



# All Guns Blazing!

## Newsletter of the Naval Wargames Society

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## Editorial

The impact of “real life” continues to play havoc with the AGB publishing schedule. As I write this I’ve just returned from a trip to Scotland and am about to depart for 3 weeks working in the US and the Far East (all with a solid naval slant, I must add). Things are, I am assured, going to calm down, but probably some time in December!

Contributions to AGB are always welcome. For the reasons above “soft copy” input via email is the preferred method of submission as it cuts down the time taken to get your piece into the newsletter considerably!

Yours aye,

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## NWS at Colours 2008

The NWS will be attending the popular “Colours” wargames show at the racecourse, Newbury, on Saturday 13th September, showing the Attack at Source game we first took to Salute in April. We’ll be on the first floor if anyone wants to look us up. We hope to see you all there.

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## NWS at SALUTE

After the success of the “Attack at Source” game at Salute 2008, thoughts are now turning to the 2009 event. The NWS has been invited to attend again, and we have until mid October to submit the application. The question is, what to do? If you have any ideas for a subject that could be covered by an innovative and eye catching (and preferably participation) game please drop us a line. Note this is a call for ideas only – we won’t suddenly ask you to run a game just because you had a great idea for a subject!

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## John Curry Events

The following message was received from John Curry:

The latest article I have added is by Richard Brooks (the military historian) who kindly agreed to let me reproduce his article about Fred Jane (see <http://www.johncurryevents.co.uk/navalrules/fredjane/articles.htm>).

The Fletcher Pratt game has attracted some comment and there are now 7 articles about it on my website (see <http://www.johncurryevents.co.uk/navalrules/fletcherpratt/articles.htm>).

I have obtained another rare naval wargame that I will produce in due course.

The next Innovation in Wargames Conference (February 2009) is on HMS Belfast, a glorious place to play wargames on! (see <http://www.johncurryevents.co.uk/conference/homepage.htm>).

The conference will include a wargaming show for the public on Saturday the 28th February 2009. I will take the opportunity to try out a few classic naval games.

[www.johncurryevents.co.uk](http://www.johncurryevents.co.uk)

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## NWS Events and Regional Contacts, 2008

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Falkirk Wargames Club meets each Monday night at 7pm with a variety of games running each evening. Naval games are popular with 2 or 3 run each month. Campaign games sometimes feature in our monthly weekend sessions. Games tend to be organised week to week making a 3-month forecast here a waste of time. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

- Popular periods – Modern (Shipwreck), WW1 and 2 (GQ), WW2 Coastal (Action Stations), and Pre-dreadnought (P Dunn's rules)

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### NWS North Hants [Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday]

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### NWS Wessex [Bi-Monthly Meetings]

The Wessex Group has gone into (hopefully) temporary abeyance for the moment. If anyone living in the Bath / Bristol / Gloucester area (or further afield) would like to take on managing the group please contact myself or any of the other NWS officials.

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