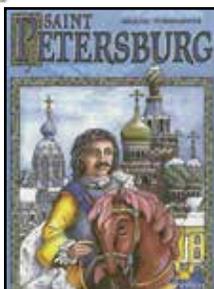


### 2013 Results

♣ Bert Schoose, IL  
 ♣ Gary Dickson, CA  
 ♣ Richard Beyma, VA  
 ♣ Alan Zasada, IL  
 ♣ Doug James, NC  
 ♣ Tom Gregorio, PA

♣ Tom Gregorio, PA  
 † 26 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Lewis Lin, WA  
 ♣ Anne Norton, NJ  
 ♣ Andy Latto, MA  
 ♣ Dan Mathias, MD  
 ♣ Vien Bounma, VA  
 ♣ Robert Cranshaw, RI

♣ Norman Rule, MD  
 † 108 📖 2005-2013



### Top Laurelists

Gary Dickson, CA	435
Doug James, NC	378
Tom Gregorio, PA	358
Bert Schoose, IL	265
Rob Beyma, MD	96
George Karahalios, IL	86
John Ohlin, FL	81
Alan Zasada, IL	63
Phil Evans, VA	63
Pat Flory, CT	61



### Top Laurelists

Arthur Field, SC	102
Randy Buehler, WA	90
Tom DeMarco, NJ	87
Anne Norton, NJ	84
Vien Bounma, NJ	63
Chris Robbins, UT	52
Lewis Lin, WA	40
Charles Hickok, PA	40
Curt Collins II, PA	40
Norman Herrick, NE	40

## Russian Campaign (TRC)



The 5-turn scenario celebrated its 7th anniversary, allowing completion in a reasonable four hours or less, while giving both sides attack and defense opportunities. Balance seemed adequate with the Germans winning 50.8% of the matches. The bidding has continued to drift ever higher with bids now between 14 and 15 extra Russian replacement factors. By the medal rounds, however, the bids averaged 23. Six players played ten or more games. Michael Trobaugh earned Iron Man status with 13 matches with Charlie Catania close behind with 12. Eight matches and six wins were needed to make the playoffs.

Bert Schoose was able to deny Richard Beyma's Germans in three turns, but the other semifinal was a closer affair. Defending champ Gary Dickson's Germans made good progress, taking Leningrad, Stalino and Kharkov on low-odds attacks on Turn 3. Alan Zasada drove them out of Kharkov and back to the outskirts of Smolensk where victory awaited he who held the city. The initial Soviet 1-1 failed and kept Gary's title defense alive.

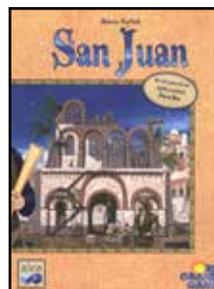
Bert's Germans got off to a bad start with many Russians able to retreat during the Final's opening assault. Unfortunately for Gary, his 3-1's failed to free his pocketed defenders so he went from having plenty of defenders to being very shorthanded. Bert quickly shifted to an attritional strategy in the south while his relatively weaker forces were able to maintain drives on Leningrad and Smolensk.



## Saint Petersburg (SPG)

Three heats generated 48 games with five won by tiebreaker and three by a single point! Robert Cranshaw's 115 was the highest score. In contrast, Tom Johnston won with only 41 points. Most games needed only four or five rounds, but Charles Hickok required nine rounds to win his game. Three of the top 16 opted out of the semifinals, opening the door for three alternates. Anne Norton, Dan Mathias, Andy Latto and Lewis Lin emerged from the semis to become the finalists.

They contested a six-round Final with Lewis scoring 95 to win with the green, blue and orange stacks completely gone. He was able to get both a Mistress and an Observatory. Some say this all but guarantees a win, but the numbers don't lie. During the preliminaries, the winner enjoyed both an Observatory and a Mistress in six games, plus two more games where the winner had an Observatory and two Mistresses! In one, the winner enjoyed a 30-point lead, but in the other, one point was the difference. On the flip side, there were 22 players with both, who still lost. There were two more games where a player had both Mistresses and another where the player had both Observatories and still lost. We also had two games where the winner beat two opponents who each had a Mistress and an Observatory. That leaves a 16.6% win rate if you have some combination of Mistress and Observatory and a 52% loss rate.



### 2013 Results

♣ Bruce Reiff, OH  
 ♣ Rob Kircher, RI  
 ♣ Bill Edwards, VA  
 ♣ Jeff Mullet, OH  
 ♣ Curt Collins II, PA  
 ♣ Eric Brosius, MA

♣ Jeff Mullet, OH  
 † 98 📖 2004-2013



### Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	104
Rob Kircher, RI	69
Tom Browne, PA	69
Jeff Mullet, OH	62
Raphael Lehrer, MD	46
Jason Levine, NY	38
Greg Thatcher, CA	30
Bill Salvatore, MD	30
Eric Brosius, MA	27
Nick Page, on	24

## San Juan (SJN)

For the third year in a row we fell just a couple short of a triple-digit field as the event has averaged 99 players since 2010. To qualify for the single elimination portion, you had to win three times. Everyone who won the first three rounds got to have lunch, while the 2-1's had to go hungry and play again. This year more players kept playing even after being eliminated just for the fun of it. This was nice to see and goes to show both what a quick fun game it is and that exhaustion has not yet set in on Monday.

