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## ImagiNation To Get New Back End



If you have ever lost connection to INN for no apparent reason, the likelihood of it happening again will be virtually eliminated. Soon, you will notice a significant improvement of ImagiNation's back-end performance. INN has invested in newer, faster, and more fault-tolerant hardware. Primarily, this improvement will be reflected in how INN responds to room-change requests.

About one year ago, ImagiNation senior management tasked the Systems Department with developing a host-complex (the machines and services used to deliver "value-added" services) with the following qualities:

1. The service should be substantially stronger than the existing host-complex. Unexpected conditions on telephone and network delivery mechanisms should be recoverable, or should minimize the effect on our membership. The tracking and serviceability of the new host complex should allow us to address "point" failures of host-complex machines quickly and easily. Whenever possible, the Operations staff should be able to proactively address an impending network failure, so members are unaware of

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# World Chess Quarterfinals Go On-Line at Trump Plaza



NEW YORK – With New York's famed Trump Tower as its stage, The ImagiNation Network provided live simulcast of, and co-sponsored, the Intel World Chess Chambionship Quarterfinals to INN members and world press.

The event featured eight of the world's best players battling for the right to challenge reigning world champion Garry Kasparov at the 1995 Intel World Chess Championship match. Kasparov's last challenger for the championship, Nigel Short of England, top U.S. players Michael Adams and Gata Kramnik, Russians Oleg Romanishin and Sergi Tiviakov, and Indian Viswananthan Anand were among the competitors. (Yes, the players' personae were as accurate as possible.)

Moves from the fourth floor were sent by radio to the atrium of Trump Tower. In the atrium, eight chess masters entered the moves into computers connected to The ImagiNation Network. Between moves, the masters provided commentary and analysis to the hundreds of people attending the eight-day tournament.

INN members watched on "mirror" games and moves were posted on the Tournaments Bulletin Board daily. After each day, a live conference was provided from New York for INN members.

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I have a confession. I'm not a very good poker player. Certainly, this may come a quite a surprise to you since I am a CasinoLand Sysop. and poker is the flagship game of CasinoLand, but I feel I have to be honest here.

Perhaps a visual aid will help clear up any confusion. If I were involved in a game of strip poker, I would be reduced to my skeletal system before any of the other players so much as unbuttoned their coats.

You're probably saying to yourself right now, "Why are you telling us this?" Well, I want to take this opportunity to report some new and exciting extracurricular activities put in place by some folks here at ImagiNation, Great segue, eh?

#### The Class

Let's say you have an interest in learning poker. A good starting point would be ImagiNation Network University's Poker Class. These classes are great if you're just learning the game or you're a seasoned player looking for new techniques and strategies. In any case, you'll come away from the class with a better understanding of poker and, more specifically, how the game is played on ImagiNation.

Poker classes are held every Sunday in the INN University room, located in the Clubhouse, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Time. The two classes are identical. You may attend either or both without any prior registration. Did I mention these classes are free? They are. All I ask is, in return, you beat the pants off someone with your new-found poker skills. Each class lasts ninety minutes and incorporates various teaching methods.

First, you will meet in the University and are presented with a pre-typed "lecture" lasting about 15 minutes. You can even record the conference to disk in case you want to review it later for some self-inflicted homework. The instructor opens up the floor for questions often. Don't be shy. If you have a question, now is the time to ask. Then it's off to CasinoLand for some hands-on learning.

In CasinoLand, you will have the opportunity to play poker with your classmates. Learn the different variations of poker CasinoLand offers and the specifics of the player interface. The instructor will be there in case you have any additional questions or comments. Congratulations! You have just graduated. It is now time for Phase Two of your rise to the top of High Rollerville.

#### **Bragging Rights: Poker League**

You've been through the class, you've seen the movie, you've done your homework and now you're ready to take on some of the finest poker players ImagiNation has to offer. How can you be assured of always getting a seat at some hot tables? Easy, join the CasinoLand Poker League.

The Poker League is different from the Poker Tournament in that there are no prizes. All you get in return for your winning skills is the right to razz the losers unmercifully.

To best explain the purpose of the Poker League, I will quote a line from the league information sheet: "The CasinoLand Poker League was designed as a forum for serious players who enjoy playing poker on ImagiNation to get together in an organized manner without the rigid time constraints of a tournament." A truly revolutionary concept, wouldn't you agree?

You'll also get a sense of camaraderie in the League, not to mention the possibility of meeting new friends from all over the country. All related information is posted on the Poker League Bulletin Board in the Go-Checkers room.

