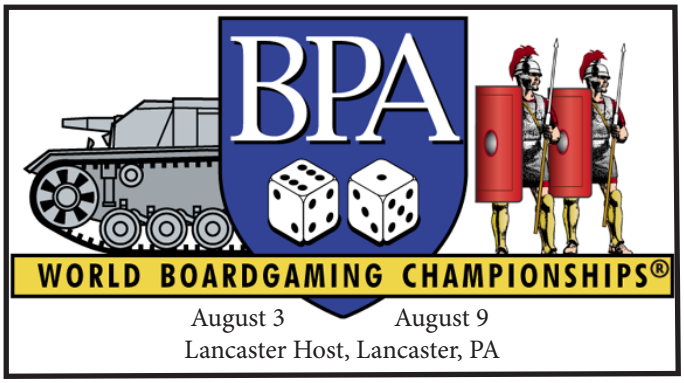


[ ] WBC: I enclose check or money order made payable to BPA to register for WBC 2015. Registration fee is based on date of arrival. Badges dispensed before order date are subject to a $20 surcharge per day. Payment accompanying registration must be received no later than June 30, 2015. Thereafter, higher fees apply.

[ ] TRIBUNE membership $100 - Includes 2015 Patron listing, free admission to WBC and all of its events including Pre-Cons (August 1 - 9).

[ ] SUSTAINING membership - $80 - Includes free admission to WBC and all of its Monday thru Sunday events (August 3 - 9).

[ ] PRE-PAID 2015 Sustaining or Tribune memberships - $0 All rates paid at-the-Door add $20. Pre-register before June 30 for lowest cost.

[ ] Tue-Sun $70 [ ] Wed-Sun $60 [ ] Thur-Sun $50 [ ] Fri-Sun $40 [ ] Sat-Sun $30 [ ] WBC 2014-15 full color Yearbook: $10

[ ] Any one day: $20 (plus $10 per additional day - specify day): _____ For Pre-Con info, see: boardgamers.org/yearbkex15/precon.htm

[ ] 2015 WBC silk-screen Souvenir T-Shirts: $15 each; add $5 for sizes 2X, 3X Size: _____ S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X _____ Hat: $15

Duffle Bags: $40 each _____ Colors: Black, Red, Forest Green, Royal Blue, Navy Blue _____ Duffle Bag Orders Must be received by June 15.

See boardgamers.org/wbc/souvenirs.htm

Total: _____

SUMMARY: By submitting this form, I understand that neither the BPA nor any of its directors, officers, members, employees or agents are responsible for any personal injury of any kind or any lost or misplaced items while I attend WBC.

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Email _____@_____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Total Enclosed: _____

PAYMENT: Send no cash. Pay via check, money order or PayPal. Checks and money orders should be made payable to BPA and mailed to BPA, 1541 Redfield Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015-5739. PayPal payments should be sent to paypal@boardgamers.org. Indicate in the PayPal Message section of the payment the name of the individual(s) the payment covers, a postal and email address, and a listing of all items purchased. All payments must be received by June 30, 2015, or higher, at-the-door rates will apply. Pre-Registration fees are sold at a discount as a guarantee to attend and are not refundable.

[ ] TEAM TOURNAMENT: Register my 4-person team in the Team Tournament at no extra charge. I realize that all the members of my team must be pre-registered and that we must each play a different event. Substitutions of team participants or game selections can be made only by mail or Email to CD@boardgamers.org by July 20, 2015. No substitutions are allowed on site. In case of conflicting entries, the last version received will be official.

TEAM NAME: _____ maximum 21 characters (including spaces)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
Team member #1 (Captain) Team member #2 Team member #3 Team member #4

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
Game to be played by this team member Game to be played by this team member Game to be played by this team member Game to be played by this team member

MORE PRE-CONS FOR EARLY ARRIVALS IN 2015!

• Advanced Civilization • Age of Renaissance • Auction • Manifest Destiny • Warriors of God, Win, Place & Show

Get your fill of classic wargames Afrika Korps, Bitter Woods, Gettysburg, Panzerblitz, Squad Leader, Russian Campaign, Waterloo and Wooden Ships & Iron Men. Free Form scheduling allows leisurely qualification for single elimination play for four skilled finalists later in the week in each event. Up to nine days of gaming ... Valhalla on Earth ... are you Grognard enough? If not, you can still advance during WBC proper by starting on Monday, or even later, with a minimum of three matches before the two-game Single Elimination semifinals begin at week's end. If not now, when? Only at WBC ...

