# International Fantasy Gaming Society Dallas Chapter May 2003

# Whispering Runes

## Presidents Column - (We need Games!)

We've had four events so far this year, the Banquet, a presence at a local Con, Caravan 2003, and Help Wanted IV. People had a great time at all of them. That's a reasonable spring season, but now the calendar is absolutely EMPTY. We need game writers and game producers. Gordon Griffith (rggriff@attbi.com) has a script which he might try to produce in late June, provided some people volunteer to help with the pre-game work of getting it sanctioned and organized. Drop him a note if you would like to help. I've seen the script, and it should be a lot of fun either to help run or play in. Gordon is good at helping people with on the job training, so volunteer, already.

Ok, that will take us through June, while July and August are usually considered too hot for outdoor games. But what about Fall of 2003? Usually, it takes several months to go from script idea to game that is ready to run. So now is the time to sit down and write out that storyline and tell others that you might have a game in the works. If you don't do it, we may not have any games this fall. So get cracking!

Meanwhile, I've accepted a job with Sun Microsystems in Austin. I start on May 19, but I will continue serving as Dallas President unless someone else steps up to the challenge. And I intend to come up and help with any games anyone cares to produce, as long as they are on the weekends and do not conflict with prior commitments (like Dark Idol III in Colorado in August). Please get some games organized so I can have an excuse to come back to town and see all my friends!

> Pat McGehearty Dallas President IFGS

# Thank You for Help Wanted 5

Just a quick note to thank all those that helped me with Help Wanted 5. My first thanks go of course to my wife who was my sanctioning committee, Watchdog, and my NPC Merchant. Without I get absolutely nothing done. Thanks sweetheart.

My next thanks go to Olan Knight who was my Safety and Ropes Course. As usual he did a wonderful job. Thanks go to John Jones who was my Quartermaster and GM. Last but not certainly not least of my staff was Molly Hollern who agreed to Bank and Treasury Rep many weeks in advance.

A very special thanks go out to my NPC's: Pat McGehearty, Scott Horne and Robert Pickering. Without their experienced fighting and role-playing, this game has no heart. It is their effort and skill which made the game live up to its ratings. Thanks again.

> Paul Coley Game producer

# Help Wanted 5 Bank Report

On April 26, 2003, at Duck Creek Pavilion, the Help Wanted series moved to Fairhaven. Paul Coley along with the other "EverReady Bunnies" of production John Jones and Olan Knight, put together a good course, that even got some passers-by interested. The NPC's did a fabulous job, consisting of Amy Coley, Robert Pickering, and Scott Horne.

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Of course one of the highlights of the Help Wanted series is expert advice on weapon making from Paul Coley.

Also, not to be missed was a brief fashion show was put on by Andy Moon, showing off his fabulous threads.

The third item of interest was the amazing amount of cash that changed hands as the group of highlevel PCs bought and sold items in preparation for the Colorado game coming in August. I think the Magic Shoppe met its sales quota for the next three years!

Game Ratings:

	Overall:	8.7	
Design:	8.6	Logistics:	8.9
Mental:	7.0	Physical:	7.6
Fighting:	8.9	Risk:	7.9

Molly Hollern Bank Rep

# IFGS - Dallas Chapter Board February Meeting Minutes

In attendance:: Patrick McGehearty, Gordon Griffin, John Jones, Tracey Skopinski, Olan Knight, Joe Dimatteo, Mark Venable

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by Pat McGehearty.

#### **Committee Reports**

<u>Safety:</u> \$112.34 was spent to update the ropes course equipment as approved by the board. There were no accidents at Help Wanted VI.

A motion to purchase one(1) alternate radio charger, test it, and if successful purchase four(4) more not to exceed \$75 was made by Gordon Griffin. The motion was seconded by Olan Knight and passed 6-0-0.

<u>QM:</u> The shed need some reorganization.

A motion to purchase/construct shelves for the shed, not to exceed \$100, was made by Olan Knight. The motion was seconded by Pat McGehearty and passed 6-0-0.

<u>Bank:</u> Has not been updated to reflect Help Wanted V

Sanctioning: No games in sanctioning.

Newsletter: April newsletter not out yet.

PR: No report. The position is open.

<u>FRC:</u> Flag kits still in conceptual development. <u>Society Liaison:</u> New rules are still in the works. Treasury: The treasury is at a long time low.

#### Old Business –

#### **New Business**

The board again urges anyone who has any inclination to write or produce a game to step forward as we are more than eager to help.

Pat McGehearty will be moving to Austin and as such the Dallas chapter will need a new President. Pat will continue his duties until replaced.

Gordon Griffin has written a game, which he will produce. It has entered sanctioning and will be ready to run soon. The game date has been tentatively set for June 21<sup>st</sup>. The game is titled Crystals of Need, it is a risk 6-7, and will be for teams of 4 people who are levels 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8.

A motion was made by Gordon Griffin to make the next board meeting at 7:30PM on 6-3 at John Jones's apartment. The motion was seconded by Joe Dimatteo and passed by acclaim.

Pat McGehearty pronounced the meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

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# **Sanctioning Committee Game status**

### Sanctioned:

Game	Writer/Producer	Level	Run Date	Committee	Status
<u>Uallie</u>	WINCH/I TOUUCCI	Level	Kull Date	Committee	Status

#### Sanctioning at Work.

Game	Writer/Producer	Level	Run Date	Committee	Status
Crystals of Need	G. Griffith	3-4,5-6,7-8	TBD	Pat McG, Joe D	Submitted
Punishable by Death	P.Coley	2-4	TBD	Amy C.	Submitted
Untitled	M/B. Magness	TBD	TBD	P. Coley, A. Coley	Submitted

# Calendar Of Events

Game	Chapter	Author/Producer	Levels	Туре	Date
ZORG-BLACK REIGN	Norman	David Spence		Major	June 7-8
COSTUMING PARTY	Norman	M. and S. Whaley	All	Event	Aug. 2
KING ARTHUR FAIRE	Norman				Oct. 4-5