Players are assigned matches weekly.

make it easier, a default time of Sunday nights at 6 p.m. PT is set in Polite Place. A match consists of 20 hands. If you're pressed for time, split your match into two or more sittings. After eight weeks, a league winner is crowned and a new league will be formed. Get a detailed list of the rules and regulations from League Director, RoyalFlush, at Box 959. After honing your poker skills in the league. you're ready for Phase Three.

#### Prizes, Prizes, Prizes: **Poker Tournament**

If you thought the action was hot in the Poker League, you ain't seen nothin' vet! This is the official ImagiNation Poker Tournament. It is a set-time tournament and takes place at 7 p.m. PT every Thursday night. Not only do you get bragging rights, you will win a free Sierra-On Line game if you manage to scratch and claw your way to the top.

Getting registered is easy. You may post a note to RoyalFlush on the Poker Tourney Bulletin Board in the Tournaments room, located in the Clubhouse, or write to RoyalFlush at Box 959. In return, you will receive the official, patented rules and regulations listing. This list explains everything you need to know to register and play. However, a



Neither Seven Card Stud nor Five Card Draw will faze your CasinoLand poker face.

word of warning - only the best of the best can survive this war of wit and luck. Good thing you took the class, huh?

So, there you have it. Everything you need to know to be a CasinoLand poker professional. As for my lack of poker finesse, I have every intention of attending the class and becoming a better player. Who knows? I just may get good enough to win a few hands someday.

## **Red Baron Squadrons Are**



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Piloting planes from the World War I era is a very enjoyable and exciting part of INN. Most Red Baron pilots belong to clubs or teams, commonly referred to as "squadrons." Squadrons provide wonderful opportunities for "team play" and camaraderie. Some squads require qualifying tryouts, others you simply join.

Most squad members identify themselves by placing the squad's initials in front or behind their name. "I am often asked what the BK stands for" explains BKMcCloud. "It stands for Blue Knights, my squadron."

There are many reasons to join a squadron. Squadrons keep you informed of Red Baron events such as tournaments. Some squadrons even publish newsletters and others have organized flying classes for new members. Most squadrons have regular meetings. Novice pilots can learn advanced flying techniques from the seasoned flyers in their squadron. This is especially true when novice and advanced pilots are paired against other squadrons in formal competition. Best of all, squadrons are a great way to make new friends.

Red Baron tournaments are varied. Each has a different set of parameters such as duration, frequency, ammunition, plane type and number of lives. Some require squadron membership, others are open to unaffiliated flyers.

An example of a monthly tournament is the Sky Wars Tournament. Squads are randomly placed on opposing sides by the organizer and approved by the Sky War Council. The Council records kills, gives medals and makes sure everything runs smoothly. This is a very technical, yet rewarding tournament.

Like Sky Wars, the Red Baron Wars also have a council. Both tournaments are fast-paced and add realism to the game. To participate

The following is a partial list of active Red Baron Squadrons.

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ALW	Aces of Luftwaffe	ALWJaseAce	7340
BK	Blue Knights	BKMalice	229
DD	Dorsai Dragons	Kensei	2450
FT	Flying Tigers	FokkerFT	3029
HB	Hells Bandits	HBLoneWolfe	933-
LC	Les Cigognes	LCHawker	2050
NB	Nasti's Boyz	NastiNB	421
NCT	Naked Crisco Twisters	NCTCupCake	6522
PS	PigStompers	PSBobo	140
SBP	Satan Bi Plane	SBPdead	6072
WFT	Women's Flying Team	WFTJenni	163
WM	Widow Makers	SkyLordWM	3612
WW	Wing Walkers	WWAce	4999

in Sky Wars or Red Baron Wars you must be in a squad. Your squad then must be signed up to fly in that Sky War or Red Baron War.

During these wars, if you achieve 14 kills without being killed, you receive great honors. If you die, your kill tally starts again.

Another variety of competition on INN is the Red Baron Ladder. The ladder, organized by WFTJenni, is ongoing and consists of as many as 90 pilots. You don't have to be in a squad to participate and you may challenge people up to three rungs above you. The challenger picks the planes, amount of ammunition and other options. The competing pilots switch planes after the first match. You must have four kills to win a rung on the ladder

When asked why he likes the Ladder, BKHavoc responded, "Because it makes me have to fly people every few days, and most are great competition."

Currently in its final stages, is NCTSpartan's Top Gun Tourney. This tourney is set up like the ladder except specific planes are designated. It is set up in pyramid-style, like the NCAA College Basketball Tourney, in that pilots trying to make it to the final four. Each pilot has to have a total of five kills to win.

