

It's the PAASL Newsletter

(Palatine Area Advanced Squad Leaders)

Welcome to the first edition of the PAASL Newsletter. Who knows? Maybe this will be the last one too. I was just thinking after our meeting last Tuesday: "Why aren't we as prestigious as other ASL clubs? What do they got that we ain't got? Courage? No, a newsletter!!! And in order to have a newsletter we needed an acronym. I simply chose PAASL, although I considered PAASLPA (players association). If you have any other ideas let me know and we can put it to a vote at our next meeting. I also need to know how to pronounce PAASL. A note to Chris Walters: please go easy on my lack of writing skills.

Don't be fooled by the pretentiousness of this letter. The purpose of the club is to have fun. The priority of ASL in our lives still falls behind God and family. Where you place work in this ranking is up to you.

At our last session several players suddenly expressed an interest in the win/lose record, so I thought it might be nice to include a little bit of the history of our organization (betcha didn't know you were part of an organization, did ya?). The records go back to 1995 and include such defunct players as Louie, Bob, Byron, and Jim McDermott. They will not be discussed in the win/loss updates. The original members who are still active include Matt and Dave. Rick and Chris were both added in Sept. of '95. Greg and Larry were both added in June of '99. Jim P. decided to join our distinguished group in July of that year, and Dave T. first played in Nov. of 2000.

And now for the rankings. This is going to look self serving but actually Matt was the one who took the number of victories and divided it by the number of total games to get a win percentage. I think having this information will add to the fun of playing. None of us really care about our record. We play for the fun, strategy, and history of the game. The rankings are pretty much as you might expect. The only surprise is Chris. Does he lose intentionally because he's nice? Or is it just cursed dice? If your worried about Dave T., you don't need to be. He has beaten Dave K. 33% of the time in non PAASL games. Should Greg and Larry have a death match to break the tie? The intent is to update the rankings after each game.

Dave K.	82%
Matt R.	66%
Greg H.	50%
Larry S.	50%
Rick H.	42%
Jim P.	41%
Chris W.	24%
Dave T.	0%

And now for the awards: Your plaques and certificates may be picked up at the next gathering.

Most Calm and Humble Player Award - Rick H.

Most Valiant Rookie Award - Dave T.

"Only Wins Because of the Magic Dice" Award - Dave K.

We have had two tournaments that consisted of an all day playing session with a game played at 9:00am, 1:00pm, and an after dinner evening game. The winner of the '97 tourney was Dave K. and the '98 winner was Jim McDermot. Jim failed to remember to attend the 2000 attempt so it had to be cancelled due to a lack of even numbers. **I would love to get another tournament scheduled for this Spring. I will be calling to find out if you could commit to an all day session and, if so, please have a list of the Saturdays that you are available. Or bring this info to the March 2nd Guys Night.**

Other things to consider. 1.) Should I keep the tactical advice coming in the mail? 2.) Should our monthly meetings be held on Tues or Wed? Where are your conflicts? 3.) Is anyone ready to buy my extra set of rules? They retail for \$50 but I'll part with mine for \$20. 4.) What soda flavors do you prefer to find in the fridge?

May The Dice Be With You,
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