

What happened to PBS and how does their removal affect BTW?

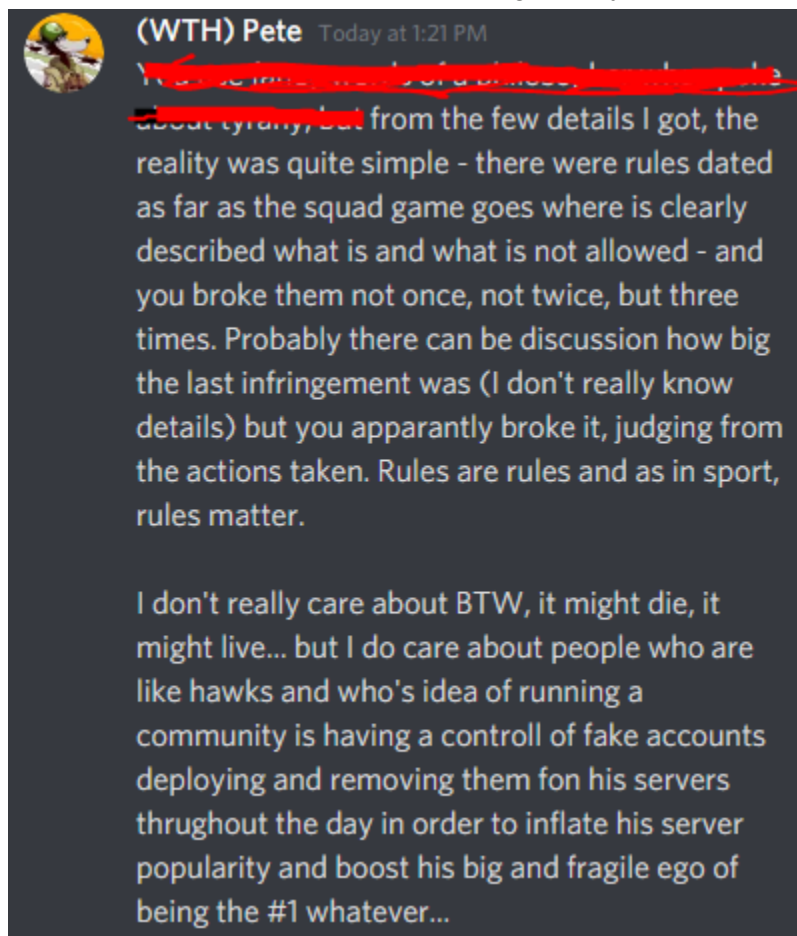
*Disclaimer: I am not affiliated with either server, I am simply a player with 400+ hours who is concerned about the future of this game. Please read until the end.

Why was the PBS server delisted?

- Members of the WTH clan submitted numerous reports over the span of multiple weeks about PBS using bots to seed their servers.
- Offworld entertainment, the publisher of BTW, issued 3 warnings to PBS to stop seeding their servers with the accounts being reported by WTH
- PBS maintains contact with Offworld and attempts to prove the accounts are not bots but they get officially delisted after Offworld continues to receive reports of PBS botting.

Why would WTH mass report PBS?

- First of all, WTH has acknowledged they were the ones behind the reporting



(On a completely unrelated sidenote, how professional of WTH is it to go into PBS server, describe in detail something you acknowledge you know little about multiple times, and say you don't care if BTW dies in the same paragraph. Also I will address the claims made by Pete later.)

- As many of you know, btw has a severe lack of players and for the past 3 months or so the game hasn't been able to fill more than one server (roughly 95% of the time).

- PBS was consistently the server that would be populated because they would seed their server with “bot” accounts (I will explain the validity of these claims).
- All organizations that host a server must pay monthly fees so they want to see their server being used, therefore WTH likely reported PBS so they would become the only European server and thus the sole populated server. WTH representatives have stated they stood to gain from the delisting of PBS (later elaborated and proven).

Why does it matter?

