

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #373

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The Kendo Nagasaki game ends! Rick Desper wins!! We will start another game next time.

This issue continues the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth*, *West George* in *NSWG* #16, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. Since Terry's passing, we lose our thirty year fervent hope that someday *NSWG* would have been resurrected and I could go back and swear my fealty to the Toadfather. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. I'm set on continuing my GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Feel free to communicate with me about how you want to help or what you want to play, or if anyone else wants *TAP* subszine status.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I'm having trouble with the upload interfaces, part of the diplom.org site move consequences. I'll get it fixed as soon as I can. I need to stay within the security of the site (which is very important!!!!) while getting access to change the web site's index and files for the szine. It shouldn't be that hard, but my first attempt didn't work.

The Diplom.org site has moved yet again. Chris Babcock and Mario Huys are still in charge. There were a few glitches and broken links, but things should be fixed now, if you have problems, let us know! But if you find you cannot access the website with the PDFs and HTMLs of all the past issues... well, please let me know and we'll fix it. The address is still: <http://diplom.org/>. I had a glitch in the webpage update process, but that should be fixed for this issue.

There are currently 75 members of the official *TAP* subscriber list, but that's down because in the move, there were some addresses dropped. <http://lists.asciiking.com/mailman/listinfo/tap> is the current list website. YOU need to make sure you're on this list. I'm trying to add some of the newer subscribers who aren't there. If you have questions or problems, PLEASE ask. There you can check your subscribing options and whether you're registered. Register if you want to get *TAP* E-Mailed regularly. Some people have had trouble with the attachments, so I have switched to sending the link in the announcements, I see that does help. Please let me know about other issues, but it puts priority on getting link up again. Apologies for last issue's confusions.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE FEATURES SECTION (CONS/LETTERS/MUSIC)

((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://www.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, success, we have badgered all the Con directors to post their Cons, so it is reasonably up to date now. And there remains lots of interest in the FTF community, and linking E-Mail/Web players to FTF. Also, the Facebook page for European Tournament Diplomacy, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500292310187264/>, Diplomacy in Europe, has been really active and the place to be in the hobby these days. If you're on Facebook, hook up there! World DipCon in Chicago, June 24-26, was incredible. See the latest issue of Diplomacy World for results: <http://www.diplomacyworld.net/pdf/dw134.pdf>))

TOTALCON 2016 Report

(First Round of Four Tournament Nor'Easter)

Thanks to everyone and to the great TotalCon hosts, I reserved two crash rooms and four people stayed in them. I continue to think having crash rooms is a really important part of helping travelers who come from a distance to the con. The shift to TotalCon was pretty seamless and it definitely was a plus to the Boston people and Northern New Englanders to be a little bit closer. On the other hand... Connecticut and NYC travelers had to come a bit longer. Still, it was a great tournament, sorry for the delay in getting these results all entered. As I was entering the results, look at all the back and forth you can see in the center counts, many people went down to a couple of centers then came back to top a board, others were topping a board for a while and then were eliminated. Lots of great Diplomacy reflected here!!! Note the key game in Round 3, Game 1, where Emily Pollock and Brad Blitstein traded a center at the end. This determined the outcome of the Tournament. We definitely are going back to TotalCon next year, it's actually getting close to making that happen. For the New England area group, next up on the agenda is a revived Boston Massacre event. It is coming up September 24-25 at the Marriott in Cambridge across the river from Boston.

TOTALCON 2016 FINAL RESULTS (TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Jim Burgess):

NAME	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Raw Total	Adjustm.	Final Total
Emily Pollock	28.54	30.77	34.62	5.45	99.38	-5.45	93.93
Brad Blitstein	28.30	33.33	30.77	23.64	116.04	-23.64	92.40
Randy Lawrence-Hurt	28.54	5.56	35.19		69.29		69.29
Dariusz Murakowski	28.54	9.26	20.37		58.17		58.17
Alan Levin	5.66		19.23	32.73	57.62		57.62
Sam Capasso		19.23	5.56	27.27	52.06		52.06
Andrew Katcher	28.30	1.25	1.25	21.82	52.62	-1.25	51.37
Kevin Carey	13.21	37.50	1.00	1.50	52.21	-1.0	51.21
Matt Langer	0.50	0.75	27.78	21.82	50.85	-0.50	50.35
David Burgess	14.29	25.00	1.75	9.09	50.13	-1.75	48.38
Rob Premus		38.89	0.75	5.45	45.09		45.09
Robert Rousse	1.50	26.92	15.38		43.80		43.80
Paul Camina		37.50		0.75	38.25		38.25
Doug Warner	24.53				24.53		24.53
Rob Premus 2		23.08			23.08		23.08
Alex Maslow	2.00	1.25	11.11	9.09	23.45	-1.25	22.20
Dave Cheng				18.18	18.18		18.18
Bill Bloom			1.25	12.73	13.98		13.98
Jim Burgess (TD)		12.96			12.96		12.96
John Fitzpatrick				12.73	12.73		12.73
Dan Pollock	1.25	1.00			2.25		2.25
Robert Rousse 2		2.00			2.00		2.00
Jim Burgess 2 (TD)		1.25			1.25		1.25
Pete Mascitelli		1.25			1.25		1.25
Rob Tose		1.00			1.00		1.00
Doug Wiggins	1.00				1.00		1.00
Alex Maslow 2		0.75			0.75		0.75