Alas, the elimination rounds came down to 2006 champ Bruce Reiff versus 2nd ranked Rob Kircher. Neither player had a good starting hand. Rob evolved towards the purple building strategy while Bruce took the risk of pursuing the Guild Hall strategy without actually having a Guild Hall. Using the "run and gun" method, he quickly built small production buildings, forcing Rob to follow suit with less useful buildings to keep pace. Without a Guild Hall, Bruce was behind throughout in what was destined to be a very low scoring game. To Rob's dismay, the Plaque King drew the Guild Hall at the end and was able to overtake him by a single point, thereby becoming the second



multiple *San Juan* champion. Few of those who have played him would be shocked that Mr. Four-leaf Clover got exactly the card he needed at the end.



### 2013 Results

♣ Daniel Hoffman, NC  
 ♣ Ewan McNay, NY  
 ♣ David Metzger, NY  
 ♣ Scott Burns, uk  
 ♣ Lyman Moquin, DC  
 ♣ Graeme Tate, uk

♣ Matt Calkins, VA  
 † 36 📖 2012-2013



### Top Laurelists

Daniel Hoffman, NC	80
Ewan McNay, NY	24
Rob Winslow, NY	24
David Metzger, NY	16
Tom Drueding, MA	16
Scott Burns, uk	12
Lyman Moquin, DC	12
Lachlan Salter, on	12
James Pei, VA	8
Graeme Tate, uk	4

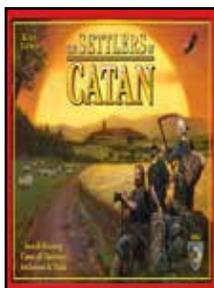
## Sekigahara (SKG)

Attendance was down in its second year but still logged 45 games. Ten "honor prizes" were awarded to the players who won their third match (regardless of the outcome of their first two) after three rounds. Another prize was awarded for killing the most enemy leaders. Scott Burns eliminated 11 enemy daimyo in 13 weeks of play—an astonishing figure—to claim that prize. Honor prizes included sculptures and GMT games.

Our four semifinalists were defending champion Daniel Hoffman, Burns, Ewan McNay, and David Metzger. Daniel defeated David in the first match by doing what he usually does: eliminating the enemy leader. In the other semifinal, Ewan bested Scott by a single point. This was impressive since he had only learned the game the previous day.

Daniel bid 1 for Tokugawa in the Final and won a big battle early in the north over the Uesugi, playing every card in his hand to deliver 23 impact. Ewan struck back by taking two southern castles. Daniel countered with a 21-impact victory with his Maeda troops out of Kanazawa. The game drifted Daniel's way with a 13-6 advantage in casualties. Ewan drew even by the fifth week behind a fearless Ishida block taking a series of perilous positions. On Turn 6, Daniel attacked Okazaki castle, where Ishida was hiding, with a 4-block army. Forced to take three losses from his 3-block army, Ishida was defeated—giving Daniel his tenth straight win while sweeping both tournaments.





## 2013 Results

♣ Julie Ehlers, NJ  
 ♠ Natasha Metzger, NY  
 ♠ John Min, NJ  
 ♠ Doug Faust, NY  
 ♠ Thomas Strock, PA  
 ♠ Carolyn Strock, PA

♣ Joseph Maiz, NJ

† 123 📖 1999-2013



## 2013 Results

♣ Kristen LaDue, NY  
 ♠ Yoel Weiss, NJ  
 ♠ Luke Parauda, NJ  
 ♠ Ray Freema, CA  
 ♠ Kevin Cantwell, PA  
 ♠ Gus Collars, SC

♣ Sean McCulloch, OH

† 194 📖 1993-2013



Julie Ehlers, NJ

## Top Laurelists

Rob Kircher, RI	126
Brian Reynolds, MD	125
Rick Dutton, MD	114
Charles Faella, RI	96
Tom Dunning, NY	87
Jeremy Osteen, MD	84
Matt Tolman, UT	84
Natasha Metzger, NY	72
John Min, NJ	72
Andrew Arconti, MD	66



Kristen LaDue, NY

## Top Laurelists

Derek Landel, NJ	81
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	66
Ken Gutermuth, NC	54
Josh Githens, SC	50
Doug Galullo, MD	46
Kristen LaDue, NY	40
Nicole Reiff, OH	40
Alexandra Henning, CT	40
Ted Simmons, NJ	40
Greg Berry, VA	39

## Settlers of Catan (SET)

The 12th straight triple-digit field in a single-start event proved again that the gateway status of this classic has not ebbed. The games averaged 85 minutes, with the fastest taking 45 minutes and the longest stopped at the 2-hour cutoff. 69 games were logged in three rounds; 27 at start with 2/3 of them still present at the end.

The semifinal barrier required two wins, or a win, a second and a third. The 16 with the right stuff for admittance were: Israeli Haim Hochboim, Doug Faust, Eve Secunda, Allyson Field, Julie Ehlers, Canadian Donna Balkan, William Austin, Rod Davidson, Forrest Speck, Lynda Shea, Natasha Metzger, Carolyn Strock, John Min, Thomas Strock, Brian Bortz and Phil Reese. 90 minutes later Min, Faust, Ehlers and Metzger emerged as finalists with the Strock siblings earning 5th and 6th place wood as the closest runners-up. It was the second consecutive Final for Natasha - no small feat in an event this size.

