

January, 2014

Notes from Hades

haven't been traveling, but at the end of October, I attended back-to-back meetings remotely. The first was in Sardinia and the second was in Berlin. Since Europe is nine hours ahead of Pacific time, this meant that I was working from midnight to about 8:00 am. Not my favorite working schedule, particularly two weeks in a row.

A couple of weeks after that, however, we got a visit from Brendan and Su Whyte. If you are not aware, Brendan publishes the zine *Damn the Consequences*, which you should check out. They were close to the end of an extended tour of North America, which included visiting a number of other members of the gaming community. It was nice to visit with them and put faces to names. The second night they were here, Bill Scharf came over to meet them as well.

No games ended this issue, but a couple of them appear to be close, so sign up for new games soon!

The next deadline is **Tuesday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Please do not call after 10:00 p.m. Pacific time**. My family tend to retire early.

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	Game Openings	

Dogleg. Machiavelli. This game will start after the next Machiavelli game finishes. Have Bob Robles(\$), Brendan Whyte(\$), Martin Burgdorf(\$), Kevin Wilson(\$), will take up to 4 more.

Rescue Dog. Gunboat Machiavelli. This game will start after the second Machiavelli game finishes. Have 4, will take up to 3 more. This box \Box will be checked if you have signed up.

Dalmatian. Phoenicia. A game similar to Outpost set in ancient times. Have Cary Nichols(\$), Andy York(\$), Jack McHugh(\$), Bill Scharf(\$), Dave Partridge(\$), will take up to 5 more. **Starts this issue!**

Shaggy Dog. History of the World. Have Dave Anderson(\$), Chris Geggus(\$),

Kevin Wilson(\$), Bill Scharf(\$), Martin Burgdorf, will take up to 2 more. Players who have a (\$) after their name have paid the necessary game fee.

<u>Wish List</u>

Goa. Have Chris Geggus, Bill Scharf, will take up to 2 more.

Race for the Galaxy. A card-based game of galactic colonization and development. Will use the *The Gathering Storm* expansion. Have Bill Scharf, will take up to 4 more.

Outpost. Have Bill Scharf, Michael Lowrey, Dave Hooton, will take up to 7 more.

Merchant of Venus. The usual options will be in effect. Have Dave Partridge, Chris Geggus, Bob Robles, will take up to 3 more.

Puerto Rico. This will be the base game and it will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus, will take up to 4 more.

Puerto Rico. This will use the Buildings expansion and will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus, will take up to 4 more.

Puerto Rico. This will use the Nobles expansion and will be run via email. Will take up to 5.

Kremlin. Have Chris Geggus, Bill Scharf, Bob Robles, will take up to 3 more.

Power Grid. This game will be conducted via email. Players will vote on exact map and deck options at game start. Have Dave Hooton, Chris Geggus, Bill Scharf, will take up to 3 more.

Industrial Waste. Will take up to 4.

Robo Rally. Have Dave Hooton, Chris Geggus, Bill Scharf, will take up to 7 more.

Agricola. An abstract game of building a farm. It will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus, Dave Hooton, will take up to 3 more.

Discworld: Ankh-Morpork. A humorous card-based game set in the city of Ankh-Morpork on Terry Pratchett's Discworld. It will run via email. Have Bill Scharf, will take up to 3 more.

In general, game ownership is recommended, but not required.

Note that a subscription to S.O.B. is not required to play in a game run by flier, but that a game fee will be charged to non-subbers.

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<u>Bolognese</u> Summer 1058 Advanced Rules, Special Military Units, Conquest, Gunboat, Gray Press, Ultimate Victory Miller Number 2010Dpw23 (gunboat) Deadline for Fall 1058 1/7 Tuesday

The Holy Roman Empire is beset on two sides and losing ground rapidly as Pisa retakes Genoa and Venice takes Milan. Pisa and the Byzantines stalemate in the south while the Normans go defensive.

	<u>Orders</u>		Otranto, F OTRANTO to Ionian Sea, F DURAZZO
Byzantines \square :	A AQUILA to Bari, F Upper Adriatic to CARNIOLA, F		supports F Otranto to Ionian Sea
	Ancona to UPPER ADRIATIC, F LOWER ADRIATIC	HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE 🗖:	A Milan supports A Parma (cut, DISLODGED, retreat
	supports F Otranto to Ionian Sea, F (EM) BARI to		Como, Carinthia, Pavia, garrison, OTB), A PARMA

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supports A Milan, A FORNOVA supports A Genoa, A MONTFERRAT supports A Genoa, A Genoa supports A Montferrat (cut, DESTROYED) NORMANS **D**: A NAPLES supports A Salerno, A SALERNO supports A Naples PISA **D**: A (EM) Modena to GENOA, A Lucca to MODENA, A Pistoia to LUCCA, A FLORENCE supports A Arezzo to Your treasury: Urbino, A Arezzo to URBINO, A Perugia to SPOLETTO, A Rome to CAPUA, F LIGURIAN SEA supports A

Modena to Genoa, F Patrimony to TYRRHENIAN SEA, F GULF OF NAPLES SUPPORTS F Ionian Sea, F MESSINA supports F Ionian Sea, F IONIAN SEA supports Norman Bolognese



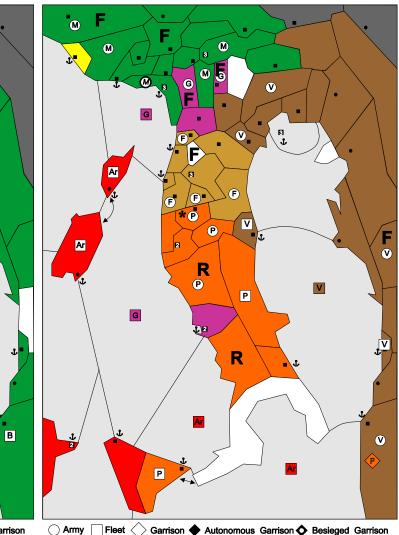
A Salerno to Otranto (nso) A TRENT supports A Cremona to Milan, A Cremona to MILAN, A BERGAMO supports A Cremona to Milan, A Mantua to CREMONA, A Padua to VERONA, A FRIULI holds, A Ferrara to MANTUA, A BOLOGNA supports A Ferrara to Mantua

<u>Press</u>

Byzantines to Venice: I'll be curious to learn why your A Tre moved to Fri. We need to concentrate and coordinate our forces vs. Pisa.

Pisa to Normans: I shall give you ducats in order to maintain your 2 armies and to build a garrison in Naples.

