

One of the best parts of IFGS. Gathering with friends and family after the day's game to recount the days and past exploits. Here is a picture of Brittany, Tina and Taryn after breakfast following "By Night and Knife" at about 3AM. They were zonked and woke up just as the picture was being taken.

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### Much has happened in the last week....

1) At A-Kon this year, the "Fight The Knight" event has been replaced with a 10-minute mini-game called "In The Name Of The Sun". This is designed to give people the flavor of playing in an IFGS-style line course game. It will include stepping stones, lock picking, a single fight, and rescuing a prisoner. We still need people to help run this event, and the great news is that it will not be three straight hours of combat! So come one, come all to help out.

The game starts at anywhere from 3 - 3:15, depending on how long it takes to get set up, and the people participating will need to arrive at least 5 minutes early to get briefed on the classes and given basic weapons and safety training. Teams will consist of [2 A-Kon attendees + 1 IFGS member].

In addition, it would be great if some of us were on hand during the day to busk for people to sign-up for the minigame - much like we do at AnimeFest. Once set up, we figure we can run 5-6 teams an hour through the course, and we can have 2 teams on course at the same time. We will be looking for a central location where the buskers can set up as a base that is outside the dealer's room once we get to A-Kon. If that cannot be arranged, the buskers can use the Knighthawk Armoury booth as a base; the only drawback to plan B is that you will need a badge to get into the Dealer's Room.

 The "Tarreline Weapons & Instruction Tournament" will be running on 21-JUN-2014. This is to give anyone from A-Kon who has decided to try the IFGS an opportunity to participate in an event with minimal risk, and to get trained in IFGS-style combat.

3) "Caravan" will run on 19-JUL-2014 to give low level PCs, and most importantly any newbies from A-Kon, a line course game in which to play.

4) The mini-game for AnimeFest is up in the air. We've run both Forged and Re-Forged several times, so we're not sure if we should start over with Midnight Shuffle again or run a new game? If someone would like to write a one-hour mini-game for AnimeFest, please let me (Olan Knight - olknight@yahoo.com) know as soon as possible.

5) "Wet Behind the Ears" will be running on August 30, 2014 at Winter Park in Garland, TX. This is being run specifically for newbies from AnimeFest, as well as for low level PCs that have no had an opportunity to play in a while. The flyer is attached.

6) FYI: We will be handling waivers in a different manner from this point on. David Spence is rewriting the Waivers, both the under 18 and the over 18 versions. Once read and signed, these waivers will be kept on file and be valid for one calendar year. Note that each member's IFGS Waiver Status will be available online once everything gets put into place. The plan is for the new Waivers to be in effect at A-Kon this year.

 Sarah Gibson designed a lovely new banner for the Dallas IFGS website, and it's posted! <u>http://dallasifgs.org/</u>

Many thanks to David Spence, Jason Dziuk, and Joshua Imboden for stepping up and producing games for the post-convention time frames. This should greatly help with recruitment and with the retention of any new members we may acquire!

Later -Olan Knight

# Wet Behind the Ears

#### An IFGS Game By Joshua Imboden

A Light & Frothy 5-hour game for 5 characters levels 1-3, with 10 total levels. A Thief is recommended and a Ranger/Druid would be helpful. Due to this event occurring after Anime Fest, it is required for each LM to leave at least <u>two</u> slots available on their team for newbies until after the convention.

Background lore will be sent to the Loremasters to provide to their teams at their discretion.

Fighting: 6 Physical: 5 Mental: 6 Risk: 6

This is a game designed for more role-playing oriented characters. Although there will be no issue with bringing "hack and slash" characters as they will still be able to achieve all game objectives, players may find the game much more enjoyable to bring characters that prefer NPC interaction.

Date: August 30<sup>th</sup> at Cecil B. Winters Park in Garland. The first team is expected to start at around 10:00 am. Additional teams will be staggered in about 30-45 minute increments. Please show up at least one hour before your expected start time. NPCs, please show up <u>no later</u> than 9:00 am.

#### Game Fee: \$15 PC, \$5 NPC

Fate Point Option IS in Effect. No other variant rules are in effect except for those specific to the game.

#### In-Game lore:

"An old friend of the Loremaster is requesting some help. She is trying to recover something valuable from the wreckage of an infamous pirate, but how to recover it since his ship now lies on the bottom of the sea? Whether you're an old veteran or a novice adventurer, you'll still be wet behind the ears by the time you're through!"

