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Ready for something new in The ImagiNation Network? **Version 2.4** is coming, with *something new all over the map*.

We're adding the Arena, a new spot just for sports and action games. In the Arena, you can play Free-For-All Red Baron and 3-D Golf, as well as other games, such as Front Page Sports: Football, as they become available.

You'll also find a new facemaker created just for the Arena, with more realistic artwork and a wide variety of sports clothing and flight wear to choose from.

We're opening up the Little Red Funhouse, with CyberPlex "edutainment" games and activities that encourage collaborative learning. (See the story in *Imaginings* October 1994.)

The Funhouse has a new facemaker of its own that allows kids to create bold faces combining animal and human features. Plus there's a trophy case for CyberPlex.

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE IMAGINATION NETWORK

#### **▼ March 1990**

Three programmers at Sierra
On-Line set about creating a
multiplayer games network.

The working title is
"LarryLand," after the
popular "Leisure Suit Larry"
game from Sierra On-Line.





#### **July 1990**

Prototypes are up and running. Two thousand people from the Los Angeles area volunteer to test it.

#### Well, not that brief, see pages 28

The project is christened The Sierra Network and is introduced to the public at large, becoming the first computer network dedicated to games.

### SIT TIGHT

January 1991

You don't have to do a thing to get your copy of The ImagiNation Network's Version 2.4, because it will be sent automatically to all of our members via the U.S. Postal Service. You'll find everything you need in the package, including all new documentation and the software on diskette or CD-ROM.

#### April 1991

Flectronic mail becomes available

#### February 1992

More than 7,000 members are online

#### June 1992 >

The Sierra Network relocates to a renovated barn in Oakhurst, California, near Yosemite National Park.



#### October 1992

The Map appears for the first time.

Shadows of Yserbius' and Fates of Twinion become available



#### December 1991

The Sierra Network runs off of six 386/33 computers housed on the second floor of the Sierra Medical Building in Oakhurst, California. The company employs a total of 17 people, including five Member Services representatives.

# Kids On Ine A Parent's Guide

#### IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

Use these built-in features to make sure your child is safe in The ImagiNation Network.

If another member sends obscene or offensive messages to you or your child, please use the **COMPLAIN** button right away. This will record the exact text of the message and forward it to ImagiNation for further action.

Meanwhile, if you want to discontinue receiving messages from a person who has been sending offensive comments, press the MUTE button. When you press MUTE, no further chat is allowed from the selected person for the duration of that session.

With the new games and activities for kids available in Version 2.4, parents might have special concerns about how The ImagiNation Network fits into family life.

Ultimately, parents are the best people to ensure a child's safety and comfort while in The ImagiNation Network. While we suggest that parents and children establish their own set of guidelines for ImagiNation, here are some ideas to get you started.

Advise your children to never, under any circumstances, give out home addresses or telephone numbers while online.

Remind your child not to respond to messages or bulletin board items that contain obscenities.

Encourage your child to trust feelings. If an online conversation starts to feel uncomfortable, there's probably a good reason, even if it isn't immediately clear.

Keep a close watch on your child's activities while online.

If you or your child ever have questions or need help, feel free to talk with an online ImagiNation staff member, easily recognized by the INN or HOST in front of the person's name.

Make ImagiNation a family activity so that you know as much, if not more, about how ImagiNation works than your child does.

#### December 1992

300 Reta Testers are online giving feedback on new projects.

#### August 1993

The Mall is added to The ImagiNation Network.

#### November 1994

600 Beta Testers are online at The ImagiNation Network.

The ImagiNation Network becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T.



#### **July 1993**

Sierra On-Line sells equity shares to AT&T and General Atlantic Partners

The Sierra Network is renamed The ImagiNation Network

The Network gets new hardware to ensure more reliable service.

#### June 1994

The ImagiNation Network relocates its corporate offices to California's Silicon Valley. keeping The Barn for Development and Member Services

#### October 1994

The ImagiNation Network has more than 50,000 members online. The HOSTS program grows, with 60 online HOSTS to greet and guide new members. The ImagiNation Network employs 300 people, including 55 Member Services representatives. 175 systems operators and HOSTS and 70 people involved in programming, quality assurance, marketing and administration.

#### 1995

Version 2.4 becomes available!



#### HEY FRED:

It's not that I'm a lounge lizard or anything, but I like hanging out in CasinoLand. You know, flirt a little. Gamble some (on the cards and on love, if you get my drift...)
With me, it's all in good fun,

so why the changes in CasinoLand? We're all adults, anyway.