Purebred



Purebred Fall 1256

Advanced Rules, Natural Disasters, Special Military Units, Moneylenders, Conquest, White Press, Standard Victory Deadline for Winter 1257 1/7 Tuesday

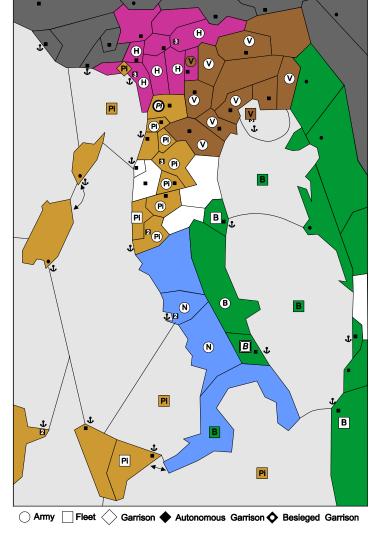
Aragon and Genoa fail to repay their debt and are assassinated! Milan and the Pope take advantage, while Venice takes continues to move against the Pope. Pisa helps the Pope out.

Summer 1256 Retreats

Genoa retreats A Genoa to garrison. The Papacy retreats A Perugia to Patrimony and F Durazzo to garrison.

Expenditures

Aragon is unable to pay back his loan to the Moneylenders and is assassinated! All Aragon units hold this turn. Rebellions in Spoleto and Aquila. Aragon is forever barred from taking out new loans from the Moneylenders.



Genoa is unable to pay back his loan to the Moneylenders and is assassinated! All Genoan units hold this turn. Rebellions in Parma and Lucca. Genoa is forever barred from taking out new loans from the Moneylenders.

Outstanding Loans

Fall 1256: 27 ducats due from Aragon (18 borrowed), 22 ducats from Genoa (18 borrowed)

Spring 1257: 15 ducats due from the Pope (10 borrowed), 6 ducats due from Milan (5 borrowed)

<u>Orders</u>

ARAGON (McHugh):	A Perugia holds (DISLODGED, retreat Rome, garrison,
	OTB), A Spoleto holds (DESTROYED), F CORSICA holds, F
	SARDINIA holds, F GULF OF NAPLES holds, F IONIAN SEA
	holds
FLORENCE (Partridge):	A Bologna to LUCCA (rebellion liberated), A Florence to
	URBINO, A AREZZO supports Papal A Patrimony to
	Perugia, A SIENNA supports Papal A Patrimony to Perugia
GENOA (Wilson):	A CREMONA holds, A FORNOVA holds, F LIGURIAN SEA
	holds, F Tyrrhenian Sea holds, G Genoa holds
	(SURRENDERS)
MILAN (Schoenfeldt):	A Marseilles to AVIGNON, A Savoy to PROVENCE, A (EM)
	GENOA besieges (garrison surrenders), A Pavia to PARMA,
	A MILAN supports A Pavia to Parma (rebellion liberated)
PAPACY (Roalstad):	A Patrimony to PERUGIA, A Rome to SPOLETO (rebellion
	liberated), A CAPUA supports A Rome to Spoleto, F Bari
	to AQUILA (rebellion liberated), F Otranto to MESSINA, G
	DURAZZO holds
VENICE (Robles):	A VERONA holds, A FERRARA holds, A BOSNIA holds, A
	DURAZZO besiege, F Upper Adriatic to ANCONA, F LOWER
	ADRIATIC supports F Upper Adriatic, F RAGUSA supports
	F Lower Adriatic
Your treasury:	
	<u>Spring 1256 Famine</u>
Poor Year – Column (Only: Cremona, Pistoia, Fornova, Turin, Bosnia, Avignon

Spring 1255 Income

Provinces and cities that are underlined do no produce income while those that are in italics could change hands depending on retreats.

Provinces

Ara	Corsica, Sardinia, Tunis, Palermo	4	V
Flo	Lucca, Bologna, Pisa, Florence, Urbino, Arezzo, Sienna,	8	* I
	Piombino		

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Gen	Cremona, Fornova, Modena, Naples	2
Mil	Avignon, Provence, Swiss, Tyrolea, Milan, Trent, Como, Turin,	12
	Saluzzo, Savoy, Genoa, Montferrat, Pavia, Parma	
PAP	Patrimony, Perugia, Rome, Spoleto, Capua, Aquila, Bari,	7
	Salerno, Messina	
VEN	Mantua, Ferrara, Padua, Verona, Treviso, Friuli, Carinthia,	16
	Slavonia, Carniola, Croatia, Dalmatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina,	
	Ragusa, Albania, Durazzo, Ancona	
	Seas	
Ara	Gulf of Naples, Ionian Sea	2
Gen	Tyrrhenian Sea, Ligurian Sea	2
VEN	Lower Adriatic, Venice	2
	Cities	
Ara	Corsica, Sardinia, Tunis (2), Palermo	5
Flo	Lucca, Bologna, Pisa, Florence (3), Arezzo, Sienna, Piombino	9
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Gen	Cremona, Modena, Naples (2)	3
MIL	Avignon, Swiss, Tyrolea, Milan (3), Trent, Turin, Saluzzo,	13
	Savoy, Genoa (3), Montferrat, Pavia	
PAP	Perugia, Rome (2), Bari, Messina, Durazzo	5

VEN Mantua, Ferrara, Padua, Treviso, Carniola, Croatia, Dalmatia, 13 Ragusa, Albania, Ancona, Venice (3)

<u>Totals</u>

Country	Variable	Provinces	Seas	Cities	Total
ARAGON:	4	4	2	5	15
FLORENCE:	4	8	0	9	21
Genoa:	3	2	2	3	10
Milan:	4	12	0	13	29
PAPACY:	5	7	0	5	17
VENICE:	4	16	2	13	35

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	1253	1254	1255	1256	1257
Aragon:	3	5	5	4	4*
Florence:	3	5	5	5	7
Genoa:	3	5	7	6	3
Milan:	3	6	8	9	11
Papacy:	3	5	7	5	4*
Venice:	3	5	8	10	11

* Depends on retreat

Dog Show End of Game Statements

Andy York: Congrats to Eric on taking the win, and condolences to Michael for a close-run 2nd place. My middle-of-the-pack finish was about par for the course. Maybe next time.... Thank, Chris, for running the game - and excellent job as always.

Eric Brosius: This game was unusual in many ways, not the least of which was the fact that it was close all the way through, even though players were pursuing very different strategies. Early on I decided that I needed to get lucky to have a chance to win, so I took a big chance and it paid off---just barely.

My early cards were awful. On Turn 2, having spent all six cards on a WaF in Turn 1, I drew Wa7 + Wa6 + Or2. These were somewhat lower than average, but even worse, didn't allow me to buy a pop without wasting 3 in earning power. Since I'd only be giving up 3 by failing to man my OrF, I decided not to buy a pop. But then I thought that a DL strategy might be a way to come back, so I bid 15 (all my cards) on a DL and got it. The next turn I got Wa8 + Wa5 + Or1 and was even worse off, not being able to bid on a DL. I passed, using the same reasoning I had used on Turn 2. One key to this game is to avoid pursuing too

many strategies, and being poor helps with that!

