Kev** cannot afford the CMSt.P&P and **Arthur** takes it from him for an immediate gain.

Brendan Whyte Cash 32.0K  
 Home City: Memphis (South Central)

31) 1E Denver – 2SW Omaha	(CB&Q)	1K to bank
32) 2SW Omaha – St. Louis	(CB&Q)	1K to bank
33) St. Louis - Philadelphia	(PA)	5K to Arthur, + 31.0K
<i>Buy SOU for 20K</i>		
34) Philadelphia - Cincinnati	(B&O)	5K to Kev
35) Cincinnati – 2SW Omaha	(C&O, CB&Q)	1K to bank

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Andy York Cash 28.0K  
 Home City: Milwaukee (North Central)

31) 2SW Kansas City – 1SE Pueblo	(AT&SF)	1K to bank
32) 1SE Pueblo – 2N Phoenix	(AT&SF)	1K to bank
33) 2N Phoenix – Los Angeles	(AT&SF)	1K to bank, + 26.0K
<i>Buy SLSF for 19K</i>		
33 bonus) Los Angeles – 2NE Los Angeles	(AT&SF)	
34) 2NE Los Angeles – 3N El Paso	(AT&SF)	1K to bank
35) 3N El Paso – Kansas City	(AT&SF)	1K to bank

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Arthur Owen Cash 29.5K  
 Home City: Baltimore (North East)

31) 2SE Spokane – 3E Butte	(CMStP&P)	1K to bank
32) 3E Butte – 1W Minneapolis	(CMStP&P)	1K to bank
33) 1W Minneapolis – 1E Columbus	(CMStP&P, PA)	1K to bank
34) 1E Columbus – New York	(PA)	1K to bank, +30.5K
<i>Buy CMStP&amp;P for 18K</i>		
35) New York – 1SE Chicago	(PA)	1K to bank

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Kev Lee  
Home City: Omaha (Plains)

Cash 15.0K

31) 3S Richmond – Charleston	(SAL)	5K to Andy, +9.5K
32) Charleston – 1S Washington	(SAL, RF&P)	5K to Andy, 1K to bank
33) 1S Washington - Washington	(RF&P)	1K to bank, +5.0K
33 bonus) Washington – 2W Washington	(B&O)	
34) 2W Washington – 1NW Chicago	(B&O, CMStP&P)	1K to bank
35) 1NW Chicago - Minneapolis	(CMStP&P)	1K to Arthur, +11.5K
35 bonus) Minneapolis – 1E Minneapolis	(CMStP&P)	5K to Arthur

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FIRST DESTINATION</u>	<u>PAYOUT</u>	<u>SECOND DESTINATION</u>	<u>PAYOUT</u>
Brendan	Reno (Southwest)	28.5K	Billings (Northwest)	12.0K
Andy	Albany (Northeast)	30.5K	Salt Lake City (Northwest)	23.5K
Arthur	Sacramento (Southwest)	31.0K	Albany (Northeast)	27.0K
Kev	Chicago (North Central)	4.0K	Seattle (Northwest)	21.5K

Brendan's 3<sup>rd</sup> destination is El Paso (Southwest) for 14.0K.

Andy's 3<sup>rd</sup> destination is Oakland (Southwest) for 8.0K.

Kev's 3<sup>rd</sup> destination is Los Angeles (Southwest) for 9.0K.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>ARRIVALS</u>	<u>TRAIN</u>	<u>RAILROADS</u>	<u>CASH</u>
Brendan	11	E	NP, GM&O, B&M, CB&Q, C&O, NYNH&H, D&RGW, WP, SOU	30.0K
Andy	7	N	C&NW, SAL, ACL, GN, UP, AT&SF, SL&SF	40.0K
Arthur	12	E	PA, NYC, L&N, CRI&P, CMSTP&P	48.0K
Kev	13	E	MP, T&P, B&O, RF&P, SP	27.0K

The two remaining railways for sale N&W (12K) and IC (14K).

<u>Turn</u>	<u>Die Roll</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Priority</u>
36	2 + 2	4	Kev
37	3 + 3	5	Brendan
38	4 + 5	2 (superchief only)	Andy
39	4 + 4	5	Arthur
40	6 + 2	6 (superchief only)	Kev

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## Railway Rivals

### RR Games LXI – Caucasus Map – RR2201KK – Game End Statements

SHAMIL (Brad): Well, that certainly was proof that you can't ignore half the map! Congratulations to Steve.

ELBRUS (John): That was a nice surprise, getting second place with a nice final set of runs. Well done to Steve and thanks for GMing and to everyone else for playing, especially my JR buddies.

HAMMER (Steve): A big map, and awkward with the central hill system. The scores have turned out relatively close by usual standards. Plan A was to get to the Black Sea port towns and the associated specials for a near-monopoly, but that was also the plan for two other players. At this point I was wondering whether it was worth crossing the mountains at all. Plan B was to make some meaningful extension to my current line to the East, while at the same time working on a N-S line that meant hacking through 3 hexes of hills. My nice Tblisi-Grozny connection actually scored bugger all, but the N-S extremities (e.g. Jerevan, Russia) scored heavily, as did the near-monopoly in the SE. Likely I had a fairly high percentage of wins from the races I was able to enter, which may have been the difference in the end.

PUSHKIN (Chris) Congratulations to Steve. Well played.

**RR Games LXII – East Africa Map – RR2218EAF – Round Nine**

There was a mistake in the race listings for this turn – race 17 should have been 17) Magadi / Meru (32) – Iringa (65) rather than Magadi / Meru (32) – M'twara (61) as listed in last turns report. All players were notified by email. FEAR's build "A59 – B59 – C58" should have read "A59 – B58 – C58".

