



## Happy New Year

To all of our FETS members and your families. Its time once again to get geared up for 2001 season and get the creative juices flowing.

The Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday March 10th from 3pm to 6pm at the Barrington Street Market Community Room.

There will be a slide show, refreshments, nominations and voting new Executive Board Members for FETS. We encourage all members to attend this meeting. We need your support to make 2001 the best year yet.

We also need you to bring game proposals for the new year. We are looking for games for late April, June, and July. The annual Scouts game will be held in May.

We look forward to seeing all of you on March 10th.

## Changes to Membership Fees

In order to make the book keeping of Fieldtrip easier, we've changed to membership payment schedule.

All membership fees are now due at the beginning of the year. The membership fee is still \$10.00 and this money goes towards prop repairs, new props being made and game subsidizing.

Membership fees will be collected at the AGM in March but will not be required until you play your first game of the year.

## Rimworld Game Report

by Colin Hoeg

Those who came to the Royal Institute of Magery were greeted by a scene of devastation. Only one building remained, the old

stables. An old man came staggering out of the smoke. He was Phestus, the gardener. He had little to offer but hospitality. After examining the few items Phestus had managed to salvage from the rubble, the adventurers set out, determined to find out what happened. Perhaps, if they could solve this puzzle, they might find the answers they needed themselves. The adventurers encountered a mysterious blacksmith, short on info, but apparently capable of forging ANYTHING (except people). Zathras was found brooding on his island, lamenting the loss of his beloved zombie horde, but no one listened to Zathras. The elementals of fire, air and water made their presence known, (the elemental of fire was particularly destructive,) and just kept coming back, more powerful than before, no matter how many times they were put down.

Fortunately, the clues were quickly found and pieced together. The rift from the Abyss was sealed and the demon hordes defeated. The adventurers discovered what was required to exorcise the elementals from the wizards and after acquiring the final piece from a rogue dragon familiar, brought the necessary formulae and items to the blacksmith to forge the weapons they needed.

After a relatively brief struggle, the elementals were put back in their rightful places, and the four mages who summoned them were restored. But what of the rest of the mages of the institute? That will be another story.

Althafain Barde found many items of power used by spellsingers, and the Songbook of Ariel, the resident spellsinger of the R.I.M. Ariel, however, remains among the missing.

Ambrosia became an apprentice of the necromancer, Zathras, thus taking the next step in fulfilling her dream to become a great wizard.

Bazak and Razenthal found the Ashakra Codex, and returned to the Abyss to

overthrow their brother and reclaim their rightful place as rulers of the 168<sup>th</sup> –188<sup>th</sup> planes.

Cyan, Jaune and Sable De Flippant found the Marquis Du Zorrot who they had come to study under. Turns out it was the Man with No Name. He had been possessed by a demon that had escaped from the rift.

Joshua Arkam discovered that the mysterious item he carried was indeed the Ashakra Codex, but did not solve the mystery of who destroyed his home. However, it appears the guilty will be punished.

The Man with No Name discovered his true identity after a successful exorcism and a brief period of reflection and soul searching. He was indeed the Marquis De Zorrot, master of arms of the R.I.M.

Pudha also became an apprentice of the necromancer. The one she searches for, her twin, may have been caught up in the effects of the accident at the R.I.M. and counted among the missing.

Rhyne Bearsford eventually found his sister, Ailynn, also known as the Air Elemental,

and had a lovely visit.

Ssissyl'k apprenticed herself to the necromancer, Zathras. Perhaps she will be the first to listen to him.

Wookie would like to thank all who participated. Next year, Wookie promises to spend more time on plot, and to be better organised, since most major site work is now complete, or will be by end of this fall.

### **Best Costumes**

The votes are in:

1<sup>st</sup> – Chantal Boudreau. 2<sup>nd</sup>

– Lyne Dufault.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Martin Sasinek.

The prizes are fame, kudos, and notoriety.

Congratulations.

### **Points awards**

Alia Bigio	6
Chantal Boudreau	6
Bob Brennan	5
John Chapman	6
Bryce Dennison	5
Catherine Dennison	5
Nathan Dennison	5
Mary Deveau	5
Lyne Dufault	6
Craig Dutton	6
Pat Gordon	5
Dan Henderson	6
Colin Hoeg	8
Wally O'Rourke	4
Russel Rait	4
Norma Ranieri	5
Dale Roberts	6
Martin Sasinek	6

Kevin Sauder	6
Anita Thibideau	5
Tom Savage	5
Alex Shannon	6

## Winter Court

by KevinSauder

Many great and terrible events made this winter court memorable to all who attended, but by the Emperor's command certain aspects of the happenings will not be recorded by the Ikoma scribes.

It is known that Hida Masaume and his son, Yamada both died in combat against the Shadowland creatures that somehow made it undetected into the heart of the Empire. It is presumed that Hiruma Hytui, whose body was not found, died fighting the fiends as well. Of Kuni Jubei, whose brief appearance led many to suspect him, nothing is known.

While Doji Kitsuki died honourably duelling an Ogre, Kakita Hoturi was still standing when the smoke cleared and the Bloodspeaker was finally brought down. Asahina Eihei fell, but was only knocked unconscious while in the thick of battle.

Miramoto Ryujin was also a casualty before the final

battle, but the Dragon were well represented by the fire-breathing monk Togashi Yoshi.

Matsu Otaki charged into the fray shrugging off the porcelain masked zombies to strike the foulness at the heart of the Empire, but she too fell before the onslaught. Akodo Hiroshi fought wisely, but in the end his life was drawn forth to heal the fiend. Ikoma Ubaru's blade was the one that brought down the Dark man, as he stood panting with exertion, only the Kakita and the Scorpion shugenja Soshi Kachiko, who arrived late, were still on their feet.

Shiba Ijime had her blood drained in her sleep by the creature she found in the cemetery, while Isawa Kaneda found herself pledged to aid the Bloodspeaker, but turned upon him and was put down. She awoke, but to remove her dishonour, she received permission from the Emperor to commit seppuku and died with honour, Kakita Horturi acting as her second. Asako Aya was one of the last to fall in the battle, but was only unconscious.

The Scorpions all fell to the dark power, Soshi Kami-koshi was the first to fall, while Bayushi Bantaro's sword cut a path almost to the Dark man, but the

forbidden Blood Magics were too much even for the duellist. Shosuro Zenzei disappeared in the Blackness of Iuchiban's Draining the Life Ritual and was never seen again.

The Questions about where Iuchiban came from, how he got so close to the Court, and exactly what will be done with his still living body are all under the ban of the Hantei. No one shall record anything in their Journals nor shall any mention be made of specific events.

The new Emerald Champion, Akodo Aki and the newly created position of Jade Champion, held by Asako Aya have great tasks ahead of them, while the question of the Unicorn still must be answered as the Fox clan have no Daimyo.

With the body of the Blood Speaker bound in jade, sealed in a jade coffin, the Isawa masters and the Kaiu Engineers have taken their charge from Otosan Uchi, while the shugenjas of all the clans have been gathered by the new Jade Champion to seal the city from this foul magic.

All that will be recorded is the heroic deaths of the Daimyos defending their Emperor. The matter of the Dark Man is closed.