NEW FOR 2015:

EARLIER PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: WBC retains the lowest per diem attendance fees of any comparable gaming convention, but at-the-door prices increased last year so pre-registration is more important than ever. Pre-registration closes on June 30th. Payments received after that date will be subject to higher rates so plan accordingly.

FUTURE WBCs: The BPA Annual Meeting, held during the Auction in Lampeter before the Collectibles session at 3:00 on Tuesday has special significance this year as we bid goodby to Lancaster. Questions pertaining to our 2016 site in Seven Springs will be entertained so be sure to attend.

SCHEDULED OPEN GAMING: Increased emphasis on individual demos and scheduled Open Gaming opportunities will occur all week long. If you've ever bemoaned the difficulty of finding players to play what YOU want to play in Open Gaming, this is your chance. Merely commit to providing the game in question and playing at a specified time in the designated Demo area in Paradise assembly. We will reserve your table plus add your game to the printed, android and rotating schedules for all to see and even provide signage for your "game event". The catch? You must commit to it in a timely fashion; before June 1st. See the details at boardgamers.org/wbc/sopengaming.htm.

OPEN GAMING: Both Ballrooms will supplement Open Gaming space during Tuesday's official Auction lull until the tournament schedule renews after the BPA Annual Meeting. However, NO OPEN GAMING space is available during the Pre-Con weekend. Do not expect to find any. If not engaged in tournament gaming, you should plan offsite entertainment options until Monday.

EXPO CENTER: Host will again reserve the Expo Center as a backup safeguard against any unfortunate AC failure. Failing any such need, this 23,540 sq ft facility will serve as an overflow site for Open Gaming during peak attendance periods with enhanced lighting, albeit being somewhat off the beaten path and without library services.

NEW EVENTS: Making their WBC tournament debuts as part of our record number of tournaments will be: • Castles of Mad King Ludwig • Evolution • Fire in the Lake • Five Tribes • Kanban; Automotive Revolution • Lords of Waterdeep • Mage Wars • Rattlebones • Roll For the Galaxy • Russian Railroads • Splendor • Star Wars Miniatures • Storm Over Dien Bien Phu •Temporum • Victory in Europe • War Stories.

• Early Tournaments: Monday fare has expanded again as the best week in gaming revs into action with our biggest assortment of events ever as attendance continues to climb and migrate to earlier in the week.

PROJECTS: We'll again be adding some special play opportunities outside the realm of tournament competition. You can play in any of four Memoir '44 multi-player campaigns, in an 18-player Civ game, or try out numerous new game designs with their designers in Preview demonstrations. Add your special gaming project to the schedule by contacting us before June 1st with the details.

PRE-CONS: As WBC continues to evolve into a full week vacation destination, attendees have been arriving earlier each year requiring more space and events to keep them entertained. With that in mind, most of last year's Pre-Cons have returned – extending the action to the weekend before WBC in an attempt to escape the schedule conflicts which plague the longer fare. Again, this year if you want action in 1830, Virgin Queen, Paths of Glory, Hannibal, Victory in the Pacific, 1775: Rebellion or Axis & Allies you have to come early. Seven other events (Through the Ages, Manifest Destiny, Warriors of God, Win, Place & Show, Auction, Advanced Civilization and Age of Renaissance) offer additional Pre-Con mulligan or heat opportunities while remaining open to those arriving during the week. Eight grognard wargames return with early starts, but can also be joined in progress during the week. For those of you without vacation to burn ... cheer up ... now you have TWO weekends to enjoy WBC. But pre-register to save both time and money.

Pre-Con pricing has been liberalized to coincide with our standard daily rates of $10 plus $10 per day, so one day costs $20 regardless of how many Pre-Cons you enter, two days costs $30, etc. Tribune members can still take in all Pre-Con action for free. However, if you wait past June 30 to purchase Pre-Con admissions, you will be charged a higher rate – so be sure to pre-register! Extending a different admission at the door will not exempt you from the higher rate. Help us to keep your costs low and waits short by pre-registering before June 30.