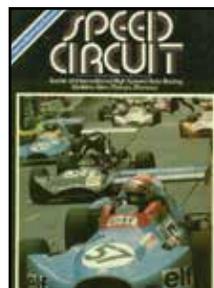
Fate loomed large in the Final. No 10's or 12's, one 2 and 11, two 5s, three 9s and 3s, four 4s, five 6s, six 7s and 13 8s were rolled. Julie's initial choice of an 8 ore location played a major role in her 10-7-6-5 win. Only five cities were built, four by Julie. A WBC newcomer, her triumph was even more impressive in light of a last place finish in her opening game. Unlike many who lost early, she kept at it and was left smiling at the end.



## Slapshot (SLS)

Given the raucous atmosphere that signals the end of another WBC, one must use a different metric to describe memorable events at *Slapshot*. To wit: Richard Irving's team backed into his table playoffs with a team totaling 8.5 points only to be swept by reigning Caesar Randy Buehler in the WBC version of Christians vs Lions. • Laurie Wojtaszzyk won her playoff series with every game going to overtime and Tiny Tim scoring the decisive goal. Laurie was "stunned" to have advanced: "whataya mean I have to play another round?" • Grant Dalgliesh won his table with Tiny Tim scoring twice in consecutive games. • Not to be outdone, Lex Jackson scored with Tiny Tim three times! Sadly, it wasn't enough as Kristen LaDue advanced despite Tiny Tim's best efforts.

Having upstaged Tiny's heroics, Kristen dispensed with the Massively Unfair semifinals and wondered what all the fuss was about. Winning at her first WBC seemed no harder than beating her dad. But hey, she got to stay up past her bedtime so what the heck. Thus incentivized, Luke Parauda stood no chance in the opening playoff series. Kristen bruised Luke's 6 and 7 players in the first two games to take a 3-2 series win. Yoel Weiss was the next victim and he took the opening game into OT, but Kristen's superstar saved the day on the way to a sweep. The only problem left was the lop-sided look to the mantle now that her shield resides next to her dad's sixth place wood.

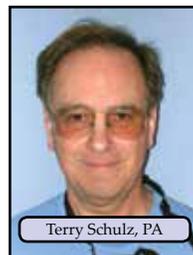


## 2013 Results

♣ Terry Schulz, PA  
 ♠ Doug Schulz, MD  
 ♠ Randy Needham, NJ  
 ♠ Curt Collins II, PA  
 ♠ Robert Rund, MA  
 ♠ Tim Mossman, MD

♣ Douglas Schulz, MD

† 27 📖 1991-2013



Terry Schulz, PA

## Top Laurelists

Scott Cornett, FL	166
Doug Schulz, MD	158
Terry Schulz, PA	156
Kevin Keller, MD	107
Gerald Lientz, VA	81
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	78
Lane Newbury, TX	66
John Welage, OH	64
Dennis Nicholson, NY	60
Bruce Rae, bc	56

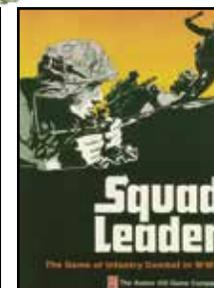
## Speed Circuit (SCT)

The first heat featured tight tracks with less room for overtaking. At Shanghai, this resulted in the highest bid for pole of the event. Robert Rund bid seven—double the nearest bid—but converted his pole position into a win. Meanwhile, Catalunya was won by Tim Mossman with a dramatic forced pass to edge Jim Fleckenstein.

Day 2 featured tracks with longer and faster straights. At Shanghai four cars withdrew. Fleckenstein and Kevin Keller ran 1-2 for most of the race but lost their brakes and gave way on Lap 3. That enabled Doug Schulz to pass Bruce Rae with two corners to go for the win. Suzuka is narrower and caused a major pileup. In the last lap a series of failed chance rolls and forced passes in the same corner resulted in spins for half of the field. John Welage eventually emerged to claim the win after starting ninth.

At Bahrain on Day 3 Lane Newbury and Welage started 1-2 and held off all challengers to finish that way. At Yas Marina Terry Schulz and Rund also started in front and duelled each other until Robert gave way on the last lap.

27 drivers had vied on six different tracks to reach the Sepang Final. 12 were rewarded with a fourth day of racing. At Sepang's final corner, Mossman took a chance roll for an opportunity to drag Terry to the finish. Tim spun instead and Schulz went on to claim his second title.



## 2013 Results

♣ Scott Bramley, NJ  
 ♠ Bill Thomson, TX  
 ♠ A. Cummins, uk  
 ♠ Pete Pollard, TN  
 ♠ Michael Day, AZ  
 ♠ Phil Grasha, PA

♣ Scott Bramley, NJ

† 19 📖 1991-2013



Scott Bramley, NJ

## Top Laurelists

Pete Pollard, CA	241
Bill Thomson, TX	238
Andrew Cummins, uk	182
Eric Stranger, OH	95
David Bronkhorst, VA	86
Phil Grasha, PA	81
Mike Pacheco, CA	78
Scott Bramley, NJ	66
Chuck Leonard, PA	40
Michael Day, AZ	33

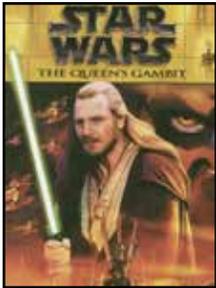
## Squad Leader (SQL)

 19 worthies tested their mettle in 39 games of *Squad Leader* (19), *Cross of Iron* (13), *Crescendo of Doom* (3) and *G. I.: Anvil of Victory* (2). Eight were veterans of at least seven of the past eight years. Our debut as a "B" event delivered six additions to the field as the demonstration emboldened new recruits to put their toe in the water for the first time.

