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## LOOK AT THE

Coming this year for Version 2.4 is a new game for MedievaLand called Ruins of Cawdor. Richard Aronson has been developing the game for the past year and a half. We spoke with him in February to learn more about Ruins of Cawdor.

#### How did it happen that Ruins of Cawdor has an Elizabethan theme?

"I thought of "Macbeth" because I consider it to be the greatest fantasy play ever written and it would be familiar to most people. Especially for new players, having points of reference gives them great comfort."

#### What themes appear in the play as well as in the game?

"All the major characters have roles and personality traits much as they appear in the play. Corruption and loyalty appear in the play and the game as well. Plus, the play has great language in it, as well as comedy.

"One of the problems, philosophically, (in role-playing games) is that the best of players is an antihero - not really a villain. And Macbeth was pretty much the first antihero."

#### What makes Ruins of Cawdor different from other role-playing games?

"The role-playing model is 'find a monster, kill it and take its treasure." That's a very simple role-playing paradigm. In this game, there are creatures that you don't kill. A really good role-playing game will have

interactions far more complex than combat. And an inspired one usually will have people laughing most of the time, or at least smiling.

One of the objections to the early games was a lack of realism. In the early games, you might see a monster and kill it, but when you'd step out of the room and back in, you'd see the monster there again.

In Ruins of Cawdor, when you step back into a room after a battle, you get a message about what already happened there.

Also, the character classes are very different. Everyone gets only eight skills and each character class has at least one skill that nobody else gets."

#### Who is the ideal game-player for Ruins of Cawdor?

"The early levels are playable by someone who has not played a game like this before. In the first room, you'll find incredibly weak monsters that you can kill with your bare hands. In fact, the first creature you'll encounter is not a monster, but a message from a wizard who welcomes you. And the next time you walk into that room, you'll get a different message.

> Still, one of the first rooms you can get to is the runed room, where, if you like, you can spend hours puzzling over the hints. Playing the game according

The ImagiNation

Network announced

new pricing March 1

with more options for

membership plans and lower

rates for evening and

weekend access.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The number of homes in the U.S. with personal computers has grown by almost four million since last summer, to 31% of all homes. Overall, about 58% of PC owners have had their computers two years or less.

The survey was conducted by Odyssey LP of San Francisco and quoted in a story published by the Wall Street Journal.

### PRICING NEW

Whether you spend hours online in head-to-head competition, or just go online to keep in touch via E-mail, there's something for everyone with the revised Membership Plans on the ImagiNation Network.

Better still, if you joined the ImagiNation Network before April 15 and switch up to one of the revised Membership Plans, you could win free hours online. A switch from your current plan to the 50 Plan will get you 10 free hours online. Switch up to the 25 Plan and you'll get 5 free hours, and a switch up to the 15 Plan gets you 3 free hours.

Call 1-800-IMAGIN-1 to let us know which Membership Plan you prefer or go to the Member Services Store in the Mall and select "Monthly Membership Packages". You can also select a Membership Plan by responding to the online E-mail announcing new pricing or by writing to Member Services at P.O. Box 1550, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Unless you say otherwise, your previous Membership Plan will be automatically converted to a current Plan at a similar price.

Membership Plan	Included per Month	Each Additional Hour	
Welcome Plan	5 hours for \$9.95	\$2.95	
10 Plan	10 hours for \$19.95	\$2.75	
15 Plan	15 hours for \$29.95	\$2.50	
25 Plan	25 hours for \$49.95	\$2.25	
50 Plan	50 hours for \$99.95	\$1.95	

Hours included in monthly plans and any bonus hours are good during evenings and weekends. Additional time is billed in one-minute increments.

All weekday time from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time Monday through Friday is billed at \$6 per hour. Plan hours not used in any given month do not carry over into the following month.

# The Fates of

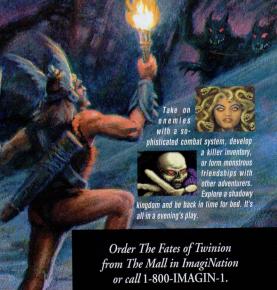
Welcome to "The Fates of Twinion," the newest multi-player fantasy role-playing epic on The ImagiNation Network. Join real people in real time as you search for the secrets of a cursed Kingdom buried beneath a live volcano.

Everyone you meet could be a real live person, as literally thousands of people gather each night to experience the multi-player dungeon epic that Strategy Plus Magazine calls "champion among

multi-player fantasy games...a game too big for just one player."

Team up with a Wizard from Wisconsin, a Knight from New Jersey or a Thief from DC. Build your character by completing quests, acquiring spells, and gaining experience as you explore the labyrinths. Talk to Elves, Trolls, Gnomes, Dwarves, Orcs and maybe even a few humans from all over America.

You'll meet the nicest people. Some of them may even let you live.



## A SENSE OF BELONGING

#### Guilds in ImagiNation

#### Why Not Join a Guild?

As you explore the games in Medievaland - The Shadow of Yserbius. The Fates of Twinion, and coming soon, The Ruins of Cawdor, you'll soon the story behind it. Give them a sense of realize the benefits of joining a guild. In order to solve some of the puzzles and move purpose in the game. )) forward, you may need a combination of skills that you just don't have all by yourself,

Guilds in ImagiNation Network games like these exist because you can accomplish more as part of a group than you can alone.

