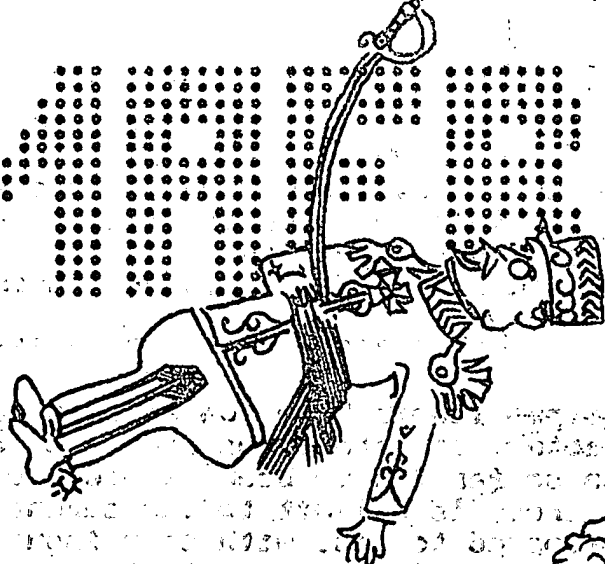


CHIMAERA



Welcome all, to this the second edition of the postal gaming 'zine Chimaera. It is published by Clive F. Booth of 71 Clara Mount Road, Langley, Heanor, Derbyshire DE7 7HS, which is also the address to which you should send all subscriptions, game fees, letters of appreciation, etc., etc. Sub rates by the way are 1p per sheet plus 1p plus postage per issue. There are openings in games of all sorts but mainly in Diplomacy and its variants. Waiting lists appear elsewhere in the magazine and already they are starting to fill. So, if you want to play in the best new 'zine around, get your name down quick.



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Well, issue no.1 has now passed into history and all in all it doesn't seem to have received too bad a reception. I'd like to take the opportunity now of thanking Messrs. Walkerdine and Bullock for their help in getting me off the ground, particularly Mick who provided the means of distribution for that first issue thus relieving my biggest headache.

Still no games in the zine this time but as I said earlier the lists are starting to fill and with any luck now it won't be very long before the first one commences, looks like being a three season regular. You'll note also that there are one or two additions to the waiting lists for as I have had it pointed out to me on more than one occasion, I did say 'any other variants considered'. One that has been put forward is Jon Lovibonds 'MARCHERVAP' and Jon has kindly given me permission to reprint the rules as a supplement to Chimaera. Thank you Jon, as you'll see the rules and maps are included with this issue and a list is open.

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Unfortunately there does not appear to be very much interest in the idea of playing non-dippy games by post, which is quite sad. However, lists for these will remain open in the hope that in the future we may get at least one or two started.

I can now offer also for play within these pages all Avalon Hill War games, for by far the most outstanding local gaming development around here is that Heanor, population a meagre 24,170 at the last count now has its own Avalon Hill stockist. Surprising indeed when one considers that the games are unobtainable and in some cases unheard of in nearby Nottingham.

Lists are therefore open for all AH wargames, though due to the price of these game fees are likely to be high if it isn't one that I have or want.



The retailer concerned is, by the way 'Quality Models', High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, so why not call in and have a look when next you're in the area..... mention 'Chimaera' if you do please. In fact if you call in on a Saturday chances are that I shall be some where behind the counter beating the prop playing one of them with the proprietor in between his serving customers.

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Several other publishers have contacted me already regarding trading with their own zines and on each occasion so far I have been pleased to do so. However, there is a limit to the amount of money I am prepared to lose with each issue so regretfully I must shortly start to turn down your offers. I can accept a few more, but after that, sorry. Hope you understand, maybe when Chimaera is established I'll be able to trade with you all.

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Oh, one thing I meant to do earlier on was to thank you all for the sketches you forwarded for inclusion in this issue. Unfortunately though the Post Office appear to have lost them for they never arrived at this end. Sorry but you'll just have to put up with my own efforts for another issue. Never mind though, let's try again, pencils at the ready....begin.

