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# Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard  
Since 1986"

## Risk: The Legacy Continues

by Steve Donohue

A group of 5 campers answered the call to War during the Tabletop Game activity at Winter Camp XLI. They played the sixth year of the Winter Camp L copy of **Risk Legacy**. Steve Donohue led the Enclave of the Bear from their base in Indonesia, Nicholas Caruana and the super soldiers of Khan Industries started in Ural, Die Mechaniker was led by Dave Milon as they launched an offensive from Egypt, The Imperial Balkanian army started in the Eastern US and were led by General Ethan Rein, and Andrew Neigh started with the dune buggies of the Saharan Republic at their surprise base in Iceland.

The game was fairly slow at first with everyone gradually expanding in their home region. The Enclave jumped to an early lead by seizing control of the continent of Cole Canoe Base and establishing a foothold in Dinolandia Wintercampica (Asia) Dave followed up by leading the Die Mechaniker forces to claim South America and most of Africa. The early squabbles found the forces of the Saharan Republic under pressure as both the Imperial Balkanians and Die Mechaniker tried to establish footholds in Europe.

Events were also rough early in the game with riots in the cities twice and an outbreak in Dinolandia WinterCampica

killing many brave soldiers. Ethan made the first strong move to victory when his forces from Greater Canada (North America) moved to seize control of the Saharan Republic's base in Iceland which left him with three victory points. He attempted to take control of Great Britain, which had 5 coins and would have let him complete the World Capital mission for a victory but he was denied and by the time he had another chance, the Great Britain card had cycled to the discard pile.

Steve mounted the second major offensive by cashing in 6 resource cards for 13 armies. He used those armies to attack Dinolandia Wintercampica and remove all the forces of Khan Industries and give himself a second victory point. Unfortunately, Ethan seized on the opportunity to attack and win the game. He built up in Iceland and swept across the map to take Ural and coast to victory.

He took advantage of his win to name the South American region Beaver Creek. The others were forced to add coins to resource cards except for Nicholas who had been eliminated from the game. He was able to add a comeback power to Khan Industries.

This copy of Risk Legacy was first played at Winter Camp XXXVI in 2012. At the rate of one game per year, the game will build to a grand climax at Winter Camp L in 2026.

### Quotes O' The Day

#### Dueling Donohues Edition

"It's too bad the lake is frozen; I'd love to see how far that thing would skip."

—Steve Donohue, referring to one of the *Raw Deal Lunch's* infamous cookies.

"February 18, 2017: Medical proof that the Heart-Stupid Breakfast worked."

—Kristie Donohue (*The Heart-Stupid Breakfast* was served at five Winter Camps between XII and XXVIII.)

Year	Camp	Winner	Faction
1	XXXVI	Steve Donohue	Die Mechaniker
2	XXXVII	Steve Donohue	Imperial Balkania
3	XXXVIII	Steve Donohue	Imperial Balkania
4	XXXIX	Gabriel Church	Imperial Balkania
5	XL	Andrew Fountain	Imperial Balkania
6	XLI	Ethan Rein	Imperial Balkania

## Alimentary Endings

The **Raw Deal Lunch** made its Winter Camp debut yesterday. As far as possible, all foodstuffs for this meal were prepared from scratch on site. The menu included peanut butter and jelly sandwiches served on fresh Winter Camp bread, freshly-baked sugar cookies, and tap water. Only the Better Made potato chips were not made in camp. They were made in Michigan, of course, which is not nothing.

Some sort of kitchen experiment gone awry affected one batch of cookies, which came out unusually...shall we say...solid. Various tests of their durability were performed; all that we can say for sure is that the Trout Lake floor was unharmed and that they were not harder than tungsten steel.

## You Might Be A Winter Camper If..

...your kitchen produces previously unknown composite materials while baking cookies.

...you offer up an article of clothing for a 5-year time capsule.

...your time capsule has a food section.

...you take your peanut butter on a hike before eating it.

...you have a collection of food samples stretching back 30 years.

...you've ever had to enter your latrine password.

... you have a collection of autographs for your scout camp.

...you've filled your entire car with no room for passengers on December 26.

... you've ever drunk from a "Cup o' Plenty".

...you've ever prepared grits based on the spin of a roulette wheel.

## Short Takes From Winter Camp XLI

- The Blind Hikes went to the Beaver Creek building and Eagle's Nest.
- The early birthdays team won the first game of 4-Way Volleyball; the Eagles without Palms won the second.
- The service project was a vast collection of demolition and relocation activity at The Pines.
- The peanut butter prepared for the Raw Deal Lunch had virtually no smell.
- The Silly Walk traversed the perimeter of Trout Lake, some of it on the ice, and the adjoining wetlands, finishing in Oakridge campsite.
- *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* was shown during Bollmano's Pizza.
- The word search on the placemats for the Raw Deal Lunch contained the word "SPAM" once in a 16 x 16 grid containing only the letters S, P, A, and M.
- Alan Wilson was responsible for that puzzle.
- Keith King went 2 for 9 on his predictions in the 2012 time capsule unearthed this year.
- He did, however, correctly predict that Winter Camp XLI would not be held in Beaver Creek subcamp, so that's something.
- Steve Donohue provided Winter Camp pens this year, sourced from pens.com.

