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Annual Banquet Reminder

The 2016 Annual Banquet will be held on 13-FEB-2016 at Camp Holland in Weatherford. See the website for maps and directions: <http://dallasifgs.org/>

We hope to see everyone there; we expect an amazing event!

This location has a large indoor hall, multiple indoor bathrooms, power, and water. The meal will be catered by the same people that catered at "Jomdueney" - and they were MARVELOUS! The land site is wonderful, and well worth the drive. There's lots of room for parking, but it's ALWAYS more fun to carpool!

Attendees can camp overnight if they wish to do so - bring your gear, and coordinate with the game producer David Spence (malik.risen@yahoo.com).

PC levels for the game are from 1 through 10, but 1st level PCs can play at 2nd level. All players will be expected to NPC at one point.

There will be optional rules available for the various classes and they sound like a blast!

The game will take place both indoors and on the lovely grounds of the camp.

Interestingly, the players will be able to help shape the future of our gaming world.

Please pay from the website if you can do so. \$25 covers the game, the lunch, and your 2016 membership fee.

The \$12.50 option is there to allow you to cover half of the game fee now and half later, even if "later" means on game day.

The \$10 option covers your membership fee only. This is the one to use if you cannot attend this event but still want to participate in any of the 2016 IFGS events.

Finally, if you wish to commit to attending the event but can only cover the fee at the game on game day, please let me know and I'll reserve a spot for you, PLEASE NOTE that this means you have committed to paying the \$25 fee whether or not you actually make it, since we've gone ahead and told the caterers to add you to the list.

See Everyone There!

Olan

Character Build Rules Playtest

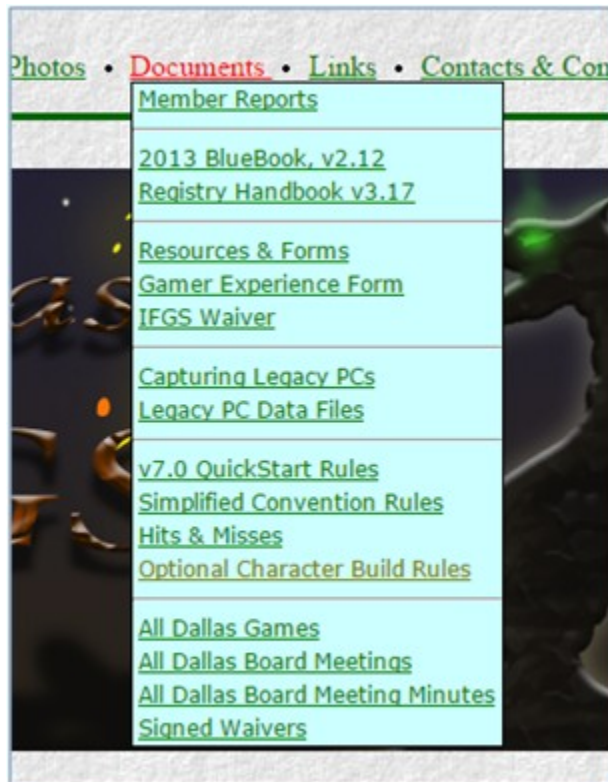
The optional "Character Build Rules" have been posted on the website and are ready for your review. They look to be a LOT of fun! These rules are available for the 2016 Dallas Chapter Annual Banquet if you choose to use them. Please check with David Spence (malik.risen@yahoo.com) if you have any question about these new optional rules.

You can get to these optional rules from two locations on the Dallas IFGS website (<http://www.dallasifgs.org>):

1: From the first column of the entry listing the 2016 Annual Banquet.



2. From the "Documents" link across the top of the website:



See You There!

Olan

Safety Notice

We want to discourage the use of bean bags being made with balloons, and strongly encourage partially filled CLOTH bags instead. The balloon bean bags tend to compact over time, causing the resulting bean bag to be pretty solid (which can cause a safety hazard). A fairly soft cloth bag, partially filled, will not compact. Being partially filled, it will tend to deform when it hits, spreading out and softening the impact.

The Rule Book specifies a 2" x 2" square as the minimum size for an IFGS-legal beanbag. Please note that the following will be added to the safety speech checklist:

"Safety: Bean bags will be checked prior to game in addition to the other weapons during the Safety Weapon Check. If a bean bag is found to be compacted, that bean bag will be disallowed on course as a thrown weapon. Cloth bean bags are preferred to rubber balloon bean bags."