The semifinals paired four veterans with ten titles between them. Bill Thomson and Pete Pollard paired off for the umpteenth time in *Mogilev*, a scenario that charged Bill's Germans with clearing a hill of Russian units. They put the Russians to flight in short order. Meanwhile, Scott Bramley and Andrew Cummings played *Eviction Notice* with the Americans assaulting a German observation post. The OP was almost in American hands when their Demolition Charge rubbed the only stairs up to the second level and denied them access to the sole *German* leader occupying the OP. The last turn thus found Andrew forlornly hoping that the building would offer enough protection from withering point blank fire to hold the OP.

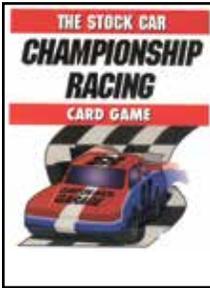
So Bill and Scott advanced to *Tooth and Nail* in the Yelna Salient during August, 1941. This scenario required Bill's Russians to use a 3:1 advantage to occupy six of nine victory hexes. He came up one hex short when his last two squads were eliminated by a STG, allowing Scott to join the Band of Brothers of WBC champions.





### 2013 Results

♣ David Gubbay, TX  
 ♠ Marilyn Flowers, MD  
 ♠ Thomas Strock, PA  
 ♠ Karl Henning, DC  
 ♠ Ken Whitesell, PA  
 ♠ Ted Lange, GA  
 ♣ Buddy Sinigaglio, CO  
 † 45 📖 2002-2013



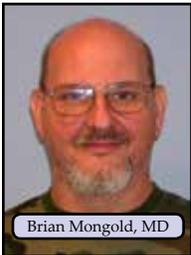
### 2013 Results

♣ Brian Mongold, MD  
 ♠ Seth Gunar, NJ  
 ♠ Steve Cameron, PA  
 ♠ Phil White, MD  
 ♠ Mike Buccheri, MD  
 ♠ Steve Caler, MD  
 ♣ Michael Garton, VA  
 † 50 📖 1999-2013



### Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	118
Brian Sutton, MD	105
Karl Henning, CT	66
Bill Morse, VA	54
David Gubbay, TX	39
Alex Bell, MD	39
John Schoose, IL	36
Buddy Sinigaglio, CO	34
Andrew Wilson, NJ	30
Nick Page, on	30



### Top Laurelists

Seth Gunar, NJ	102
Phillip White, MD	99
Steve Caler, OH	42
Luke Koleszar, VA	42
Jim Bell, MD	39
Brian Mongold, MD	36
Bill Beckman, SC	30
Kevin Brown, GA	30
Jean Younkin, VA	30
Devin Flawd, PA	30

### Star Wars; Queen's Gambit (QGB)

Availability of games (not players) remained the limiting factor. 39 preliminary games were played in three heats. The Naboo won 20. In the time-limited playoffs, results were again equally split, as the Trade Federation won 8 of 15, leaving the combined tally for the entire tournament at 27 wins per side. David "The Hutt" Gubbay went 6-0 with all wins garnered as the Dark Side. Only two past champions were among the 16 to make the elimination rounds, Karl Henning and three-time champ Larry Lingle. Former champs Brian Sutton, John Schoose and Bill Morse failed to make the cut.

In the quarterfinals Tom Strock took the Throne Room from Alex Lange after Quigon killed Darth Maul. The Hutt made short work of Ken Whitesell's Palace Guards when Maul exited the Generator Core. Marilyn Flowers escaped Ted Lange's clutches when Anakin shut down the droids in the waning seconds. In the battle of former champs, Henning destroyed Lingle who had only four pieces left at game end. Marilyn didn't wait until the waning seconds to defeat Karl as Anakin blitzed through the Star Fighter spaces and shut down the droids quickly in the semifinals. Meanwhile, the Hutt overwhelmed Tom Strock as Anakin's Star Fighter stalled.

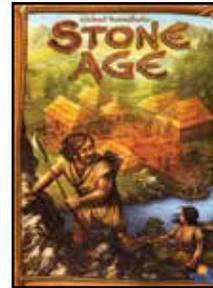
The Final was closely contested until Darth Maul killed Quigon and then put six hits on Obi-wan, who failed to block. The Sith quickly sent eight Palace Guards to oblivion while Anakin was stuck two spaces from the control ship.



### Championship Racing (SCC)

27 of 28 qualifiers appeared for the WBC 250 Final. The resulting record field included ten rookies. There would be 12 lead changes shared between ten drivers. Joshua Coyle led the longest with 48 laps in front, but the winner and runner-up both started on the last row and worked their way to the front when it counted—at the end.

The first lead change occurred on Turn 2 as Joshua Githens passed R. Buccheri on the 6th lap. 2010 champ Bill Beckman took over on Turn 3 with Githens regaining the lead on the next turn. Beckman reclaimed the lead briefly on Turn 5 but a crash claimed him, Jared McLaughlin, and Wayne Mucklaw a turn later, causing everyone to pit during the yellow flag. Eric Ritter emerged in the lead and blocked two pass attempts. Coyle shifted to the outside lane and pulled in front on Turn 8. 2009 champ Phil White took advantage of quick pit times to take a commanding lead on Turn 10. Four turns later, Brian Mongold caught and passed White on the 200th lap. On the last turn M. Buccheri made his move and momentarily took the lead. Two-time champ Seth Gunar moved to the outside with Steve Cameron bump drafting Gunar into the lead, but then slingshot passed to take the inside lead and used a *Two Wide* card to protect it. Mongold, knowing his shot was on the outside, bump drafted Gunar and slingshot passed to the checkered flag.