There are dozens of guilds already registered in ImagiNation each with distinct personalities and group dynamics. Some hold public meetings and some add new members by personal invitation only.

( If you're going to party together, you've got to party fair. Some people use cheats to change attributes, but the chances of causing other members to crash because you took away too many points is just too great. No cheating! ))

( If you're taking a newcomer along on a quest, don't just drag them through.

Take the time to explain the guest and

Private guilds are listed in the Imaginings Conference Schedule in blue ink, along with the Guild Master's name and E-mail Box number, and the **((The whole purpose of being in a guild is** time, day and ImagiNation room name where the to help each other out so that you can make it group meets. To join a private guild, write to the through the rough spots. )) Guild Master listed and ask permission to join.

Guilds open to the public are listed in black in the Imaginings Conference Schedule. With these guild meetings, there's no need to pre-register - just join in at the proper

For many years, Larry Buchanan, a.k.a. AragornGM, led one of the most popular guilds of all time in MedievaLand. Under his guidance, the Lord of the Rings (LOTR) Guild grew to include more than 100 members.

Buchanan is the author of The Adventurer's Survival Guide to Twinion, Sadly, Buchanan's own Guild disbanded earlier this year, but Buchanan remains active in ImagiNation. These quotes are his thoughts on Guilds.

( Being in that guild was one of the most fun things I'd ever done. I'd get home from work and log in, get a party together and spend 6-7 hours online each night. I'd spend practically all weekend in the Volcano. !!

#### HEY FRED:

I'm the host for a new club online in ImagiNation. I already know of a few people who say they will come to the weekly meetings. But I'd also like to have the club listed in Imaginings. How do I do this? - Leader

#### Dear Leader:

The first thing to do is register your club with the ImagiNation Network Conference Manager at E-mail Box number 931. Once a month, the Conference Manager contacts the editor at Imaginings with an updated list of all of the new clubs, groups and special events. There's really no need for you to write to Imaginings with the information about your new club - just register it with the Conference Manager.

#### HEY FRED:

Because I keep a close watch on my budget, I don't want to accidentally log on during the more expensive weekday hours. Is there anything I can do to make sure I don't slip up?

#### - PennyPincher

Dear PennyPincher:

It's possible to request that access to your account be blocked during weekday hours. To find out more about this option, call Member Services at 1-800-IMAGIN-1.

Got a question for Fred, your "In the Know" guy in the ImagiNation Network? Write to Fred in care of Imaginings at E-Mail Box 915 or 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame,

#### Planning a Club or Guild? Need to Get the Word Out?

Maybe you've already organized a group, club, squadron or guild. Maybe you just want to test the waters and see who might be interested in joining you for a special event.

Whatever the case, you must register your group with the ImagiNation Network Conference Manager before your listing can be included in the Conference Guide in Imaginings

Fortunately, doing this is very easy. Just write to the Conference Manager at E-mail Box 931. You'll get a survey asking you some basic information about the group. Once you've filled out the survey and sent it back, you'll be given an official time and room where you can meet.

Every month, the Conference Manager prepares an updated list of conferences that includes all the groups, clubs, squadrons and guilds that are pre-registered, and sends this list to Imaginings.

That's all there is to it, but if you have questions, write to the Conference Manager at E-mail Box 931.

# is High Scores Month!

Let April showers bring you good luck with "April is High Scores Month" in ImagiNation.

We're giving prizes every week for the 10 members who get the highest scores in Red Baron™, 3D Golf™, Mini-Golf™, Paintball™ and NTN Trivia. That's 10 prizes per game per week, for a total of 200 winners for the four week contest!

The contest starts Sunday, April 2nd, and continues through April 29th. Each week, we'll clear the high scores from the boards to track the leaders from week to week.

To avoid duplication, names will only be tallied once. Your top score is the only one that counts, no matter how many times your name might appear on a listing, or in how many rooms your name might appear.

Prizes include:

1ST PLACE: 10 FREE

hours online in ImagiNation

2ND PLACE: 9 hours

3RD PLACE: 8 hours

4TH PLACE: 7 hours

5TH PLACE: 6 hours

**6TH PLACE:** 5 hours

7TH PLACE: 4 hours

8TH PLACE: 3 hours

**OTH PLACE: 2 hours** 

10TH PLACE: 1 hour

here's the fine print: No player will be hours total during the four week contest.

Fair is fair, after all. Now, ready, set, WIN!

#### LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR!

Because of recent changes in the telephone industry, many telephone companies nationwide are switching to a new standard that allows callers to make some toll calls without dialing "1" before the telephone number.

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If you want to avoid making a toll call when dialing into the ImagiNation Network, check with your local telephone company before you dial.

Remember that our Member Services department has no way to check for certain whether specific access codes are long distance toll calls for your area.

Only your local telephone company can tell you for certain which calls are within your local calling area. Check your White Pages telephone directory for the number to call for more information.

## Anyone can make it to the Top.



#### Staying There Isn't Just Kid's Stuff.

Play PaintBall™ much? How about 3-D Golf™, Red Baron®, or MiniGolf™? Just because you made it to the top once doesn't mean you can stay there. Take back your top score in SierraLand! And remember, each room has its own High Scores list.