#### - Lucky

Dear Lucky:

Well, actually there have always been rules to uphold community standards in ImagiNation even in CasinoLand. Yes, I agree it's fun to flirt, but there's a difference between flirting and just saying things that are rude, crude and socially unacceptable. And I'm not a prude, but some of the names had gotten just a little out of hand. So, I guess what I'm hoping is that if we can raise the level of community standards in CasinoLand, it'll be a place where all of us grown-ups can hang out.

#### HEY FRED:

I know that if I make a long distance call during the day, the phone company charges me more than if I call in the evening. So I'll bet anything that the phone company also charges ImagiNation more when members dial into the Network during the day instead of the evening.

Mostly I go online in the evening to play games and talk with my friends, and I'm tired of subsidizing other members who go online during the day. What is ImagiNation going to do about it?

#### - CheapKid

Dear CheapKid:

You're right. The ImagiNation Network does have to pay more for phone service when members go online during the day instead of evenings and weekends. I've been told that any future pricing packages will take this into consideration so that everyone pays a fair share. Continued from page 1

- The Mail Room will become available from the Arena, SierraLand and CasinoLand, instead of just from the Clubhouse and the Map.
- The Clubhouse gets Team Bridge, (See the story in Imaginings, December 1994.) Plus, we've made upgrades to Hearts and Spades, including the ability to allow someone in the waiting room, when another player takes the place of someone who has left the game.
- SierraLand gets a new dice game called Yacht
- CasinoLand will add INNtroductions, a place where members can post "personals" advertisements to find game partners or romantic interests.

All ImagiNation members, new and old alike, will receive welcome kits with all new documentation for The ImagiNation Network Version 2.4.

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, CA 94010.



#### 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

New Card Ideas SciFi RPGs Star Trek

#### SINGLES CLUB

Books

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

## BULLETIN BOARDS

#### **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 Game Results Ladder Rounds Ladder Standings 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
Great Chess Games
Ladder Rounds
Players List and Standings
Read Me First
Special Events

#### **EUCHREVILLE**

Euchre Ladder
Euchre Tournaments
On-Line Ethics
Poetry
Writers' Circle

#### **FLIP N CHECKERS**

Add-A-Comment Corner
BlackJack League
Checkers League
INN Checkers Tournaments
Poker League
Serious Add-A-Chapter

#### **GO MAGES DEN**

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

#### **HEARTS CLUB**

Disability Issues
Gardening
Genealogy Explorers
Hearts Strategy
Music
Recipes
Teachers' Forum

Travel

#### INN UNIVERSITY

Ask A Professor Campus Issues Class Sign-ups General Discussion 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
Clairvoyance
Dreams and Interpretations
General Discussion
Hauntings
Martial Arts Discussion
Mythology
Parapsychology
Sightings
Soiritualism

#### **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 Misc. RPGs Multi-Genre RPGs

#### **SINGLES DEUX**

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

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

Gobbledygook Heavy Metal Music Progressive Rock Music Rap Music

#### **TEEN SCENE**

Advice Animation Animation Comments General Discussion Poetry Teen Hangout

# TOURNAMENTS 3-D Golf Tournament

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

# TRIVIA HAVEN INN Shorthand <ROFL>

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#### **MedievaLand Guilds**

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1 p.m. Paladins HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Sundays only) (Advenger 67446)

KOY: Dragon Court EUCHREVILLE (MajicWold 69330) 5 p.m.

SCA Clan Mcbaud
SPADES PLACE
(Timoth 70395)
WEOT Guille
EUCHRE II
(Trevor 76793)
SOF-FF Guild
SINGLES DEUX
(Zationa-100636)
Falcon Guild
BACKGAMMON DEN
(PatrickC 105437)
Heroes for Hire Guild
TECH TOWER
(Marty 100075)

6 p.m.

