

# *The Pencil Box Soldier™*

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## **“Little Big Wars” is Renamed “Mega Mini Wars”**

Same event, different name: “Little Big Wars” is now “Mega Mini Wars”, the change was made to separate our event from one with a similar name on the east coast.

Lots of games have been scheduled. There’s still time to add your favorite miniature, historical, sci-fi, or fantasy game to our offering... sign up today at Gnome Games and be part of the fun! -JR

## **EMPIRE III**

Empire III has been set to run the last Saturday of this month. Will Napoleon continue to roll across Europe or will the British and their allies stop his advance?

Stop by and watch the drama unfold, grand batteries of artillery, old guard, colorful uniforms... it promises to be a lot of fun! -JR

## **IRONCLADS**

Yes, Ironclads has returned! Rebels and federals fight it out among the rivers, backwaters and seacoasts of the Old South. Blockades, wooden ships, iron men, what a GREAT GAME!

If you fancy yourself “an Ol’ Tar” or an apprentice sailor, stop by and join in the next scheduled Ironclads game set for Aug 26. The game gets its’ name from the wooden ships fitted with iron plate armor used by both confederate and union forces during our own Civil War. Thanks go to Steve and Bob. -JR

## **Painter’s Guild**

With the upcoming “Mega Mini Wars” in October, the guild has been non-stop busy. Miniatures and vehicles are being painted, buildings constructed and terrain is taking shape. I wonder if **Santa’s workshop** is like this?



*Santa’s Workshop? X-mas in July?  
We have discovered John’s alter ego ☺ - PF*

All kidding aside, yes we are busy, but we are never too busy to lend a hand, offer advice and even share a “painting trick” or two.

If you are in the area on a Wednesday evening, stop in, the fun and excitement are contagious. -JR

## **Bombardier to Pilot**

The Skies are filled with flak and enemy fighters swarm over us in waves, but we continue to fly our B-17’s over occupied Europe. Our losses grow with each mission, but with dogged American persistence and grit, we will free Europe from the iron grip of Hitler and his Nazi hords!

Come join us in this worthy cause. Following the example of our courageous flight leader, Col. Steve, we will not fail. Consult the Gnome Games calendar for when and where to enlist. -JR

## **Pig Tickler – 25mm**

Kudos to Charles! Under Charles’ inspired directorship, Pig Tickler is a great way to enjoy the irreverent, “what if”, side of history. Where else can a person guide a Victorian British Lancer in his quest of the wily steam powered mechanical pig? Throw in an “armed to the teeth” Prussian clockwork, i.e. “wind-up” robot and you have unrivaled fun. Fast, simple, very easy to play. Pig Tickler is a game anyone can enjoy! -JR

## **Operation Overlord – 20mm**

Scott stays the course in his reign as commander in chief, World War II comes alive under his apt direction of Operation Overlord. Now with new troops, new vehicles and new buildings. Want to command a unit of German paratroopers? ...Come on down! Want to pilot a Soviet fire truck through the burning ruins of a Russian town? ... Come on down!! Want to defend a bridge against advancing infantry? ... Come on down!!! Fun awaits with Operation Overlord. -JR

## **Games Workshop –**

### **40K Medusa V**

Medusa V came in with a roar and continues to hold the 40K front stage. Players from Green Bay and the surrounding area are chewing up each others armies at a frantic pace.

Medusa V encompasses all the armies in the 40K universe. So, dust off your army and come in and throw down... if you dare!-JR

### **40K In General**

Speaking of 40K, stop in and check out the new line of Games Workshop buildings, everybody’s army should have a home base... yes?

Did we mention... “Of note to 40K players, the rules (to *Flames of War*) are amazingly similar...” we smell conspiracy theory -PF

## Johnny Reb III

Jonny Reb III continues to grow at a steady pace. On the horizon, new troop, signal corp and Baraden Sharpshooters!

Dale continues to amaze with his Generalship and guiding hand. Stop by and try your hand at being Billy Yank or Johnny Reb. March through wheat fields, take a stand in a peach orchard and become a part of history! -JR



*Johnny Reb*

## Our Calendar

The Club's monthly schedule can be found on-line at [www.gnomegames.com](http://www.gnomegames.com) and in print at the store.

### **August:**

Meetings begin @6pm unless noted otherwise

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Meeting and Painting Guild
- 5<sup>th</sup> DBA 15mm Ancients
- 8<sup>th</sup> B-17 Queen of the Skies
- 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Club Meeting and Painting Guild
- 12<sup>th</sup> Operation Overlord 20mm WWII
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Painting Guild
- 19<sup>th</sup> Flames of War 15mm WWII
- 22<sup>nd</sup> B-17 Queen of the Skies
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and Painting Guild
- 26<sup>th</sup> Ironclads, Civil War Naval
- 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Painting Guild

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To promote this fellowship of military history through the promotion and education of wargaming. Our aim is to create interest through competitive games, study groups, workshops. Our goal is growth through fun and sharing." -Bob Rondau, Master of Arms*

## Whatdayaknow!

Speaking of Civil War, or rather WARS... Did you know the English had their own Civil War? The Russians had one also, and on that note, here is the Brain Teaser for August:

- **This month's quiz:**

*What was the name of the American Division that fought in the Russian Civil War? Yes, the U.S. did send troops into Russian during this conflict!*

- **Last month's quiz:**

*How did the "Brown Bess", the standard British Rifle for 150 years, get its name?*

The Brown Bess was named after the British women that accompanied their husbands on campaign. These women cared for their husbands and were commonly called "Bess". The wood on British muskets was a nut brown color. Hence the name "Brown Bess" as the muskets "took care of" the soldiers using them in combat.

## Pizza Box Storage

Want to build an army, but space is a problem? Talk to our own Pat Fuge and ask him to show you his interesting and functional pizza box storage system. -JR

### **Club Statistics**

President:	John Royal
Vice President:	Lee Demerath
Master of Arms:	Bob Rondau
Newsletter:	Todd Prochniak
Other Enlisted:	56 members
New Recruits:	Jacob Peterson

Some people like to play, some people like to paint; and some people like to just watch. Yes, a person can have fun just from the sidelines. Come on in and join the fun and camaraderie.

My thanks go out to everyone who make *it* happen, the fun of game play. People contribute by painting, building, playing and yes, just watching. So all of you out there, give yourselves a pat on the back.... O.K., that's enough. Until next time, enjoy each day and don't forget to play. -JR

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