Thanks,
Rich Adkisson
Chapter Safety Officer

How to Make a Bean Bag

By Thorin Coley

Here is how to make a beanbag. It's so easy a 12 year old can do it! You will need the following tools:

Sewing Machine(or needle and thread,but why would you?)	Scissors
Two Bamboo skewers	Tape
Ruler	Spoon
Pins	

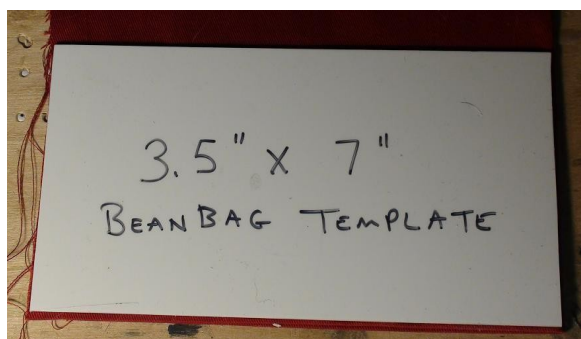
Here are the materials you'll need:

Heavy fabric in red ,brown ,grey (silver) or black
Bird seed
Thread (better if it is the same color of the fabric)

First, thread the sewing machine (I don't know so I let my dad do it.). Next, you will need to decide how big your beanbag is going to be. The minimum is 2 inch by 2 inch but remember the smaller it is, the harder it is to hit a target. Plus it is easier to lose it. My dad says 3 inch by 3 inch is the best.

Once you have selected your dimensions, add another half a inch to them because that's the area in which you'll sew. Double one of your dimensions. For example a 3.5 inch by 3.5 inch turns into a 3.5 inch by 7 inch. This is so you can fold it over and you have one less side to sew. Once fully done with your dimensions, you next need to cut it out. If you're making a lot of them, create a template and use a circle cutter.

[Ed. He meant a rotary fabric cutter. Stacking fabric is a good way to do several at once.]



Bean Bag

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Take the cloth and hold it in half. Use the sewing machine to sew the left and right sides shut. Leave the side opposite the fold open so you can fill it with bird seed. After your done with your sewing, trim off the excess fabric and thread with your scissors



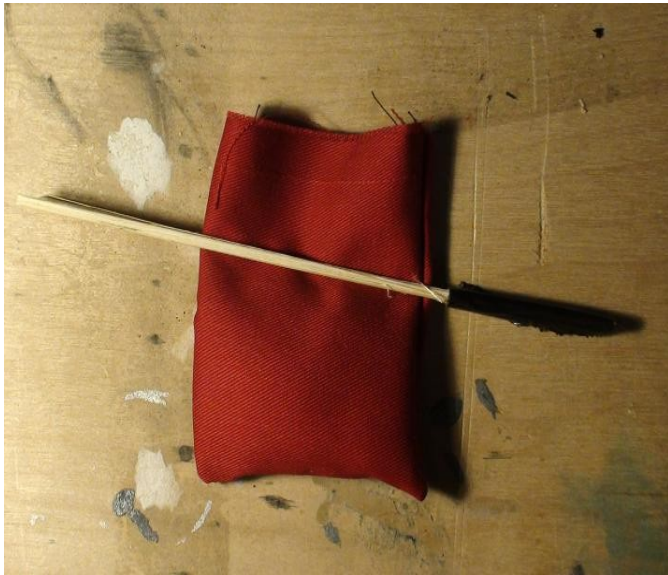
Next use your mighty muscles and turn the soon-to-be beanbag inside out. You can use the skewers to help poke the corners out.

Here is something that my dad came up with to help with the next couple of steps. Take your skewers and tape them together at one end. Make them shorter to make them easier to work with. This will slide over the beanbag and hold in the bird seed for the rest of the steps.

Fill the bean bag 2/3 full with bird seed. Don't use too much or the bag will be too hard when you throw. Place the skewers around the beanbag right above where the seeds are so the seeds can't get out. You can tape the other end to help keep it closed.

Bean Bag

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The next part is the hard part and I don't like it very much. It is soooo very frustrating. Fold the top edges inward. You can use a pin to hold it in place. Sew the top of the beanbag shut and KA-BLAM you got yourself a bean bag. ;)



FYI -

Administrative CAP is awarded to those individuals who help out at the Chapter level in one of the essential, but non-game related roles - being an active member of the Board or a member of a standing committee, for example.

This is the ADMIN CAP for 2105 for the Dallas Chapter.