Amber Guild
EUCHRE II
(Dworkin+ 14288)
Excalibur Guild
SINGLES DEUX
(Dorsia+ 31309)
MoT
MYSTIC PORTAL
(LordJolan+ 15592/Term+)
GOT: Fear Forest

SPADES TOO

(INNLani)

(Serenity 36114)
7 p.m.
LOS Guild Meeting
SINGLES DEUX
(Beowulf 100935)
MedievaLand Sysop
SPORTS DEN
(4th Mondays only)

5 p.m. Armageddon Guild EUCHRE II (Flash 83606) 6 p.m. GOT: High Council TECH TOWER (FuShnik 91000)

KOY Sward Swamp
EUCHRE II
(Tolland 81900)
HOT Guild
TECH TOWER
Darius 91022)
6 p.m. Continued
SOF:SS
EUCHRE II
(Sweetle 105798)
KOY Sward Swamp
EUCHRE II
(TOLLAND 81900)
The Pandion Order

GO MAGES DEN

(Queen Ehlana 150016)

4 p.m. Dark Dragons GO MAGES DEN (DarkWolf 123273) 6 p.m. ROC Guild

HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Wodnesdays only) (SiriMeric 64799) EOF Guill Jamborie SPADES PLACE (Caroloro 127888) FFBH Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (LordPat 10538) KOR Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (CaptainM LOCAS) SOPMM Guild TECH TOWER

(Epic 85475) SOF-VR Guild

(Ranstar 98662)

CARD CLUB

GOT: Lance Lair GO MAGES DEN (AJAX 108064) GOT: BR GO MAGES DEN (Mephisto 107023) GOT: Getting to Know Us MARRIED LIFE (Dragon 91073)

GOT: ROLEPLAY CAFE 2 CHESS CLUB (Crypto 114083) KIN: Fear Forest SINGLES DELIX (Dryzzyl 130651) KOY: Roleplay Inn **RPG 70NF** (Back 64650) SOF QuestMasters MYSTIC PORTAL (SAGA 67735) GOT: ST Host Mtg

MYSTIC PORTAL

(Radioman 129968)

4 p.m. **Guild of the Golden Arrow** BACKGAMMON DEN (AdamD 122906

6 p.m.
ADD Guild
MYSTIC PORTAL
(Lancelot 116767)
Champions of Justice
SPADES TOO
(Solaris 127288)
7 p.m.
SDF: CA

SOF: CA EUCHRE II (Dark 87692) PSCT Guild MARRIED LIFE (Zhang 150866) Dragon Princess Guild GO SIERRA2 (Garion 121658) 9 a.m. Lost Legions Guild SINGLES SPOT (Ironwolf 14367) ROT SPADES PLACE

SPADES PLACE (RangerCrAl 39802) 3 p.m. YR Guild MARRIED LIFE (Orin 94701) 4 p.m.

KOY Volcano Ridge MARRIED LIFE (Barburas+ 61339) 5 p.m.

Companions Guild BACKGAMMON DEN (Hasan 71900) Defending Angels Guild SINGLES DEUX (Nirvana 102115)

#### SUNDAY LLOA Guild from page 5 (Jacques 58793) GO SIERRA2 (Thanatos 117569) Red Dragon INN Org (MILORD+ 85469) POY HEARTS CLUB (Oak 80756) GO MAGES DEN (Thanatos 117569) Silver Chalace (2nd & 4th Sundays only) (AlafonGM 33826) Empire Guild HELD BOOM (4th Sunday only) (4th Sunou, C. (Trent 24513) KOS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Krondor 86634) League Of Veldare SPADES TOO

(CirMick 82228 NOR High Council

(Leto 92464)

GO MAGES DEN

(Lythor 98948)

CHESS CLUB (Alarik 57615)

LLOA Meeting Hall

Heroes Unlimited

MONDAY 7 p.m. Continuea SPORTS DEM (1st & 3rd Mondays only) WELC TECH TOWER (RickyWIFC 64542) SOF/DA Guild FUCHRE I (Yuglooc2 67832) CARD CLUB (Iret+ 68169) FUCHRE II (Sabre+ 70464) Adventures of Yserhius (DanielS 116472)

# What's a Conference?

A conference is like listening in on a party line - but it's OK to drop in with a comment when you like. In conferences, people with similar interests share their ideas about a favorite subject anything from games to TV shows to dating tips.