**GRIEF:** G73 - - - H73 – I74 – J74 – K75 – L74: (G56) – H56.  
**LION:** (S20) – T19 - U19: (V21) – Moshi.  
**FEAR:** (H69) - I70 - J70 - K71 - K72 - K73 - L73 - M74 – Lindi.  
**POOR:** (J17) - I18 - I19; (Y8) - - Y7 - - Y6 - Y5 - Y4

	<b>GRIEF</b> Bob <i>Red</i>	<b>LION</b> Steve <i>Orange</i>	<b>FEAR</b> Roger <i>Black</i>	<b>POOR</b> Dane <i>Green</i>
15. Kampala (11) – Morogoro (42)	5 - 3 - 4	20 + 3	5	+ 4
16) Malindi / Lamu (23) – Bukoba / Musoma (53)	+ 2 + 2	20 - 2		10 - 2
17) Magadi / Meru (32) – Iringa (65)	20 - 1 + 3		10 + 1 - 3	0
18) Mbale (12) – Shinyanga (51)		0	10 - 5	20 + 5
19) Moshi (24) – Masasi / Mpanda (63):	8 JR		7 JR	15
20) Kisumu (36) – Indian Ocean Port (Sp1)	10 - 1	0		20 + 1
21) Kilosa (43) – Congo (Sp5)	0 - 4	10	20 + 4	

<b>Total Last Turn</b>	118	159	145	152
<b>Points from Races</b>	37	51	49	73
<b>Builds</b>	- 8 - 1 + 1 + 1	- 3 + 1 – 1	- 8 + 1	- 8 - 1 - 1
<b>Total</b>	148	207	187	215

The fourth set of races is

22) Soroti (13) – Malindi / Lamu (23): 23) Moshi (24) – Eldoret (34):  
 24) Kitale (35) – Singida / Kondora (45): 25) Tabora (46) – Kigali (56): 26) Mtwara (61) – Shinyanga (51)  
 27) Arua / Kasese (16) – Zambia (Sp4): 28) Mbeya (66) – Congo (Sp5)

*Enter up to 5 races and build up to 6 points. Note, as stated at the start we are using the historical set of special runs.*

**RR Games LXIII – Cambodia Map – RR2220CM – Round Nine**

There was a small error in last turns report. It should have stated "Enter up to 4 races plus the held over races 2 and 13 and build up to 8 points" for round 9 and not just enter up to 4 races as stated in the original report. All players were notified by email. KAMBUJA had not built S20 – S19 before last turn, so should have been charged an extra point for this build before all their other builds last round.

**SIEM REAP:** E60 - F61 - G60 - H60 - I59 - J59 - J58 - K57 – Kandal.  
**RIEL:** (G66) - F66 - - - F65: (J73) - J74 - Saigon  
**KAMBUJA:** No builds  
**GIT:** (Snuol) – Y33 – Y34 – Y35 – X36 – X37 – W37 – W38 – SEN MONOROM.

	<b>SIEM REAP</b> Brendan <i>Red</i>	<b>RIEL</b> Steve <i>Orange</i>	<b>KAMBUJA</b> Judy <i>Green</i>	<b>GIT</b> Bob <i>Purple</i>
2) Ban Lung (23) – Phnom Penh (43)	10 + 5			20 - 5
13) Pailin (14) – Laos (Sp2)	20			
15) Batdambang (15) – Kampong Speue (44)		20		
16) Sen Monorom (26) – Srae Ambel (52)				
17) Kampong Thum (35) – Saigon (64)	0JR - 1 + 4	0JR - 1	20	10 - 4 + 2
18) Samraong (12) – Kampot (55)	5JR + 6	20 - 6	5JR	
19) Stoeng Treng (22) – Saigon (65):	5JR		5JR	20
20) Kampong Chhnang (36) – Vietnam (Sp3)				20
21) Kampong Cham (46) – Port or Airport (Sp6)	0 - 3	15 - 4	Offer JR to RIEL	15 + 3 + 4
	<b>SIEM REAP</b> Brendan <i>Red</i>	<b>RIEL</b> Steve <i>Orange</i>	<b>KAMBUJA</b> Judy <i>Green</i>	<b>GIT</b> Bob <i>Purple</i>
<b>Total Last Turn</b>	99	149	139	119
<b>Points from Races</b>	51	44	30	85
<b>Builds</b>	- 8 - 2 - 1	- 6 + 2 - 1	+ 1	- 8 + 6 + 1
<b>Corrections</b>			- 1	
<b>Total</b>	139	188	169	203

The fourth set of races is.

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| 16) Sen Monorom (26) – Srae Ambel (52):        | 22) Batdambang (16) – Kampong Cham (46)     |
| 23) Sen Monorom (26) – Krong Keab (56):        | 24) Kampong Chhnang (36) – Saigon (66)      |
| 25) Batdambang (15) – Kampot (55):             | 26) Snuol (25) – Saigon (65)                |
| 27) Kampong Thum (35) – Port or Airport (Sp6): | 28) Ta Khmau (45) – Minerals and Gems (Sp5) |

*Enter up to 4 races and build up to 6 points.*

## **RR Games LXIV – Cambodia Map - RR2221CM – Round Nine**

CRAP's build U21 - Kampong Thum last turn should have cost 3 and not 1 as charged. Also, his build N29 - Stoeng Tren should have cost 4 and not 3 as charged. I have deducted three points from CRAP's total and reduced his build allowance to 5 points this turn.

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| <b>MIR:</b>         | (Stoeng Treng) - - - - L29 – K28 – J29 – I28.                         |
| <b>KHMER ROUGE:</b> | (F70) - E70 - D71 - C71 - B72 - A72 - Z33 – Snuol.                    |
| Jon:                | (Stoeng Treng) - M30 - M31 - M32 - M33 - N34: (I28) - - - Si Phan Don |
| <b>CRAP:</b>        | (Prey Veang) – E63 - - - - E62.                                       |

The fourth set of races is.

