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What a difference a year makes! WBC 2013 was perhaps the best yet. It was certainly the largest, having topped our previous attendance by a resounding 6%. The Host was at the top of its game to make amends for a dismal 2012 wherein the elements and faulty air conditioning combined to yield a trying and hot experience. In contrast, a nearly flawless effort was made in hosting the 15th WBC and guests were greeted with the gift of free breakfast vouchers throughout the week as a make good gesture. Even the weather co-operated, with the mildest temperatures anyone could remember during our eight years in Lancaster.

In all, more than 50 states and Canadian provinces plus 17 nations sent participants in 2013. The record crowd was reflected in tournament participation with no less than 23 events drawing triple-digit participation and five more knocking at the century door with 90+. Average participation in the 156 tournaments rose to 56.8 players per event, buoyed by 203 players for *Stone Age*, 205 for *Lost Cities* and *Can't Stop*, 249 for *Ticket to Ride*, and 265 for *Liar's Dice*. Twelve reigning WBC champions successfully defended their titles, led by the Master, James Pei, who extended his latest *For The People* streak to five years to maintain his hold on WBC's longest current winning streak. Curt Collins II (*Union Pacific*) and Sean McCulloch (*Battleline*) emerged as his closest pursuers—both retaining their third straight title.

Elsewhere, the fair sex doubled their previous market share with ten claiming titles in 2013—up from five, six and eight in the previous three years. Newcomer Trella Bromley (*RBN*), Angela Collinson (*CMS*), Jessica Brown (*LB*), Tammy Wyatt-Johnson (*LLM*), Janet Ottey (*RAI*), Julie Ehlers (*SET*), Kristen LaDue (*SLS*), Carol Haney (*AVU*), Hilary Haagen (*TTR*) and Stefany Speck (*PRC*) lorded it over the guys in their respective events. Multiple winners were scarce with only 15 finding the winner's circle more than once compared to 20 in 2011 and none won more than twice. However, 11 new Boardmasters joined the fraternity by earning their third WBC title in one event, while 11 more upgraded their current levels. At the other end of the title spectrum, 49 players won their first title (up from 42, 46 and 31 in the previous three years). 93 managed to record their first laurels compared to just 88 last year.

The next generation continued to elbow their elders aside as *Nathan's Nuggets* over-

came 139-1 odds to edge the *Ski Patrol* team by attendance tiebreakers after rallying to tie the Finnish team with a pair of bonus points for scoring in events they had not previously won. The surprise team of wanna-be's weren't on anyone's radar—appearing on none of the Bracket Busting contest entries. Dave Meyaard, another Young Turk, tied the record for Top Ten predictions with six in winning the annual Prediction contest.

Randy Buehler's two-year stay atop the BPA Laurels list came to an end as Andrew Emerick emerged as our newest Caesar—besting top career laurelist James Pei by 29 laurels thanks to a combination of mini-con standings and a delay in the completion of Pei's PBem specialty past the WBC "fiscal" year. The cessation of mini-con activity as a bankable head start in the laurels race should make this competition even closer in the years ahead. Meanwhile, Ken Gutermuth overcame schedule handicaps caused by Board meetings and Auction finance obligations to post his best week in years to take Consul honors—besting defending Consul Nick Henning by a mere four laurels. Another charter member, Larry Lingle, won Top GM honors for his captainship of *Pirate's Cove*.

But it was a newcomer who stole the third leg of our Triple Crown as Emily Wu charmed the membership to take the Sports(wo)manship vote for getting married at WBC and spending her honeymoon in wargame tournaments. Geoffrey Allbutt has himself a keeper and should be commended for keeping his priorities in order.

2013 may be remembered as when the badges took on a personalized look with photos of the members. Others may recall it as the year the 23,540 sq ft Expo Center debuted as an overflow Open Gaming site. Relatively few people made it out to the Expo Center to check it out, much less game there so its future use remains unresolved. The twin advantages of improved lighting and additional space seem equally offset by the inconvenience of distance from everything else.

In the continuing circle of life evolution of WBC winners and losers, the events themselves again competed for the player lifeblood needed for another year of WBC existence. This constant churn yielded 11 new occupants of the Century club. Losers outnumbered gainers 23:19 although the gains tended to be higher than the losses.



## 2013 Results

- ♣ Bruce Beard, MD
- ♣ Akihisa Tabei, jp
- ♣ Peter Eldridge, uk
- ♣ Stephen Yu, WA
- ♣ Tom McCorry, VA
- ♣ Walt Collins, PA

♣ Pierre LeBoeuf, MD

† 61 📖 1991-2013



## 2013 Results

- ♣ Kelly Czyryca, MD
- ♣ Dan Shmueli, NY
- ♣ David Platnick, VA
- ♣ Ed Ericson, AR
- ♣ Zach Snyder, PA
- ♣ Jeremy Lennert, CA

♣ Nick Ferris, MD

† 128 📖 2011-2013



Bruce Beard, MD

## Top Laurelists

Bruce Beard, MD	452
Jim McDanold, TN	120
Jon Kwiatkowski, NC	104
Paul Hakken, NJ	103
Spencer Hamblen, MD	96
Barrington Beavis, uk	90
Mark Neale, RI	72
Akihisa Tabei, jp	58
Jeremy Viperman, TN	54
Pierre LeBoeuf, MD	54



Kelly Czyryca, MD

## Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	58
Matthew Beach, MD	50
Kelly Czyryca, MD	40
Luann Stubbs, PA	30
Bill Zurn, CA	30
Dominic Blais, qc	30
Dan Shmueli, NY	24
Lissa Rennert, MD	24
Robbie Mitchell, VA	20
Randy Buehler, WA	18

## 18XX (8XX)



14 newcomers swelled the largest field since 1994 with four of them winning preliminary games. Bruce Beard's 2012 fall from grace was brief, reclaiming his title and winning for the eighth time in nine years. Round length was restored to six hours, returning a 3-day format. *1830* remained the top choice by a 16-6-6-5-4-3-2 margin over *1846*, *1880*, *1861*, *1856*, *18EU*, and *1870*, respectively.

The four preliminary rounds filled 13, 10, 10 and 9 tables to yield a quadruple (Beard), three triple (Anthony Lainesse, Rick Dutton and Kevin Karg), nine double and 13 single winners. 22 of the 26 victors elected to advance so the semifinals expanded to five games with 11 of 2012's semifinalists making the cut again.

Tabei outbid Eldridge for the C&A in the Final, after letting McCorry take the M&H private. Beard took the B&O private at cost. Much wheeling and dealing later, the C&O was left trainless, and it appeared Yu would bankrupt buying a diesel before Beard had to. In the following stock round, Eldridge stole the NH from Tabei. Beard sold Yu one of the NYC's 4 trains for \$112. Having delayed the diesel purchase, Beard took the Penn. McCorry triggered the endgame by holding with the B&M to buy the diesel, but enough time had elapsed for Beard to get two diesels. The combination of



greater revenues and quantity of shares was enough to start a new winning streak for the Beard dynasty.

## Seven Wonders (7WS)

4-player preliminary games replaced the previous 7-player game format in the qualifiers to enhance the game's strategic choices—knowing that some of the cards they pass may return to them. Nine players won both qualifying rounds. The format change made for tighter games, but a single quarterfinal match of 5-player games proved to be the greater trial for the 40 who advanced. Not surprisingly in an event this size, no former laurelists enjoyed such success again. The semifinals returned to 4-player games where Ed Ericson's Science-heavy 62 points was the highest score of the round and earned him the top seat at the Final.

The three-game "Gauntlet of Doom" Final rounds started with a 6-player test including cards from the Leader expansion. The victory went again to Ericson, followed by David Platnick, Kelly Czyryca, and Dan Shmueli. Game 2 saw Ericson again pursuing a bold Science gambit. This time, however, it didn't pay off, landing him in fourth place with 49 points. Shmueli went Military-Civilian to take first, while Platnick captured second with Science.

In the last game, Czyryca built Science early (and, ultimately, exclusively!) while Platnick and Shmueli engaged in Military conflict. Later, Platnick's battle with Shmueli also crossed into the Civilian building realm, and the two split points in almost every category. With his opponents focused on their head-to-head competition, Czyryca coasted to a Science-based victory of 64-59-56.

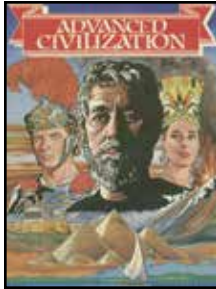






### 2013 Results

- ♣ Anthony Lainesse, qc
  - ♠ Paul Klayder, KS
  - ♣ Kevin Broh-Kahn, MD
  - ♠ Gary Moss, MO
  - ♠ Glenn Massey, MD
  - ♠ Steve Shambeda, PA
  - ♣ Cliff Ackman, PA
- † 73 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Shantanu Saha, NJ
  - ♠ Doug Galullo, MD
  - ♣ Ron Clement, on
  - ♠ Kevin Youells, PA
  - ♠ Christina Harley, VA
  - ♠ Steve Spisak, on
  - ♣ Kevin Youells, PA
- † 42 📖 1991-2013



### Top Laurelists

Justin Childs, FL	88
Joshua Cooper, MD	69
Matt Calkins, VA	60
Steve Shambeda, PA	54
Gary Moss, MO	51
Jason Ley, WA	45
David Gantt, SC	44
Phil Bradley, IL	38
Anthony Lainesse, qc	30
Ken Richards, SC	30



### Top Laurelists

Kevin Youells, PA	411
Doug Galullo, MD	352
Shantanu Saha, NY	199
Joe Gundersen, IN	186
Christina Harley, VA	126
Eric Gundersen, NJ	125
Mads Lunau, dk	96
Harald Henning, CT	80
Gregory Kulp, NJ	64
Jon Anderson, PA	54

## Acquire (ACQ)

The heats drew evenly—filling ten, nine and ten tables in turn. The 16 semifinalists were drawn from the top 20 qualifiers with only four winners falling victim to more pressing concerns elsewhere. Anthony Lainesse made the most of his first semifinal, winning easily. Kevin Broh-Kahn coasted also. With the highest score of the tournament (54,000), Paul Klayder still only bested 4th ranked Steve Shambeda by \$200. 1999 champ Gary Moss had the same margin over the #1 seed, 1993 champ Steve Packwood in the closest semi, with Mark Love just \$600 back in third.

The Final started slowly with no chains formed the first round. Then five chains erupted in six plays. When all had been formed, Anthony had the advantage by starting three while a matching tile still eluded Gary. Everyone went broke at about the same time. The first takeover to the first safe chain took four plays. Anthony benefited by being majority shareholder in the first chain to be sold as well as the first safe chain. Rather than invest in emerging markets, he reinforced his majority status in expensive, but safe, chains. But Paul continued to start chains and managed to be the sole owner of a late takeover. The end was called with three safe chains. Anthony's hot start bested Paul by the same \$200 margin he had enjoyed in the semis and resulted in his first WBC shield as our 19th champ in 22 years.



## Advanced Civilization (ACV)

It was a watershed year with our largest field in 21 years filling a cooler and brighter Kinderhook. Four 8-player games yielded advancement to Christina Harley (Thrace), Steve Spisak (Assyria), Ron Clement (Assyria), and defending champion Doug Galullo (Iberia). Day 2 drew ten reinforcements for the 12 diehards braving a second heat. Shantanu Saha and Kevin Youells (Illyria), and Spisak again (Babylon) claimed victories. York Dobyms and Jeff Cornett filled the remaining Final seats with 96.62% of the winners score.

The draw for countries was followed by a scene not unlike an ancient bazaar. Babylon, Egypt, Iberia, and Thrace all changed hands before the game got underway. When the last seeds had been harvested it was Shantanu (Egypt) 4482 leading Doug (Thrace) 4414, Ron (Babylon) 4323, Kevin (Iberia) 4001, Christina (Crete) 3906, Steve (Illyria) 3362, Jeff (Africa) 3060, and York (Babylon) 2394.

Egypt was seemingly knocked out early, a victim of famine and flood on Turn 6, and earthquakes the next two turns. Assyria and Thrace traded the lead throughout until Thrace was dropped to six cities and bumped on the AST. Meanwhile, Egypt was quietly making a comeback. Mining and Coinage fueled his purchases, enabling him to buy from the "9" stack for five straight turns. When the trade cards were spent, Clothmaking, Philosophy, Monotheism, and Theology were gained in one amazing 755-point spending spree.



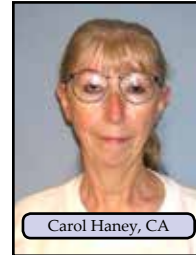
### 2013 Results

- ♣ Carol Haney, CA
  - ♠ Doug Kolpien, OH
  - ♠ Luke Parauda, NJ
  - ♠ Haakon Monsen, no
  - ♠ Barrett Straub, MD
  - ♠ Lisa Shaud, PA
  - ♣ Larry Lingle, PA
- † 35 📖 2010-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Ted Simmons, IL
  - ♠ Ron Clement, on
  - ♠ Steve Simmons, NJ
  - ♠ Mark Smith, KY
  - ♠ Kurt Miller, CA
  - ♠ Tedd Mullally, NJ
  - ♣ Tedd Mullally, NJ
- † 38 📖 1996-2013



### Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	39
Carol Haney, CA	38
Daniel Pappas, MD	30
Barrett Straub, MD	20
Chris Brandt, VA	20
Patrick Murphy, CT	18
Andrew Fedin, PA	18
Doug Kolpien, OH	12
Jason Fisher, NC	12
Isaac Clizbe, MD	12



### Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	454
Bill Crenshaw, VA	331
Ken Gutermuth, NC	276
Ewan McNay, CT	271
Harald Henning, CT	261
Carl Damcke, IL	200
Steve Simmons, NJ	197
Chris Byrd, CT	186
Mark Smith, KY	154
Kevin Sudy, VA	138

## Adventurers (AVU)

We got off to a slow start with only four boards and never really recovered. Heats 2-4 generated only three, four and two boards. So the bullwhip appears destined for retirement. In a down year for derring-do, 24 vicarious adventurers were squashed by the speeding boulder, 16 were entombed, 11 burnt in the lava pit, and eight drowned in the river. The bridge did not claim anyone despite the loss of four planks. Dave Brooks scored the most decisive victory in the preliminaries by being the only survivor ...all others being mashed by the boulder.

Since allowing all winners to advance would have advanced more than half the field—contrary to WBC rules—and thereby trivializing the preliminaries, the top six advanced to play three games for the wood. The finalists had learned their survival skills well. Not one died in those three games! Doug Kolpien won the first, 33 - 27 over Luke Parauda. Barrett Straub took Game 2 18-14 over Carol Haney in a quick outcome due to a fast boulder. Doug came back strong in Game 3 with 28 points to tie Carol for the lead at 61-all. The tie-breaker was number of cards—giving Carol a 16-15 edge and her first WBC shield.

Our contenders had more lives than a cat and didn't let a little thing like death deter them. Doug had the highest burial costs—having died seven times, followed by Carol with six trips to the morgue.



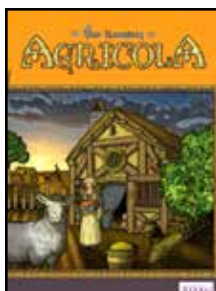
## Age of Renaissance (AOR)

The format return to three heats increased attendance by nearly half—including the return of three former champs—leading to hope for a 2014 semifinal. Genoa again enjoyed the best overall win rate, but dropped by half to a 30% victory rate. Veteran players were able to convert Hamburg, Paris, and even beleaguered Venice into wins. London came back strong and rivaled Barcelona, both enjoying 20% of the victories.

There were less noteworthy events in the heats aside from a deplorable lack of sportsmanship at one table. Last year's focus on Ocean Navigation subsided. Those who did invest in Ocean Nav, seemed to jump immediately to New World on the power of Columbus. Perhaps it was just the new blood at the table, but Cathedral seemed the more powerful play this year.

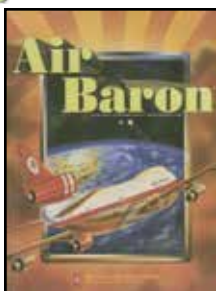
Our finalists engaged in a more cordial test. Despite that, Paris could not buy a dice roll. Barcelona's attempt at the commerce strategy did not fare well due to the weakness of his holdings. When you're counting on Industry, you need more defensible holdings than a dozen 2-spots. Hamburg saw a strong late game surge from Fur and Timber, but ultimately Venice's ability to diversify his holdings when cloth payouts were withheld won the day. In juxtaposition, London was reeling in the Wool payouts, often at the \$98, or \$128 level, but that was his only income source so he languished in the middle of the pack.





### 2013 Results

- ♣ Ben Scholl, PA
- ♠ Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
- ♣ Haim Hochboim, IL
- ♠ Winton Lemoine, NV
- ♠ Eric Ho, NY
- ♣ Cary Morris, NC
- ♣ Joshua Cooper, MD
- † 75 📖 2008-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Stephane Dorais, QC
- ♠ Craig Melton, VA
- ♠ Bruce Bernard, PA
- ♠ Brandon Bernard, PA
- ♣ Brian Stone, NY
- ♣ Matt Fagan, NJ
- ♣ Henry Richardson, VA
- † 57 📖 1996-2013



### Top Laurelists

Mike Kaltman, PA	88
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	83
Ben Scholl, PA	75
Tedd Mullally, NJ	70
Cary Morris, NC	66
Jon Senn, PA	62
Eric Ho, NY	58
Rob Kircher, RI	53
Bill Crenshaw, VA	49
Dan Eppolito, PA	41



### Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	131
Ken Rothstein, NY	112
Chris Storzillo, NJ	108
Stephane Dorais, QC	106
Brandon Bernard, PA	88
Robert Sohn, PA	78
Andy Gardner, VA	73
Michael Musko, IN	50
Jack Jaeger, VA	50
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	46

## Agricola (AGR)

The tournament changed format to three heats ushering 20 players to four semifinals. We also introduced a "World Championship" deck for the Final. Only Sceadeau D'Tela was familiar with the cards beforehand, but all had a night to study the cards.

The Final consisted of Haim Hochboim in the 1 seat further motivated by this being his team game, followed by his teammate Ben Scholl, Winton Lemoine and Sceadeau. The outset saw Haim setting up a food engine with Sceadeau to his right stealing away his animals with cards he wasn't expecting. Haim was looking for animals to fuel an engine that let him play occupations without spending an action but at the cost of two food. He had to struggle for that food throughout.

This proved good for Ben who was to Haim's left and benefiting from his taking food instead of resource actions. Ben's play of the Village Fool gave him points for NOT playing cards—so he was able to play a basic game and be rewarded for doing so. The downside of Ben's card (which kept him from taking start player) didn't hinder him much, as Haim claimed start player for much of the game. Sceadeau banked on a long game, but the interactions of the other players allowed Ben to take some powerful actions, such as family growth without room in Round 12 while going third! Nevertheless, the game remained close with the top three spots separated by only a few points.

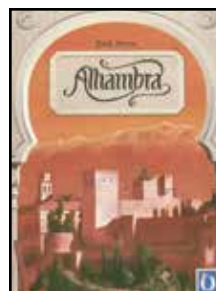
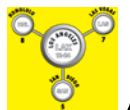


## Air Baron (ABN)

It was a lean year for airlines. The Final began with a banker's roll of 1 so cash was scarce from the outset. The Contract was renewed seven times in as many turns for \$36, while yielding only \$17, further reducing coffers. Two of the five calamities were never drawn, but a Recession, Strike, and three Fuel Hikes contributed to four bankruptcies.

Brian Stone started in SF, spread to Denver, DFW, and Phoenix, and topped out at 120 market share before the third Fuel Hike bankrupted him. 2006 champ Brandon Bernard spent all his starting money on a \$2 spoke that never paid, so after three turns of brown bagging his lunch, he sold West Palm Beach back for \$1 and declared bankruptcy. His second foray reached 120 market share before back-to-back Fuel Hikes led to his third airline of the day. By comparison, his dad had it easy. He started in Phoenix and quickly moved into LA and Singapore. He eventually fortified the LAX hub with Jumbo Jets on each spoke to finish third with 160 market share and \$74 cash. Craig Melton started in Detroit. Moving into the DC and NY hubs, he weathered the three Fuel Hikes on cash reserves to end with \$270.

2011 champ Stephane Dorais began his rise in Atlanta and also kept a strong cash reserve. The Fuel Hikes only cost him one undeployed Jumbo. He ran the table on Round 15 with seven successful attacks to reclaim his crown.



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Alan Elkner, NJ
- ♠ A. Henning, PA
- ♠ Jeff Mullet, OH
- ♠ Peter Eldridge, UK
- ♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC
- ♣ Paul Klayder, KS
- ♣ Debbie Gutermuth, NC
- † 144 📖 2004-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Rob Kircher, RI
- ♠ Owen Kyrrollos, NJ
- ♠ A. Warszawski, IL
- ♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
- ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
- ♣ Haim Hochboim, IL
- ♣ Alex Bove, PA
- † 77 📖 2003-2013



### Top Laurelists

Vassili Kyrkos, NY	70
Luke Koleszar, VA	58
Nate Hoam, OH	54
Alan Elkner, NJ	40
Bruce DuBoff, NJ	40
Richard Meyer, MA	34
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	30
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	30
Michael Mullins, MA	30
Bruce Reiff, OH	30



### Top Laurelists

Greg Thatcher, FL	112
Eric Freeman, PA	94
Alex Bove, PA	92
Arthur Field, SC	91
Haim Hochboim, IL	67
Raphael Lehrer, MD	64
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	55
Nick Anner, NY	51
Aran Warszawski, IL	48
Curt Collins II, PA	43

## Alhambra (ALH)

Despite using only two qualifying heats, *Alhambra* shattered its attendance records while amassing a triple digit field for the fourth straight year. The first heat filled 18 tables and the second 20—all 5-player affairs. Since only 25 could advance, tiebreakers were huge. For those seeking to continue, a win in their first try versus their second attempt, as well as the margin of victory were important. The 38 games yielded 34 different winners, potentially denying nine a chance to continue. However, as usually happens, six did not appear, leaving only three to be disappointed by their tiebreaker standing.

Ken Gutermuth, enjoying his best run in years, won his third straight game to lead the five semifinal victors into the Final where his mojo suddenly abandoned him. Jeff Mullet took the early lead with 12 points, but the pack remained close with Alex Henning, Alan Elkner, and Ken at 7 points and Peter Eldridge at 6. Jeff maintained his lead through the next scoring round with the wall lead and control of the highest scoring purple buildings. However, Alan and Peter had narrowed the gap with walls of 11 and 10 length. Jeff was running out of steam and was overtaken

in the third scoring round. He kept his lead in purple, but lost the walls, leaving him in third. So it all came down to Alex and Alan. The latter's 18 wall length outclassed Alex's 10, giving him a 16-point victory and his first WBC title.



## Amun-Re (AMR)

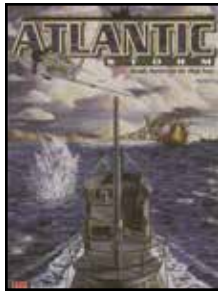
The largest field since its 2003 debut filled 23 qualifying tables in three heats yielding 22 different winners. Only Chris Moffa managed to win twice. 20 of the 22 opted to continue, making four 5-player semifinals. The top seeds (Chris Moffa, Alex Bove, Bob Cranshaw, and Aran Warszawski) were seated at separate tables, but only Aran advanced. The other winners were 2009 champ Eric Freeman, 12th ranked Andrew Emerick and relative newcomer Owen Kyrrollos. Rob Kircher was the closest runner-up, relegating Haim Hochboim to the sidelines with 6th place laurels.

The Final duplicated the same winning (33) and last place (27) totals as its predecessor and was just as close, even though the margin of victory was four points. The Old Kingdom saw players scramble for money as only five positive sacrifices were made and farmer income never rose above one gold. The pharaoh also changed hands three times. Only three scoring cards were played.

In the New Kingdom, the first half money leaders each bought one of the most developed territories. The final sacrifice was crucial for Rob. He had built a second pyramid on Amama but left just one on Edfu. If his sacrifice was the highest, he could build a second pyramid on Edfu and complete another set for four points. Owen and Rob both bid nearly all of their cash, but Rob came out ahead and completed his set. Those four points proved to be his margin of victory. The final scores were 33-29-28-28-27.





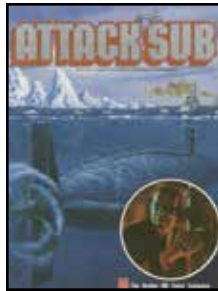


### 2013 Results

⚔ Stephen Squibb, PA  
 ⚔ Steve Cameron, PA  
 ⚔ John Coussis, IL  
 ⚔ Ron Glass, FL  
 ⚔ Scott Driessen, MD  
 ⚔ Rob Eastman, NV

⚔ John Coussis, IL

† 110 📖 1998-2013



### 2013 Results

⚔ Sceadeau D'Tela, NC  
 ⚔ Karl Buchholz, MI  
 ⚔ M. Mossman, MD  
 ⚔ Dan Hoffman, NC  
 ⚔ Dave Buchholz, MD  
 ⚔ Antero Kuusi, fi

⚔ Steve Caler, OH

† 40 📖 1991-2013



Stephen Squibb, PA

### Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	168
Roy Gibson, MD	100
Scott Buckwalter, MD	96
Rob Winslow, NY	95
Rob Eastman, NV	88
Patrick Mirk, FL	85
John Elliott, MD	84
Bruce Young, SC	68
Henry Richardson, VA	60
Andy Gardner, VA	50



Sceadeau D'Tela, NC

### Top Laurelists

Bill Edwards, VA	84
Daniel Hoffman, NC	58
Steve Caler, OH	40
David Sidelinger, CT	40
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	35
John Conlon, OK	33
James Doughan, PA	32
Bruce Young, SC	32
Rob Schoenen, PA	32
Alexander Lange, GA	30

### Atlantic Storm (ACS)

For the 16th straight year over 100 of the BPA's finest answered the call of the sea. Five semifinals sent a pair of laurelists, Steve Cameron and Stephen Squibb, plus Scott Driessen and Ron Glass, into the Final against top-ranked, two-time champ, John Coussis.

John continued the hot gunnery that brought him this far by bagging the first two convoys. The favorite was off to a strong start. Round 3 provided the only push of the game to stall his impetus. Steve took the lion's share of the resulting spoils in the tiebreaker round by playing the *King George V* and a bonus after John had changed the suit to Combined. Stephen also won Rounds 5 and 6 while John won Round 7, but Steve took two of the next three Convoys. In between, Stephen got solid gunnery from the *Tirpitz* to take a 4VP Convoy plus a spoil. Round 15 saw the biggest guns come out for an Arctic convoy. Scott led with the *Duke of York*. That prompted Steve to employ the *Bismarck*. Stephen followed with the *Hood*. Steve missed his chance at the brass ring when he couldn't pull the rags to riches upset by rolling a 12.

Stephen pulled ahead on Round 19 as he rolled a 6 to rob John of 5VP's. A round later Stephen was at the top of a 33-24-22-14-12 score. He started the event as the last of 51 ACS laurelists and improved his ranking 38 places with the win.

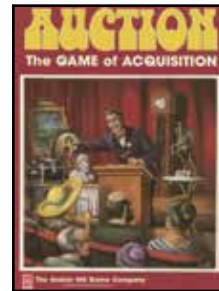


### Attack Sub (ATS)

Although long out of print, this event has been trending larger of late with many Finals-deprived wood hounds trying their hand in a last chance for glory on Sunday. This year 40 submariners turned out to play this quick cat and mouse game of modern submarine warfare—including many newcomers with scant or no experience.

Four emerged unbeaten from the three swiss rounds: Sceadeau D'Tela, 12-year old Mandy Mossman, David Buchholz, and Antero Kuusi. Tiebreakers added Karl Buchholz, Bruce Monnin, and two-time champions Dan Hoffman and Bruce Young to the elimination rounds.

The Final pit Karl Buchholz's Soviets against Sceadeau D'Tela's British in Scenario A: SUB DUEL. The malfunctions that plagued Karl's attack systems in his semifinal would now transfer to Sceadeau's sonars. Regardless, Sceadeau was able to draw first blood, sinking the *Ivan Rogov*. In desperation, Karl's *Skvortsov* used active sonar, Battle Stations, and a Close Range to increase contact on *Valiant*. Moving into the second deck, *Valiant* fired on *Skvortsov*, missed, and then used Battle Stations to try to open range but *Skvortsov* countered with its own Close Range to keep contact. Karl couldn't draw a fire card to save his life. Sceadeau continued to close range with both subs. Finally, *Valiant* sank the *Skvortsov* to make Sceadeau D'Tela the 2013 champion! Quite a feat considering he was taught the game just minutes before by Dan Hoffman.