My card luck returned to normal starting in Turn 4, but before Turn 6 I spent some time thinking about how I was going to give myself a chance to win. I decided that I needed to buy at least one more DL, and if I could, I wanted to buy them both. I had 43 in spending power, so I had to get at least one of them for 21 or less. HOBO, who already had a pair of DLs, put them both up for auction, but he dropped out at 19, so I got them for 20 each. I didn't spend anything in Turn 7, because I was hoping to be able to get something good (a Sc, an OL or a La) if it showed up in Turn 8.

I had 55 going into Turn 8, and Chris flopped three OLs and a La. Perhaps I should have bid on an OL, but I was greedy for the 5 VP a La would give, and for the ability to buy ReFs if there was nothing I wanted or if I was outbid. This put me near the lead in VPs, but my inability to buy more than 5 pop was a real handicap.

One of the big elements of luck in Outpost, even more than that of the card draws, is the order in which upgrades appear. HOBO was my main

competition for Sc upgrades, and he had a nice pile of cards (I had bought a La in Turn 8, and he had only bought a single pop.) Fortunately, there were 3 Sc upgrades, and although HOBO got two of them, I got the third. I went on to buy two more Sc's and a pair of ReFs, but on Turn I decided to pass yet again, saving my cards for the imminent start of Era III.

I had 242 in buying power to start Turn 13, so I was really hoping for a MB. By my estimate, only ITCHEN could afford even as much as a PC, and he would need a bit of luck to make it to 160. I had great luck, with 1 MB coming out for me to buy and ITCHEN forced to settle for a SS. From here on out, I was able to buy a big upgrade every turn, though I never even had the extra funds to buy a pop to man one of those idle WaFs. I've never seen an ending like this, with a player manning only two regular factories (in my case, the two ReFs.)

I'd like to thank Chris for running the game, and all my opponents for an enjoyable contest.

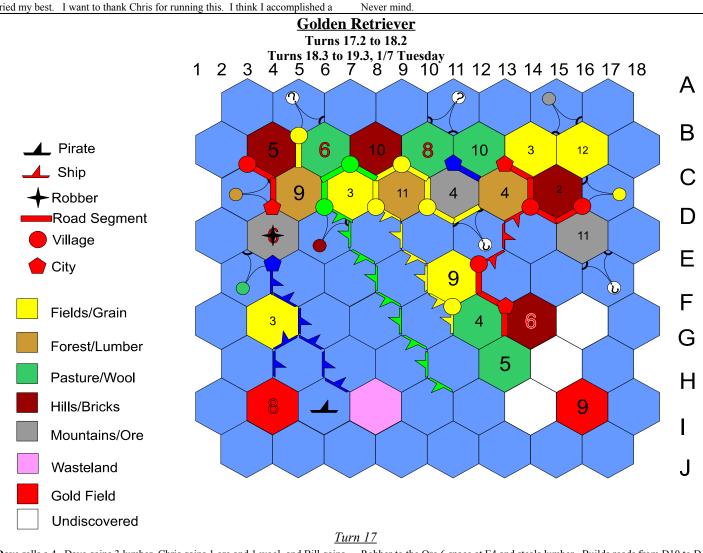
Andy Lewis: Congratulations to Eric. Sorry you came up just short Michael. I tried my best. I want to thank Chris for running this. I think I accomplished a

personal best of finishing in the top half. Maybe another dozen games and I'll have a real clue and maybe give someone a run for their money.

Kevin Wilson: First, congratulations to Eric on a nice, close, win and to Michael for making him work for it.

Once again, I'm down at the bottom. It seems every time I decide the route to go (DL and Scientists or building for income) the cards just miss me on the first couple of turns and I don't win the initial key items and it's catch up the rest of the way, usually unsuccessfully. That, and I seem to continually miss the strategy in this one. Oh well, we keep trying and hopefully learning.

Thanks to Chris, as usual, for running a prompt and accurate game. **Bill Scharf:** My strategy in this game worked out well. I focused on cards (research) that didn't impact hand size or require additional population, or much additional population, which saves a <u>lot</u> of expenses. Of course, it only works if there isn't competition; if too many player follow the same strategy resources are too thin to win using just these assets. I – oh, wait. I was channeling Eric Brosius.



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Dave rolls a 4. Dave gains 3 lumber, Chris gains 1 ore and 1 wool, and Bill gains 2 ore. Trades 2 lumber for 1 wool at the lumber port and builds a settlement at F13.

Chris rolls a 5. Dave and Chris each gain 1 brick. Plays a Knight and moves the

Robber to the Ore 6 space at E4 and steals lumber. Builds roads from D10 to D11 and D11 to D12.

Bill rolls a 3. Kevin and Dave each gain 2 grain and Chris gains 1 grain. Trades 4 ore for 1 brick.

<u>Turn 18</u>

Kevin rolls a 5. Dave and Chris each receive 1 brick. Buys a development card (______).

Dave rolls a 6. Chris and Kevin each receive 1 wool, Bill receives 2 ore, and

Dave receives 2 ore and 1 brick. Upgrades settlement at F13 to a city, and builds a road from F13 to G13 (discovers a 5 Pasture area, receives wool).

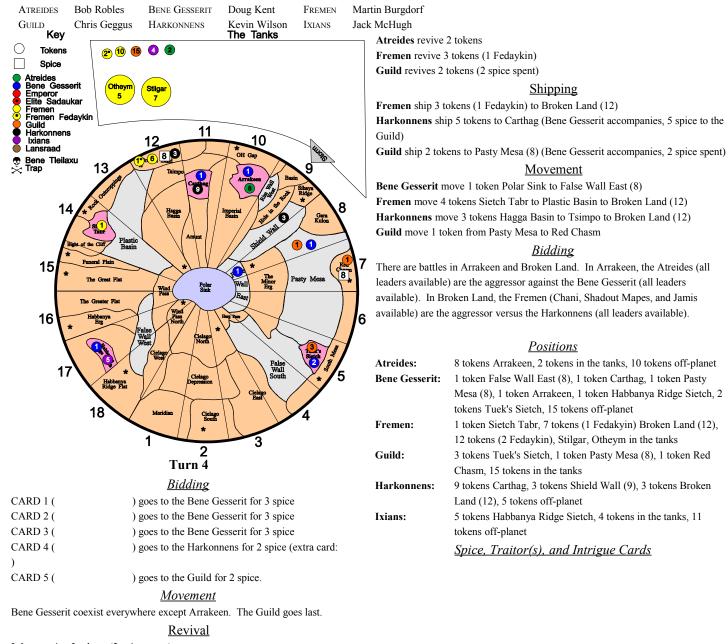
Open Trades

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							<u>Dice Rolls</u>				
							<u>Turn 17</u>				
							Chris: 11		Bi	11:	6
							<u>Turn 17</u>				
Kevin: 5			Da	ve: 7			Chris: 8				
							<u>The Players</u>				_
Player	Color	Grain	Wool	Lumber	Brick	Ore	Development (Cards		VP	
Kevin Wilson	Green	1	1	2	1	1	1 Unplayed ()		4*	
Dave Hooton	Red		1	1	4		1 Knight			10	
Chris Geggus	Yellow	1	2		2	4	2 Knights			5	
Bill Scharf	Blue	1		1	1	2	1 Knight, 1 Unplayed ()	4	

*Includes Longest Trade Route.