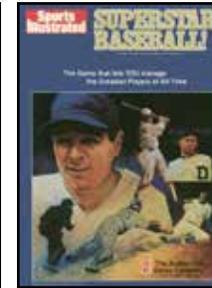
### 2013 Results

♣ R. Bacigalupo, MD  
 ♠ Cary Morris, NC  
 ♠ Ed Ericson, AR  
 ♠ Cliff Ackman, PA  
 ♠ Chris Yaure, PA  
 ♠ Kyle Smith, PA  
 ♣ Peter Staab, PA  
 † 203 📖 2009-2013



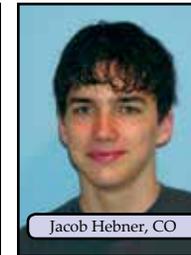
### Top Laurelists

Cary Morris, NC	118
Rod Bacigalupo, MD	90
Eric Freeman, PA	88
Dominic Blais, qc	60
Dan Eppolito, PA	58
Cliff Ackman, PA	42
Henry Dove, MD	40
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	40
Christopher Ellis, FL	40
Virginia Colin, VA	34



### 2013 Results

♣ Jacob Hebner, CO  
 ♠ Terry Coleman, CA  
 ♠ Bill Beckman, SC  
 ♠ Roderick Lee, CA  
 ♠ Winton Lemoine, NV  
 ♠ Lori Wallace, OH  
 ♣ Bill Beckman, SC  
 † 35 📖 1991-94, 96-13



### Top Laurelists

Rich Moyer, MN	174
Harry Flawd, PA	170
Bill Beckman, SC	120
Terry Coleman, CA	78
Chris Palermo, NY	47
Jacob Hebner, CO	46
Mark Giddings, NY	40
Randy Cox, SC	28
Ken Samuel, VA	28
Roderick Lee, CA	25

### Stone Age (STA)

The heats yielded 66 different winners including triple winner Eric Engelmans and double winners Henry Dove, Marcy Morelli, Loc Nguyen and Joe Yaure – none of whom would survive the quarterfinals. 52 of the 66 qualifiers (78%) continued to the quarterfinal round, creating 13 4-player games with the three best runners-up also joining the semifinals. Cliff Ackman, Rodney Bacigalupo, Alex Bove, Henry Dove, Ed Ericson, Paul Klayder, Larry Loiacono, Matthew Morgal, Cary Morris, Scott Saccenti, Lexi Shea, Kyle Smith and Christopher Yaure won to advance.

Ackman, Bacigalupo, Ericson and Morris won again to become the finalists. It soon became apparent that starvation was not in their plans. On Turn 2 Rodney took the farm followed by the hut space on a later move in the same turn as nobody wanted the extra mouth to feed. Cary did the same on the next turn.

The first points were scored on Turn 4 as huts were finally built. On Turn 7, Rodney starved for the first time out of necessity. He managed to get the card giving him an additional permanent tool along with a bonus toolmaker to eventually max out his tools with 12. In end game scoring a turn later, Rodney surprised all with a set of five civilization cards (25 points), two farmers and a food production (two points), seven tool makers and 12 tools (84 points), two shamen x 10 people (20 points) and eight resources to win 183-176-167-123 despite having only four buildings.



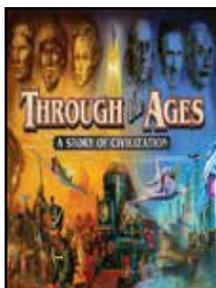
### Superstar Baseball (SSB)

It was the smallest field in eight years despite IWBCs record attendance. Could it be baseball is on the wane? This year's ever-changing format consisted of three heats played on consecutive days. Heat winners and runners-up plus two wild-card teams composed an 8-team playoff bracket.

The heat winners were Terry Coleman, Caley Roark, and Roderick Lee. Winton Lemoine, Bill Beckman and Lori Wallace each claimed seconds. Jacob Hebner and Steve Cameron earned wild-card entries based on their overall records. That produced matchups of: Coleman ('53 Yankees) vs Cameron ('92 Blue Jays); Roark ('01 D'backs) vs Hebner ('07 Rockies); Lee ('81 Dodgers) vs Wallace ('97 Indians); and Lemoine ('24 Senators) vs Beckman ('54 Indians).

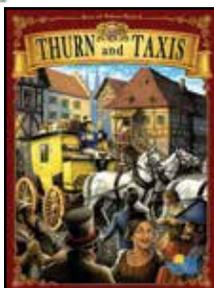
The first two rounds were one game, winner take all. Coleman, Lee, Beckman and Hebner won their openers to advance. In Round 2, the Yanks tied the Indians with two out in the 9th on a Mantle RBI single and then ousted the defending champion with a Gil McDougal triple in the 10th. The Rockies defeated the Dodgers handily to advance to a best 2-of-3 World Series. The Rockies rode the pitching of Ubaldo Jimenez and Jeff Francis to sweep the Yankees, winning the first game 2-1 on a 9th inning homer by Todd Helton. The Rocks then got three unearned runs in the third for a 3-1 win and Hebner's first SSB title—making him the King of both baseball and football. Will basketball be next? A sporting trifecta awaits.