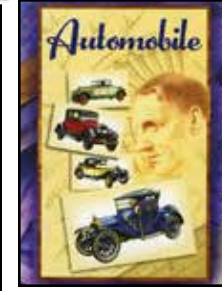


### 2013 Results

⚔ Ken Gutermuth, NC  
 ⚔ Aran Warszawski, il  
 ⚔ Andy Joy, MD  
 ⚔ Bruce Reiff, OH  
 ⚔ Michael Shea, CT  
 ⚔ Natasha Metzger, NY

⚔ Bruce Reiff, OH

† 28 📖 1993-2013



### 2013 Results

⚔ Romain Jacques, qc  
 ⚔ Nick Henning, DC  
 ⚔ Jack Jung, on  
 ⚔ Rob Cranshaw, RI  
 ⚔ Andrew Maly, TX  
 ⚔ Elaine Pearson, NC

⚔ Greg Schmittgens, KS

† 41 📖 2010-2013



Ken Gutermuth, NC

### Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	84
Ken Gutermuth, NC	50
Arthur Field, SC	50
Andy Gardner, VA	40
Jon. Lockwood, VA	34
George Sauer, OH	34
Steve Cuccaro, MD	32
Jeff Mullett, OH	30
David Brooks, TN	28
Andy Joy, MD	24



Romain Jacques, qc

### Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	48
Andrew Maly, TX	36
Romain Jacques, qc	30
Bill Zurn, CA	30
Harald Henning, CT	18
Rod Spade, PA	18
Matt Calkins, VA	18
John Weber, MD	15
Jack Jung, on	12
Michael Kaltman, PA	12

### Auction (AUC)

Nine winners were present after two heats, allowing three runners-up to advance to Round 2 including Andy Joy and myself. In my semi, Jeff Mullett got his wish during the random seating to be on my left. Unfortunately for him on her first turn Natasha Metzger sold her Rare Miscellany and the bank refused to pay. This gave moi a third one when I bought it in the subsequent auction. The next item was another Rare Miscellany that called to me. I sold just enough to hit the \$7500 mark and advance in record time. Andy Joy similarly dominated his table as we also-rans proved how dangerous a second life can be. The third semi went longer and allowed Ken Gutermuth and Vassili Kyrkos to duel for survival behind Aran Warszawski. Sadly for we finalists, Ken grabbed the second chance Final ticket by \$190 while saving his best karma for me.

Ken took the seat to my left with Aran to my right. A Buyer's Card appeared early and I fell on my sword to keep it from Ken. The sales dice were unkind and left me with under \$900. Sadly, two turns later one of Ken's needed items appeared and I was unable to stop his purchase. The luck of the also-rans continued unabated and Ken was able to sell and claim his first Auction plaque in 16 years while ending his 3-year losing streak. It would be the start of his best week in years.



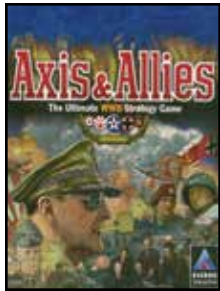
### Automobile (AUT)

The only finalist with previous laurels was defending champ Nick Henning. But it was Romain Jacques who gradually entered all three markets, building the mid-price Thomas Flyer initially, expanding to the luxury Crane-Simplex on Turn 2, and entering the economy class with the Hupmobile R on Turn 3.

Romain stuck to his sales strategy, passing without an executive action on the first three turns. By the last turn, Romain was the clear leader (carrying over two loss cubes; the others had seven or more). Everyone over-produced economy cars at the end, building 34 cars, even though the maximum market is 32 in the best of circumstances. It didn't happen that way. Romain's strategy appeared to be loss-management, taking Chrysler to reduce loss cubes on Turns 1 and 3, Howard to get a few more sales on Turn 2, and Sloan (to cut his game end loss cubes in half) on the last turn. He enjoyed the added benefit that no one else could take Sloan. Nick, behind at the end by only 140 points, generated a few too many loss cubes, opening the Franklin Model A on Turn 1 and not closing it until Turn 4.

Romain did the best job of handling his losses and won 4700 - 4560 - 4040 - 2850. Sales strategy has evolved for the better as the game has aged, with Howard being the most popular character choice—picked three times as often as Sloan, the least selected option.





### 2013 Results

- ♣ Ty Hansen, DC
- ♠ Joe Gioia, NY
- ♣ Sam Packwood, MN
- ♠ Michael Gioia, NY
- ♠ Al Hurda, on
- ♠ Steve Packwood, MN
- ♣ Joe Powell, VA
- † 32 📖 1999-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Steve Ambruzs, VA
- ♠ Justin Rice, VA
- ♣ Chris Storzillo, NJ
- ♠ Bill Beckman, SC
- ♠ Ashton Worley, ru
- ♠ Pete Pollard, TN
- ♣ Dave Terry, MD
- † 61 📖 1992-2013



Ty Hansen, DC

### Top Laurelists

Joe Powell, VA	210
Philip Shea, VA	192
Kevin Keller, MD	191
Ty Hansen, DC	184
Pat Mirk, FL	129
Phil Rennert, MD	96
Richard Beyma, MD	95
Andrew Murphy, PA	94
Tim Rothenhofer, MD	68
Brian Fitzpatrick, VA	54



Steve Ambruzs, VA

### Top Laurelists

Paul Risner, FL	343
Richard Moyer, MN	156
William Rohrbeck, NH	106
Keith Hunsinger, OH	100
Bill Beckman, SC	90
Eric Stranger, OH	76
Steve Ambruzs, VA	60
Steve Sabatino, PA	60
Dan Dolan Sr, NJ	60
Dave Long, NC	60

### Axis & Allies (A&A)

An influx of new players acquitted themselves well as only two of 2012's laurelists managed to add to their totals. Ty Hansen won his third title, defeating 2009 champ Andrew Murphy in the third round, as well as Michael and Joe Gioia in the playoffs. Only Ty was able to defeat either of the father/son newcomers.

Defending champ Joe Powell lost to Michael in Round 2 while two-time champ Kevin Keller fell to Sam Packwood. Meanwhile, Joe Gioia was living on the edge, winning 12-12 ties against 2010 champ Richard Beyma in Round 1 and Al Hurda on Round 3. Both wins were decided by income gain tiebreakers. Another family tandem scored well with Steve Packwood in sixth place and son Sam claiming third after losing yet another 12-12 tie to Joe in the semifinals at that same tie-breaker. In the other semifinal Ty's Axis defeated Mike as his attacks on Russia outpaced Germany's fall to the Allies. A British attack on Germany failed, and Russian counterattacks at Kazakhstan and Novosibirsk led to heavy Russian losses without retaking the territories.

Ty accepted a bid of 5 for the Allies in the Final and concentrated American strength in the Pacific. On Turn 4 the British attacked France while the US Pacific fleet took New Guinea. Joe conceded on the fifth turn.

Play balance has never been stronger with 38 games split evenly. The average bid to play the Axis was 5 IPC to the Allied player.



### B-17; Queen of the Skies (B17)

The war wore on with three "milk run" missions from December 1943 as the 8th rebuilt its strength after October's second Schweinfurt raid. Norway's Telemark Heavy Water plant was the featured target. Because of the "safer" raids, the scores were tightly bunched from top to bottom, resulting in eight ties including one for first place. All ties were broken based on a priority of bombing performance followed by crew survival and enemy aircraft shot down. We also had a tie for fifth place, with the lucky "loser" of the tiebreakers receiving the more coveted sand plaque.

The most notable of the story lines belonged to Dave Long who set a record that will never be broken. He managed to be shot down on all three missions which is not that rare. In fact, Jim Miller—his German counterpart—has done him in before in triplicate. The record that can only be tied, never broken, is that all ten crew members survived and were taken prisoner—in all three aircraft! So Dave broke the bank in customer loyalty points at Stalag 17 with 30 room reservations. Herr Reichsmarschall is said to have denied their request for private suites.

Between conventions, Michael Coomes designed two magnificent squadron trophies for the best and worst squadron performance. The trophies are perpetual prizes, with placards to be engraved each year and will reside with each squadron as we enter our 23rd year of the WBC B-17 tournament.



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Pierre LeBoeuf, MD
- ♠ Daniel Barnes, CA
- ♠ F. de Bellefeuille, qc
- ♠ Daniel Farrow IV, PA
- ♠ Fred Minard, PA
- ♠ John Ford, PA
- ♣ William Wallace, OH
- † 21 📖 2011-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Peter Stein, OH
- ♠ Aiden Powers, VA
- ♠ Jeff Cornett, FL
- ♠ Bruce Reiff, OH
- ♠ Jim Bell, MD
- ♠ Mike Stanley, OH
- ♣ Bruce Reiff, OH
- † 33 📖 2001-2013



Pierre LeBoeuf, MD

### Top Laurelists

Pierre LeBoeuf, MD	50
Akihisa Tabei, jp	48
Daniel Barnes, CA	24
Bruce Beard, MD	18
F. deBellefeuille, qc	14
Dave Earls, PA	12
Jonathan Squibb, PA	9
Dave Metheny, PA	9
John Ford, PA	8
Daniel Farrow IV, PA	6



Peter Stein, OH

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	132
Philip Shea, VA	66
Ben Knight, MD	60
Lyman Moquin, DC	48
David Metzger, NY	45
Patrick Mirk, FL	33
Robert Eastman, NV	33
Steve Lollis, MD	33
Peter Stein, OH	30
Nicole Reiff, OH	30

### Baltimore & Ohio (B&O)

The Final started wild and never let up. Francois started the PRR with under five shares. Fred kicked off the C&O next, followed by Barnes with the B&O and John with NYC. Farrow and Pierre invested in the established PRR rather than start another line. That convinced Francois to dump all his shares and begin the NYNH&H. Pierre suddenly found himself President of the PRR. Everyone dumped stocks and invested in other railroads in the next market with Fred giving control of the C&O to Farrow. The third market saw two established railroads change ownership and two new ones begun, the B&M and the Erie. All established railroads took a tumble in the volatile market. The fourth market turned the heat up further with all but the B&O changing ownership, a couple more than once. The business rounds had every railroad increasing their valuation at least once.

The last market ratcheted up the volatility to new heights with NYC changing hands twice after John dropped it to start the IC, and the C&O changing hands four times. The Wabash was started by Barnes, taken by Francois, and then retaken by Barnes before it even got out of the roundhouse. The only railroad to keep the same President throughout was B&O. The last business round left the Erie with the top valuation of \$110 and the NYNH&H at the bottom with \$45. That left Pierre atop a \$2033 - \$1872 - \$1684 - \$1587 - \$1283 - \$1003 score.



### Battle Cry (BCY)

The abridged version of a much longer ballad all came down to the last dice roll. 11-year old Aiden Powers left the Juniors round just long enough to kick adult butt in *Battle Cry*. Having dispensed with Mr. Plaque himself in a 5-2 semifinal rout, it was seemingly all downhill from there with only Pete Stein standing between him and a shield all his own.

Aiden opened the hostilities with an assault on his left that crushed Peter's right. With a flag lead, he now charged the center to strike the final blow against adult tyranny. He destroyed one unit and crippled another, leaving him one piece short of victory. But now it was Peter's turn, and although he needed three flags, his usual frown morphed into an evil grin. That's when it all went wrong. For our anti-hero had moved his forces into the center where he now unleashed his plan. He destroyed two units, leaving the general vulnerable. Surely our young hero, who was holding an Assault Center card that all but assured victory if Peter missed his 42% chance, could dodge one last bullet from the worst die roller this side of Yoshikawa.

Somewhere bunnies hop and birds sing, but not that afternoon. Not vs. the Grinch. When the dice stopped rolling, the dream ended. Aiden? He stuck out his hand like the little champ he is and congratulated the Grinch on stealing his Christmas. We can't wait to see Aiden next year. Stein? Not so much...





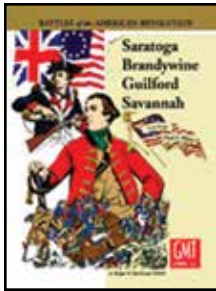


### 2013 Results

♣ Bill Morse, VA  
♣ Forrest Pafenberg, VA  
♣ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ  
♣ Robert Frisby, VA  
♣ Bill Riggs, VA

♣ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ

† 17 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK  
♣ Chris Easter, GA  
♣ Derek Miller, VA  
♣ Dale Long, NJ  
♣ Jim Tracy, OH  
♣ Chris Storzillo, NJ

♣ Rob McCracken, DE

† 27 📖 1999-2013



Bill Morse, VA

### Top Laurelists

Steve Likevich, OH	152
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	151
Bill Morse, VA	144
Phil Evans, fr	112
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	66
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	66
Rob Beyma, MD	60
Bob Ryan, MI	60
Vince Sinigaglio, NJ	42
John Clarke, VA	34



Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

### Top Laurelists

Mark Miklos, GA	222
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	136
Dale Long, NJ	125
Jim Tracy, OH	90
Chris Easter, GA	88
John Vasilakos, VA	81
Cliff Hansen, NM	48
Rob Doane, MD	47
David Stiffler, VA	46
Volko Ruhnke, VA	42

### Battle of the Bulge (B81)

Making it through the qualifiers to the Final Four after 20 games were 2006 champion Bill Morse, past laurelists Frank Sinigaglio and Forrest Pafenberg and first-time finalist Joe Angiolillo.

Forrest's Germans got off to a bad start in the first semifinal vs Bill. Paffy managed to roll exchanges on surrounded attacks and engaged results on every possible breakout attack. By the end of the 17AM turn Bill had lost only six units and all the major avenues of advance in the center were clogged with stacks of engaged units so Forrest threw in the towel yet again. In the other semifinal Joe destroyed all the bridges to run the Germans out of fuel. Frank secured two Victory Point cities but could not kill enough units while losing too many of his own.

Bill's Germans slapped Joe silly at the outset of the Final. He eliminated seven units and engaged two more, leaving Joe with a serious case of unit hunger. On the 16PM turn, he eliminated two more. Usually, the Amis can expect to lose eight units in four turns, but here they lost nine in only two turns. To form a line and block all roads west, Joe dropped back towards Malmedy on 16PM, allowing Bill to capture the city early and release the 2SS and 9SS Panzer on 18AM. That was all she wrote. Next year B81

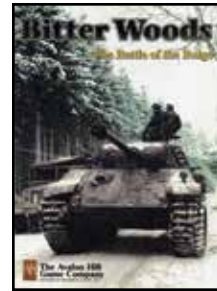
will be combined with *Bitter Woods* in the grognard format with the latter as the default version.



### Battles of the Am. Revolution (BAR)

21 players appeared for the Mulligan Round of *Eutaw Springs* with the yanks claiming a 5-2-3 advantage. Six new enlistees and a like number of returnees appeared for Round 1, so six more battles were waged that evening with the Americans again triumphant 3-2-1. Round 2, reinforced by the Mulligan winners, was fought at *Germantown* with Stiffler, Sinigaglio, Tracy, Easter, Doane, Storzillo, Miller and Long advancing after another American success, 6-2. The matchups grew tougher at *Saratoga* with only marginal victories achieved in Round 3. Bruno's Americans defeated Stiffler and Easter's Brits downed 2011 champ Doane. Long's Redcoats defeated Storzillo, and Miller's lobsterbacks upset 2009 champ Tracy. The semifinals were fought at *Monmouth*. Bruno and Dale fought a typical slugfest with Bruno triumphant in marginal fashion. The battle ended in a draw! It was very historical, but for our purposes not enough for Derek's Americans to claim victory a la his historical counterparts. So, on the basis of total tournament points earned, Chris would advance and meet Bruno (a marginal victor over Dale in the other bracket) again at *Pen-sacola* in a repeat of the 2012 Final.

This time, Bruno took the Spanish with a bid of 4 and our newest Board member was soon trailing badly. However, the Weather Gods gave him a reprieve in the form of rain during the Coup de Main and he rallied behind several double moves and fortuitous card play to successfully defend his title.



### 2013 Results

♣ Forrest Pafenberg, VA  
♣ Jim Tracy, OH  
♣ Johnny Hasay, PA  
♣ Tom Gregorio, PA  
♣ Ed Witkowski, VA  
♣ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ

♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

† 21 📖 1999-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ William Kendrick, uk  
♣ Daniel Speyer, NY  
♣ Philip Shea, VA  
♣ John Dextraze, on  
♣ Paul Sampson, OH  
♣ Ed Kendrick, uk

♣ Edward Kendrick, uk

† 45 📖 2010-2013



Forrest Pafenberg, VA

### Top Laurelists

Tom Gregorio, PA	302
Randy Heller, NH	227
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	182
Bob Ryan, MI	128
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	119
Bill Morse, VA	111
Phil Evans, fr	94
Steve Likevich, OH	65
Marty Musella, VA	51
Mike Mitchell, GA	42



William Kendrick, uk

### Top Laurelists

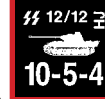
Paul Sampson, OH	42
William Kendrick, uk	39
Daniel Speyer, NY	39
Bruce Hodgins, on	33
John Corrado, VA	30
Rob Flowers, MD	30
Tom McCorry, VA	18
John Dextraze, on	15
Philip Shea, FL	15
Ed Kendrick, uk	12

### Bitter Woods (BWD)

All told, the Germans won 26 of 50 games. As expected, six-time champion Tom Gregorio made the elimination rounds. The other contenders, veterans all, had never won the event, so Tom's loss to Jim Tracy's Americans in the semifinals sent shockwaves through the grognard room. Meanwhile, Forrest Pafenberg's Germans beat Johnny Hasay in the other semifinal with a strong opening in both the north and south. The Germans built bridges at Clervaux and Vianden, and a D4 result in the center resulted in the elimination of two units. By the 17PM turn, it was all but over with Germans next to Eupen, entering Trois Point, taking Parkers Crossroads, crossing the boundary and next to Bastogne.

Forrest pit his Americans against the champion to decide the title. The 16AM German results were mixed—strong in the south and marginal in the north with two firefights and one engaged. Paffy played inspired defense, only erring twice on the 17PM turn: once allowing Lehr Recon to surround a unit in the center and then letting a 6-5-4 unit get surrounded in front of Eupen when he forgot to move it. Tracy returned the favor on 18AM, not moving reserve units that could have moved adjacent to Bastogne, preventing the fortress construction. That oversight became critical when Bastogne held. The Germans did take

Parker's Crossroads to obtain three of the four required VPs, but the fourth never fell and Paffy at long last had his title after several decades of near misses.



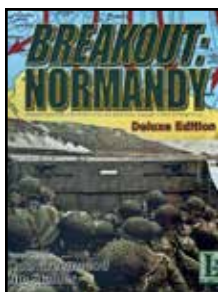
### Brass (BRS)

17 preliminary games yielded 16 winners; John Corrado winning twice, and Lee Proctor, having won twice last year, missing a second double win by a tiebreaker. However, there were six no-shows for the semis so two alternates, Kevin Barry and William Kendrick, were included to create three 4-player semifinals. Always beware those given a second life. Kendrick, John Dextraze and Paul Sampson won the semis but Sampson had to depart, thus admitting two runners-up to the Final: Daniel Speyer and Phil Shea.

The Final began with three developing and Kendrick building iron—only to be quickly overbuilt by Speyer. The other players continued to consign low-tech mills to the dustbin of history and Kendrick riposted by overbuilding Speyer's I2. The Rail Era began traditionally, while Shea built two more M3s and an M4 and Kendrick built coal and odd rails, seeming to have no overall strategy. By Turn 12 he had linked Ellesmere Port to Liverpool via Warrington and his plan became apparent. Two developments spread across a turn-end and he laid a shipyard in Liverpool and was set for a second in Birkenhead.

There was repeated overbuilding of iron and a couple of players had to pass when they ran out of money, but in the last turn Kendrick built his second shipyard as the last rails were taken. At the end, Speyer's rails and solid industry had won the Rail Era but hadn't overtaken Kendrick's lead (133-123-117-117).





### 2013 Results

- ♣ Michael Kaye, MD
- ♠ Nels Thompson, NY
- ♣ Don Greenwood, MD
- ♣ K. Hammond, WA
- ♣ Mike Rinella, NY
- ♣ M. Birnbaum, NY

♣ Andrew Cummins, uk

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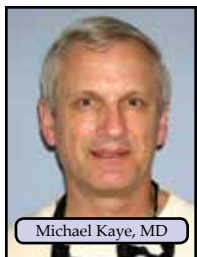


### 2013 Results

- ♣ Jim Jordan, MD
- ♠ Matt O'Connor, NJ
- ♣ Randy Schilb, MO
- ♠ Woolly Farrow, PA
- ♠ Nick Benedict, CA
- ♣ Mike Mullins, MD

♣ James Jordan, MD

† 32 📖 1991-2013



Michael Kaye, MD

### Top Laurelists

Don Greenwood, MD	388
Nels Thompson, NY	324
Andrew Cummins, uk	276
Michael Kaye, MD	221
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	211
Alan Applebaum, MA	204
Jim Doughan, PA	187
Jim Eliason, IA	185
Bryan Eshleman, NC	169
Mark Gutfreund, KY	163



Jim Jordan, MD

### Top Laurelists

Ewan McNay, CT	353
Nick Benedict, PA	200
James Jordan, MD	196
Randy Schilb, MO	120
Barry Smith, NY	117
Rick Kirchner, KY	84
Scott Pfeiffer, SC	83
Mark Smith, KY	82
David Gantt, SC	70
Richard Curtin, NY	64

## Breakout: Normandy (BKN)

This year the other shoe dropped. The L2 edition was the version of choice by a 17-9 margin. Having crossed this rules set Rubicon, with no one objecting, next years event will default to L2. The typical bid was 0 in the L2 version, 35 in AH. Ignoring the Mulligan round's training games, the overall split was 11 German wins to six Allied.

No *Breakout* report would be complete without a war story or two. Games with no weather changes and those with several per turn, a day that lasted three impulses and one that went ten typified the swings of the fate pendulum. Seven prior champs lined the field. Mike Kaye's route to the top was not easy. Against defending champion Kevin Hammond he needed (and got) a +3 roll to clear Caen as the clock expired.

The bidding reached 30 for the Allies in the L2 Final, demonstrating Nels Thompson's reluctance to face Mike's invasion. A critical decision was Nels' roll of an attack to clear Bretteville on the 6th rather than guard against the potential loss of the magic bridge. Stir in weather changes on the first three days with unrelenting counterattacks into Isigny and you have a real bare-knuckle contest. Caen was the key with Nels enveloping the city, taking Troan, Bourguebus, Verson and Evrecy before Mike reclaimed Verson for vital access to the city. This gave the veteran his first *BKN* title after decades on the beaches while denying Nels an unprecedented fifth title.



## Britannia (BRI)

The color finishes resulted in a spread of four wins apiece until Green broke the tie in the Final. And this was the year where, if your name was O'Connor, the wins rolled in. Matt and Ed won five games with Ed sweeping the heats! The high score awards went to Greg Hultgren posting a Red 274, Jim Jordan with a Green 271 and Blue 251, and Ewan McNay with a Yellow 260.

The three semi winners were Matt O'Connor, Randy Schilb and Woolly Farrow. Jim Jordan, a four-point runner-up, took the last seat at the Final and thereby became the favorite having saved his mojo for last.

Matt's Romans invaded in fine form with little opposition. Boudicca's Belgae did a nice job with their rebellion, scoring 20 points in the first round taking out two legions and a fort, but not seriously denting the Roman drive. A couple of uneventful turns later, the Romans wrapped up with 142 points for a tidy invasion and Matt's Romano British positioned themselves in the Downlands.

On Turn 16, the tide started turning Green. The Welsh secured most of England just the other side of their border. In the last blows, the big scores of Randy's Reds in the early endgame proved their undoing. The Brigantes were destroyed by the Dubliners since Matt viewed Randy's Reds as his main threat. But when the points were counted, Jim Jordan had won his second title by a 234 - 232 - 204 - 192 score.

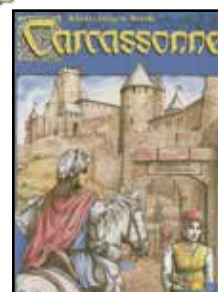


### 2013 Results

- ♣ B. Collinson Jr, MD
- ♠ Lissa Rennert, MD
- ♠ Scott Sunderlin, NY
- ♣ Holiday Saccenti, MD
- ♣ Peter Staab, PA
- ♣ Richard Beyma, MD

♣ Rebecca Hebner, DC

† 205 📖 2006-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Joe Millovich, PA
- ♠ Chris Kreuter, NY
- ♠ Mike Crescenzi, NC
- ♣ Ed Beach, MD
- ♣ Sean McCulloch, OH
- ♣ Dave Blisard, PA

♣ Jennifer Visocnik, IL

† 155 📖 2002-2013



Ben Collinson Jr, MD

### Top Laurelists

Ben Collinson Jr, MD	30
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	30
Jay Fox, NJ	30
Rob Drozd, IL	30
Elaine Pearson, NC	30
Danny Lewis, DE	30
Anne Norton, NJ	30
Rob Winslow, NY	20
David Burkey, PA	20
Lissa Rennert, MD	18



Joe Millovich, PA

### Top Laurelists

Robbie Mitchell, VA	69
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	59
Arthur Wines, PA	48
Scott Buckwalter, MD	42
Olin Hentz, CT	36
Eric Monte, NY	33
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	33
Joe Millovich, PA	30
Carolyn Strock, PA	30
Katie McCorry, VA	30

## Can't Stop (CNS)

It was another raucous night with over 200 players testing their nerves in the evening's dice rolling escapades. The record crowd required deploying stopgap homemade versions of the game before advancing 48 to the quarterfinals. The best storyline belonged to Jeff Meyer who had never stopped in many years of play—having never capped and therefore never had a reason to—finally finding sweet relief. Jeff needed two 12's and rolled four 6s to cap the 12s, stopping for the first time in his tournament repertoire. Jordan Shea, on the other hand, should stay away from craps tables, rolling three snake-eyes and two boxcars in one turn.

When all the taunting died down, the last three survivors began the final test. The trash talk started early. Lissa Rennert countered advice by reminding them that they "had no pieces on the board" and shushed the peanut gallery with the quip "You got flushed out—what do you know?" She quickly topped two columns, the 12's and 4's in two successive turns, but Ben Collinson finally managed on his next turn to cap the 6's. Lissa, undismayed, reassured the onlookers "I don't need to totally crush them—I'll give them a chance to get on the board."

Big mistake. After she busted, Ben capped his second column, the 8's, while Scott Sunderlin proceeded to slowly advance his pieces. Another Lissa bust put Ben in the driver's seat and he finished the 3's column to claim victory



## Carcassonne (CAR)

*Carcassonnians* returned in record numbers as the format returned to multi-player games and heats. Of notable mention, Destry Usner won all three qualifying heats only to fall to Ed Beach in a very odd semifinal game. The Final was closely contested with only one point separating the top three players at 61-61-60.

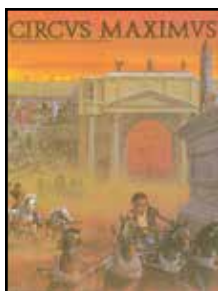
A third of the players in 4-player games had no meeples left by the end and won 51% of the games. In conclusion, "People, people who need meeples, are the luckiest people in the world." So ...use your meeples!

In 2014, the semifinal will be limited to 16 players. Qualifiers will be ranked using a new tiebreaker that will be inserted after "Most wins" and before "Win in first heat entered" that will be based on a "points" system. Participants will receive 1 point for each heat entered, 1 point for each player you beat in each heat, five bonus points for finishing 1st, two for finishing 2nd, and one point if you bring the game and it is used. 5-player games will score an additional point for each place. Make sure you bring your copy of the game and enter early! More copies of the game mean more 4-player and less 5-player games. The more heats you enter, the better your odds of qualifying for advancement. We will schedule the



elimination rounds for later on Saturday so results of the qualifying heats can be tabulated and posted on the kiosk. Top alternates should appear if they wish to advance.





### 2013 Results

🏆 Angela Collinson, MD  
 🏆 Rolinda Collinson, MD  
 🏆 Jim Fardette, ae  
 🏆 Nora Tuke, DE  
 🏆 Scott Sirianna, NY  
 🏆 Jason Levine, NY

🏆 John Jacoby, VA

† 98 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Peter Gurneau, WI  
 🏆 Tony Raimo, OH  
 🏆 Martin Sample, OH  
 🏆 Bill Edwards, VA  
 🏆 Jordan Kehrer, PA  
 🏆 J. R. Tracy, NY

🏆 Bryan Collars, SC

† 41 📖 2007-2013



### Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	263
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	152
Steve Katz, VA	144
Tom Saal, MI	120
Anthony Musella, VA	117
Angela Collinson, MD	116
Scott Sirianna, NY	97
John Tighe, Jr, NJ	84
Bill Beckman, SC	72
Michael Lind, VA	60



### Top Laurelists

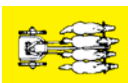
Bob Heinzmann, FL	165
Peter Gurneau, WI	112
Bryan Collars, SC	72
Michael Johnson, MA	52
J. R. Tracy, NY	49
Bob Jamelli, PA	48
Chris Byrd, CT	42
Mike Galandiuk, OH	40
Tony Raimo, OH	30
Martin Sample, NH	24

### Circus Maximus (CMS)

The Colosseum was full this year ...a little too full ...as 98 charioteers tried their luck on the arena sand. That resulted in 17 chariots qualifying for the Final thanks to an SRO opening heat with 64 players. While that kind of cavalry charge may look good in the movies, it makes for an awfully long game as our finalists discovered to their dismay in a seven-hour endurance test made longer by some controversial foot dragging at the end. As a consequence, CMS will cut back to two heats next year—its smallest racing card ever—in an attempt to reduce the number of finalists.