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One thing that I wanted and still want is a picture of a Chimaera but it appears that there is extreme difficulty in obtaining one of these. Surely someone, somewhere can find one for me can't you? Nearest I've got so far is the following which was supplied to me by 'Intangibles Inc'.

'I have found two references, one to a Chimera/aera which is the monster with the lions head, goats body and serpents tail I assume you are thinking of. Chimaera is also a genus of the fish community.

PHYLUM

Chordata

SUB PHYLUM

Craniata

CLASS

Pisces

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Chondrichthyes. An endoskeleton of cartilage and an exoskeleton of placoid scales. The hyoid arch plays an important part in jaw suspension and the hyoid cleft is reduced to the spiracle.

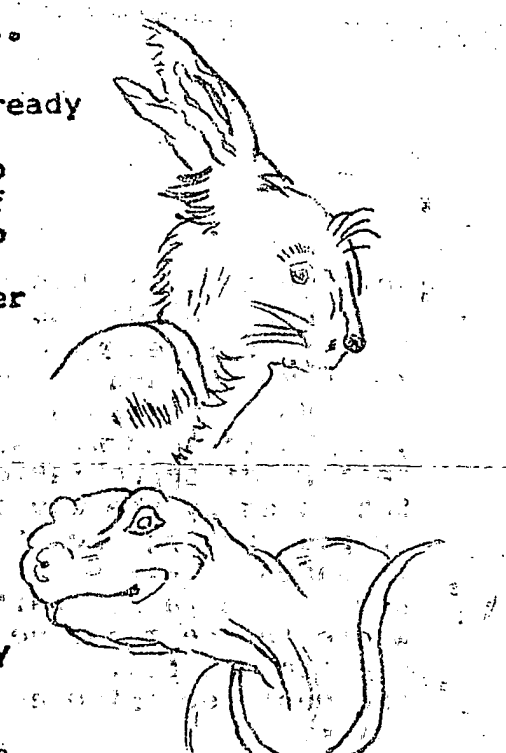
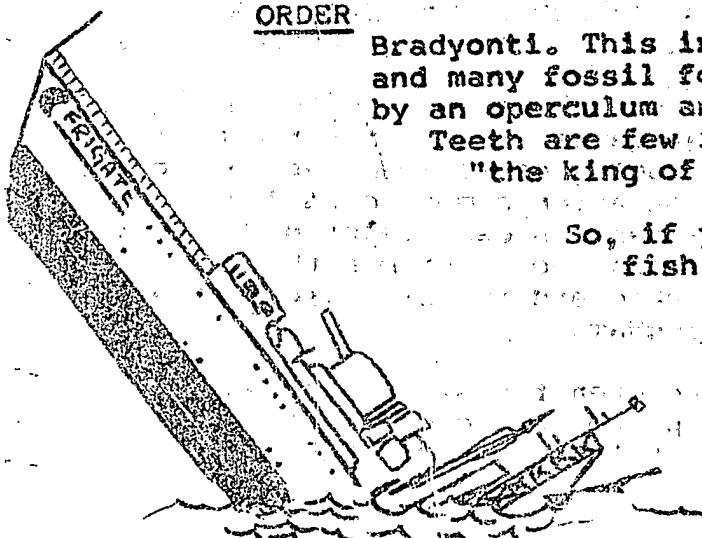
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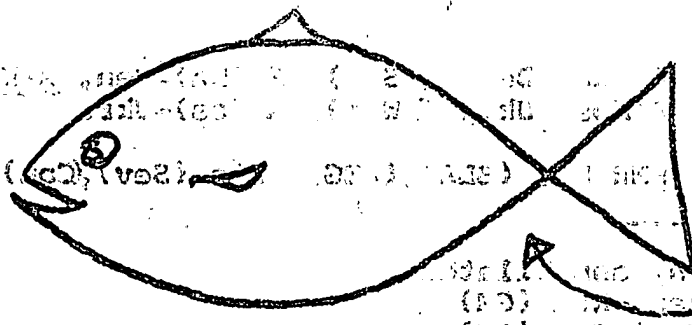
Bradyonti. This includes the modern Chimaeras and many fossil forms. The gills are covered by an operculum and the spiracle is absent. Teeth are few in number. e.g. Chimaera, "the king of the herrings".

