

ManorCon XIV

14.00 Friday July 19 1996-14.00 Monday 22

Lake Hall, University of Birmingham

ManorCon is a large board games convention with anticipated attendance in the region of 250. Held in a University Hall of residence, there is free car parking available or the venue is readily accessible by public transport.

Major Tournaments are the Team Diplomacy and the Individual Diplomacy. The Team Tournament is open to Teams of 7 and will be played on the Saturday. The Individual Tournament will include each player's result from the Team Tournament plus Individual only rounds on Friday Evening and Sunday. The Team Tournament is potentially the best way of introducing players to face to face tournament play and we hope that team captains will make a special effort to recruit some new players for their teams. An award will be made to the best new player.

Other Formal Tournaments are for **United, Croquet, Intimate Diplomacy** and **Bridge**. These are numbers limited and played at specified times under the supervision of the relevant Tournament Director.

Ad Hoc Tournaments are run by the players using their own game sets at times to suit players. Results are submitted to the organiser who produces overall scores and will if necessary arbitrate on any disputes. Currently planned for 1996 are :

18xx: a general tournament for all the 18xx games with sub categories for each game.

Acquire: A ManorCon favourite is this game of abstract hotel chains making another appearance.

Outpost. This space colony development game attracts a large and successful tournament.

Railway Rivals: unless David Watts attends and revives the Rostherne Games tournaments, Railway Rivals will be run as an Ad Hoc tournament, but with a supply of maps available.

Other: The committee is keeping its eyes open for any new popular game suitable for inclusion. General criteria are an expectation of a double figure number of games with 35 plus likely different players. If you know of any why don't you let us know? Just start by saying I'd like to volunteer to run...

General Gaming: There will be the usual ample space for the extremely popular open gaming area at ManorCon.

Second Hand Games Sale will occur again, with 200 plus eager customers the ideal opportunity to clear out the games cupboard / pick up an out of print classic.

Progress Reports: will be sent to people once they have booked. The Progress Reports will contain details of :-who has booked (so you can remind the forgetful), directions on how to get to ManorCon, tournament data including additional ones, rules and the contact to pre-book.

Booking: Please use the attached booking form. Note that there is a reduced convention fee available up to Saturday 15th June 1996 for booking in a complete Diplomacy team. Any team members who have previously made an individual booking will be entitled to a rebate. Note that team bookings must include all names and addresses.

Contacts: the Main Contact is **Peter Sullivan** 8 Cardinals Close, Chapel Garth, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear, SR3 2SE. Phone (0191) 522 0544. E-mail info@manorcon.demon.co.uk.

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Name
Address (Students should give both home and college addresses with dates for use)
Phone
If twin room required, name of person sharing

	Amount Paid
Individual Registration Fee (to be paid in full at the time of booking) Full convention £12 or £6 per day Fri.* Sat.* Sun.* Mon.*) Team Registration (£70 up to 15 June 96 Give a form for each player.)	
Room Bookings: Single £21 per night * Twin Room £41 per night* _ Deposit £6 per person per night, balance to pay in May 96*. Number of nightsFri.* Sat.* Sun.* * Single * Twin*	
Total Enclosed	

Notes:

* DELETE AS NOT REQUIRED

Before April 96, you may limit room payment to a deposit, paying the remainder in May 1996, overseas attendees should register but may pay on arrival. Cheques to be made payable to : The Universities Diplomacy Tournament.

The prices are subject to variation in the event of VAT changes to either the accommodation or the hiring of the playing rooms. Cancellations may be made up to 6th July 1996 for a full refund. University fire regulations require that you must book a room if you intend to stay on the premises after midnight. It is the responsibility of delegates to look after their valuables. ManorCon cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to items at the convention.

Data Protection Act: Your name, address and details of your booking are stored on computer. Acceptance of this is a condition of registering for the convention. Details will be used solely in connection with your attendance and entry into events. We do not provide our mailing list to any other individuals or organisation.

Please return this form to Peter Sullivan , 8 Cardinals Close, Chapel Garth, SUNDERLAND,
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