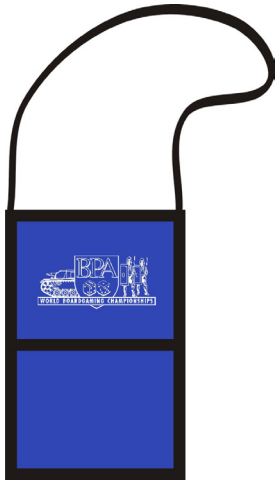
AUCTION: From 10 AM to 5 PM on Tuesday, WBC will again host its Auction for the sale of board and card games and related items. Pre-registration of sale items is limited and required by July 1 or whenever we sell out (whichever occurs first). Full details pertaining to the Auction are available at boardgamers.org/wbc/auction.htm and will be updated with a list of pre-registered items for sale. Come early to enjoy the bidding which has become an event unto itself, content in knowing that you won't be missing any tournament play while you search for that out-of-print classic. Sellers will receive confirmation that their list was received. However, decisions on actual acceptance of lots will not be rendered until the limit is reached. All submissions should be sent to Treasurer@boardgamers.org. NEW FOR 2015: Auction submissions must have a minimum of five lots.

AUCTION STORE: Opening at 9:30 Tuesday, the WBC Auction Store improves on flea markets by allowing sales without the presence of the seller. Watch the Auction or game while your items sell themselves. Or, shop within earshot of the Auction with two scheduled price drops at 12 and 2 PM to bring the buyers back for better bargains. Auction Store items must be registered by July 20 and are limited to the first 2,200 items submitted. Check out the details on our website at boardgamers.org/wbc/auctionstore.htm. NEW FOR 2015: Auction Store submissions must have a minimum of ten lots. Unsold Auction Store lots will have a $.25 handling charge deducted from the sellers proceeds for each unsold item.

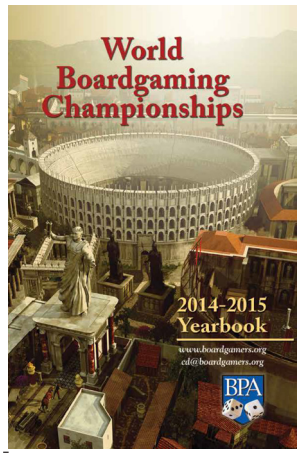
Note: Due to increased volume, both Auction Store AND Auction items MUST be pre-registered BEFORE the convention. Accepted lots must be checked in at Lampeter Hall with lot slips between 6 & 10 PM, Monday, August 3. Items will NOT be accepted on Tuesday, August 4. They must be delivered on Monday. If unable to comply, do not register your items.

WBC 2015 SOUVENIR T-SHIRT: Our silk screen shirts have a simple classic look with bolder colors. They remain the best way to proclaim you were here and inform others what a great venue WBC is. This year's offerings are gold in keeping with our 25th anniversary. However, they must be pre-ordered. We will NOT take orders for souvenir shirts at the convention for later delivery. Order yours today. Find ordering information on the front page of this folder. $15 for sizes S to XL; $20 for XXL & XXXL.

WBC HATS: This khaki soft structured cap has a low-profile look with a new dark blue bill to highlight your embroidered WBC logo. Made from 100% cotton, this brushed twill cap features top quality tailoring including six panels, a pre-curved visor and sewn eyelets with two-tone colors. It has an adjustable velcro closure with matching color strap that gives you one-size-fits-most convenience. $15



WBC BADGEHOLDERS: These official WBC badgeholders will soon be a collector's item. The mandatory neckware of years past are being replaced by your choice of badge appliance - be it pin, clip, magnetic or the last of the remaining pouch style. So you need not remember to bring yours from home anymore unless you really want to. But for those who prefer the deluxe pouch version this year will be your last chance to get a new one Available only at registration while supplies last.



2014/15 YEARBOOKS: The WBC full color Yearbook of the past year is NOT given to all attendees. It will be mailed to all eligible early members requesting same before the convention (one per household). Foreign attendees and extra family copies will be distributed at registration in the New Holland room to all other Sustaining and Tribune-level members who met the appropriate membership deadlines. Yearbooks will also be available for purchase on site while they last. $10

A one-color program listing only the current schedule is provided at check-in; one per attendee. Replacements are NOT available, so PLEASE hold onto yours. A colorized version of this schedule and several scheduling aids will be posted at boardgamers.org/wbc/publicity.htm for download. Consult the on-line schedule for 2015 event information including full previews of events at boardgamers.org/yearbkex/.