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| 20) Ban Lung (23) – Laos (Sp2):              | 22) Poipet (11) – Siem Reap (31)         |
| 23) Tbaeng Mean Chey (21) – Phnom Penh (41): | 24) Kampong Chhnang (36) – Koh Kong (51) |
| 25) Kampong Cham (46) – Takaev (61):         | 26) Batdambang (16) – Saigon (66)        |
| 27) Sen Monorom (26) – Thailand (Sp1):       | 28) Krong Keab – Port or Airport (Sp6)   |

*Enter up to 4 races and build up to 6 points.*

	<b>MIR</b> Brad <i>Blue</i>	<b>KHMER ROUGE</b> Jason <i>Red</i>	Jon <i>Black</i>	<b>CRAP</b> Arthur <i>Green</i>
4) Sisophon (13) – Sihanoukville (53)		20 + 8	10 - 8	
12) Koh Kong (51) – Saigon (64)		20		
15) Batdambang (15) – Siem Reap (32)		10	20	
16) Sen Monorom (26) – Phnom Penh (43)	20 - 8			10 + 8
17) Siem Reap (31) – Sihanoukville (54)		20 + 8	10 - 8	
18) Phnom Penh (42) – Prey Veang (62)	20	10		
19) Batdambang (16) – Takaev (61)	20 - 2	+ 2 + 1	10 - 1	
20) Ban Lung (23) – Laos (Sp2)	<i>Race not possible</i>			
21) Krong Keab (56) – Khmer Ruins (Sp4)		20 + 3	10 - 3	
<b>Total Last Turn</b>	138	112	150	47
<b>Points from Races</b>	50	122	40	18
<b>Builds</b>	- 6 - 1 + 1	- 7 - 1	- 8 + 1 – 1	- 5 + 1
<b>Corrections</b>				- 3
<b>Total</b>	182	226	182	58

## RR Games LXV – Kazakhstan Map - RR2219KZ – Round Eight

There was a small error in last turns report. It should have stated "Enter up to 4 races plus the held over race 6 and build up to 10 points" for round 8 and not just enter up to 4 races as stated in the original report. All players were notified by email.

### Comment

**Michael Pargman:** I vote against Bob's proposal. I agree with him that the Russian railway is seldom (ever?) used in any regular game, and I wouldn't object to that rule change if it had been done before game start (well actually, before selecting start cities). When doing such a change, you may also want to consider changing the rules so that it would be allowed to build on the Russian rail routes after round 6 (thereby taking over parts or all of the track from the Russians). But making such a change in mid-game completely changes game strategies for how far you have to build to get reach to specific areas in the North and for the Transcontinental races.

*There were no other comments so we will continue the game as originally planned.*

**ROKON:** (J16) – I16 – H15 - - - G15 – F16 - E16 (7)  
**GRAB:** (S15) - R14 - - - Q14 - - - P13 – Aqtobe – N12 – M12 [-10]  
**KRAP:** (Shymkent) – C67 – C68 (Uzbekistan): (J56) – K57 – L57:  
(I55) – H54 – G54 – F53 – E53 – Astana  
**KITSCH:** (H17) - - - Atyrau; (F23) - AQTAU; (Atyrau) - E16 - D16; (N51) - - - O51  
**KR:** (T17) – U17 – V16 – W16 - - - X15. *Not enough builds for the second mountain*





**RR Games LXVII – RR2256NIL - Nile Delta Map – Game Start**

Mike Townsend	Company Name:	Nile Engines Flinging Endless Royal Treasure Into Tomb Interiors (NEFERTITI)
	Colour:	Purple
	Start Preference:	Port Said (1st choice)
John Walker	Company Name:	No Individual Turns Will Influence Trackbuilding (NITWIT)
	Colour:	Red
	Start Preference:	Cairo (5th choice)
Kev Lee	Company Name:	Fuwa Expressways Are Rampant (FEAR)
	Colour:	Black
	Start Preference:	Alexandria (2nd choice)
Michael Pargman	Company Name:	Railroads Are Not Dromedars Or Marsipials (RANDOM)
	Colour:	Green
	Start Preference:	Cairo (3rd choice)
Steve Guest	Company Name:	River Anxiety (RA)
	Colour:	Orange
	Start Preference:	Suez (4th choice)

The first of die rolls are 1a) 5, 1b) 3 and 1c) 5.

**RR Games LXVIII – RR2257VL - Vastmanland Map – Game Start**

The first of die rolls are 1a) 4, 1b) 6 and 1c) 4.

Roger Trethewey	Company Name:	Red
	Colour:	Red
	Start Preference:	Nora
Jason Asker	Company Name:	Intensely Keen Engines And Functional Locomotives Advancing The People Around Country Knowles (IKEA FLAT PACK)
	Colour:	Blue
	Start Preference:	Fagersta (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)
Richard Smith	Company Name:	Vastmaland Automated Railway Train Association (VARTA)
	Colour:	Black
	Start Preference:	Kopparberg
Kev Lee	Company Name:	Ramsberg Expressways Are Rampant (REAR)
	Colour:	Purple
	Start Preference:	Vasteras (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)
Michael Pargman	Company Name:	Railways Of Västmanland – Elaborated Recreation (ROVER)
	Colour:	Green
	Start Preference:	Västerås (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)
Bob Gingell	Company Name:	STAMBANAN (Swedish for Main Line)
	Colour:	Brown
	Start Preference:	Fagersta