The King of the Mountain Tourney, or KOM4, is a recurring competition, WWRic and

BKBanzai are the organizers of the fourth installment of the KOM Tourney. You must be chosen from your squad to fly in King of the Mountain. Two single pilots and one doubles

team are chosen by each squad to represent them in this prestigious event.

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Each squad advances as a team. No pilot can fly both singles and doubles matches in a given round. The winner of the tourney is determined by attrition. Each week, squads are eliminated until a King of the Mountain squad is crowned. Started by BKcrisp, it's one of the oldest Red Baron tourneys.

If you're into flight simulators, Red Baron tournaments can greatly enhance the excitement and friendly competition, so much a part of the INN experience. They make the game more



exciting and go far in determining the best on-line pilots. You can read about all the tournaments on the Pilots Lounge Bulletin Boards in the Clubhouse. While you are there, you can also read about and talk to the many squadrons represented on INN.

## **Conference Guide**

7 pm

Once you find a conference you're interested in, find out where it is as indicated below (for example, MYSTIC PORTAL, SPADES PLACE). These are the waiting room names 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 conference! Just drop a line to box 931. It's that easy!

Please note the following July Schedule is subject to change, and the most accurate, up-to-date schedule can always be found on-line in Town Hall under Conference Schedule. All times listed are Pacific Time. All conferences listed in italics are private and require approval from the conference's moderator or host (displayed in parentheses followed by their mailbox numbers) to attend.

#### Cartoons & Comics

Sunday **Uncanny Xmen Fan Club** (Feron 79108)

Tuesday X-Men and More SPADES PLACE (TimV 93440)

#### Computers & Games

10 am On Computers TECH TOWER Taven 82551) C++ Clinic SPADES TOO (BobMc 90674) PQ4 SIG MYSTIC PORTAL (PQ4Dan 115590)

Ultima Dragons GO-CHECKERS GO-CHECKERS (Whispie 79465) Dead Programmers 7 nm (ICEMAN 96908)

Virtual Reality SIG (REALITY 80456) Tuesday

CELE: Linking Earth (Gandalf 92800)

Wednesday Programmers Palace SPORTS DEN

(Zack 47973) PC Flight Simulators CHESS CLUB (Avalance 30559)

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

Friday BBS Stuff and Info TECH TOWER (ErichR 45840)

Saturday

(Lightning+ 40363) Games & Strategies

Sunday Sir Ace's Game SPORTS DEN

rAce+ 89646) TTG Trivia Madness

TTG Trivia Madness 6 pm TRIVIA HAVEN 7 pm TTG Trivia Madness

TRIVIA HAVEN TTG Trivia Madness 8 pm TRIVIA HAVEN

Monday

TTG Trivia Madness

Bridge Clinic BRIDGE CLUB (BridgeDr+ 83491) TTG Trivia Madness

Blue Monday Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN (NickChrls+ 23850) Tuesday

PBP Team Conference BOARD ROOM (PBPKicker 83713)

### TTG Trivia Madness INN University

Sunday Adv. Assembly Language INN UNIVERSITY Euchre

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Twinion INN UNIVERSITY

Intermediate C++

INN UNIVERSITY

Assembly Language

Desktop Publishing

INN UNIVERSITY

C++ Programming INN UNIVERSITY

INN LINIVERSITY

Beginning C++
INN UNIVERSITY

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Spades INN UNIVERSITY

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Poker

On-Line Manager Jen Briggs will be available during July's One on One With ImagiNation on Friday. July 15 in the INN Help Room at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

4 pm

Monday

7 pm Chess

TTG Trivia Madness TTG Word Play TTG Trivia Madness TTG Trivia Madness

Wednesday TTG Trivia Madness 7 nm

TTG Trivia Madness

Thursday TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 6 pm TTG Trivia Madness Chess Club Business CHESS CLUB (INNMichael+ 997)

Friday

7 pm

9 pm

10 pm

9 pm

**Bible Trivia** 

RIVIA HAVEN

TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN Tuesday 3-6 pm Homework Hotline TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN Stratego INN UNIVERSITY PaintBall Talk SINGLES CLUB (Matt 82506) Pascal INN UNIVERSITY TTG Trivia Madness INN UNIVERSITY Resume Writing FF2 Game Club

SPADES PLACE Novel Writing (RichG 79924) TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN TTG Trivia Madness Wednesday TRIVIA HAVEN QuickBASIC INN UNIVERSITY Later with ShawnM TRIVIA HAVEN

INN UNIVERSITY Saturday Beginning Windows INN UNIVERSITY Go Club GO-CHECKERS (Xeon5Kyu 38502) Euchre INN UNIVERSITY TTG Trivia Madness Red Baron INN UNIVERSITY 7 pm TTG Trivia Madness Thursday