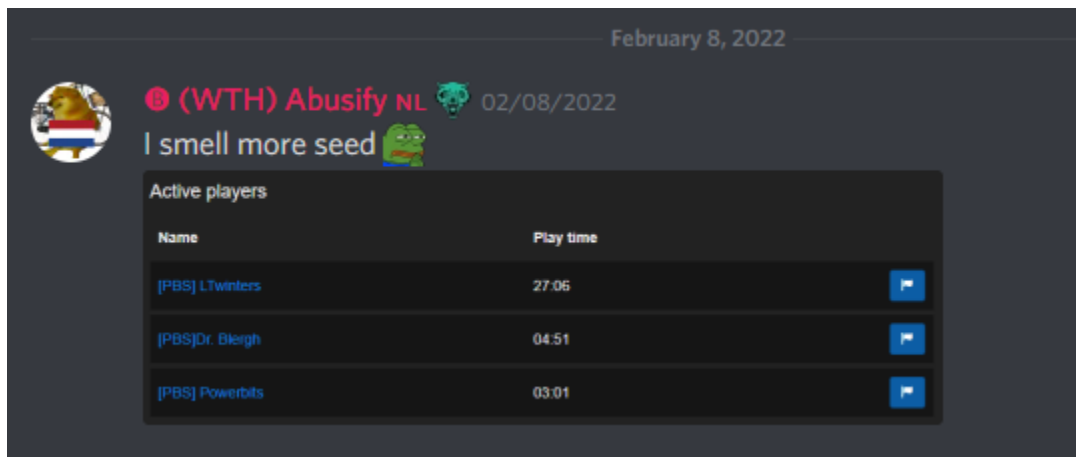
- Here is the steam chart for btw, the red point is approximately where the PBS server was banned.



- As evidenced by the graph, AFK seeding (or botting?) had a definite impact on the player base game, regardless of its morality.

Is PBS guilty of what WTH alleges?

- I don't have the evidence to prove that PBS did not use bot accounts, but I have played on that server for roughly 4 months and all of the afk accounts (which they frequently used) were people I've seen on their discord.



- This is a public comment Abusify made on the WTH server that shows he has been reporting PBS for seeding with **real accounts by real people**. Earlier they alleged that random accounts were joining throughout the day, but this contradicts that. This clearly shows that they reported official PBS members afk seeding, not bots.
- I've had multiple conversations with PBS admins in which they have vehemently denied using bots, but they do acknowledge that they artificially boosted server numbers with their accounts.
- Here is the official policy of Offworld:

2.8 - Using any sort of fake clients, bots, or BTW instances with the intent of seeding or boosting player counts is not permitted.

- I don't believe PBS ever violated this, to my knowledge they used real accounts associated with real, different people to seed. Their claim:

Just to clarify, after the last warning, all of the so called bots we in fact real life humans making an active decision to load up the game and go afk, while working, studying or playing another game.

Out of the top 25 players on our server, i can count:

1 Owner

1 Owner's son

4 PBS admins

1 PBS member

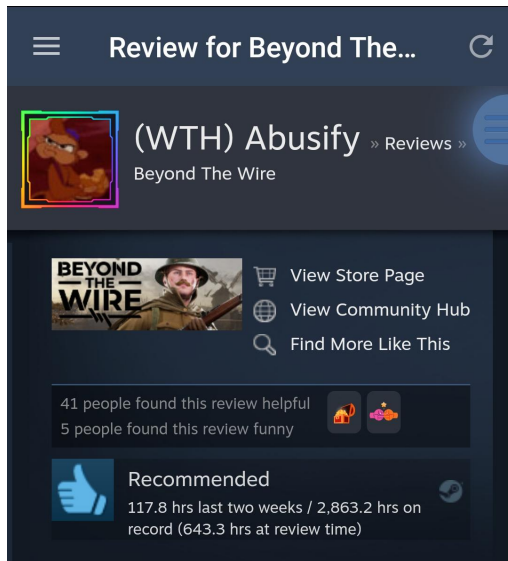
Rest are not affiliated with PBS in any way shape or form.