Here are the game results with detour09 basic points (in parentheses)

Round 1, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Austria (Doug Wiggins):	5	6	4	1	0	-	-	(1.00)
England (Emily Pollock):	4	4	5	6	8	9	10	(28.54)
France (Randy Lawrence-Hurt):	5	5	5	9	9	10	10	(28.54)
Germany (Robert Rousse):	6	7	8	6	4	1	0	(1.50)
Italy (Dan Pollock):	4	3	4	1	1	0	-	(1.25)
Russia (David Burgess):	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	(14.29)
Turkey (Dariusz Murakowski):	4	4	5	6	7	9	10	(28.54)

Round 1, Board 2	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
Austria (Doug Warner):	6	6	6	6	6	7	9	9	9	9	9	(24.53)
England (Kevin Carey):	3	3	3	4	5	6	5	4	3	4	4	(13.21)
France (Alex Maslow):	4	5	6	7	6	3	2	2	3	2	0	(2.00)
Germany (Brad Blitstein):	6	6	5	2	2	3	5	7	9	9	10	(28.30)
Italy (Andrew Katcher):	4	4	6	6	8	10	9	8	9	9	10	(28.30)
Russia (Alan Levin):	6	7	8	9	7	5	4	4	1	1	1	(5.66)
Turkey (Matt Langer):	4	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.50)

Round 2, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08		
Austria (Matt Langer):	4	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	(0.75)	
England (Alex Maslow 2):	3	3	2	0	-	-	-	-	(0.75)	
France (Rob Premus):	4	5	7	9	11	13	13	15	(38.89)	BEST FRANCE
Germany (Randy Lawrence-Hurt):	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	(5.56)	
Italy (Jim Burgess):	5	7	7	7	6	3	3	3	(12.96)	
Russia (Dariusz Murakowski):	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	(9.26)	
Turkey (Brad Blitstein):	5	8	9	11	11	14	15	13	(33.33)	BEST TURKEY

Round 2, Board 2	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
Austria (Pete Mascitelli):	4	2	1	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	(1.25)
England (Paul Camina):	5	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	11	13	(37.50) BEST ENGLAND
France (Robert Rouse 2):	5	5	6	7	7	9	9	9	7	4	0	(2.00)
Germany (Kevin Carey):	5	5	6	7	7	10	9	9	10	12	13	(37.50) BEST GERMANY
Italy (Jim Burgess 2):	4	4	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	(1.25)
Russia (Andrew Katcher):	5	6	4	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	(1.25)
Turkey (David Burgess):	5	6	6	8	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	(25.00)

Round 2, Board 3	01	02	03	04	05	06				
Austria (Rob Tose):	5	4	3	1	0	-	(1.00)			
England (Robert Rouse):	4	5	5	7	8	9	(26.92)			
France (Dan Pollock):	4	5	5	2	0	-	(1.00)			
Germany (Emily Pollock):	5	6	6	8	10	10	(30.77)			
Italy (Sam Capasso):	4	5	5	6	7	7	(19.23)			
Russia (Alex Maslow):	5	5	6	5	2	0	(1.25)			
Turkey (Rob Premus 2):	4	4	4	5	7	8	(23.08)			

Round 3, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07			
Austria (Emily Pollock):	5	6	7	9	9	11	12	(34.62)	BEST AUSTRIA	
England (Robert Rouse):	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	(15.38)		
France (Andrew Katcher):	6	5	6	6	4	0	-	(1.25)		
Germany (Alan Levin):	5	6	5	5	6	6	6	(19.23)		
Italy (Brad Blitstein):	4	5	6	7	10	12	11	(30.77)	BEST ITALY	
Russia (Bill Bloom):	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	(1.25)		
Turkey (Rob Premus):	4	4	5	6	7	9	10	(0.75)		