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# "Tarreline Weapons Tournament" Bank Report

What a superb day! The weather was perfect, with a light breeze that ran all day long. David Spence had arrived at 0h-God hundred hours and had the entire thing set up by the time anyone else arrived. The turnout was light, but the creative imagination and sheer evilness of the participants made for a fantastic and fun time.

Many of the people did really well in at least one of the Challenges during the day. Not me, this was OBVIOUSLY a "low biorhythm day" for Yours Truly, and I got my butt kicked six ways from Sunday in almost every event! Ah, well...

John Jones started a new PC, "Number 10 Ox", whom you can expect to see paired up with Jim Davie's PC "Master Li". Read the books by Barry Longyear to understand these characters and how perfect these two are to play the roles!

The game ratings you see here have been combined into a single set of numbers since no one separated their ratings. Game Ratings:

Came ratings.						
Overall	Logistics	Design	Mental	Physical	Fighting	Risk
10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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And no, those ratings are not a joke; that's what's actually listed on the forms.

### Tournament Results

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1 <sup>st</sup>	John Jones	as	Num	ber 10 Ox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joshua Imbo	den	as	Murdoch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Davie		as	Kae-Su

#### Dagger Melee

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Spence as	Sir Aminor
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tabitha Walser as	Sakura
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexander Black as	Mythis

### Safari

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Coley	as	Cullen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Davie	as	Kae-Su
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexander Bl	ack as	Mythis

### Dodge Dagger

- 1<sup>st</sup> Olan Knight, David Spencer, Rich Adkisson, Tabitha Walser, and Joshua Imboden
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** Jim Davie, Alexander Black, John Jones, Paul Coley, and Nathan Tryon

### Best of the PCs:

Roleplaying	Costume
<b>1st</b> – Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing, Jim Davie as Kae-Su, John Jones as Number 10 Ox	<b>1st</b> – Jim Davie as Kae-Su, Joshua Imboden as Murdock
Monster	Humor
1st – Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing	<b>1st</b> – Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing, The game of Daggger Dodgeball
2nd – That d*mned Slicer Beetle from the Safari!	
Fighting	Special Effect
1st – Jim Davie as Kae-Su, Joshua Imboden as Murdock	1st – The Safari

See You At By Night & Knife, Olan Knight Dallas Registry Chair

### "2014 Annual Banquet" Bank Report

After weeks and weeks of cold, wintery weather, game day turned out to be glorious! It was a perfect game day at Gatewood Pavilion on the first of March, 2014!

People started arriving at 8:00 am, and David Wood started setting up the first of the two games to be run; namely "The Stars Are Dancing", which was the high-line game of the day.

Meanwhile, more people were arriving. One in particular, Tabitha Walser, volunteered to help with the Registry, and took over the Registry for a good part of the day. Tabitha is hereby and officially imbued with Phenomenal Cosmic Power and is now an official Dallas Chapter Bank Rep!

Andrew Jones arrived and brought a significant amount of FIREWOOD with him for the fireplace! YAY! That was very thoughtful, and was very nice in the morning for those who had arrived early!

It was a pleasure to see Andy Sheppard again, but the biggest surprise was the triumphant and glorious return of Gordon Griffith! It was great to see Matsu back in the saddle again! (Next time you see Gordon, ask for Matsu's full name. Go ahead, I dare you...)

The goal of the high line game was to save the final thread connecting the departed Delwin to the Plane of Reality. Along the way were interesting characters, like John Shugars as the calm and peaceful Tree Of Life, the Boneyard of Forgotten and Dead Gods, and the Divine Undead. Five of the high-line PCs picked brought back some of those bones, and I'll be VERY interested in seeing how they will be used in future games.

Another fun incident near the end of the high line game was when The Don invited the PCs into the Hall Of The Gods, but warned us that "decorum was required". Four PCs immediately said "We're SO screwed"! Nathan Tryon as Freddy Mercury had the idea to ask Barak (my 10th level cleric) to mute him, and then the other three smart-mouthed PCs also made the same request. This pretty much allowed the team to survival in the Hall!

The NPCs were uniformly outstanding, both in their roleplaying and in their combat, especially Tyler Davis, Joshua Imboden, and Mason Young. Hank Wood was particularly entertaining as Inigo The Crazy Mushroom.

Next, lunch was served.

All hail the Mighty John Jones who covered the tab. The pigs feasted, silly me, I MEAN of course that the participants all enjoyed their lunch and were able to listen to...