## POSTINGS:

There's something for everyone on The ImagiNation Network Bulletin Boards, But if you don't see everything you're looking for, send your ideas for new Bulletin Boards to E-Mail Box 937 or post them in the Private Notes to the Host bulletin board found in all rooms of the Clubhouse.

#### INN HELP ROOM

General Interest INN Bulletin Board List INN Member Get-Togethers **INN Special Events** Member to Member Prodigy Game Point Quotations Suggestions Write for Tech Support

SciFi RPGs Star Trek Wing Commander RPG

#### SINGLES CLUB

Rooks

Classic Rock Debates Life in the 90s Movies Single Parents Stratego Strategy Television

#### **TECH TOWER**

Computer Audio Computer Ethics Electronics Hardware Programmers' Forum Science Software **TechNotes** 

#### TEEN HANGOUT

Friend-to-Friend General Discussion

BOARDS

#### BULLBTIN **ALL CLUBHOUSE ROOMS**

Info from ImagiNation Private Notes to the INN Host

#### **BACKGAMMON DEN**

Backgammon League **BG** Announcements and Rules **BG** League Standings **BG** Strategy Brain Teasers General Discussion Hobbies and Crafts INN BG Tournaments The Arts

#### **BRIDGE CLUB**

Bridge Club Activities Bridge World Standard Conventions and Treatments General Discussion How Do You Bid This Hand Kantar's Korner Partnership Desk Post Tourney Results Here Tournament Info and Winners Tourney and Lesson Sign-ups

#### **BRIDGE PARLOR**

ACBL Standard Game Card Bidding Panel Bridge Club Activities General Discussion Ladder Rounds Ladder Standings Novice Exchange Partnership Desk Sheinwold on Bridge

#### **CARD CRIB**

Anime Arcade Games Comic Books Computer Games Crib Challengers Cribbage Ladder Board Home Video Games Science Fiction Sierra Games

#### **CHESS CLUB**

Chess Chat Chess Club Administration Chess Tournaments Chess Workshop Friday Night Fights Great Chess Games INN Chess Club Welcome Ladder Rounds Players List and Standings

#### **EUCHREVILLE**

**Euchre Chit-Chat** Fuchre Ladder **Euchre Tournaments** General Discussion Poetry Writers' Circle

#### **FLIP N CHECKERS**

Add-A-Comment Corner BlackJack League Checker Challenge Checkers Ladder FlipFlop Ladder INN Checkers Tournaments One-Game Cribbage Ladder Serious Add-A-Chapter

#### **GO-MAGES DEN**

GO General **GO Players List** GO Rules **GO Tournaments** Misc. Trading Card Games MTG General MTG 1-Game Ladder MTG 3-Game Ladder

#### **HEARTS CLUB** Disability Issues

Gardening Genealogy Explorers Hearts Ladder Music Partner Ladder Recipes Teachers' Forum

#### INN UNIVERSITY

Class Sign-ups General Discussion INN Shorthand < ROFI > Schedule of Classes Self-Help Discussion Suggestions for Classes University Announcements

#### **MARRIED LIFE**

Family Values Making Marriage Work Palace Wit and Humor Parenting Prayer Requests Rhyme and Rhetoric Soap Operas Twelve-Step Programs

MYSTIC PORTAL Astrology Clairvovance Dreams and Interpretations General Discussion Hauntings Martial Arts Discussion Mythology Parapsychology Sightings Spiritualism

#### PILOTS LOUNGE

Air Tactics Flight Sims General Discussion **INN Tournaments** Ladder Tournaments Pilots and Squads Wanted Pilots Proving Grounds Sky Wars Tournaments

#### **RPG ZONE**

Electronic RPGs Fantasy RPGs GM-Players Forum Multi-Genre RPGs New Card Ideas OOC **RPG Schedule** 

#### SINGLES DELLY

Current Events Environmental Issues Ethics Philosophy **Politics** Religion

#### SINGLES SPOT

Breaking Up General Discussion Meeting People in the 90s Romance Singles String Along Story Spot

#### SPADES PLACE Card Games

Cars and Cycles General Discussion Investments Pets Spades Strategy **SPADES TOO** Collectibles

General Discussion Ham Radio Jam Session One-Game Ladder The Dating Game Three-Game Ladder

#### **SPORTS DEN**

Basehall Basketball Fantasy Sports League Football General Sports Hockey Paladins MLand Tourney Info Soccer Twinion Strategy Yserbius Strategy

Gobbledvaook Heavy Metal Music Progressive Rock Music Rap Music

#### TOURNAMENTS 3-D Golf Tournament

Boogers Tournament Cribbage Tournament FlipFlop Tournament Hearts Trny Sign-ups/Results **INN Spades Tournament** MiniGolf Tournament Poker Tournament SneakATac Tournament Stratego Tournament Tournament Rules/Matches Tourney Info and Champions

#### TRIVIA HAVEN Lemmings Leap

Name That Oldie NTN Chat NTN Trivia Info **Tangled Triviots** Trivia Trivia Announcements Trivia R&R Trivia Scores Trivia Game Rules and Schedule Triviot Games

#### WELCOME ROOM

Welcome General Discussion Questions on Membership INN Bulletin Board List INN the Know - Tips 2 Have Fun INN Membership Get-Togethers INN Shorthand <ROLF> INN Class Schedule

SUNDAY MONDAY

Conference Guide

Computers & Games On Computers TECH TOWER

(Tayen+ 82551) Virtual Reality SIG TECH TOWER (REALITY 80456)

New to ImagiNation?

Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time, get the information you need to navigate the world of ImagiNation. These special classes for new members start at the top of each hour in the HELP ROOM.

Programmers Palace (7ack 47973)

DOOMsters TEEN SCENE (KillerCow 74535) Computer Gaming Club TEEN HANCOUT (Arcane 118133) PC Flight Simulators

OS/2 Users Group SPADES TOO (FrankW+ 21493)

WEDNESDAY

VGPA CARD CLUB (I CChris 37788)

FRIDAY

Beginning BBS'ing TECH TOWER (Ren+ 58848)

SATURDAY

Games & Strategies

TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN TTG Trivia Madness 6 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN **Bridge Clinic** BRIDGE CLUB (BridgeDr+ 83491) TTG Trivia Madness

TTG Blue Monday Trivia

TRIVIA HAVEN

5 p.m.
PBP Team Conference INGLES DEUX (PBPKicker 83713) TTG Trivia Madness ΤΡΙVΙΑ ΗΔΥΕΝ TTG Word Play Madness

TUESDAY

TRIVIA HAVEN TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN TTG Trivia Madness

TRIVIA HAVEN

Homework Help

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Backgammon INN UNIVERSITY

3-5 p.m.

Drop In

4:30 p.m.

Drop In

TTG Trivia Madness TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN

6-8 p.m.

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**Spades** 

Drop In

6:30 p.m.

Box 708

7:30 p.m

Pascal

Box 764

Yserbius

Drop In

**Red Baron** 

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Homework Help

INN UNIVERSITY

Newbie Class

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Resume Writing

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INN LINIVERSITY

Beginning Internet

Drop In 5 n m. Quicken INN LINIVERSITY Box 767 Hearts INN UNIVERSITY Drop In Visual Basic INN LINIVERSITY Box 772 **Creating Doom Wads** INN UNIVERSITY Box 781 6-8 n.m. Homework Help

Drop In 6:30 p.m Tech Corner INN LINIVERSITY Drop In Beginning DOS INN UNIVERSITY Box 793 Sierraland INN UNIVERSITY Drop In

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Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY Drop In 8 p.m. Snades INN UNIVERSITY

Drop In

5:30 p.m. Windows INN LINIVERSITY Box 727 6 p.m. C++ INN UNIVERSITY

Box 735 Genealony INN UNIVERSITY Box 722 6:30 n m Euchre INN LINIVERSITY Drop In 7 p.m.

INN Games

INN LINIVERSITY

Drop In 7:30 n.m. **Advanced Internet** INN UNIVERSITY Box 754 Newbie Class INN LINIVERSITY Drop In

> INN LINIVERSITY Box 701 7:30 n m Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY Twinion INN UNIVERSITY Drop In

Fuchre INN UNIVERSITY Drop In

Spanish INN UNIVERSITY Rny 734 Hearts INN UNIVERSITY Drop In 6 n m

Beginning ASM INN UNIVERSITY Roy 745 MS Works INN UNIVERSITY Box 715 6:30 p.m. INN LINIVERSITY Box 726 7 p.m.

Word for Windows

3-5 p.m Homework INN UNIVERSITY Drop In

4 p.m INN Games INN UNIVERSITY Drop In 6 p.m. Home Finances INN UNIVERSITY Box 727

Advanced ASM INN LINIVERSITY Roy 722 Word Perfect 6.0 INN UNIVERSITY Box 715 Euchre INN LINIVERSITY Drop In

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Box 767

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8 p.m TTG Trivia Madness

7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness

RIVIA HAVEN

FF2 Game Club

SPADES PLACE

(RichG 79924)

TRIVIA HAVEN 10 a.m. Newhie Class INN UNIVERSITY Drop In 11 a.m. Screenwriting

INN UNIVERSITY Box 701 Backnammon INN UNIVERSITY Drop In Noon Yserbius

INN LINIVERSITY Drop In 1 p.m NTN Trivia Drop In

3-D Golf INN UNIVERSITY Drop In 6:30 p.m. Starting a BBS INN LINIVERSITY

Box 703 8 n.m. INN LINIVERSITY Drop In

Once you find a conference you're interested in, find out where it is by the bold type (for example, MYSTIC PORTAL, SPADES PLACE). These are waiting rooms in the Clubhouse. Once in the waiting room, click the GO TO button, select A CONFERENCE, and then click on the conference name desired - you'll join immediately. And remember, you can always start your own club or group! Just drop a line to E-mail Box 931. It's that easy!

This October schedule is subject to change. The most accurate, up-to-date schedule can always be found online in Town Hall under Conference Schedule. All times listed are Pacific time. All conferences listed in blue italies are private and require approval from the conference's host (displayed in parentheses with the contact person's mailbox number) to attend.

Member-hosted conferences and any comments, suggestions or advice given therein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The ImagiNation Network, Inc.

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Paladins (1st & 3rd Sundays only) (Advenger 67446)

Amber Guild FLIP N CHECKERS (Dworkin+ 14288)

KIDS!

Need a little help with

your homework? Our

homework hotline is

now available FOUR

DAYS A WEEK, Mon.