3-6 pm Homework Hotline

Spades INN UNIVERSITY Backgammon INN UNIVERSITY Beginning DOS INN UNIVERSITY Adv. WordPerfect

Friday Visual Basic INN UNIVERSITY dBase INN UNIVERSITY

Chess INN UNIVERSITY Creative Writing INN UNIVERSIT Advanced Red Baror

Saturday Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY 10 am

Backgammon INN UNIVERSITY 11 am Yserbius INN UNIVERSITY

Stratego INN UNIVERSITY 2 pm Beginning C++ INN UNIVERSITY 4 nm

Red Baron INN UNIVERSITY

#### lievaLand Guilds

1 pm

Paladins HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (Advenger 67446) 3 nm **KOY: Dragon Court** EUCHREVILLE (MaiicWold 69330) SCA Clan Mcbaud

SPADES PLACE (Timoth 70395) WEOT Guild GO-CHECKERS (Trevor 76793) SOF Guild BOARD BOOM (DarkUncle 89913)

Death Crusaders Guild (SirSean 100866) Falcon Guild BACKGAMMON DEN (PatrickC 105437)

Silver Chalace HELP ROOM (2ND/4TH) (AlafonGM 33826) Empire Guild HELP ROOM (4th) (Trent 24513) KOS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Krondor 86634) League Of Veldare SPADES TOO

Monday

Amber Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Dworkin 14288)

Tree House.

(LOCcedric 82079)

Misty Hollow KOY PILOTS LOUNGE (Allison 30057)

MYSTIC PORTAL

(LordJolan+ 15592/Term)

(SirNick 82228)

7 pm LOS Guild Meeting BOARD ROOM (Beowulf 100935) SOF/DA Guild (Yuglooc2 67832) SOF RC TREE HOUSE (Iret+ 68169) VEA Guild GO-CHECKERS (Sabre 70464)

Tuesday 5 pm

Armageddon Guild GO-CHECKER (Flash 83606) 6 pm GOT TECH TOWER

(FuShnik 91000) HOT Guild TECH TOWER Darius 91022 SOF/SS GO-CHECKER (Kyra 89743) KOY/SS/JD TREE HOUSE (Krang 30929) KOY-SS

TECH TOWER (Tolland 81900) Vampire Guild (Neute 109158)

7 pm SOF Guild TREE HOUSE (Matt+ 41308) KAAOS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (SwiftSword+ 42908)

Wednesday ROC Guild HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (SirMeric 64799)

FFBH Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (LordPat 105038) SOF/MM Guild TECH TOWER (Epic 85475) SOF-VR TREE HOUSE (Ranstar 98662) GOT: Evil Way

(Wolfer 96024) GOT: Sword Swamp HEARTS CLUB (Printius 91925) 7 pm Camelot Guild HELP ROOM (2ND/4TH) (Mordred+ 14169) CABAL Guild PILOTS LOUNGE (Raven 49146)

DeadzGuild MYSTIC PORTAL (Deadzone 84812) GOS Guild (Foxbane 93955) Coven of KOY Guild RPG ZONE (Pug+ 65980) Lost Legions: SS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL

(Kharolis 102683)

Something fishy in your tank? Check out the Aquarium Club every Tuesday evening at 10 p.m. in the

Excalibur Guild Twinion Dwellers Guild CHESS CLUB BOARD ROOM (Dorsia+ 31309) (Duplicator+ 73050) Lords of Chaos Guild BOARD ROOM

Thursday

GOT: Lance Lair TECH TOWER (AJAX 108064) GOT: Roleplay Cafe

(Dragon 91073)

GO-CHECKERS (LordS 83832) KOY: Roleplay Inn RPG ZON (Bock 64650) KOY: TP/RPI (Silk 73524) Righteous Fire MYSTIC PORTAL (MindyK109468) SOF QuestMasters

GOT: Roleplay Inn

MYSTIC PORTAL (SAGA 67735) TSOY Guild Masters 7 pm EUCHREVILLE (Kestrel+ 24571) KORS Guild SOF: Raptor Reach

HELP ROOM (2nd/4th) (Aphrodite 84224) BOARD ROOM (SirJorge 83803) SOF Guild BOARD ROOM (VanHelsing 72797)

Friday

WolfGang Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (SirWolf 66025)

Saturday Lost Legions Guild SINGLES SPOT (Ironwolf 14367)

YR Guild MARRIED LIFE (Orin 94701) KOY Volcano Ridge 4 pm

MARRIED LIFE (Barburas+ 61339) 5 pm Companions Guild

BACKGAMMON DEN (Ticarro 24055) Adventure Guild MARRIED LIE (Scrape 13017) Misfits Guild HELP ROOM (2nd) (Krishna+ 42335) SOF- RI Guild

