

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL GCN CLUBS AND MEMBERS

Welcome to this special November Notice

The Newsletter will return after the AGM as I am currently dealing with the sheer scale of the Annual Returns and resulting queries, together with a number of new club applications which are updating the club listings on a daily basis. This together with work and family has rather limited the time I can spend on the Newsletter. Following the AGM I will be passing on both the membership and the newsletter jobs which can be more ably done by Council Members dedicated to them.

New Council Members

The response to my call for members to step up to the four positions on the council has been limited. We have one nominee each for the new posts of General and Membership Secretary. Due to the need for them, both nominees have already been co-opted on to the Council subject to the full elections in November to allow them to begin the process of taking over the posts which do require a lot of personal time. We have no confirmed nominees for the post of IT Manager and Vice President so far.

Our two new co-opted Council Members are
General Secretary: Byron Liles of the Crow Valley Crusaders
Membership Secretary: Dan Carroll of CROW

Their manifestos are attached.

We have not included Voting Forms as there are no contended positions. Unless there are any reasonable or valid objections which the membership can raise the current positions will be confirmed at the AGM.

Annual Returns

We are still waiting for a number of clubs to come back to us. The new Membership Secretary will be contacting you to ascertain your status. Dan will also be using past records to seek out those clubs whose contact details might have changed. The process outlined and contact details for the GCN remain as given in the guide. We have retained the form in this newsletter for your convenience. Please do remember that only Clubs who have renewed can...

- 1) Receive poster and facebook support from Games Workshop
- 2) Receive the new Passwords for Discounts and Offers as old deals are renewed and new ones brought in.
- 3) Have voting rights at the AGM, Elections and other GCN matters.
- 4) Receive Insurance under the GCN deal. This was due at the start of October. Whilst the Company offers some leeway in continuation they are under no obligation to do so and clubs will find themselves without insurance if they have not renewed.
- 5) Receive the full facilities of the upcoming website and GCN advertising in Newsletters.

From December, and after we have made every effort to contact all the clubs that have not renewed currently on the register, we will begin to remove them from the Club Listings. You can still contact me directly if for some reason, your notification has been lost or missed.

One Final Point, when you renew please ensure you do tell me. Last year one of the major problems was that payments were received from private accounts without any reference to the club they were for. This is one of the reasons we implemented the Club ID scheme. We do require the Annual Return to be completed as this keeps the GCN up to date with any changes, no matter how subtle.

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in November on Saturday the 22nd November at Games Workshop HQ from 10.30am sharp. The Agenda will be placed on the Facebook the week before. Already covered will be the following items.

- 1) Financial Report
- 2) Elections to the Council
- 3) Regionalisation
- 4) Discounts and Offers
- 5) The new GCN Website
- 6) Expansion of the GCN into the EU

If you wish to have any items discussed which are not covered, please let me know as soon as possible. I would also be pleased to hear who is coming as this would help with seating organisation. The AGM is open to all member clubs who have renewed their membership.

Crisis at Antwerp

Unfortunately due to problems of logistics, the GCN has had to cancel the proposed visit.

New Clubs

This month we welcome the following clubs into the GCN Fold.

2d6, Cambridgeshire

Chatteris Warlords Games Club, Cambridgeshire

Lakenheath Wargames, Suffolk

Pork Chop Gaming, Gloucestershire

Discounts and Offers

The Discounts and Offers package will be changing from the 1st November. We have been in negotiation with a number of companies and the results are coming in, albeit slower than I would like. Members do have to understand that companies are under no obligation to give away product or large discounts and will be weighing up potential advantages and disadvantages.

A full explanation of the new packages with respect to Mantic and Warlord is attached.

Website

I am reliably informed that the Website will be ready for the end of December. I am hoping that we might have something to preview at the AGM.

Regionalisation

A breakdown of this plan will be sent out to all clubs before the AGM, where it will be discussed at length.

Dave Wise

GCN President

Attachments

AGM Notice

Manifestos for the prospective Council positions

Discounts and Offers, Warlord and Mantic

OFFICIAL GCN NOTICE

The Gaming Club Network

Annual General Meeting

Will take place on

Saturday, 22nd November

At Games Workshop HQ, in Nottingham

From 10.30am

Members will meet in Bugman's bar from around 9.30am

The Meeting Agenda will be issued one week before but items for discussion include the following:

Finance

Regionalisation

Website

Discounts and Offers Schemes

There will also be the election of the following posts:

Membership Secretary

General Secretary

Vice President

IT Manager

Should Members have any further queries or requests for items to be added to the Agenda for discussion, they should contact Dave Wise, President.