Thurs., from 4-6

p.m. Pacific time at

INN University.

GOT: High Council TECH TOWER (Dragon 91073)

Dark Dranons GO MAGES DEN (DarkWolf 123273)

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY Medieval and Guilds 3 p.m 6 p.m. continued 6 n m continued KOY: Dragon Court EW VEA Guild EOF Guild Jamboree Dragon Princess Guild GO-MAGES DEN YWG nione Guile FLIP N CHECKERS from page 6 GO-MAGES DEN TECH TOWER BACKGAMMON DEN TEEN SCENE (Malicious 23473) (Serafin 60330) (Sweetie 105798) (Boldur 135353) (Shimmer 138626) (Garion 121658) (Hasan 71900) KOY Sword Swamp 7 p.m. FFBH Guild Defending Angels Guild SINGLES DEUX 6 p.m MedievaLand Sysop Guild of the Golden Arroy FLIP N CHECKERS MYSTIC PORTAL COT- Lanca Lair VOVS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL SPORTS DEN (Amyrlin 1077/13) (LordPat 105038) GO MAGES DEN FLIP N CHECKERS (Nirvana 102115) (AdamD 122906) (4th Mondays only) KOR Guild The Pandion Or (EKaterina 100805) (AVARICE 107388) 6 p.m. (INNLani) GO MAGES DEN MYSTIC PORTAL GOT- RR LLOA Guild WEOT Guild SPRI Syson (Fhlana + 150016) (CantainM 102485) GO MAGES DEN GO-MAGES DEN SPORTS DEN GOT: Evil Way FLIP N CHECKERS KNOW ca 113374) (Axl 84253) (Trevor 76793) (1st & 3rd Mondays only) FLIP N CHECKERS SPADES TOO GOT: Mace Maner MYSTIC PORTAL GOT: Sword Swamn SOF:FF Guild INNSue (Akasha+ 164495) (Wolfer 96024) CHESS CLUB SINGLES DEUX SOF/DA Guild GOT: Challenge Arena SOF:RR (Richard 97322 (Angelique+ 93375) (7ational 100636) FLIP N CHECKERS GO-MAGES DEN FLICHBEVILLE Wizards of High Sorcery Falcon Guild (Yunlooc2 67832) (Ravenfire 128036) (Brigid 123154) Criminals SPORTS DEN BACKGAMMON DEN SOF: RR Orion Guild TEEN SCENE (Nuitari 74076) (PatrickC 105437) CARD CRIR GO-MAGES DEN GO-MAGES DEN (Infamous 72081) 7 p.m. (Aster 132391) KOY: MM 6 p.m (WickedOne 57026) (Qwerty 111781) Aces Guild FBF Guild VEA Guild 7 p.m. 7 p.m. FLIP N CHECKERS RPG ZONE GO SIERRA2 FLIP N CHECKERS KAAOS Guila Deady Guild (Thomas+ 102263) (Dahl 81820) (Thanator 117560 (Sabre+ 70464) MYSTIC PORTAL MYSTIC PORTAL SOF: Raptor Reach **GOK Council of Krynn** Red Dragon INN Org (Brittany+ 199059)5 (SirKilll 102641) SINGLES DEUX CHESS CLUB CHESS CLUB (MILORD+ 85469) SOF Guild Twinion Dwellers Guild (SirJorge 83803) (Huma 132403) CARD CRIB CHESS CLUB SOF Guild Lance Lair (Matt+ 41308) (Dunlicator+ 73050) SINGLES DELLY MYSTIC PORTAL POV Guild 7 p.m. (VanHelsing 72797) (Jalea + 88492) HEARTS CLUB DranonSlavers Guild a n m (Oak 80756) GO-MAGES DEN !!!HELP!!! Soldiers of Fortune (Hades 124437) TECH TOWER 10 a m to 5 n m League Of Veldare (Iret 68169) SPADES TOO Saturdays and Sundays, get the information Champions of Justice PILOTS LOUNGE (SirNick 82228) NOR High Council you need to navigate the world of ImagiNation. (Solaris 127288) SINGLES DEUX Dark Hawk Campaign BACKGAMMON DEN (Avatar 81829) Classes start at the top of each hour in the LLOA Meeting Hall (DMKnizer 69307) GO MAGES DEN **HELP ROOM** (I ythor 98948) 5 p.m. 8 n m 5 p.m. Bass Player's Club Pearl Jamers Led Zep Fan Club TEEN SCENE TOURNAMENTS HEARTS CLUB SINGLES DEUX (Isildur 101911) (Bassman 37315) (Beethoven 102586) (PLUTO 126074) 4 n m Guitar Club EUCHREVILLE (John Lennon 33101) MTV/VH1 Tell HEARTS CLUB olitical & Social Ditteaux Institute HIV/AIDS Info Conference SINGLES DELIX SINGLES CLUE (Bianca 69065) 5 p.m 8 nm 3 n.m Hell's Bandits Squad Blue Knights Squadron DeathCrushers Squad Lethal Xecutors Squad Flying Police Squad Black Dragon Squad XWSquad Meeting CARD CRIB PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE FLIP N CHECKERS PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE (HBMagnum+ 81551) (BKMalice+ 22916) (DCManda 55228) (LXMichael 104114) (FASAsten 35280) niper 95018) (XWLuke 79664) 8 n.m. 7 n m Lafavette Escadrille 5 n.m. TEEN SCENE **HA-Squadron Briefing** Flying Circus Squad Death Crusaders Squad **Desert Fighters Squad** (HAFJubilee 89367) PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE SPADES TOO (FCSev+ 16785, FC9Lurker+) (PsvHA 147035) (DCJaseAce 73432) (HeroLE+ 71625) (Justin 73346) DC Squad 10 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 n m FX Squad PILOTS LOUNGE WFT Squadron Sky HUnters Squad Red Knights Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (DCRocky 165838) PILOTS LOUNGE PILOTS LOUNGE CARD CLUB (FXSplash 22602) (SHRattler 14497) (WFT,lanet 12515) (RKFokker 56134) 6 p.m. **Colorblind Dogfighters** I B Sauadroi Hell's Randits RW Squad PILOTS LOUNGE GO-MAGES DEN PILOTS LOUNGE (Cournarl B 140255) (HBPerlShot 81126) (CDMerlin 115742) Iron Eagles PILOTS LOUNGE EXO-Squad: BRAVURA (IFMattW 16002) SINGLES CLUB (Baroke+ 30929) Religious & Spiritual 1 n m 7 p.m. Pagan and Wiccan Divination Confere Psychic/Mystic Christian Conference MYSTIC PORTAL MYSTIC PORTAL Conference MYSTIC PORTAL SINGLES DEUX Need a little help with your homework? (Simone+ 37543) (Salem 102224) (Glen Shadow +99021) Our homework hotline is now available 5 n m (Gwydion+ 111067) Bible Study & Discussion FOUR DAYS A WEEK, Mon. - Thurs., **Walking with God** SINGLES DEUX from 4-6 p.m. Pacific time at INN University SPORTS DEN (Peace 69872) (Blair + 62922)

