

# Colorado Military Historians

**Newsletter** 

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Macedonians and Galatians battle using DBMM 2.0

### **CMH Summer News**

Message from CMH Secretary Binhan Lin

As the summer heat is upon us, the smoke and wildfires remind us that not all is fun and games. CMH would like to send condolences to those who have suffered losses to the Colorado wildfires and to applaud the brave efforts of those working to contain and fight the flames.

The June meeting had a wide variety of games, from Ancients, to 1812 Naval and American Civil War to a Wild West gunfight and a World War 2 card game. Thanks to those members who brought in some classic games.

General Brown has submitted an article on the upcoming DBx Smackdown on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Check out the article for details and come support the CMH team in their efforts against the southern upstarts!

Extra CMH dice are available for purchase at \$0.75 each or 10 for \$6.50. A variety of colors are available, please see me at the monthly meeting if you are interested in purchasing extras.

I would also like to thank Eric Elder again for his many years of service and participation in CMH. I look forward to gaming with Eric in his "retirement".



Avalon Hill's Up Front gets a revival

#### DBx Smackdown Approaches! West Wars DBA Results Now In!

By CMH Member John S. Brown

After a long year of eager anticipation, the annual DBx-driven clash of arms between our worthy Colorado Military Historians and the barbarous Colorado Springs Gamer's Association has at last come due. This year the event will start at High Noon on 28 July in CollectorMania (19555 E. Parker Square Drive, Parker, CO, 80134). By mutual agreement, the fierce match-ups will be:

DBA Period I: Terry Shockey (CMH) vs. Roy Hayes (CSGA)

DBA Period II: Larry Irons (CMH) vs. Mike Garland (CSGA)

DBA Period III: Doug Wildfong (CMH) vs. Bernie Santucci (CSGA)

DBA Period IV: Jim Rairdon (CMH) vs. Rob Scholtz (CSGA)

BBDBA: Tony Fryer and John Brown (CMH) vs. Art Hayes and Doug Mudd (CSGA)

DBM: Pat Harvey (CMH) vs. Dick Fickes (CSGA) HOTT: Greg Rold (CMH) vs. Doug Rains (CSGA)

The choices for DBA and HOTT armies remain clouded in secrecy, to be revealed on the day of the event. The BBDBA scenario is a Roman civil war set in the Fourth Century A.D. DBM will feature a climactic clash between Pat Havey's Late Imperial Romans and Dick Fickes' Desert Blemmye. All are welcome, and encouraged to come and cheer on the forces of Truth and Justice against those of Darkness and Malevolence! In addition, our champions will be playing warm-up sessions at the 8 July meeting for which we trying to line up able opponents. If you are willing and able to assist in these final preparations, please contact John Brown at jsandmbbrown@msn.com.

West Wars provided a bit of a precursor to the Smackdown, as many of the parties to be involved crossed swords in a spectacular 1429AD campaign scenario on 20 May. Contestants included Pat Harvey's Early Burgundians (IV/76), Art Hayes' 100 Years' War English (IV/62), Roy Hayes' Scots Common Army (IV/16), Doug Mudd's Genoans (IV/61), Doug Rains' Medieval French (IV/64), Jim Rairdon's Medieval Germans (IV/13b) and Greg Rold's Aragonese (IV/68a). Despite the inspiration of a spectacularly painted Joan of Arc figure fielded by Doug Rains, Orleans fell and the war favored Art Hayes' English – substantially buoyed up by the successes of Harvey's Burgundians. Mudd's Genoans acquired Sardinia without bloodshed in a spectacular piece of diplomacy, and Roy Haye's Scots invaded England while Rold's Aragonese invaded (English held) southern France. The fighting between Rairdon's Germans and Harvey's Burgundians was so bitter it went on for three rounds. When the dust settled, Art Hayes led with 15 prestige points and Harvey and Rains tied for second place with 12 prestige points each. Roy Hayes won the coveted Pink Dice Award, having lost the King of All Scotland to a single fortuitous 6-1 bowshot.

Ancients will continue to be hot in the forthcoming months. At the August club meeting Larry Irons is hosting a "Roman Seas" naval clash between Romans and Carthaginians. At Tacticon, the new DBA 3.0 rules will make a combat debut with a session oriented on juniors Saturday night (1 September) and a full-blown tournament Sunday (2 September). In both sessions a preliminary tutorial will teach rules and highlight changes from DBA 2.2. This will be a great time to get a head start on DBA 3.0 – and to be the first on your block to master the new rules. At the September club meeting Late Imperial Romans will meet barbarians in yet another round with the ground-breaking new DBMM2 rules. Come and join us – and may you roll sixes!



A game of Gettysburg Soldiers hosted by John Mumby

# June Monthly Meeting Unit of the Month

Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month.

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Unit
Larry Irons	15mm	Ancients	German Warbands
John Mumby	10mm	Crimean War	British Line, Guards and Highlanders

Unit of the Month Winner is highlighted in RED.



Wooden ships attack in Milton Bradley's Broadsides

## June Monthly Meeting Game of the Month

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host.

<b>CMH Member</b>	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
John Mumby	10mm	ACW	Gettysburg Soldiers	Gettysburg Soldiers
Nate Forte	Card	WW2	Up Front	Up Front
John S. Brown	15mm	Ancients	DBMM 2.0	Macedonian vs. Galatian
Matt Vigil	1/2400	War of 1812	Broadside	Broadside
Jeff Caruso	25mm	Wild West	Into the Sunset	Into the Sunset

Game of the Month Winner is highlighted in RED.



Gunfighters check out a Western town

# **CMH July Scheduled Events**

This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

Date	Meeting	Location	Start Time	End Time
July 6	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
July 8	MM	Baker	12:00pm	5:00pm
July 13	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
July 20	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
July 27	FNF	Greg's House	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
July 28	DBx Smackdown	Collector's Mania	Noon	5:00 pm

Contact Greg Skelly (gjskelly@comcast.net) if you would like to attend and to get directions to his house.



Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. One Friday of the month will be held at the Baker Community Center. The other Friday meetings will be held at a future determined location. See website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers serving on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms of office are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$35.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

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(For NEW members who join after June 30)

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Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member

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