EUCHREVILLE (Lender 93451) DEV Guild 7 nm HELP ROOM (3RD) (Delft 51466) SOF Lance Lair MYSTIC PORTA (Paladin 89124) Aces Guild

RPG ZONE (Thomas 102263) Soldiers of Fortune BOARD ROOM (Turk+ 76130) Underworld HELP ROOM (1ST/3RD) (Lurker+ 20068) ShaneShifter Guild HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (Algeron 62338)

Shadow Horde Guild TEEN HANGOUT (Slash 22569)

Wednesday

They Might Be Giants EUCHREVILLE (MeatLoaf 12937)

Guitar Club GO-CHECKERS (KCobain 33101)

## Political & Social Issues

Sunday

7 pm Commonwealth Club HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (Chinook+ 68358)

Tuesday

7 nm Ditteaux Institute BOARD ROOM (Bianca 69065)

8 nm

Wednesday

TV News GO-CHECKERS (SukiTV 68460)

Saturday

HIV/AIDS Info Conference 6 pm SINGLES CLUB (darlenem+ 22991) Anarchist's Underground TOURNAMENTS

(Rlack lack + 76000)

#### Red Baron Squadrons

Sunday

3 pm **GH Squadron Operations** (GHDarkOne 21593) 4 nm Wing Walker Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (WWBlueMax+ 18340)

Holy Air Force 5 nm TEEN SCENE (HAFJubilee 89367) KO Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (KOGuido 116904) Flying Warlords Squadron HEARTS CLUB (FWSnake 75829)

Les Cigognes Squadron HELP ROOM (2nd/4th) (LCJim 22806) Sky Wars PILOTS LOUNGE (SkyDancrWM 59814)

Soaring Allies Squad RPG ZONE (MattSA 36444) 8 pm RAF Squad BACKGAMMON DEN (BAFRazor 71155)

Monday

Aerial Atrocity Squad HELP ROOM (2nd/4th) (ScubaAA 18954) Blue Knights Squadron 8 nm (BKMalice+ 22916) Tuesday

DeathCrushers PILOTS LOUNGE (DCManda 55228)

RC Squadron 5 nm GO-CHECKERS (RcXcaliber 83440) WFT Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (WFTJanet 12515) 7 pm

Confederate Flyers PILOTS LOUNGE (CFJinx 81351)

Wednesday Rolling Thunder Squad HEARTS CLUB (RTWashout 60859)

Lethal Xecutors Squad 7 pm PILOTS LOUNGE (LXMichael 104114) Flying Circus Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (FCSev+ 16785, FC9Lurker+) 8 pm 9 nm **Air Warriors Squad** 

SPADES PLACE (AWAceCO 71613)

Thursday

Flying Police Squad GO-CHECKERS (FASAsten 35280) Death Crusaders PILOTS LOUNGE (DCJaseAce 73432)

RD Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (AirDemonRD 74662) 8 pm

Friday

Force Ten PILOTS LOUNGE (AssaultF10 47087) **Black Dragon Squad** 6 pm

PILOTS LOUNGE (Sniper 95018) Lafayette Escadrille Squad (HeroLE 71625)

Red Knights Squad TREE HÖUSE (RKFokker 56134)

Saturday Hawk's Talon Squad CHESS CLUB (HTSteath 70654)

10 am Killer Serpents (KSCobra 38563) Desert Fighters Squad SPADES TOO

(Justin 73346) 7 pm Black Widows Squadron (BWAce 120513)

USS Galaxy RPG ZONE (CaptBell 55010) AD&D Dark Sun II TOURNAMENTS (Rosser 69094)

Tuesday OPEN

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering RPG ZONE

Theatre de Vampires MYSTIC PORTAL (Armand 72917) 4 nm

Gnar BOARD ROOM (DMFuzzbut+ 78277)

Under the weather? You may Ask The Doctor medical questions every Monday in Tournaments at 6 p.m.