BPA DUFFEL BAGS: Our rugged bag has become the perfect accessory for toting games to/from WBC. This Port & Company Extreme Sport Duffel is made from premium 600 denier polyester fabric. It's a spacious 5,372 cubic inches of carrying power in a classic athletic style. The large main pocket is perfect for game days and weekend excursions. It features two large zippered side pockets and two zippered front pockets. You can carry this 14.5" h x 27.5" l x 13.5" w unit by either the padded handle or the removable, adjustable shoulder strap. This duffel is built for the long haul, with reinforced seams and double-needle tailoring. Available in Black, Royal or Navy Blue, Hunter Green or Red. This item must be ordered by June 15th. $40

EVENTS: There are no Event fees at WBC. There is also no event pre-registration. You may play as many events as you like, but only one at a time. You aren't required to advance further if you qualify; merely inform the GM that you will not be continuing should you wish to withdraw at the end of any round. To guarantee inclusion, just be present at the listed starting time with a copy of the game.

Wear your badge at all times. To confirm your registration status for WBC and/or its Pre-Cons, or to seek carpool, roommate, Open Gaming matches or teammates, check boardgamers.org/wbc/prereg.htm.

See our detailed preview pages for schedule, history, prize and format details pertaining to each event at boardgamers.org/yearbkex.

Those for whom baggage is a problem should plan accordingly in choosing what, if any, games to bring. 2-player games usually have the most shortages. Not everyone will have a game and we don't expect air travellers to tote along their game collection. However, if insufficient copies are available, you can be turned away.

PRIZES: Century events offer a Centurion shirt option to the winner and two to six BPA plaques as listed in the program, depending on prior year event participation. Trial and Junior events receive one plaque. Some events also award publisher merchandise credits or GM-donated items as listed in the detailed event previews on our website at boardgamers.org/yearbkex/.

CLASS: All WBC events are color coded throughout our website and their respective event kiosks for the required experience levels expected of participants. Please honor the experience requirements and do not attempt to enter events for which you are not qualified. Not all events are meant to be teaching opportunities.

A (Red): Advanced players only. Rules are not explained.

B (Yellow): Beginners welcome. Rules are taught only at the scheduled teaching demonstration in Paradise/Cornwall Terrace – the GM does not teach during the event.

C (Green): Coached. Beginners will be taught during play of the event.

ELECTIONS: All WBC attendees who have paid admission for two or more days are by definition BPA members and entitled to vote in our elections and freely play in our tournaments. Our annual Board of Directors election is currently underway and you are encouraged to vote before July 15 at boardgamers.org/forms/BoardBallotshtml.

• TEAM TOURNAMENT: A unique and celebrated feature of WBC is its Team Tournament. 4-player groups traditionally compete to score team points based on how they fare in their selected event. No additional time or commitment is required, but the results are often entertaining with good-natured trash talk, predictions and group esprit de corps as visualized in team shirts and humorous team logos. Enter your own team to get in on the fun. Providing your own team artwork is encouraged lest you be subject to the whims of our current Photoshop graffiti artist. We even make a pre-convention contest out of it by predicting who can fill in their brackets best by selecting the most Top Ten teams every year. Follow the fun as the convention nears and the entries are posted with predictions by the Happy Handicapper at boardgamers.org/wbc/teamtour.htm.

• LANCASTER HOST: There are many amenities at the Lancaster Host Resort. Among them are • being within one mile of 200 outlet stores • practically "next door" to Dutch Wonderland • within one hour of Hershey Park & Gettysburg • indoor and outdoor pools & jacuzzi • 18-hole golf course • driving range • mini-golf • putting green • 1.9 mile jogging trail • game room • ping pong & pool tables • tennis & volleyball courts • shuffle board • children's playground • nightly movies at poolside and numerous local attractions and fine restaurants.

Lancaster Host is already sold out for most of WBC week, but cancellations do occur, so you may wish to inquire and be put on a call-back list. The WBC Room rate at the Host is $114 per day for one to four guests per room. Applicable taxes bring that to $126.54. A check or money order covering the first night's stay or submission of the entire number of your major credit card, including expiration date and signature, is required to make a reservation. Guests who cancel reservations within 30 days of the reserved arrival date forfeit the room deposit. Specify any other guests with whom you will share the room at the time of your reservation. Contact: Lancaster Host, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602 or call the hotel at 717-299-5500 weekdays between 8 AM and 7 PM EST.