#### TUESDAY

CARD CLUB

(Matt+ 41308)

DROW Guild

TECH TOWER

(Saradon 150528)

KAAOS Guild

MYSTIC PORTAL

(HYDRO+ 92726)

MYSTIC PORTAL

(Hawksguard 129192)

MoD Guila

WEDNESDAY 6 n m . Cor SPADES TOO (Wolfer 96024) HEARTS CLUB (Printius 91925)

FLICHREVILLE (Ravenfire 128036) GOS Guild

6:30 n m TECH TOWER (Tabitha 102630)

HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Wednesdays only) (Mordred+ 14169) CABAL Guild PILOTS LOUNGE (Raven 49146)

Deady Guild

MYSTIC PORTAL (SirKilll 102641) Coven of KOY Guild RPG ZONE (Pun+ 65980) Protectors of Yserbius MYSTIC PORTA (Kharnlis 102683 CHESS CLUB (Dunlicator+ 73050

FUN Guild SINGLES DEUX (Crvs 88364) Air Warriors Squad SPADES PLACE (AWAceCO 71613)

COV/RR Meeting SPORTS DEN (DukeLeto 112546) 7 n m

TSOY Guild Masters EUCHREVILLE (Kestrel+ 24571 KORS Guild

THURSDAY

HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Thursdays only) (Aphrodite 84224) KOY: MM EUCHRE II

(Dahl 81829) SOF: Bantor Beach SINGLES DEUX (SirJorge 83803) SOF Guild SINGLES DEUX

(VanHelsing 72797)

Let the Games Begin

has skyrocketed.

has grown, the number of

As the ImagiNation Network

online tournaments and clubs

It's simple to register your

tournament or club: write to the

Club Registry at E-Mail Box 699,

or drop us a line at Imaginings.

577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300,

Burlingame, CA 94010.

FRIDAY

VOYS Guild EUCHRE II (AVARICE 107388) WolfGang Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (SirWolf 66025)

Darksbane Guild SPORTS DEN (Rolaine 68279)

HELP BOOM (Jacques 58793) 6 p.m. Continu Warriors of Light GO SIERRA2 (SirJames 120124) CHESS CLUB (Richard 97322) SOF Lance Lair MYSTIC PORTAL (Paladin 89124) RPG ZONE (Thomas+ 102263)
Lost Legions Reur

SATURDAY

lventure Guild

(2nd Saturdays only)

MARRIED LIFE

(Scrape 13017)

Misfits Guild

HELD BOOM

LLOA Guild

MARRIED LIFE (Ironwolf 14367 **GOK Council of Krynn** CHESS CLUB (Huma 132403) SOF Guild Lance Lair MYSTIC PORTAL (Jalea 88492)

TECH TOWER (Irel 68169) Heln Room (1st & 3rd Saturdays only)

urker+ 20068) ShapeShifter Guild (1st & 3rd Saturdays only) Alneron 62338) Shadow Horde Guild TEEN HANGOUT (Slash 22569)

Champions of Justice PILOTS LOUNGE (Solaris 127288) Dark Hawk Campaign BACKGAMMON DEN (DMKruzer 69307)

#### Music

!!!HELP!!! Saturdays and Sundays, get the information you need to navigate the world of ImagiNation Classes start at the top of each hour in the HELP ROOM

Courtney Love Fan Club (CourtneyL 96414)

TOURNAMENTS

They Might Be Giants (MeatLoaf 12937 Pearl Jamers (PLUTO 126074)

7 n m Guitar Club FLICHRE II (KCobain 33101)



Led Zen Fan Club (Isildur 101911)

MTV/VH1 Talk

#### Political & Social

Commonwealth Club (1st & 3rd Sundays only) (Chinook+ 114758)

**GH Squadron Operations** 

PILOTS LOUNGE

Ditteaux Institute SINGLES DEUX (Bianca 69065)

DeathCrushers Squad

PILOTS LOUNGE

RC Squadron

(DCManda 55228)

Republican Forum SPORTS DEN (JoshM 122220)

Anarchist's Underground CARD CLUB (BlackJack+ 76909) HIV/AIDS Into Conference

SINGLES CLUB (darlenem+ 22991) Hawk's Talon Squad

CHESS CLUB

(HTSteath 70654)

Killer Serpents

(KSCobra 38563)

(XWI uke 79664)

XWSquad Meeting

Desert Fighters Squad

EUCHREVILLE

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(GHDarkOne 21593) Wing Walker Squad Pilots Lounge (WWBlueMax+ 18340) Hell's Bandits Squad CARD CLUB (HBMagnum+ 81551) Halv Air Force TEEN SCENE (HAFJubilee 89367) KO Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (KOGuido 116904) Flying Warlords Squad HEARTS CLUB (FWSnake 75829)

Sky Wars PILOTS LOUNGE (SkyGrupWM 86135) Joining Luftwaffe PILOTS LOUNGE (LWCurt 71140) **Aerial Atrocity Squad** 

HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Mondays only) (ScubaAA 18954) Blue Knights Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (BKMalice+ 22916)