Round 3, Board 2	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08		
Austria (Sam Capasso):	4	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	(5.56)	
England (Randy Lawrence-Hurt):	4	6	6	7	9	12	11	13	(35.19)	
France (Kevin Carey):	4	3	3	2	0	-	-	-	(1.00)	
Germany (David Burgess):	6	6	6	7	7	4	2	0	(1.75)	
Italy (Dariusz Murakowski):	5	5	7	8	8	7	8	7	(20.37)	
Russia (Matt Langer):	6	7	7	6	7	7	10	10	(27.78)	BEST RUSSIA
Turkey (Alex Maslow):	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	(11.11)	

Round 4, Board 1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Austria (David Burgess):	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	(9.09)
England (Brad Blitstein):	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	(23.64)
France (John Fitzpatrick):	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	(12.73)
Germany (Bill Bloom):	5	7	6	5	5	5	4	(12.73)
Italy (Alex Maslow):	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	(9.09)
Russia (Paul Camina):	4	4	1	0	-	-	-	(0.75)
Turkey (Alan Levin):	5	5	7	9	9	10	12	(32.73)

Round 4, Board 2	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Austria (Kevin Carey):	5	5	5	2	2	1	0	(1.50)
England (Andrew Katcher):	4	5	6	6	6	6	8	(21.82)
France (Matt Langer):	6	6	6	6	6	7	8	(21.82)
Germany (Dave Cheng):	5	5	5	5	6	7	7	(18.18)
Italy (Rob Premus):	3	4	4	5	4	3	1	(5.45)
Russia (Emily Pollock):	6	5	4	4	3	2	1	(5.45)
Turkey (Sam Capasso):	4	4	4	6	7	8	9	(27.27)

NEW FEATURE: ROCK AND ROLL BANDS AND MOMENTS THAT MATTER

*((If anyone from **TAP** or **ES** has ideas for more things to talk about here let me know. I do have four or five ideas lined up here already that I just have to write. I have been nudged... comments from any of you also are welcome.))*

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

More are welcome!!!

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

Standby lists: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Drew James, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. Just let me know if you want on or off these lists.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I'd love to do another game of Spy Diplomacy, but it requires commitment that seems in short supply these days, but let me know if you want me to reprint the rules.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: Two games continue. Is there something else we want to start? I have some ideas on how to do "By Popular Demand" differently...

BREAKING AWAY: Keeps going with the pack pulling back together after crossing the first sprint line.

KENDO NAGASAKI: New game starts, send in your guesses!!!

THE TERRY TALLMAN MEMORIAL: 2016A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1902 IS JULY 16TH, 2016

Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Black): a bud-SER, f tri-ALB, f GRE S a ser-bul, a *VIE-tyo*, a ser-BUL.

ENGLAND (Cohen): f lon-WAL, f *eng s FRENCH f pic-bel* (nso, d r:mid,lon,iri,otb), f NTH C a nwy-den, a *NWY-den*.

FRANCE (Begbie): f bre-ENG, f MAR h, f PIC S f bre-eng, a spa-GAS, a por-SPA.