So, if you want a picture - draw a fish.

signed: Tigger

/D.Dwyer-I thin /





LIKE THIS?

Er.....Thank you Dermot, but thats not quite what I had in mind. Still it has extended my education a little bit.....learn with Chimaera, eh? Don't forget though that I still need that picture of a proper Chimaera, so keep looking. All of you.

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Did I say earlier that I'd got no games in this issue? I'm sorry if I did but it just goes to show what a liar I can be, here's one. Whether or not it starts to make a regular appearance within these pages is now up to the players concerned.

The game is an orphan that goes under the name of ENRY XIV and always having a soft spot for little orphans what could I do but offer it a home, I only hope that it will like its' new surroundings and decide to stay on with me.

Some of the players concerned will no doubt be wondering why they have had the doubtful honour of receiving a free copy of Chimaera through their letter box this morning, but if they've taken the trouble to read this far (and who could resist it?) it should now all be becoming clear.

Players concerned are: ANDY DAVIDSON, MICK BULLOCK, DERMOT DWYER, RODDY THOMPSON, COLIN BENNETT, GEOFF CHALLENGER & KEN JONES.

Those of you who are not subscribers to Chimaera (yet) will find that out of the kindness of my heart I have enclosed a stamped addressed envelope with this zine for you to confirm to me whether or not you wish to continue in the game. I hope you all will, but if not please use the envelope to advise me so.

As this is likely to be the first ever Chimaera game I have decided that it shall be free of all game fees. Ain't I kind?

Now, just in case one or two of the players decide they don't want to continue with the game, how about a stand-in or two standing by? Anyone fancy a free game? volunteers please by the next deadline.

Anyway, lets have a look at the game as it stands at the moment with the last published moves and positions. The season is AUTUMN 1903

- AUSTRIA (A.Davidson) A(Tri)-Ven, A(Tyr)sA(Tri)-Ven, A(Gre)sA(Bul), A(Bul)ms A(Rum), A(Gal)s A(Rum).
- ENGLAND (M.Bullock) F(NTH)-Nwy, F(NWG)s F(NTH)-Nwy, A(Bel)st, F(MAO)-Bre, F(ENC) s F(MAO)-Bre.
- FRANCE (D.Dwyer) A(Gas)-Mar, A(Bre)-Pic, A(Par)s A(Bre)-Pic, F(Spa.s.c.)stands unordered.
- GERMANY (R.Thompson) F(BAL), A's (Den),(Kie),(Mun),(Bur)stand unordered.
- ITALY (C.Bennett) NMR F's (ION),(EMS). A's (Syr),(Ven) stand.

RUSSIA (G.Challinger) F(SKA)-Den, A(Swe)s F(SKA)-Den, A(Nor)s A(Swe),
A(Mos)-Ukr, A(War)s A(Mos)-Ukr.

TURKEY.(K.Jones) NMR F's (BLA),(AEG), A's-(Sev),(Con),(Smy) st.

Retreats GERMAN A(Den) annihilated
ITALIAN A(Ven)-Rom (GM)
RUSSIAN A(Nwy)-StP (GM)

WINTER 1903

AUSTRIA Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul + Rum & Ven = 8: build 2
(F Tri, A Bud.)

ENGLAND Edi, Lon, Lpl, Bel, Spa + Bre & Nwy = 6: build 1. (F Lon.)

FRANCE Bre, Par, Mar, Por + Spa = 4: N/C

GERMANY Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol = 4: N/C

ITALY Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun = 3: remove 1. (A Syr (GM))

RUSSIA Mos, StP, War, Swe, Nwy, + Den = 5: N/C

TURKEY Ank, Con, Smy, Rum, Sev = 4: remove 1 (A Smy (GM))

Everyone agree? Decisions as to if you wish to continue by the next
deadline please. Also a couple of standbys, just in case.

