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**1/29/16**

A fast-paced new game was added to Mineplex: Speed Builders! In this challenging game, players get a brief viewing period to try to memorize a build shown to them. Then, poof! You're left to rely on your memory to recreate the build. With an elimination taking place nearly every round, this game is sure to keep you excited.

**2/01/2016**

The forums saw an update with new features, new rules and of course, the return of the much loved potato. Jarvis, the forums administrator believed that the update was mostly to address a lot of feedback and suggestions that we've been getting on the forums. Since the update, it has had a largely positive response with many players so Jarvis says; he says that "If you guys have good suggestions on what can be improved or changed, we have a dedicated feedback section now where you can post your ideas. And maybe it will be implemented in the future updates."

**2/4/16**

The requirement to have a rank to apply for Trainee was removed! For one month, anybody is able to apply for Trainee. After this trial is over, a decision will be made whether to keep the change permanent.

**2/5/16**

The much anticipated game, Clans, saw its first map reset. Upon speaking to SamitoD, the Clans Management admin, we asked him a few questions regarding the update such as "What caused the update" and "What can we expect." Here is what he said. "It was just time for an annual reset. We were also having map issue so we saw it fit to go ahead and start the server over again; You can expect Alpha Stage 2 to be filled with just as many bug fixes as new features in the game! Last stage was mostly bug fixes while this one will be more centered around making the massive leap to beta! Just general patches and updates to the game will help it improve from here on out. The Clans Team did about a week of testing and patching to push the reset. We had to wipe the database of all clans data, so it took some time but we got it ready" Clans has been out for just over 2 months and that time we have seen 2 updates, with this being the 3rd; updates ranging from bug updates to new features. Needless to say, we can expect great things from the upcoming clans updates.

Clans, however, is not everyone's cup of tea. Along with this update, there has also been a smaller update in game and a larger one on the forums. The new update in game includes things such as a new spectator mode, simply clicking on a person and you can see things from their perspective, hovering over a rank in chat and it will give you a little more detail on what the rank is and how you can buy it for purchasable ranks, or contact with staff ranks. As a further edition, there was the implantation of Gwen the Guardian which takes advantage of the 1.8 features. These are just small updates we have seen in game.

2/11/16

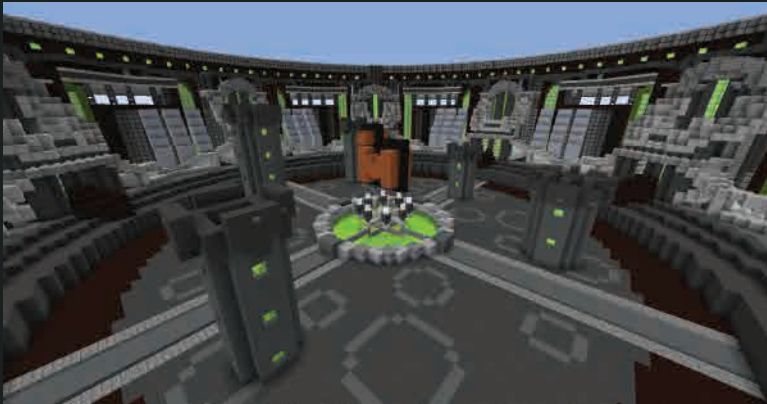
Are you in the loving mood? Do you have someone special in your life? Calvin the cow needs your help to make his Valentines special for Moolanie. His house was broken into before their date and he needs help returning the stolen items. Participating in this game will give you three flowers to share with your friend if you win, which is also is a new feature in the holiday update. Each flower can be given to a player on the server as a present; with you and your friend being able to win anything from treasure shards to limited special items.



# NEW MAP PREVIEWS

XLOUISADDAWAY

Around this time of year, many people have love on their mind, however, the Build Team is still managing to produce many maps for Mineplex. As ever, we have been granted the access to preview some of the upcoming maps; these are not all guaranteed to pass the QA testing so are not always implanted into Mineplex. None the less, enjoy!



This Valentine's Day, we went around the staff team, asking questions based on this romantic holiday. See what your staff members have to say about the holiday and how they celebrate this festive (or lonely) time of year!

## WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THIS VALENTINE'S DAY?

**CritAddaway:** I don't plan on doing anything special. I'm not very keen on the celebration itself, but I will certainly try to make myself and others happy by wishing them a good Valetine's Day.