(RcXcaliber 83440) 6 p.m. HA-Squadron Briefing PILOTS LOUNGE (PsyHA 147035) 7 n m WFT Squadron PILOTS LOUNGE (WFT.lanet 12515 **Colorblind Dogfighters** Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (CD Merlin 14572)

Rolling Thunder Squar HEARTS CLUB (RTWashout 60859) Viner Squadron CARD CLUB

(VSDylan 111115) Sky Hunters PILOTS LOUNGE (SHRattler 14497) 7 n m Lethal Xecutors Squad PILOTS LOUNGE (LXMichael 104114)

8 n m Flying Circus Squad (FCSev+ 16785, FC9Lurker+) Flying Police Squad (FASAsten 35280)

Death Crusaders PILOTS LOUNGE (DCJaseAce 73432) Holy Annels Squadron (HAFanle 125095) Secret Order's Mee HEARTS CLUB (EmperorSO 147782 SOLIAD) Force Ten PILOTS LOUNGE (AssaultF10 47087) Black Widows Squad PILOTS LOUNG (BWAce 120513)

Black Dragon Squad (Spiner 95018) Lafayette Escadrille

PILOTS LOUNGE (HeroLE+ 71625)

**Red Knights Squad** CARD CLUB (RKFokker 56134) EgoSquad Meeting BACKGAMMON DEN (EgoMuncher 47646) I R Squadror

(CourgarLB 140255)

GO SIERRA2

SPADES TOO (Justin 72246) RC Briefing Room PILOTS LOUNGE (RCBlizzard 22602) 5 p.m. Hells Aces

AFRODROME (PsvHA 147035)

PILOTS LOUNGE (RinFire 117762) Black Widows Squadron

SINGLES DEUX (BWAce 120513) FLICHRE II (SRPdoad) 60728)



#### Religious & Spiritual

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Pagan and Wiccan MYSTIC PORTAL (Simone+ 37543)

SUNDAY

6 p.m. Continued Blue Knights Squad

(BKNavaio 148436) Les Cigognes Squad INN HELP ROOM

(LC.lim 22806)

(2nd & 4th Sundays only)

Soaring Allies Squad RPG ZONE (MattSA 36444) BAF Squad BACKGAMMON DEN (RAFRazor 71155)

EUCHRE II

Bible Study & Discussion SINGLES DEUX (Peace 69872)

Metaphysical Conference (NIGHT 56450)

Chanel of KIGS

MYSTIC PORTAL (RShotgun 46672) **Divination Conference** (Salem 102224)



Psychic/Mystic Conference MYSTIC PORTAL (Gwydion+ 111067)

Christian Conference SINGLES DELD (DonRxCC 12419)

#### **Role-Playing Games**

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering Lorien GO SIFRRAZ

**3FL Fantasy Draft** TOURNAMENT ROOM (Fetters 16178)

Dangerous Journeys FLICHREVILL (Traveller+101529)

1 n m TEEN SCENE (Macros 129064) SPORTS DEN

(Fiberman 86401) Circle of the Dagger (MikeH 107272) Toon SPADES TOO

(DanTheCool 73253) Illuminati BACKGAMMON DEN Wild Carde HEARTS CLUB

(Drizzt+ 99338) Bass Player's Club (Rassman 37315) War of the Lance (GregDM 52609) The Gathering MARRIED LIFE (Lughe+ 39148) MYSTIC PORTAL (Nemesis+ 13961) KOY: Roleplay Inn

CHESS CLUB (Bock 64650) The REALMS SPADES PLACE (Navic 81120)

**Gamers Cavern** TEEN HANGOUT (JohnathanK+ 45469) Star Trek Enterprise BACKGAMMON DEN (Kevin 138331) TORC SPADES PLACE

(Stormer+ 71389)

OPEN Red Dragon Inn RPG 70N Magic: The Gathering Lorien

GO SIERRA2 4 n m SINGLES DELIX

(Calamar 58925) New York 2192 SPADES PLACE (MJ 41955) INN Stor Trok

SPADES TOO (AdmCeaux 94720) 6 p.m. Rotian's Scentre GO SIFRRAZ

(ByronDM+ 40311) RPGO RPG ZONE (BlueBerry+ 65048) **IISS Galaxy** RPG ZONE (CantRell 55010) AD&D Dark Sun II

TOURNAMENTS (Rosser 69094) **Rotian's Scentre** FLICHRE I (Byron 40311)

a line to box 931. It's that easy!

their mailbox number) to attend.