SBP Squad GO-CHECKERS (SBPdead+ 60728)

Star Trek RPG RPG ZONE (AdmBBerry 65048) World of Terath BOARD ROOM (KiraDM 87320)

Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE

Riftwar Saga MARRIED LIFE

BattleTech RPG

MARRIED LIFE

(StechPlayer 86062)

Realms of Ayskria SPADES TOO (AyskriaWM+ 98896)

Star Trek Club RPG

TREE HOUSE (Seth 111797)

Realms

Wednesday

OPEN

Religious & Spiritual

Sunday 1 pm Pagan and Wiccan MYSTIC PORTAL (Simone+ 37543) Bible Study and Discussion BOARD ROOM (Peace 69872)

Metaphysical Conference MARRIED LIFE (NIGHT 56450)

Saturday Christian Viewpoints TREE HOUSE (RobertVI 90883)

OPEN

1 pm

5 pm Illuminati

7 pm

8 pm

Monday

OPEN

4 pm

5 pm

Christian Conference BOARD ROOM (DonRxCC 12419)

Magic: The Gathering RPG ZONE

Dangerous Journeys EUCHREVILLE

(Traveller+101529)

Sunday A D & D Game

(LadySharon+ 80267)

BACKGAMMON DEN

(Gorgon 19368)

The Gathering

(Lughe+ 39148)

The Purge MYSTIC PORTAL

Gamers Cavern

TEEN HANGOUT

SPADES PLACE

Seattle Supers

MARRIED LIFE

Red Dragon Inn

Magic: The Gathering RPG ZONE

Me and My Dragon

(Calamar 58925)

(BlueBerry+ 65048)

New York 2192

(MJ 41955)

**BPG ZONE** 

RPGO

(Stormer+ 71389)

(Doomsayer 53527)

TORG

(JohnathanK 45469)

(Nemesis+ 13961)

MARRIED LII

7 pm

(Drous 69192) Role-Playing Games Thursday Red Dragon Inn Sunday **RPG ZONE** Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE

Magic: The Gathering RPG ZONE USS Intrepid RPG 6 pm BOARD ROOM (CatDancing 92917) World of Two Moons **RPG ZONE** (Cutter+ 49409)

Friday Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE

Magic: The Gathering BPG 70NF Wanderers of the Realm TREE HOUSE (Venture 59399) 4 pm Castle of Cool RPG ZONE

(Spock 49915) DS9 MYSTIC PORTAL (Sythe 90757 Dragon's End Campaign TREE HOUSE (Kruzer 69307)

AC&C RPG BOARD ROOM (CEOHamster 99046)

Star Trek BACKGAMMON DEN (ComPloyd 1260) RIFTS BACKGAMMON DEN (WhiteNinja 61345) **IISS Potemkin RPG** GO-CHECKERS (CaptKyle+ 108678)

Ranma 1/2 RPG BOARD ROOM (Mousse 114071) Sigtch Jacurutu RPG BOARD ROOM (Ravek 79283)

FR Adventures RPG TECH TOWER (Warlock 110235)

Saturday Red Dragon Inn RPG ZONE Magic: The Gathering

**ADDventure** TECH TOWER (Lightning+ 40363) 10 am Keovland Campaign TREE HOUSE (TheDM 76129) Star Wars Freeform RPG ZONE

(Karileigha 72370) DragonLance TREE HOUSE (SauronDM+ 34961) 1 pm Superheroes 3 pm

EN HANGOIT (Eclipse 68084) 5 pm Dark Sun RPG HEARTS CLUB (Ferro+ 109132)

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

Red Dwarf MYSTIC PORTAL (Arithon 66992) Star Trek RPG MYSTIC PORTAL (CaptTommy 102263)

Star Wars SPADES TOO (Stormer 71389) RIFTS TOURNAMENTS (GMI oki+ 101288)

Special Events

Friday One On One with INN HELP ROOM (7/15)

One On One with INN HELP ROOM (7/15)

Special Interests

Sunday

Half Dome Bug Squad 1 nm (Catie 35390) 4 pm

Fandom Weyrs of Pern BOARD ROOM (Jran 44111) The Gathering 5 pm MARRIED LIFE (Lughe+ 39148)

James Brown Hot Tub (JimR 1011) The Dining Room Table TOURNAMENT ROOM (ArcyC 23489)

Caveat Emptor TOURNAMENT ROOM (MrBoddy 23637) 9 nm

Monday

Virtual Pen Society TREE HOUSE (Cassiopia 71802) Ask The Doctor TOURNAMENTS (LadyDoc 3009) Raleigh Kids

TEEN SCENE (Zack 47973) Beta Testors Reunion TREE HOUSE 8 nm (RJ 519)

Tuesday

Northwest Singles SINGLES CLUB (NWAngel 67992) Aquarium Club TREE HOUSE (ChuckH 76648)

Wednesday Great Ones BOARD ROOM (Scanless 102708) 7 nm Vigilantes BOARD ROOM (Manta+ 45578)

Cyberspace Ethics GO-CHECKERS (WFTNaomi 63351) FF2 Meeting GO-CHECKERS (Doom 79024) FUN