...The 2014 March Board Meeting. March is the end of the fiscal year for IFGS, so that is the time that the results of the elections are announced, the new Board steps in, and the Committee Chairs are assigned. For this year, the only change was that Henry Wood stepped down from the Dallas Chapter Board, and Sarah Gibson was elected as his replacement on the Board. The current Committee Chairs were all left in place, pending a review and a complete follow-up at the April Board Meeting.

With the official business complete, the rest of the Board Meeting was dedicated to the presentation of . . . .

### The Davie Awards!

These are ALWAYS a hoot. This is the second year that the Davies have been presented, and as usual, they recognized the good, the bad, the funny, the ugly, and the just plain weird from the Dallas Chapter in 2013! A complete list of the Awards and the recipients is presented at the end of this article.

After the Delwin Awards, the low-line game ran. The low line game continued the day's theme of Delwin, and in fact the teams had to build a Temple Of Delwin! Naturally, there were evil beings who opposed the good and pure-of-heart creation of this Temple, so the PCs had to defend themselves and their newly-constructed Temple. Finally, the evil was defeated, and the thread of the spirit of Delwin was connected to the Temple, and a new Divine Spirit was born! There was also several PCs that became Followers Of Delwin, including Sarah Gibson as Renwyn – now a Cleric Of Delwin!

See a small note from the editor at the end of the newsletter

# "2014 Annual Banquet" Bank Report

The game ratings you see here have been combined into a single set of numbers. Only a few people separated their ratings between the high-line and low-line games, so where that occurred both sets of numbers were included below.

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		(	Same Ratings	8:		
Overall	Logistics	Design	Mental	Physical	Fighting	Risk
8.3	7.6	8.2	6.3	6.5	7	5.9

Note: As you read through the Best Of listings, you will notice that there are PCs and NPCs mixed under both sets of ratings. I'm not crazy (well, not THAT crazy), that's the way the ratings were recorded so that's how they show up here!

Best of the PCs:

Roleplaying	Costume	
1st – Lyndsey Ellis as Sarriah the Dyrad	1st – Paul Coley as G. V. Beckett (his L.E.D. costume was amazing!)	
2nd - David Wood as Zanith David Spence as Sir Aminor Olan Knight as Barak Soultender	2nd – Lyndsey Ellis as Sarriah the Dyrad David Wood as Zanith	
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Matt Kline, Seth Bush, Rich Adkisson, Tom Paul Grissom, Nathan Tryon, Tina Spence, and Alyssa Phillips	3rd – David Gibson as Steelin Da-Monay David Spence as Sir Aminor Tina Spence as Acacia Seth Bush as Narathsi'id Taryn Cox as Sara Moon	
	4th – Henry Wood, Alyssa Phillips, Nathan Tryon, and Greyson Cox	

Humor
1st – Nathan Tryon as Freddy Mercury (it was no contest, folks)
2nd – The Fire Elementals
3rd – Tyler Davis as Macho Man The PCs being muted by Barak (Olan Knight) at their own request before going into the Hall Of Gods
4th – Rich Adkisson, David Spence, David Wood, Pat Wade's back (???), Matt Kline, and Olan Knight

Fighting	Special Effect
1st – David Spence as Sir Aminor	1st – The Fire Vines
2nd – Jason Dziuk as Asher Tyler Davis as Raum	2nd – Andrew Saunders slick lock-picking, Acacia's purity, the Bone field, the water/river encounter, and John Jones
3rd – Lyndsey Ellis, David Wood, Greyson Cox, Tima Spence, Joshua Harris, Brad Evenson, Olan Knight, and Mason Young	

# "2014 Annual Banquet" Bank Report

### Best of the NPCs:

Roleplaying	Costume
1st – Tyler Davis as Macho Man	1st – Sarah Gibson as Renwyn David Gibson as The Don
2nd – John Jones as Yan Kankuk	2nd – John Jones as Yan Kankuk Tyler Davis as Raum
3rd – Johnathan Shugars as The Peaceful Tree	3rd – Seth Bush as Narathsi'id Paul Coley as G. V. Beckett Joe Dimatteo as Aloysious
4th – Tabitha Walser, David Gibson, Brad Evenson, Nathan Tryon, The Mushrooms, the Wind Fairies/Sylphs, Stefean Cox, and Gordon Griffith	4th – Fire Elementals/Imps, Brad Evenson, Rich Adkisson, Joshua Harris, and Rich Adkisson as the Wind Sprite
Monster	Humor
1st – The Crazy Mushrooms: Hank Wood	1st – Tyler Davis as Macho man (this was a complete body slam)
2nd – Joe Dimatteo The Divine Undead	2nd – Hank Wood as Inigo The Crazy Mushroom
3rd – Rich Adkisson Tyler Davis	3rd – Olan Knight as GM: the Tree, and at the Water encounter
David Spence The Stone Golems: Robert Armbruster	