13 heavies, two mediums and a pair of lights contested the Final. Nine horses were killed outright. One chariot lost a right of way argument with the wall while three others flipped when their wheels collapsed. In a spectacular blend of skill and ineptitude, two-time champion Josh Githens avoided swerving into the wall by taking a wound. However, the resulting critical hit entangled him in his whip and dragged him out of the chariot.

On Turn 8, Jason Levine switched gears and began positioning himself for sixth place instead of first, blatantly seeking Sandman status over an earlier end to the race. That left clear sailing for Angela Collinson to win her second circus, besting her mother by eight spaces, and thus ending the longest Final ever. The stewards immediately convened the racing board to debate the outcome.



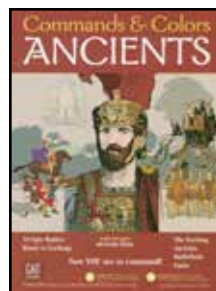
### Combat Commander (CBC)

2013 found us again in Conestoga II but emboldened by a better climate than our last campaign there. This year the theme of "The Great Campaign" featured scenarios from the start of the war. Subsequent tournaments will advance the calendar by a year until the entire war has been played. The tournament again used a Swiss-Elim format with four rounds advancing four players to single elimination.

Two thirds of the entrants lasted three or more rounds. The scenarios were Round 1-*Blitzkrieg Unleashed* (Germans vs Poles); Round 2-*Codes in the Sunrise* (Brits vs German); Round 3-*Signals in the Snow* (Russians vs Finns); Round 4-*Sturmgruppe Beton* (Belgians vs German).

The semifinal scenario was *Thrust in the Dust* with the French winning one and the Germans the other. Peter Gurneau kept his title defense alive by besting Martin Sample while Tony Raimo topped Bill Edwards to reach his first Final.

Peter opted to return to *Blitzkrieg Unleashed* for the Final and Tony chose the defending Poles. This seemed to be the smart play as the Poles were the victors in 66% of the Round 1 games. However, the Germans used Peter's experience from the 2012 Final to gain an early advantage by eliminating Tony's key leader. Peter was so successful in the early stages that he was able to score several of his units for Exit VPs and then withstood a furious Polish comeback to become the first back-to-back WBC CBC champion.

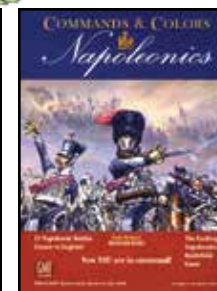


### 2013 Results

🏆 Bill O'Neal, NY  
 🏆 Peter Eldridge, uk  
 🏆 Rick Young, NC  
 🏆 Riku Riekkinen, fi  
 🏆 John Grasse, CT  
 🏆 John Vasilakos, VA

🏆 Andy Lewis, DE

† 36 📖 2006-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Chuck Stapp, NJ  
 🏆 Mikko Raimi, fi  
 🏆 Thomas Lee, NV  
 🏆 John Kirk, PA  
 🏆 John Grasse, CT  
 🏆 Tony Curtis, OK

🏆 Daniel Broh-Kahn, MD

† 24 📖 2011-2013



### Top Laurelists

Bill O'Neal, NY	153
Allen Kaplan, NJ	68
Tony Curtis, OK	58
Chad Mekash, NJ	56
Brian Conlon, CT	54
Jack Morrell, NY	52
Rick Young, NC	42
John Kirk, PA	24
Terry Cotter, CT	24
Riku Riekkinen, fi	21



### Top Laurelists

Chuck Stapp, NJ	38
Andy Stapp, NJ	33
Michael Shea, CT	30
Richard Bliss, CA	18
Mikko Raimi, fi	12
Greg Ottoman, VA	12
John Grasse, CT	12
Allen Kaplan, NJ	9
Jack Morrell, NY	9
Thomas Lee, NV	8

### Commands & Colors Ancients (CCA)

The 8th rendition of our tournament continued the pod system with each player playing three games in their 4-man group in the *Cannae* scenario. The best record in each group advanced and runners-up filled the remaining slots. Victory banners were bid for side selection. Carthage enjoyed a 39-15 advantage with Rome managing a split in only one pod. Every other group went either 4-2 or 5-1 for Carthage. It appears players have solved this one so it will be replaced next year. Round 2 formed four new pods. The battle was *Caralis* from C3i. Only the winner of each pod would advance to the semis. This time, the four pods split with Carthage going 3-3, 2-2, 4-2, and 6-0.

The semifinals were conducted as double matches, playing both sides against the same opponent. The battle was *Gabiene*. In one pairing, two-time champ Bill O'Neal faced the Pei-Killer, Riku Riekkinen; could the mighty Finn do it in another event? Not this time ...Bill won the first game 7-2 as Antigonos and Riku conceded when Bill scored his third banner in the re-match. In the other battle, 2009 champ Rick Young engaged Peter Eldridge. Antigonos was victorious twice with Peter edging Rick 6-5 on banners as Eumene.

The Final battle was *Edessa*. Bill won the first game as the Persians 6-2. Peter conceded when Bill tied the second match 3-3. Bill thus became our first Boardmaster, having missed laurels only once in eight years.



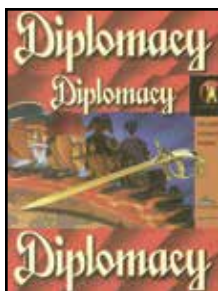
### C&C Napoleonic (CCN)

There were ten mulligan round games played, with most of the non-winners playing a second game. This seemed to provide a good balance between a "one and done" format and a tournament that tended to run too long, so the format will return next year. The mulligan, first, and second round all used the *Rolica* battle (French First Position) from the base set. Overall, the French won 16 of the 22 battles, whereas they had only won 15 of 28 battles in 2012. The average scores were 5-2.36 for all battles regardless of victor, with 5-3 being the most common. Although the French seemed to have a statistical edge, British victories of 5-0, 5-1, and 5-2 were recorded.

The semifinals used the *Czarnowo* scenario, requiring us to bring out the Russian expansion to *C&C: Napoleonic*. In the first game Chuck Stapp's Russians stomped on Thomas Lee's French 7 banners to 3, but in the second *semi*, the opposite occurred with Mikko Raimi's French crushing John Kirk's Russians, 7-2. Perhaps it was something about the Russians that brought out the best in the Finn?

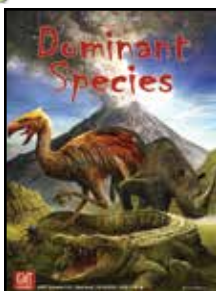
At this point, Mikko and Chuck had each completed five games in a row and fatigue was setting in. It was getting late, but Bennigsen and Napoleon wanted one last effort. Finally, on the *Eylau Plateau*, Chuck Stapp, last year's runner-up, would not be denied a second time and followed in his son's footsteps—taking home a WBC shield all his own.





## 2013 Results

♣ D. Rynkowski, NY  
 ♠ Matt Calkins, VA  
 ♣ Jason O'Donnell, VA  
 ♠ Christian Pedone, PA  
 ♣ Kevin Lewis, DC  
 ♣ Andy Sherwood, PA  
 ⚔ Thomas Haver, OH  
 † 28 📅 91-04, 06-08, 12-13



## 2013 Results

♣ Kevin Emery, SC  
 ♠ Robb Effinger, on  
 ♣ Geof. Entwistle, MD  
 ♠ Chris Shabsin, MA  
 ♣ Tom McCorry, VA  
 ♣ J. R. Geronimo, MD  
 ⚔ Dave Long, NC  
 † 39 📅 2011-2013



## Top Laurelists

Nick Benedict, CA	115
Andy Marshall, MD	96
Tom Pasko, CT	76
Andy Bartalone, MD	60
Alvaro Ugaz, VA	60
Simon Bouton, uk	60
Nick Palmer, uk	56
Rick Desper, MD	56
Tom Kobrin, NC	48
Ric Manns, IN	48



## Top Laurelists

Kevin Emery, SC	49
James Geronimo, NJ	43
Robb Effinger, NJ	42
Tom McCorry, VA	32
Dennis Mishler, GA	30
David Buchholz, MI	16
Geoffrey Entwistle, MD	12
Lane Hess, PA	12
Chris Shabsin, MA	9
Tracey Casselberry, VT	9

## Diplomacy (DIP)

**M**att Calkins had a clear lead, but the scourge of every *Diplomacy* tournament, an uneven number of players, caused him to sit out the last round. On the first board, Robbie Mitchell (Austria) challenged Christian Pedone (Germany) and Jason O'Donnell (Russia) for an opportunity to knock Matt from the top spot. Eventually, O'Donnell's Russia flipped the allies, and working with rising star Kevin Lewis (Italy) swung the board in their favor.

The other board saw shifting alliances and posturing common in a last round with honors at stake. Two early alliances formed: Austria-Italy and England-France. Both easily eliminated their targets. However, the real game began when the survivors began competing for Best Country awards. They could not afford a three-way tie and walk away winners. France was knocked out in 1908, but disagreement raged over who would top the board. A stalemate developed. As midnight approached, the discussion grew more agitated. Eventually, the Italian relented and offered England assistance since he only needed to wait out the clock. So it was in 1909, with the Fall turn beginning before the midnight deadline, David Rynkowski wrote the orders grabbing two additional centers and earning a solo victory. The Best



Country awards were: Austria - Evan Walter, England - David Rynkowski, France - John Stevens, Germany - Matt Calkins, Italy - Andrew Sherwood, Russia & Turkey - Jason O'Donnell.

## Dominant Species (DSP)

**T**he heats yielded 13 preliminary games again but this year's smaller field required 4-player games. Kevin Emery emerged the sole double winner. John Emery (Insects), JR Geronimo and Robb Effinger (Arachnids) advanced with semifinal wins. The 6-player Final was completed with runners-up Geoff Entwistle, Tom McCorry, and Chris Shabsin. John deferred further play. The beneficiary of that withdrawal was his son, Kevin, who had missed the last spot by 1 point.

Tom and Kevin led the bidding with 5 for the Insects and Arachnids. Geoffrey and JR bid 2 for the Reptiles and Mammals, leaving Chris and Robb with the Birds and Amphibians. The Turn 1 Scoring Cards contained *Catastrophe*, *Blight*, and *Predator* among the first five cards. The end result was predictable with 18 extinctions in one turn. Tom blighted the desert, and Kevin triggered the *Catastrophe* on the Mountain, setting JR and Geoff back. Chris and JR had speciated, and they footed most of the butcher's bill, losing 13 of the 18 casualties. Geoff was reduced to one lonely reptile clinging to a foothold in the Savannah.

After Turn 6's grab of the vacant Tundra, Kevin played defense for the *Survival* card and scored another 21 points to salt away his win. He made the most of his opportunities—starting with a paternal assist in the form of a schedule conflict that allowed him a second bite at the apple and proved a fortunate development for the Emery trophy wall.



## 2013 Results

♣ Brandon Bernard, PA  
 ♠ Thomas Tu, NJ  
 ♠ Mark Giddings, NY  
 ♠ Pat Richardson, VA  
 ♣ Chad Weaver, PA  
 ♣ Ben Scholl, PA  
 ⚔ Nick Ferris, MD  
 † 42 📅 2009-2013



## Top Laurelists

Arthur Field, SC	90
Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC	52
Haim Hochboim, il	50
Chad Weaver, PA	48
Brandon Bernard, PA	40
David Buehler, WA	40
Edward Fu, NY	40
Rob Renaud, NY	38
Edward Fear, NY	30
Andy Latto, MA	26



## 2013 Results

♣ Bill Dyer, IL  
 ♠ Lee Proctor, IL  
 ♠ Rachael Day, AZ  
 ♠ Wray Ferrell, NC  
 ♣ Michael Day, AZ  
 ♣ Carl Krosnick, PA  
 ⚔ Brad Johnson, IL  
 † 31 📅 1992-2013



## Top Laurelists

Bill Dyer, IL	188
Glenn McMaster, on	115
Phil Barcafer, PA	93
Joe Abrams, CT	70
Steve Koehler, NC	70
Joe Harrison, KY	58
Jean-Francois Gagne, qc	55
Benoit Groulx, qc	48
Stephane Dorais, qc	45
Matt Fagan, NJ	43

## Dominion (DOM)

**S**even coppers ...plus three estates ...times 119 players ...carry the 4 ...let's just say lots of people tried to turn *Dominion* Copper into WBC Gold. Or wood.

The base game preliminaries advanced 38 to a more *intriguing* and *prosperous* quarterfinal, ultimately passing 16 to the semifinals. Scores in Game 1 were tight, while Game 2 sent some VP tallies soaring into the 60s while others *tortured* their opponents. Ben Scholl's 18-VP win by the former route earned him 10 advancement points (AP) but not enough to enter the Final Four; finishing sixth overall. Elsewhere, defending champ Chad Weaver's two runner-up finishes also netted 10 AP, earning fifth place laurels.

*Cornucopia* and *Hinterlands* made their debuts in the Final, and Mark Giddings took a *tunnel* (or four) to victory in Game 1, followed by Brandon Bernard and Thomas Tu. In Game 2, Patrick Richardson played it safe facing eight different Attack cards; but passing up early Provinces hurt and ultimately left him in fourth place. Giddings couldn't nab a Colony nor the win in Game 2, giving him third. It was Bernard who broke the seal on the big VP cards, nabbing the first Province in his 13th turn. Tu remained Provinceless until Turn 15, but finished strong with final purchases of three Provinces, a Colony, and a Duchy to win with 30 VP.



That left Tu and Bernard tied in AP after both games, but Bernard's two-game total score topped Tu's by a single point to give him the title.

## Dune (DUN)

**T**he Emperor, normally a mid-tier faction, led the way with a 73% win rate, second only to 2008's BG at 75%. Taken year by year, there is quite a variance in faction performance. From first to worst appears to be a frequent result. However, some distinctive trends have emerged. The overall average win rates (taking into account wins of all types) show some disparities. The Harkonnen, Emperor, Guild, and Atrides are not that far apart statistically (ranging from 36 - 41%). But the BG appear to have a significant advantage (49%), and the Fremens, despite our addition of the "free full-strength combat in desert" house rule, seem at an obvious disadvantage (21%).

Eighth grader Rachael Day at her first WBC waded into the shark-infested waters to win all three heats. She took on the full gauntlet of veterans including four former champions and managed to negotiate alliance wins as the Emperor (twice) while also registering the only Atrides win of the week. Best Faction plaques were awarded to Rachael for both Atrides and Emperor; Michael Day, BG; Matt Fagan, Fremens; Phil Barcafer, Guild; and Wray Ferrell, Harkonnen.

The Final pit six players with parts of two or more wins each. On Turn 10, with the time limit fast approaching, Bill Dyer's Fremens were able to take and hold three strongholds (including the house-rule Shield Wall), combined with the one held by their Emperor ally to make Bill a Boardmaster.







### 2013 Results

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT  
 ♠ Robert Murray, NJ  
 ♣ Richard Shay, MA  
 ♣ Eric Wrobel, MD  
 ♣ Sceadeau D'Tela, NC  
 ♣ Derek Glenn, KY

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT  
 † 58 📖 2011-2013



### 2013 Results

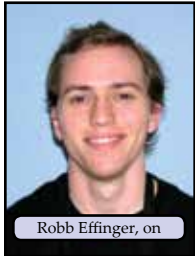
♣ Robb Effinger, on  
 ♠ Brad Sherwood, PA  
 ♣ Geoff Pounder, on  
 ♣ Marc Berenbach, MA  
 ♣ Rob Flowers, MD  
 ♣ Kolbe DiGiulio, PA

♣ Rob Flowers, MD  
 † 68 📖 1999-2013



### Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	56
Randy Buehler, WA	50
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	42
Sam Schell, NC	30
Robert Murray, NJ	18
Robert Kircher, RI	14
Richard Shay, MA	12
Alex Bove, MD	12
Eric Wrobel, MD	9
Elaine Pearson, NC	9



### Top Laurelists

Rob Flowers, MD	109
Robb Effinger, on	99
Curt Collins II, PA	87
Greg Thatcher, FL	77
Geoff Pounder, on	70
Jason Levine, NY	62
Eric Freeman, PA	60
Jay Fox, OH	55
Charlie Kersten, OH	40
Mark Gutttag, VA	40

### Egizia (EGZ)

Eric Wrobel, Andrew Emerick, and Richard Shay made the semis with a first-heat win, and Robert Murray joined them as the third alternate with a second place followed by a win. All were first time EGZ finalists. There were no double winners as those contesting the second heat after skipping the first proved to be formidable, winning five of seven games.

Eric took an early lead after drawing the Final's first seat. He scored well in the first trip down the Nile, snagging a 3 and a 2 stone quarry, making the powerful strength boost each turn permanent, and even got into the Sphinx.

Prior to final scoring Andrew led Robert, Eric, and Richard 68-63-62-61. Andrew flipped the most impressive set of Sphinx cards though, with the high-scoring 2 bricks in each site (10), four stones in the obelisk (7), 8th level of the obelisk (9), bottom of the stone track (4), and joker strength (4) for 102 points. Robert took second with 95, missing 4 bricks in the columns, but making blue crew strength (6), most brown fields (8), plus the biggest Sphinx card, the 9th level of the obelisk (11). Richard was third with 88 on 5 bricks in the obelisk (9), and both cards for number of people in a track (5 and 5). Despite his strong start, Eric trailed with 81 after missing

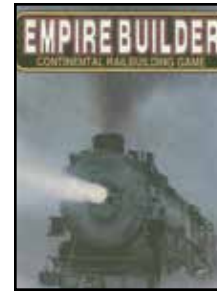
both most green fields and 2 columns, making only the 1 column card (6), black crew strength (9), and yellow crew strength (4).

### El Grande (ELG)

There were 20 preliminary games with no double winners. Since the field has remained steady, it's likely that a single win will suffice to advance. Thus, most winners don't play in the later heats, and that, in theory, makes them easier. However, there are a lot of good players and the inherent chaos of multi-player games makes getting a win in a single heat risky for even the best.

The semifinals had three no-shows, but enough alternates were on hand to fill all 25 slots. One of the games ended in a tie, with Kolbe DiGiulio losing on the second tiebreaker to Robb Effinger.

The Final was a star-studded affair with three former champions, and the 2008 runner-up. Brad Sherwood was the lone newcomer to laurels land. Rob couldn't avoid being in the way of other people's plans and was out of the running by mid-game. Robb and Geoff managed to separate themselves from the pack with a Score the Firsts card, and had decent board position by then. At one point Marc set up an 8/4/0 scoreboard in Catalonia. Rob moved the board to Aragon where other players had been piling up his pieces. The board was then moved BACK to Catalonia when the third mobile scoreboard card appeared. In the end, both Rob and Brad made a play for Catalonia only to tie for first in the province. Brad thus fell one point short allowing Robb to capture his second ELG title.



### 2013 Results

♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC  
 ♠ Rich Meyer, MA  
 ♣ Trella Bromley, FL  
 ♠ Deb Gutermuth, NC  
 ♣ Chris Gnech, PA  
 ♠ Mark Kennel, DE

♣ Bob Stribula, PA  
 † 63 📖 1999-2013



### Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	218
Eric Brosius, MA	125
Harald Henning, CT	115
Jim Yerkey, MD	110
Tom Dunning, NY	97
Dave Steiner, DE	91
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	84
Mark Kennel, DE	84
Ken Gutermuth, NC	83
Tedd Mullally, NJ	79



### 2013 Results

♣ Antero Kuusi, fi  
 ♠ Dennis Culhane, PA  
 ♠ Paul Gaberson, PA  
 ♣ Dave Long, NC  
 ♣ Michael Sosa, FL  
 ♣ Craig Yope, MI

♣ Mark Herman, MD  
 † 23 📖 2005-2013



### Top Laurelists

Dennis Culhane, PA	77
Antero Kuusi, fi	68
Bob Heinzmann, FL	48
Mark Popofsky, DC	36
Paul Gaberson, PA	33
Mark Hodgkinson, bh	30
John Chabonneau, NY	24
Craig Yope, MI	21
Pablo Garcia, ch	16
Steve Campbell, NH	16

### Empire Builder (EPB)

With 25 unique winners in the 30 preliminary games, only winners advanced. Mike Zorner, Mark Kennel, Tony Newton, Mark McCandless, and Ron Secunda each won two of their preliminary games and earned the highest seeds in the semifinal. However, none advanced further.

Given the finalists' pedigrees, it was no surprise that this was the most relaxed Final ever. Debbie attempted to improve her initial hand by dumping four ineffective cards. Happier with her three replacements, she started her track in Iberia. In all, she dumped cards 10 times out of 23 total pitches. The other players had reasonable starts with Ken being the first to England. Later, he was the lone player to connect to Ireland. Even Stockholm was connected when Trella built to it and delivered four goods there in two trips. At the 2.5 hour mark, Debbie had a slight lead but all were within €20M. Ken with two Cork demands calculated the fastest way to obtain that commodity and move to those destinations. He had no friendly route to southern Europe nor Madrid so chose to ride on other players' track. Everyone realized Ken's victory was in sight and despite a flurry of deliveries and card pitches, no one was able to catch him. Cork to Firenze and Budapest for a combined €104M plus a 14th

delivery of Bauxite to Holland was enough to crown Ken at €256M. Rich made 13 deliveries for €205M, Trella 16 for €198M, Debbie 11 for €195M, and Chris 12 for €193M.



### Empire of the Sun (EOS)

The best advice that Don Greenwood ever gave me was to turn EOS into a teaching tournament. After years of barely surviving with a minimum field as an A class event, a reclassification to class B tripled the field. So, this story begins one hour before the tournament began with another enthusiastic group who had always wanted to play EOS but not enough to learn it on their own. Over the years I have developed my banter on how to play sufficiently that most of my new friends went from classroom to war room in 60 minutes.

For those looking to take the plunge, the tournament uses the 3-turn 1943 tournament scenario. If you go one round with a veteran you will learn the game and its upwards and onwards from there. The 1943 scenario begins just after the Allied conquest of Guadalcanal with the Allies positioned to continue their offensives in the South Pacific. What is most exciting for me is that there has been a continuous series of staff games played on Consimworld and many of my correspondents appear in person at WBC to compete for the wood. In fact, there is an annual armistice that is declared each year as most of the major online players go to WBC.

When all the teaching was done, the event came down to two former champions, Antero Kuusi of Finland and Dennis Culhane squaring off again with the Finn getting the upper hand.





### 2013 Results

♣ Tom Good, NC  
 ♠ Patrick Shea, VA  
 ♣ Aran Warszawski, IL  
 ♣ Dan Haigh, PA  
 ♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ  
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA

♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ

† 43 📖 1999-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Mark Guttag, VA  
 ♠ Jason Arvey, VA  
 ♣ Richard Irving, CA  
 ♣ Rich Meyer, MA  
 ♣ Roderick Lee, CA  
 ♣ Jim Eliason, IA

♣ John Corrado, VA

† 75 📖 1993-2013



Tom Good, NC

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	114
Craig Moffitt, NJ	78
Eric Freeman, PA	70
Aaron Fuegi, MA	70
John Kilbride, PA	42
Ananda Gupta, MD	42
Chetan Radia, UK	40
Aran Warszawski, IL	38
Rob Kilroy, PA	36
Patrick Shea, VA	34



Mark Guttag, VA

### Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	85
Paul Bean, MA	72
Richard Irving, CA	68
Aaron Silverman, FL	44
Mark Guttag, VA	42
Doug Hoylman, MD	42
Eric Brosius, MA	40
Ted Drozd, IL	32
Randy Cox, SC	31
Winton LeMoine, CA	28

### Euphrat & Tigris (E&T)

Ten preliminary winners plus the best two runners-up filled three semifinals. In the first match, alternate Dan Haigh (9-10-10-12) as the fourth dynasty defeated two-time champion Eric Freeman (6-7-9-13). In the second, 14th ranked laurelist Patrick Shea (8-8-9-10) defeated 2005 champion Matt Calkins (7-8-10-11) and Tom Good (7-10-12-13). In the last semifinal, three former champions, Aran Warszawski (7-8-10-13), Craig Moffitt (7-8-8-10) and Aaron Fuegi (6-7-7-8), battled to the end. Aran earned his winning margin on the last turn that began with an empty tile bag after the previous player used zero tiles. Craig's deficit was also one hypothetical point, but extending the tiebreaker, Tom's result was better.

Seating for the Final had Patrick 1st (Archer), Tom 2nd (Bull), Dan 3rd (Lion), and Aran 4th (Potter). Patrick placed his King in the river delta, and was immediately joined by Aran's priest, foreshadowing much conflict to come. Aran continued to place his temples and leaders while Patrick placed his other leaders directly to the south. This erupted into the game's first conflict when Aran initiated and won a green external conflict with three extra tiles from his hand.

In the last and decisive merger, Tom fought an external conflict with Traders against Patrick who did not have the two green tiles to tie, and

Tom received three green cubes. This proved sufficient, and Tom won with a score of 9/9/10/16 (eight green plus one treasure).

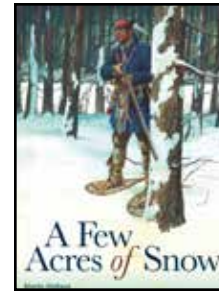


### Facts in Five (FI5)

The expanded two-hour schedule worked, allowing us to review answers and make the presentation more entertaining with illustrated answers researched in advance while maintaining the burgeoning attendance that is threatening to outgrow the Hopewell room. As usual, the categories generated both mirth and angst. Hearing Winton Lemoine groan "My employer!" when we read out the answers for Fortune 500 companies generated lots of smiles. But having an attentive crowd that alternately laughed or groaned at the right points was the ultimate payoff!

Round 1 was taken by Jason Arvey whose 20 correct answers doubled the average of ten for the field. Sarah Beach had the second highest score for any round with 19. Round 2 proved harder as the field could only average six correct as Jason increased his lead with 15. Round 3 and 4 were also tough with an average score of 7. Two-time champ Richard Meyer and Roderick Lee each doubled that in Round 3, while Mark Guttag and Joseph Marriott did so in Round 4. The last round averaged nine correct. Richard Irving managed to double that but it was a case of too little, too late for the previous GM. Mark Guttag added 17 in the runner-up slot which won the day.

Despite lots of ties within each round, the end totals needed no tiebreakers: Mark Guttag won with 71 correct. Following were Jason Arvey 69, Richard Irving 68, Richard Meyer 67, Roderick Lee 65 and Jim Eliason 64.



### 2013 Results

♣ Nick Henning, DC  
 ♠ Kevin Lewis, DC  
 ♠ Nick Page, ON  
 ♣ Jacob Hebner, CO  
 ♣ Robert Buccheri, MD  
 ♣ Marc Beaugregard, QC

♣ Nick Page, ON

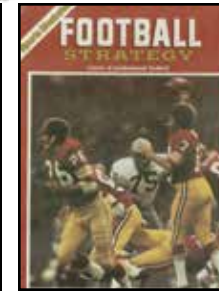
† 23 📖 2012-2013



Nick Henning, DC

### Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	38
Nick Page, ON	38
Kevin Lewis, DC	24
Patrick Mirk, FL	9
Jacob Hebner, CO	6
Alexandra Henning, NC	6
Robert Buccheri, MD	4
Claire Brosius, MA	3
Marc Beaugregard, QC	2
NA	



### 2013 Results

♣ Bruce Reiff, OH  
 ♠ Kevin Keller, MD  
 ♠ Joe Powell, VA  
 ♣ Wes Coates, MD  
 ♣ Ken Whitesell, PA  
 ♣ Ray Stakenas II, CA

♣ Bert Schoose, IL

† 26 📖 1991-2013



Bruce Reiff, OH

### Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	282
Bill Cleary, MD	99
Ken Whitesell, MD	75
Joe Powell, VA	70
Ray Stakenas II, CA	68
David Rynkowski, NY	57
Bert Schoose, IL	56
Kevin Keller, MD	51
Paul O'Neil, MD	33
Dan Dolan, Jr, NJ	24

### A Few Acres of Snow (FAS)

Attendance dropped 30%, but it was games—not players—that were missing. Many of those without games were turned away. Otherwise, the main drawback of the game is the asymmetric board positions that yield a "solved" strategy for a British military victory. The tournament compensates by bidding the number of times the opponent is allowed to freely draw and discard a card. This allows the French to speed their draws to end the game in another manner before the British can implement their military victory.