Data from Battlemetrics:

Most Time Played			1M	AT	⚙
#	Player	Time			
1	[PBS] LTwinters	1,665:56			
2	[PBS] Powerbits	1,122:17			
3	[PBS] VoapeDK	696:26			
4	[PBS] GRiMTeK-303	365:43			
5	[PBS] Dr. Blergh	314:05			
6	[PBS] saracky	302:14			
7	Titus	239:05			
8	[PBS]Real01	217:45			
9	[PBS]steammaster	209:21			
10	alekmichal	195:46			

Even if PBS was Botting (I don't think so but I cannot verify), why am I so Passionate about this?

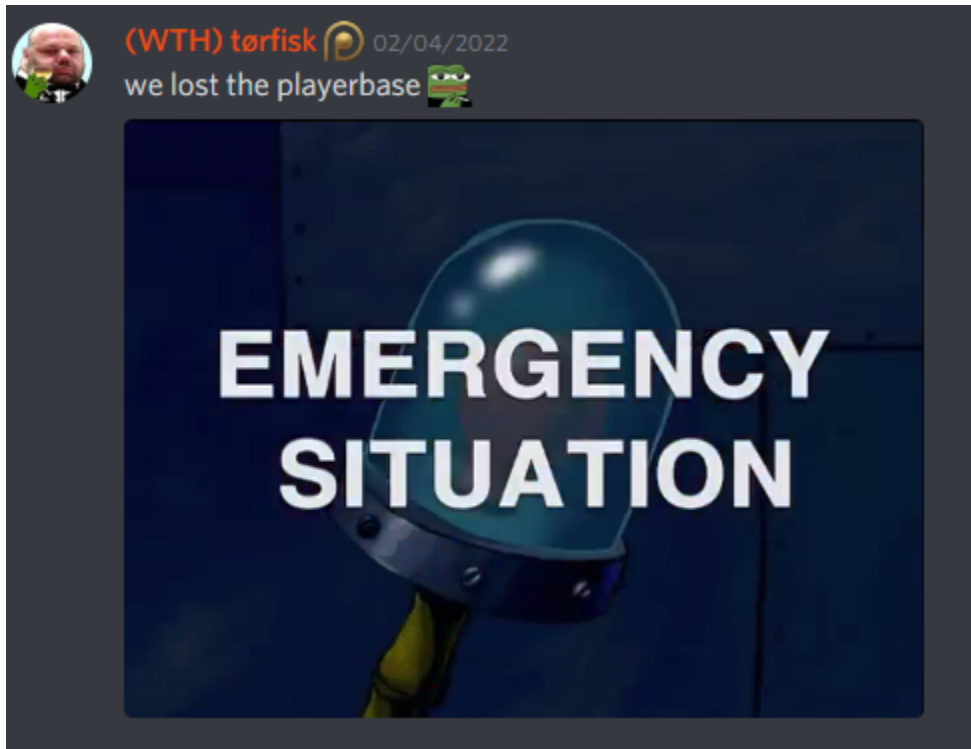
- Members of WTH, specifically Abusify (the WTH server manager and moderator/community Q&A of the official BTW server), has partaken in afk seeding during the games entire lifespan. In the past two weeks alone he has 167 hours, and nobody plays for 167 hours in 2 weeks. Yes, you are reading this correctly. Absuify reported PBS for afk seeding while he does the exact same thing.