Hound Dog Turn 4 Bidding to Battle Turn 4 Battle, 1/7 Tuesday

Players



Ixians revive 3 tokens (2 spice spent)

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Robodog Turn 8 Turn 9 due 11/19 Tuesday

Program Robots

Robot	Phase 1	Phase 2	ase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Anonobot	Back Up (460)	U-Turn (60)	Move 1 (660)	Rotate Right (160)	Rotate Left (410)
Cutter	Shut down.				
Marvin	Rotate Left (130)	Back Up (450)	Rotate Left (310)	Rotate Right (80)	Rotate Right (220)
Dalekbot	Move 2 (740)	Move 2 (680)	Rotate Left (290)	Move 1 (580)	Move 1 (590)
Predator	Rotate Right (180)	Move 1 (490)	Rotate Left (230)	Move 2 (690)	Rotate Left (90)
Metal Mikey	Move 3 (830)	Move 3 (790)	Move 2 (760)	Move 1 (510)	Rotate Left (110)

Registers in italics are locked.

Annonobot schedules a shut down for next turn.

Phase 1

Metal Mikey dashes ahead 3 to A12, Dalekbot moves ahead 2 to H17, pushing Anonobot to G17, Anonobot backs up to F17, Predator rotates right to face west, and Marvin rotates left to face east. The conveyor belt moves Dalekbot to H15, and the gear rotates Marvin to face north. Predator shoots Marvin, locking register 5.

Phase 2

Metal Mikey again dashes ahead 3 to A15, Dalekbot moves ahead 2 to F15, Predator moves ahead 1 to K15, Marvin backs up to J16, touching flag 1 (archive relocated), and Anonobot makes a U-turn to face west. The conveyor belt moves Predator to K17 and turns him to face north and the gear rotates Dalekbot to face south. Dalekbot shoots Anonobot, locking register 4.

Phase 3

Metal Mikey moves ahead 2 to A17, Anonobot moves ahead 1 to E17, Marvin rotates left to face west, Dalekbot rotates left to face east, and Predator rotates left to face west. Conveyor belts move Anonobot to C17 and Predator to 117. The gear rotates Dalekbot to face north. Predator shoots Anonobot (register 3 locked) and Anonobot shoots Metal Mikey.

Phase 4

Predator moves ahead 2 to G17, Dalekbot moves ahead 1 to F14, Metal Mikey moves ahead 1 to A18, Anonobot rotates right to face north, and Marvin rotates right to face north. The conveyor belt moves Anonobot to B16 and rotates him to face east. The gear rotates Predator to face south.

Phase 5

Dalekbot moves ahead 1 to F13, Anonobot rotates left to face north, Marvin rotates right to face east, Metal Mikey rotates left to face east, and Predator rotates left to face east. The conveyor belt moves Anonobot to B14 and rotates him to face east. The gear rotates Predator to face north. Anonobot shoots Dalekbot, locking register 3.

Cleanup

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Annonobot shuts down, repairing all damage. The flag repairs Marvin 1 point, unlocking register 5.

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#	Player Name	Robot Name	Color	Options	Position	Flags	Lives	Damage
1	Dave Hooton	Anonobot	Green		B14>E	1	1	0
2	Bill Scharf	Cutter	Peach		H13>S	1	2	0
3	Howard Bishop	Marvin	Grey		J16>E	1	3	4
4	Andy York	Dalekbot	Black	Abort Switch	F14>N		2	7
5	Chris Geggus	Predator	Yellow	Fire Control	G17>N		3	2
6	Brendan Whyte	Metal Mikey	Blue		A18>E	1, 2	2	3

Program Cards

Mi<u>rzam</u> **Turns 8.1 to 9.1** Turns 9.2 to 10.2 due 1/7 Tuesday

Turn 8 5

1:	Andy Lewis (Niks/Mystery Machine 6) Rolls Used: 3 6 6
	R – Interstellar Biosphere.
	Sells Space Spice for \$80 (from the cup: Impossible Furniture at 8). Sells

commissions.

R-B-Y-B10-R10-B-Y-B-R-Aerie-Y.

3rd: Debbie Anderson (Eeepeeep/Data Dancer) Rolls Used: 1 2 5 Space Spice for \$80 (from the cup: Bionic Perfume at 1a). Buys Living Toys Y – R - NC1.

for \$80, Mulch Wine for \$30 and a shield for \$60. Receives \$40 in factory 4th: Bob Robles (Human/Humanity's Exploring Xenophobes) Rolls Used: 1 5 5

2nd: Chris Geggus (Dell/Great Exhibition of Galactic Sorcery) Rolls Used: 2 3

Terror Station(s).

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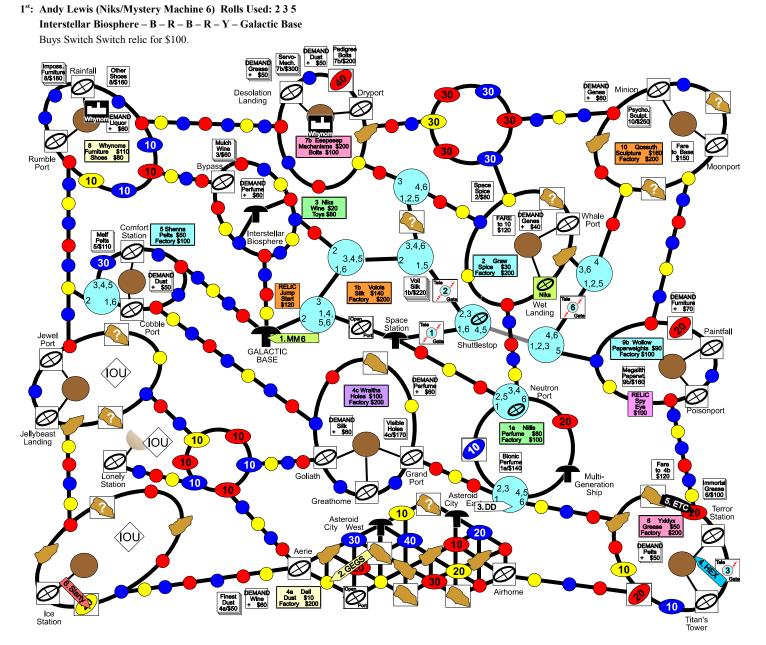
Sells Visible Holes for \$170 (from the cup: Space Spice at 2). Buys 2 Immortal Grease for \$100.