### 2013 Results

- ♣ Joel Lytle, NY
- ♠ Aran Warszawski, il
- ♣ Jason Ley, WA
- ♠ Randy Buehler, WA
- ♠ Haim Hochboim, il
- ♠ Andrew Emerick, CT
- ♣ Randy Buehler, WA
- † 72 📖 2008-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Rob Murray, NJ
- ♠ Aran Warszawski, il
- ♣ David Meyaard, NY
- ♠ Jenn Mongold, MD
- ♠ Judy Wobbeking, MD
- ♠ Andy Latto, MA
- ♣ Andy Latto, MA
- † 148 📖 2006-2013



Joel Lytle, NY

### Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	164
Jason Ley, WA	132
Joel Lytle, NY	114
Zvi Mowshowitz, NY	60
Raphael Lehrer, CA	52
Andrew Emerick, CT	48
Aran Warszawski, il	40
Rob Flowers, MD	26
David Metzger, NY	24
Alan Sudy, VA	20



Rob Murray, NJ

### Top Laurelists

Andy Latto, MA	128
Anne Norton, NJ	75
Rob Kircher, RI	72
Randy Buehler, WA	61
Aran Warszawski, il	54
Robert Murray, NJ	48
David Meyaard, NY	48
Amy Rule, MD	48
Kyle Smith, PA	42
Jim Castonguay, PA	42

## Through the Ages (AGE)



45 preliminary games generated four triple- and eight double-winners, so it required a win and a close 2nd to advance. Two-time champion Jason Ley bested new Caesar Andrew Emerick by 16 to advance. The other two-time champion, newly dethroned Randy Buehler, won by 63. Aran Warszawski deployed the little-used Age I *Frederick Barbarosa* to effect and leveraged an early military advantage into a 57-point win over triple-heat-winner Sceadeau D'Tela. Joel Lytle overtook Haim Hochboim by 5 points in the closest semi.

The Final started with a military focus. By the end of the Age I arms race, players had built nine Swordsmen, five Warriors, two Knights, and a Great Wall. Like any good arms race, this one ended in détente. Between a continued focus on military and an early Age 3 *Rats* event that ate 20 food, infrastructure suffered. Aran used *Einstein* to good effect in Age 3, and when he followed that with *First Space Flight*, he seemed poised to win. However, with so little separation, the game came down to Impacts. Joel spent his last turn anticipating which Impacts other players had seeded, and he built just enough military to move one point ahead of Aran (who he correctly guessed had seeded Impact of Strength) so that last point

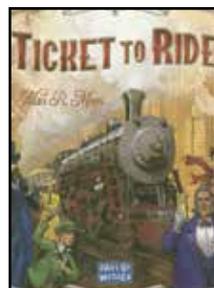
of strength turned into a 10-point culture swing in Joel's favor. Joel was thus able to overtake the leader at the end for the third time that week to win by 6: 144-138-124-113.



## Thurn & Taxis (T&T)

66 preliminary games meant it was difficult to qualify for the 16 semifinal slots. Twelve double winners left only four slots for the multitude of players with a single win. Two players had a first and two seconds, so only two of the 11 players with both a win in their first heat and a second could be in the semifinals. Two players won their first heat, and lost by only two points, which wasn't good enough to make the cut—those last two slots went to runners-up who had lost by a single point.

Rob Murray reached the Final by drawing a facedown card rather than using the Administrator to get his choice of six cards in his semifinal win over Norman Rule and three-time champ Andy Latto. Thus rewarded, he continued to take chances in the Final, making blind draws in Turns 2 and 3. He and Aran Warszawski raced through the carriages, both getting a 5 carriage via the cartwright on Turn 7, only one turn later than the theoretical fastest possible. But Rob didn't sacrifice efficiency to get this speed; he was first to get the world traveler bonus, earning six points. David Meyaard caught the leaders in the carriage race and cartwrighted to get the first 7 carriage to trigger the endgame. However, Rob had kept pace with him, and also cartwrighted for the 7 carriage on the last turn to win by five points.



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Hilary Haagen, VA
- ♠ Richard Irving, VA
- ♠ Trella Bromley, FL
- ♠ Henry Allen, FL
- ♠ Jay Fox, NJ
- ♠ Joe Millovich, PA
- ♣ Claire Brosius, MA
- † 247 📖 2004-2013



Hilary Haagen, VA

### Top Laurelists

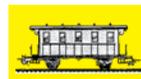
Jay Fox, NJ	84
Virginia Colin, VA	70
Eric Monte, NY	70
Steve Shambada, PA	69
Henry Allen, FL	68
Hilary Haagen, VA	60
Anni Foasberg, NJ	60
Kyle Greenwood, HI	60
John Faella, RI	60
Patrick Monte, NY	50

## Ticket to Ride (TTR)

The first two heats each attracted 38 4-player games as the event surpassed 200 players for the sixth straight year.

Defending champion Henry Allen repeated his 2012 technique of holding a fistful of cards for most of the Final, playing only key sections during the early stages. At one point, he held almost half the deck. But his title defense was doomed, as Trella Bromley, Rich Irving and Hilary Haagen had other plans.