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# Sopwith T-359VP

## Turn Thirteen

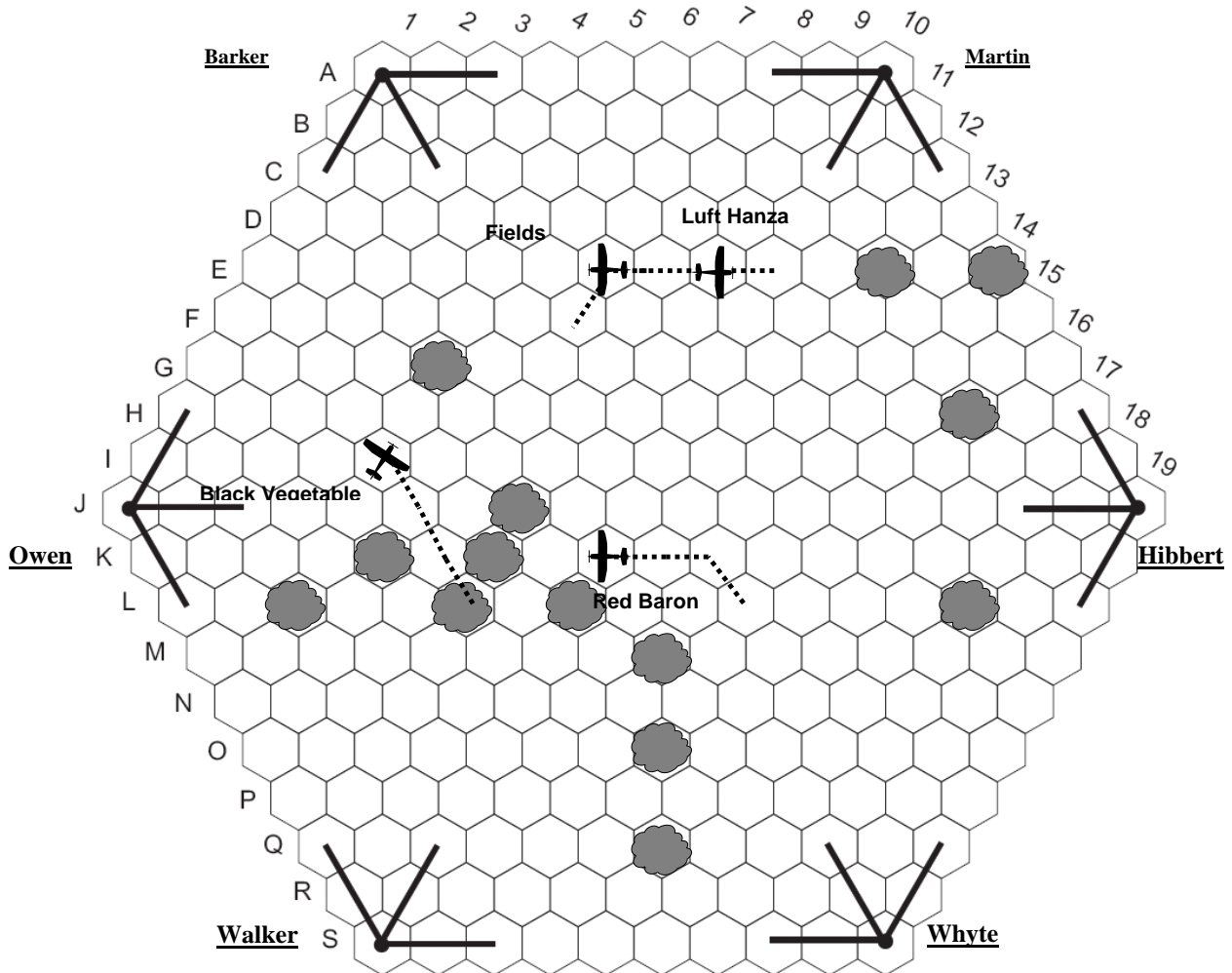
**Kapitan Luft Hanza** ran out of ammunition, but not before landing another hit on **Wing Commander Fields** who delayed his shot too long and fired after the German had flown past him. **The Black Vegetable** banked to avoid flying into the clouds, so couldn't see **The Red Baron's** long range shot that just missed.

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A:D:P
1 The Red Baron ( <i>Arthur Owen</i> )	L16	RS fA, A, A		9:2:4
2 The Blue Duke ( <i>Harv Barker</i> )	-		-	Shot Down (0P)
3 Kapitan Luft Hanza ( <i>Brad Martin</i> )*	E8	RT fR, RT, A		0:5:21
4 Rickenbacker ( <i>Chris Hibbert</i> )	G7		-	Shot Down (10P)
5 The Black Vegetable ( <i>Brendan Whyte</i> )	O9	LS, LS, LS		5:12:3
6 Wing Commander Fields ( <i>John Walker</i> )	D10	A, A, A fA		2:3:10

Rules for this game are available on-line at <http://www.fwtwr.com/sopstats/rules.htm>.

### Press

**Rickenbacker:** That was exciting!





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## The Universe is a Pink Blancmange Called Simon

A subzine by Richard Smith – [richard530smith@btinternet.com](mailto:richard530smith@btinternet.com)

I hope the (Saints supporting) train driver didn't get into trouble for this - perhaps if his boss was a Mackem...

You have to hand it to Southampton FC for falling on their feet after losing most of their star players and the manager too. But new manager Ronald Koeman has recruited some excellent replacements, fully backed by the board (being allowed to spend most of the transfer income). The new team has gelled quickly and having some easier fixtures in the first 10 games is just the ticket - score some morale-boosting wins and bag lots of points before taking on the big boys. I predict a 6th place finish.

Meanwhile back in the world of the UK public sector, there has been yet another strike as the Treasury still refuses to allow pay rises above 1% and also wants to get rid of "automatic progression". Most staff would be happy to see the back of this system. It is quite old-fashioned but survives because it works. Instead of offering a job for its market rate of (say) £23K it is offered as £18K rising to £24K. It then takes years and years to progress to the market rate, with the employee being slightly less underpaid each year. So if it goes and I get progressed straight to the top of the scale, I'll have no problems at all with the abolition. More likely is that I will stay where I am on the scale and be offered two bourbons and a custard cream as compensation.

I realise I haven't said much about music this year. Nevertheless I have produced a free download "Best of 2014" compilation. Last year's utterly brilliant 2CD set proved to be a hard act to follow, but the 2014 3CD offering is not too shabby! Disc one is upbeat poppy stuff, disc two is proggy and disc three is a wonderful (mostly) instrumental headphones mix. Note that some of the tracks are from the end of 2013 (too late to go in last year's compy). Also I haven't equalised the volumes at all - the tracks are unmolested originals, so you might have to twiddle the volume knob from time to time when listening.