Despite this, the French won 14 of 25 games this year, including three of the seven that ended in a military victory. However, the top three finalists from 2012 who were practitioners of the "solution" were again left standing at the end. The bids in those 2012 British military victories were 5 and 6. The 2013 bids rose to 6 and 7 with the same results, but were incredibly close. The French reached an end game condition (all disks in play) with a victory point lead in both. The British had one more turn to either outscore the French or start a siege. In both games the British had one card in their deck that would allow them to lay siege and had drawn half of their cards since their last

shuffle. It doesn't get much closer than that, and implies a bid in the 6-7 range probably hit the sweet spot for players with this level of experience.



### Football Strategy (FBS)

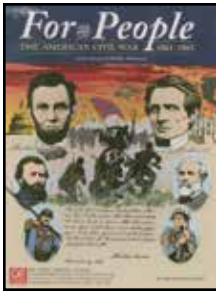
Monday Night Football came to WBC for the first time with movement of the first heat to Monday with no major impact on attendance. Lopsided scores were commonplace as the event got underway with newcomer Wes Coates' 20-13 win over Sean McCulloch in his first game in 20 years the closest of the night. Jim Vroom outlasted Bruno Sinigaglio 44-35 in the highest scoring game of the round in a duel of AHFSL veterans. The second round saw the lopsided beatings continue as Vroom upset Bruce Reiff 27-18 in the closest match. Meanwhile, Kevin Keller breezed 42-0. In the heat semifinals Coates ended Vroom's celebrations 31-21 while Keller downed defending champion Joe Powell 16-6 in another pair of AHFSL reunion games. Keller then won the heat outright 18-14 over Wes—ending a four game run in which Kevin allowed only 27 points.

The second heat games were both fewer and closer as epitomized by three-time champ Paul O'Neil needing a field goal on the last play to down Ray Stakenas 23-20 and then losing to Joe Powell 27-25 by another last second kick. Reiff avoided another upset by knocking off Ken Whitesell 35-28 after trailing by 17 and then ended Powell's two-year reign to win the heat.

The Super Bowl proved anti-climactic as the nine-time champ earned his coveted Black Belt—only the third ever achieved with an easy 24-10 win to end Keller's streak. Now if he could only play *For the People*...







## 2013 Results

- ♣ James Pei, VA
  - ♠ Michael Mitchell, GA
  - ♣ Tim Miller, GA
  - ♠ Nicholas Pei, CA
  - ♠ Jeff Donald, VA
  - ♠ Zach Lawrence, NJ
  - ♣ Mark Herman, MD
- † 26 📖 1999-2013



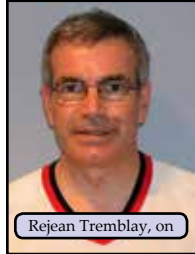
## 2013 Results

- ♣ Rejean Tremblay, on
  - ♠ Nick Henning, DC
  - ♠ Roderick Lee, CA
  - ♠ Barry Smith, NY
  - ♠ Scott Siriana, NY
  - ♠ Curt Collins II, PA
  - ♣ Joshua Githens, SC
- † 82 📖 2000-2013



## Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	722
David Dockter, MN	228
Mark Giddings, NY	151
Mike Mitchell, GA	93
Nicholas Pei, CA	72
Riku Reikkinen, fi	68
Tim Miller, GA	68
Trevor Bender, CA	62
Sean Dolbee, CA	60
Stefan Mecay, TX	60



## Top Laurelists

Jason Levine, NY	160
Barry Smith, NY	125
Lance Fogel, PA	78
Roderick Lee, CA	61
Rejean Tremblay, on	52
Robert Kircher, MA	38
John Schoose, IL	34
Nick Henning, DC	33
Matt Kucic, PA	30
Mario Veillette, qc	30

## For The People (FTP)

As fate dictated, Michael Mitchell and James Pei met in the Final thus completing a circle that started in 1989 when they met in the original FTP Final. This year's version started well for Pei as he received nine SP reinforcements in the first three turns and pulled back to Richmond in a defensive posture. Michael leveraged his own strong cards by taking KY and WV early. Anticipating Lee's arrival on Turn 4, he fortified DC with the *Washington Defenses* card.

Pei built the AONV as Lee went on the offensive. With plentiful SP, AONV engaged AOP generating both SW gains and favorable attrition. Turn 5 brought a failed AOP interception into Frederick. Lee's AONV broke through to cut the DC rail line but managed only one raid. Timely Union defense prevented more raids and trapped Jackson's Army. Turn 6 was spent destroying Jackson's army. Lee's assaults on DC were repulsed and the *Locomotive Shortage* forced him to retreat. But *Mud March* trapped Lee in Harpers Ferry. Pei was in big trouble. If he ever needed a Campaign card, this was it. Asked and answered. Turn 7 saw Lee's AONV barely escaping through Shenandoah Valley while Stonewall mustered another large force in Richmond. The Union downfall came when *Forward to Richmond* forced AOP to charge into Richmond. In the ensuing counterattack, Grant lost another 10 SW. This doubled the SW of USA and forced a concession. The Master had done it again.



McCollin 3-0  
R.F. Lee 1-3  
Pei

## Formula De (FDE)

The three heats had enough entrants to run boards of seven to nine drivers. Players were allowed to sit at any table of their choosing, eliminating lengthy randomization while also allowing players to sit with their friends and have fun at 200 MPH. The qualifying tracks were chosen at each table. Many chose the action of Monaco where a missed turn can take you from near victory to the back of the pack in a hurry. Another race seeing considerable love was Portugal; a fast track that rewards the quick-paced and allowing ground to be easily recovered if you have a miscue.

The Final was not played on the large scale track of years past. 2013 saw the use of the Night Race Street track from the Asmodee Games edition of *Formula De*. Moving forward this will be the official version as they have become a great sponsor for the event - providing multiple prizes.

The starting grid was filled with ten unique qualifiers—heat winners all. After the first corner, the racers left six debris spots behind in the "Chemical Plant". This would prove hazardous for the next two laps, cutting off clean lanes and making driving difficult. In the end Rejean Tremblay emerged victorious by overtaking Nick Henning. Nick enjoyed a big lead but suffered damage to his car and made the decision to ease it around to a second place finish. Better second than out was the decision.



## 2013 Results

- ♣ John Speck, MD
  - ♠ Dave Welden, PA
  - ♠ Dan Leader, MA
  - ♠ Brandon Bernard, PA
  - ♠ Bob Laird, PA
  - ♠ Arthur Wines, PA
  - ♣ Chris LeFevre, AZ
- † 105 📖 2001-2013



## Top Laurelists

Lisa Gutermuth, NC	78
Sarah Vasilakos, VA	61
John Speck, MD	46
Brandon Bernard, PA	42
Chris LeFevre, AZ	33
Jordan Flawd, PA	33
Stefany Speck, MD	30
Forrest Speck, MD	30
Dan Lewis, DE	30
Matt Evinger, PA	30



## 2013 Results

- ♣ Doug Galullo, MD
  - ♠ John Pack, CO
  - ♠ Jonathan Barnes, CA
  - ♠ Robert Buccheri, MD
  - ♠ A. Gumkowski, PA
  - ♠ Ben Gardner, VA
  - ♣ John Pack, CO
- † 59 📖 1992-2013



## Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	206
John Pack, CO	138
Pitt Crandlemire, MA	132
Nick Smith, uk	130
Andy Gardner, VA	77
Bob Hamel, CT	75
Ben Gardner, VA	72
Doug Galullo, MD	64
Thomas Richardson, VA	64
Jim Castonguay, PA	54

## Formula Motor Racing (FMR)

It was a record year as we topped triple digits for the first time. The Demo drew eight attendees including Adina Weiss who learned the game very fast. She won her table by coming from behind after four races with only eight points to finish with 32 points by winning and placing in the last two races. FMR is a great game for beginners.

As usual, fate had its favorites. Joshua Coyle made five rolls to move from 8th to 3rd. Brandon Bernard charged to first four times. One of those attempts tempted Yoel Weiss to duplicate his success, only to fail on the first roll. Harry Flawd ran his traditional zany Crash Table requiring the Crash card to be played—costing Chris Kizer and Chris Greenfield five cars each.

22 of 27 qualifiers appeared for the semifinals, giving two runner-ups, John Faella and John Speck, a second life. The four winners were: Bob Laird, Dan Leader, Arthur Wines, and David Weldon. Runner-up Brandon Bernard secured the fifth seat with 33 points, but John Shaheen and John Speck tied for the sixth seat. The tiebreakers favored Speck a second time so he again advanced without winning. Any bets on how this will end? Sure enough, John got off to a strong start in the Final. He was unable to score in the late races, but by keeping his closest pursuers from scoring at the end he was able to hold on to win the only game that counted—the last one.



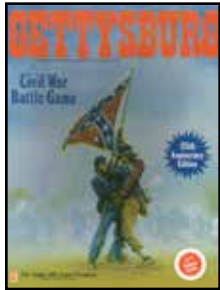
## Gangsters (GSR)

Most games run 6-16 turns, with the median at 10-11, but this Final went 14 because the initial payouts were small, the Cops were effective, and there was a high (35) body count. I have seen only one game end before Turn 6 (a 4-turn win that earned Moneybags his name) or later than 16 (an email tussle that went 18 turns). Long games favor joint collectors (Barnes) and sneak-up-the-cash players (Galullo).

In this case, Barnes attracted the countermeasures very early. He wasn't able to purchase joints on his last two turns or he'd have had nine and at least threatened to win. His Racketeer ended in a heavily purchased part of town that made his low rolls at the end decisive. Buccheri made it quietly to seven joints, but he assumed the role of the bulwark keeping Barnes from winning with his eight Thugs. His game-high 12 losses as the others relied on him to stop Barnes left him in a bad position.

Pack threatened a cash win, finishing at \$8,600. But, he recruited his Thug three times and a very expensive Vamp to set him back \$2,400. Galullo saved cash throughout, not drawing attention to himself, and making only small, necessary purchases. His failed attack on the Chop-house permanently deflected attention away from him and onto the victorious Barnes who won the battle and thus lost the war. Doug's gang at the end (2/1/1) was enough to win—but not strong enough to be called upon to stop Barnes.

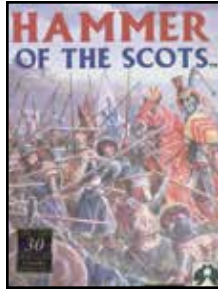




### 2013 Results

🏆 Richard Beyma, VA  
 🥈 Ed Menzel, CA  
 🥉 Jim Tracy II, OH  
 🏅 Gregory D. Smith, FL  
 🏅 Vincent Meconi, DE  
 🏅 Mark Gutfreund, KY

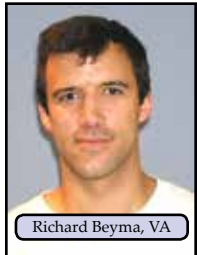
🏆 Vince Meconi, DE  
 † 34 📖 1992-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Malcolm Smith, VA  
 🥈 Ron Draker, VA  
 🥉 Lyman Moquin, DC  
 🏅 Steve Koleszar, VA  
 🏅 Phil Rennert, MD  
 🏅 Fred Bauer, VA

🏆 Randall MacInnis, NJ  
 † 16 📖 2003-2013



Richard Beyma, VA

### Top Laurelists

Ed Menzel, CA	255
Vincent Meconi, DE	182
Richard Beyma, VA	136
Ted Drozd, IL	102
Allen Kaplan, NJ	91
Dave Zimmerman, PA	81
Jim Tracy, OH	66
Barry Shoults, MI	56
Mike Pacheco, CA	54
Gregory D. Smith, FL	51



Malcolm Smith, VA

### Top Laurelists

George Seary, NY	219
Lyman Moquin, DC	199
Rick Young, NC	108
Hank Burkhalter, GA	87
Malcolm Smith, VA	78
Ric Manns, IN	68
Phil Barcafer, PA	53
Bruce Reiff, OH	51
Fred Bauer, VA	48
Ron Draker, VA	33

## Gettysburg (GBG)



Richard Beyma defeated defending champion Ed Menzel to take his second title. Richard, 10-1 for the week, has reached the Final each of the last five years. Ten players logged the required three games to continue, with the top four advancing to the single-elimination rounds. The qualifiers were, in order, Beyma (8-1, 64 points), Jim Tracy (6-1, 57), Menzel (5-2-1, 48), and Greg Smith (4-3, 39).

In the semifinals, Beyma faced Smith and Tracy played Menzel. Greg's Union, bidding 8.0, hung in until Turn 20. Meanwhile, Ed's Federals, with a bid of 13.0—the week's highest bid, forced Jim into a Turn 13 concession.

The Final reprised the 2012 title game. Richard again took the Gray for a bid of 11.5. By Turn 12, all Rebel artillery save the horse guns had been eliminated, but no CSA infantry had been hit. Union losses were heavier. Turn 13 and 14 attacks resulted in steady losses for the Federals and only one hit on Rebel infantry. In the evening of July 2nd, Union forces launched another counterattack that was repulsed. With the CSA infantry almost intact, rebel counterattacks broke US morale at the close of the day. Overall, the South went 31-16-1 despite a Revised Order of Appearance that virtually eliminated July 1st CSA automatic victories. 44 games used the Campaign scenario, with the Confederates taking 30 of 43. The average Confederate bid was 3.82 for all games and 5.73 for those in which there was a bid.

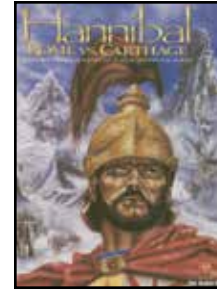


## Hammer of the Scots (HOS)

Round 1 revealed an English bias (5-3). Round 2, matching the winners, proved even more pronounced for England (5-1), but the third round swung balance back to the Scots (4-2) to end the swiss rounds at 12-8. The most notable feature of the swiss rounds was a vast preponderance of automatic victories, regardless of side, with the winner claiming allegiance of all the clans.

Border raids by the Scots were common, in at least one case causing Edward to disband in Scotland to hurry home to deal with the incursion. The eventual champion won once because Edward never made it into Scotland. Wallace also had some difficulty staying on the board, in one case having to disband twice to clear overpopulation in Scottish castles, and in another dying when the English managed to roll eight hits in ten shots to end the battle before his reserves could deploy.

The 2012 Final was replayed in the 2013 semifinals as Malcolm's Scots dethroned sitting champion Lyman Moquin as the Hobelars were cut off and destroyed in the Highlands, and the Scots maintained a line across the center of the country for one of the closer games of the tournament, an 8 - 6 Scottish win. In the other semifinal, Ron Draker overcame Edward's absence for a year to take an automatic victory over Steve Koleszar's Scots. Malcolm then reprised his semifinal victory to down Draker's English by the same 8-6 margin he used to dispatch Moquin.



### 2013 Results

🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ  
 🥈 Henry Rice, TX  
 🥉 Chris Byrd, CT  
 🏅 James Pei, VA  
 🏅 Randy Pippus, on  
 🏅 Grant LaDue, NY

🏆 Stuart Tucker, MD  
 † 43 📖 1996-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Justin Rice, VA  
 🥈 Kirk Harris, NJ  
 🥉 David Kieft, ns  
 🏅 M. Pare-Pacquin, qc  
 🏅 Andrew Kieft, ns  
 🏅 Dennis Mishler, GA

🏆 Jeff Burdett, NY  
 † 49 📖 2006-2013



Keith Wixson, NJ

### Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	440
Keith Wixson, NJ	385
Jim Heenehan, PA	254
Chris Byrd, CT	247
Lyman Moquin, DC	102
Randall MacInnis, NJ	97
Steve Worrel, VA	96
Peter Reese, VA	94
Stuart Tucker, MD	76
Henry Rice, TX	72



Justin Rice, VA

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Burdett, NY	125
Justin Rice, VA	102
Alan Sudy, VA	91
Kirk Harris, NJ	78
Mathieu Pare-Pacquin, qc	72
Dave Cross, VA	72
Dennis Mishler, GA	70
Bryan Collars, SC	68
Larry Mull, NV	60
Dan Gallagher, MD	60

## Hannibal (HRC)



Rome prevailed in 37 of 66 games. Rome was sacked twice, Carthage thrice—once while Rome was under siege. Carthage won 9-9 ties eight times and forced early resignations on ten occasions, while Rome forced such concessions 11 times. Ten games ended before the arrival of Africanus. Hannibal died 18 times, with Carthage recovering to win four games. Africanus died in seven games, all Roman losses. Syracuse joined Carthage 34 times, and was subsequently sacked 13 times. Philip joined Carthage 29 times, only to make peace on ten occasions.

The card gods blessed the top eight seeds with initial victories, but looked with disfavor upon three of them in Round 2, including ninth-ranked Stuart Tucker, two-time champ Jim Heenehan and 2011 champ Lyman Moquin. Keith Wixson barely survived against Michael Usery when his Carthage drew Syracuse late and survived a *Messenger Intercepted* for a 9-9 win with a Turn 9 *Truce*.

Reigning champ Steve Worrel fell in Round 3 to James Pei as nine unbeaten became four. Wixson sacked Pei's Carthage in Round 4 as Chris Byrd's Carthage exacted revenge over Henry Rice. That left the title in the hands of the two former champs still standing. The result was anticlimactic as Wixson's Hannibal crossed the Alps on Turn 1, won



three battles on Turn 2, and another on Turn 3. The next turn brought Syracuse over to Carthage while Corsica rose in revolt. Byrd retired early to Capua to dream of what might have been.

## Here I Stand (HIS)

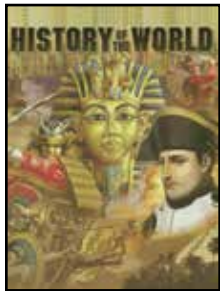
Play was again dominated by the Big Four - the Ottomans won three games, and the Hapsburgs, Papacy, and Protestants four each—with nary a win for the hapless English and French. The natural enemies rule kept Turk and German at each other's throats, with Vienna falling often. There were three semifinals, with one ending in a four-way tie for second place. Because one of the winners couldn't play further, all four were admitted to the Final.

Power selection was attended by the usual metagaming since they knew the seeding going in. However, using the longer 1532 scenario meant players had to consider the long game - maybe Luther and Charles weren't going to walk away with it? Tradition (and superstition) won out in the end, and England and France were the last powers chosen.

After the usual host of machinations, the game seemed destined for a fifth turn. However, Justin and Les Bleus had a final trick up their sleeves. He played *Diplomatic Marriage* to activate Venice. Since the Hapsburgs had accepted the French alliance, Mathieu's war with Venice was ended without a shot! Justin now stood at 25VP. Vive le France! This was an especially satisfying end for Justin who reached the Final by the thinnest of margins and with the last choice of powers, but won anyway with masterful alliances to record his second title in three years! The scores were: France 25, Pope 24, England 22, Hapsburg 21, Ottoman 21, Protestant 15.







### 2013 Results

🏆 Harald Henning, CT  
 🏆 Virginia Harley, VA  
 🏆 Ty Hansen, DC  
 🏆 Jon Anderson, PA  
 🏆 Jennifer Visocnik, IL  
 🏆 Kevin Youells, PA

🏆 Craig Yope, MI

† 46 📖 1993-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 John Sutcliffe, uk  
 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA  
 🏆 David Metzger, NY  
 🏆 Scott Sirianna, NY  
 🏆 Larry Sisson, on  
 🏆 Bryan Eshleman, NC

🏆 Terry Coleman, CA  
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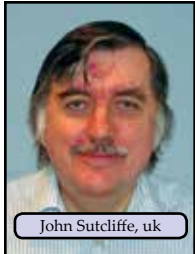
📖 1999-2003, 2010-13



Harald Henning, CT

### Top Laurelists

Harald Henning, CT	196
Jeff King, OH	124
Joe Collinson, MD	108
Kevin Youells, PA	102
Rolinda Collinson, MD	90
Jonas Borra, NY	84
Henry Dove, MD	80
Gregory Kulp, NJ	74
Mike Backstrom, MN	68
Haim Hochboim, il	60



John Sutcliffe, uk

### Top Laurelists

David Metzger, NY	158
Terry Coleman, CA	66
Phil Rennert, MD	63
John Sutcliffe, uk	50
Tom Cannon, NJ	30
Rick Young, CA	26
Chris Byrd, CT	17
Brad Raszewski, MD	16
Rob Mull, CO	15
Trevor Bender, CA	12

## History of the World (HWD)

The first heat fully manned five games and yielded wins by Ty Hansen, Gregory Breza, Harald Henning, Mark Smith, and defending champ Joe Collinson. The second heat was a mixed bag of repeat offenders looking for redemption and new blood that again produced five games. The victors were: Nick Pei, Mark Smith (again!), Henry Dove, Jon Anderson, and John Stevens.

The semifinals found all nine winners in place along with nine alternates. Ty Hansen rose to the top in the first game behind the always powerful Arabs/Holy Roman Empire combo and scored enough with the Incas/Aztecs to edge Virginia Harley's finishing kick. Table 2 went to Jon Anderson whose Arabs scored 36 points aided by eight monuments to take the lead and held on to claim the last three pre-eminence markers. However, the game was close enough that both Jennifer Visocnik and Kevin Youells also advanced. 2001 champ Harald Henning coasted to a comfortable 20-point win with the last four pre-eminence markers to deny advancement to any of his tablemates.

Harald would emerge from the Final a victor again, but it would be a far closer contest with but three points denying Virginia her first title. Harald, was fortunate to draw Britain at the end, but still owed his victory to an 11-7 advantage in Pre-eminence Markers over Virginia who was saddled with the US. Harald thus became the first to win titles in both versions of the game with his 187-184-171-167-159-145 victory.



## A House Divided (AHD)

Bids averaged 1 for the Union. This slight preference foretold a trend, as this year Union wins doubled Confederate victories; a tendency that held true even in the money rounds. Terry Coleman reached the Final by taking six points of VP cities on one turn from Bryan Eshelman. Meanwhile, the previous two champions met in the other semifinal in a rematch of their 2011 title clash. John Sutcliffe built a sizeable lead, only to watch as David Metzger continuously pared the margin. It all came down to battles on the last two turns. David won one, but not the second, and John returned to the Final.

John won Bull Run to open the Final and followed the Mississippi in an attempt to strangle the Confederacy on both flanks. Terry punched back in Kentucky to keep the game close. As the end loomed, Terry stripped Richmond to the bones, and moved into Indiana and southern Ohio. The climactic battle for Richmond came down to the last dice roll before the Southern capital fell. John confessed later that he would have conceded had the battle been lost.

It wasn't over, however, and Terry attacked three key cities on the last play of the game needing a trifecta to win. Two fell, but the third, Louisville, held. Both players were exhilarated by the exciting drama just experienced. John added his second title while Terry pondered his fourth runner-up finish and another year to contemplate what might have been.

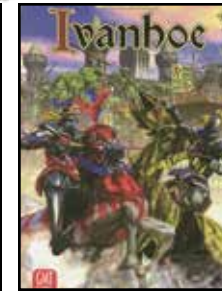


### 2013 Results

🏆 Jeff Mullet, OH  
 🏆 Jamie Tang, MD  
 🏆 Nick Avgtes, MA  
 🏆 Ed Kendrick, uk  
 🏆 David Metzger, NY  
 🏆 Matt Charlap, NJ

🏆 Peter Stein, OH

† 133 📖 2007-2013



### 2013 Results

🏆 Jeff Senley, PA  
 🏆 Natalie Beach, MD  
 🏆 Lexi Shea, CT  
 🏆 Alexander Lange, GA  
 🏆 Joel Lytle, NY  
 🏆 Laura Miller, PA

🏆 Brian Mongold, MD  
† 136

📖 2001-02, 05-06, 08-13



Jeff Mullet, OH

### Top Laurelists

Steven LeWinter, NC	42
Joe Yauere, PA	38
Jeff Mullet, OH	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30
Marcy Morelli, PA	30
Brittany Bernard, PA	30
Andy Latto, MA	30
Meg. Friedmann, MA	27
Bruce Reiff, OH	25
Chris Johnson, CA	20



Jeff Senley, PA

### Top Laurelists

Keith Levy, MD	60
Jeff Senley, PA	30
Richard Fetzter, NY	30
David Rohde, NC	30
Andy Latto, MA	20
Dave Buchholz, MI	20
Bob Titran, NY	20
Steve Scott, CA	19
Natalie Beach, MD	18
Laura DeWalt, MD	18

## Ingenius (ING)

A decrease in players led to a reduced number of double winners. Or maybe the competition is just getting tougher, making two wins more elusive. Either way, the current format lives another year. After you've run an event for several years, you spot the regulars who make their schedule to play in as many heats as possible. Then there are those who jump in because they lost elsewhere. The more they lose, the more they play. This was the story with fellow Cabbie Jeff Mullet whose misfortunes elsewhere allowed him two wins to advance.

Going into Sunday, Jeff was the last attending CABS member without wood (even Stein had one). In the semifinals he managed to beat David Metzger, Greg Ziembra and Phil Yauere. Table 2 had Jamie Tang eliminate Meghan Friedmann, Lauren Bohaczuk and defending champ Joe Yauere. Table 3 saw Ed Kendrick outscore Daniel Speyer, Cary Morris and Bruce Reiff (at least he lost to an adult in this semifinal). The last table had Nick Avgtes getting a near perfect score to edge Matthew Charlap, Katie Breza and Elaine Pearson.

As usual, the Final was a defensive struggle with relatively low scores. Yellow was the low score for three players, but Jeff had the most of it and just enough purple to prevail 11-10-8/12-8/10 and thereby avoid being the only woodless Cabbie. And that's a label you don't want to wear for a year in Columbus ...someone always seems to remind you about it.



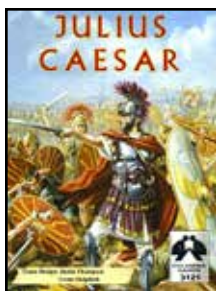
## Ivanhoe (IVH)

An astounding first heat of 104 players allowed *Ivanhoe* to continue its unmatched record of greater attendance every year for a full decade. Changes for 2014 include enlarged semifinals. Due to the size of the field, the number of multiple winners increased despite cutting back from four heats to three. There were 16 double and one triple winners making it necessary to advance more than 16 to the semifinals. Next year's format will advance 25 to five 5-player games.

Our previous three champions were not among the semifinalists but there were three Lytle's. Dagny (14) advanced with two wins to her second semi. After a great purple tournament (27 on her first play) she lost her seat at the Final to Lexi Shea. Second-ranked Tessa (11) carved a clear path to the semifinals, but she too fell there, losing the Final seat to Natalie Beach. In the end, it was dad (Joel Lytle) who carried the family colors into Round 3. Joel, our only triple winner, was the #1 seed.

The Final began with a Yellow tournament started by Lexi only to have Alexander Lange change it to Green and draw first blood. The 5th, 6th and 7th rounds were taken in succession by Jeff Senley. Round 8 proved to be a masterful job of denying Jeff his last chip with Alexander finally winning the Blue chip. Round 9 saw an appearance by Ivanhoe but it took another five rounds before Jeff took his last chip and first WBC shield.





## 2013 Results

♣ Tom Drueding, MA  
♣ Justin Thompson, VA  
♣ Fred Bauer, VA  
♣ Alex Kraska, MD  
♣ Malcolm Smith, VA  
♣ Charles Ward, MO

♣ Justin Thompson, VA

† 20 📖 2010-2013



## 2013 Results

♣ John Keating, IN  
♣ Lee Rodrigues, VA  
♣ Nick Smith, uk  
♣ Ray Stakenas II, CA  
♣ John Pack, CO  
♣ Philip Yaure, PA

♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD

† 38 📖 1991-2013



## Top Laurelists

Justin Thompson, VA	69
Tom Drueding, MA	66
William Austin, VA	39
Joe Harrison, KY	30
Malcolm Smith, VA	24
Fred Bauer, VA	21
Bill Powers, VA	12
Ron Draker, VA	12
Micah Hultgren, CA	12
Alex Kraska, MD	9



## Top Laurelists

Steve Cuccaro, MD	163
Peter Stein, OH	116
Lee Rodrigues, VA	60
Nick Smith, uk	51
Tom McCorry, VA	46
John Keating, IN	42
Sean McCulloch, OH	40
Ewan McNay, CT	40
Llew Bardecki, on	40
Marc Houde, VA	35

## Julius Caesar (JUC)

Two of the three prior champions were in attendance as the fourth tournament got under way so the title didn't come easily, even though the field was the smallest yet. However, it remained the largest of Columbia's three block games still contested at WBC as *Hammer of the Scots* is showing its age. Three rounds of Swiss play determined four semifinalists. All told, there were 22 preliminary games leading to single elimination play with Caesar gaining the upper hand in total number of victories over Pompey for the first time. Justin Thompson and Tom Drueding, the two top laurelists in the game, both went unbeaten in four games to reach the Final with Alex Kraska and Fred Bauer falling to them in the semifinals.