5th: Andy York (Whynom/Expert Trading Cartel) Rolls Used: 6 * 3
Galactic Base – NC6 – Open Port – Space Station – R – Y – R – NC6 –
R20 – Multi-Generation Ship – NC6 – Y – B – R – A – A – R20.

6th: Ron Fisher (Qossuth/Slartybartfast) Rolls Used: 1 2 3 4 A - (Y20) - A - A - (Y) - ? (it's an Open Port) - Aerie - (Y) - R - B - R -

B - (Y) - B - ? (it's a Y20 penalty marker)

<u>Turn 9</u>



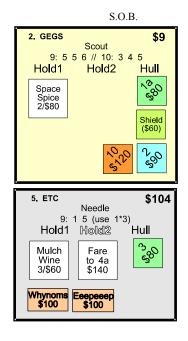
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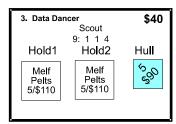
1a (Nillis): 1 Bionic Perfume

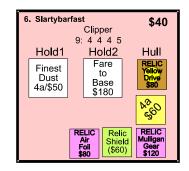
- 1b (Volois): 4 Voll Silk
- 2 (Graw): 1 Space Spice, Fare to 10 (\$120), Demand for Designer Genes (+\$40)
- 3 (Niks): 3 Mulch Wine, Demand for Bionic Perfume (+\$60)
- 4a (Dell): 3 Finest Dust, Demand for Mulch Wine (+\$60)
- 4b (Humans): 4 Rock Videos, Demand for Space Spice (+\$40)
- 4c (Wraiths): 2 Visible Holes, Demand for Voll Silk (+\$60), Demand for Bionic Perfume (+\$60)
- 5 (Shenna): 2 Melf Pelts, 2 Demand for Finest Dust (+\$50)
- 6 (Yxklyx): 2 Demand for Melf Pelts (+\$50), 2 Immortal Grease, Fare to 4b (\$120)

- 7a (Zum): 3 Chicle Liquor, Demand for Finest Dust (+\$50)
- **7b (Ecepecep):** 3 Servo-Mechanism, 2 Demand for Immortal Grease (+\$50), 1 Demand for Finest Dust (+\$50), Pedigree Bolts
- 8 (Whynoms): 3 Impossible Furniture, Demand for Chicle Liquor (+\$60), Other Shoes
- 9a (Chola): 2 Designer Genes, Demand for Immortal Grease (+\$50), Demand for Chicle Liquor (+\$60)
- 9b (Wollow): 1 Megalith Paperweight, Demand for Impossible Furniture (+\$70)
- 10 (Qossuth): 2 Psychotic Sculpture, Demand for Designer Genes (+\$60), Fare to Base (\$150)
- Base: Relic Jump Start

1. My	stery		hine 6 Scout 0: 3 3 4		\$3	3
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W	ulch 'ine \$60		Living Toys 3/\$180		Shield (\$60)	
	Landi 200	ing	Niks \$200		RELIC Switch Switch \$100	
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<u>Pick of the Litter</u> Turn 3, Phases IV-VI and Turn 4 Turn 4, Phases IV-VI and Turn 5, Phases I-III due 1/7 Tuesday Turn 3

Operations

Red (Bishop) operates #43 (\$50, 2 silver) and receives \$130 in passenger revenue.

Brown (Partridge) operates #89 (\$30, 3 coal), delivers 1 gold from Fairplay to Denver, splitting the proceeds with Orange (\$125 to Brown, \$150 to Orange), and gains \$20 in passenger revenue.

Orange (Hooton) buys claim #32 for \$100 and operates it (\$50, 1 gold). Cyan (Scharf) delivers 2 gold from Bingham to Salt Lake City for \$550, receives \$20 in passenger revenue, and buys a 15 train for \$120. Blue (Anderson) operates #81 (\$40, 4 coal) and #48 (\$40, depletes).

Orange (Hooton) surveys Soccoro to Belen, prospects passenger line 4.

Blue (Anderson) surveys Gunnison to Crested Butte, prospects #79.

Cyan (Scharf) surveys Thistle to Price, prospects the deck.

Determine Price Changes

Gold: -1 to \$250		Copper: Remains at \$240	Silver: -1 to \$200			
	Denver	Salt Lake City	Pueblo	Santa Fe	El Paso	
Lumber:	-3 to \$60	-1 to \$80	+2 to \$80	+1 to \$40	-2 to \$40	
Coal:	Remains at \$60	+1 to \$40	Remains at \$30	+2 to \$60	-1 to \$60	

Turn 4

Move Prospectors and Surveyors

 ${\bf Red}$ (Bishop) surveys Canon City to Westcliffe and Walsenburg to Trinidad, prospects #90

Brown (Partridge) surveys Pueblo to Walsenburg and <u>Fairplay to Dillon (not</u> <u>during winter</u>), prospects #87.

Remember that Turn 4 is a winter turn - no surveying on or delivery over seasonal track.

Dispute Resolution

<u>Notes</u>

None. Orange draws claim #105 (silver at Silver City) and has first right of refusal. Red spends \$240, Brown spends \$200, Orange spends \$255, Cyan spends \$200, and Blue spends \$160.

<u>The Players</u> Color Player **Starting Location** Money Trains Snowplows Personnel 9 S, S, P+1 Howard Bishop Red Denver \$710 Brown \$935 9 S, S+1, P Dave Partridge Denver Dave Hooton Orange El Paso \$740 9 S, S, P+1 Bill Scharf Cyan Salt Lake City \$1.130 9.15 S. P+1 Debbie Anderson Blue Pueblo \$880 9,15 S, P+1

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#	City	Owner	Туре	Goods	Operation
43	Leadville	Red	Silver	5	\$50
90	Trinidad	Red	Coal	Ν	\$40
57	Boulder	Brown	Lumber	1	Depleted
89	Walsenburg	Brown	Coal	3	\$30
87	Alamo	Brown	Coal	Ν	\$30
97	Elizabethtown	Orange	Gold	3	\$40
104	Mogollon	Orange	Silver	Ν	\$50
32	Fairplay	Orange	Gold	0	\$50
81	Crested Butte	Blue	Coal	11	\$40
48	Ouray	Blue	Silver	2	Depleted
79	Bowie	Blue	Coal	Ν	\$40