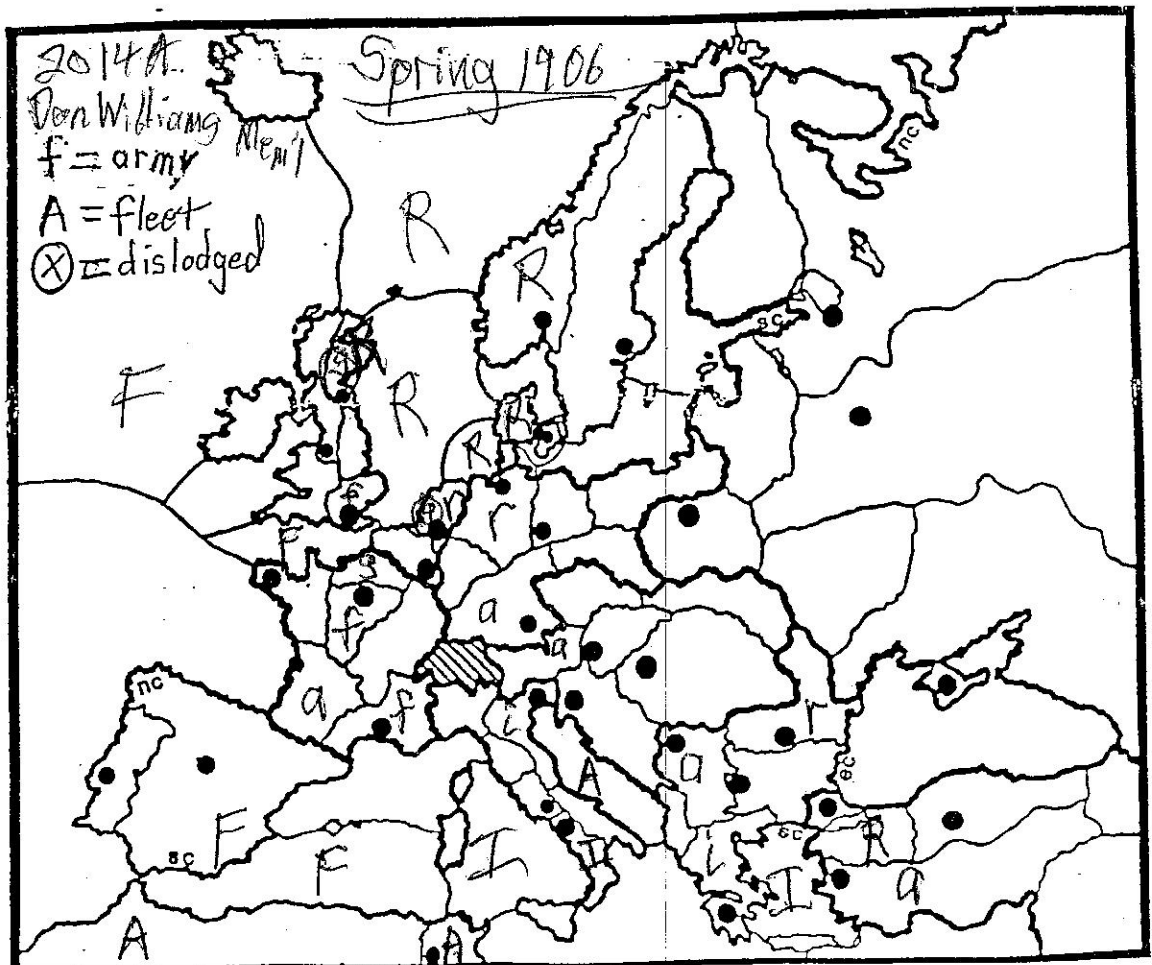
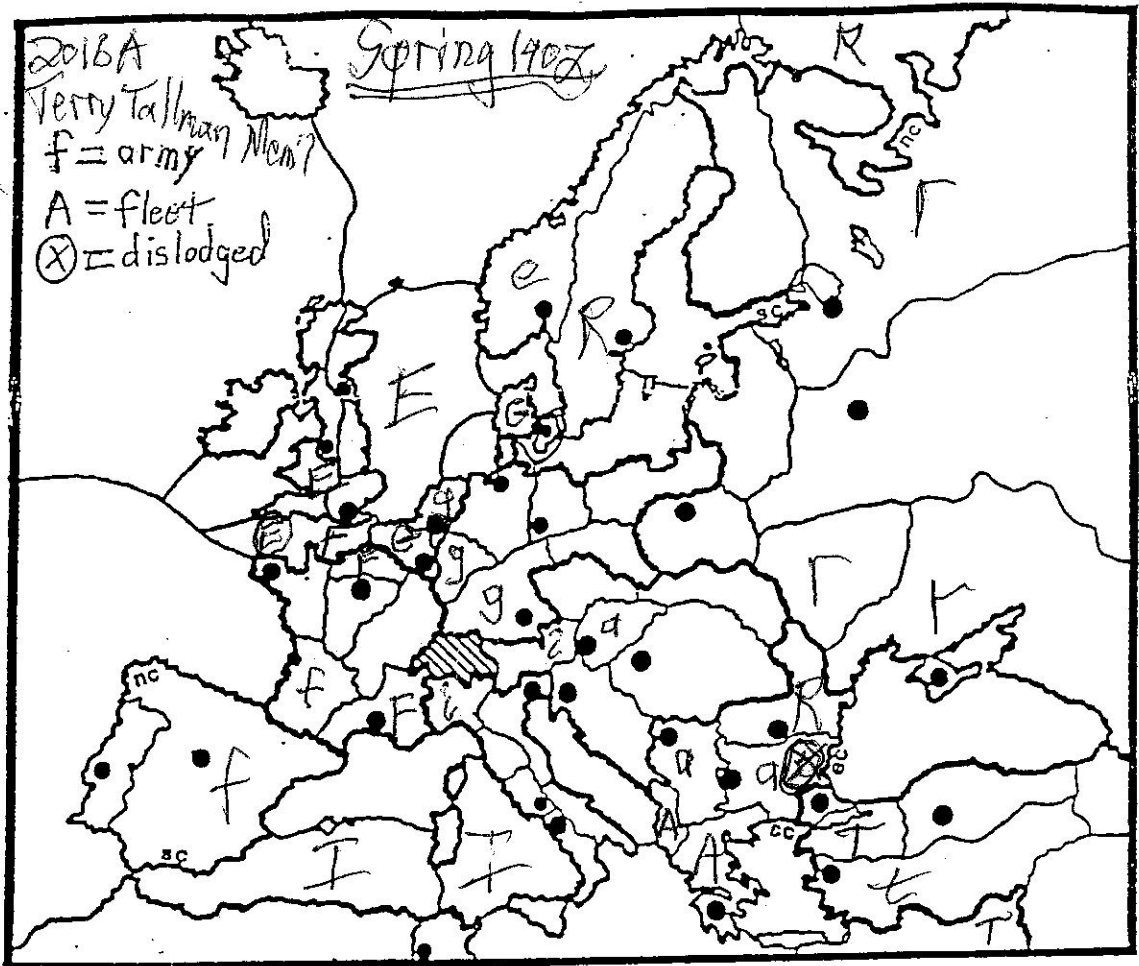
GERMANY (Polley): f kie-DEN, a *MUN-tyo*, f BEL S FRENCH f bre-eng, a HOL S f bel, a RUH S f bel.

