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Greetings Adel Verpflichtet players!

The final ended about six weeks ago with Curt Collins taking the top spot using his 12-card set to break the tie with Alex Bove. I've delayed sending this report out in order to finish an in-depth series replay of the final

([http://www.gameaholics.com/adv\\_bpa/adv\\_final\\_2008.htm](http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_bpa/adv_final_2008.htm)). I hope you'll all enjoy this article and strategy discussion!

Tom DeMarco would like all of you who are just about to head out to the WBC to remember the Adel Verpflichtet/Hoity Toity tournament on Friday evening (August 7th at 7 pm). There will be three preliminary games (instead of the usual four), a full semi-final round, and the final. Time to exhibit, steal, bid, and jail your opponents blind!

Curt Collins, our new PBEM champion, can bask in the glow of success until the next tournament gets underway on October 1st. But Curt will always remember the way he won. Alex Bove, our second place finisher, jumped out to an early lead that he retained all the way to the final move. In fact, at one point Alex held a 14 space lead over Curt (more than half of the entire distance to the table)! Curt came from last place to finish in a tie with Alex - which Curt won due to his superior set (a mere 12 cards compared to the next player, John Pack in third place, with 8 cards). Both Alex and Curt finished four spaces past the line with John Pack on the third space. Tom DeMarco and Keith Layton were the remaining finalists and finished 4th and 5th respectively. Tom retained the A-1468 Mask of Shame by special request. Anthony Daw was the sixth place laurelist by virtue of a second-place finish in the semi-finals.

As Alex rounded the second corner - a full edge ahead of the next player - he was robbed multiple times on multiple turns. That put him in a cautious mode that allowed a smart combination of one exhibit, lots of detectives, and a few well-timed thieves to move Curt into a close contest with a large set. A final thief scored three items to make Curt untouchable. John, Tom, and Keith almost caught up too - but didn't have the sets needed to finish their runs. You can see all the details at

[http://www.gameaholics.com/adv\\_tournament.htm](http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_tournament.htm) including a link to a full series replay write-up on the final with comments from most of the finalists.

The next Adel Verpflichtet/Hoity Toity PBEM tournament will get underway on October 1st. The format is still to be determined.

Obviously, five preliminary games over four months is quite a haul. It might be easier to play all five preliminary games at once over 6-8 weeks. That way each time a player logs in to SpielByWeb, s/he could make moves in 2-3 games instead of spreading it out. The other thought is to space the preliminary games by 3 weeks -- which would mean only 1-2 games at a time but that the games would be spread over five months. Please let me know which option appeals most to you.

Thank you -- and, for those going, have a wonderful time at the WBC!

John