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GO-MAGES DEN **3FL Fantasy Draft** TOURNAMENT ROOM (Fetters 16178) Noon Dr. Who GO-MAGES DEN (DrWho 140280) 1 n.m. Challenge the Gods (APHOSirAce+ 89646)

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Red Dragon Inn

GO-MAGES DEN

Manic: The Gathering

OPEN Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering GO-MAGES DEN 4 p.m. Me and My Dragon

SINGLES DELIX (Calamar 58925) 6 p.m. USS Shadow SPADES TOO (AdmCeaux+ 94720)

**USS Galaxy RPG ZONE** (CaptBell 55010) OPEN Red Dragon Inn **RPG ZONE** Magic: The Gathering GO-MAGES DEN **INNWF Wrestling** 

SPORTS DEN (Enforcer 126753) Leaders of Light RPG 70NF (Rev 139125) **World of Terath** SINGLES DELIX (KiraDM+ 79917)

Red Dragon Inn **RPG ZONE** 5 p.m. BattleTech MARRIED LIFE

(BlechPlayer 86062) Realms of Ayskria SPADES TOO (AyskriaWM+ 98896) 6 p.m. IISS Phoenix SINGLES DEUX tGrant 53752) **MWF Wrestling** SPORTS DEN

(MaddMatt 128589)

Red Dragon Inn RPG 70NF Magic: The Gathering GO-MAGES DEN 6 p.m. GOT: Fear Forest

**RPG ZONE** (Serenity 36114) Knights of Mercy (Tet 170016) KOY: Misty Hollow TOURNAMENTS (2nd Thursdays only) (Slik+ 73524)

OPEN Red Dragon Inn RPG ZON Magic: The Gathering GO-MAGES DEN 4 p.m.

Castle of Cool **RPG ZONE** (Spock 49915) 6 p.m. AD&D: The Shattered CHESS CLUB (SlayerDM 78559)

**USS Generation** 

(CntnRiker 167406)

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OPEN Red Dragon Inn RPG 70N Magic: The Gathering GO-MAGES DEN Time Warriors

TEEN SCENE (ALWZIT 102285) 8 a.m. Time Warriors SPADES TOO (ALWZIT 102285)

