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2015

Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard
Since 1986"

A Legacy Of Violence

War again broke out on the Risk: Legacy board targeted for completion at Winter Camp 50. There were a mix of old and new players at the table. Veteran players Adam Haubenstricker playing the Die Mechaniker out of Alaska, Steve Donohue played the Enclave of the Bear from Western Australia, and Gabe Church coming out of Madagascar as the Imperial Balkanians were joined by newcomers Dan Sheridan who played Khan Industries out of Peru and Matt Grimbly playing the Saharan Republic out of the United Kingdom.

The game was very aggressive as the initial mission allowed a victory point for taking control of a continent in a single turn. Everyone was very eager to accomplish this feat—although in the end, no one did. Gabe took the first shot at it but was thwarted when Steve used a missile to defeat his attack and save Dan. Adam tried it but Steve's missiles and a lucky roll by Gabe saved the game for everyone.

It didn't last much longer though and on turn 5, Gabe was able to take out most of Matt's territories (after Steve left him weakened to deny Matt a win). Gabe swept into control and then on the following turn turned in 4 cards for his fourth and game-winning victory point.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast available
10:00 AM	Cross-Country Golf with Special Effects
12:00 N	What's For Lunch?
1:00 PM	RC Maze
4:00 PM	Boom Boom Acka Lacka Lacka Boom!
5:00 PM	Hobby Draw/Demo
6:00 PM	Bronto Burgers (Hobbies continue)
7:00 PM	Time Capsule events
9:00 PM	Dinosaur Casino
11:00 PM	Casino Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

A first look at tomorrow:

9:00 AM	Jackpot Grits
10:00 AM	Cricket
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch
4:17 PM	The Terrible Waiting Begins.

Quotes O' The Day

"Is that meatloaf as sketchy as the seafood?"

—Adam Haubenstricker

"None of the ingredients in there scare me."

—Doug Wilson

Gastronomic Delights

The term "**Bronto Burgers**" on today's menu may raise expectations that are destined to be dashed. One of the more unusual listings under "Traditions" in the *Winter Camp Manual* is "No hamburgers on menu". They were served at Winter Camp I, but have not made an actual appearance at camp since. A trend which seems to have arisen accidentally in the early years of Winter Camp, it was during revision of the *Manual* for Winter Camp IX that this omission was noticed and attention first paid to its successful continuation. A narrow escape had occurred at Winter Camp VI, when the planned Weenie Roast included burgers along with hot dogs. However, the hamburgers were not actually prepared or served.

The logistical challenges involved in preparing burgers for 30-35 people on a cabin stove—especially one without middle burners—mean that this tradition is likely to continue for many years. With that in mind, the main dish for tonight's dinner will be "Deluxe Pork Rib Sandwiches", which are intended to bring to mind the scene in the closing credits of *The Flintstones* where a rack of purported brontosaurus ribs tips over a car.

It is in this way that traditions are maintained while new ideas continue to thrive at Winter Camp.

Alimentary Endings

Winter Camp XXXIX—like its predecessors—will surely be remembered for its culinary adventures, both the hits and the misses. Seafood ragout and peanut butter meatloaf may not have worked out as well as we might have hoped, although it should be noted that everyone who went back for seconds on the meatloaf had attended Winter Camp I. There can be no reasonably arguing, however, that piecaken—a pie baked inside a cake—was a highlight from the Winter Camp XXXIX kitchen.

Steve Donohue spotted this kitchen experiment on Facebook and immediately recognized it as a Winter Camp essential. Two flavors of piecaken were served last night: spice cake with apple pie, and chocolate cake with cherry pie. Doug Wilson continued his fine decades-long service as Winter Camp's pie chef in preparing these dishes, and Kristie Donohue's ongoing culinary education advanced as she assisted him.

This brought to mind our previous experiment with cooking foods inside other foods, the slightly better-known turducken served at Winter Camp XXXVI. With that in mind, the next frontier in nested cooking might lie in adding a third dessert treat to pie and cake. Piecacookieden, anyone?

Reimagining The Hobby Draw

By Ethan Rein and Steve Donohue

Each year, the Hobby Draw consumes 60-90 minutes of time as we assign each person a hobby, most of which aren't even attempted. What if, instead of assigning individual hobbies, we picked a generic hobby we'd all pursue, then each person could find their own hobby within the genre? This would allow us to have actual hobbies that interest us which are organized around a theme. With that in mind, here are some general hobbies and the specific ways they could be applied:

Sports

- Join a team
- Exercise regularly
- Become a referee
- Start an active hobby (cross country skiing, water skiing, roller blading, etc.)

Politics

- Join student government
- Earn a citizenship merit badge or one of the "American..." merit badges
- Communicate with your lawmakers / write a letter to the editor
- Serve in a leadership position in the troop / chapter / lodge
- Participate in a protest or rally
- Volunteer for a candidate for elected office

Arts

- Start an instrument or learn to sing
- Join some manner of ensemble—music or acting
- Earn an art-related merit badge
- Earn a music-related merit badge
- See a play or a musical
- Pursue photography

Travel

- Plan a camping trip for your family

or troop

- Go to a national park
- Plan a driving trip
- Visit restaurants and review them on the Internet
- Earn Traffic Safety / Truck Transportation / Railroading merit badges

There are other possible genres, of course. We'd like to put this to a vote during the 5:00 planning meeting, then if it's acceptable, choose a generic hobby for our group.

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

A continental breakfast was first served at Winter Camp X, but the idea was more fully embraced following Winter Camp XIV, when Doug Wilson observed that he never woke up hungry at Winter Camp. This revelation---which many agreed with---coupled with some difficulty in getting people to turn out to cook or eat a complex morning meal led to the adoption of one to three continental breakfasts at all Winter Camps from XV through XXXVIII, except for Winter Camp XXIX. Including this year, 41 continental breakfasts have been served, making it the #1 Winter Camp meal theme.

A substantial breakfast is still served occasionally on December 31 (for many years the Last Breakfast, more recently Jackpot Grits) and the morning of the service project, but on the other mornings, it is typically a much more casual approach to feeding which begins the day.



Coming tomorrow...
to a Winter Camp near you.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 29, 2015 edition:

1. (Question submitted by Dave Oakley) What do you get when you cross a pig with a dinosaur?

—*Jurassic Pork!*

2. What was the destination of the Winter Camp XXXIX Blind Hike?

—*Migisi campsite*

3. Who was recognized for his cheerful service with the first serving of seafood ragout at the Found Lunch?

—*Brian Maghran*

4. Who was the first person to ruin Winter Camp XXXIX?

—*Ethan Rein*

Today's questions:

1. How many flavors of ice cream were served at the Homemade Ice Cream Snack?
2. Who successfully soldered "The Cube" in 1:48:34.29, crushing the

expected time of 2:30:00.00?

3. Which Winter Camp XXXIX event led into an impromptu human foosball game?

4. Which Scout rank-based team won the second game of 4-WayVolleyball at Winter Camp XXXIX?

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- If your cabin contains both a pinball machine and a slushy machine...
- If camp includes a soldering workshop...
- If you've ever prepared grits based on the spin of a roulette wheel...
- If Christmas Eve at Sam's Club and Meijer's sounds like a good idea instead of a holiday nightmare...
- If you know you won't have a burger between Christmas and New Year's...