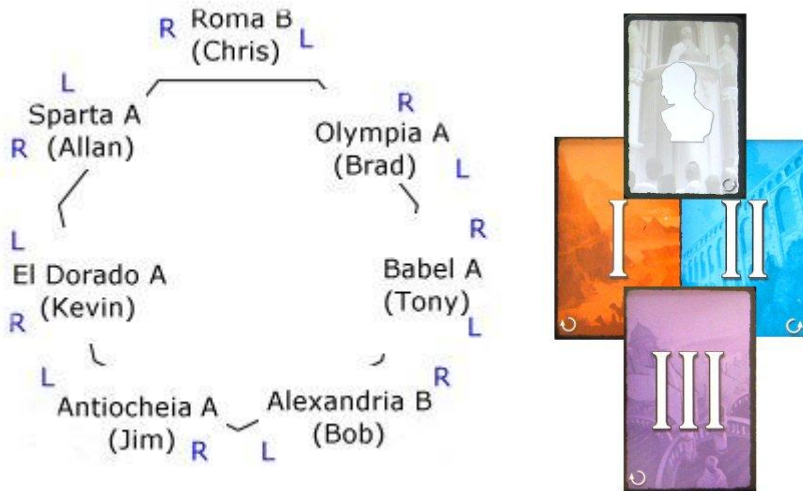
I'm still faffing around with the London Underground game - it almost works but needs more tweaking. It's a bit like the constants of the universe. Some say that these being "just right" is proof of a creator, whilst Brian Cox (in the new Human Universe TV show) says it's because there are many (or possibly infinite) universes all with different settings. But only one of them is pink, wobbly and called Simon!

Richard

*Termites have been known to eat food twice as fast when heavy metal music is playing.*

## 7 Wonders

Postal and F2F rules on the website. Postal rules also printed in VP 141. See VP 142 for Wonder descriptions.



### Our cities enter Age 2..

Everyone recruits a leader this time. Babel gets a new peace treaty. El Dorado gets its most appropriate leader. Sparta will have to get aggressive to get the most out of their new leader whilst Antiocheia will need some luck with guilds in age 3. Only Alexandria have yet to score any VPs but they have plenty of resources.

### Turn 5 Actions

#### ROMA B (Chris)

Leader: Recruit Nebuchadnezzar (cost 4 gold)

Round 1 age card: Build Library (2 stone 1 cloth) - Roma produces 1 stone, doubled to 2 using Secret Warehouse so spends 2 gold to buy a cloth from Olympia.

#### OLYMPIA A (Brad)

Leader: Recruit Sappho (cost 1 gold)

Round 1 age card: build School (cost 1 wood own resource, 1 papyrus from Babel for 2 gold)

#### BABEL A (Tony)

Leader: Recruit Aspasia (cost 3 gold)

Round 1 age card: Build Quarry (cost 1 gold)

#### ALEXANDRIA B (Bob)

Leader: Recruit Bilkis (cost 4 gold)

Round 1 age card: Build Walls (cost 3 stone, 2 stone own resource, 1 from Bilkis [pay 1 gold to bank])

#### ANTIOCHEIA A (Jim)

Leader: Recruit Ramses (cost 5 gold)

Round 1 age card: Forum (chain - no cost. +2 gold from Xenophon)

#### EL DORADO A (Kevin)

Leader: Recruit Midas (cost 3 gold)






Round 1 age card: School (cost 1 wood own resource, 1 papyrus from Sparta for 1 gold)

#### SPARTA A (Allan)

Leader: Recruit Pericles (cost 6 gold)

Round 7 age card: Build Statue (chain no cost - gain 2 gold from Vitruvius)

Status Table

Player	Wonder (Stages)	Leaders	Gold	Military (Tokens)	Cards	Production*	VP **
Chris	Roma B (0)	Croesus (+6 gold when laid) Nebuchadnezzar (+1 VP per blue)	0	0 (-2) 	Stone Pit Clay Pit Pigeon Loft Lumber Yard Altar (2) Theatre (2) Secret Warehouse Library (T)	1 stone 1 clay / ore 1 wood	5
Brad	Olympia A (1 = +3VP)	Caesar (+2 military when laid) Sappho (+2 VP)	3	3 (+2) 	Ore Vein Loom Apothecary (C) Scriptorium (T) Stockade School (T)	1 wood 1 ore 1 cloth	12
Tony	Babel A (1 = +3VP)	Justinian (+3 vp per set of red/blue/green) Aspasia (+2 VP and peace token)	7	0 (0) 	Tavern Tree Farm Glassworks Clay Pool Residence (1) Workshop (W) Quarry	1 papyrus 1 wood / clay 1 glass 1 clay 2 stone	7
Bob	Alexandria B (1 = extra resource stone, clay, ore or wood)	Bilkis (buy 1 resource from bank for 1 gold)	2	3 (0) 	Excavation Guard Tavern Loom East Trading Post Clay Pool Ore Vein Walls	1 glass 1 stone / clay 1 cloth 1 clay 1 ore *1 stone / clay / ore / wood	0
Jim	Antiocheia A (0)	Xenophon (+2 gold each yellow card) Ramses (all guilds free)	14	0 (-1) 	Tavern West Trading Post Marketplace East Trading Post Baths (3) Mine Altar (2) Forum	1 stone 1 stone / ore * 1 glass / cloth / papyrus	4
Kevin	El Dorado A (1 = +6 (7) coins, -2VP per blue card)	Berenice (+1 gold from bank 1/turn) Midas (+1 VP per 3 gold)	31	0 (-1) 	Tavern Lumber Yard Gambling Den West Trading Post Marketplace Scriptorium (T) School (T)	1 wood	3
Allan	Sparta A (0)	Vitruvius (+2 gold for building chain) Pericles (+2 VP each red card)	3	1.5 (2) 	Forest Cave Timber Yard Theatre (2) Press Baths (3) Barracks Pawnshop (3) Statue (4)	1 wood / ore 1 wood / stone 1 papyrus	16

\* production that cannot be purchased (e.g. from yellow cards or wonders) is marked with an asterisk.