**xLeahAddaway:** I plan on spending Valentines Day with a few of my friends. We are going to have a movie night watching cheesy, romantic and sad movies, crying about how single we are :wink:

## DO YOU THINK THIS HOLIDAY SHOULD BE CALLED, "VALENTINE'S DAY," OR, "SINGLE'S AWARENESS DAY?"

**xLouis:** I'd say Valentine's day, it's pretty cute and really does focus on the idea of "Love" opposed to singles who haven't found that yet.

**GoldenArtu:** I think it should be called both. Some people do have a Valentine but others are single like me haha, single lives matter too.

## WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST/MOST EMBARRASSING VALENTINE'S EXPERIENCE?

**xlxxRazorxxlx:** I remember one Valentines Day watching my friend ask a girl out and get rejected in an instant. I feel bad for laughing but his reaction was priceless to this day

**CritAddaway:** I would say my funniest Valentine's Day experience was in 4th grade, during my English class. We were supposed to make Valentine's Day cards and send to someone on school - a girl in my class and my geography teacher had the same name, so it was sent to the teacher instead of that girl. I was very embarrassed!

# TRAINEE INTERVIEWS

PERSIS  
& LOUISA DAWAY

In this edition of the newsletter, we have picked two newly accepted trainee's to interview about the upcoming of their trials and what they're excited about. They also give you some tips on how to achieve trainee for yourselves. Good luck to the two interviewees on their trials and Enjoy.

## XBAEBOT

Any nicknames? - Alex, Ploob (amyisfabulous calls me plot)

Favorite Mineplex game? - Clans, it's so much fun with all my friends.

How has the past few hours of Trainee been? - Its been one of the most thrilling and exciting times of my life. I'd been applying for about 1-2 years, and finally I got accepted. I definitely think I'm going to enjoy my time as a Mineplex staff member.

What specifically are you excited for your trial?

I'm looking forward to meeting new people, and learning more as my trial progresses. As I've seen from other people, you really take a lot from being a Mineplex staff member, and I can't wait to begin learning and developing as a person, while seeing others do the same too.

Has anyone inspired this? If so, who and why?

I was inspired by my two good friends, AlexTheBlock and amyisfabulous\_. Myself, Alex and Amy worked hard with Amy to get her Trainee, and that inspired me to go the extra mile with this application. Amy always seemed to be having fun as a Trainee, so that's another reason that I decided to go the extra mile.

Anything you would say to anyone aspiring to become a trainee:

Never give up. I was trying for so long, and finally I got it. Mineplex will eventually accept you if you work on every flaw you get rejected for. Remember, they're not rejecting you to be mean, they're doing it to help you develop. Even applying for staff will help you develop as a person, which will make you a very good trainee when/if you get there.

## HORIZON\_

Any nicknames?

Horizon or tomatohater.

Favorite Mineplex game?

I really like DOM, but I also enjoy Micro Battles and Turf Wars

How have the past few hours of your Trainee trial been?

Great! I am really excited to work with everyone and help the community!

What specifically are you excited for in your trial?

I am excited to help the community and make it a better place

Has anyone inspired this? If so, who and why?

Ali, a current mod, inspired me ;D

Anything you would say to anyone aspiring to become a Trainee?

Don't give up, be active, helpful and honest, and you will get trainee!!



Just over a month ago, Mineplex gained another member to it's development team. G , formally known as VPSync, joined the team to help with backend server. We had the pleasure of asking him some questions regarding his time at Mineplex, what we can expect from him and his overall job, here is what he said.

**What can we expect from you as a new developer?**

I will be working along side Jaws12 to provide server support during the EU timezone.

**How will your work benefit Mineplex?**

If there is an issue occurring during EU time it can be resolved quickly and efficiently by me.

**Do you plan to have much interaction with the community?**

Since most of my work involves backend server management, I may not have much interaction with the community but i would like to know of any issues people are experiencing with the network and also any suggestions too.

**Any insights on your job?**

= Classified

**Favourite Mineplex game?**

Minestrike

# SCREENSHOT COMPETITION!

CYBER700

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In this newsletter game, you have to try and find the best screenshot for a certain theme. This weeks theme will be Valentines Day! You can take the screenshot from absolutely anywhere on the new game Valentines Vendetta! The screenshot you take can range from anything from a good/funny screenshot of you playing the game, to a funny win of the game.

The three best screenshots will be judged and positioned into a 1st, second and third. The winners will either be messaged on enjin or mentioned in the next issue!

1st place - 3 mythical chests  
2nd place - 2 mythical chests  
3rd place - 1 mythical chest

You can submit your screenshots here: <http://goo.gl/forms/yxrhxu1iOu>. Good luck!