Tom and Justin each battled their way to the Final for the third time in four years. This time, Tom was not going to be denied as he cruised to a major victory over the game's designer and forced Justin to crown him Champion in the second year of the game. The critical battle came when Justin attacked six blocks to three in Narbo (Hispania). Tom not only survived the attack, but killed all of Justin's surviving units when their retreat was blocked. The only other attack came as Justin assaulted Rome itself in desperation and was handed a crushing defeat. With little to no chance, Justin surrendered to an undefeated Caesar who had bested five opponents.

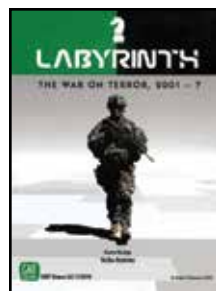


## Kremlin (KRM)

We had two double winners during the 11 preliminary games. Ray Stakenas advanced with wins in his first two heats. Lee Rodrigues won his second in the fourth heat, and needed it to advance. He did so with a certain amount of panache. A healthy Strychnin was advanced to Party Chief on Turn 5 due to an empty Politburo, and Lee's 10 Influence gave him two waves and a cure before leaving office in Turn 8.

Turn 1 of the Final saw seven purged by a very effective KGB head. The second turn was relatively uneventful, as Nick's choice for the KGB head was only able to do one purge, and the health dice were kind. Turn 4 started ugly, with a first purge card played allowing the KGB head to be purged by the Ideology chief. Bungaloff began the Purge Phase of Turn 7 in the ordinary way starting with the Candidates, but then switched and purged Manjak on his fourth roll. At this point, Nick played a card to bust his own Foreign Minister to the people. The result of all this maneuvering was the election of Goferbok as Party Chief and a wave for Ray.

The first purge of Turn 8 was Nick's 10+. The next turn saw the game end for lack of politicians. Ludmilla ended as Party Chief. The game was held equally by Phil Yaure and John Keating. John won the tiebreaker, the game and his first *Kremlin* title.



## 2013 Results

♣ Jessica Brown, TX  
♣ Philip Yaure, PA  
♣ Michael Kieft, ns  
♣ Daniel Hoffman, NC  
♣ Evan Harris, MD  
♣ Chris Yaure, PA

♣ Stephen Aslett, TX

† 22 📖 2011-2013



## 2013 Results

♣ Nick Page, on  
♣ Nick Vayn, PA  
♣ David Duncan, PA  
♣ Jeff Senley, PA  
♣ Daniel Speyer, NY  
♣ Kenneth Horan, PA

♣ Kenneth Horan, PA

† 31 📖 2010-2013



## Top Laurelists

Chris Yaure, PA	42
Patrick Neary, NY	40
Jessa Burdett, NY	24
Stefan Mecay, TX	24
Jessica Brown, TX	20
Jeff Burdett, NY	16
Jeromey Martin, GA	16
Phil Yaure, PA	12
Daniel Rauma, fi	12
Martin Sample, NH	12



## Top Laurelists

Nick Page, on	72
Daniel Eppolito, NV	63
Kenneth Horan, PA	51
Nick Vayn, PA	30
Daniel Speyer, NY	21
Nick Henning, DC	18
Mike Kaltman, PA	15
David Duncan, PA	12
Chris Senhouse, NY	12
Jeff Senley, PA	9

## Labyrinth (LBY)

The field shrank by a third in the wake of Bin Laden's demise and if "we" won you can't prove it by this year's results with the Jihadists taking 18 of 26 games. Unlike 2012 when the Jihadists and US battled to a standstill, 2013 was a year of Jihadist dominance. The Jihadists seem to be favored in a one-deck game due to the difficulty the US has in achieving twice as many resources by deck end. 39% of Jihadist wins came by that criteria. Indeed, so favored were the Jihadists that only one game saw a US bid.

However, there were memorable moments. The mulligan game between Stefan Mecay and Pat Richardson saw Pat winning by a major jihad in regime-changed Pakistan, with Pat's 11 cells overwhelming the US's six troops! In the semifinals, Jessica Brown defeated Michael Kieft's Jihadists on the last turn only after Michael failed five minor jihad rolls in a row, any one of which would have won the game.

After much back and forth conflict in the two-deck Final, Jessica was able to turn Pakistan to Islamist rule and grab its three WMDs. Despite losing Pakistan, the game remained close. Victory came halfway through the first deck when Jessica was able to move a single Philippines Jihadist cell to the US and place two plots (both WMDs) with Martyrdom Operation. Phil lacked sufficient ops to avert either plot, bringing the Final to a sudden—and dramatic—end.



## Le Havre (LHV)

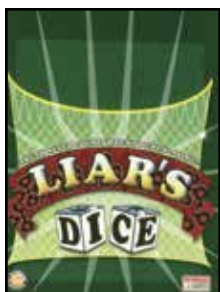
The first heat mustered five games with defending champion Ken Horan and 2012 laurelist Nick Vayn earning decisive victories. However, the largest margin of victory went to Ed Ericson at his first WBC with a record score of 332 and a 170-point spread in a 3-player game. Meanwhile, David Duncan scored 218 in a 4-player game; an impressive winning score ...except that he didn't win! He had to settle for runner-up, 14 points behind Rob Murray. Rich Meyer outscored returning laurelist Chris Senhouse by 35 points to claim the fifth game.

The second heat had four 4-player games. Ron Clement defeated 2012 runner-up Nick Page by six points. Marvin Birnbaum had the high score (204) for the heat thanks to 80 for boats to win by 37 points. In the third game David Duncan's attempt to avenge his earlier loss proved successful. Finally, in what has to be a WBC *Le Havre* first, Jeff Senley won his game despite being the only player stuck with loans at the end.

Only six of the nine winners appeared for Round 2 so three alternates advanced to fill three 3-player games. As so often happens, one of the alternates won not only his semifinal game but the entire tournament as well. This was the third straight year that Nick defeated the defending champion in Round 2, but the first time he was able to follow that with another win in Round 3 for the grand prize. The final score was 237-180-172-146.





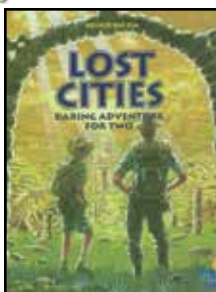


### 2013 Results

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT  
 ♣ Josh Githens, SC  
 ♣ Kolbe DiGiulio, PA  
 ♣ Carl Krosnick, PA  
 ♣ Jared Spear, VA  
 ♣ Seth Bell, CT

♣ Jason Levine, NY

† 265 📖 2003-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Chris Entwistle, PA  
 ♣ Vidaar Aas, no  
 ♣ Thomas Tu, NJ  
 ♣ Yoni Weiss, NJ  
 ♣ Ewan McNay, NY  
 ♣ Lissa Rennert, MD

♣ Ioan Lawson, MD

† 205 📖 2000-2013



### Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	72
Andrew Emerick, CT	58
Patrick Shea, VA	42
Daniel Hoffman, NC	36
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	30
Richard M. Shay, MA	30
Bernard Beckerman, NY	30
Kathy Kilroy, PA	30
Josh Lanham, MD	30
Thomas Browne, PA	30



### Top Laurelists

Sean McCulloch, OH	76
Chris Entwistle, MD	70
Eric Hufford, PA	70
Rebecca Hebner, CA	68
Andy Latto, MA	61
David Meyaard, CT	48
Jared Scarborough, IL	48
Daniel Karp, MD	32
Eric Brosius, MA	30
Jarett Weintraub, NY	30

### Liar's Dice (LID)

In its 11th year, *LID* became our largest event—ever! 265 liars sought the ultimate prevaricator title. 39 proved adept enough to advance to the semifinals where, if successful, a career in politics awaited.

Jared Spear, Seth Bell, Andrew Emerick, Josh Githens, Carl Krosnick and Kolbe DiGiulio became party pundits. This was Josh's fourth appearance in the Final, the most of any player. Kolbe drew first blood in the nightcap by challenging Carl, but seven rounds later it was Jared who was down to his last die. He survived four more rounds including two unfortunate challenges by Seth that allowed him to avoid being the first casualty. Jared didn't have long to rejoice, as he joined Seth in the choir in the next round as Kolbe's bid of four stars drew the game's second exactor, costing everyone else a die, eliminating Jared and moving Carl to Death Row. Two rounds later Josh hit the third exactor, ending Carl's night and deadlocking the survivors at two dice apiece. The tie was broken on the next round when Kolbe became the newest occupant of Death Row. His wait was short, leaving the two former laurelists with two dice each.

Andrew struck first! His bid of three 4's revealed four and moved Josh to solitary. Andrew began the decisive round with a bid of one 2. Josh raised to 5. Andrew bid two 5's, with a star and 3 under his cup. Although Josh had a 5, he called. Big mistake.



### Lost Cities (LST)

69 and 64 pairs attended the first two heats. Game 1 of Heat 3 drew 55 pairs with 38 players staying for Game 2. Presumably some of the Game 1 winners had achieved their second win and didn't need another. Chris Entwistle posted the high score of 326 with Katie Breza being the only other player to break 300. The closest game was also the best defensive struggle as Virginia Melton defeated Drew DuBoff 63 to 62. Seven players scored less than ten points with one finishing with -61.

Thomas Tu drew good cards in all three hands and was able to defeat Yoni Weiss for third place. 14 points separated Entwistle and Vidar Aas after two hands. Chris ultimately took the measure of the Norwegian by a 127-110 score to win his second *LST* title.

One parting observation: I've heard it said that *LST* is a game where luck plays too large a role. No doubt that is true to some extent, especially in comparison to other favorites those same observers may care to name. However, the appearance of four two-time champions in the 14-year history of an event now drawing in excess of 200 players annually would argue otherwise. The presence of so many double winners would argue against the "lottery" appellation earned by many of the larger mega-drawing events. Either that, or we have some very lucky champions and I'd be interested in investing in their next lottery ticket.



### 2013 Results

♣ Mikko Raimi, fi  
 ♣ Kevin Emery, SC  
 ♣ Richard Beyma, VA  
 ♣ Nathan Hill, MD  
 ♣ Michael Shea, CT  
 ♣ John Emery, SC

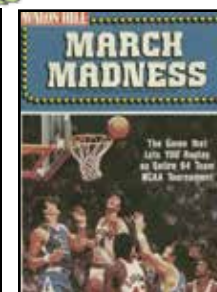
♣ Andy Lewis, DE

† 24 📖 2008-2013



### Top Laurelists

Richard Beyma, VA	59
Mikko Raimi, fi	50
John Emery, SC	41
George Young, VT	39
Nathan Hill, MD	30
Chris Byrd, CT	30
Kevin Emery, SC	24
Brad Raszewski, MD	24
Allen Hill, MD	18
Bill O'Neal, NY	18



### 2013 Results

♣ M. Birnbaum, NY  
 ♣ Terry Coleman, CA  
 ♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC  
 ♣ Roger Taylor, VA  
 ♣ Sarah Bauch, TX  
 ♣ Harry Flawd, PA

♣ Terry Coleman, CA

† 51 📖 1992-2013



### Top Laurelists

Bruce Monnin, OH	142
Terry Coleman, CA	111
Ken Gutermuth, NC	104
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	100
Dennis Nicholson, NY	93
Derek Landel, NY	92
John Coussis, IL	79
Harry Flawd, PA	70
Peter Staab, PA	66
Bruce Reiff, OH	64

### Manoeuvre (MAN)

Attendance fell, causing a drop in the number of swiss rounds to select eight for single elimination play. Ties were broken by points based on nationalities played, with the lesser-played countries of the 2012 event worth more. Each player was allowed to play each of eight different countries once. The records for the countries this year were Spain 5-1, Prussia 7-4, Ottomans 6-4, France 5-4, Britain 6-5, Austria 6-6, Russia 1-10, and USA 0-2.

All four 2012 semifinalists made the quarterfinals along with two former champions. Not surprisingly, they saved their best for last with every Quarterfinal pitting the French vs the British. Mikko Raimi's and Nathan Hill's French were victorious against John Emery and Mike Shea, while Kevin Emery's and Richard Beyma's evened the score for the British over Brad Raszewski and Allen Hill. Defending champ Mikko's British then defeated Nathan's Spanish to prevent him from advancing beyond the semifinals for the third straight year while Kevin's French bested Richard's Ottomans.

Mikko won the roll and selected Russians so Kevin took the Spanish in an indecisive battle ended at nightfall. The Spanish had managed to advance five units into Russian territory to the Russians' two, but the Russians penetrated further behind the lines, resulting in a 7-7 tie. The first tiebreaker (losses) was knotted 1-1, but the next tiebreaker (reduced units) went to Mikko 1-0 along with the successful defense of his title.



### March Madness (MMS)

The ladies did some major damage this year behind Carrie Lewis and rookie Sarah Bauch who fell one step short of a regional final/Final Four respectively. Meanwhile, four-time champ Terry Coleman pressed his quest for "one for the thumb"—winning two regional finals and losing a third on the last roll to Ken Gutermuth. Nevertheless, he consoled himself knowing that his two remaining teams on the same side of the bracket ensured he would be in the title game.

There was no Cinderella this year and there wasn't even a "Final Four". The three coaches were all past champions. Marvin Birnbaum milked his Arkansas guards for enough points to overcome Gutermuth's balanced scoring. This put Marvin in the title game vs Coleman in a study of contrasts. Marvin's Razorbacks had the better backcourt and defense, while Terry countered with Bruin firepower from multiple positions. Marvin led early, but UCLA rallied with a Run-and-Gun offense, taking a 7-point lead at the half, and increasing it early in the second period. The decisive play occurred when Terry's best player fouled out. Using his timeout didn't help, as the foul remained, along with a precipitous drop in points scored. Suddenly, it was UCLA playing catch up, and Terry was unable to outscore Arkansas enough in the closing minutes to prevent Marvin from winning his second title in the past three years.





## 2013 Results

♣ Jarett Weintraub, NY  
 ♣ John Skiba, NY  
 ♣ Tim Hitchings, DE  
 ♣ William Austin, VA  
 ♣ David J. Glowny, CT  
 ♣ David Rennert, MD

♣ Sam Edelston, CT

† 64 📖 2004-2013



## 2013 Results

♣ Eric Wrobel, MD  
 ♣ Richard Irving, CA  
 ♣ Kathy Stroh, DE  
 ♣ Bill Crenshaw, VA  
 ♣ Luke Koleszar, VA  
 ♣ Ewan McNay, NY

♣ Richard Irving, CA

† 66 📖 1991-2013



## Top Laurelists

Joe Harrison, KY	133
Sam Edelston, CT	78
Robert Eastman, NV	68
Jonathan Miller, DC	57
John Skiba, NY	54
Steve Lollis, MD	54
Jarett Weintraub, NY	40
Eric Caron, qc	40
Johan Van Huyse, be	40
Gordon Rodgers, PA	36



## Top Laurelists

Eric Wrobel, VA	188
Bill Crenshaw, VA	138
Joe Abrams, CT	72
Luke Koleszar, VA	66
Eyal Mozes, MD	61
Kathy Stroh, DE	56
Steve Dickson, CA	56
Debbie Otto, MO	56
Charles Hickok, PA	55
Ed Wrobel, VA	52

## Memoir '44 (M44)

Magnus Nygaard chose the scenarios. The Dane's 6,200 games leads the Online world. 36% of the entrants were also Online players. The Mulligan split 20 games of *Operation Cobra*. Jarett Weintraub won 5-0 for the Allies while Tim Hitchings did the same for the Axis. Round 1 enlisted 24 new players for *St Vith* with the Germans going 22-16. Peter Eldridge led the Germans with a 6-0 win while Richard Bliss did likewise for the Allies.

Round 2 brought the mulligan winners back for 36 games of *Foret d'Ecouvres* with the Allies winning 22. William Austin scored the only shutout. Canadian Rejean Tremblay eliminated '04 champ Steve Lollis while Gareth Williams of Morocco denied GM Sam Edelston. Round 3 produced 20 games of *Montelimar* by the trimmed field with the Allies winning 12. Tim Hitchings emerged as the last unbeaten at 6-0. Round 4 needed tiebreakers to reduce the field to five with 10 games of *Saverne Gap* decided by no more than one medal.

The *Invasion of Amoy* semifinals separated the field decisively after Round 4's marginal victories. Weintraub eliminated Austin, 6-2, 5-6. John Skiba swept Hitchings, 6-5, 6-1 and Edelston, serving as eliminator, downed David Glowny 6-3, 6-0. Only Weintraub and Skiba remained for the *Ponyri* Final. It began with Jarett prevailing, 7-6. If John had gotten another turn, he was

primed to Barrage a 1-figure Russian infantry for the win. Jarett won the rematch 7-3 to complete the sweep.



## Merchant of Venus (MOV)

Bill Crenshaw began Heat 1 by finding three Brelics in five turns to score an easy win while Chris Ellis qualified without upgrading from a lowly Scout ship. Other winners were Charlie Hickok, Bob Woodson, Vassili Kyrkos, Steve Koleszar, Keith Corbino, Ewan McNay, Rich Meyer and Jeff Kahan. In Heat 2 Philip Shea received a commission to reach \$2050, enough to win, but since the winner must declare victory on their turn, he lost and had to settle for 1st alternate. As cruel fate would have it, all 20 qualifiers appeared for the semifinals so no alternates were admitted. The winners were Eric Wrobel, Chris Entwistle, Wade Fowble, Bill Navolis, Patrick Shea, Ewan McNay (again) and Luke Koleszar. Heat 3 yielded six more games including a Green Taters variant won by Roderick Lee with a Red Drive, Blue Drive and Shield. The other winners were Joe Delaney, Kevin Wojtaszczyk and Kathy Stroh. Wade Fowble and Chris Ellis became double winners.

Steve Koleszar rolled the maximum 6-6-6 with his Transport in the semifinals, only to be stopped at Shuttlestop Navigation Circle after moving all of two dots. This equivalent of a galactic flat tire allowed Richard Irving to advance along with four former champions to compose the best Final resume ever. The decision point came as Eric bought two Psychotic Sculptures at Richard's newly built spaceport, leaving Irving with nothing to buy there and several wasted turns reloading his ship.



## 2013 Results

♣ M. Birnbaum, NY  
 ♣ Anna Rinko, VA  
 ♣ Mark Love, MD  
 ♣ J. McLaughlin, VA  
 ♣ David Rennert, MD  
 ♣ Hudson Wyatt, VA

♣ Mark Love, MD

† 50 📖 1998-2013



## 2013 Results

♣ F. Czawlytko, MD  
 ♣ Frank Morehouse, PA  
 ♣ Lane Hess, PA  
 ♣ Chris Greenfield, NY  
 ♣ John Emery, SC  
 ♣ D. Blumentritt, TX

♣ Gareth Williams, mo

† 50 📖 2003-2013



## Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	170
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	156
Rebecca Hebner, CO	77
Steve Scott, CA	68
Joe Sposito, NJ	63
David Brooks, TN	62
Tom Meier, VA	50
Matthew Beach, MD	45
David Meynard, CT	30
Daniel Val, es	30



## Top Laurelists

Bruce Young, SC	206
John Emery, SC	198
Lane Hess, PA	157
Ed Rothenheber, MD	111
Francis Czawlytko, MD	104
Henry Russell, PA	102
Melvin Casselberry, PA	99
Scott Moll, VA	80
Mike Casselberry, PA	60
David Gantt, SC	60

## Monsters Menace America (MMA)

Youth shall be served. Half of the 16 semifinalists were under the age of 20. The only double winner was 16-year-old Anna Rinko who was joined in the Final by 12-year-old Jared McLaughlin. Four alternates advanced to the semifinals with one continuing to the Final where second-ranked monster Marvin Birnbaum hungrily awaited a crop of green challengers.

As always, it all came down to the Monster Challenge. 12-year old Jared McLaughlin's Gargantis had eight health and three Infamy attacks, and his Son of a MONSTER added two more extra attacks and one die of health. He chose to challenge Mark Love's Toxicor, the weakest of his three opponents. Toxicor had 22 health and Whip Tentacles, but only one infamy. Toxicor took heavy damage but survived, thus relegating Jared to 4th place at his first WBC. A spirited discussion followed as to whom the victorious Mark should meet next. He settled on Anna's Zorb who had 18 health and nine infamy, but her High-Octane Blood allowed her to strike first. Zorb prevailed and Mark took solace in finally winning wood in his own event—even if it was for third place. Zorb was left facing the 28 health and six Infamy of Birnbaum's Megaclaw. It was a close battle but Megaclaw won and then dispatched Anna's Mecha-Monster as well. The 16-year old's run ended in second place as Marvin—free of his missing nemesis, Nick Henning, took his fourth



MMA title.

## The Napoleonic Wars (NW5)

It was not a good year to be French. Even if uttered by an Englishman, that seemed to be true. Monday belonged to the Tsar, with Russia taking four wins. Justin Morgan's eight VP took top honors. No little corporal finished better than fourth. Defending champion Emery was last among 30 players with a -7 night. Heat 2 attendance increased with the British logging three wins, the French two and Austria and Prussia one each. Lane Hess enjoyed a +8 win whilst Emery bounced back with a decidedly better night as the French. The Prussians had their day with three victories in Heat 3 while the British and French managed one apiece. Chris Greenfield, Melvin Casselberry and Wade Hyatt all scored +8 wins.

Prussia would dominate in the semifinals to end with seven wins. Britain 6, Russia 4, France 3 and Austria 2 completed the butcher's bill, but it was lowly Austria that would take the crown.

The reigning champion had first pick in the Final and again chose France, no doubt envisioning another one-turn blitz such as brought him glory in 2012. Frank Morehouse then took Britain and Lane Hess opted for Russia. Of the qualifying runners-up, Francis Czawlytko chose Austria, leaving Prussia to Chris Greenfield. Unlike 2012's drought stricken Final, this one went four rounds, and at the end France lay broken. Austria edged Britain for the spoils, giving Francis his first WBC shield and the maligned Austrians some payback.





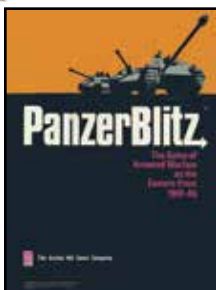


### 2013 Results

- ♣ Antero Kuusi, fi
- ♠ Wade Fowble, MD
- ♣ Rob Kircher, RI
- ♠ Vien Bounma, NY
- ♠ Andrew Emerick, CT
- ♠ Pat Mirk, FL

♣ Anni Foasberg, NJ

† 56 📖 2011-2013



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Bert Schoose, IL
- ♠ Greg Tanner, AZ
- ♣ Art Dohrman, AL
- ♠ Alan Arvold, IL
- ♠ Paul Grosser, MD
- ♠ Rick Northey, MA

♣ Rick Northey, MA

† 28 📖 1991-2013



### Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	66
Antero Kuusi, fi	30
Rob Kircher, RI	24
Wade Fowble, MD	18
Randy Buehler, WA	18
David Platnik, VA	18
Vien Bounma, NY	12
Samantha Berk, PA	12
John Kilbride, PA	9
John Sizemore, VA	9



### Top Laurelists

Marty Musella, VA	161
Bert Schoose, IL	139
Bill Scott, VA	139
Greg Tanner, AZ	128
Chuck Leonard, PA	120
Rich Northey, MA	86
Alan Arvold, IL	51
Dave Giordano, NJ	47
Johnny Hasay, PA	33
Eduardo DeNucci, ag	26

## Navegador (NVG)

18 preliminary games yielded 15 different winners, and all of them appeared for the semifinals along with one alternate in a rare show of unanimous wood envy. The semifinalists included three double winners: two-time defending champion, Andrew Emerick, Ian Streeb and Sue Goodson, but none were destined to reach the Final.

At Sue's table, Vien Bounma once again demonstrated his colonial strategy, scooping up 17 colonies and five navigation tokens. Elsewhere, Ian focused on exploration, but Rob Kircher won the day with an assortment of factories, colonies, and churches, advancing to the Final for the third time in as many years. At the third table, Wade Fowble, a quick study who had learned the game at the demo, pursued colonization only slightly less aggressively than Vien, gaining a near-monopoly on sugar and pocketing seven navigation tokens. At the reigning champion's table, Andrew tried something new—a shipyard-heavy exploration strategy which involved sinking ships to get to the building space and then rebuilding them as Ships for free. In the meantime, Antero Kuusi went with colonies and churches, an unusual combination, but one that scored 101 points, handing the new Caesar his first defeat in three years of tournament play.

The Final saw Antero mass workers and money until he could grab three sugar colonies at a time, giving him a near-monopoly in sugar and a 95-88-85-81 win with 11 colonies and nine factories.



## PanzerBlitz (PZB)

Reaching the elimination rounds were past champs Greg Tanner and Bert Schoose, Alan Arvold and newcomer Art Dohrman. Both pairs selected Situation 14. Bert's Germans attacked the hilltop, rolled no sixes, and eliminated the CP on Turn 2. The battle raged on hill132 until Turn 5, when Bert retreated to board 1 with a 27-24 lead. By Turn 8, Art had closed within a point, but a small patch of swamp blocked his tanks and Bert advanced 27-26.

The other semi saw the Russian CP surviving three turns and reinforcements being effectively delayed by Alan's recce force. By Turn 4, the battle began on the hill, and most of the Germans fled to board 3. Alan led 25-14 by Turn 6 with just two turns remaining. Alan then shifted to board 1 but a few Russians blocked the roads, enabling Greg to systematically destroy German units to take a 28-25 victory.

The former champions selected Situation 45 for the Final with an extra turn added for balance. Greg set the German defense in the usual configuration with an artillery force in Opus-toschenia and companies of infantry, mortars and AT guns in the woods to the West and SW of Zabrenia. Bert then rushed his Russian armored force at the first town and wiped out the artillery batteries by Turn 3. As the Russian tanks closed, German AT gunners missed crucial shots. With those guns out of action, the Russians occupied the second town and secured Bert's third title.



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Stefan Mecay, TX
- ♠ Riku Riekkinen, fi
- ♣ John Sutcliff, uk
- ♠ Alex Gregorio, PA
- ♠ Steve Koleszar, VA
- ♠ Michael Dauer, TX

♣ Peter Gurneau, WI

† 36 📖 1999-2013



### Top Laurelists

Tom Drueding, MA	428
Stefan Mecay, TX	412
David Dockter, MN	328
Peter Reese, VA	276
Chris Byrd, CT	208
Rob Hassard, NJ	181
Riku Riekkinen, fi	174
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	174
Nick Anner, NY	162
Jim Falling, MI	117



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Jacob Hebner, CO
- ♠ Harry Flawd, PA
- ♠ Tim Dolan, NJ
- ♠ Jeff Finkeldey, OH
- ♠ Sean McCulloch, OH
- ♠ Chad Gormly, RI

♣ Harry Flawd, PA

† 46 📖 1993-2013



### Top Laurelists

Harry Flawd, PA	222
Devin Flawd, PA	200
Jacob Hebner, CO	90
Bill O'Neal, NY	49
B. Passacantando, CT	41
Mike Destro, NJ	36
Chad Gormly, MA	33
Mike James, MD	30
Derek Landel, NJ	28
Barry Shoults, MI	24

## Paths of Glory (POG)

After three days of attrition, one final test remained between the Finnish assassin and three-time champion Stefan Mecay. Stefan won the roll for the bid, and took the AP for 1. On Turn 2 Riekkinen played *Entrench* for Sedan and swept two armies into C-T. Riku played five events on Turn 3 so by the end, the FR had returned to the fort line. The Western Front then remained relatively stable till the end.

In the east, the Russians crushed the Austrians, but Riku countered nicely, eventually entrenching in Budapest. Turns 7-10 saw Riku fortifying the west and pounding the Russians. Stefan countered by fortifying the standard chokepoints.

Turn 15's plentiful ops cards allowed the start of a massive western offensive. Riku reinforced the line with GER 11th and shuffled armies to fill gaps. Stefan hit the Germans again, miraculously winning with the FR a third time and committed the BEF on the 4th impulse. Riku had to SR an army from the east. With two 5-cards left, the Russians, who had been hammered throughout, started their own offensive. Riku had to respond to prevent a trench collapse. Turn 16 brought no FR Mutiny and Riku could only stabilize the line. Stefan goes all in. On impulse 3, Riku is forced off the line to try to hold at the Rhein. The AP pursued as the Russians liberate Warsaw/Lodz and take Konigsberg. The game ends with the Brits taking Essen on the last impulse.



## Paydirt (PDT)

Rookie Jessica Finkeldey's 15-14 upset of defending champion Mike James set the tone for ladies day as Samantha Berk's Browns topped two veterans before falling to Steve Vance's Steelers, 24-20. Vance had also ended Jessica's day to earn the nickname "Lady Killer". The AFC field narrowed to two as perennial champ Harry Flawd ended Tim Dolan's run 30-22 while Jeff Finkeldey's Bills topped Chad Gormly's Steelers 17-16. Buffalo had an 18-point spread to start the title game that was narrowed to 21-16 at the half. A Bills TD made it 28-16 with 11 minutes left only to have Houston score twice and add a 2-point conversion to lead by 3 with 45 seconds left. Jeff managed to tie it on the last play only to lose in OT after a 47-yd punt return.