Last, but certainly not least:

- Chris Kirschke is not Canadian.

## Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. How many buildings at The Pines were burned at Winter Camp XLI?

—Four, or, perhaps more accurately, 3 and two halves. Maybe 5. It kind of depends.

2. Who is responsible for the quincee under construction at Trout Lake?

—Ethan Rein

3. What two new pizza toppings were offered by Bollmano's Pizza at Winter Camp XLI?

—SPAM and pineapple

Today's questions:

1. What food prepared for the Raw Deal Lunch turned out harder than expected and survived drilling a ½" hole in one?

2. Several cases of which brand of

pop were contributed to Winter Camp XLI?

3. Who is destined forthwith to be known as "Captain Underpants"?

4. What foodstuff served on Day One of Winter Camp XLI made several reappearances throughout the weekette?

For the answers, join us at Winter Camp XLII!

The "Not Being Seen" event scheduled for Winter Camp XLI was, well, not seen.

Those of a philosophical bent may choose to speculate on the reasons for this.

## The Road Goes Ever On...

This year saw a new improvement at Winter Camp as there was a path made to allow a Polaris to reach the site of the CHR Memorial. The path came in handy for retrieving the time capsule and was again pressed into service on Saturday when it was used to transport the ailing Jeff Rand to see the ceremony and preserve his perfect record of attending the burial of the time capsule.

## Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

Winter Camp's most ambitious time capsules so far have been buried for ten years. Two have since been retrieved: the first was buried at the CHR Memorial Site at Winter Camp XII and dug up at Winter Camp XXII and the second went into the ground at Winter Camp XXII and was retrieved at Winter Camp XXXII. Next year will feature the unearthing of the third 10-year capsule, which was buried at Winter Camp XXXII.

In each capsule, some of the contents were remembered over the intervening decade, while others were completely forgotten and came as surprises ten years later. The 1988-1998 capsule included two peanut butter cookies wrapped in aluminum foil and notes signed by Mark Bollman→ and Jeff Rand promising to eat these cookies at Winter Camp XXII. They did, noting that the cookies tasted rather like the polyvinyl chloride material of the capsule. The 1998-2008 capsule held a battery-powered Thunder Sword—which said "Power charge!" when a button was pressed and which still worked after 10 years underground.

One thing we know is in the 2008-2018 capsule is a blueberry scented candle which was caulked by Doug Wilson in an effort to keep the aroma from permeating the rest of the contents in the intervening decade. We shall soon know if that worked.

## Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

### The Finale

9:00 AM	Jackpot Grits Service: Matt Grumble, Alex Downie
10:00 AM	Scout's Own Service
11:00 AM	Burn The Witch!
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch Service: Adults
1:00 PM	Strike The Set
4:17 PM	Denouement

by Steve Donohue

## Continental Breakfast Fills The Void

This year has seen the return of the much-appreciated Continental Breakfast. Rather than force Arrowmen to arise early and slave over a hot stove to prepare a complex and often under-appreciated breakfast, this year's leadership team acted on a suggestion made by Douglas R. Wilson and instituted an optional breakfast. The new breakfast consists primarily of foods like cold cereal, ready-made muffins, and bagels. It also offers more complex options, like eggs and pancakes, for Arrowmen with a little more morning initiative. Overall, the breakfast has proved to be quite successful, and numerous Arrowmen have availed themselves of this low impact alternative, while others have opted to enjoy some additional rest.

## The Return Of Heroquest

by Steve Donohue

In the nineties, Heroquest was a common sight at Winter Camp. The game, invented in 1989, is an early dungeon-crawler game. Each player takes control of one of several possible characters and they work as a group to overcome a nasty group of monsters controlled by the Gamemaster. The game had been absent for many years but the return of Brian Mann has also brought the game back. Many participants at Winter Camp XLI have been engaged and entertained by a board game that has been out of print since before most of us were born.

## The Market Game

by Brian Maghran

The Market Game was about imagination. We were required to use the resources at hand to create something useful or interesting. Our team came up with a chicken-powered siege engine as our primary design. The next phase was resource trading. Our team traded apples away for hogs, then turned the hogs around for some slave girls. The girls proved very valuable for our second invention, Larry Flynt's. The club used all of our resources and ultimately won us the game 63-62.

## Guests At Winter Camp XLI

by Steve Donohue

Winter Camp always has a few visitors. Sometimes they are unexpected but usually we have some idea they are coming. Our visitors this year included Michaela King (daughter of adviser Keith King and predicted youth leader of Winter Camp L), Nancy Rand (sister of Jeff Rand), Tony Rand (father of Jeff Rand), and Winter Camp veterans Kristie Donohue and Tim Hunt.

Roger Horn paid his usual unpredictable visit, arriving at the start of camp and mysteriously disappearing two days later with no notice. Dave Milon and Dave Oakley were longer term visitors, each staying for two days. Milon distinguished himself by providing considerable help in the kitchen, while Oakley was his usual energetic self. Both arrived Thursday and left on Saturday. Dave Oakley left with an unusual involuntary passenger in the form of a deer he'd taken near Cow Camp.

# Winter Camp XLII

**December 27-31, 2018**

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