# POEM WRITING COMPETITION

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It's that time of year... The birds are singing, the angels are making their rounds, and love is in the air. It's Valentine's Day! Valentine's day is time to spend with your loved ones, exchange gifts, cards, candy, flowers, and so much more. To celebrate this day, the Mineplex Newsletter team tasked the Mineplex community of creating some of their own Valentine's Day Love Poems! And, here are some of our favorites:

## Love Haiku by Ethyy

Every time I see you,  
your little smile,  
brings my heart alive.

Whenever you're fearful,  
or don't feel good enough,  
I am there by your side.

Eden and MC,  
you both have a very  
special place within my heart.

Everyday, playing games, raging and more,  
with all of the fun we have,  
the extravaganza never ends.

I always will love you,  
no matter what happens,  
because we're always together.

And although you two,  
seem to have a weird connection,  
I love you dearly, with all my heart.

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## One Time by Sequela

There was this one time,  
i met this girl,  
as sweet as the very plums that grow on this  
earth  
as kind as a sinner upon her deathbed  
as clever as the alpha wolf  
as pretty

there was this one time,  
i met this girl,  
i loved as much as birds loved trees  
i loved as much as a poet loved his pen  
i loved as much as the stars loved the moon

there was this one time,  
i met this girl,  
we laughed, we smiled, we kissed,  
and every day i remember  
the taste of her vanilla lip gloss,  
the smell of her floral perfume,  
the touch of her silk skin.

one day,  
she went out alone,  
whilst i was left, preparing for a feast  
a feast fit for my queen,  
and to gift her a diamond ring  
and i was filled with a happiness,  
i'd never felt it before.

the doorbell rang,  
and i thought it would open to my princess, my  
love  
but instead,  
two officers dressed in anthracite  
proceeded to tell me why my love, my  
everything,  
was snatched from my everlasting grasp.

i cried, and i never did stop,  
little water droplets rushing down my cheeks,  
my hands covering my subdued face,  
for i could never accept,  
that my love was gone.

and now she is erased,  
extinguished like a wildfire  
a wildfire that burnt my heart,  
where she will always hold a place,  
with such joy and pride of mine,  
but the wildfire is now only a mere spark.

and i felt grief wrapping me like a corset,  
a rouge wave, unexpectedly roaring in and  
covering  
maybe obliterating,  
everything in it's path.

we grieve all kinds of losses,  
but i grieve my love,  
my one and only,  
taken from me in spite by him  
as drunk as a lord, as sick as a parrot.

i will say it now, and say it forever,  
kneeling with a guilt wrapped bouquet  
bursting with colour at your miserable end.

'i love you like there is no tomorrow,  
i love you like the angel you are  
i love you like i have never loved before  
and i will never love again.'

there was this one time,  
i met this girl,  
that i would never forget,  
even though i long for her to be down with me,  
she is up there,  
on her golden throne,  
watching me from above.

# WHO DO YOU LOVE?

XLOUISADDAWAY  
&XSTAR\_89

Love is in the air! We asked people about who they love or love to be within the community, whether it be friends, family, or new people that they've just met. There were so many great responses and here are some of the ones that stuck out the most!

**From: Kanebridge**

**To: \_H2O & xLeahAddaway**

Oh where do I start? You are such an amazing friend to hang out with. I know we may not see each other in-game. But it's fun talking to you on Enjin. Just first registering and first joining Enjin. I thought I was going to be one of those lonely guys. But no, that's where you came in. You may have just changed myself as a person on Enjin and mainly the real world. Thank you for that

**From: Aliatta**

**To: ErgonomicCheese**

I love her for so many reasons, She's always a sweet person to be around. She's always been there for me when I've needed someone to help me, overall I couldn't be happier to be in a relationship with her. She makes my day brighter even when I've been in the most negative of moods, she's always been by my side to pick me back up when I fall.

**From: SparkWings**

**To: Grace (graza)**

I love Grace because she's my princess, my everything. My first thought when I wake up, and my last thought when I lay down to go to sleep. Even through my hard times she's been there for me, always willing to talk. Whenever I talk to her I feel so comfortable, as if I could stay in the moment forever.