Purchased Claims

Purchased Passenger Lines

#	Туре	Route	Payoff	Owner	Notes
3	А	Denver - Colorado Springs	\$50	Red	
5	Α	Denver - Pueblo	\$80	Red	
1	Α	Denver – Boulder	\$20	Brown	
4	Α	El Paso – Deming	\$60	Orange	
2	А	Salt Lake City – Provo	\$20	Cyan	

<u>Available Claims</u>

City	Туре	Claim	Operation
Steamboat Springs	Lumber	\$80	\$40

Available Trains

Туре	# Available	Cost
9	1	\$80
15	4	\$120

City Claim Operation Туре 91 Trinidad Coal \$60 \$30 74 Elk Springs Coal \$60 \$20 53 \$30 Lake City Silver \$60 60 Lumber \$40 \$20 Pagosa Springs 85 Canon City Coal \$100 \$30 56 Hot Sulphur Lumber \$60 \$30 Springs 10 Silver City Silver \$40 \$40 5

Available Passenger Lines

#	Туре	Route	Payoff	Cost	Notes
7	Α	Pueblo – Santa Fe	\$120	\$280	
9	В	Denver – Leadville	\$120	\$230	
15	В	Denver – Grand Jct.	\$270	\$435	2
8	Α	Denver – Leadville	\$260	\$500	1
10	В	Denver – Aspen	\$130	\$250	
6	Α	Santa Fe – Albuquerque	\$90	\$180	
11	В	Salt Lake City – Grand Jct.	\$140	\$310	3
14	В	El Paso – Albuquerque	\$220	\$405	

¹ Discard after 4 Leadville depletions

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² Discard when 22 is taken. Good for \$270 toward card 22

³ Discard when 20 is taken. Good for \$140 toward card 20 or 21

Available Snowplows

Туре	# Available	Cost
Die +2	3	\$40

Dachshund Turn 2, Phases 4 through 5.3 Turn 2

Phase 3: Play Cards

Genoa cedes Lyons, Milan, Genoa, and Florence to Paris.

Phase 4: Purchases

Barcelona buys Galley 2 (\$10), The Heavens (A, \$30), and Patronage (E, \$30, Misery increases to 10). Stabilization not paid, Misery increases to 30. **Paris** buys Galley 2 (\$10), Improved Agriculture (J, \$30, \$10 credit from

Commerce, Misery reduced to 10), and Stabilization (\$1). **Genoa** buys Galley 4 (\$10) and stabilization (\$6).

Venice buys Galley 2 (\$10) and stabilization (\$6).

Phase 5: Buy Cards

Barcelona expands to Seville (3) and Fez (2).

Paris expands to Basque (3 vs. Barcelona, dr = 4, 1, 5; success), Prague (2), Montpelier (3 vs. Barcelona, dr = 4, 1, 3; success), Bordeaux (2), Toulouse (1) Genoa expands to Algiers (2), Tripoi (2), Salonika (2), Sicily (2), Belgrade (2), Dubrovnik (3), and Marseilles (1).

The Players

Player	Country	Misery	Tokens	Money	Order	Dominance	Cards	Ships	Advances
Chris Geggus	Paris	10	11	\$7	2	14	1	2	I, J
Jack McHugh	Venice	0	15	\$3	4	1	3	2	Ν
Martin Burgdorf	Genoa	20	14	\$5	3	7	3	4	Ν
Bob Robles	Barcelona	30	5	\$11	1	7	5	2	A, E, I

Players are listed in reverse tie breaking order.

Trotes

Stirrups in effect for Paris. At the players' request, this game is now being run continuously via email.

	Comme	odity Log			Commodity	Chris	Bob	Jack	Martin
Commodity	Chris	Bob	Jack	Martin	Cloth (6)	2		1	
Stone (2)	4			1	Wine (7)	1	2		
Wool (3)	1	1		1	Metal (8)	2	1		
Timber (4)	1	1		1	Fur (9)	1			
Grain (5)	1	1		2	Silk (10)		1		1

Commodity	Chris	Bob	Jack	Martin
Spice (11)				
Gold (12)	1			
Ivory (12)				1
Ivory (12)				I

Shortage, Surplus

<u>Akita</u>

Turns 1.1 to 3.4

<u>Turn 1</u>

Ron rolls a 7 and places the Robber at the Forest 6 area and steals a brick from Dave. Passes.

Chris rolls a 3. Ron gains a wool and Martin gains a lumber. Chris trades 1 lumber to Ron for 1 wool. Builds a ship from E16 to E17 (discovers field, gains grain). During the supplemental build turn, Ron builds a road from E11 to E10 and Martin builds a road from C14 to C13.

Andy rolls a 7 and moves the Robber to the 9 Hills area and steals from Martin, gaining lumber.

Dave rolls a 5, and Ron gains 1 lumber, Dave gains 1 brick and 1 lumber, and Chris gains 1 grain. Builds a road from C9 to B9.

Martin rolls a 5, and Ron gains 1 lumber, Dave gains 1 brick and 1 lumber, and Chris gains 1 grain. Passes.

<u>Turn 2</u>

Ron rolls a 6. Chris, Andy, and Dave each gain 1 lumber. Passes.

Chris rolls an 8. Ron receives a brick and an ore, Andy and Martin each receive a brick and Chris receives an ore. Trades 2 grain at the grain port for 1 wool and builds a ship from E17 to E18 (discovers ocean). During the special build turn, Andy builds a road from F13 to F11, Ron builds a road from G14 to G15. **Andy** rolls a 10. Martin receives grain and wool. Andy trades 1 grain to Dave for 1 brick and builds a road from F12 to F11. During the special build turn, Dave builds a settlement at B9.

Dave rolls a 7. Moves the Robber to the 4 Ore space at C13 and steals wool from Martin and passes.

Martin rolls a 5. Ron receives 1 lumber and Dave receives 1 lumber and 2 brick and Chris receives 1 grain. Passes.

<u>Turn 3</u>

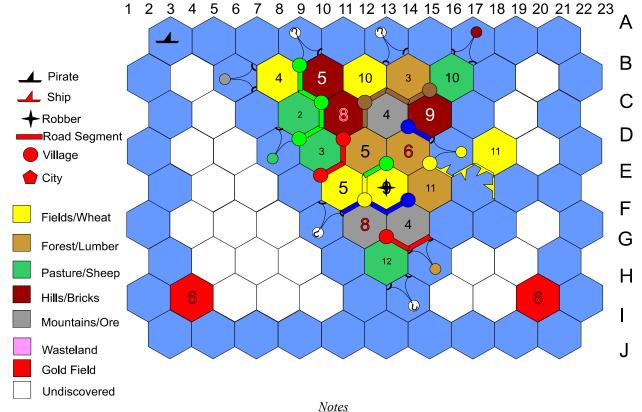
Ron rolls a 4. Ron and Andy each gain 1 ore and Dave gains 1 grain. Trades 1 lumber to Martin for 1 grain.