BY FUNCTION

Chapter Board

812	David	Spence	100,000
45	Rich	Adkisson	50,000
2428	Robert	Armbruster	50,000
4877	Seth	Bush	50,000
5102	Sarah	Gibson	50,000
399	Pat	McGehearty	50,000
4166	Tina	Spence	50,000

Committees

<u>Elections</u>	5280	Rachel	Bickett	100,000
	5181	Dustin	Procter	50,000
<u>Newsletter</u>	4074	Coley	Paul	100,000
<u>QM</u>	2746	John	Jones	100,000
<u>Registry</u>	597	Olan	Knight	100,000
	5238	Tabitha	Walser	50,000
<u>Safety</u>	45	Rich	Adkisson	100,000
	5037	David	Gibson	50,000
	5012	Sarah	Gibson	50,000
	597	Olan	Knight	50,000
<u>Sanctioning</u>	491	Jim	Davie	100,000
	4877	Seth	Bush	50,000
	5012	Sarah	Gibson	50,000
	597	Olan	Knight	50,000
	399	Pat	McGehearty	50,000
	812	David	Spence	50,000
	4166	Tina	Spence	50,000
<u>Treasury</u>	682	Tracey	Skopinski	100,000
<u>Webmaster</u>	597	Olan	Knight	100,000

World	5012	Sarah	Gibson	100,000
	501	Danny	Barry	50,000
	491	Jim	Davie	50,000
	812	David	Spence	50,000
	4166	Tina	Spence	50,000

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This data has been entered into the Dallas Chapter Registry and is included in the individual Member Reports which are available from the website.

Please note that the maximum amount of CHAPTER ADMIN CAP that can be earned by any individual in any single year is 200,000.

Thanks,

Olan Knight
Dallas Chapter Registry Chair
12-JAN-2014

2015 Administrative CAP IFGS Society

Once a year, the people that help to make the Society run by performing the required administrative tasks, like the Treasury, the Tech Committee, and so on, are awarded Admin CAP for their efforts on behalf of the IFGS. Note that there is a limit of 200,000 Admin CAP per person per year, regardless of how much an individual may have contributed.

The Admin CAP award exists to encourage everyone to participate in the administration of the IFGS. The limit exists to encourage everyone to SHARE this work! © Here are the final Administrative CAP Awards for the IFGS Society-level contributions during the calendar year 2014.

BY FUNCTION

Society Board

John Jones	100,000	Dallas	President
Brad Evenson	50,000	Denver	
Hugh Greene	12,500	Northern Alabama	(1/4 year)
Olan Knight	50,000	Dallas	
Dane Lyon	50,000	ECO	
Ray Michel	50,000	Denver	
David Wood	37,500	ECO	(3/4 year)

Committees

Elections

Rachel Bickett	100,000	Dallas	Chair
Dustin Procter	50,000	Dallas	

Expansion

<no activity>

Fantasy Rules

David Spence	87,500	Dallas	Member + Acting Chair (3/4yr)
Dane Lyon	58,500	ECO	Member + Chair (1 month)
Melanie Lyon	10,000	ECO	(1/5 year)
Rian Socia	25,000	Greater Milwaukee	(1/2 year)
Leif Mogren	10,000	Greater Milwaukee	(1/5 year)
William Haddon	25,000	Denver	Chair (1/4 year)
David Wood	37,500	ECO	(3/4 year)
Nissa Ossheim	40,000	Denver	(4/5 year)

Registry

Olan Knight	100,000	Dallas	Chair
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Sanctioning

John Jones	100,000	Dallas	Chair
Kaaren Davis	25,000	Denver	(1/2 year)
Seth Bush	50,000	Dallas	
Olan Knight	50,000	Dallas	
William Haddon	12,500	Denver	(1/4 year)
David Wood	37,500	ECO	(3/4 year)

Tech

2015 Administrative CAP IFGS Society

Brett Paul	100,000	Dallas	Chair
David Wood	37,500	ECO	(3/4 year)

Treasury

Ray Michel	100,000	Denver
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Constitutional Task Force

<No activity>

Supplemental Rules Task Force

<No activity>

Society Officers

Safety

Dave Ellis	50,000	Denver
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Corporate Secretary

Brett Halford	50,000	Denver
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2015 Board Meeting Attendees, Eligible for Attendance CAP

JAN	Brett Halford	Denver
	David Spence	Dallas
	Mike Hall	SoCal
	Dave Ellis	Denver
	Rian Socia	GM
	Natachia Attewell	GM
	Eric Hanchar	GM
	Marina Skaya	GM
	Tori Welch	GM
	Cayleb Phillips	ECO
APR	Spencer Corbin-Lawson	PNW
	David Spence	Dallas
	Tina Spence	Dallas
SEP	David Spence	Dallas
NOV	David Spence	Dallas
	Hugh Greene	Northern Alabama
DEC	David Spence	Dallas
	Sarah Gibson	Dallas
	Dustin Procter	Dallas
	Melanie Greene	Northern Alabama