9 a.m. DoomNet Mtg SINGLES SPOT (DVDoom 85261) R CONFERENCE GUIDE WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY MONDAY TUESDAY SUNDAY 6 p.m. continued 1 n m conti IISS Universe Marvel SPORTS DEN ELIP M CHECKERS (FltAdmKvle+ 108678) (AdmMike+ 49933) (Illian 110447) (Fiberman 86401 DTF Guild 8 n m MYSTIC PORTAL Seitch Jacurutu Toon Lorn RPG 70NF (SirPain 110705) SINGLES DEUX RPG 70NE (Ric 62912) (Ravek 79283) (Benghor 68751) The Quickening OWA Wrestling RPG ZONE SPORTS DEN (McLeodQ 155260) (Stevei + 131978) 5 n.m. The Purge MYSTIC PORTAL Another Big Step SPADES PLACE (Crow 96406) (Nemesis+ 13961) KOY: Roleplay Inn Look for The ImagiNation Network on new computers by 6 n m (Bock 64650) 6 p.m. Compag. ImagiNation will be pre-loaded on all new Presario The REALMS SPADES PLACE (Navic 81120) Multimedia PCs by Compag. For more information, visit your 8 p.m. Seattle Suners nearest computer retailer or call Compag at (800) 345-1518. MARRIED LIFE Heroes Unlimited (Alarik 57615) Special Interests 5 p.m The Gathering Ask The Doctor Food Fun and Recipe Club **Great Ones** PO4 SIG Two Fars Club MYSTIC PORTAL TEEN HANGOUT MARRIED LIFE TOURNAMENTS HEARTS CLUB SINGLES DELIX (Scanless 102708) (PQ4Dan 115590) (Marcie 60887) (Lunher 39148) (LadyDoc 30097) (Princess+ 84036) ACAD Users Kids Club 7 n m Midkemian Legends EUCHREVILLE TEEN SCENE GEEG Piers Anthony Club BACKGAMMON DEN TEEN HANGOUT (MattAtark 146777) CARD CRIB (ACF 143619) MARRIED LIFE (Danny 72523) (JimTheHand 71625) (PAFMrMo 110822) Teen Party The Dining Room Table **Baleigh Kids** 7 p.m. 7 p.m Rebel Freedom Fighters TOURNAMENT ROOM TEEN SCENE (ArcvC 23489) (Zack 47973) MARRIED LIFE (Ariel 114081) (Peg+ 110470) (RavC 42585) 7 p.m. Historical Romance The Disney Club MYSTIC PORTAL TOURNAMENT ROOM CARD CRIE Texas 7nn Gann (Brianne 165822) (BJ+ 519) (MrBoddy 23637) SPADES TOO (Liisa+ 39492) Overeaters Anonymous CHESS CLUE 7 p.m. (Della+ 32155) Let the Games Begin! What's a Conference? Nasti Boyz SPORTS DEN As the ImagiNation Network has grown, A conference is like listening in on (NastiNB 91802) WEIC a party line - but it's OK to drop in the number of online tournaments and TECH TOWER (RickyWIFC 64542) with a comment when you like. clubs has skyrocketed. AMC Meeting In conferences, people with similar CARD CRIB It's simple to register your tournament (Matt 193178) GH Chat Room or club: write to the Club Registry at E-Mail interests share their ideas about a TEEN HANGOUT favorite subject - anything from Box 699, or drop us a line at Imaginings, Poetry Workshop games to TV shows to dating tips. 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame, (Hal9000+ 17066) Midnight MST3 Satellite of Love CA 94010. MARRIED LIFE (MST3KCrow 69762) Sports Score Sports Events (JohnOwens 105791) **Support Groups** 7 p.m. Desert Hearts Club 12 Step Recovery TECH TOWER (MaryLynn + 71995) (Nina + 18858) 8 p.m. TV News FLIP N CHECKERS (Cindy 71050) Television & Movies 7 p.m.

New Movie Talk HEARTS CLUB

The Movie Club SINGLES CLUB (JeremyM 14114)

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#### **New to ImagiNation?**

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Soap Talk FUCHREVILLE (Joanne 79041) New TV Show

TEEN HANGOUT 10 n m TEEN HANGOUT Letterman Asylum TEEN HANGOU (Ann 90644)

Liquid TV Club TEEN HANGOUT (Justink 117861) Star Trek Remembrance **BPG 70NE** (AndrewW 115511) SNL Fan Club HELP ROOM

(1st & 3rd Fridays only)

(HotSalsa 108895)

SATURDAY

TEEN SCENE (ghBEAVIS 131672) Superheroes TEEN HANGOUT (Eclipse 68084) BACKGAMMON DEN (Golhez 134128) 5 p.m

Amber TECH TOWER (Chezni 95305) BACKGAMMON DEN (GateRunDM 13920)

> Star Trek: Generations TEEN SCENE (CptnRiker 167406) TCS Rapier: WC (FAdmTolwyn 23160)

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RPG ZONE (Frik 133088) Star Trek MYSTIC PORTAL (CaptTommy 102263) Forgotten Realms TECH TOWER (TomDMing 102263)

Rnm Final Fantasy II GO-MAGES DEN (Kain 23670)

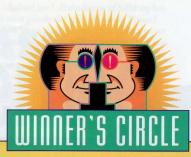
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Joke Etc. TEEN SCENE (BDOG 47325) CC Social Group TOURNAMENTS (1st & 3rd Saturdays only) (MarianneG 49838) The Christian Gift SINGLES SPOT (GlenShadow + 99021)

Anime Roundtable HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Saturdays only) (Ranma 46231) **Road Kill Kafe** TOURNAMENTS (DeadPool 61016)

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**NTN Trivia Quarterly Winner** 

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Remember, you can't take the top prize every month! This month's NTN Trivia winners are disqualified from taking the top prize next month so that everyone gets a fair chance! Contests void where prohibited by law. Employees of the ImagiNation Network® are ineligible.

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to the hints will make it easier. The hints are written in Elizabethan quatrains. But people who don't like those puzzles can ignore them."

#### What's the basic concept for the layout of Ruins of Cawdor?

"Well, the room layout is based on a medieval castle - multilevel and with a central stair. So that means you're never more than two rooms away from any spot in the castle."

#### What are the essential elements of a good roleplaying game?

"What works for me is humor. People can get so stressed out playing these games. And humor reminds them that they're here to have fun "



#### What research did you do to prepare for creating the game?

"I reread the play "Macbeth" a couple or three times. You can't know your source work too well. And because I wanted the items to be historically accurate, I also read Alfred the Great by Eleanor Duckett, Kjeltic Myth and Legend by Charles Squire, and The Warrior Kings of Saxon, England by Ralph Whitlock.