The NFC heat drew 26 including Samantha who was not yet done tormenting males. She took Sean McCulloch's Bucs into OT in Round 2 before losing on a 95-yard TD pass! Sean needed OT again to beat Pizarz's Panthers 30-27 when Ron missed two FGs in regulation. Jacob Heber's Packers ended Sean's OT adventures 38-28 to advance to the NFC title game, while Dolan's Seahawks dropped Flawd's Bears 20-17. Jacob advanced to his third straight Final with a 25-17 win over Seattle.

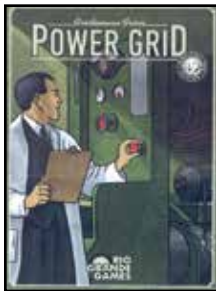
Despite hosting two former champions, the Super Bowl seemed a mismatch: seven titles vs one. However, youth would not be denied and Jacob used a late punt return to seal a 28-21 victory.





### 2013 Results

♣ Stefany Speck, MD  
 ♠ Ben Gardner, VA  
 ♠ Brandon Bernard, PA  
 ♠ B. Collinson Sr., MD  
 ♠ Barett Straub, MD  
 ♠ A. Gumkowski, PA  
 ♣ Larry Lingle, PA  
 † 121 📖 2005-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Justus Hibshman, PA  
 ♠ Jim Savarick, PA  
 ♠ Vien Boumma, NJ  
 ♠ Michael Shea, CT  
 ♠ Eyal Mozes, MD  
 ♠ C. Kalmbacher, PA  
 ♣ Anthony Daw, UT  
 † 127 📖 2004-2013



Stefany Speck, MD

### Top Laurelists

John Elliott, MD	80
Tom Pavy, OH	69
Brandon Bernard, PA	68
Paul Weintraub, MD	51
Stefany Speck, MD	40
RJ Gleaton, SC	40
Chris Striker, PA	36
Jason Fisher, NC	32
Cliff Ackman, PA	30
Ashley Collinson, MD	30



Justus Hibshman, PA

### Top Laurelists

Jim Savarick, PA	209
Eric Brosius, MA	103
Bill Crenshaw, VA	93
Kevin Garber, VA	90
Matt Calkins, VA	76
Robert Woodson, NV	72
Richard Meyer, MA	72
Bill Murdock, NY	72
Patrick Shea, VA	60
Doug Galullo, MD	60

### Pirate's Cove (PRC)

A record 121 seadogs set sail as more pirates flocked to the Cove for the fourth straight year lured by Cap'n Larry's 15 pounds of coin. Few of those coins survived the bite test ...leaving a decidedly chocolate aftertaste. The heats produced a quadruple winner in chocoholic Barrett Straub and double winners Max DuBoff, Paul Weintraub, Carol Haney, Stefany Speck, and RJ. Gleaton. Heat 1 yielded 17 winners in all, including Dave Meyaard, Ashton Worley, Joe Burch, Brandon Bernard, Ben Gardner, Allyson Thoma, Dan Mathias, Pat Mirk, and Brian Mongold. Heat 2 brought ten more qualifiers into port including Jodi Folk, Alyssa Gumkowski, Joe Yauere, Joe Collinson, Ron Fisher, Katie Elliott, Nick Avtges, Ben Collinson and Brendan Coomes. Heat 3 qualified ten more worthies including Jean Younkin, Faith Wobbeking, Mankiller Folk, Chris Yauere, and Jim Bell. The last mates to qualify in Heat 4 were Commodore John Elliott, Eric Buetlihofer, Wilfred Meyboom, Nick Metzger, John Barry, Fisher, and Jeff Pattison.

When the semifinals sailed, six qualifiers went over the side. Mutinous dogs! The alternates were pleased to cheer their departure and take their share of the swag. Ben Collinson and Stefany Speck led the finalists with four prizes, Ben Gardner and Brandon Bernard got three, while favorite Barrett Straub, he of the five straight wins, managed just two. Stefany kept smiling while winning handily 46-37-36-34-30. Blinded by the wench's charms, they was!



### Power Grid (PGD)

15 boards were manned in Heat 1, seven Central Europe and eight USA. Chris Grech went to 17 cities to win over three opponents deadlocked at 16, and Kathy Stroh eked out a win on a four-way tie at 15 by 14 E's. Heat 2 witnessed 71 more energy brokers vying in China or Spain/Portugal. Anthony Daw had to go to 18 cities and still required a tiebreaker to claim victory over two others. Nessa Savarick's China win came on a three-way tie won by just 4 E's over Jason Ley. Heat 3 filled ten 5-player boards of France and Brazil. Eric Brosius ended his game early in step 2 by buying seven cities in the last round to end the game, powering only 14 cities with the closest competitor at 12. There were 37 different victors led by double winners Eric Brosius, Nessa Savarick and Dan Farrow.

The five semifinal winners advanced to a Quebec Final. As the last round started, the plant pool was atrocious and Eyal bought the #16 at cost, but was well behind in powering cities at 10, for fifth place. Michael was stuck at 11 and Vien was powering 12. All were awash in cash, but without the needed power plants, it didn't matter. Jim expanded to his 14 cities capacity with 0 E's, leaving it to young Justus to best his elders by building to 15 to end the game and claim his first WBC shield with 14 cities and 50 E's.



### 2013 Results

♣ David Platnick, VA  
 ♠ Alex Bove, PA  
 ♠ Mike Kaltman, PA  
 ♠ Kenneth Horan, PA  
 ♠ Lyman Moquin, DC  
 ♠ Bruce Rae, bc  
 ♣ Eric Brosius, MA  
 † 59 📖 2001-2013



David Platnick, VA

### Top Laurelists

Rod Spade, PA	130
Eric Brosius, MA	100
David Platnick, VA	75
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	72
Alex Bove, PA	60
Eric Freeman, PA	57
Aran Warszawski, il	50
Brian Reynolds, MD	50
John Kerr, VA	50
Arthur Field, SC	50



### 2013 Results

♣ Janet Ottey, PA  
 ♠ David Platnick, VA  
 ♠ Richard Meyer, MA  
 ♠ James Freeman, VA  
 ♠ Jason Levine, NY  
 ♠ Jefferson Meyer, MA  
 ♣ Steve Scott, CA  
 † 160 📖 2000-2013



Janet Ottey, PA

### Top Laurelists

Alex Bove, PA	240
Tom Dunning, NY	178
Steve Scott, CA	84
Joe Jaskiewicz, MD	70
Winton LeMoine, CA	64
Richard Meyer, MA	60
Scott Fenn, MD	52
Janet Ottey, PA	50
Mike Kaltman, PA	44
Henry Dove, MD	42

### Princes of Florence (POF)

40 players in each heat allowed use of 5-player qualifier games throughout. David Platnick won by 13 PP (even though he was sitting in the fifth seat) to become the easiest qualifier. In contrast, Mary Ellen Powers needed a tiebreaker to best Jennifer Horan. Jason Long was the only double winner, leading 15 winning qualifiers.

No-shows limited the semifinals to five 4-player games. Seat 2 won all four games without seating bids. Mike Kaltman beat Aran Warszawski by two PP. Platnick won by 16, again the largest margin. Alex Bove edged Bruce Rae 59-58, earning Bruce 6th place as the closest runner-up. Lyman Moquin bested Rod Spade, 67-65. Ken Horan broke the seat 2 monopoly, bidding 200 florins for Seat 3, and won.

Final seat selection was more costly. Alex bid 300 for seat 2, Lyman 200 for seat 1 and Ken 100 for his lucky third seat. The auction started with Ken taking a Jester for 1200. The Builder then went to David for 700. In the Action phase, David declined a chance for a Profession Card to build a Workshop and put on a work. In Round 2 he bought a second Builder for 800. David consoled himself with a 200-florin Prestige Card in Round 3, but got his third Builder in Round 5 and built



two buildings for no money to surge into the lead. He won easily 63-55-55-54-50. His auction buys were three Builders, two Forests and two Prestige Cards.

### Ra (RA!)

A record 20 tables on Monday night assured our 12th straight triple digit field. The remaining three heats filled 14, 14 and 12 tables respectively. The 60 preliminary games created 13 double winners and 35 players who won in their first attempt. This meant that to make the top 25 you needed to play in at least two heats. After subtracting the five no-shows, it took only a win in your first heat plus a 3rd and a 4th or better to make the semifinals.

The first semifinal match yielded an easy 8-point win for Janet Ottey over four male opponents including frustrated defending champion Steve Scott. The second semifinal provided a 3-point win for David Platnick over Jeff Meyer, who consoled himself with 6th place laurels for his narrow defeat. Lyman Moquin took a 9-point win over Jason Levine in match 3 to advance. The largest margin of victory, however, belonged to 2011 champ Rich Meyer. He bested then seventh-ranked Mike Kaltman by ten. James Freeman earned the last seat at the Final with a 6-point win over Angela Hoffman.

But the Final was Ladies Day in a good year for estrogen as Janet Ottey again bested four men with a 4-point win over David Platnick to become our third Ra woman-champion with her second WBC title and first shield. She was one of a record ten women to win WBC titles this year.







### 2013 Results

♣ Gordon Rodgers, PA  
 ♠ Peggy Ng, NJ  
 ♣ Curt Collins II, PA  
 ♠ Chad Gormly, RI  
 ♠ A. Henning, PA  
 ♠ Daniel Ottey, PA

♣ Scott Buckwalter, MD

† 157 📖 2010-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ John Riston, MD  
 ♠ Jason Levine, NY  
 ♣ Mark Crescenzi, PA  
 ♠ Rob Kircher, RI  
 ♠ Christopher Ellis, FL  
 ♠ Nick Kiswanto, VA

♣ Robert Renaud, NJ

† 87 📖 2008-2013



Gordon Rodgers, PA

### Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	40
Curt Collins II, PA	33
Stephanie Kilroy, PA	30
Chester Lanham, MD	30
Peggy Ng, NJ	24
Rod Davidson, AZ	20
Rob Kilroy, PA	18
David Meyaard, NY	18
Chris Gnech, PA	13
Chad Gormly, RI	12



John Riston, MD

### Top Laurelists

Robert Renaud, NJ	139
Rob Kircher, RI	54
Aaron Fuegi, MA	48
John Riston, MD	36
Nick Kiswanto, VA	30
David Platnick, VA	27
Andrew Yao, VA	20
Doug Faust, NJ	20
Mark Delano, CT	20
Jason Levine, NY	18

### Ra: The Dice Game (RDG)

Attendance increased yet again. The heats remained a mixture of nail biters and runaway victories. Four games were decided with a range of 3 points or less between all four players. 40% were decided by two points or less. In contrast, Alyssa Mills and Rob Kilroy enjoyed 19-point spreads. The highest score was Greg Rowe's 87 to best Angela Collinson's 73 in the same game. In so doing, she became the only player to score over 70 and not advance. 56 players won at least one preliminary game. Of those, 16 opted out, leaving 40 to run the gauntlet for the 4-player Final. Gordon Rodgers, Peggy Ng, Curt Collins II, and Chad Gormly outlasted them to reach the Final.

The Final's pace was quick. Each player had 11 turns, slightly less than the 12-turn average. Gordon flooded his boats to lead the first epoch with 18 points. He repeated that success again for a 20-point second epoch. Curt, who continued to press Monuments, was hit by disaster and ended the epoch without gaining a point. Peggy continued to control civilizations.

Chad dominated the end game with 25 points but it ended too quickly for him to complete his rally. Gordon's luck turned. He spent the entire epoch failing to flood his boats and scoring an abysmal seven points. But that was just enough, given his strong start, to tie Peggy at 42-42-41-40. The tiebreaker was his and so was his 9th WBC title.

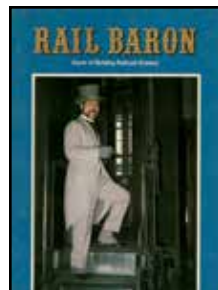


### Race For the Galaxy (RFG)

Two wins were needed to qualify for the 16-player semifinals, or so we thought. The preliminaries began with 14 4-player tables. Mark Crescenzi won by 25 to begin a nice streak. Heat 2 followed with 13 tables. Edward Fear earned his second win in unusual fashion against Aaron Fuegi and Winton Lemoine in which all players built a dev-bonus development on the first turn. Five others (Crescenzi, Tim Tu, Nick Kiswanto, Rob Kircher, and Peter Eldridge) won their second game. Heat 3 manned 11 4-player tables. Previous champions Rob Renaud and Aaron Fuegi got their second wins as did John Riston, Jason Levine, and Chris Ellis. Crescenzi became the only triple winner. Heat 4 followed with the loss of only one table. Chris Bert and Jason Long qualified, providing 14 double winners. Meanwhile, Crescenzi couldn't turn off the victory faucet and won again with an impressive 17-point margin over double winner Riston.

13 of the double winners appeared for the semis, allowing three single winners their chance at glory. Crescenzi continued his "man among boys" dominance with a 20-point win, taking out former champion Fuegi in the process. Kircher bested four-time champ Renaud with a repeated blind trade call. Levine beat Kiswanto in their semi, despite two successful blind trades. Riston won the closest semi with only eight points separating first and last.

John was the 40-39-39-36 winner as Mark's five-game streak ended in the Final.

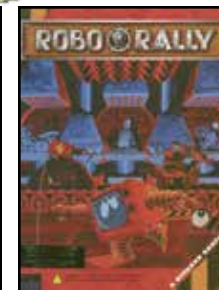


### 2013 Results

♣ Trella Bromley, FL  
 ♠ Mike Zorrer, DE  
 ♣ Ron Secunda, MD  
 ♠ Brian Smith, NY  
 ♠ Norm Newton, on  
 ♠ Eve Secunda, MD

♣ Ron Secunda, MD

† 38 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Mark Geary, OH  
 ♠ Brad Johnson, IL  
 ♠ Nick Henning, DC  
 ♠ David Meyaard, NY  
 ♠ Ewan McNay, NY  
 ♠ Haakon Monsen, no

♣ Marc Houde, VA

† 94 📖 1999-2013



Trella Bromley, FL

### Top Laurelists

Mark McCandless, LA	122
Ron Secunda, MD	121
Steve Okonski, MD	120
Donna Balkan, on	104
Mike Zorrer, DE	85
Mark Kennel, DE	80
Doug Galullo, MD	80
Brian Conlon, OK	74
Inger Henning, CT	66
John Henry, on	60



Mark Geary, OH

### Top Laurelists

Brad Johnson, IL	318
Alexandra Henning, CT	74
Bill Navolis, MD	67
Mark Geary, OH	50
Jason Levine, NY	50
Jeff Finkeldey, OH	40
Scott Buckwalter, MD	40
Bill Dyer, IL	40
Jeff Cornett, FL	40
Jeff Ribeiro, NH	40

### Rail Baron (RBN)

Although outnumbered 33 to 5, the ladies again took the "Gold." Five women have won as opposed to only two men since 2006. The 22 preliminary games yielded three double winners: Mike Zorrer, Inger Henning and Ron Secunda. Since a semifinal winner opted out, we had an opening. Ron became the alternate by having a higher net worth in the heats than Inger. Mike didn't need to be considered since he won his semifinal game, as did Brian, Norm, and Trella.

One player often struggles in the Final. In this case, calamity stalked Norm. 14 of his 21 destinations were hostile, including the last 11. He was forced to auction two properties snatched by Trella—the RF&P and the N&W. In contrast, Trella visited only five hostile destinations, and the others six or seven. Trella had just enough to declare for Home, but Mike and Ron were close. Sitting at her last destination, St. Louis, with Ron in striking distance en route to that same city, she needed to roll a "9" to reach her (hostile) home, Buffalo, and rolled a "10!" Outnumbered 4 to 1 in the Final, estrogen again triumphed.

The holdings were: Trella: \$340K: \$204K cash, B&O, B&M, RF&P, GN, NP, CRI&P, SAL, L&N, and N&W; Mike: \$315K: \$195K cash, PA, ACL, CM5TP&P, AT&SF, SOU; Ron: \$306K: \$193K cash, NYC, MP, UP, C&NW, T&P; Brian: \$256K: \$145K cash, C&O, SP, SLSF, IC, GM&O, NYNH&H. Norm: \$53.5K: \$19.5K cash, CB&Q, WP, D&RGW.

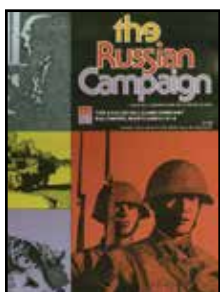


### Robo Rally (RRY)

It was a year of firsts for *Robo Rally*. It was not the first time Brad Johnson failed to win, but it was close. The seven-time champ will have to wait another year for his purple board. It was the first time we had three heats, the first time Mark Geary, a veteran of many campaigns, won the event, and, I am sorry to say, it was the first time that the GM won his own Kaarin Engelmann Memorial Crash and Burn award—taking that dubious distinction in the second heat.

For those unfamiliar with the award, it is given to the first player eliminated (i.e., to have all of their robots killed). It is given during each heat, the semifinals and the Final and comes complete with left hand and right hand playing aids to help with those tricky turns. It is also one of the ways I judge how good a board setup is. One that does not generate a KEMC&B does not get re-used—ever. Tom McCorry was the recipient of the award during Heat 3, beating out Fred Gosnell by a mere ten seconds. To be fair to Tom, I was playing at his table, and it was a brutal board. A couple of players very early got some of the meaner options for their robots, and it was death city after that. I too was completely eliminated (again) though this time it was not until near the end and therefore I was saved the ignominy of winning the award twice in one year.

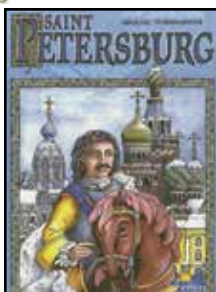




### 2013 Results

♣ 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.

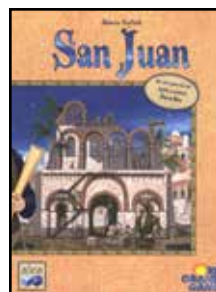
Bert's Germans got off to a bad start with many Russians able to retreat during the Final's opening assault. Unfortunately for Gary, his 3-1's failed to free his pocketed defenders so he went from having plenty of defenders to being very shorthanded. Bert quickly shifted to an attritional strategy in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



### 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

## 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.

## Sekigahara (SKG)

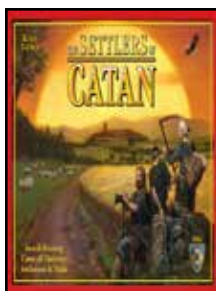
Attendance was down in its second year but still logged 45 games. Ten "honor prizes" were awarded to the players who won their third match (regardless of the outcome of their first two) after three rounds. Another prize was awarded for killing the most enemy leaders. Scott Burns eliminated 11 enemy daimyo 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 Freeman, 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.

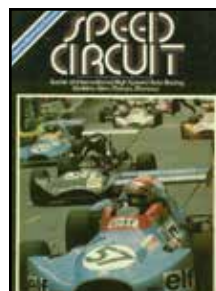
Fate loomed large in the Final. No 10's or 12's, one 2 and 11, two 5s, three 9s and 3s, four 4s, five 6s, six 7s and 13 8s were rolled. Julie's initial choice of an 8 ore location played a major role in her 10-7-6-5 win. Only five cities were built, four by Julie. A WBC newcomer, her triumph was even 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.

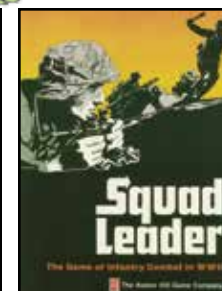


### 2013 Results

♣ 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

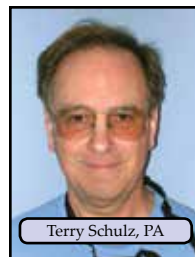


### 2013 Results

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

♣ Scott Bramley, NJ

† 19 📖 1991-2013



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



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

## 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.



## 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.



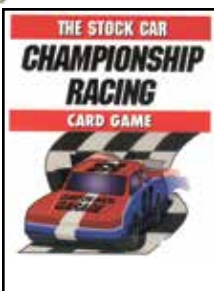


### 2013 Results

♣ 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



David Gubbay, TX

### 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



Brian Mongold, MD

### 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.

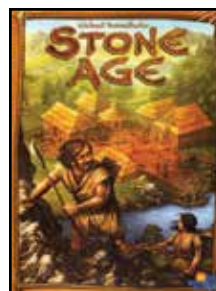
The Final was closely contested until Darth Maul killed Quigon and then put six hits on Obi-wan, who failed to block. The Sith quickly sent eight Palace Guards to oblivion while Anakin was stuck two spaces from the control ship.



## 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.

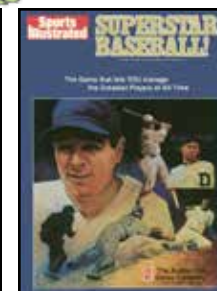


### 2013 Results

♣ R. Bacigalupo, MD  
 ♠ Cary Morris, NC  
 ♠ Ed Ericson, AR  
 ♠ Cliff Ackman, PA  
 ♠ Chris Yaure, PA  
 ♠ Kyle Smith, PA

♣ Peter Staab, PA

† 203 📖 2009-2013



### 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



Rodney Bacigalupo, MD

### 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



Jacob Hebner, CO

### 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 Engelmann 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)

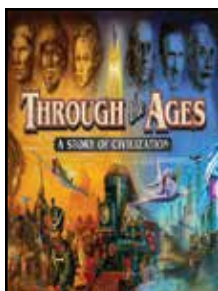
It was the smallest field in eight years despite IWBCs record attendance. Could it be baseball is on the wane? This year's ever-changing format consisted of three heats played on consecutive days. Heat winners and runners-up plus two wild-card teams composed an 8-team playoff bracket.

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.

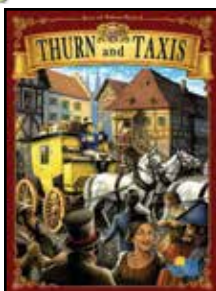






### 2013 Results

- ♣ 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 1 *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 1 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

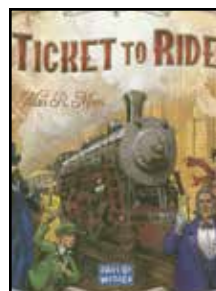
of strength turned into a 10-point culture swing in Joel's favor. Joel was thus able to overtake the leader at the end for the third time that week to win by 6: 144-138-124-113.



## 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 Hillary 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.

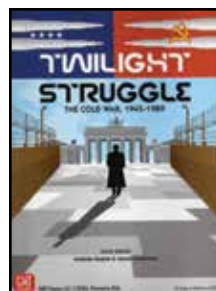


### Titan: The Arena (TTA)

**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.







### 2013 Results

♣ Ed Kendrick, uk  
 ♠ Bruce Young, SC  
 ♡ Jeff Spaner, MD  
 ♢ Richard Irving, CA  
 ♣ Bruce Wigdor, NJ  
 ♠ Ray Stakenas Sr, MI  
 ⚡ Jim Burnett, TN  
 † 31 📖 1991-2013



### 2013 Results

♣ Doug Faust, NY  
 ♠ Randy Buehler, WA  
 ♡ Max Jamelli, PA  
 ♢ Cary Morris, NC  
 ♣ Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC  
 ♠ Steve Cuccaro, MD  
 ⚡ Eric Freeman, PA  
 † 93 📖 2008-2013



Ed Kendrick, uk

### Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	197
Bruce Young, SC	177
Ray Stakenas II, MI	118
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	112
Ed Kendrick, uk	100
Ray Stakenas Sr, MI	74
Richard Irving, CA	54
Paul Wright, PA	52
Jeff Spaner, MD	49
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48



Doug Faust, NY

### Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	54
Eric Freeman, PA	48
Doug Faust, NY	40
Nick Page, on	36
Andrew Gerb, MD	33
Redie Smith, NC	30
Steven LeWinter, NC	30
Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC	26
Cary Morris, NC	24
Lachlan Salter, on	18

## Up Front (UPF)

The owners of 17 different titles graced 2013's gathering of the faithful including 1992 champion Maria Hawthorne back for the first time in two decades. This infusion of new blood enhanced the competition for the right to advance to the elimination rounds. Several of those considered to be among the game's best failed to take their long assumed rightful place in the elimination tilts. Only five of the eight champs survived the five-round swiss gauntlet. Defending champ Richard Irving's 2012 mojo hadn't worn off; he led the pack at 5-0. Grouped at 4-1 were Greg Schmittgens, Bruce Wigdor, David Wong, and Bruce Young. Eight finished 3-2 with Jeff Spaner, Ed Kendrick, and Ray Stakenas Sr advancing on strength-of-schedule tiebreakers.

The quarterfinals put paid to the ambitions of the non-titled as Irving stayed perfect at the expense of Stakenas' Russians in L; Kendrick's Germans bested Wigdor's Americans in F; Spaner's Russians beat Wong's Germans in B; and Young's Russians downed Schmittgens' Germans in E.

The semifinals thus featured four champions, ranked #2 thru #12, vying for the right to add another shield to their walls. Young ended Irving's streak at six with a Japanese victory over the British in N. In the other semi, Kendrick's American's prevailed over Spaner's Germans in L. Scenario C was the deciding battle. Ed chose to attack with the Russians. Bruce's Germans stopped too many black numbers and it was over fast.



## Vegas Showdown (VSD)

The preliminaries yielded three double winners for the first time (Eric Sokolowsky, Max Jamelli and John Corrado). The closest game was decided by a 7-point spread from first to last with Curt Collins' 78 edging Doug Covell's 77, Jarrett Weintraub's 73 and Bryan Berkenstock's 71. In contrast, Sceaudeau D'Tela bested his 23-point biggest win set last year with a record 26-point margin.

There were 30 unique heat winners, but no-shows prevented the need to turn any away. The closest semifinal was Doug Faust's 1-point win over Steve Cuccaro, with Lexi Shea and Eric Sokolowski only three points back. D'Tela's aforementioned 26-point win was even more impressive, coming as it did in a semifinal over defending champion Redie Smith. The other semifinals went to Randy Buehler over Jason Long by 3, Cary Morris, in his second straight Final, by 5 over Greg Crowe, and Max Jamelli, with his third straight win, by 3 over Dana Champion.

All the finalists hoarded money so there were few bargains to be had in Round 3. The game ended on Turn 17 with Fame levels of: Doug 36, Randy 30, Cary 27, Max 21 and Sceaudeau 14. Max led in Population with 17, but Sceaudeau had the highest revenue (15). The Final score was: Doug 50, Randy 41, and a three-way deadlock at 38 decided by a leftover cash tiebreaker. Doug's winning tableau contained two Lounges, a Fancy Lounge, Theater, Sports Book, two Slots, Restaurant, and Buffet.



### 2013 Results

♣ John Sharp, FL  
 ♠ Ed Paule, NJ  
 ♡ Andy Gardner, VA  
 ♢ Ray Freeman, CA  
 ♣ Jim Eliason, IA  
 ♠ Mike Kaye, MD  
 ⚡ Charles Drozd, IL  
 † 35 📖 1991-2013



John Sharp, FL

### Top Laurelists

Andy Gardner, VA	426
Dan Henry, IL	272
Michael Kaye, CA	252
Ed Menzel, CA	250
Charles Drozd, IL	224
Ed Paule, NJ	168
Darren Kilfara, uk	146
John Pack, CO	138
John Sharp, FL	126
Michael Ussery, MD	118



### 2013 Results

♣ A. Choptiany, PA  
 ♠ Bruce Monnin, OH  
 ♡ Ben Gardner, VA  
 ♢ Joe Powell, VA  
 ♣ Rob Drozd, IL  
 ♠ D. Rynkowski, NY  
 ⚡ Vince Meconi, DE  
 † 39 📖 1991-2013



Andrew Choptiany, PA

### Top Laurelists

Andy Gardner, VA	179
Jon. Lockwood, VA	175
Pat Richardson, FL	158
Ray Freeman, CA	133
Vince Meconi, DE	132
Ed Menzel, CA	128
Dennis Nicholson, NY	127
Bruce Monnin, OH	121
Darren Kilfara, uk	99
Ewan McNay, CT	80

## Victory in the Pacific (VIP)

70 games were played with a slightly increased average bid of 4.807 POC for the Japanese. Contrary to the increasing bids and the use of variant balance options, the IJN winning % climbed 5% to 61%.

After five swiss rounds, Jim Eliason was undefeated. Mike Kaye, Daniel Blumentritt, and Ed Paule were 4-1. The remaining playoff slots went to Scott Beall, defending champion Andy Gardner, John Sharp, and Ray Freeman (all 3-2) by virtue of Schedule Strength. Warren Day, Rob Drozd, and John Pack, also 3-2, missed the cut. The quarterfinals yielded three upsets with #8 Freeman's IJN over #1 Eliason, #7 Sharp's USN over #2 Kaye, #6 Gardner's IJN over #3 Blumentritt. Only #4 Paule's IJN would prevail as the higher seed over #5 Beall.

