

# The Whispering Runes

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## A Pictorial Retrospective in Frustration!

Olan took time away from his attempts to conquer the world to take a few snapshots of the game that ran at Tina Cox's house on Saturday, 10-JAN-2008. Between evil laughs he gave me this narrative to caption his collection of photographs.

“Let me explain the pictures: part of the game yesterday was that the 6" long, solid plastic dolphin was a "house Key" that enable the owner to safely pass through the wards placed on their mansion. During the course of the game, this item was dropped into the deep end - 12 feet deep - of a swimming pool, and the PCs had to retrieve the dolphin. Oh, they were not allowed to use the pool skimmers, but could use anything else they could find. In this instance, Justin ended up stripping down and diving into the pool to retrieve the item.

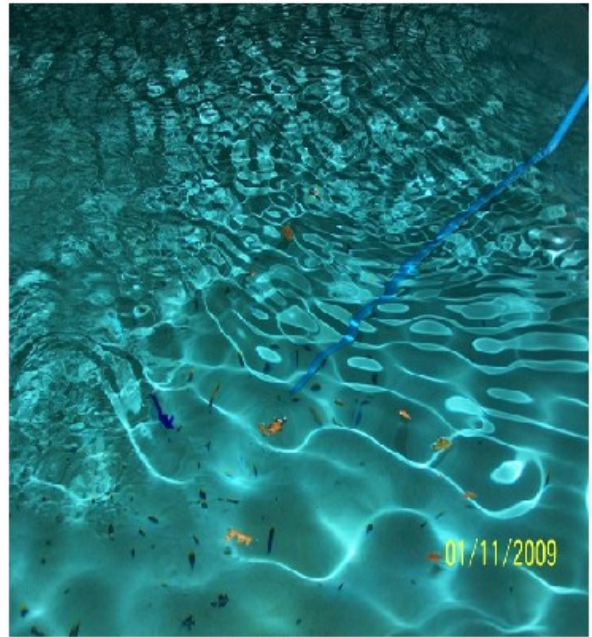
And yes, it was COLD! The water was a bracing 38 degrees. I'm so evil.... :)”



Let's try this hose! ... FAIL



Let Murphy try....



... FAIL



Try harder. You're not even wet yet



So close..... FAIL





Let 's try 2 poles...



Its moving.... FAIL



Ashley, Greg, and David are amused!



Justin sez "Send me in Coach!"



Let's try the hose again...



Cm'on! Let me do it.....

Hurry up its cold!



I'm just gonna do it!



I got it! ... Now get me outta here!





Hail the conquering hero!! ... cold and wet but a hero nevertheless

## Join us on Feb 28, 2009

The Dallas 2009 Annual Membership Meeting,  
A Banquet, (\$10 value)  
A Magic Shop, (\$5 value)  
A new Game (\$10 value)  
and your annual IFGS membership (\$10 value)  
all for one low fee of \$20! (\$35 value)

### *Search for Blue*

by Patrick McGehearty

Heroic 2 hour game for teams of 4 players (levels 1-3 or 3-5) Teams to be formed at the game. Two game courses where players for one course will be expected to NPC on the other course, 2 hours each.

*Search for Blue* involves a rededication of a Healing Pool blessed by Mordra, Goddess of the Green Way (known for Healing and Justice)

Estimated Game Ratings: Difficulty 4, Mental 4, Fighting 6

Location: Gatewood Pavilion, Duck Creek Drive, Garland Texas  
Between La Prada and W. Oates Rd off of Duck Creek Dr.

Game Setup - 9am to 11am (CAP awarded)

Membership Meeting - 11am (CAP awarded)

Banquet - noonish

Magic shop from Noon until Dark (Turn CAP for gold and gold to Magic)

Game 1pm until Dark

To volunteer or for more information contact:

Patrick McGehearty 972-979-8469 (cell) or [patmcgeh@flash.net](mailto:patmcgeh@flash.net)

Please send an email to volunteer as I will need some help making it all happen. If you are running a little late on game day, give a call when you get on the road so we can plan to include you in the teams.

**Dallas Chapter IFGS - Board Meeting Minutes****10-JAN-2008**

The January meeting of the Dallas Chapter IFGS Board occurred at Tina Cox's house on Saturday, 10-JAN-2008 at 12:15.

No one had a copy of the November minutes so their approval was tables until next month.

**Committee Reports:**

Registry - The database is up-to-date with the game we have run. All active Dallas members were sent their PC and NPC reports Any corrections sent in have not yet been made to the database.

There was a discussion on Fate Points, which are now an allowable part of the IFGS gaming system. The cost to negate death in an encounter is 3000 CAP per level of the PC, and the PC becomes 1 life point over unconsciousness. Note that anything ELSE that might be occurring to the PC is NOT negated; including and poisons, curses, or anything else. Game Producers must explicitly state when Fate Points are not allowed in a game.

The Society On-Line Registry is active and still allowing users to enter legacy data. This means all of your data can be entered at this time without having to go through the Registry Chair. This "free entry" period is scheduled to end on 01-FEB-2009, but John Jones will request the Society Board to extend it for at least a few more months. John will also ask for the On-Line registry to be enhanced to accept an import file, so that the Registry Chairs can create a text file with all of the member PC information, and have that file read directly into the On-Line Registry. This would allow the users to simply review their data and make any required corrections, rather than having them enter everything on their own.

Treasury - When last we heard from Tracey, she agreed to remain as our Treasury Chair. She also indicated that we do have some money in the bank and that our IRS paperwork was up to date.

Quartermaster - The shed needs cleaning up.