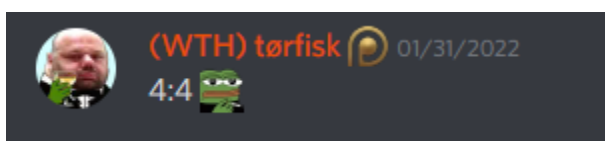
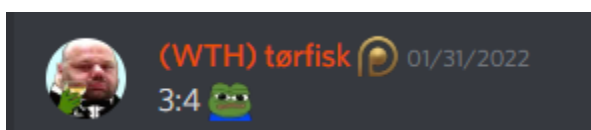
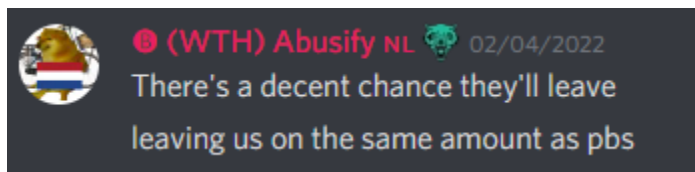
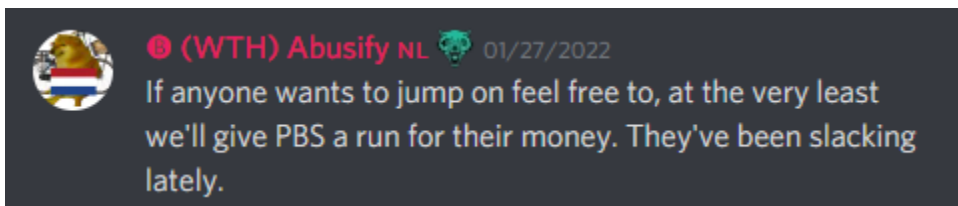
- WTH has also (allegedly) been uncooperative with the community as a whole in the past. This commenter is remarking on the (alleged) fact that WTH was uncooperative with them as far as planning events go while they managed a joint server (BTW COMMUNITY SERVER). He is also saddened by the fact that WTH declined to participate in the firefight 6s events like all of the other major servers, including PBS (well not anymore).

What saddens me is that now the only European server on is run by a clan which has never been willing to support the community itself, for instance by organizing events. They did not even answer to my invitation to join this very discord, and they are probably the only big community not present here now.

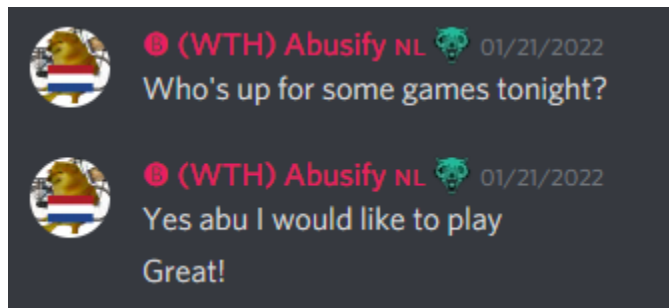
- Now let's see some comments made by people from WTH.



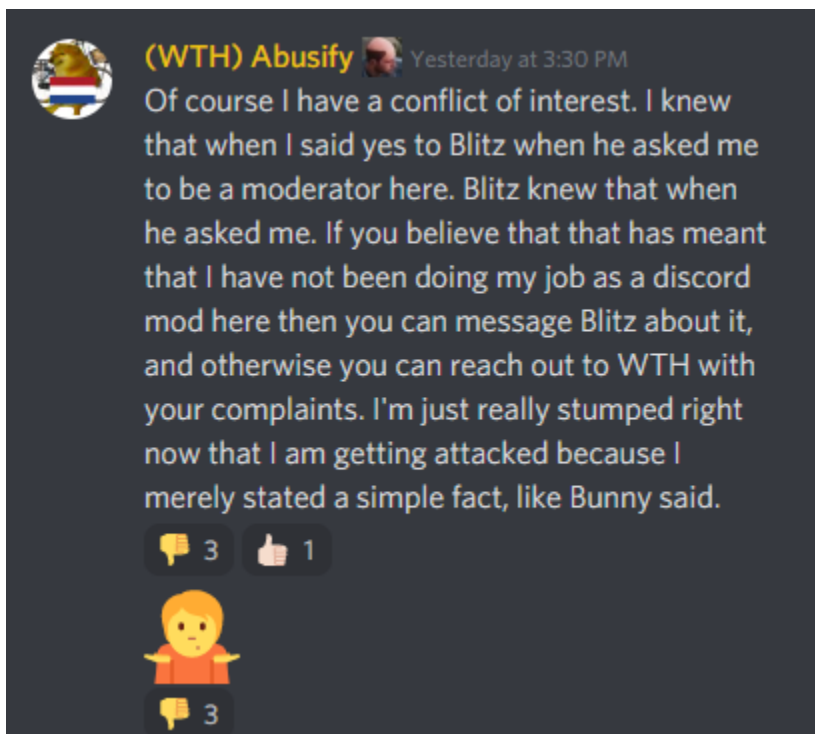
One month ago, WTH lost the player base and PBS became the main server for btw players. What do they do to try and get it back? Report the hell out of PBS and afk seed (at least Abusify does, I can't say definitively if other WTH members do) I encourage servers to try and fill their own ranks, but as it pertains to this case its a bit fishy when WTH repeatedly mentions that they are in direct competition with PBS.



