



All Guns Blazing!

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Editorial

Hi Everyone,

Another quiet month, but with some important news of the long-awaited AGM! If you have anything that you think readers of AGB would like to see please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

Yours aye,

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The Naval Wargames Society Annual General Meeting

Saturday 2nd June 2007

*Ships Company Dining Hall, HMS Belfast
Pool of London*



After an over-long hiatus the next Annual General Meeting of the Naval Wargames Society will be held at 5pm on Saturday 2nd June 2007. The venue will be the Ships Company Dining Room on board HMS BELFAST, in the Pool of London. The AGM will coincide with the NWS summer event on board the ship. The AGM is an important event which guides the course of the NWS. This is your chance to make your feelings known and, if you wish, to stand for election to one of the committee posts and get involved in the day to day running of the society. As usual all committee posts and associated "jobs" will be up for election, so if you'd like to try your hand at running the NWS please feel free to contact the current post holder or any of the other committee members to find out what the post entails. If you want to stand for election you can either let us know beforehand, or just turn up on the day and let the chairman know at the meeting.

Current Committee members are:

Chairman – Stuart Barnes Watson

Treasurer – Simon Stokes

Membership Secretary – Peter Colbeck

Editorial Staff are:

Battlefleet Editor – Chris White

All Guns Blazing Editor – David Manley

Contact details are on the back cover of Battlefleet. If you are thinking of coming could you let us know so that we can get an idea of numbers attending (we may also need to give a list to Ships Staff on the day since the AGM will be after normal closing hours for the ship).

The Naval Wargames Society Summer Bash

***Saturday 2nd June 2007
to
Sunday 3rd June
Ships Company Dining Hall, HMS Belfast
Pool of London***



The NWS has been invited by the Imperial War Museum to hold a Summer event on board HMS Belfast. The dates for the event are the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June. The centrepiece of the event will be a participation game based on an aerial attack on Ark Royal and Hood in the Med in 1940. Participants will take command of a squadron of aircraft rather than the ships themselves. All to be done in 1/600th scale. The game will run on both Saturday 2nd June and Sunday 3rd June. As well as this game there will be plenty of space to run other games, both participation and demonstration. If you would like to put on a game please contact either myself or Simon Stokes.

The event will be held in the Ships Company Dining Hall and overnight accommodation will be available on board the ship. This of course means that there will be further opportunity for games and other naval wargaming events on the evening of the 2nd after the Annual General Meeting.

For more information on HMS Belfast, including travel advice, please visit the ship's website:

<http://hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk/>

Useful Internet Resources

Michael Fray writes:

Here are some web addresses that I have found useful. AGB readers may also:

<http://www.voy.com/39735/>

An excellent forum on the age of sail with much information useful for building unusual scenarios or campaigns

<http://sailingwarships.com/>

Lists of sailing warships and other resources

<http://www.todoababor.es/index.htm>

Spanish language site with much about the Spanish Navy and its campaigns in the age of sail. (Google have a translation tool to English which is very useful, as long as you don't mind "canones" being translated as "tubes" and "Nuestra Senora ..." as "Our Mrs ..."!

<http://www.shipscribe.com/marvap/>

The French Navy 1816 - 1859. Info gathered for the never published Conways All the World's Warships 1816 - 1859.

NWS Events and Regional Contacts, 2006

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Falkirk Wargames Club meets each Monday night at 7pm with a variety of games running each evening. Naval games are popular with 2 or 3 run each month. Campaign games sometimes feature in our monthly weekend sessions. Games tend to be organised week to week making a 3-month forecast here a waste of time. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

- Popular periods – Modern (Shipwreck), WW1 and 2 (GQ), WW2 Coastal (Action Stations), and Pre-dreadnought (P Dunn's rules)

NWS North Hants [Every 3rd Sunday]

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Next game on 4th March. Contact Jeff for details.

NWS Wessex [Bi-Monthly Meetings]

The Wessex Group has gone into (hopefully) temporary abeyance for the moment. If anyone living in the bath / Bristol / Gloucester area (or further afield) would like to take on managing the group please contact myself or any of the other NWS officials.

Other Events

“Carronade” Wargames Show

The Falkirk Wargames Club has started a new show in Scotland called Carronade. The show next year will take place on Saturday the 12th of May 2007 at the Forth Valley College Falkirk. If any member of the society would like to put on a game please contact Kenny Thompson on 01259 731091. At this time the club web site is being renewed