Paule bid 7.5 POC in the semis for the IJN vs. Freeman and secured a mathematical lock after Turn 7. Gardner bid 5.5 for the IJN vs Sharp in the other bracket and went the distance before conceding his chance at a fifth title. The Final thus pit 2011 Champ Paule against perennial contender Sharp. Ed continued his high bidding and again paid 7.5 for the IJN. As usual, Turn 3 was decisive as Ed's eight CV's and two LBA could not dislodge Pearl Harbor's six LBA. Without Pearl, the 7.5 bid was too big a load to tote. Ed conceded after Turn 4. It only took 23 years for John to claim his first WBC VIP title.



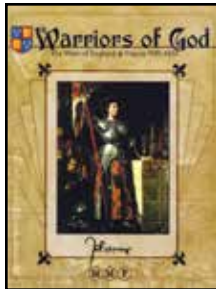
## War At Sea (WAS)

After five swiss rounds, unbeaten Ben Gardner led eight regulars into the playoffs. He handled #8 seed Bruce Reiff's Germans to start the quarterfinals. #7 Seed Bruce Monnin's Allies upset #2 Rob Drozd, #3 seed Andy Choptiany's Axis demolished defending champ Jon Lockwood, and #4 Joe Powell's Allies did likewise to David Rynkowski. Andy's Axis used the 2.5 bid they received in the semifinals to end Ben's six-game winning streak by a razor-thin .5 POC. Meanwhile, Bruce's Allies, bidding 1.5, killed lots of Germans in a big Turn 2 battle to defang Powell's Axis early.

Andy had already bested Bruce once in the Swiss rounds. Bruce took the Allies for 2.5 in the Final rematch. Andy took a 2-POC lead in a Turn 1 North Atlantic battle at a cost of two ships while sinking three battleships. POC remained stable but the Axis attrition advantage steadily grew with LBA and U-Boats taking a heavy toll. However, Bruce managed to carry the game to the last die roll with the Axis needing to sink or disable the last convoy (a 25% chance) to preserve their 2.5 POC margin. The resulting "5" die roll disabled both Bruce's convoy and his plans for a 4th title while handing Andy his first WAS title in just four tries.

The Allies recovered from the 2012 deadlock to go 41-30-1 this year. The average bid was 1.38 (all games) and 1.77 (games with a bid), both down from last year's record highs.



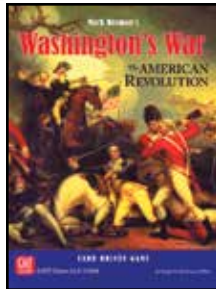


## 2013 Results

- ♣ David Long, NC
- ♠ Derek Landel, NJ
- ♣ Philip Yaure, PA
- ♠ Peter Stein, OH
- ♠ Marty Sample, NH
- ♠ Nick Smith, uk

♣ Bruce Monnin, OH

† 19 📖 2009-2013



## 2013 Results

- ♣ James Pei, VA
- ♠ George Young, VT
- ♠ M. Birnbaum, NY
- ♠ Keith Wixson, NJ
- ♠ Dan Hoffman, NC
- ♠ Michael Mitchell, GA

♣ Marvin Birnbaum, NY

† 49 📖 1994-2013



David Long, NC

## Top Laurelists

Rob Winslow, NY	49
Derek Landel, NJ	42
Matthew Beach, MD	33
Greg Hultgren, CA	33
David Long, NC	30
Terry Coleman, CA	30
Keith Hunsinger, OH	18
Lembit Tohver, on	18
Stan Myszak, qc	16
Philip Yaure, PA	12



James Pei, VA

## Top Laurelists

George Young, VT	308
James Pei, TX	277
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	271
Paul Gaberson, PA	198
Brian Mountford, NY	179
Keith Wixson, NJ	172
John Poniske, PA	91
Mike Mitchell, GA	65
Dan Leader, MA	60
Bill Peeck, NY	52

## Warriors of God (WOG)

The French won ten of 2012's 19 games. This year the English reversed fortunes, taking 11 of 16 including both semifinals, before the French got revenge in the Final.

The first semifinal featured quick players with Pete Stein and David Long outdoing one another in setting a rapid pace. This fencing match came to an abrupt halt as Pete fell behind and had to make increasingly dangerous gambles to recover that failed to hit home. The other bracket saw Philip Yaure oppose Derek Landel, 2012's third place laurelist. By mid-game, Derek's English were in Paris. It took three more turns to successfully roll for control, after which the French cause was lost.

Derek bid a VP for the English in the Final. Two of Dave's three leaders died on the first turn and Derek opened a 7-VP lead by Turn 5. The English controlled most of the British Isles and the coast of France, but Dave held the French interior. On Turn 7 Derek failed a 50-50 chance to take Ile-de-France by siege, while Dave used the turn to control Wales and take a 2-VP lead. Every non-neutral area of the board was controlled by one of the players on Turn 8. Dave controlled the majority of these spaces and grew his French lead to 11 VP. Derek took one more shot at Ile-de-France on Turn 9, but when his 33% siege chance failed, Dave's French lead grew, causing Derek to concede on Turn 11.

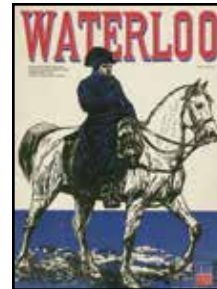


## Washington's War (WWR)

New rule changes affected both speed and balance of the event. The 1782 and 1783 *War Ends* cards became 1781 *War Ends* cards. A game could still end earlier via the 1779 or 1780 *War Ends* card or triggering of automatic victory conditions. Save for the first round, play balance was close although the Americans won each round.

In the semifinals James Pei's Brits easily defeated Marvin Birnbaum. This game drew the event's sole bid of 4 for the Americans and had no visible impact on the outcome. The other bracket was a rematch of the previous Final without the Swamp Fox setting. George Young won as the Americans in a close contest against defending champ Keith Wixson. The game came down to a battle for Montreal on the last card play of the game. The Americans won, causing Canada to be uncontrolled and leaving the Brits with just five colonies. Pei then repeated his British dominance in the Final over Young.

The sole British win in the Quarterfinals was by capture of George Washington. Overall, the Americans held a 42-30 edge but a more reasonable 27-22 advantage emerges after the first round. The elimination rounds went 4-3 for the Americans, but Pei's British play in the last two rounds might have had something to do with that. The Americans usually had to give the Brits 2 or 3 PC, but the bidding did not seem to have had much effect.

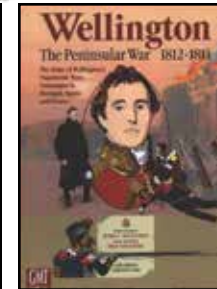


## 2013 Results

- ♣ Joe Beard, AZ
- ♠ Pat Mirk, FL
- ♠ John Clarke, VA
- ♠ Joe Angiolillo, CT
- ♠ Richard Beyma, VA
- ♠ Ed Menzel, CA

♣ Marty Musella, NC

† 25 📖 1991-2013



## 2013 Results

- ♣ Frank Morehouse, PA
- ♠ Jim McCarthy, on
- ♠ Peter Reese, VA
- ♠ Henry Russell, PA
- ♠ Patrick Duffy, VA
- ♠ John Sutcliffe, uk

♣ Patrick Duffy, VA

† 23 📖 2006-2013



Joe Beard, AZ

## Top Laurelists

Rob Beyma, MD	162
Marty Musella, VA	149
Richard Beyma, MD	133
John Clarke, FL	119
Joe Beard, AZ	100
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	61
Pat Mirk, FL	51
Joe Angiolillo, CT	45
Ray Clark, CT	39
Chuck Stapp, NJ	31



Frank Morehouse, PA

## Top Laurelists

Peter Reese, VA	172
Henry Russell, PA	81
Ed Rothenheber, MD	66
Rejean Tremblay, on	46
Frank Morehouse, PA	33
David Gantt, SC	30
Melvin Casselberry, PA	27
Al Hurda, on	24
Jim McCarthy, on	22
Jesse Boomer, KS	21

## Waterloo (WAT)

The PAA went 26-15. However, the record of the top eight players is a telling 9-6 French slate. So skillful play would seem to trump side selection. Bidding usually costs the PAA six factors or less. Enlarged maps and counters made an appearance this year, a concession to aging eyes. Playoff spots were harder to come by and it wasn't until an hour before the semifinals began that the last spot was awarded - leaving Richard Beyma, Ed Menzel, Ray Clark, Greg Smith, Tim Miller, and Gary Dickson on the sidelines after valiant pursuits.

Pat Mirk's French assaulted Quatre Bras with three attacks and two soak-offs in the first semifinal. Three DEs destroyed 19 Prussian factors at no cost to draw a quick Joe Angiolillo concession. Meanwhile, in the other bracket, the French fared far worse. On 17 June, John Clarke's French launched five attacks, including three 2-1s. John suffered two AEs and two exchanges (vs a doubled defender). The resultant loss ratio was 42:19. Joe Beard's counterattacks maintained his doubled positions and increased the attrition ratio to 57:23 in his favor by 9AM to advance.

Pat won the PAA bid for 5. Late on 17 June, his position was so precarious he launched a series of desperate attacks. But the fate that had served him so well heretofore proved a fickle mistress. Of the six attacks, five 1-1s and a single 2-1, he rolled three AEs, two exchanges, and a DB2. Joe's title defense was secure.



## Wellington (WLL)

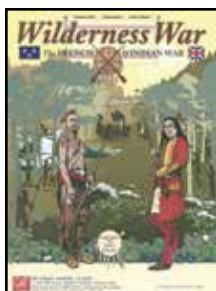
The 11 games preceding the Final yielded five Spanish and six Blue French wins. Britain, with Wellington, has the most powerful force on the board and is almost always in the best position to retake Madrid and its two VPs. The greens' chances grow longer as the game progresses inevitably toward the northeast and France. But shutout? And Britain?

The Final teamed the former championship resumes of top-ranked Peter Reese and second-ranked Henry Russell as Britain and Spain, respectively, against novice Jim McCarthy as the blues and Frank Morehouse as the greens. On Turn 1 Reese and Russell made a determined attack on the greens' Marshal Soult, destroying his entire army and taking Madrid. Game over? Not hardly.

Fortunes change quickly in *Wellington*. In one of our semifinals, Melvin Casselberry rolled 57 dice without a needed 6 to take a besieged fort. In the Final, fortune seemed to shift to the French on Turn 2. By winning a series of victories in and around Madrid, the greens were able to retake the city. Against the pressure of the last turn, the Brits and Spanish were unable to muster enough troops and the cards necessary to move them to invade France. But which French side was the winner? In the end, Frank Morehouse, who had husbanded his cards, on his last play was able to convert several spaces and bring victory to the greens—thus giving them their only win of the tournament - the last one.







### 2013 Results

- ♣ Michael Ussery, MD
- ♣ Paul Gaberson, PA
- ♣ George Young, VT
- ♣ Keith Wixson, NJ
- ♣ Doug Mercer, MD
- ♣ Grant LaDue, NY

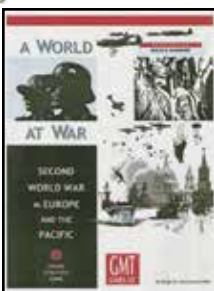
♣ Keith Wixson, NJ  
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Michael Ussery, MD

### Top Laurelists

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Keith Wixson, NJ	289
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Ron Fedin, PA	141
George Young, VT	131
Peter Reese, VA	111
John Buse, IL	99
Tom Drueding, MA	98
Rob Winslow, NY	70
Michael Ussery, MD	60



### 2013 Results

- ♣ Randy Scheers, TX
- ♣ Ken Cruz, CA
- ♣ Dave Hanson, IA
- ♣ A. J. Johnson, MD
- ♣ Paul Milne, MN
- ♣ Peter Brickwood, on

♣ Mike Crowe, VA  
† 24 📖 92-00; 02-13



Randy Scheers, TX

### Top Laurelists

Paul Milne, MN	156
Jason Moore, NY	156
Randy Scheers, TX	126
Bruce Harper, bc	121
Jon Hogen, CA	118
Elihu Feustal, IN	102
Chris Goldfarb, OR	96
Greg Wilson, NJ	96
Bill Moody, PA	96
Vic Hogen, CA	84

### Wilderness War (WNW)

The event resorted to Class B status for the first time and welcomed five new players as a result. Despite the new blood, attendance declined again and is now just a third of its debut draw 12 years ago. The games split almost evenly with the French winning ten of 18 games. However, the Brits won two of the three elimination matches.

Michael Ussery became the first new Champion since 2006, defeating defending Champion Keith Wixson in the semifinals and three-time champ Paul Gaberson in the Final. Gaberson defeated George Young in the other semifinal. Young was also stopped in the semifinals last year.

The elimination rounds proved anticlimactic. Wixson's Brits drew no reinforcement cards in the first two turns of the semifinal and lost a reinforcement card to *Ministerial Crisis* at the start of Turn 3. Facing long odds as a result, Wixson gambled all on a stab at Ticonderoga with his main army under Abercromby without a viable retreat route before the French defenders could return from winter quarters. Ussery immediately counterattacked with the French main army in a low odds attack due to British fieldworks but won the day, destroying the British force and drawing a concession. The title game was just as quick. Gaberson's

French were crippled on the first card play when Montcalm was killed at Ft. William Henry. Ussery drew plenty of early reinforcements and by late '58 was able to grind the French down in the Champlain Valley.



### World At War (WAW)

**WBC's** most unique event, which is more of an ongoing playtest and hands-on seminar workshop rather than a competitive tournament, fielded six games with two of them using starting positions that resulted from playing the unpublished *Gathering Storm* prequel.

The first offspring of *Gathering Storm* began in spring 1939, six months ahead of history. France fell in 1939, and the Soviet Union was invaded in summer, 1940. Meanwhile, Italy, which began at war with the Western Allies over Albania, was in a permanent defensive mode. Russia was "stabbed in the back" by Japan in summer, 1941, and eventually surrendered, although at great cost to Japan. Not to be deterred, the Western Allies were ashore in Europe in 1942, and eventually pressed forward, with help from a resurgent Russia, to take out Germany historically in summer, 1945. However, Germany did set off an atomic bomb, delivered by an advanced submarine, in New York harbor. In retaliation, the Allies delivered bombs to both Berlin and Tokyo the same turn, ending the game.

In the second *Gathering Storm* sequel, the game began in summer 1939. This game also featured a painfully slow conquest of France followed by a failed invasion of Russia. This was chalked up to since-corrected imbalances in *Gathering Storm*. The Axis found itself a year behind schedule. To keep the game interesting, the players decided to call a truce in Europe for a year. The final result was adjudicated as a tie in both theaters.



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### Ace of Aces (AOA)

† 39 📖 2004-2013

- ♣ Ray Stakenas II, CA
- ♣ Bill Burch, MD
- ♣ John Keating, IN
- ♣ Grant LaDue, NY
- ♣ Doug Porterfield, VA
- ♣ Noah Engelmann, MD




♣ Doug Porterfield, VA




### Adel Verpflichtet (ADV)

† 35 📖 1991-2013

- ♣ Philip Livingstone, DE
- ♣ Tamara Houde, VA
- ♣ Mark Geary, OH
- ♣ Marc Houde, VA
- ♣ Peter Staab, PA
- ♣ David Meyaard, NY




♣ Tom DeMarco, NJ




### Afrika Korps (AFK)

† 23 📖 1991-2013

- ♣ Jonathan Lockwood, VA
- ♣ Joe Beard, AZ
- ♣ Ray Clark, CT
- ♣ Vincent Meconi, DE
- ♣ Michael Day, AZ
- ♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK




♣ Jonathan Lockwood, VA




### Amateurs to Arms (ATA)

† 16 📖 2013

- ♣ Rob Doane, MA
- ♣ John Lapham, IL
- ♣ Randy Callard, IL
- ♣ Rod Coffey, MD
- ♣ Stanley Buck, MD
- ♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD




♣ Kevin McPartland, MD



### Andean Abyss (AAY)

† 30 📖 2013

- ♣ Andrew Ruhnke, VA
- ♣ Joel Tamburo, IL
- ♣ Jeff Burdett, NY
- ♣ Jonathan Squibb, PA
- ♣ Jessa Burdett, NY
- ♣ Scott de Brestian, MI




♣ Joel Tamburo, IL




### Anzio (ANZ)

† 17 📖 1991-2013

- ♣ Robert Frisby, VA
- ♣ Mark McCandless, LA
- ♣ Ed Witkowski, VA
- ♣ Vince Meconi, DE
- ♣ Paul Fletcher, CT
- ♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK



♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK




### Battleline (BAT)

† 40 📖 2001-2013

- ♣ Sean McCulloch, OH
- ♣ Samantha Berk, PA
- ♣ Brad Raszewski, MD
- ♣ Michael Sosa, FL
- ♣ David Rennert, MD
- ♣ Matthew McCracken, PA




♣ Bruce Reiff, OH



### Castles of Burgundy (COB)

† 62 📖 2013

- ♣ Jay Boring, MD
- ♣ Ted Simmons, IL
- ♣ Mikko Raimi, fi
- ♣ Andrew Norgren, NY
- ♣ Randy Buehler, WA
- ♣ Emily Bacon, PA



♣ Barb Flaxington, NJ



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**Catan: Cities & Knights (C&K)**  
 † 61 📖 2013

⚔️ Rich Shipley, MD  
 📖 Colin Crook, PA  
 📖 Josh Lanham, MD  
 📖 Matt Leader, MA  
 📖 Janet Ottey, PA  
 📖 Peter Tu, NJ

 *Chris Gnech, PA*

**Cavemen: Quest for Fire (CQF)**  
 † 60 📖 2013

⚔️ Randy Buehler, WA  
 📖 Colin Crook, PA  
 📖 Christopher Yaure, PA  
 📖 Gordon Rodgers, PA  
 📖 Lisa Shaud, PA  
 📖 Morgan LaDue, NY

 *Jennifer Thomas, NY*

**Conflict of Heroes (COH)**  
 † 24 📖 2009-2010, 2012-2013

⚔️ Josh Coyle, VA  
 📖 Jeff Lange, GA  
 📖 Ted Lange, GA  
 📖 Alexander Lange, GA  
 📖 Eric Raymond, PA  
 📖 Stan Myszak, qc

 *Jeff Lange, GA*


**Conquest of Paradise (CQP)**  
 † 23 📖 2008-2013

⚔️ Keith Ferguson, VA  
 📖 Charles Drozd, IL  
 📖 Brian Greer, VA  
 📖 Dave Dentel, VA  
 📖 Nick Smith, uk  
 📖 Andy Lewis, DE

 *Kevin McPartland, MD*

**Copycat (CYC)**  
 † 13 📖 2013

⚔️ Matthew Craig, NC  
 📖 Yuanwei Chen, PA  
 📖 Glen Pearce, on  
 📖 Doug Porterfield, VA  
 📖 Maria Calandrino, on  
 📖 Bill Kengeter, NJ

 *Jeremy Billones, VA*


**Elchfest (ELC)**  
 † 58 📖 2001-2013

⚔️ Dave Meyaard, NY  
 📖 James Carvin, PA  
 📖 Jon Gemmell, MD  
 📖 Jonathan Barnes, CA  
 📖 Brandon Bernard, PA  
 📖 Alexandra Henning, PA

 *Dan Dolan Sr, NJ*


**Enemy in Sight (EIS)**  
 † 39 📖 1991-2013

⚔️ David Cross, VA  
 📖 Gordon Rodgers, PA  
 📖 Michael Wojke, PA  
 📖 David Brooks, TN  
 📖 Joseph Burch, MD  
 📖 Paul Weintraub, MD

 *Matt Evinger, PA*

**Galaxy (GXY)**  
 † 44 📖 2000-2013

⚔️ Dan Eshleman, LA  
 📖 Max Duboff, NJ  
 📖 Mark Mitchell, VA  
 📖 Christian Winicki, CT  
 📖 Drew DuBoff, NJ  
 📖 Craig Melton, VA


 *Mark Mitchell, VA*



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**Galaxy Trucker (GXT)**  
 † 38 📖 2012-2013

⚔️ Nick Henning, DC  
 📖 Ashley Worley, ru  
 📖 David des Jardins, CA  
 📖 Karl Henning, DC  
 📖 Angela Collinson, MD  
 📖 Devon Miller, VA

 *David Finberg, MA*


**Goa (GOA)**  
 † 45 📖 2004-2010, 2012-2013

⚔️ Rod Spade, PA  
 📖 Kevin Walsh, NY  
 📖 Sceadeau D'Tela, NC  
 📖 Chris Trimmer, TX  
 📖 Randy Buehler, WA  
 📖 Alex Bove, PA

 *Chris Moffa, NJ*

**Great Campaigns ACW (GCA)**  
 † 17 📖 1993-2013

⚔️ Dave Cross, VA  
 📖 Doug Smith, PA  
 📖 Ed Beach, MD  
 📖 Greg Tanner, AZ  
 📖 Justin Rice, VA  
 📖 Geoff Allbutt, NY

 *Justin Rice, VA*


**Innovation (IOV)**  
 † 36 📖 2012-2013

⚔️ Geoff Pounder, on  
 📖 Andy Latto, MA  
 📖 Matt McCracken, PA  
 📖 Luke Koleszar, VA  
 📖 Daniel Haigh, PA  
 📖 Chris Shabsin, MA

 *Andy Latto, MA*

**Kaiser's Pirates (KPR)**  
 † 39 📖 2007-2013

⚔️ R. J. Gleaton, SC  
 📖 Mike Horn, FL  
 📖 James Kramer, PA  
 📖 Ben Collinson Sr, MD  
 📖 Gus Collars, SC  
 📖 Bryan Collars, SC

 *Tim Rogers, SC*


**Kingdom of Heaven (KOH)**  
 † 14 📖 2013

⚔️ Chris Byrd, CT  
 📖 Mark Popofsky, DC  
 📖 Roger Taylor, VA  
 📖 Scott Burns, uk  
 📖 Robert Feyerharm, CT  
 📖 Stanley Buck, MD

 *Scott de Brestian, MI*

**Last Will (LWL)**  
 † 46 📖 2012-2013

⚔️ Randy Buehler, WA  
 📖 Jason Pollack, NY  
 📖 Mike Wojke, PA  
 📖 Riku Riekkinen, fi  
 📖 Rob Kilroy, PA  
 📖 Nick Henning, DC

 *Blair Morgen, NJ*

**Leaping Lemmings (LLM)**  
 † 47 📖 2011-2013

⚔️ Tammy Wyatt-Johnson, VA  
 📖 Kevin Burns, OR  
 📖 Nick Smith, uk  
 📖 Laura Miller, PA  
 📖 Ken Samuel, VA  
 📖 Hudson Wyatt, VA

 *Rick Young, NC*







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 **Manifest Destiny (MFD)**  
 † 13 📖 2005-2013  
 🏆 Kevin Sudy, VA  
 🏆 Pete Pollard, TN  
 🏆 Bill Crenshaw, VA  
 🏆 Jeff Mullet, OH  
 🏆 Mike Horn, SC  
 🏆 Ewan McNay, NY  
 🏆 *Bill Crenshaw, VA*

 **Maria (MAR)**  
 † 17 📖 2013  
 🏆 Graeme Tate, uk  
 🏆 Dennis Mishler, TX  
 🏆 Brian Mountford, NY  
 🏆 Stephen Aslett, TX  
 🏆 Max DuBoff, NJ  
 🏆 Charlie Hickok, PA  
 🏆 *Kaarin Engelmann, VA*

 **Medici (MED)**  
 † 48 📖 1999-2013  
 🏆 Mark Smith, KY  
 🏆 Carmen Petruzelli, PA  
 🏆 Rich Roberts, PA  
 🏆 Anthony Lainesse, qc  
 🏆 Steve Shambeda, PA  
 🏆 Jason Arvey, VA  
 🏆 *Jeff Cornett, FL*

 **Mr Madison's War (MMW)**  
 † 20 📖 2013  
 🏆 Dave Stiffler, VA  
 🏆 Rob Doane, MA  
 🏆 Tom Drueding, MA  
 🏆 Randy Pippus, on  
 🏆 Robert Hammond, on  
 🏆 Scott Beall, OR  
 🏆 *Dave Stiffler, VA*

 **Napoleon (NAP)**  
 † 16 📖 1993-94; 2000-06; 2013  
 🏆 Jeff Cornett, FL  
 🏆 Doug Bryant, PA  
 🏆 Ron Draker, VA  
 🏆 James Miller, VA  
 🏆 Thomas Lee, NV  
 🏆 Sharon Bryant, PA  
 🏆 *Jeff Cornett, FL*

 **Naval War (NVW)**  
 † 36 📖 1992-2013  
 🏆 Ben Collinson Sr, MD  
 🏆 Rob Brode, MD  
 🏆 Dacey Collinson, MD  
 🏆 Mikaela Kumlander, fi  
 🏆 Scott Beall, OR  
 🏆 James Fleckenstein, VA  
 🏆 *James Kramer, PA*

 **Pro Golf (PGF)**  
 † 73 📖 1994-2013  
 🏆 Bill Morse, VA  
 🏆 Chris Kizer, CA  
 🏆 Peter Stein, OH  
 🏆 Mark Yoshikawa, CA  
 🏆 Ted Simmons, IL  
 🏆 Hilary Haagen, VA  
 🏆 *Bruce Monnin, OH*

 **Puerto Rico (PRO)**  
 † 133 📖 2002-2013  
 🏆 Henry Dove, MD  
 🏆 Dave Platnick, VA  
 🏆 Eric Monte, NY  
 🏆 Paul Klayder, KS  
 🏆 Chris Moffa, NJ  
 🏆 Loc Nguyen, NJ  
 🏆 *Richard Shay, MA*




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 **Red Winter (RWR)**  
 † 12 📖 2013  
 🏆 Jeff Coyle, VA  
 🏆 John Potts, PA  
 🏆 Johnny Wilson, IL  
 🏆 Chuck Leonard, PA  
 🏆 Kurt Kramer, NJ  
 🏆 Franklin Haskell, NH  
 🏆 *Philip Yaure, PA*


 **Santa Fe Rails (SFR)**  
 † 34 📖 2003-2013  
 🏆 Rob Kircher, RI  
 🏆 Chris Palermo, NY  
 🏆 Jeff Senley, PA  
 🏆 Michael Shea, CT  
 🏆 Bill Peeck, NY  
 🏆 Andy Lewis, DE  
 🏆 *Rob Kircher, RI*


 **Sergeants Miniature (SGM)**  
 † 18 📖 2012-2013  
 🏆 August Thiesing, NJ  
 🏆 Kelly Kriebel, PA  
 🏆 Jason Fisher, NC  
 🏆 Ron Fisher, NC  
 🏆 Todd Trahan, VA  
 🏆 Carl Sykes, NC  
 🏆 *Jeff Billings, MD*

 **Small World (SMW)**  
 † 105 📖 2013  
 🏆 Bryan Berkenstock, NJ  
 🏆 David Blisard, MD  
 🏆 Trevor Schoenen, PA  
 🏆 Maria Calandrino, on  
 🏆 Sarah Bauch, TX  
 🏆 Loc Nguyen, PA  
 🏆 *Madison Sites, CA*

 **Tikal (TKL)**  
 † 37 📖 2000-2011, 2013  
 🏆 Eric Freeman, PA  
 🏆 Riku Riekkinen, fi  
 🏆 Kevin Broh-Kahn, MD  
 🏆 Dominic Blais, qc  
 🏆 Barb Flaxington, NJ  
 🏆 Jason Ley, WA  
 🏆 *Daniel Broh-Kahn, MD*

 **Titan Two Player (TT2)**  
 † 25 📖 1994-2013  
 🏆 Aaron Fuegi, MA  
 🏆 David des Jardins, CA  
 🏆 Dan Strock, PA  
 🏆 Steve Koleszar, VA  
 🏆 Brian Sutton, MD  
 🏆 Arthur Wines, PA  
 🏆 *Rich Atwater, WA*

 **Trans America (TAM)**  
 † 51 📖 2004; 2006-2013  
 🏆 Doug Faust, NY  
 🏆 Debbie Gutermuth, NC  
 🏆 Bobbi Warczak, CA  
 🏆 Carolyn Strock, PA  
 🏆 John Pack, CO  
 🏆 Patrick Shea, VA  
 🏆 *Dave Bohnenberger, PA*

 **Twilight Imperium (TWI)**  
 † 21 📖 2009-2013  
 🏆 Rob Olsson, MD  
 🏆 Matt O'Connor, NJ  
 🏆 Peter Walsh, PA  
 🏆 Peter Putnam, PA  
 🏆 Will Kenyon, GA  
 🏆 Bernard Frick, PA  
 🏆 *Michael Buccheri, MD*



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**Virgin Queen (VGQ)**  
 † 44 📖 2013  
 🏆 Mathieu Pare-Paquin, qc  
 📖 Max DuBoff, NJ  
 📖 Ed Rothenheber, MD  
 📖 Jim Stanard, NJ  
 📖 Jeff Heidman, NY  
 📖 Justin Rice, VA  
 🐼 Ed Beach, MD

**War of the Ring (WOR)**  
 † 25 📖 2006-2013  
 🏆 Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY  
 📖 Andy Latto, MA  
 📖 Scott Burns, uk  
 📖 Jeff Pattison, MD  
 📖 Michael Sosa, FL  
 📖 Graeme Tate, uk  
 🐼 Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY

**War of the Roses (ROS)**  
 † 20 📖 2013  
 🏆 Dave Bailey, UT  
 📖 Stephen Cuyler, NY  
 📖 Scott Foremny, PA  
 📖 Jonathan Jones, VA  
 📖 Jon Winicki, CT  
 📖 Michael Rogozinski, NY  
 🐼 Craig Fox, PA

**Warparty (WPY)**  
 † 20 📖 2013  
 🏆 A. J. Sudy, VA  
 📖 Frank Mestre, NY  
 📖 Wooly Farrow, PA  
 📖 Steven Sabatino, PA  
 📖 Philip Entwistle, MD  
 📖 Zach Denysenko, NY  
 🐼 Larry Bogucki, CT

**White Star Rising (WSR)**  
 † 13 📖 2011-2013  
 🏆 Michael Masella, VA  
 📖 Derek Pulhamus, NJ  
 📖 Michael Buccheri, MD  
 📖 Sean Druelinger, MD  
 📖 John Vasilaskos, VA  
 📖 Bill O'Neal, NY  
 🐼 Sean Druelinger, MD

**Win, Place & Show (WPS)**  
 † 27 📖 1992-2013  
 🏆 Jason Levine, NY  
 📖 Bruce Reiff, OH  
 📖 Ken Gutermuth, NC  
 📖 Jeremy Billones, VA  
 📖 Scott Foremny, PA  
 📖 Craig Fox, PA  
 🐼 Jim Burnett, TN

**Wooden Ships & Iron Men (WSM)**  
 † 27 📖 1991-2013  
 🏆 Ron Glass, FL  
 📖 Jeff Miller, PA  
 📖 Dale Long, NJ  
 📖 Paul Owen, VA  
 📖 Tim Hitchings, DE  
 📖 Malcolm Smith, VA  
 🐼 Tim Hitchings, DE

**Yspahan (YSP)**  
 † 67 📖 2008-2013  
 🏆 Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY  
 📖 Marissa Bianco, NJ  
 📖 Rob Murray, NJ  
 📖 Luke Koleszar, VA  
 📖 Christopher Yaure, PA  
 📖 Rich Meyer, MA  
 🐼 Christopher Yaure, MA



All Boardgame Players Association (BPA) members of record as of June 1, 2014, are hereby notified of their right to vote for up to three members to serve on the BPA Board of Directors. Any BPA member may run for election as a Director. These individuals give their time without recompense to ensure that WBC continues on an even keel, representing all interests fairly. Candidates for the Board in 2014 include Bruce Monnin, Ken Gutermuth, Stuart Tucker and Tom McCorry.