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MANIFESTOS

1) APPLYING FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S POSITION

Byron Liles

Currently Regional Co-ordinator Wales

General Secretary Manifesto

For those that have never met me my name is Byron Liles and I'm the chairman of Crow Valley Crusaders, based in Cwmbran. I've been playing table top wargames for just over 20 years and would probably best describe myself as a collector. In my time as chairman of CVC the club has evolved to increase the number of games we support, increased to meeting twice a week, added regular club tournaments and overnight gaming sessions.

I originally volunteered to be the South Wales GCN Area Representative at the 2013 AGM which later evolved in to the Regional Coordinator role. Before the Area Representative role I was trying to get the clubs in South Wales to interact and since assuming the role I have continued to do this. Where possible I attend the other clubs in the region and try to encourage others to as well. Due to the distance between the clubs in the region this isn't always possible so I maintain regular communication with the GCN contacts for each club and am available to give advice when needed.

It had been my intention to continue in the Regional Coordinator role for a couple years before looking at options to get more involved with the GCN council. The untimely death of Tony and Dave being elected as president meant this became an option earlier than I thought. My job gives me plenty of time off both during the week to contact companies during working hours and at weekends to attend GCN council meetings and shows around the country. Being based in South Wales will enable the council to cover a wider area and enable the GCN to have a regular presence at shows and events that would not be easily achieved otherwise.

Byron

2) APPLYING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S POSITION

Dan Carroll

Currently Club Chairman, Chesterfield Realms of War

Membership Secretary Manifesto

Hello everyone, my name is Dan Carroll, I am the chairman of Chesterfield Realms of War and I am putting myself forward for the role of Membership Secretary.

I have been a hobbyist for a good many years now and have been involved in several different clubs from being a simple member to now being the chairman of a club. I also worked as a store manager for Games Workshop during which time I helped set up several gaming clubs.

If elected into the post of Membership Secretary I aim to digitise all the membership records to ensure a copy is always available and to aid in the creation of the brand new website. As part of this I will also investigate if there is anything that can be done to ensure the joining process is as efficient and easy to use as possible.

I also intend to work closely with the rest of the council and the GCN Area Representatives in whatever way I can to promote the GCN and to aid in developing and promoting member clubs and their relationships with each other and companies within the industry. As part of this I will make myself available wherever possible to be contacted with queries regarding any part of GCN membership and will also be attending any industry events I can in order to meet as many of you as possible.

Dan

DISCOUNTS AND OFFERS

FROM NOVEMBER 2014

The new Discounts and Offers Scheme will be running from November this year and will be open to all eligible GCN Clubs who have renewed membership. Eligible Clubs may request a Password Sheet from the President until further notice.

First there will be some changes to the way that the offer is managed.

When a club wishes to take advantage of an offer or discount, they will need...

A Password and a Club ID: Passwords will be decided by the participating Manufacturer/Shop and will be given out by the Membership Secretary, *subject to the GCN Member Club having renewed its membership*. The Membership Secretary will also have access to the Club IDs should you need them.

The appropriate Password will be required by the individual Manufacturer/Shop while the Club ID must be used as a reference for any transaction. Companies will have access to an up to date list of qualifying clubs.

All transactions for a club should take place through a nominated member of the committee. Should there be any change to this for whatever reason the club should notify the reason to the Membership Secretary. This condition has been requested by the Industry.

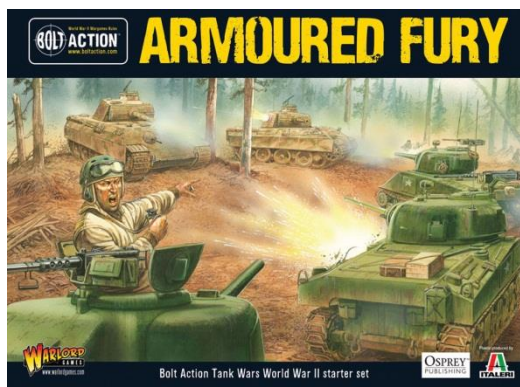
Please do bear in mind that these offers and discounts are the result of careful negotiations and are not a right. A participating Manufacturer or Trader may withdraw them at any time.

Mantic:

From November Mars Attacks will be available as a free pack. They have also confirmed that clubs may re-apply New Starter Pack at the end of two years.



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Warlord

From January, the new box sets Armoured Fury and D-Day Firefight will be available as free starter packs. They have also agreed that clubs who wish to purchase further starter packs under the GCN scheme will be able to do at 50% discount.

Furthermore from January, the Judge Dredd starter set will be available separately to GCN clubs at a 50% discount.

As more news of offers comes in, we will let you know...