ITALY (Ellinger): f nap-TYH, f tun-WES, a PIE h, a TYO h.

RUSSIA (Zarr): f stp(nc)-BAR, a mos-STP, f SWE S GERMAN f kie-den, a SEV S f rum, a UKR S f rum, f RUM S AUSTRIAN a ser-bul.

TURKEY (Wiedemeyer): f smy-EAS, f bla-CON, a con-SMY, a *bul-ser* (d ann).

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Game Notes:

1) Please note Gavin Begbie is changing his E-Mail address, please use his gmail one above.

Press:

None detected...

THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy
THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1906 IS JULY 16TH, 2016

Spring 1906

AUSTRIA (Ozog): f tri-ADR, a *TYO-mun*, f *NAF-mid*, a bur-GAS, a SER S ITALIAN a bul-gre, a *SMY s RUSSIAN* f con (otm), a *MUN-bur*, f *TUN-wes*.
FRANCE (Ellinger): f gol-SPA(SC), f *WES-mid*, f wal-ENG, a pic-PAR, f lvp-NAO, a *MAR-bur*, a LON h.
GERMANY (Abbott): f bel-PIC, a *edi h* (d r:cly,yor,lvp,otb), a *hol-kie* (d r:bel,otb).
ITALY (Wilson): f TYH h, f NAP S f tyh, f *AEG s a bul-gre*, a bul-GRE, a pie-VEN.
RUSSIA (Rauterberg): f stp(nc)-NWY, f nth-EDI, f ska-NTH, f swe-DEN, a ruh-HOL, f NWG S f nth-edi, f den-HEL, f *CON-aeg*, a KIE S a ruh-hol, a sev-RUM.

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Game Notes:

1) The DIAS draw proposal is rejected. We play on.

Press:

(ENG – to GER/FRANCE): So congratulations to the two of you, – finally taking me out instead of working with me – so what if Russia and Austria are running you over, right? Stupid fools! Now I can sit back in exile and watch them with pleasure.

(ORCZOG–El CAPITANO): Send me a communique or forever meet your doooooom in the briny deeeeeeep!

THE DIPLOMACY GAME: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules
THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 6 IS JULY 16, 2016!!