Chris rolls a 6. Chris, Andy, and Dave each gain 1 lumber. Trades 2 grain for 1 wool at the grain port and builds a ship from E18 to F18 (discovers ocean). During the special build phase, Dave builds roads from C10 to D10 and D10 to D9. Martin builds a road from C12 to C13.

Andy rolls an 8. Dave and Martin each receive 1 brick, Chris receives 1 ore, and Ron receives 1 brick and 1 ore. Passes.

Dave rolls a 7. Ron discards 5 ore. Dave moves the Robber/Pirate to the 9 field space at E13 and steals ore from Chris. Builds a settlement at D9. During the special build turn, Ron builds a settlement at E10.

Martin rolls a 7.



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<u>Cards</u>

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Player	Color	Grain	Wool	Lumber	Brick	Ore	Development Cards	VP
Ron Fisher	Red							3
Chris Geggus	Yellow					1		2
Andy York	Blue			2		2		2
Dave Partridge	Green					1		4
Martin Burgdorf	Brown		1		1			

Newfoundland

Turn 2

colonists and 4 soldiers from the fleet to M.

French move 3 soldiers from K to J (its a climate 1 area with 1 native) and 3 soldiers and 4 colonists from fleet to K.

Portuguese move 4 soldiers and 4 colonists from fleet to N. One soldier prospects.

Dutch move 3 colonists and 3 soldiers from O to Q and 4 colonists and 4 soldiers from the fleet to O.

Swedes move 5 soldiers and 4 colonists into area X (it is a climate 1 area with 1 native and 2 sites). Two soldiers in X prospect.

English move 3 soldiers from H to C, 4 soldiers and 2 colonists from anchorage point to H, and 1 soldier and 1 colonist from fleet to C.

Native Combat

Spanish: 1 soldier killed in I. **Dutch:** 1 native and 4 soldiers killed in Q. **Swedes:** 1 native killed in X.

Native Uprisings

Climate is a 6. No uprisings.

Climate is a 6. No losses.

<u>Survival</u>

<u>Political Control</u>

Dutch gain political control of Q. **Swedes** gain political control of X. **Spanish** gain political control of M.

Homebound Naval Movement

Spanish: Dice: 1, 3, 4, 5. Loses 1 ship. **French:** Dice: 3, 6, 6. No losses. **Portuguese:** Dice: 2, 3, 4, 4. No losses. **Dutch:** Dice: 2, 5, 6. No losses. **Swedes:** Dice: 2, 3, 4, 6, 6. No losses. **English:** Dice: 2, 4, 5, 6. No losses.

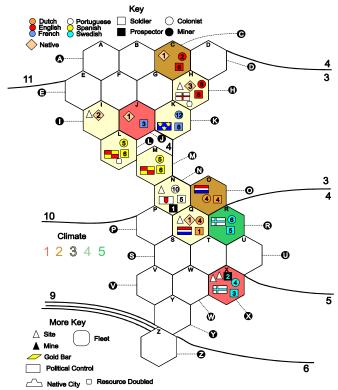
Income

English: Political Control: \$40, resources: \$18.
Dutch: Political Control: \$60, resources: \$8.
French: Political Control: \$40, resources: \$12.
Portuguese: Political Control: \$40, resources: \$10.
Spanish: Political Control: \$60, resources: \$15.
Swedes: Political Control: \$60, resources: \$10.

<u>Turn 4 Initiative</u>

English, Portuguese, Dutch, Spanish, French, Swedes. Swedish attitude is (dr = 5) Expansion.

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<u>Planning</u>

Spanish buy 4 soldiers (\$40) and maintain 4 ships (\$16) for \$56.
French buys 3 soldiers (\$30) and maintains 5 ships (\$20) for \$50.
Portuguese buys 4 soldiers (\$40) and maintains 4 ships (\$16) for \$56.
Dutch buy 4 soldiers (\$40) and 1 ship (\$12), and maintains 3 ships (\$12) for \$64.
Swedes buy 5 soldiers (\$50) and 2 ships (\$24) and maintains 3 ships (\$12) for \$64.
English buy 6 soldiers (\$60) and 1 ship (\$12) and maintain 4 ships (\$16) for \$88.

Outbound Naval Movement

Spanish Move to M. Dice: 5, 5, 6, 6. No losses.

French Move to K. Dice: 1, 5, 6. No losses.

Portuguese Move to N. Dice: 2, 3, 4, 6. No losses.

Dutch Move to O. Dice: 3, 5, 6. No losses.

Swedes Move to X. Dice: 1, 2, 4, 5, 5. No losses.

English Move to H. Dice: 1, 3, 6. Lose 1 soldier and 1 colonist. Drop off 4 soldiers and 2 colonists. Move to D. Dice: 3, 3. No losses.

<u>Land Movement</u>

Spanish move 1 soldier from L to I, 1 colonist and 5 soldiers from M to L, and 3

					<u>Players</u>
Country	Player	Money	Available Soldiers	Ships	Colonists
English	Martin Burgdorf	\$78	11	5	4
Dutch	Dave Partridge	\$87	13	4	4
French	Dave Hood	\$54	10	5	4
Portuguese	Bob Robles	\$78	14	4	4
Spanish	Andy York	\$81	8	4	3
Swedes	Non-Player	\$76	13	5	4



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	City Name	Player	Workers	Treasury	Storage	Hunting	Farming	Mining	Clothmaking	Development	VP
1		Dave Partridge	1/0	2	1/2	1-1/1	1-2/1				2
2		Cary Nichols	1/0	2	1/2	1-1/1	1-2/1				2
3		Andy York	1/0	2	1/2	1-1/1	1-2/1				2
4		Jack McHugh	1/0	2	1/2	1-1/1	1-2/1				2
5		Bill Scharf	1/0	2	1/2	1-1/1	1-2/1				2

<u>Notes</u>

Here is the key for the above table. Workers represents the number of untrained/trained workers. If they are in italics, then the player has Improved Training. Treasury represents the number of treasury tokens. If it is italicized, then the player has Improved Storage and can hold up to 6, rather than the usual 3, when storage limits are applied. Storage represents the number of cards held/the maximum cards that can be held when storage limits are applied. In the production categories (Hunting, Farming, Mining, and Clothmaking) the numbers represent the number of tools being used-production value/VP value(-number of unused tools). If no unused tools exist, then that part is omitted. In the case of Hunting and Mining, if the numbers are in italics, the player has the Improved version of that profession. If they are in bold, then the player has the Advanced version of that profession.