2015 Administrative CAP IFGS Society

BY CHAPTER & MEMBER

Dallas

Rachel	Bickett	100,000
Seth	Bush	50,000
Sarah	Gibson	3,000
John	Jones	200,000
Olan	Knight	200,000
Brett	Paul	100,000
Dustin	Procter	53,000
David	Spence	102,500
Tina	Spence	3,000

Denver

Kaaren	Davis	25,000
Dave	Ellis	53,000
Brad	Evenson	50,000
William	Haddon	37,500
Bret	Halford	53,000
Ray	Michel	150,000
Nissa	Ossheim	40,000

East-Central Oklahoma (ECO)

Dane	Lyon	108,500
Melanie	Lyon	10,000
Cayleb	Phillips	3,000
David	Wood	150,000

Northern Alabama

Hugh	Greene	15,500
Melanie	Greene	3,000

Pacific North-West (PNW)

Spencer	Corbin-Lawson	3,000
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Greater Milwaukee

Natachia	Attewell	3,000
Eric	Hanchar	3,000
Leif	Mogren	10,000
Marina	Skaya	3,000
Rian	Socia	28,000
Tori	Welch	3,000

The Registry Chair for each Chapter is responsible for ensuring that the data for their members is captured appropriately.

Thank You,

Olan Knight
Society Registry Chair
olknight@yahoo.com

Dallas Chapter IFGS - Board Meeting Minutes**Jan 10, 2016**

President David Spence called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

People in Attendance :

All Board members plus Jason Dziuk

Committee Reports:

No reports

Old Business –

Official election results were read. There were four total seats open and only four candidates. All four candidates were elected. Motion to accept the election results passed 7-0, David-Motion, Pat-Seconded.

Upon further discussion, a motion was made that all officers and committee chairs to stay the same. Motion passed 7-0. David-Motion, Rich, Seconded

Updates on Annual Banquet

- In need of a projector as the shed projector is missing its cord. Otherwise, all props are done. Jason to check with John Jones to determine which type of cord is needed. Grayson to check to see if a projector can be checked out from public library.

-David to finish optional build rules. David will publish them within a week or so.

-Motion was made to authorize David to use up to 400 USD to cover food costs and other expenditures for the banquet. Motion passed 6-0, with David abstaining. Pat – Motion, Robert - Seconded

Updates on Tech projects

- Robert to continue working on World Committee page. Has finished front page.

-Olan and Tom Paul working on web-based registry database. A lot of progress has been made. Will be an interactive database to coordinate with game writers and possibly other portals such as the World

New Business

1) Weatherford ComicCon will be held on April 2nd to benefit Pythian Home (a charity/ministry for troubled youth). We can reserve a table for 20 USD, and we have been told that we would be allowed to run a game on the grounds and possibly in the castle itself. Motion was made to allocate a maximum of 100 USD for entire event to cover table, advertisement and other misc costs. Motion passed 7-0. Pat – Motion, Robert – Seconded Passed Unanimous

2) Board begs people to write and produce games.

3) Board asks everyone to send in ideas for the Davvies.

4) Due to issues arisen from recent games, safety concerns were raised about the usage of bean bags in combat. Consensus was that the main problem lay with the compacting over time and the utilization of a rubber balloon as the bag which compounds the compacting problem as they contract as they age or are exposed to the elements. Motion was made to add the following note to safety speech/checklist before each game to resolve this potential problem and to educate all members on preferred practices for the future concerning bean bag. Verbiage proposed by Seth. Verbiage and motion passed 7-0. Rich – Motion, Tina – Seconded

“Safety: Bean bags will be checked prior to game in addition to weapons at safety weapon check. If found to be compacted, bean bag will be disallowed onto course as a thrown weapon. Cloth bean bags are preferred to rubber balloon bean bags.”

Next Meeting: Annual Banquet (Feb 13)

Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Seth
Bush, Secretary

BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>President</i>	David Spence	president@dallasifgs.org
<i>Vice President</i>	Pat McGehearty	vice_president@dallasifgs.org
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	Tina Spence	board_member_2@dallasifgs.org
	Rich Adkisson	board_member_3@dallasifgs.org
	Sarah Gibson	board_member_4@dallasifgs.org

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<i>Newsletter</i>	Paul Coley	newsletter@dallasifgs.org
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<i>Sanctioning</i>	Jim Davie	sanctioning@dallasifgs.org
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Submission Deadline: Chainmail (National Newsletter)
1 week prior to last day of the month. Email: nougouna@yahoo.com