Turn 5

51 (replenish with a 3)	Rousseau, Baker
50 (replenish with a 5)	Jerusalem, Hope and Glory, Alexis de Tocqueville
49 (replenish with a 8)	White Cliffs
48 (replenish with a 9)	Lafayette, Jefferson, Heart of Oak, Alpha
47 (replenish with a 13)	Angst

46 (replenish with a 14)	Constipated
45 (replenish with a 15)	Donatello
44 (replenish with a 16)	Leonardo, Michelangelo, Charlie, Alexandra
43 (replenish with a 20)	Raphael (1 point), Nicholas II
42 (replenish with a 22)	Christian Doppler, Smirky
41 (no replenishment)	Empty
S-P-R-I-N-T - F-I-N-I-S-H - L-I-N-E	
40 (no replenishment)	Empty
39 (replenish with a 3)	Daniel Swarovski
38 (replenish with a 4)	Billy Wilder, Anastasia, Terrorised
37 (replenish with a 7)	Arnold Schwarzenegger
36 (no replenishment)	Empty
35 (no replenishment)	Empty
34 (replenish with a 3)	Delta
33 (no replenishment)	Empty
32 (replenish with a 3)	Alexei

Addresses of the Participants – Their Teams and Their Cards

AUSTRIAN TEAM (Andy Bate): andydbate of gmail.com (0 points)

A: Arnold Schwarzenegger	12, 4, 6, 7 (13)
B: Billy Wilder	3, 3, 4 (12)
C: Christian Doppler	9, 8, 22 (19)
D: Daniel Swarovski	11, 6, 3 (15)

Total Replenishments: $21 + 28 + 55 + 23 + 36 = 163$

ENGLISH TEAM (Jim Reader): jim_reader of hotmail.com (11 points)

A: Jerusalem	10, 7, 3, 5 (4)
B: Hope and Glory	3, 3, 5 (7)
C: White Cliffs	4, 7, 8 (4)
D: Heart of Oak	3, 20, 9 (15)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 91 + 29 + 30 + 27 = 193$

FRENCH TEAM (Hank Alme): almehj of alumni.rice.edu (0 points)

A: Marquis de Lafayette (Captain):	4, 10, 4, 9 (9)
B: Alexis de Tocqueville:	3, 6, 5 (12)
C: Jean-Jacques Rousseau:	3, 4, 3 (14)
D: Thomas Jefferson:	8, 3, 9 (17)

Total Replenishments: $22 + 62 = 29 + 38 + 26 = 177$

GERMAN TEAM (Marc Ellinger): mellinger of blitzbardgett.com (3 points)

A: Player Alpha	6, 6, 4, 9 (9)
B: Player Baker	5, 3, 3 (15)
C: Player Charlie	4, 5, 16 (3)
D: Player Delta	3, 3, 3 (3)

Total Replenishments: $17 + 50 + 26 + 32 + 31 = 156$

ITALIAN TEAM (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (25 points)

Team Name: Artists in a Half-Shell?

Coach: Master Splinter

Team Leader A: Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci	15, 8, 5, 16 (3)
Team Mechanic B: Donato di Niccol di Betto Bardi	8, 4, 15 (3)
Team Navigator C: Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino	5, 8, 20 (3)
Team Sprint Specialist D: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarrotri Simoni	4, 5, 16 (3)

Referred to by common appellations in the report: Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo.

Total Replenishments: $17 + 96 + 12 + 22 + 67 = 214$

RUSSIAN TEAM (Andy York): wandrew88 of gmail.com (0 points)

Team Royal	
A: Anastasia	10, 5, 4 (13)
B: Nicholas II	8, 17, 20 (8)
C: Alexandra	8, 15, 16 (8)
D: Alexei	3, 3, 3 (6)

Total Replenishments: $14 + 30 + 32 + 40 + 43 = 159$

TURKISH TEAM (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (0 points)

The Turkeys	
A: Angst of Ankara	10,9,13 (8)
B: Constipated of Constantinople	8,12,14 (8)
C: Smirky of Smyrna	17,19,22 (8)
D: Terrorised of Syria	6,17,4 (3)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 49 + 38 + 57 + 53 = 213$

Press:

NONE TO BE SEEN

Game Notes:

1) The rules are on the *TAP* website in the *Tinamou* section. Ask if you have any questions. Rules at: <http://www.diplom.org/Postal/Zines/TAP/Tinamou/rules/BreakingAway.htm>

Up above in parentheses is the card you played to get to where you are in the field. The replenishment card is the last card in your list. Be careful to note that the card you played (the one in parentheses) is not available for you, for next turn. Just for fun, I keep track of total replenishment, by turn, which is a rough measure of how the teams are doing. Of course, it is lining up to get across the sprint and final lines in the right places that really counts. We can calculate an “efficiency score” later, which will be the ratio of scoring points per replenishment.

2) Two riders have been dropped from the pack, but I keep them moving along with their “3” for the rest of the game. On the other end, Rick and Brendan are neck and neck for Total Replenishments, but Rick leads by far in turning them into points. The second Sprint Line comes up after 80.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

DEADLINE FOR TURN 1 OF A NEW GAME IS JULY 16, 2016

RICK DESPER NAILS MY IDENTITY AND LOCATION!!!

