

Connecticut Game Club

2015 Member Update

Dear CGC members,

With 2015 now on us, seems like a good time for an update from the Board of Directors. As a reminder, the current board consists of Byron Bond, Tom Cusa, John Demeter, John Troise, and Ilan Woll.

Finances

We are pleased to share with you that due to strong attendance in 2013 and 2014, our financial position is strong. Even though major conventions such as Historicon often fall on CGC weekends, overall attendance has more than paid the facility rental fees on average. All profits from the snacks and drinks concession are turned over to the club and also contribute to our bottom line. Our current bank balance is \$3,302.19. As a reminder, recall that in October 2009 (when the current leadership with John Manning in place of Ilan Woll took over), the club's assets totaled \$1,138.71. As of Jan 1, 2011 our total assets had improved to \$1,959.96. Therefore, even though the room rental cost has increased to \$250 per month and our website server charges are \$120/year, we continue to maintain a solid financial position for the club.

Meeting Space

The most exciting change for us in 2014 was the move from the Stratford Hotel to the Homewood Suites location. For the same price per meeting we are getting a superior meeting room that includes ample storage and lighting, cleaner facilities, and coffee service. Kudos go out to Tom Cusa and John Demeter for their hard work in finding a suitable location that would continue to be convenient to the members while staying within our budget limits. Tom also provides free legal services to the club, and John manages our banks accounts.

While on the topic of meeting space; please remember to return the restroom key to the credenza near the coffee service when you return from the restroom so that others can easily find it.

There are closets and cabinets in the room which are the preferred area for you to store your games, miniatures, terrain, and personal items when not in use. We have strong attendance and would like to reserve the tables for active gaming.

And in case you are not aware, the hotel unlocks the 'rear' entry door (which is actually the side closest to the road) for us on meeting days. If you have lots to bring in, it's generally easiest to park behind the hotel and use the rear door.

People

We'd like to take a few minutes to recognize other volunteers who work to keep club operations humming. Brandon Musler maintains the CGC website and the monthly game schedule. If you've been to the site recently you'll see how much content Brandon adds on a regular basis. Our web presence is the primary means of reaching potential new members, so an updated, interesting, and vibrant website is vital to the club. Bob Richardson maintains our Facebook presence, which has also brought a few new faces to the club. Tom and Bob Richardson manage our concessions. Each month they provide a handy supply of snacks and sodas for purchase. They kindly do this for free as well, and turn over all profits to

the club. Matt Roos is our Sergeant-at-Arms, and is largely responsible for ensuring that we are fair in collecting dues each month from all participating members. When you attend our meetings, please understand that Matt is doing a thankless job for us, so please be considerate and pay the meeting fee pleasantly and promptly.

Important Information

First, please note that the February 2015 CGC meeting will be on February 7th, not the 14th as would be usual. The hotel had previously committed the room for a Valentine's Day event. Since Valentine's Day is not usually a great day for our romantically committed members to be gaming, we are moving the meeting to the prior weekend.

We want to alert you that the hotel will also be doing some remodeling over the next several months, and our meeting space may be moved. The hotel has committed to having space for us as they remodel.

Giving Back to Members

As noted above, the Board is comfortable with our financial stability. We have enough funds to run the club for over a year without any dues, and that was our goal. Since we are comfortable with our financial position and membership outlook, we'd like to thank our active members for their ongoing support by providing financial relief for 2015 meetings as follows:

- ✓ For every 3 *paid* meetings you attend in 2015, your 4th meeting will be free. Please note that the free meetings cannot be transferred, or carried over until 2016. Unused free meetings are lost.

Matt Roos will keep track of your free meetings as you earn and use them. Simply confirm with him that you are using your free meeting when he approaches you for your meeting dues. And of course, you do not *have* to use them; we're more than happy for you to pay your regular \$10 meeting dues for the long term benefit of the CGC.

So on that note, we'll close this update. We'd like to thank all of the members who attend and participate in club events; the GMs who commit so much time and effort to running games; and to the volunteers who manage the club operations. Happy Gaming!