Fighting	Special Effect
1st – The Divine Undead	1st – The Water/River Encounter Hank Wood as Inigo and the Crazy Mushrooms
2nd – Mason Young David Spence Rich Adkisson Joshua Imboden Seth Bush	2nd – Delwin's Temple / Building Delwin's Temple Smoke from the Staff The Divine Bone field
3rd – Jason Dziuk, Lightning Elemental, Fire Elementals, Tyler Davis, Nathan Tryon, the Stone Golems, Brittney Hoglund, the Evil Druids, and Greyson Cox	3rd – Lightning Elemental, splitting the Fire Imps, the Sylphs, Building Delwin's temple, and Brad Evenson

### Comments:

- 1) Game 1 had LOCKS to pick!
- 2) David and John, THANK YOU A LOT!!!
- 3) What a great tribute to Greg! Well done!4) Greg would have been proud. Thank you.
- 5) Awesome thing you did for us and for Greg. I think he would have loved it!
- 6) I felt this game was a good tribute to Greg Cox farewell, old friend.

See You At Terraline Weapons Tournament, Olan Knight Dallas Registry Chair

# The 2013 Davie Award Winners

The Monty Python Award goes to ... Chris Wright and the Vorpal Bunnies

The Most Subtle Role-Player Award goes to ... Tyler Davis

**The Fastest Political Rise Of A PC Award** goes to ... Nathan Tryon as Freddy Mercury for going from commoner to Warlord to carrying the engram of a deity i n his mind – in three games.

The Putting The Hardest Damned Puzzle Ever Seen Into A Game And Expecting It To Be Solved Award goes to ... Kevin Dunning and John Jones for Tomb of the Goblin Slayer

Coolest Effect For A Night Time Game Award goes to ... Rich Adkisson for the Portals in "Portal To Heck"

Worst Safety Violation In An IFGS Game Ever Award goes to ... Angela Gallegos for getting stabbed with a rusty Claymore

Most Anticipated Game That Did Not Actually Run Award goes to ... Joshua Imboden for "By Night & Knife"

**PC Most Likely To Be Killed By The Rest Of The Team Award** goes to ...Nathan Tryon as Herschel The Monk Of Moderation

Best Novice Fighter In A Game Award goes to ...Vicoria Braud (ReForged, and Tomb)

Best Novice Thief In A Game Award goes to ... Sara Garcia (ReForged, and Tomb)

Best Props During A Day Game Award goes to ...Brittany Flatt for the jellied brains at the 2013 Banquet

**Best Trap In A Game Award** goes to ...David & Tina Spence for the drinks poisoned with Dire Lycanthropy at "Knightfall: Passing of the Garter"

Best Motivational NPC Award goes to ... Mo Kline as Rumpleteaser at "Knightfall: Passing of the Garter"

Most Timid PC Award goes to ... Lyndsey Ellis as Sariah, the Druid at the 2013 Banquet

Most Expensive Costume of 2013 Award goes to ... Olan Knight as his Steampunk mage "Torvak Heterodyne"

Best Crying Game Award goes to ... Hank Wood as Gozer in "Hel To Pay"

**Best Attempt To Get A Fellow PC Killed Award** goes to ... Rich Adkisson for removing Zanith's protection from the NPC "Darksun" in "Unnatural Acts"

Best Wandering Monster Award goes to ... Brad Evenson and Ray Michel in "Unnatural Acts"

Most Enthralled By A Peacock Award goes to ... Jim Davie in "Unnatural Acts"

Wettest Game Of The Year Award goes to ... "Wet behind The Ears" by Joshua Imboden

Best Duck Dynasty Impression Award goes to ... Tom Paul Grissom and the Beavers in "Unnatural Acts"

**Best Reaction Upon Killing A PC Award** goes to ... Colin Wilson on killing Crispin twice in the same encounter in nnatural Acts"

Best In-Game Romance Award goes to ...Nathan Tryon and Taryn Cox in "Wet Behind The Ears"