Kendo Nagasaki for me comes from the series in *Eternal Sunshine...* The full rules for Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki are in: <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/es58.pdf>. Send a guess!!!

TURN 1

Brendan Whyte:

Henry Mancini on Vostok Island, Pacific Ocean

Tom Howell:

Kim Philby in London

Hank Alme:

Bela Fleck in Oaxaca, Mexico

Marc Ellinger:

Richard Nixon in Santiago, Chile

Peter Sullivan:

Lewis Hamilton in Buenos Aires

Doug Kent:

Julia Child in Santiago, Chile

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You have identified my gender correctly, but I was born many centuries before you.

TURN 2

Brendan Whyte:

Johann Sebastian Bach on Clipperton Island, Mexico Henry VIII of England in Turkistan, Kazakhstan

Tom Howell:

Marc Ellinger:

Anthony Blunt in Cancun, Mexico

Peter Sullivan:

Julian of Norwich in Norwich, Ohio

Rick Desper:

Stan Lee in Seoul, South Korea

Louis VII in Paris, France

Doug Kent:

Galileo in Berlin, Germany

Andy York:

Richard the Lionhearted in Vienna, Austria

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: One of my most famous quotes refers in both a direct and oblique way to your profession.

TURN 3

Brendan Whyte:

Jesus in Jerusalem

Hank Alme:

Guy Burgess in Moscow, Russia

Peter Sullivan:

King John I of England in Brussels, Belgium

Rick Desper:

Christopher Marlowe in Belize City, Belize

Tom Howell:

Thomas Cromwell in Helsinki, Finland

Marc Ellinger:

William Shakespeare in Poitiers, France

Doug Kent:

Shakespeare in Veracruz, Mexico

Andy York:

Copernicus in Lodz, Poland

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: We each had serious disputes with our respective Popes and the authority of the Catholic Church. (Yeah, that means Jesus is NOT aligned with the closest guess...)

TURN 4

Brendan Whyte:

Giordano Bruno saying Gday in Gdansk, Poland

Hank Alme:

Guy Fawkes in St. Petersburg, Russia

Peter Sullivan:

Martin Luther in Worms, Germany

Rick Desper:

Martin Luther in Luebeck, Germany

Tom Howell:

Henry VIII in Birmingham, England

Marc Ellinger:

Samuel Beckett in Copenhagen, Denmark

Doug Kent:

Elizabeth I of England in The Hague, The Netherlands

Andy York:

Machiavelli in Munich, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: While we both had disputes with the Catholic Church, we also had public disputes with each other within our overlapping lifetimes.

TURN 5

Brendan Whyte:

Ulrich Zwingli in Munster, Germany

Hank Alme:

Charles V in Wittenburg, Germany

***Note that Hank says Wittenburg and Marc says Wittenberg, these are two different places in Germany.

Peter Sullivan:

King Henry VIII of England in Heidelberg, Germany Henry II in Stochholm, Sweden

Rick Desper:

No Guess Received

Tom Howell:

John Calvin in Göttingen, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

Thomas Muntzer in Wittenberg, Germany

Doug Kent:

Andy York:

Johannes Agricola in Hannover, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: We agreed on a great many things, but you were much more of a rabble-rouser to the lesser educated classes, while I was more of an intellectual humanist.

TURN 6

Brendan Whyte:

No Guess Received

Hank Alme:

Karl von Miltitz in Hanover, Germany

Peter Sullivan:

John Calvin in Leipzig, Germany

Rick Desper:

Philipp Melanchthon in Leipzig, Germany

Tom Howell:

Johannes Agricola in Leipzig, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

Erasmus in Chemnitz, Germany

Doug Kent:

Philip I of Hesse in Essen, Germany

Andy York:

Philipp Melanchthon in Paderborn, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You are quite a bit farther away than some of the previous guesses, and someone else has identified me, but not you.

TURN 7

Brendan Whyte:

Erasmus in Osnabruck, Germany

Hank Alme:

Karl von Miltitz in Rabenau, Germany

Peter Sullivan:

John Calvin in Bad Schmiedeberg, Germany

Rick Desper:

Philipp Melanchthon in Magdeburg, Germany

Tom Howell:

Johannes Agricola in Bad Konigshofen, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

John Calvin in Dessau-Roßlau, Germany

Doug Kent:

Erasmus in Stuttgart, Germany

Andy York:

Karl von Miltitz in Rostock, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: The person who is closest has now identified me as well, and all the Bad guesses are just bad...