\*\* not including leftover coins

Pigeon Loft - copies neighbour's science card at game end

Secret Warehouse - each turn produces an extra resource of the player's choice from among those already produced via initial resource, brown or grey cards.

Science Symbols:

- C = Compass
- T = Tablet
- W = Wheel

Chain Possibilities:

- Altar: Temple
- Apothecary: Stables or Dispensary
- Baths: Aqueduct
- East Trading Post: Forum
- Marketplace: Caravansary
- Scriptorium: Courthouse or Library
- Theatre: Statue
- West Trading Post: Forum
- Workshop: Laboratory or Archery Range
- Library: Senate or University
- School: Academy or Study
- Walls: Fortifications
- Forum: Haven

**Next Turn**

I am naming the rounds as Age2 Round 2 and Age 2 Round 3 as this fits with the postal rules on the Internet. Both rounds are the standard chose a card and build it, burn it for coins, or slip it under for a Wonder construction.

## Snakes and Ladders



**ROUND 9:**

Tom sees cigars being peeled and bananas about to be lit. No trapdoors this time and Chris is the only one finding a snake or ladder to drop out of the peloton.

Next round is a single number, then we have a double which might see the game end before May 7th 2015 (this is the last clue I will give to the mystery element).

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12						
Chris	1	4	9	11	17	21	25	53	26									
Howard	1	5	11	13	38	41	47	52	56									
John	4	5	7	11*	17	2	26	53	54									
Lee	3	5	9	11*	17	2	26	53	58									
Roger	3	5	26	53	39	43	46	52	56									
Tom	3	4	26	53	57	63	84	86	91									

\* after falling through trapdoor on square 30



## Machi Koro



We have 8 takers for this Japanese classic, so I'm running 2 games. Postal rules are on the Pig website <http://www.variablepig.org/rules.html>

F2F rules with Japanese artwork and English text, and card images / translations are available to download from Boardgamegeek here <http://tinyurl.com/pgso5pp>

The game has just been re-released by IDW Games.

Example orders: Build preference: Forest, Cafe, Convenience Store, Livestock Farm.

In this case the player is defaulting everything else (see 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 in the rules). On the postal turns when you have two rolls, you can supply separate preferences for the two rolls, or use the same for both.

### Game 1 Postal turn 3:

John roll 3: 2 (John gets 1 coin from Bakery, Allan 1 and John 2 from Livestock Farms) John builds a Forest  
 Bob roll 3: 1 (Everyone gets 1 from Wheat Field) Bob builds a Mine  
 Jim roll 4: 7 [6,1] (Nobody gets anything) Jim builds a Convenience Store  
 Allan roll 4: 4 (Allan gets 3 from Convenience Store) Allan builds a Convenience Store  
 John roll 4: 3 (John gets 1 from Bakery) John builds a TV Station

Order for postal turn 4: Bob roll 4, Jim\* roll 5, Allan Roll 5, John roll 5, Bob roll 5

*\*n.b. default is 2 dice with train station*

### Status Table

Player	Coins	Buildings
Jim Reader	0	Wheat Field, Bakery, Forest x2, Train Station, Convenience Store
Allan Stagg	6	Wheat Field, Bakery, Livestock Farm, Forest, Convenience Store x2
John Walker	2	Wheat Field, Bakery, Livestock Farm x2, Forest
Bob Pitman	0	Wheat Field, Bakery, Forest x2, Mine

### Available Cards

No.	Type	Cost	Roll	Name	Description
3	Landmark	4	-	Train Station	You may roll 2 dice
4	Landmark	10	-	Shopping Mall	+1 coin for bakery, cafe, conv. store, restaurant
4	Landmark	16	-	Amusement Park	Extra go if you roll a double
4	Landmark	22	-	Radio Tower	You may reroll your dice once per go
6	Blue	1	1	Wheat Field	Receive 1 coin from the bank (anyone's roll)
3	Blue	1	2	Livestock Farm	Receive 1 coin from the bank (anyone's roll)
6	Green	1	2-3	Bakery	Receive 1 coin from the bank
6	Red	2	3	Cafe	Receive 1 coin from any player who rolls a 3
3	Green	2	4	Convenience Store	Receive 3 coins from the bank
0	Blue	3	5	Forest	Receive 1 coin from the bank (anyone's roll)
4	Purple	6	6	Stadium	Receive 2 coins from each player
4	Purple	7	6	TV Station	Receive 5 coins from the player of your choice
4	Purple	8	6	Business Complex	You may exchange 1 card* with an opponent
6	Green	5	7	Cheese Factory	Receive 3 coins for each Livestock Farm
6	Green	3	8	Furniture Factory	Receive 3 coins for each Forest or Mine
5	Blue	6	9	Mine	Receive 5 coins from the bank (anyone's roll)
6	Red	3	9-10	Restaurant	Receive 2 coins from any player who rolls a 9 or 10
6	Blue	3	10	Apple Orchard	Receive 3 coins from the bank (anyone's roll)
6	Green	2	11-12	Produce Market	Receive 2 coins for each Wheat Field or Apple Orchard

*\* excludes Landmarks and Major Establishments (Purple)*



## Game 2 - Postal Turn 3:

Roger roll 3: 4 (Nobody gets anything) Roger builds a Forest  
 Tony roll 3: 3 (Tony no coins to give to Roger, gets 1 from the Bakery) Tony builds a Livestock Farm  
 Kev roll 4: 2 [1,1] (Kev gets 1 from the Bakery, Tom 2, Tony 2, Kev 1, Roger 1 from Livestock Farm) Kevin builds a Convenience Store  
 Tom roll 4: 6 (Nobody gets anything) Tom builds a Convenience Store  
 Roger roll 4: 6 (Nobody gets anything) Roger builds a Wheatfield

A tight round with little income, everyone builds (nice cheap) Livestock Farms (only one left). Roger's Cafe finally does some business, Kev getting a free cuppa and Tom having to pay a yen.

