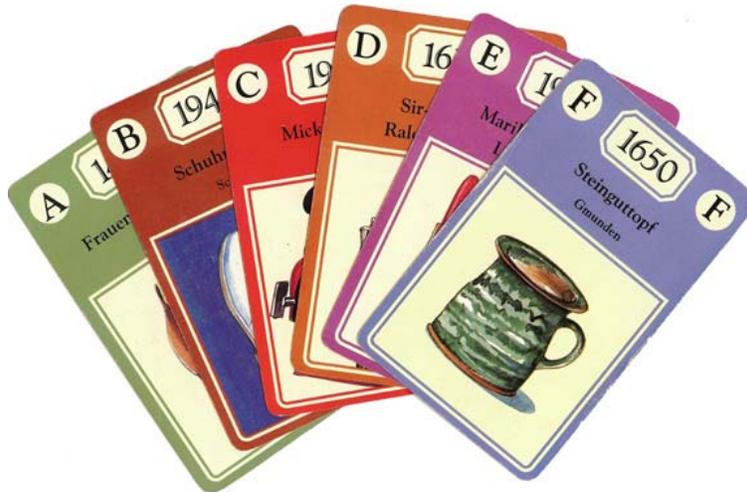


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John Pack, Art Collector Extraordinaire:

With two week remaining in the Adel Verpflichtet/Hoity Toity preliminary round, the current status of all completed games is posted at

[http://www.gameaholics.com/adv\\_tournament.htm](http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_tournament.htm).

Allan Jiang, with 19 points, is the only one to have a guaranteed semi-final spot so far -- and Allan still has a game to go! All players but one have finished at least one game. Two players, Sean McCulloch and Michael McKibbin, earn the Speedy Gonzalez Award for finishing all of their games quickly! Sean is on the cusp of the semi-final with 16 points and 8 spaces.

No one has a perfect record this year -- so no one will get 25 points. Many players are between 13 and 15 points -- with a game to go. We'll see which make it to the semi. The furthest across the line anyone has gotten so far is 9

spaces -- for both Jacob Griffith and Ken Gutermuth. The average number of spaces is just 1.7 (while the mean is 0.5).

In one odd game, 19-5-6, all five players managed to cross the line -- so even 5th place got credit for a space! Kevin "Shades" Wajtazczyk reported two unusual occurrences: 1) In one, 19-3-5, Oliver Searles missed the "everything must go" signs around the palace and exhibited with FOUR thieves. I feel sorry for Oliver and the fourth thief. 2) In the other, 19-2-2, with the A-1468 Mask of Shame on the line in the Auction House, all the players went to the castle for a detectives' convention.

As long as you still have a game running, please check into SpielByWeb every day to keep the games moving! Thank you!

John, may your collecting go well!

John



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