My personal favorite instance:



Oof, no one responded



- Abusify acknowledges he has a conflict of interest. I don't like his explanation of it though. He was being pressed for having a clear incentive to get PBS banned as the leader of the only other European server, but instead of responding to that criticism he made it about his role as a mod of the BTW discord. I think he has been a great moderator there, but I don't see his role as moderator having anything to do with PBS being delisted, so I find it pathetic that he won't address the elephant in the room in this statement.



(WTH) Abusify



Yesterday at 3:07 PM

Matter of perspective I guess. Like was pointed out earlier there are clear rules that server admins have to follow to uphold a certain standard but also to create a fair environment for all. WTH felt that was not the case and formally reported it to OWI. I hope it is clear that not only did we have no further influence on the decision that followed, but also that OWI doesn't just revoke a license easily and without proper evidence. Again, this was not the first time the rules were breached.

It's impossible for me to deny that WTH benefits from this. But these actions were not taken because someone doesn't like PBS, but because through hard evidence it has been proved that guidelines have been repeatedly broken. The reality is that this issue goes deeper than most of you here realize, beyond what I just explained, and you shouldn't make assumptions based off of what a few individuals say. If you don't want to play on WTH servers anymore that's a shame, but ultimately up to you. At least I've been able to give you all our side of the story.

I find it heavily ironic that Abusify complains about PBS creating an unfair environment for his server WHEN HE IS GUILTY OF THE SAME PRACTICES HE GOT PBS BANNED FOR. I mean, seriously. How are you gonna say "these actions were not taken because somebody doesn't like PBS" when you have been replicating the same methods used by PBS albeit unsuccessfully. You are obviously jealous of PBS doing what you do, better.

Most Time Played

1M

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Player

Time

1 (WTH) Abusify

920:19

This is how many hours Abusify has spent trying to farm his own server, the next longest playtime on said server is 50 hours and the one after that is 24 hours. It's clear he was afk seeding, just like PBS.

Conclusions

- In my opinion WTH are hypocrites, they have acted in bad faith on multiple occasions, and are a toxin to the community. Even if PBS deserved its ban (which I don't believe they do) how can you not acknowledge the reports were intended to boost the WTH server. That's the only reason. It's not some divine sense of justice or righteousness, WTH intentionally got PBS banned so you could fill their own server while actively partaking in AFK seeding which they were reporting PBS for.
- Sadly, PBS has officially announced their withdrawal from beyond the wire, but I will not beg for them to return. I would leave this toxic environment if I were in their shoes too.
- I will never play on a WTH server ever again unless they publicly acknowledge that they took deliberate steps to take down a fellow server for their own personal benefit, and until Abusify acknowledges that afk seeded just like PBS. I am not calling for a boycott of WTH, I want this game to succeed as much as anyone. I just want accountability for the disgusting behavior by WTH.

Please do not go harass WTH or any people involved in this story. If you have information that contradicts what I said, please correct me.