ROARD ROOM (Crys 88364) Coalition (Centauri 33907) Rebel FreedomFighters

GO-CHECKERS (Peg+ 110470) Texas Zoo Gang SPADES TOO 8 pm (Liisa+ 39492) Lorn RPG ZONE (Ric 62912)

ArzM: Schwartwald MYSTIC PORTAL (TheBard 65406)

Thursday

Horse Lovers TREE HOUSE (Susan 82044) Highly Debatable TECH TOWER (Lola 95511)

PQ4 SIG MYSTIC PORTAL (PQ4Dan 115590) Criminals TEEN SCENE 7 pm

(Infamous 72081) Hawkeye's Bar & Grill TREE HOUSE (Hawkeye 63543) YPI TECH TOWER

Beads

MARRIED LIFE (RavC 42585)

Friday

Bodyslam BACKGAMMON DEN (JohnM 93284) 5 pm MCM Conference

(AndyMCM 72558) 8 nm Nasti's Boyz

(NastiNR 91802) Poetry Workshop EUCHREVILLE (HAL9000+17066) 9 pm

MST3 Satellite of Love (MST3Crow 69762)

Saturday

SPADES PLACE (RangerCrAl 39802)

Talk to Liv Tyler HELP ROOM (9/1 HELP ROOM (9/10 only) (Susanita 126123) Joke Etc. 7 pm

TEEN SCENE (BDOG 47325) WVOST SPADES PLACE (TheWeeler 5892)

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

Sports

Sunday

**Auto Racing** SPORTS DE (DC 83909)

Tuesday

WWF Forum MARRIED LIFE (TheREF 109627)

Wednesday

Puck Lovers Paradise SPORTS DEN SPORTS DEN (TIZ 70943)

Friday

Sports Score TEEN SCENE (JohnOwens 105791) NBA Jam Conference SPORTS DEN (AgentSteve 119977)

Support Groups

Monday

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SNL Fan Club 10 nm HELP ROOM (1st/3rd) (HotSalsa 108895)

Princess (84036) is planning a get-together for the Tri-City area of upstate New York, for Saturday, July 9. For information on this or other get-togethers, read the INN Get-Togethers Bulletin Board in the INN Help Room.

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and unaffected by potential problems affecting the INN experience.

2. Because of the explosive growth and popularity of INN, the host-complex must provide uniform access to a variety of network-service providers (for example: Sprint *and* AT&T). The availability of dial-up modems must be maintained at a

#### GOAL: A faster, more diverse, flexible and error-resistant service to our members.

high level. Access from the different providers must be *integrated*. Members accessing INN from different providers could be in the same Waiting Room, or in the same Red Baron game. In addition, INN must be strategically positioned to take advantage of "information superhighway" access - access that implies the information-carrying capacity of cabletelevision (or even greater).

3. The host complex must be capable of supporting *millions* of INN members. This implies hundreds of thousands of members on-line simultaneously. Essentially, this was a directive to "do it once, do it right, and then you won't have to do it again. Oh, and do it inexpensively." This translated to "start small, but design it in such a way as to get

REALLY big (i.e. the systems needed to be extremely scaleable)."

In order to accomplish the design goals of INN management, a totally rearchitected, re-written host complex would need to be implemented. The first step in this implementation was the selection of a new network *topology* (the *way* in which the machines of the network are interconnected). This step was necessary in order to meet design-goals (2) and (3), above. The old topology and the new topology differ in one very important way: there are now two tiers of machines supporting the host-complex, instead of only one.

The original INN host-complex was comprised of a single tier of IBM PC-clones connected via Ethernet wiring with a practical "transfer limit" limit of only 10 million bits per second. When several of these machines contend for the same physical wire, this "transfer limit" can easily be degraded to between three and five million bits per second. The new topology is connected using a high-speed fiber-optic network running at nearly 100 million bits per second!

Separating the complex into dual tiers allows the access-dependent functions of INN (functions concerned with physical connection to a service provider) to be separated from the network-application functions (chatting, waiting rooms, conferencing, e-mail, et cetera). In this way, members playing from disparate

provider-networks can play in the same waiting and game rooms. Another ramification of this topology is moving from room to room within INN will now be very, very fast. This change in speed will be one of the most noticeable indications of the new back-end.

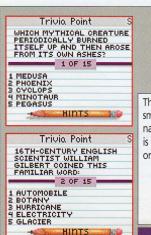
The second step in the redesign of the INN host-complex involved a movement from the DOS operating-system running on a PG-clone computer to the Unix operating system running on RISC-based multi-processor machines. This step will allow INN to fulfill design goal (1), above, and to scale the size of the host-complex to a reasonable number of machines.