Order for postal turn 4: Tony roll 4, Kev\* roll 5, Tom roll 5, Roger roll 5, Bob roll 5  
*\*n.b. default is 2 dice with train station*

## Status Table

Player	Coins	Buildings
Kevin Lee	0	Wheat Field, Bakery, Forest, Train Station, Livestock Farm, Convenience Store
Tom Howell	0	Wheat Field, Bakery, Forest, Livestock Farm x2, Convenience Store
Roger Trethewey	0	Wheat Field x2, Bakery, Cafe, Livestock Farm, Forest
Tony Bayley	2	Wheat Field, Bakery, Forest, Livestock Farm x2

## Available Cards

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## Notes:

Game 2 continues to be light on money, whilst there is a bit more sloshing around in game one. Only one red card purchased so far. For those with a Train Station remember the default is to roll 2 dice, if you want to roll only one you must order this. Nobody has chosen to use any of the specials as yet, which is not surprising, I expect both games to hot up soon making these options more attractive.

## SpaceFiller Quiz Answers

1. Russell Brand
2. George Michael
3. Robin Williams
4. Ian McKellen
5. Michael Stipe
6. Bruce Willis
7. Clint Eastwood
8. Bruce Springsteen
9. Helen Mirren
10. William Shatner
11. Sarah Palin
12. Eminem

# on-the-shelf

vol. XVI, no 16

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Brought to you by Tom Howell. Still at the usual place: off-the-shelf at olympus.net. Welcome to **on-the-shelf**, volume XVI, number 16.

Sorry, no Variables this go, thought I had some time, went away for a few days, but didn't have time, and have to throw this together really fast. Will fill you all in with the usual stuff next time.

## Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

New players welcome anytime. Game goes 10 rounds, unless won earlier.

### Round 1:

Harvey Barker	Boris Johnson in Istanbul	Jim Reader	Marco Rubio in Santiago de Chile
Rick Desper	Sachin Tendulkar in Mumbai, India	Richard Smith	Tom Cruise in Los Angeles, CA
Bob Gingell	Angela Merkel in Buenos Aires	John Walker	Piers Morgan in Barcelona
Chris Hibbert	Thomas Jefferson in Taj Mahal	Richard Weiss	Oliver Cromwell in Lusaka, Zambia
Douglas Kent	Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in Pretoria, UofSA	Brendan Whyte	Dianna Rigg in Anchorage, Alaska
Andy Lischett	Dom DeLuise in Dodge City, Kansas	Kevin Wilson	Ralph Lauren in Perth, Australia

Public response to player with closest guess: I died before you were born.

### Round 2:

Harvey Barker	Gengis Khan in Austin, Texas	Jim Reader	Winston Churchill in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Rick Desper	Jules Verne in Guam	Richard Smith	Abraham Lincoln in San Juan, Argentina
Bob Gingell	Napoleon Bonaparte in Cairo, Egypt	John Walker	Adolf Hitler in Lima, Peru
Chris Hibbert	Confucious in Beijing, China	Richard Weiss	Napoleon in Elba
Douglas Kent	William Wallace in Paris, France	Brendan Whyte	H G Wells in Beijing, China
Andy Lischett	Winston Churchill in Winnipeg, Canada	Kevin Wilson	Socrates in Winnipeg, MB, CA

Public response to player with closest guess: We are best known by our written legacies.

### Round 3:

Harvey Barker	Oscar Wilde in Sucre, Bolivia	Jim Reader	General Sun Bin in Medicine Hat, Alberta
Rick Desper	William Shakespeare in Kyoto, Japan	Richard Smith	Arthur Conan Doyle in Fukushima
Bob Gingell	Thomas Paine in Boston, MA	John Walker	William Shakespeare in Shanghai
Chris Hibbert	Lao Tsu in Ulaan Baatar	Richard Weiss	Geoffrey Chaucer in Yangon, Myanmar
Douglas Kent	Homer in Manila, Philippines	Brendan Whyte	Geoffrey Chaucer in Seoul
Andy Lischett	Mark Twain in Sri Lanka	Kevin Wilson	John Locke in Ulan Bator

Public response to player with closest guess: My subject matter was different from yours.

### Round 4:

Harvey Barker	Arthur Conan Doyle in Yamaguchi	Jim Reader	Thomas Hardy in Nanjing
Rick Desper	Herman Melville in Vladivostok	Richard Smith	Charles Darwin in Pyongyang, North Korea
Bob Gingell	The Venerable Bede in Almaty, Kazakhstan	John Walker	Homer in Pokhara, Nepal
Chris Hibbert	Daniel Defoe in Novosibirsk	Richard Weiss	Niccolo Machiavelli in Cebu, Philippines
Douglas Kent	Ayn Rand in Jining, China	Brendan Whyte	St. Paul in Hanoi
Andy Lischett	Dr. Seuss in Hiroshima	Kevin Wilson	Christian Huygens in Chelyabinsk, Russia

Public response to player with closest guess: Your language did not exist when I wrote.

### Round 5:

Harvey Barker	Arthur Conan Doyle in Yakutsk, Russia	Jim Reader	Victor Hugo in Sapporo
Rick Desper	Ovid in Taipei	Richard Smith	Pythagoras in Tomsk, Russia
Bob Gingell	Homer in Nagasaki	John Walker	Aesop in Sochi
Chris Hibbert	Mohammed al-Khowarizmi in Krasnoyarsk	Richard Weiss	Marcus Tullius Cicero in Irkutsk, Russia
Douglas Kent	Plato in Omsk	Brendan Whyte	Aristophanes in Qingdao
Andy Lischett	Plato in Manilla	Kevin Wilson	John Kay in Lhasa, Tibet

Public response to player with closest guess: We spoke the same language, but my written focus was narrower than yours.