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New Arrivals: Dyer, Granary, Glassmaking, Prospector, Tracker						
Card	Minimum Bid	Available	Not Yet Delivered			
Dyer (Dy)	2	1	2			
Granary (Gr)	4	1	2			
Glassmaking (Gl)	5	1	2			
Fort (Ft)	7	0	3			
Prospector (Pr)	2	1	1			
Indentured Worker (IW)	3	0	2			
Tracker (Tr)	3	1	4			

Resource Cards

Best In Show

A partial list of games played in S.O.B. and the winner of each.

	<u>Machiavelli</u>
Name	Winner
The Gates of Hades	Chris Hurley
Mastiff	Bill Scharf
Pack of Curs	Bill Scharf
Doghouse	Dave Anderson
Rude Dog	Ward Narhi
The River ¹	Ken Marcinonis
Not Guilty ¹	Dave Anderson
Rabid Dog	Ward Narhi
Fleabag	Berry Renken/Ray Grib/Pasquale Giovine
Feral Dogs	Pasquale Giovine
Citizen Dog	Pasquale Giovine
New Tricks	Phil Reynolds
Wild Dog	Dave Partridge
Off the Leash	Pasquale Giovine
Shepherd	Pasquale Giovine
Dogfight	Pasquale Giovine
Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap ²	Dave Partridge
Dog Park	Mike Scott
Barking Up the Wrong Tree	Dave Partridge

¹ Rehoused from Jason Wilke's Won if by Land

² Rehoused from Phil Reynolds' ishkibibble

	<u>Merchant of Venu</u>
Name	Winner
Dingo's Delight	Caleb Cousins
Dog Food	Andy Lewis
Dogged	Dennis Cain
Hyena	Andy Lewis
Hot Dog	Andy Lewis
Sirius	Dave Partridge
Procyon	Chris Geggus

Dune

	Dune
Name	Winner
Sand Dog	Chris Hurley
Canine	Paul Bolduc
Running Dogs	Andy York
Pavlov	Bill Scharf and Cary Nichols
Sand Flea	Jerry Roalstad and Kevin Wilson

Outpost

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Name	Winner
Dog Breath	Andy York
Mutt	Kevin Kinsel
Dogstar	Kevin Wilson
Canes Venatici	Michael Lowrey
Wolfbane	Dave Partridge
Retriever	Eric Brosius
Hound	Eric Brosius
Basset	Eric Brosius
Dog Show	Eric Brosius

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Name	Winner	
Fenris Wolf	Dave Anderson	
Mongrel	Andy Lewis	
Wolfpack	Sean Cousins	
Dogpaddle	Andy Lewis	
Dog Days	Andy Lewis	
Dogface	Andy Lewis	
Dogwood	Andy Lewis	
Cats and Dogs	Andy Lewis	
Dogbreath	Andy York	

<u>New World</u>

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Name	Winner
Anubis	Bill Scharf
Chihuahua	Bill Scharf
Pooch	Bill Scharf
Coyote	Andy Lewis
Hounds of Tindalos	Andy Lewis
Doggerel	Andy Lewis
Gray Wolf	Dave Partridge
Jackal	Andy York
Malamute	Andy York
Boston Terrier	Dave Hood ¹

¹ This game was played with the Non-Player Nations variant, and the non-player actually ended up with the most money. The player noted here was the highest scorer among the players.

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Name	Winner
Rin Tin Tin ¹	Brendan Whyte
Benji ¹	Brad Martin
Fenris	Ward Narhi
Wolfhound	Dave Partridge
Salty Dog	Kevin Wilson
Bulldog	Mike Scott

¹ GMed by Andy Lewis

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Name	Winner
Kennel Club	Brad Martin
Dog Show	Dennis Cain
Dog Chow	Paul Bolduc
Greyhound	Dave Hood

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	<u>Kremlin</u>
Name	Winner
Dirty Dogs	Chris Geggus
Dog Tired	Chris Geggus
Guard Dog	Chris Geggus
Sled Dog	Bill Scharf
Flea Collar	Chris Geggus
Pateel	Pasquale Giovine
Russian Wolfhound	Bill Scharf

<u>Silverton</u>

Winner
Bill Scharf
Dave Partridge
Dave Hooton
Dave Partridge

<u>Industrial Waste</u>

Name	Winner
Junk Yard Dog	Eric Brosius
Doberman	Eric Brosius
Rottweiler	Andy York

<u>Puerto Rico</u>

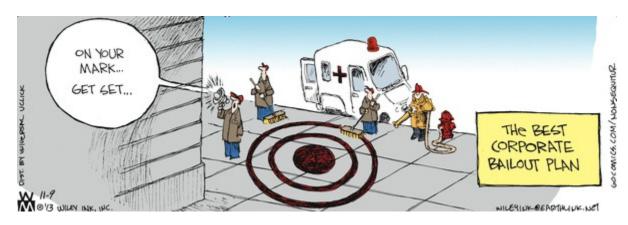
Name	Winner
Gaspode	Andy Lewis
Plantation Dog	Chris Geggus
Daquiri*	Ron Fisher
Whippet	Richard Weiss

*Rehoused from Paul Bolduc's Boris the Spider

	Power Grid
Name	Winner
Husky	Andy York
Grommit	Andy York
	Other

<u>Other</u>				
Name	Game	Winner		
Dog Biscuit ¹	Slapshot	Dave Anderson		
Rockhound	2038	Caleb Cousins		
Hair of the Dog	Modern Art	Andy Lewis		
Lassie ¹	Wembley	Chris Geggus		
Sun Dog	Solar Quest	Brad Martin		
Warg	Downfall XIII	Dave Partridge		
Robover	Robo Rally	Chris Geggus		

¹ GMed by Andy Lewis



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Machiavelli (gunboat and regular): Bill Scharf, Bob Robles, Ward Narhi, Pasquale Giovine, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Dale Horsely, Brad Martin, Jack McHugh Dune: Kevin Wilson, Ward Narhi, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Jack McHugh, Chris Geggus New World: Andy York, Bill Scharf, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Merchant of Venus: Carrie Lewis, Bob Robles, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Outpost: Michael Lowrey, Kevin Wilson, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin History of the World: Andy Lewis, Kevin Wilson, Chris Geggus, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Stellar Conquest: Kevin Wilson, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Liftoff: Dennis Cain, Andy York, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Age of Renaissance: Bob Robles, Michael Lowrey, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Michael Longdin, Brad Martin Kremlin: Andy York, Andy Lewis, Pasquale Giovine, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Andy York, Eric Brosius Settlers of Catan: Michael Longdin, Brad Martin, Chris Geggus, Silverton: Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Andy York, Eric Brosius Settlers of Catan: Michael Longdin, Brad Martin, Andy York, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Industrial Waste: Michael Longdin, Brad Martin, Andy York, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin, Andy York, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Industrial Waste: Michael Longdin, Brad Martin Phoenicia: None so far.

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