**From: EhVal**

**To: OhSara**

I love her because she has the brightest smile and stunning eyes that I could lose myself in every time I looked at them. My love for her is too big to be expressed in words, I'd say I love her forever but that's too short, or that I love her to the moon and back, but that distance is short too. She is perfect and I love every single thing about

# WHO DO YOU LOVE?

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&XSTAR\_89

From: ItzSophie\_  
To: ROFLerRachel

I love this person because she is a wackadoo and really, my best friend on MC! We are so relatable because we share a lot of things in common. We met on the place where we both love: the Forums! We met up eventually in game, and been good friends ever since. I really hope I don't lose her because she is basically irreplaceable. No one can live up to her standards with me <3

From: lupus  
To: Jetix\_

I love him because he has been with me from the start and because he's so sweet and loving, and his screams fill me with life. <3

From: fireflydestroyer  
To: TheChessMaster

TheChessMaster is one of the first staff members I ever talked too. She is always there for you. If you need a hacker banned or just someone to talk too. She is one of the nicest people I've met on Mineplex. :) If you ever need help I fully recommend her. She stays updated on new features on and has some really funny ideas for the shop. :P



# STAFF BIOS

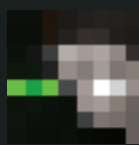
BY: TORTELETT



**Dozy:** Hi! I'm Dozy, the new Newsletter manager! I've been on the staff team for almost two years, and I'm currently on the Social Media team. I love running and playing golf as well as programming and creating websites! I'm always around in-game and on the forums, and I'd be happy to help you out and answer your questions.



**Crumplex:** Hey, I'm Crumplex! I'm a Sr. Mod on the Social Media Team. I manage the graphics for the newsletter, and have been helping design it since the third issue. Hope you enjoyed!



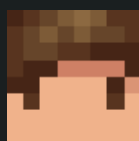
**WebGlitch:** Hello there! My name is WebGlitch! I am the Social Media Admin and one of the first Newsletter managers. Hope you like this issue!



**TorteleTT:** Hi! I am a moderator on the Media Team and Music Management Team! I am in charge of designing and assembling all the written articles and images from the newsletter and media teams into this newsletter. Hope you enjoyed reading it!



**xLouisAddaway:** Heyo! I'm a Louis, a moderator here at Mineplex. Currently, I am on three sub teams and aspiring to be a mentor on either Trainee Management or Mod Coordination. My favourite games are Champions and SG but you will quite frequently find me on the forums. I enjoy food, a lot of food.



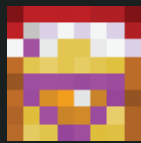
**PleaseTeamIFan:** Hey there! ^-^ My name is Zach, and I am a Senior Moderator and a member of the Mod Coordination team. I enjoy playing basketball, soccer, and frisbee in my free time. I also like to think I have a knack for photography. If you ever want to talk, or just say hi, you can find me on TeamSpeak or in-game! c:



**xStar\_89:** Hiya! I'm Star, currently a Senior Moderator on the Mod Coordination team. Alongside this, I'm on 4 sub-teams including the Newsletter team. I love to meet new people, try new things, music, and ice-cream. I'm usually on TeamSpeak and in-game, so I hope to see you around! x)

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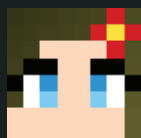
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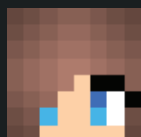
**iPBJSammich:** Heya! I'm iPBJSammich, currently a Mineplex Mod on the Karaoke Hosts, and Newsletter Teams! I enjoy relaxing and playing MC in my free time. I am really eager to see new people, and love having a good time! Just message me whenever, I'd be delighted to talk! <3



**cyber700:** Heya! I'm cyber, ciber, ceber and every spelling mistake you can make on 'cyber'! I'm currently on two sub-teams, one being the Newsletter Team. I was only accepted to the newsletter team on the 24th December, but I'm already enjoying my time on the team. I love playing tennis, and other ball-related games in my spare time :)



**Snow\_Sparrow:** Hello! I am a Sr.Moderator on the Newsletter Team. I hope you enjoyed reading this issue of the Newsletter. Keep your eyes open: more issues will be coming out soon.



**IDONTHAVE1:** Greetings. I am currently a Mineplex Moderator on the Newsletter Program. I enjoy crocheting and other arts and crafts.



**PrincessLivi:** Hello there! I'm Livi. I participate not only on the Newsletter team, but also on the Apps Team here on Mineplex, and I hope to one day join the Sr. Mod team Trainee Management. Outside of MP I love ballet, cross country, and talking to new people! I hope you enjoy this month's issue of our newsletter!



**Persistent:** Hey there! My name is Persistent, and I am a moderator for Mineplex. I am part of the Newsletter program and I also work in the Applications team. I enjoy reading and writing, as well as meeting new friends! Enjoy this issue!