Best Kleptomaniac Award goes to...David Gibson for any game he is in

Best Reaction To Hearing A Combustion Engine Award goes to ...Dane Lyon as "Reese" in "Hourglass Constellation"

Longest Game In Development That Finally Ran Award goes to... John Jones for "Knightshade"

Best A.I. In A Game Award goes to ...Brittney Hoglund in "Portal to heck"

Most Pissed Off Union Worker Award goes to ... John Jones in "Portal To heck"

Best Comeback Award goes to ...Stefean Cox as Kain

Most Adorable NPC/PC Award goes to ...Hudson as Gadzuki

Most Damage Delivered To A Single PC Award goes to ... Jim Davie as The Death Dealer beating on Lug

Most Dangerous Encounter Zero Ever Award goes to ... Tom Paul Grissom as "Lord Lyle" killing the peasant in "Unnatural Acts"

### The 2013 Davie Award Winners

Best Role-Playing of 2013 Award 1st place (tie) goes to ...Greyson Cox and Nathan Tryon

Best Role-Playing of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... Olan Knight

Best Role-Playing of 2013 Award 3rd Place goes to ... David Spence

Best Humor of 2013 Award 1st Place goes to ... Nathan Tryon

Best Humor of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... Olan Knight

Best Humor of 2013 Award 3rd Place goes to ... David Spence

Best Fighting of 2013 Award 1st Place goes to ... David Spence

Best Fighting of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... Tina Spence

Best Fighting of 2013 Award 3rd Place goes to ... Taryn Cox

Best Costume of 2013 Award 1st Place goes to ... David Spence

Best Costume of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... Tina Spence

Best Costume of 2013 Award 3rd Place goes to ... Seth Bush

Best Monster of 2013 Award 1st Place goes to ... David Spence

Best Monster of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... David Wood

Best Monster of 2013 Award 1st Place (tie) goes to ... Jim Davie and Olan Knight

Best Game of 2013 Award 1st Place goes to ..."Unnatural Acts" 9.6 David and Tina Spence

Best Game of 2013 Award 2nd Place goes to ... "Hourglass Constellation" 9.2 David Wood & Angela Gallegos

Best Game of 2013 Award 3rd Place goes to ... "Knightfall: Passing of the Garter" 8.9 David & Tina Spence

### Game Writer Awards for 2013 go to

"Portal To Heck" "Knightshade" "Wet behind The Ears" "Tomb of the Goblin Slayer" 8.7 Kevin Dunning "Hel To Pay" "2013 Annual banquet" "Out Cold"

- 8.8 Rich Adkisson
- 8.7 John Jones & David Wood
- 8.7 Joshua Imboden
- 8.5 David Wood/Angela Gallegos
- 8.3 Pat McGehearty/David Spence
- 8.0 Jason Dziuk

Editor's Note: A holy symbol has been designed for the followers of Delwin. Both the design and copies of the holy symbol have been gifted to the chapter and the owner of the lore.



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### Dallas Chapter IFGS - Board Meeting Minutes

President David Wood called the meeting to order at 9:09.

People in Attendance :

Board members: David Wood, Angela Gallegos, Rich Adkisson, Greyson Cox, David Spence, Alyssa Phillips, Sara Gibson

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Approval of minutes, done via email previous. Motion to certify election results: David Wood, motioned, Passed 6-0-0 Thanks to Henry Wood for being on the board and all he has done. Welcome Sara Gibson to the board as the newest member. Motion to keep same positions (David Wood as President, Alyssa as Vice President, David Spence as Secretary): Passed 7-0-0.

Ad Hoc committee's to be discussed at banquet game.

Committee Reports: *Treasurv* – No Report Quartermaster - Shed needs some work Registry – No report Safety – Nothing to report due to no games run Newsletter - No report, Lack of newsletter being addressed by David Wood, need was stressed to have one out by Jan 28 due to constitution changes. Society Liaison – No report Sanctioning – David Spence, Taryn Cox writing a game for mid year

Old Business -

New Business

John Jones going to Sweden for 80% of the year. Rich to take over the key to John's house as acting QM. Rich will need to be introduced to neighbors, house sitter and get a letter of consent to move props. This will cause producers to have to put things up after the games and to arrange movement of props.

The board has decided to accept the society proposed changes to the constitution allowing electronic voting. David Spence will send out a mock up for board approval within a week.

Next Meeting: At banguet game on 01-MAR-2014.

Meeting closed at 9:46

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### **BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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