WAITING LISTS
DIPLOMACY.

- 3 season regular (50p): A.Davidson, S.Pratt, D.Tant, R.Kelly. 3 needed.
- 2 season regular (40p): J.Lovibond. 6 needed.
- Youngstown (75p): J.Lovibond. 9 needed.
- Marchervap (75p): J.Lovibond. 5 needed.
- Multiplicity (?): J.Lovibond, S.Pratt. 5 needed.
- Mercator III (?): P.Nunn. 12 needed.

I'm afraid that at the moment I don't have rules for either
Multiplicity or Mercator III, hence the ? in the game fee box.
Obviously I'm going to wait and see what I'm letting myself in
for before I commit myself.
Right then, anymore? Anything considered?

NON-DIPLOMACY

- Mastermind (all play GM) (10p): M.Bullock, G.Hawes.
- Game of Nations (50p): P.Stutt.
- Formula 1 (30p): D.Tant.

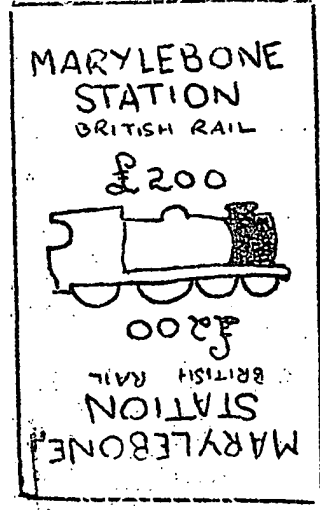
.....and, er, that seems to be about it. Not
many for the non-dippy games is there? Who said "told you so"?

For the game of Nations and the Formula 1 above I am planning
simultaneous movement with the identity of the controlling super-
power behind each dictator, king etc., being kept secret in the
Game of Nations. Only positions, bank balances etc. etc. being
published in each game report. If I can get just one more name
for either of these two games I'll go ahead and publish postal
rules.

Other games available are:

over the page.

- Open Monopoly (6+) (50p)
- 4000 ad. (4) (50p)
- Kingmaker (6+) (£1)
- Risk (6+) (25p)



Some games for which I haven't yet seen postal rules, but which I would like to run through these pages are as follows. Would you care to draw up some rules?

- Outdoor Survival (AH)
- Hare & Tortoise (Intellect)
- Speculate (Waddingtons)
- Third Reich (AH)
- Richtofens War (AH)

ETC., ETC., ETC.,

In fact although there are only three AH games mentioned there you can add any other that you'd like to play to the list. All that is except for Origins which for some reason hasn't yet arrived. Still, if you want to play Origins, I'll get hold of a copy somehow.

Oh, and how about Scrabble? If anyone would like to play postally I'll GM. It would mean though that either the game would have to be played away from Chimaera or that we ran two games simultaneously so that each player can make a play for each deadline. Aggregate score for the two games winning. Game fee through Chimaera 50p for the two games, away from Chimaera 50p per game plus lots of stamped, addressed envelopes. Anyone want to play? Chambers 1972 to be the authority of course.

DEADLINE FOR ISSUE NO.3 IS 5 P.M. , THURSDAY 24th. JULY 1975.

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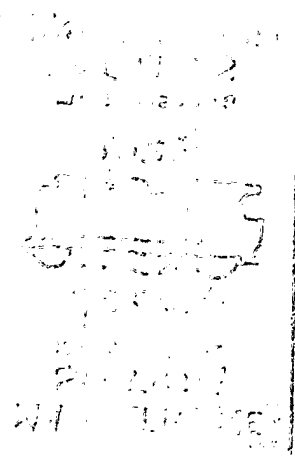
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This space was reserved for subscribers own sketches...
which never arrived.
 Maybe next time?

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