3 n.m

**RPG 70NF** (Armand+ 72917) 4 p.m. SINGLES DEUX

(DMFuzzbut+ 78277) Star Trek Club CARD CLUB (Seth 111797)

Red Dragon Inn

Magic: The Gathering

Theatre de Vamnires

Shield Lands GO SIERRA2 (DMaster 131083) **IISS Death** TOURNAMENTS (EnoScorchr 100323) USS Renegade

CARD CRIB (RAdmLAlkar 80159) 7 p.m. Star Trek **RPG ZONE** (AdmRBerry 65048) World of Terath SINGLES DEUX (KiraDM+ 79917)

Red Dragon Inn Lorien

GO SIFRRA2 Riftwar Saga

(Arutha+ 94720) 5 p.m. BattleTech MARRIED LIFE (RtechPlayer)

GO SIFRRAZ (Hades 124437) Realms of Ayskria SPADES TOO (AvskriaWM+ 98896)

6 n m USS Phoenix SINGLES DEUX (CantGrant 53752) GO SIFRRA? (Qwerty 111781)

Spitle of the Spinx (ByronDM+ 40311) 7 n m

Realms **RPG ZONE** (Drous 69192)

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

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

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 italics are private

Member-hosted conferences and any comments, suggestions or advice given

therein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The ImagiNation Network, Inc

and require approval from the conference's host (displayed in parentheses with

rooms in the Clubhouse. Once in the waiting room, click the Go to button,

OPEN Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering

World of Two Moons RPG ZONE (Cutter+/Stronghow+ 49409) KOY: Misty Hollow

TOURNAMENTS (2nd Thursdays only) (Slik+ 73524) GOT: Rolenlay Cafe CHESS CLUB (Karrie 11806) **OWA Wrestling** 

(Jushin 131978) Amber SPORTS DEN (Nietzsche 139890)

Marvel™ RPG ZONE (Illian 110447) Red Dragon Inn

RPG ZON Magic: The Gathering **RPG 70NF** 4 n m

CARD CLUB (Venture 59399) RPG ZONE (Spock 49915)

MYSTIC PORTAL Hell Spawn TECH TOWER (HSDusty+ 123071)

AD&D: The Shattered Lands CHESS CLUB

**Bealms Challenge** (Shaman 106293) Star Trek

BACKGAMMON DEN (ComFloyd+ 1260) AD&D 2nd Edit GO SIERRAZ (Gideon 79306) **IISS Universe** CHESS CLUB (MrLaForge 49933)

USS Potemkin

(FltAdmKyle+ 108678) Ranma 1/2 SINGLES DEUX (Mousse 114071) Seitch Jacurutu

(Rayek 79283) FR Adventures TECH TOWER (Warlock 110235)

USS Endocrine SPADES PLACE (Crow 96406)

Red Dragon Inn Magic: The Gathering Time Warriors

TEEN SCENE (ALWZIT 102285)

Time Warriors SPADES TOO (ALWZIT 102285) 10 a.m.

Keovland Campaign CARD CLUB (TheDM 76129)

DragonLance CARD CLUB (SauronDM+ 34961)

NRA TEEN SCENE (ghBEAVIS 131672) Superheroes

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#### The Lion King **Contest Winners**

Animation Category: ANDY MARIELLEN DUCKY

Drawings Category: DCNLALA

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#### Thanksgiving Trivia Contest

**IEAN GUIDO** 

#### **Top NTN Trivia Winners**

In the month of November:

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**JEAN** 

BEAST

Remember, you can't take the top prize every month! This month's winners are not eligible for 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.

# Cyberspace Showoffs!

Strut your stuff at the end of January in the NetGuide Cyberspace Trivia Weekend on NTN Trivia.

The online experts at NetGuide magazine have been working overtime collecting trivia all about cyberspace. The result is an exhaustive list of questions that may stump even the most devoted of computing trivia maniacs.

Join in the fun for a trivia weekend January 27, 28 and 29 from 7-7:30 p.m. More details will be posted in the Help Room of the Clubhouse. As always, the top winners will be rewarded handsomely - with cool prizes from NetGuide.

Even if you don't win the contest, you can get a free three-month subscription to NetGuide magazine. Call (800) 829-0421 for details.

January 27, 28 and 29 from 7-7:30 p.m. More details in the Help Room.