• RECOMMENDED LODGING: Fortunately, there are many other hotels nearby, many within easy walking distance. However, sell-outs are common at this time of year, so make your reservations as early as possible. We recommend the Continental Inn as the best combination of quality, convenience, and value. We have a roomblock there with discounted rates for those attending WBC, but only if you book early and correctly identify your attendance. It may already be sold out if you go only by their website unless you identify your affiliation with our roomblock, so it pays to call. The good news is that the cancellation policies are more lenient than those at the Host and also include a free breakfast package. The bad news is that while the walk to the Host is short, it crosses a busy highway. Be sure to identify yourself as with the BPA's World Boardgaming Championships both to get our special group rate and to credit us with your stay (thereby reducing your costs).

The amenities include indoor and outdoor pools and jacuzzi, cable tv, free wireless internet, refrigerators, coffee makers, and more. A complete, complimentary hot breakfast is included to start your day. The special WBC rate is $99 per day plus 11% tax per single thru quad occupancy with one King or two Double Beds. Rollaway beds, if requested, are $10 additional.

Deposit: A three-night minimum stay is required for this special group rate. One night's deposit will be required upon booking. Deposit is refundable up until 48 hours prior to arrival. Phone 717-299-0421 to make your reservation or email info@continentalInn.com for a call-back by the reservationist. Alternatively, you may book on line at continentalinn.com at the regular rates and identify yourself in the comments as claiming the WBC rate providing you are booking the three-night minimum stay. This offer is valid until July 1, or our roomblock sells out, whichever occurs first.

To check other local vacancies, call the 866-220-8985 to inquire about available lodging near Lancaster Host.

• DIRECTIONS: The Host is located on Route 30 east of Lancaster, PA. For detailed travel directions, including air and rail connections, and details pertaining to a nearby campground, see boardgamers.org/hotellan.htm.

• JUNIORS EVENTS: Children 12 and under, able to read and accompanied by an adult member may freely participate in the 20 Juniors events and other play opportunities in the Juniors room (Vista CD) Tuesday through Saturday. See boardgamers.org/yearbkex/jnrpge.htm.

• SOLICITING NA: Flea markets, product displays and the selling or promotion of any item is prohibited to all except authorized vendors.

• TOURNAMENTS: WBC features competition in 109 Century, 55 Trial, and 20 Juniors tournaments with varying formats, prizes and starting times. Considerable details on each event are listed at boardgamers.org/yearbkex/ and very helpful personal scheduling tools are located at boardgamers.org/wbc/sviewer/. Players need not complete the entire tournament and are encouraged to drop in for friendly games as a form of scheduled Open Gaming provided they inform the GM of their intentions not to advance further should they qualify to do so.

• VENDORS: For shoppers, be advised that most of our publishers and retailers will not be on hand to sell games until the last three days (Aug 7-9). Only one exclusive show Vendor (Decision Games) is open earlier in the week. Check the list of attending exhibitors on our home page for links to their respective websites.

• WHAT TO BRING: Lancaster can be hot and humid, so bring a bathing suit for the Host's splendid pools. However, the ballrooms can be cold as the air conditioning deals with the heat so bring a sweater and long pants just in case.

• ADMISSION: BPA membership is included in the price of admission UNLESS buying a one-day pass. Spectators are admitted free to visit vendors, but both Open Gaming and events are restricted to those with a valid badge for that day. Basically, if you are using a table or chair for any purpose and thereby denying it to someone else, you are expected to purchase admission. Children 12 and under accompanied by an attendee may play in free "Juniors-only" tournaments by signing parental consent forms in Vista CD. There are no event fees.

• ALLIANCE DISTRUBUTORS/MARBLES OPEN GAMING: Space for Open Gaming has been expanded again through the sponsorship of Alliance Distributors and Marble - The Brain Store. This ensures plenty of open gaming Monday thru Sunday in the 13,000 sq ft tiered Dinner theatre of the Lancaster Showroom with overflow to the 23,000 sq ft Expo Center. However, No Open Gaming is available during the Pre-Cons.

• GAME LIBRARY: The BPA Game Library has expanded again. The library lent over 1,800 games last year. We expect it to be even busier this year, as you get a firsthand look at what's new in the world of boardgames and enjoy the opportunity to take them out for a free spin in the Open Gaming Dinner Theatre. Use of Library games is restricted to the Lancaster Showroom with the sole exception of GMs who check out games for use in their respective tournaments.

• SEMINARS are back again. WBC offers a variety of talks in the Hopewell room hosted by hobby experts plus the usual awards presentations, meetings and Wits & Wagers Game Show.