Henry had a connected network in the east and a small section in the west that included Seattle, Vancouver and Calgary. He had six orange and six yellow cards plus twelve trains left to connect Duluth to the western section to fulfill his tickets. He first played the yellow cards to connect Seattle to Helena. On Trella's turn, she fell on her sword. She used three orange cards and three locomotives to build Helena to Duluth. Unable to connect her own network, she saw to it that Henry couldn't connect his. Rich made the most tickets, but could only claim second as Hilary scored both the highest ticket score and the longest route. Trella finished on Rich's heels, and a spot higher than she would have placed had she not blocked Henry. Henry soon realized that if he had played the orange cards first, he would have had two options (Seattle to Helena or Calgary to Helena) and would not have been vulnerable to the blocking move that thwarted his run.



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Ray Freeman, CA
- ♠ Bryan Eshleman, NC
- ♠ Bob Hamel, CT
- ♠ Charles Drozd, IL
- ♠ Tom Melton, VA
- ♠ David Wong, PA
- ♣ Ray Freeman, CA
- † 16 📖 2000-2013



Ray Freeman, CA

### Top Laurelists

Ray Freeman, CA	262
Bryan Eshleman, NC	143
Tom Thorsen, NY	109
Mike Mishler, CA	96
Jim Winslow, ME	90
Rick Young, NC	73
Brad Jones, FL	60
Charles Drozd, IL	36
Robert Mull, CO	36
Bob Hamel, CT	32

## Tigers in the Mist (TIM)

Defending champion Charlie Drozd's title defense got off to a rough start when Bob Hamel's Germans captured Marche on the last impulse to salvage a draw. Four other Round 1 games netted wins for Ray Freeman, Bryan Eshleman, John Sharp and Mike Mishler. Ray's Germans blitzed John Sharp in Round 2 as if it were 1939. Meanwhile, Drozd's troubles continued with a loss to Dave Wong. Bryan recorded his second win against Tom Melton while Bob recorded a German win over Jim Kramer.

The critical matchups for Round 3 were Eshleman-Freeman and Hamel-Wong. Ray bid 1 to play the Americans and things went wrong for Bryan immediately and never improved. Meanwhile, Bob's US parlayed a stout defense of Bastogne into a win. The key crossroads held out until the 20th. Dave did release the 25S on the 18th, but without a decent road net, he could not make any progress.

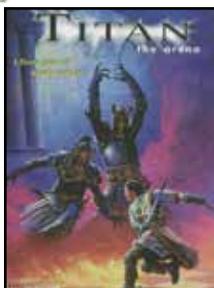
Only one game had any bearing on the title in Round 4. Bob's dice betrayed him as his Germans got only three successful artillery calls on the first day! 1 SP of the 106th escaped Blealf, then survived a 2-1 on the 3rd impulse to hold St. Vith. Further south, the bridge at Gemund was repaired and Bob tried a 5-1 follow up at Holzbrug that cleared the defender. The Dasburg bridge was repaired and Bob launched a 6-2 attack on Marnach on 16-3. The defenders survived and Bob's hope for a breakthrough in the center died.





### 2013 Results

🏆 Arthur Wines, NJ  
 🥈 Rich Atwater, WA  
 🥉 Tom Johnston, IL  
 🏆 Akihisa Tabei, jp  
 🥈 Kevin Hillock, VA  
 🥉 Dan Strock, PA  
 🏆 Bruno Wolff, WI  
 † 36 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Doug Smith, PA  
 🥈 Charles Squibb, PA  
 🥉 Devon Miller, VA  
 🏆 Greg Zegalia, PA  
 🥈 Brendan Coomes, OH  
 🥉 Michael Coomes, OH  
 🏆 Greg Crowe, MD  
 † 92 📖 1997-2013



### Top Laurelists

Dave Finberg, MA	289
Aaron Fuegi, MA	263
David des Jardines, CA	185
Dan Strock, PA	157
Rich Atwater, WA	153
Jason Ley, GA	146
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Kevin Hillock, VA	110
Arthur Wines, NJ	84
Steve Koleszar, VA	84



### Top Laurelists

Matt Calkins, VA	60
Rebecca Hebner, CO	57
Alan Witte, NJ	50
Devon Miller, VA	42
Jordan Shea, CT	42
Harry Flawd, PA	42
Joseph Sposito, NJ	40
Brendan Coomes, OH	38
Devin Flawd, PA	38
Bruce Monnin, OH	38

### Titan (TTN)

In semifinal 1, Julie Ehlers, destined for *Settlers* fame, didn't fare as well vs Tom Johnston, David des Jardines and Dan Strock. Dan's titan was last to fall as Tom advanced. In semifinal 2, Art Wines killed Nick Klercker's titan in the tundra for 340 points. He then teleported into a winning battle with Peg Meacham, saving Ed Rothenheber for last. The third match went to Akihisa Tabei who dispensed with three-time champ Aaron Fuegi while Kevin Hiller eliminated Brady Achterburg. The survivors both fell in a mutual with Aki the rolloff winner. Sean McCulloch, loser of a desert battle to David Finberg, was the first victim in the last semi. Meanwhile, Rich Atwater vanquished Steve Koleszar and then won the resulting titan teleport climax with David.

The Final's first casualty was Akihisa whose angel stack attacked Art's two trolls in the tundra. One of the trolls hit five times in eight rolls (needing 6s) to finish Aki's angel. Rich then killed Aki's titan stack for 178 points. Rich then attacked Art's angel stack in brush. On Turn 2 Rich killed the angel and cyclops with his giant having taken six out of seven hits. At that point he decided not to summon his angel only to have his dice desert him. Art killed three pieces, changing the tide of the battle and giving Art titan teleport soon afterwards. Rich offered to resign if Art killed Tom first and so the deal was struck for Art's first *Titan* title.