**Round 6:**

Harvey Barker	Edgar Alan Poe in Beijing	Jim Reader	Abu Hanifa ibn Dawud Hinawari in Yakutsk
Jim Burgess	Hippocrates in Seoul, South Korea	Richard Smith	Epicetus in Vladivostok
Rick Desper	Ovid in Bratsk, Russia	John Walker	Socrates in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia
Bob Gingell	Hippocrates in Urumqi	Richard Weiss	Hippocrates in Novosibirsk, Russia
Chris Hibbert	Sophocles in Pavlodar	Brendan Whyte	Aeschylus in Ekaterinberg
Douglas Kent	Euclid in Petropavlovsk	Kevin Wilson	Plato in Chelyabinsk, Russia
Andy Lischett	Daffy Duck in Hong Kong, China		

Public response to player with closest guess: We wrote at the same time, but my theatre was both wider and narrower than yours.

**Round 7:**

Harvey Barker	Edgar Alan Poe in Omsk, Russia	Andy Lischett	Peter Pan in St. Petersburg, Russia
Jim Burgess	Aeschylus in Irkutsk, Russia	Jim Reader	Euripides in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Rick Desper	Aristophanes in Okha, Russia	Richard Smith	Euripides in Tyumen, Russia
Bob Gingell	Aeschylus in Semey, Kazakhstan	John Walker	Euripides in Novosibirsk
Chris Hibbert	Aristophanes in Kemerovo	Richard Weiss	Euripides in Astana, Kazakhstan
Douglas Kent	Aristophanes in Bulgan, Mongolia	Brendan Whyte	Euripides in Omsk

Public response to player with closest guess: Your military campaigns resulted in victory, but mine did not.

**Round 8:**

Harvey Barker	Sun-Tzu in Baykit, Russia	Andy Lischett	Wilbur Wood in Moscow
Jim Burgess	Aeneas in Irkutsk, Russia	Jim Reader	Menelaus in Nizhny Novgorod
Rick Desper	Herodotus in Wuhan, China	Richard Smith	Euripides in Aksu, Kazakhstan
Bob Gingell	Thucydides in Oskemen	John Walker	Aeschylus in Omsk
Chris Hibbert	Cleon in Oskemen, Kazakhstan	Richard Weiss	Thucydides in Oskemen, Kazakhstan
Douglas Kent	Pericles in Omsk	Brendan Whyte	Pyrrhus in St Petersburg, Russia

Public response to player with closest guess: You and I, together we had some history between us, didn't we? But I thought one of you knew where I am.

**Round 9:**

Harvey Barker	Edgar Allen Poe in Moscow
Jim Burgess	Hector in Okha Russia
Rick Desper	Plutarch in Omsk
Bob Gingell	Euripides in Semey
Chris Hibbert	Thucydides in Rubtsovsk
Douglas Kent	Xenophon in Kazan
Andy Lischett	Pyrrhus in Irkutsk
Jim Reader	Pericles in Semey, Kazakhstan
Richard Smith	Euripides in Semey, Kazakhstan
John Walker	Xenophon in Semey
Brendan Whyte	Richard Lionheart in Salzburg, Austria

Public response to player with closest guess: Fellow citizens, are you ready to call me back from exile? I am nearby.

**off the Reference Shelf****CDs**

Carnelians, by Catherine Asaro

Timeline, by Michael Crichton

State of Fear, by Michael Crichton

The Boys in the Boat, by Daniel James Brown

Pirate Latitudes, by Michael Crichton

Japanese IA – the Complete Course, from Pimsleur Language Courses

Japanese IB – the Complete Course, from Pimsleur Language Courses

## VARIABLE PIG (Fengjing)

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## PIG WAITING LISTS

**STERNENHIMMEL** – John Walker, Brad Martin and Arthur Owen; 1 more wanted (Polar Pig)

**TEA DANCE** – Arthur Owen and Roger Trethewey; 1 more wanted (Polar Pig)

**BREAKING AWAY** – Brendan Whyte, Richard Smith, Arthur Owen, Geoff Kemp, Steve Ham and Chris Hibbert; 2 more wanted (Polar Pig)

**BACKPACKS AND BLISTERS** – John Walker, Steve Ham, Richard Smith, Brad Martin and Arthur Owen; 1 more wanted (Pig)

**DER FUHRER** – John Walker and Arthur Owen; 3 – 4 more wanted (Polar Pig)

**PUERTO RICO** – Bob Pitman, Arthur Owen and Kev Lee. 1 - 2 more wanted (Polar Pig).

**ROBO RALLY** – Steve Ham, Harv Barker, Bob Pitman, Michael Pargman, Chris Hibbert and Roger Trethewey. 1 – 2 more wanted (Pig)

**SNOWBALL FIGHTING** – Regular game. Arthur Owen. 5 more wanted (Polar Pig)

**HARE AND TORTOISE** – Regular Game. 4 – 6 wanted (Polar Pig)

**WORK REST AND PLAY** – Tom Howell, Roger Trethewey and 3 wanted (Polar Pig)

**6 NIMMT!** – New game to start when current game finishes (Polar Pig)

**RAILWAY RIVALS** – Map to be determined. Chris Hibbert (Polar Pig)

**KENDO NAGASAKI** – new players can join (on-the-shelf)

**SHADOW HUNTERS** – John Walker, Mike Townsend, Jim Reader, Roger Trethewey. 5 – 8 wanted (Universe)

**ORIGINS OF WWI** – Arthur Owen, Brendan Whyte (on-the shelf)

## THE DEADLINE FOR VARIABLE PIG (Nero dei Nebrodi) is Wednesday 26th November 2014

*The Nero Siciliano or Nero dei Nebrodi is a breed of domestic pig from the Mediterranean island of Sicily, mainly in the province of Messina and particularly in the Monti Nebrodi. It is one of the six autochthonous pig breeds recognised by the Ministero delle Politiche Agricole Alimentari e Forestali, the Italian ministry of agriculture and forestry. The breed is raised both for fresh meat and for salumi. Animals for direct consumption are usually slaughtered at 6–7 months while those for the production of preserved meats are usually slaughtered at 10–11 months. The principal salumi are the Salame Sant'Angelo and Prosciutto di Suino Nero dei Nebrodi.*