There's more juicy material in Warrior Kings, which is based on the lives of people as they really were, than you'll see in a full year of "General Hospital."

#### How do you link the historic elements to the game?

"Well, Eadburga was a queen in Wessex who inadvertently poisoned her husband, Beorhtric, so an item with Eadbruga's name on it will probably have something to do with poison.

And Ohthere was a Norse sea captain, so something with his name on it would probably have to do with water. But most of the magic items come straight from "Macbeth".

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All of the monsters have some historical basis of having been known in Scotland at the time of Macbeth. That's my sense of realism including things that were part of the believable universe at the time.

Also, there are certain elements, like the Rampant Cat Inn on the main map for Ruins of Cawdor, that are based on fact. The Rampant

Cat Inn actually exists in Broadway, England. I brought back a snapshot of the place and we included it in the artwork."

How did the project change over the course of months as you were creating the game?

"Well, I was much more reserved in the early rooms. As I designed more and the initial feedback was coming in, I found I could be more relaxed, make more jokes. The later rooms have a lot more of my personality, which I hope will be good."

#### How did you get started with games like this?

"In November of 1977, a good friend of mine told me there was this new type of game called Dungeons and Dragons and I really should play it. Well, I did, and my first day, I killed a giant lizard

and got killed by an unberholk. I was hooked.

I started running my first role-playing game in April of 1978. I built my own world and eventually built several worlds. Most of that time I was a very serious computer programmer working for banks and Fortune 500 companies.

I was the Coordinator and Game Master for the Los Angeles Mensa chapter Fantasy Role-playing Special Interest Group. I ran one game a week for smart adults for 10 years. I was the first game master for, probably, 200 adults during that time."

#### How many hours do you spend on games?

"These days, when I'm spending 50-60 hours a week creating Ruins of Cawdor, I'm not leading any other games. Ordinarily, I'd spend 6-8 hours a week on games. Before I was married. I'd spend 40-50 hours a week playing games, and that includes basketball as well as role-playing games."

#### Anything else you'd like to tell us about Ruins of Cawdor?

"Just remember that all the really bad lines are Shakespeare's. All the good lines are mine."

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directory to a floppy disk. To back up your Twinion characters, copy the tinsinchars, dat and the automaps.dat from the \INN\Twinion directory to another floppy disk. Be careful to store these files in separate

directories or on separate diskettes, because overwriting the automaps.dat file will corrupt your characters.

For example, assuming that the ImagiNation Network is installed in a C:\INN directory and your floppy drive is A:, type the following:

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Insert a new floppy disk.

CD\INN\TWINION: Hit [Enter]

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#### Q: How do I quit 3D-Golf?

A: Press [Alt] X, or Press [Ctrl] -Q, or Press [Ctrl-Esc].



#### Q: How do I make the little smiley faces that I see in people's conversations?

A: To create these "emoticons," press the [Alt] key along with any number from the row of number keys at the top of your keyboard.

∴ Smile	[Alt 1]	X	Anger	[Alt 6]
<b>Sadness</b>	[Alt 2]	0	Sarcasm	[Alt 7]
<b>∷</b> Laughter	[Alt 3]	-:	Wink	[Alt 8]
Tears	[Alt 4]	*	Love	[Alt 9]
A kiss	[Alt 5]	Ø	Not allowed	[Alt 0]

#### Q: Where can I find more documentation about the ImagiNation Network and how to play games?

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The Shadow of Yserbius (YSERBIUS.DOC) The Fates of Twinion (TWINION,DOC) The Clubhouse (CLUBHOUS.DOC) CasinoLand (CASLAND.DOC) ImagiNation in general (GENERAL.DOC)

#### Q: How do I talk when I'm playing or watching a card game or board game?

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### MAGNATION The Last Word

You've no doubt noticed many new faces online in ImagiNation lately. Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds. And after reading in *The Wall Street Journal* that the number of households owning a personal computer has grown by almost four million since last summer, to 31 percent of the households nationwide, I believe we can expect our membership to continue to grow.

More computers in the home will mean more people looking for a community that they can "plug into." As you well know, ImagiNation gives people a way to, as we say here around the office, "play games, make friends and have fun" all within the comfort of their own homes.

To help make the ImagiNation Network available to even more people who own personal computers, we're instituting a new program called "Refer a Friend."

When you refer a friend to ImagiNation who chooses to stay online for a period of 60 days or more, we give you credit you can use for online fun. Each friend you bring to the ImagiNation Network can net you five free hours online. Plus, you'll have another *friend* online.

#### Update

Last month I introduced you to Dean DeBiase, the new president and CEO at The ImagiNation Network. This month, I want to let you know that Dean DeBiase has chosen INNDean for his online name. Write to INNDean at E-Mail Box 936 in ImagiNation. And give a friendly hello the next time you see him online!

To find out more about the program, look for the special flier inserted in your new kit for ImagiNation Network Version 2.4 that will arrive in the mail within the next couple of months.

See you online!

Tom Pomeroy, a.k.a. TomP

Tom Pomeroy is Vice President of Marketing and Sales at the ImagiNation Network.