Safety - We have the radios, and of the 12 at least 2 do not work. Some of the headsets work and some don't. New headsets are \$20 each and include a 3.5mm and a 2.5mm plug. The CSO will check out "Batteries Plus" to see about getting replacement batteries for the radios.

We have two safety kits: a backpack that we bring to the games, and a larger duffel that contains gear we rarely need or use. Most of the stuff in the large duffel is legacy stuff, and everything that has expired has been tossed. The backpack has been restocked with fresh and up to date drugs (aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, antihistamines, etc) and fresh equipment (band-aids, etc.)

The Board approved the Chapter Safety officer to purchase one new headset to see how it would work with our radios.

Newsletter - Paul Coley will be asked to get out a Nov-thru-January newsletter that will include the 08-NOV-2008 minutes as well as the minutes for this meeting.

**Sanctioning -**

- a. Tom Paul's game is called "I Just Want To Touch It" and is partially done. David Spence is working with Tom Paul to get the game into shape for sanctioning
- b. "Into The Woods" has been sanctioned but will be re-opened to "upgrade" some of the encounters.
- c. The outline for "To Free A Lady" is complete. Olan Knight is working with Allison on the game.
- d. Taryn Cox is writing "Portal Of Stars". The outline is complete and it has been tentatively scheduled for November.
- e. Justin Murphy's has replaced "Cursed Night" with "Adventures In Avarlast, Act I".
- f. John Jones' game "Knightshade" has a sanctioning committee: David Spence, Greg Cox, and Tina Cox.

## Board Minutes Cont'd

g. The sequel to "Shadow of the Witch" is called "In The Shadow Of Death", and the sanctioning team is Olan Knight, John Jones, and Taryn Cox.

h. Pat McGehearty is writing the mini-game for the 2009 Annual Banquet, which will be held on 28-FEB-2009 at Gatewood Pavilion in Garland, TX. His sanctioning committee is John Jones, Alyssa Phillips, and Olan Knight.

Elections - Our Election Chair, John Kaim, has vanished and no one knows how to contact him. Our NEW Election Chair is Sara Cox. There are three Board positions currently up for election. The registry Chair will send Sara a list of eligible voters, complete with their mailing address. The Election Chair will mail out ballots on 10-FEB-2008. Ballots must be returned no later than Wednesday, 25-FEB-2008 in order to be valid.

There will be a constitutional amendment on the ballot asking the membership to approve changing the date of the Annual Banquet from the month of January to any time in the first quarter of the calendar year; i.e. any time from January through March. This is what we've been doing for the last several years anyway, so we want to make this change official.

Anyone who is interested in being on the ballot to serve as a Board member must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be a paid member of the Dallas IFGS Chapter
- Send an email to Sara Cox at "elections@dallasifgs.org" listing your name, and a brief statement of not more than 200 words in length stating why you would like to serve on the board.
- Apply no later than 05-FEB-2008.

Society Liaison - The Society IFGS has an open meeting on Saturday, 17-JAN-2009 via Skype or open phone calls. Skype and phone information, as well as the TIME of the meeting, will be broadcast when we have it available.

Society Sanctioning Committe Liaison - No word since November 2008. The Society SC will be asked to send a provide a copy of the new bluebook for review by the membership prior to being submitted for approval by the Society Board. This review copy will be asked to NOT include any pricing information to prevent people gaming the system by buying items that will cost more in the future in order to resell them at a profit after the new Bluebook becomes effective.

Old Business - Gatewood Pavilion in Garland, Texas has been reserved and payment made for the entire day of Saturday, 28-FEB-2009. Set up for the mini-game will start at 9:00 am, the Board meeting will start at 11:00 am, lunch will be from noon until 1:00 pm, and the mini-game will start at 1:00 pm and go until whenever. Olan Knight will pick up the key to the power box the week before the game.

New Business - The next Board meeting is Saturday, 28-FEB-2009 at Gatewood pavilion, in Garland, TX. A link to a map to Gatewood Pavilion is available on the website "<http://www.dallasifgs.org/>".

2. The Board voted to pay the game fees for everyone who wanted to play in the mini game "Resuce Me" the first game of the season, as a "thank you" to the members who took the time to show up for the Board Meeting!

The meeting was adjourned at 13:20 hrs.

As a side note, Ashley Miller and Justin Murphy are getting married on Wednesday, 08-JUL-2009! They would like to have an IFGS game on the following Saturday, 11-JUL-2009 both for themselves and to let their relatives see what IFGS is all about! Many congratulations and Best Wishes to Ashley and Justin!

Olan Knight - Temp Secretary



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## *Dallas Sanctioning Committee Game Status*

Game	Writer/Producer	Level	Run Date	Status
2009 Annual Banquet & Mini-game	Pat McGehearty		February 28, 2009	Scheduled
Into The Woods	Courtney Miller		March 21, 2009	Sanctioned
To Free A Lady	Allison Pace		April 18, 2009	In Process
Adventures In Averlast , Act I	Justin Murphey		May 2009	In Process
Knightshade	John Jones		June 2009	In Process
in The Shadow Of Death	David Spence		June 2009	In Process
I Just Want To Touch It	TomPaul Grissom		July 2009	In Process
Fluff The Bunny	A Triad Game		September 2009	In Process
Portal Of Stars	Taryn Cox		November 2009	In Process

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<http://www.ifgs.org/chainmail.asp>

Note from the editor:

My goal is to have the newsletter out by the last day of the month. I will gladly accept future submissions up to 5 days prior to that last day. I will be using OpenOffice 2.4 that will accept **\*\* MOST \*\*** Microsoft formats. As all always, Artwork, Pictures and personal articles are welcome. Insufficient content (ie. Just the minutes) will likely prompt me to combine or delay monthly versions.

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