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It's Your Turn

Sticky, summer doldrums have arrived, but the World Boardgaming Championships—Aug. 2-8 in Lancaster, Pa.—offers the whole family a chance to escape. A record number of people from the United States and several other countries—around 1,500—attended WBC last year, and pre-registration is running higher in 2010. “When it comes to boardgame tournaments, no one has ever done it better,” says Don Greenwood, WBC Convention Director.

In addition to more than 150 tournaments—many for both beginners and experienced players, the convention offers open gaming (playing for fun) with a well-stocked game library, demonstrations to teach games, opportunities for children 12 and under to match up against each other, a vendor's area to try-out and buy new games, and an auction to acquire used copies of old favorites. Familiar titles include *Risk*, *Acquire*, and *Settlers of Catan*.

Lancaster resident Henry Russell has been attending WBC annually for 17 years and he brought along his granddaughter the past two years to play in Juniors events. “Games are a great way to create lasting friendships,” says Russell, who plays many historical titles, such as *Paths of Glory* and *Kingmaker*.

Rebecca Hebner, of Rockville, Md., first attended WBC when she was 12 years old. She'll be 23 in 2010. Hebner says that first year was an attempt to escape the monotony of summer. However, she had such a great time, she kept coming back. “I've found the company and content of the WBC to be the most intellectually and socially invigorating I've ever had,” says the Stanford graduate. “Year after year, the WBC keeps getting better, providing the avid gamer with the best competition, tournaments, and friends one could ask for.”

“Beyond playing boardgames, WBC can be part of a great family vacation,” says Russell. More than five million people visit Lancaster County each year for attractions such as Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park and Hershey Park. Further, the Lancaster Host Resort offers a variety of family amenities, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and 18-hole championship golf course, game room, ping pong and pool tables, shuffleboard, driving range, lighted putting green, fitness center, 1.9 walking/jogging trail, volleyball, miniature golf, and bike rentals.

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Caption: Who needs to go to Alaska to see a moose cross a river? Brandon Bernard, 2009 winner of the World Boardgaming Championships *Elchfest* tournament dons the symbolic antlers of victory after demonstrating his flicking skills. Gamemaster Dan Dolan Sr. calls *Elchfest*—published by Mayfair Games—a true test of skill. For more information about WBC or the tournament, visit boardgamers.org.



Caption: Teens (and adults) stay out of the heat playing games at the 2009 World Boardgaming Championships in Lancaster, Pa. The convention returns to Lancaster this year from Aug. 2-8 and features a huge area for open gaming, along with a library stocked by publishers with their latest offerings. For more information about the convention, visit boardgamers.org.



Caption: John Henry, Jim Jordan and Bernard Beckerman vie for control in *Britannia*, published by Fantasy Flight Games, at the 2009 World Boardgaming Championships in Lancaster, Pa. For more information about the convention, which returns to Lancaster, Pa., from Aug. 2-8, visit boardgamers.org.