

## PAASL Newsletter #7

Well the good news for those that made it to this session was that there was no test on the homework! (and there was much rejoicing!) Dave T. had done his, Chris W. claimed to not know that it was assigned (although he would have passed anyway due to his past experience. I suppose he would have clepped out; is that the right term?), Larry says he lost his rules, Rick H. had to cancel but admitted that he didn't do his homework either. I'm not sure about the rest of you.

Game A was a rematch of **Bone of Contention**. Jim P. and Larry played it in the previous session. This time they switched sides as Jim's Germans tried to destroy the captured tanks of the French Partisans. This time Larry had his partisans enter the captured tanks and use their weapons against their former owners. It was interesting to see the different strategies used as the opponents switched sides. When Jim played the partisans he hadn't thought of such a tactic. Jim's Germans won on the second to last turn making it a closer game than it was last time. Perhaps this game isn't very balanced. I'm thinking of trying the partisans in this one to see if they can stop the Germans. Everyone should note that the Germans in any scenario set in '44 or after can check to see if they have an anti-tank magnetic mine to use in CC (Close Combat) vs. tanks. This is a rule in the book that applies to all scenarios and is not listed in the scenarios themselves. They are also loaded with Panzer Faust anti-tank weapons. Remember to ask about it since it's not listed on the scenario either.

Game B was **Going to Church** and was played by Dave T who played it last session and won with the British. This time he played Chris (who has also played this scenario before) and Dave won with the Germans. Chris quit on turn two after rolling many boxcars and losing his best leader.

Game C **Guns of Naro** was played by Dave K. and Chris W. (yes, Chris did the unthinkable and played two games at once). Dave won, his Italians were able to prevent the Americans from discovering and destroying his Artillery pieces. Chris was also required to clear the road area of any Italians. This was a complicated game featuring airplanes, ATRs (anti-tank rifles), and four different types of vehicles. After the Italian planes knocked out a couple of American Sherman's, Chris called it a day. Thanks Chris for taking the challenge and playing two games at once. This helped us avoid the two players on a side predicament.

Session two was featured games A, B, and C, all played in one night by Chris W. and Jim P. The scenario, **Soldier's of Destruction** featured a Soviet infantry and tank force having to exit points to win. They could win by exiting all the tanks but if they lost a tank to some late war powerful German tanks then they would have to exit infantry points also. Jim's plan of a spread out attack swiftly failed and the players racked 'em up again and took another shot. This time Jim tried the "armored fist" (attack with everything on one side) approach but couldn't roll the dice very well. The night was still young so they racked 'em up again, this time switching sides. Chris took the Russian tanks and swept past Jim's tanks and Panzerfaust shots since Jim rolled a lot of 11's. Could Chris climb out of the basement in the standings with 3 victories?????

Game D was **Kampfgruppe at Karachev** (there's a mouthful, say that three times fast). Dave and the other Dave played a cautious game. Both players retained a lot of concealment. Mid game there was an interesting five close combat attacks all in one turn, a turn that Dave T labeled "the make or break" turn). They all went against Dave T. and it did break his assault.

And now the awards:

Most Consecutive Rate of Fire **Dave K.** with 7 in a row.

Most Games Played in a Night **Jim P.** and **Chris W.** (3)

Jim McD. 80%  
Dave K. 79%  
Greg H. 53%  
Dan S. 50%  
Larry S. 45%  
Dave T. 43%  
Rick H. 41%  
Chris W. 31%  
Jim P. 30%

Will Dave T. seek out a win against Larry??? Will Jim P. get revenge (and out of last place) with a victory against Chris???? Are there enough question marks here??? Will the homework be reassigned???? Yes it has been. Read rules 1.1 - 1.5 in section A!!! Know it!! That's an order soldier!!

May the dice be with you!  
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