# Tips on Buying Your First Multimedia PC

by Mark Vena, Compaq Computer Corporation

Thinking about taking the plunge and buying a new multimedia PC? Use these guidelines to find the right computer for you:

#### What type of multimedia features should I look for?

A good multimedia PC has a "double speed" CD-ROM drive, sound capability and speakers. Other innovative features include: built-in "telephony" or "speakerphone" capability, to turn your PC into a sophisticated telephone answering machine or give you the ability to have natural-sounding, two-way conversations with other people while working on the PC. Plus, some models allow you to watch television in a scalable window while you're working.

Are multimedia personal computers easy

Yes, if you make the right choice. Your new multimedia PC should be one that is easy to set up and use right out of the box. Some computers, for example, have a library of software already installed on the disk drive. That means you can be up and running just a few moments after turning the computer on for the first time.

#### Where can I get more information?

Ask questions and learn which is the right multimedia PC by taking a "test drive" in your local computer store then ask questions and do some research on the ones you like best.

Mark Vena invites ImagiNation members interested in 'learning about Compaq's Presario line of multimedia PCs to call (800) 345-1518 for more information.

# Blast off!

Don't forget the Free-For-All Red Baron competition sponsored by Blaster

magazine. You can play during the entire month of January. The top winners get cool prizes from Blaster magazine.

Look for the specifics in the "INN Tournaments" posting of the Pilots Lounge bulletin board and the "INN Special Events" bulletin board in the Help Room.



# Good, Clean Fun:

# Some Changes in CasinoLand

The only place in ImagiNation reserved solely for adults, CasinoLand has developed a reputation over the years as a high-spirited hangout for flirts and gamblers.

On January 1, community standards will be upheld in CasinoLand as they are elsewhere in ImagiNation.

#### That means:

- Member names and bios can be witty and flirtatious, but not explicitly sexual or vulgar.
- Suggestive conversations must be by mutual consent only. Consequently, broadcasting obscene or vulgar messages in CasinoLand is not allowed under any circumstance.
- CasinoLand will remain an adults-only area. No one under the age of 18 is allowed.

# CasinoLand is cleaning up its act starting January 1!

Members who don't abide by community standards may be warned or disallowed if the offenses are repeated.

If you're not sure whether a name or bio you've chosen is appropriate, feel free to talk with an online ImagiNation staff member about it. (You'll recognize staffers by the INN prefix to their names.)

Differences of opinion may occur. If this happens, keep your cool, stop using the questionable name or bio for that session and make your appeal to E-Mail Box 970. In most cases, you'll get a response within 24 hours.

#### STICKY SITUATIONS

If someone sends you a message in CasinoLand that makes you uncomfortable, you have several options. You can:

- Be polite but firm. Say "Sorry, I'm not interested."
- Press the MUTE button to block further messages from that person.
- Press the COMPLAIN button if you feel community standards are being violated. This records the message from the sender and forwards it to ImagiNation for further action.
- Ask for help from an ImagiNation Network staffer. (You'll recognize staffers by the INN prefix to their names.) Remember that there's usually a staffer on duty in the INN Help Room of the Clubhouse.

# **WHO IS THERE?**



In the Arena, the first choice you make is whether to be a grown-up



or a kid.

Next, pick out what to wear...

Try on a different look with the new facemakers in Version 2.4's Arena and CyberPlex in the Little Red Funhouse.

Look for CyberPlex facemaker possibilities next month in Imaginings.



Suiting up for football?



Or for another sport or activity?



(If you can't decide, we've got many more choices where these came from!)

### **Talking Trivia...** MG? SGTM? or GG?

"It may seem to new members that we have a language of our own," says JEAN, one of the top trivia players in The ImagiNation Network.

Indeed

To even the score, JEAN offered recently to translate some of the top abbreviations that the old hands in trivia use to "talk" even quicker online.

Some translations, courtesy of JEAN:

qq = good guess or good game

mg = my guess

wag = was a guess

wid = when in doubt, pick #3

ni = no idea

as = almost sure

ivss = if you say so

satm = sounds good to me

poe = process of elimination

rbns = repeat but not sure

ccc = click, click, click

i/k = just kidding

Oh, and one more: C&JU WAHF! "I just invented that one myself," JEAN writes, "That one means "Come & Join Us! We are having fun!"

## New. Revised NTN Trivia Program:

Play NTN Trivia in The ImagiNation Network and you just might walk away with one of our top prizes. The Grand Prize winner at the end of the year gets a multimedia workstation with a retail value of \$2,500!