Through the new back-end technologies described above, INN hopes to

# The likelihood of losing connection will be virtually eliminated.

deliver a faster, more diverse, flexible and error-resistant service to our members.

Matt George, Director of Systems Technology, oversees the Hosts, servers, communication and sub-systems. – Ed.



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ANSWERS: 9:40 7:80 7:70 7:10



## The ImagiNation Crossword Challenge

#### ACROSS

- 1. A game to putter around with
- Stone opponent's blots in this Clubhouse game 14, 2000 pounds In the direction of
- To steal or pilfer 18. Fourth caliph of Islam 20. Where Red Baron pilots hang out
- Something you will find in MedievaLand
- Go here to locate friends
- Game ends without a winner Once the Constant Companion Tech \_\_\_\_
- 29. A Red Baron flyer 31. An interiection
- 31. An interjection 32. Either 33. To exist 34. And/\_\_
- 35. Ancient Chinese game now popular on INN 36. Special Interest Group (abr.)
- 37. A place in where adventure is
- 38. A place for data storage Same as 31 and 34 Negative
- 42. Young child 43. The unit in Oakhurst that runs INN
- Low clouds 49. Masculine name, teacher of
- Samuel 50. One of the wonderful things about
- 54. Bass or treble
- 59. The premier on-line entertain ment network 61. Hog 62. A noise of short duration
- Do this after winning a big poker hand in CasinoLand
   Popular card game on INN Disk operating system (abr.) Play against the house in this
- CasinoLand game 72. On, in, near, by

- 73. Type of hard drive interface (abr.)
  74. Nurse Klot (abr.)
  75. Most frequent word used in this
- 76. Having plenty of CasinoBucks for buying fancy flowers and large personal ads
- Keyboard key that brings cursor to beginning 78. A mouse sits on this
- Fun-filled competition on INN . Radium (abr.)
- Relating to the spoken word Four-person card game in the
- Clubbouse A now-popular card game on INN To wipe or cleanse
- Sixth note of musical scale They watch our reactions (abr.) 95. Represents MedievaLand on the
- 99. Best place on an INN tournament
- 100 A chimney 101.Two-person card game in
- Clubhouse 103. River in Western Siberia
- List of choices Infinitive of is
  Built the world's fastest computer
- Slang for a badge Computer language (abr.)
- 110 Card 111. In a position above, but in contact 46. Use this to employ

- INN is viewed here
- English playwright Identification (abr. Home of the ImagiNation Network
- To eat (pt) Room where meetings are held
- African antelope
  Where Red Baron Pilots fly
- . Madame (abr.)
- 11 Negative (slang) 12. Spot or Club
- 13. Type of disk

- device (abr.) 22. Famous American
- 24. Chief economic officer (abr.) 25. INN members do this
- when they meet in person Cry for help (abr.)
- A turn in many card games Were
- 30. See! 33. Smaller than a byte 35. Our own
- Dzindzichashvili holds this rank Informal exclamation to attract attention
- Red Baron air conflict Famous software publisher (abr.) Crazy or pecan
- 42. A once very popular clan on INN Popular Clubhouse
- card game 44. Special interest
- group (abr.) 45. Home to Yserbius and Twinion
- 47. Clubhouse game in
- black and white Jump a king in this Clubhouse game Part of a gear
- Type of video display (abr.) Person that writes INN code
- A general place
  Place to find information on INN
- 63. Style manual used for ImagiNings
- 64. Team up for this action-packed
- INN war game 67. A list of files
- 68. Norse mythical god . A portion of a hard drive A period of time
  - . There are two distinct versions of this game on INN
  - um (abr.) 84. INN Football position (abr.)
- Common word for laughter on INN 88. Large keyboard key 89. INN has the best of these available
- on-line Short for Ronald
- 94. Central processing unit (abr.)
- 104. In a position above and in contact Country south of Florida
  Rate of data transmission (abr.)
  - 106. Unit of measurement (abr.)

101. Mode of transportation

102. Sound a sheep makes

- 108. Opposite of from
  Solution in August Issue

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As a service to the Professional Chess Association, the ImagiNation Network matches were "watched" and recorded from the press room located on the 15th floor. Moves were transmitted by facsimile to more than 80 news media outlets in 10 countries.



"The Professional Chess Association was very pleased to have the ImagiNation Network participate in this historic event," said Bob Rice, commis-



- ▲ New York INN member MarkS checks out the action.
- Chess masters entered the moves for the world to see.

sioner of the PCA. "We're taking chess into the 21st century using technological advances from an

innovator like The ImagiNation Network."

Look for the quarterfinal results in either the Tournament Room's PCA Bulletin Board or in the Chess Club.

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