All members have a vested interest in the operation of BPA which can be exercised through their vote for members to serve on the Board in rotating three-year terms. When contemplating their vote, members are urged to consider that the BPA conducts most of its business by email and needs Board members who are able and willing to offer their time and skills to the organization in a timely manner. Board members should be considered more for their ability to contribute to the running of a successful company than for their interest in any particular game or group.

You may vote for up to three candidates, but only once per candidate. No votes will be taken during the convention. This election will be completed by mail and e-mail by July 15, so that the newly-elected Board may con-

vene to conduct business during WBC. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. All members are urged to vote. Failure to generate sufficient votes will invalidate the election and force the organization to hold another with consequent expenses which will be borne by the membership.

Note that all paying attendees of WBC—other than one-day guests—are BPA members with voting rights. Ballots will be available only on the BPA website. The ballot includes a brief statement by each nominee. Alternately, members may e-mail their vote(s) to [election@boardgamers.org](mailto:election@boardgamers.org) from an e-mail address on file with BPA as their official e-mail address. An electronic ballot is available at [boardgamers.org/forms/boardballot.shtml](http://boardgamers.org/forms/boardballot.shtml).

All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the BPA at 3 PM on Tuesday, August 5th, 2014, in Lampeter Hall of the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, PA. **NOTE: This meeting will take place during a break in the auction.** At that meeting, members will meet the new Board and may make inquiries and suggestions regarding the activities of the association. This is your chance to influence the decision-making process that drives WBC.

2013 – 2015 Andy Lewis, DE	2013 – 2015 D. Greenwood, MD	2013 – 2015 Ken Whitesell, PA	2014 – 2016 B. Sinigaglio, AK	2014 – 2016 Joshua Githens, SC
2014 – 2016 Bruce Reiff, OH	2012 – 2014 Bruce Monnin, OH	2012 – 2014 Ken Gutermuth, NC	2012 – 2014 K. Engelmann, VA	



## Play-By-Email Tournaments



Play-by-e-mail tournaments are the answer to many players' most common complaints—lack of time and inability to find skilled opposition. BPA does not run PBeM tournaments; rather, we provide support for hobbyists willing to host events. E-mail tournaments are counted the same as face-to-face action in BPA's prestigious Caesar competition, with Laurels based solely on size of the field and the average face-to-face playing time.

Entry in these tournaments is free to current BPA members. For anyone who is not already a member, a PBeM membership costs only \$10 to cover the costs of this program.



### Event Results

- ♣ Derek Landel, NJ
- ♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC
- ♣ Jeremy Billones, VA
- ♣ Peter Stein, OH
- ♣ Steven Caler, OH
- ♣ Dennis Nicholson, NY



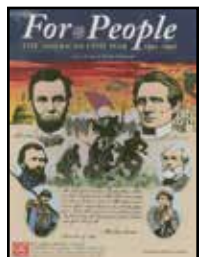
♣ Bruce Monnin, OH



### Previous Winners

- 2005 Jim Gutt, TX • 30
- 2006 Bruce Monnin, OH • 32
- 2007 Jeffrey Martin, CT • 40
- 2008 Bruce Monnin, OH • 38
- 2009 A. Warszawski, IL • 38
- 2010 D. Nicholson, NY • 42
- 2011 Bob Menzel, VT • 44
- 2012 Bruce Monnin, OH • 46

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Sean Dolbee, CA
- ♣ James Pei, VA
- ♣ Jeff Donald, VA
- ♣ Gary Kirk, au
- ♣ David Dockter, MN
- ♣ Jean Louis Dirion, fr



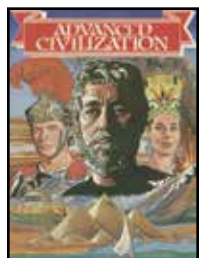
♣ Don Chappell, TX



### Previous Winners

- 1999 James Pei, VA • 24
- 2004 Stefan Mecay, TX • 46

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Kevin Youells, PA
- ♣ Mads Arv Lunau, dk
- ♣ Kevin Worth, ab
- ♣ James Gundy, FL
- ♣ Romain Jacques, qc
- ♣ Gregory Kulp, NJ



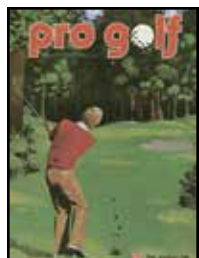
♣ Kevin Youells, PA



### Previous Winners

- 2012 Mads Lunau, dk • 31

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Dennis Nicholson, NY
- ♣ Mark Yoshikawa, CA
- ♣ Debbie Gutermuth, NC
- ♣ Mike Pacheco, CA
- ♣ Grant LaDue, NY
- ♣ Sean McCulloch, OH



♣ Bruce Monnin, OH



### Previous Winners

- 2010 L. Gutermuth, NC • 34
- 2011 D. Nicholson, NY • 41
- 2012 M. Yoshikawa, CA • 44

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Steve Likevich, OH
- ♣ Scott Spurgeon, on
- ♣ Mike Pacheco, CA
- ♣ Jonathan Moody, OH
- ♣ Gary Kirk, au
- ♣ Ed Beach, MD



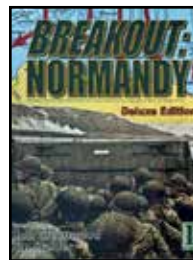
♣ Rob Doane, OH



### Previous Winners

- 2000 Ed Beach, MD • 17
- 2010 Ed Beach, MD • 51

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Andrew Cummins, uk
- ♣ Peter Brunken, de
- ♣ Mike Kaye, MD
- ♣ Scott Fenn, MD
- ♣ Henry Jones, PA
- ♣ Mark Gutfreund, KY



♣ Mark Gutfreund, KY



### Previous Winners

- 1999 Jim Doughan, PA • 34
- 2001 J. Crabtree, CA • 36
- 2003 B. Passacantando, CT • 48
- 2004 D. Greenwood, MD • 47
- 2006 T. Dworschak, GA • 50
- 2011 D. Greenwood, MD • 38
- 2012 Mark Gutfreund, KY • 36

Next event in progress



### Event Results

- ♣ Rob Mull, CO
- ♣ Lance Roberts, AK
- ♣ Rich Shipley, MD
- ♣ Michael Day, AZ
- ♣ Rachel Day, AZ
- ♣ Scott Fenn, MD



♣ Gareth Williams, ma



### Previous Winners

NA

No event in progress

### SCHEDULED OPEN GAMING:

In 2014, more emphasis is being placed on individual demos and scheduled Open Gaming opportunities 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 and 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; i.e., now.

#### Requirements:

- Must be a Sustaining or Tribune member by June 1st.
- Must submit details to CD@boardgamers.org by June 1st to include:
  - Name of published game (limit 1 game)
  - Start Time and length of game (even hours only; no half-hour starts; i.e., 7 PM, not 7:15 or 7:30)
  - Type of table; 8' rectangular or 6' round (or if either is acceptable, indicate so)
  - The table must be surrendered promptly to the next user before the next reserved timeslot

#### Limits:

- Multi-player games only - must accommodate a minimum of three players
- One reservation slot per person. Second requests will be honored on a space available basis only after all other primary requests have been fulfilled.
- All requests are based on availability. First come, first served.

## ~ Nathan's Nuggets ~



Jacob Hebner, CO  
Paydirt • 8



Angela Collinson, MD  
Circus Maximus • 9



Kevin Lewis, DC  
A Few Acres of Snow • 3



Nathan Hill, PA  
Manoeuvre • 2

94 teams entered the 23rd “Run for the Slivers” at the 2013 WBC and all the pre-race chatter was about which of the dueling handicappers would correctly predict the outcome. Neither did, if the posted odds were to be believed. The biggest overachievers may have been **Nathan's Nuggets** who won it all while coming from well back in the pack to overcome 139-1 odds. They ruined more than a few brackets in the process—having appeared on no prediction entries.

You also had to gaze all the way to mid-racing form to find the runner-up **Ski Patrol** on the Happy Handicapper's list as the Finnish team overcame 112-1 odds to place second with three titles in *Manoeuvre*, *Empire of the Sun*, and *Twilight Struggle* to edge **KGB A** (a 73-1 choice) by a single point. It was not like these guys were unknowns—all had won their events previously and, as such, they achieved their team victory without the aid of a single bonus point. The Baltic champs received more respect from our challenging Handicapper who picked them tenth. KGB A, for their part, were no babes in the woods—having tasted the Top 25 with a 19th place finish last year in the guise of the KGB Comrades. While gaining points with strength in numbers by scoring with every team member, they were led by Mark Guttag's 10-point win for *Facts in Five*. The win in the recently flourishing 75-player event tied for top individual win in the Team Tournament with Steve Squibb's predicted win in *Atlantic Storm* over a field of 110. The latter proved the big blow for the **Cardboard Heroes'** 5th place finish. Both 10-point scores benefitted from bonus points for first titles.

Our top three teams were separated by one point and two were deadlocked at the top with 22 points and had to be decided by tie-breaker with the Nuggets triumphant since their four events drew 30 more total entrants: 191-161. But it was even closer than that, since we actually had the

Finnish team winning for several weeks before discovering a scoring error that caused the tie. Bonus points were also critical with Nathan Hill and Kevin Lewis scoring two while the other five scorers were all previous event champs.

With the usual prohibitive favorites coming up short in 2013, our bracket busters had tough sledding in the annual Team Picking contest. Once again, Mark Love's 2009 record of six correct picks remained unbeaten but it is no longer unmatched as David Meyaard correctly identified six of the Top Ten teams.

Scoring was up across the board with both Top 10 and Top 25 finishes requiring two more points to make the cut. It was a big year for depth in scoring with six teams avoiding the Weak Link syndrome - garnering points from all four members (Nathan's Nuggets, KGB A, Band of Fools, Me & 3 Stiffs, Four to Beam Up, and Make My Day). 27 teams were shutout—holding steady again at 29% of the field. The highest ranked squad failing to score and thereby earn the 2013 title for Most Overrated was that forlorn bunch of Cabbies “Forgot Our Team Name” who also apparently forgot how to play despite their 48-1 odds and #5 ranking. Many a bracket backer rued this choice.

Cardboard Heroes proved the most sociable team in the Top 25—averaging 118 players per event. On the opposite end of that ledger were three teams drawing only 24 players per tournament. All in all, our 376 players selected 134 different games that meant only 22 events were not involved in the Team Tournament. *Dominion* proved to be the most popular choice with ten players, followed by *Agricola* and *Air Baron* with eight each. *Atlantic Storm* was fourth as the choice of seven players while nine events drew six each. 33 Team participants (8.7%) managed to win their predicted events—an increase of 7 titles and 1.22% over 2012 totals.

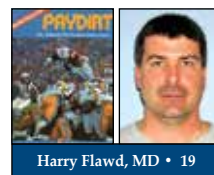
## Years of Service: 22 to 11

Core Cadre is a long overdue feature paying homage to those “what brung us” this far. Our GMs are the essence of what we are all about, without whose efforts, there simply would be no WBC. We expect more from them than is the norm elsewhere and more often than not, we get it. Everyone who takes a turn as a WBC GM has our respect and thanks, but those who return to shoulder the load year after year for the enjoyment of others are a special breed. For as much as we value the efforts of every GM, those that return with years of experience borne of trial and error are precious resources indeed.

The list below, ranked by years of service (and GM Awards ☆), encompasses our current longest serving GMs in their respective specialties with nary a break in service. Admittedly, this does a disservice to those who have taken a year off here or there—or switched between events—but we have no easily recalled records of such. So, with advance apologies for omitting those who also have served wherever needed by moving from one event to another over the years, we herewith present our Core Cadre for your consideration.



David Terry, MD • 22



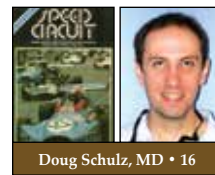
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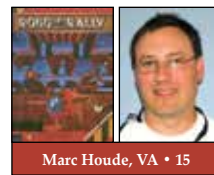
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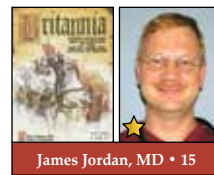
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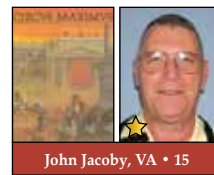
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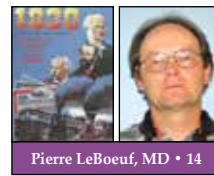
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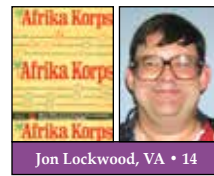
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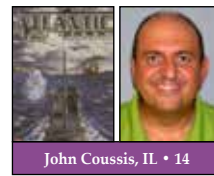
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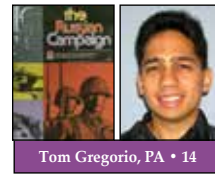
Pierre LeBoeuf, MD • 14



Jon Lockwood, VA • 14



John Coussis, IL • 14



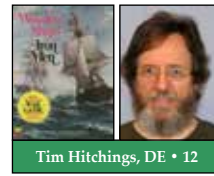
Tom Gregorio, PA • 14



Ray Freeman, CA • 14



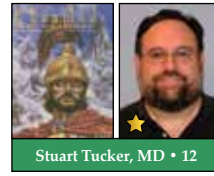
Brad Johnson, MI • 13



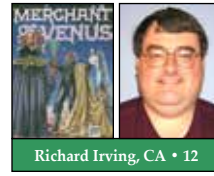
Tim Hitchings, DE • 12



Mark Miklos, GA • 12



Stuart Tucker, MD • 12



Richard Irving, CA • 12



Vincent Meconi, DE • 11





Years of Service: 11 to 8




Years of Service: 7 to 5






2013 proved to be an extremely competitive year for BPA's Top Gamer award when no one won more than two events at WBC. That meant the issue would be decided by the results of earlier minicon and email tournaments under the BPA umbrella. Such was the case with the top 11 laurelists scoring at least part of their total outside of WBC week. Given our recent divestiture of minicons, this may be the last year the issue is so heavily influenced by events outside of WBC.

Andrew Emerick paired an 86-laurel headstart at the 2012 Euroquest with wins in *Liar's Dice* and *Egizia* to score the eighth best WBC performance and emerge as our 2013 top gamer. His margin of victory over 2004 Caesar James Pei was actually much less than would appear by sheer laurel count. James had already placed second in a *For the People* email tournament months before WBC, but because that event used concurrent consolation matches to resolve lesser places and those matches dragged on long after WBC, his 36 laurels for that event were not credited towards 2013 totals. Had they been, James would have won the Caesar title by seven laurels.

Rounding out

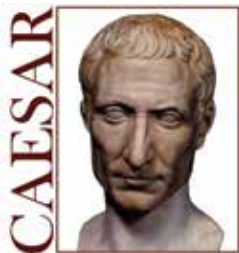
the top six BPA competitors for 2013 were Robert Kircher, Sceadeau D'Tela, Ken Gutermuth and Stefan Mecay.

Only nine of 2012's Top 25 players managed to retain that top billing led by Pei who alone of all BPA's Top Dogs has managed to remain in the Top 25 for each of the past five years. In fact, you have to go back seven years to 2006 to find the last time "The Master" did not place in the Top 25. The other top scorers to retain their Top 25 standing in 2013 were Emerick, Kircher (3rd), D'Tela (4th), the defending Caesar Randy Buehler (7th), Doug Galullo (8th), Riku Riekkinen (9th), Keith Wixson (11th) and Nick Henning (12th).



Andrew Emerick

Past Caesars		
1999	Marvin Birnbaum, NY	135
2000	Ewan McNay, CT	120
2001	Nick Benedict, CA	138
2002	Marvin Birnbaum, NY	146
2003	Nick Benedict, CA	113
2004	James Pei, VA	293
2005	Arthur Field, SC	224
2006	Jeff Mullet, OH	166
2007	Raphael Lehrner, MD	170
2008	Alex Bove, PA	159
2009	Stefan Mecay, TX	295
2010	Stefan Mecay, TX	182
2011	Randy Buehler, WA	241
2012	Randy Buehler, WA	205



CAESAR

James Pei, VA	Robert Kircher, RI	Sceadeau D'Tela	Ken Gutermuth, NC	Stefan Mecay, TX
148	139	131	126	125
- The 2013 Caesar Line of Succession -				



Even mandatory Board Meetings, Auction finances, and site inspection trips could not prevent our talented Chairman of the Board from posting the best results during WBC week to claim Consul honors for 2013 with wins in *Auction* and *Empire Builder* coupled with scores in three other events. A mere four laurels separated him from Nick Henning who posted his third straight triple-digit week while finishing first or second for the week for the third straight year. Wins in *A Few Acres of Snow* and *Galaxy Trucker* plus places in four other events fueled his 104-laurel week.

David Platnick, eight laurels behind, was third with a win in *Princes of Florence*, two seconds and a third in an all-Euro performance. But newcomer Trella Bromley in her first WBC had the most eye-opening

week. The Train Gamers exec and lone woman in the Top 25 proved she knew her stuff around the rail yard with an all-rails 98-laurel performance. Improving either of her two thirds in *Empire Builder* or *Ticket to Ride* to runner-up status would have netted another 12 laurels and the Consul title. Robert Kircher finished fifth with wins in *Amun-Re* and *Santa Fe Rails* plus three also-rans. The defending Caesar, Randy Buehler, did not give up without a fight—scoring laurels in six events and winning two—but he was unable to record a signature win to finish sixth for the week with 94 laurels in six Euros.

Notably absent from the Top 10 resumes were wargame results—with only Bruce Reiff's claim to *Battle Cry* laurels presenting any balm at all to wargamers, slim though that may be. Rounding out the Top Ten were Israeli Aran Warszawski (92 laurels) who managed to finish seventh overall without winning a single event, 2014 Caesar Andrew Emerick (91 laurels), Bruce Reiff (87 laurels) and Brandon Bernard (84 laurels).



Ken Gutermuth

Past Consuls		
2004	Devin Flawd, PA	111
2005	None	-
2006	Jeff Cornett, FL	134
2007	None	-
2008	Andy Latto, CT	129
2009	Rich Moyer, MN	100
2010	Bruce Reiff, OH	151
2011	None	-
2012	Nick Henning, DC	133



CONSUL

Nick Henning, DC	David Platnick, VA	Trella Bromley, FL	Robert Kircher, RI	Randy Buehler, WA
104	100	98	95	94
- The 2013 Consul Line of Succession -				





Our 2013 GM of the Year was **Larry Lingle** for 15 years of service to WBC—tracing back to his appointment as a 1998 original member of the Board of Directors—and culminating in his current job as tour director of WBC's own *Pirates of the Caribbean* ride.

"Cap'n Larry" has been at the helm of the *Pirate's Cove* event for nine years—during which time it has grown from humble beginnings to last year's triple-digit mega field of 121. 2013 marked its fifth straight year of rising attendance. Cap'n Larry's Pied Piper success story stems from his transformation of the Marietta room into a veritable smuggler's cove of pirate accessories ranging from talking parrots to walking the plank. His crew is a motley lot liberally adorned with eye patches and hooks while munching on chocolate doubloons. In short, its one big party and "Arrrrgh" fest.

The Cap'n owed his selection to consistently high marks from the Board, faring no worse than 7th in our 12-point scoring system, despite getting only one first place vote. His score of 77 bested runner-up Nick Ferris by seven points. Nick was a rare rookie nominee who garnered the most top votes with four top picks from our

eight board members. Nick impressed with his ability to handle two mega events (*Dominion* and *7 Wonders*), while introducing an effective new system for quickly assigning random tables.



Larry Lingle

### Past Winners

1991 – Russ Gifford, NE – ASL  
 1992 – Jim Burnett, TN – WPS  
 1993 – Glenn Petroski, WI – VIP  
 1994 – John Ellmann, MD – MMS  
 1995 – Ken Lee, PA – GCA  
 1996 – David Terry, MD – B-17  
 1997 – Will Wible, VA – ROR  
 1998 – Bruce Monnin, OH – WAS  
 1999 – Bruno Wolff, WI – TTN  
 2000 – Vince Meconi, DE – WAS  
 2001 – David Terry, MD – B17  
 2002 – John Jacoby, VA – CMS  
 2003 – Chuck Foster, TX – EPB  
 2004 – John Coussis, IL – ACS  
 2005 – John Sharp, FL – VIP  
 2006 – Don Chappell, TX – WTP  
 2007 – Ivan Lawson, MD – LST  
 2008 – Tom McCorry, VA – CAR  
 2009 – Jim Jordan, MD – BRI  
 2010 – Stuart Tucker, MD – HRC  
 2011 – Claire Brosius, MA – TTR  
 2012 – Brad Johnson, MI – DUN

Placing third with 69 points and the three top votes was Dan Dolan in his farewell appearance as the colorful GM of *Elchfest*. The voice of Dan's World and a worldwide Moose booster will be missed wherever flicking games are played or "rugsrats" roam. Rounding out our crew of Top Six GMs were Pierre LeBoeuf (61),

Terry Coleman (61) and Gregory Crowe (60). Pierre, who earned his fourth Top Six award, also is stepping down as GM of *18XX* after 14 years. By moving the event to the pre-con he returned it to its highest attendance (61) since 1994. Terry Coleman gained his second Top Six Award for his tenth presentation of the always popular *March Madness* and a second orphaned event. This year it was *House Divided* fans who had Terry to thank for keeping it on the bill of fare. Greg Crowe earned his first Top Six notice for his 11th year of *Titan: the Arena* in both adult and junior formats.



Who says romance is dead? WBC's presumably male bastion has elected a member of the fair sex for the fourth time as our Sports(w)man of the Year. **Emily Wu** won our annual membership vote handsily over a field of 15 nominees by commanding over 17% of the vote. Emily's presence was noted throughout the con as being a game and upbeat competitor in numerous wargame events heavily dominated by males where female presence is often lacking. Despite not much in the way of success in the won/loss columns, she took the experience in stride and came back for more.

That alone is worthy of notice, but when she and Geoff Allbutt got married during the convention at 9:30 on Thursday and then returned to the

Host to play in another tournament—well, her election was all but certain. In the game of life when a woman gives up her honeymoon to pursue her husband's hobby, she's a keeper! Congratulations, Geoff and Emily! As compensation for the honeymoon, the first anniversary lodgings are on us at WBC 2014. And you can even bring Geoff if you want.

All 15 nominees received votes with 310 members participating. Others receiving strong support were Tom McCorry (14%), Rob Drozd and Max DuBoff (10%), Antony Saccenti (9%) and Rose Hitchings (8%). Congratulations to all of our good sports and our thanks for making WBC a better experience for all of us to enjoy.



Emily Wu

### Past Winners

Chuck Stapp, NJ – 1992  
 Tiger Von Pagel, FL – 1993  
 Rob Kilroy, PA – 1994  
 Ian Lange, AE – 1995  
 Jim Matt, MI – 1996  
 Ed Connery, NJ – 1997  
 Frank Sinigaglio, NJ – 1999  
 Robert Sacks, NY – 2000  
 Bret Hildebran, OH – 2001  
 Kaarin Engelmann, VA – 2002  
 James Jordan, MD – 2003  
 Steve Okonski, MD – 2004  
 Bruno Sinigaglio, AK – 2005  
 Phil Barcafer, PA – 2006  
 Rebecca Hebner, CO – 2007  
 Kaarin Engelmann, VA – 2008  
 Mark Yoshikawa, CA – 2009  
 John Emery, SC – 2010  
 Larry Lingle, PA – 2011  
 Peter Eldridge, uk – 2012





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*...even the weather cooperated in 2013*



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or McCracken and Miklos...*



*...Arrgh*



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The CD annually nominates eleven people for this award. The remainder of the Board ranks the 11 plus a “no award” choice from 1 to 12. Although GM duty is the most common qualifier, it is not the only factor with more consideration given to other behind-the-scenes volunteer tasks and the 2013 honoree was well steeped in such contributions. The Board votes by secret ballot, weighing their votes according to their own particular values as to what constitutes the greatest contribution, by ranking each nominee from 12 (strongest) to 1 (weakest).

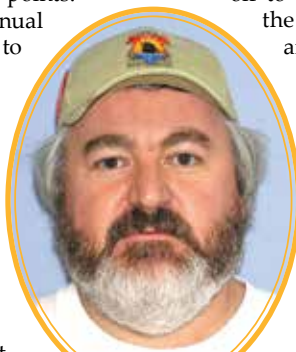
In 2013, only one nominee was listed in the top half of all eight ballots while racking up four firsts, a second, and a third to easily outdistance the runner-up by 15 points. Often in the top tier of this annual vote, this year no one emerged to deny him yet again.

While he has served as a GM on occasion when I was in need of one and he proved too slow afoot to escape my reach, our honoree won his spurs completely behind the scenes without public fanfare or much in the way of credit. He also is one of my favorite targets in our too-infrequent gaming sessions and for some reason I cannot fathom takes great glee in returning the favor at every

opportunity when the “Over the Hill Gang” meets in my basement. It is even-money which of us will keel over first loading/unloading the WBC truck in the August heat every year, but I’m betting on him.

This limey expatriate left his native Britain to bring his goofy accent and sterling work ethic to our shores, becoming a naturalized Yank and thereby enriching us colonials in more ways than I can count. Despite his highly questionable taste in friends, he is without a doubt one of the most selfless people I know in support of his hobby. Besides wasting countless hours keeping me out of computer-induced suicide, he helps with the aforementioned truck, takes time

off to drive it to Lancaster, sets up the computers, prints our signs, and generally serves as my security blanket. I’d never have lasted this long without **Roy Gibson** ...truly one of the unsung heroes of WBC. If you enjoy this annual gathering, he’s one of the main reasons why.



Roy Gibson



### Past Winners

2005

Stuart Tucker  
Kathy Stroh  
Steve Okonski  
Vince Meconi  
Mark McLaughlin  
Ken Whitesell

2006

Keith Wixson

2007

Bruno Sinigaglio

2008

Debbie Gutermuth

2009

Alan Applebaum

2010

David Dockter

2011

Scott Pfeiffer

2012

Keith Levy