Each month, we tally the scores of members who have played NTN Trivia and give away free hours online, to be spent however you like in The ImagiNation Network.

Here's the plan:

#### **FIRST PLACE**

15 free hours online

#### SECOND PLACE

10 free hours online

#### THIRD PLACE

5 free hours online

#### **FOURTH - TENTH PLACE**

1 free hour online

Player's Plus catalog.

#### How to Play NTN Trivia

- Check for upcoming contest times and places on the NTN Trivia bulletin board in the Trivia Haven room of the Clubhouse.
  - To get there, go to the Clubhouse,

then to the room called Trivia Haven. Press the GOTO button and then select

Bulletin Board. You'll see a listing of several bulletin boards. Choose NTN Trivia Info.

And even if you don't take one of the top spots in The ImagiNation Network's Winner's Circle, playing NTN Trivia in ImagiNation gives you entry into NTN's nationwide competition that includes players outside of The ImagiNation Network.

# Sign Up Now For INN University

rizes, Prizes and *More Prizes* 

Classes will soon be filling up for the new session at INN University. The courses listed here include some, with Box numbers, that require preregistration, and some, listed here without Box numbers, that are open to anyone who wants to drop in. If you want to attend a class that requires preregistration, you must write to the Box number listed by January 13th. Classes start on January 16th and are held in the INN University room of the Clubhouse.

#### Monday 6 p.m. OS2

Box 704 Euchre Drop In VISUALBASIC Box 764

6:30 p.m. Hearts Box764

7:30 p.m. Parenting Box 767

Word for Windows Box 772

Tuesday 6 p.m. RPG

Box 781 Math Workshop Drop In

6:30 n m Cooking for 2 w/Style Box 793

Go Drop In 7:30 p.m. Internet

Box 727 Game Review Drop In

Wednesday 6 p.m.

Quicken Box 735 Backgammon Drop In

6:30 p.m. Paradox for Windows Box 722

Spades Drop In 7:30 p.m.

Box 754 Recipe Exchange

Drop In Chess Drop In

Thursday

6 p.m. Beginning ASM Box 764

Math Workshop Drop In 6:30 p.m.

Workshop for the Mind Box 745 Windows Applications Box 715

7:30 p.m. OBasic Box 726 Genealogy

Box 767 Red Baron Drop In

8:30 p.m. Cribbane Drop In

6 p.m. Home Budgeting Box 704 Starting a BBs Box 708

Friday

CasinoLand Drop In

Classes start on January 16th!

Saturday 10 a.m.

That means you'll rack up points that can later be traded in for items in NTN Trivia's

Newcomers Class Drop In

11 a m Backgammon Drop In

Noon Yserbius Drop In

2 n m Accounting Help Drop In

Photography Box 745

4 p.m. Euchre Drop In

5 p.m. Spades Drop In

Upgrading Your PC Box 726

7 p.m. 3-D Golf Drop In

Sunday 11 a.m.

Internet Box 727 1 p.m. Cribbage Drop In

Twinion Drop In

Movie Review Drop In

5 p.m. Red Baron Drop In Hearts

6 p.m. CorelDraw Box 715

Creating DOOM Wads Box 734

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# MAGINATION. The Last Word

You've taken us a long way in just four short years. What started out simply as a card and boardgames network for small and specific audiences has become one of the most profound new sources of entertainment available in the 20th century.

We're still connected firmly to our roots – which is games. In 1991, when we began accepting members, you could play one of only

six games on the Network. Now we offer dozens of games, from role-playing adventures like The Shadow of Yserbius™ to the old standbys like Bridge and Chess. And, look for exciting "3-D" experiences, Internet access, and new role-playing games like The Ruins of Cawdor™ in the near future.

But more important is what has grown up around the games – a sense of community that transcends the miles. You might be playing against someone younger or older than yourself. As you play you might be chatting with a newcomer to computing or a technophile. But the connection has been made – in the playing of the game.

#### Don't Worry

Our computer engineers at The ImagiNation
Network say that the problem that causes the
Pentium chip to malfunction will not affect people
using ImagiNation software. Intel's Pentium chip is
found in many PCs nationwide.

What does it mean to be a member of The ImagiNation Network? It means that you are part of a larger community connected via phone lines and it means that you are part of a community of ImagiNation members who use passion for a game as a springboard into a new kind of experience.

See you in ImagiNation!

Tom Pomeroy, a.k.a. TomP. Tom Pomeroy is the Vice President of Marketing and Sales at The ImagiNation Network.