TURN 8

Brendan Whyte:

John Calvin in Ravensberg, Germany

Hank Alme:

Karl von Miltitz in Hamburg, Germany

Peter Sullivan:

John Calvin in Kothen, Germany

Rick Desper:

John Calvin in Potsdam, Germany

Tom Howell:

Karl von Miltitz in Bremen, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

Karl Von Miltitz in Meißen, Germany

Doug Kent:

Erasmus in Ulm, Germany

Andy York:

John Calvin in Zerbst, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I think it is time to say two things, only two of you avoided getting further away from me again this time, and while Germany is a wonderful country, it is NOT the country I'm in.

TURN 9

Brendan Whyte:

Erasmus in Geneva, Switzerland

Hank Alme:

Tom Howell:

Erasmus in Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Marc Ellinger:

Karl von Miltitz in Copenhagen, Denmark

Peter Sullivan:

John Calvin in Prague, Czech Republic

Rick Desper:

Erasmus in Basel, Switzerland

Karl Von Miltitz in Szczecin, Poland

Doug Kent:

Erasmus in Strasbourg, France

Andy York:

John Calvin in Szczecin, Poland

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: Rick Desper wins as he has nailed my identity AND location! I thought we might need one more turn. The closest guesses in each turn are in **BOLD** above.

LAST WORD: First, a couple of closing comments on this Kendo Nagasaki. I've always liked having some cool connection between the place and the person. Erasmus, technically Desiderius Erasmus, who usually was known as Erasmus of Rotterdam was a really fascinating guy, one of my favorite thinkers of the Renaissance era. He died in Basel in 1536, which is why I chose Basel as his location rather than Rotterdam. All of you spent lots of time stuck in Germany with your guesses and then Tom Howell went to Rotterdam while Rick and Brendan correctly figured out it had to be south of Germany from the guesses. It was interesting though, I think everyone went almost every which way this last turn other than Luxembourg and Austria. Rick got it despite NOT being closest in the German sweepstakes. Anyway, this time for the next game, I have disconnected the person from the location, at least they have no connection I know of. Please join and keep going, I really like how people generally can get these in just ten turns, it is a FASCINATING game!!!

So, a bit on why so late this time... I went to three conferences in June, each one bigger than the last, the one that was up against World DipCon had almost 3000 people and I was heading just too many committees there to run out to WDC, though certainly a big part of me would have preferred to be there. WDC also spurred me to get all the results of the TotalCon I ran in February entered. This was a REALLY crazy spring with both illness and work, otherwise I have no excuse. But in this issue, I really do "catch up". The Northeastern hobby goes on to Philadelphia Massacre and then the renamed Boston Massacre in short order. I won't make Philly, but will make Boston (Cambridge) on Sept. 24-25. It isn't too late to sign up and go to the Philadelphia Massacre Aug. 5-7, see details at: <https://philadelphiamassacre.com>. Then, we will finish out the four tournament Nor'Easter with Carnage in Vermont at Killington, November 4-6 (I haven't heard too many details about that one yet, but I'm sure they will be forthcoming). *Diplomacy World* also had to come out, and we finally have the next Demo Game lineup together and I wrote a remembrance of our old pal Pitt Crandlemire, who passed away recently. Pitt did the best job of organizing us unorganizable Boston area Diplomacy players for the time he did it over the 30 years that I've been part of that scene and I missed him already, now I miss him more. You will find the latest *DW* at: <http://www.diplomacyworld.net/pdf/dw134.pdf>.

On my illness front, if I'm REALLY lucky now, I've had my last chemotherapy treatment, some more tests next week and if they come up well, I'll go into follow up therapy, probably including some immunotherapy. The chemo really has been wearing on me, and I've been getting to the point of really wanting to be done, instead of just wanting to be done. We who have been through this know what I mean by that. I still count myself as very lucky, as all the chemo I've done has been really effective, and I've not had to have any surgery so far. Others of our compatriots have not been so lucky. Mark Fassio continues to slowly get worse and I'm not sure how much longer he'll still be with us. Drop him an E-Mail at faz of twc.com, though don't expect quick responses, I'm sure he'll appreciate whatever notes he gets. Right this instant I'm doing a week of vacation through and following the Fourth of July at my place in Maine. The weather has been beautiful, and that also has hampered me getting the last bit of this done. I declare myself close enough to the end of the page, sorry again for the delay, short game deadlines, but mostly just for Summer retreats, and I definitely will get a quicker and slimmer issue out later this month.