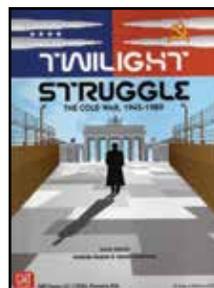


### Titan: The Arena (TTA)

**20** of the 24 qualifiers soldiered on in five white-knuckle 4-player semifinals where a 2-point win was the rout of the day. A three-way tie plus a pair of deadlocked games at 14 points were the norm. The finalists were a diverse lot: a former champion, a frequent contender denied in the last round three times, and a trio of newcomers to laurels land.

Round 1 progressed with minimal bloodshed as the Troll trudged off to the locker room with no backers. Though two players, Doug and Greg, were backing two creatures each, the second to be excused was Devon's Ranger, who took one of Greg's wagers with it. Third to go was Brendan's Dragon, along with another of Devon's bets.

Doug made all of the kills to this point and that might explain why his two first-round bets were still on the table. And despite 2003 champ Brendan's control of the Hydra, Devon had a tough choice between killing it and her highest surviving bet—Doug's Cyclops. So, Devon had the onerous task of removing all of Brendan's points from the game, leaving Doug and Greg each with their two first-round bets still very much alive. In the last round, the 10 strength cards came out on the Titan, the Unicorn, and the Cyclops, making the demise of Greg's Warlock a near certainty. In the end, with two healthy first-round bets and a successful secret bet on the third surviving creature, Doug won handily.



### 2013 Results

🏆 Riku Riekkinen, fi  
 🥈 Randy Pippus, on  
 🥉 Pat Neary, NY  
 🏆 Stefan Mecay, TX  
 🥈 Scott Burns, uk  
 🥉 Bruce Wigdor, NJ  
 🏆 George Young, VT  
 † 53 📖 2006-2013



### Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	428
Chris Withers, CA	161
Keith Wixson, NJ	143
Riku Riekkinen, fi	110
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	108
Rick Young, NC	100
Chris Byrd, CT	82
Randy Pippus, on	72
Bill Edwards, VA	60
Bruce Monnin, OH	46



### 2013 Results

🏆 Curt Collins II, PA  
 🥈 Dan Mathias, MD  
 🥉 Cliff Ackman, PA  
 🏆 F. de Bellefeuille, qc  
 🥈 Steve Shambeda, PA  
 🥉 Mark F. Smith, SC  
 🏆 Max Jamelli, PA  
 † 39 📖 2000-2013



### Top Laurelists

Curt Collins II, PA	110
Arthur Field, SC	92
Bruce Reiff, OH	57
Luke Koleszar, VA	48
Steve Shambeda, PA	46
Jeff Mullet, OH	43
Fred Minard, PA	35
Joe Lux, NY	34
Bruce Young, SC	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30

### Twilight Struggle (TWS)

Five rounds sufficed as a fortunate result of the odd winner each round consistently losing to the lower seeded opponent. The last unbeaten were Riku Riekkinen, Stefan Mecay, Randy Pippus, and Chris Byrd. Former champions Riku and Stefan were matched in one bracket, while the uncrowned contenders settled the other. Randy got off to a good positional advantage by taking Italy on Turn 1. Three turns later the cards took a decidedly Russian flavor with scores for *We Will Bury You* (3), *Cultural Revolution* (1), *OPEC* (5) and *Arab-Israeli-War* (2) pushing the Red VPs to 15.

In the other bracket, Riku used *Red Scares* on Turns 2 and 3 to gain position, but Stefan was able to offset this with timely scoring to take a substantial US VP lead (15) by Turn 4. However, on Turn 5, the Russian positional advantage began to exert itself with the Russians headlining *Allende* causing the US to drop South America scoring for USSR VPs. Scoring of Africa and Central America on Turn 6 sent the VP count over to the Russians. Riku headlined *Ames* on Turn 10 which effectively ended any comeback.

The Randy-Riku Final was over quickly. Riku used *Red Scare* and the US-held *Arab-Israeli* and *Korean Wars* to score early points and take positional advantage with *De-Stalinization* to move into France, Thailand, and South America. Balance again heavily favored the Russians—even moreso than usual—with the Russians winning 46 of 67 games.



### Union Pacific (UNP)

A shortage of games cost the event its Century status as many players had to be turned away and only 19 games were played. The average winning score was 122. Mike Stanley hit \$163 in his 3-player Round 3 game to lead all scorers. Francois de Bellefeuille hit \$133 to pace the 4-player games. Curt Collins' title defense got off to a strong start with two wins and he scored enough points in Round 3 to take the first seat at the Final table. Dan Mathias also won twice to take the second seat while Cliff Ackman and Francois needed tiebreakers to earn their seats.

The El Paso/Rio Grande (green) company got rolling early as did the Sioux Falls Royal Blue in the Final. Dan took control of the EPRG and rolled it up to \$14. The Sioux Falls got to 10, when Curt took advantage of first place in the Union Pacific to balance out his other firsts in the United Mexican White (which maxed at 7) and Miami Southern (which maxed at 14) to score \$132. Dan's first in the EPRG helped push him to a second place finish of \$107. Cliff's \$105 and Francois's \$92 rounded out the scoring.

With his third title in a row, and fourth overall in the past five years, Curt has put together a dynastic run reminiscent of the Yankees or Celtics in their heyday. It may take a bloop single or a rim roller to end his streak next year.

