



2009 Results

- ♣ Bruce Beard, MD
 - ♠ J. Vipperman, TN
 - ♠ Jim McDanold, TN
 - ♠ Mark Neale, RI
 - ♠ Rick Dutton, MD
 - ♠ Andrew Roosen, MD
 - ♣ Pierre LeBoeuf, MD
- † 32 📖 1991-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ Chris Withers, CA
 - ♠ Stefan Mecay, TX
 - ♠ Jim Doughan, PA
 - ♠ Steve Brooks, FL
 - ♠ John Wetherell, PA
 - ♠ Philip Yaure, PA
 - ♣ Michael Gentile, PA
- † 24 📖 2008-2009



Top Laurelists

Bruce Beard, MD	270
Jim McDanold, TN	120
Jon Kwiatkowski, NC	104
Paul Hakken, NJ	103
Barrington Beavis, uk	90
Mark Neale, RI	72
Pierre LeBoeuf, MD	54
Richard Fox, IL	50
David Fritsch, VA	40
Chuck Krueger, MA	26



Top Laurelists

Chris Byrd, CT	70
Chris Withers, CA	54
Stefan Mecay, TX	50
Terry Coleman, CA	30
Steve Brooks, FL	24
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	20
Justin Nordstrom, PA	20
J. Francois Gagne, qc	16
Jim Doughan, PA	12
Keith Schoose, CA	12

18XX (8XX)

31 rail enthusiasts tried gamely to unseat champion Bruce Beard, seeking his fifth straight 8XX title. Ten were new to the event and three reached the semi-finals, though even more were eligible. Their efforts went for naught however as Bruce prevailed with comfortable wins in five of six games including a winning margin of \$2500 in the Final to claim the longest current WBC winning streak.

There were again four preliminary rounds, with 1826 and 1846 added to the four more widely available games. 1830 remained the most popular choice, by 7-6 over 1861. There were only three 1856, two 1870 and one game each of 1826 and 1846. The players were offered the alternate 6 train in the 1830 prelims with newer players to make bankruptcies less common, but none included it, and there were only three bankruptcies.

The Final matched (in turn order) Mark Neale, Jim McDanold, defending champion Bruce Beard, and Jeremy Vipperman. Bruce had gone 3-1 in the preliminary rounds, with Mark, Jim, and Jeremy posting records of 1-2, 1-3, and 2-2. Jeremy was appearing in his first Final, but Mark (3), Jim (5), and Bruce (7) were all on familiar turf. Mark took the C&SL for \$50 and the D&H for \$75. Jim got the M&H for \$150, Bruce the C&A for \$200, and Jeremy the Schuylkill and the Baltimore & Ohio privates at cost (\$20 and \$220).



18XX moves to Pre-Con status in 2010.

1960 (960)

The populace appeared to sour quickly on presidential politics as attendance dropped 56% with the election behind us. Only 24 vetted candidates appeared for this year's presidential campaign. News spread quickly that incumbent Chris Byrd would not be running for re-election. Early returns indicated a tight election. Nixon and Kennedy split the first 12 games with average electoral scores of 263-255 for Nixon. One candidate had to drop in the second round with no news of his whereabouts. Reports he was hiking the Appalachian Trail proved false. Returns continued close, with Nixon winning three of five by an average 277-250 score.

Six advanced with three winners and the highest scoring loser surviving to do battle once more. Stefan Mecay and Chris Withers enjoyed lopsided victories, while Jim Doughan edged Steve Brooks, allowing both to continue. Kennedy won on all three boards with a 120+ electoral vote margin. There was little drama in the primaries (semis) with Withers' Nixon winning big over Brooks and Mecay's Kennedy defeating Doughan.

The Final was a showdown between the WAM winner, Mecay, and 2008's WBC runner-up, Withers. Chris's Nixon dominated the early going and won all the debates but Stefan refused to throw in the towel. A late October push and some election day recounts closed the gap, but Chris nonetheless persevered for a 277-231 win. The final tally was 12 wins for Nixon and 11 for Kennedy.





2009 Results

♣ Dan Eshleman, NC
 ♠ M. Beuregard, qc
 ♡ Cliff Ackman, PA
 ♢ James Pei, VA
 ♣ Davyd Field, SC
 ♤ Pete Gathman, NJ

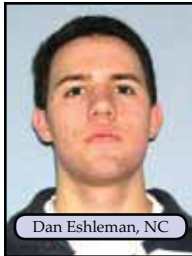
♣ Cliff Ackman, PA
 † 65 📖 1991-2009



2009 Results

♣ Philip Yaure, PA
 ♠ Marc Houde, VA
 ♡ Pam Gutermuth, FL
 ♢ Jessica Hardesty, MD
 ♣ Jonathan Izer, MD
 ♤ D. Rynkowski, NY

♣ Tom DeMarco, NJ
 † 47 📖 1991-2009



Dan Eshleman, NC

Top Laurelists

Justin Childs, FL	88
Steve Shambada, PA	51
David Gantt, SC	44
Matt Calkins, VA	42
Phil Bradley, IL	38
Jason Ley, WA	36
Gary Moss, MD	36
Dan Eshleman, NC	30
Matt Amitrano, VA	30
Ed Kendrick, uk	30



Philip Yaure, PA

Top Laurelists

Ray Pfeifer, MD	104
John Pack, CO	85
Tom DeMarco, NJ	81
Thomas Browne, PA	72
Marc Houde, VA	60
Mark Geary, OH	57
Nick Henning, CT	36
A.ex Bove, PA	33
Abby Cocke, MD	33
Philip Yaure, PA	30

Acquire (ACQ)

A new GM brought the return of heats rather than continuous play Sunday morning and WBC responded by more than doubling attendance. 24 games were played over three heats and with the GM partaking only if needed to complete a multiple of four, all preliminary games were 4-player contests. Schedule conflicts took a heavy toll among the qualifiers with only 13 qualified winners and alternates opting to continue. Three semi-final games were played with the highest percentage runner-up taking the last seat.

The Final was contested by four new laurelists with only 5th place Davyd Field able to add to his former totals. It featured classic opening moves with participants either starting a hotel or playing along the board edge. What players didn't account for were the number of edge tiles other players had. Three hotels were created in corner 12I, two in corner 1I and Festival in corner 12A. Dan Eshleman created the first hotel but Marc Beuregard caused the first merger generating a junior bonus for him and senior bonus for Cliff Ackman. Dan came back strong with first place in World Wide, a recreation and then merging it again one turn later to win with \$50,300.

Of the 24 games played, the average winning total was \$50,600. Runner-ups collectively scored 81% of the winning total, third place 66% and fourth place 53%. Players who created the first chain won only 25% of the time while those placing the opening tile created the first hotel at a 50% clip.

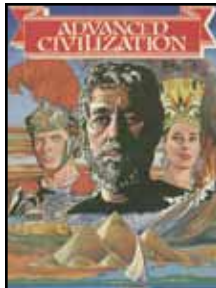


Adel Verpflichtet (ADV)

By cutting Preliminary games from four to three, and semis from two games to one, two hours were saved in the first major format change of the event. Eight tables soldiered on for the third set of qualifying games. Pam Gutermuth won three times, garnering a perfect score of 15. In the semi, Pam won yet again, as did Marc Houde, Jessica Hardesty and Phillip Yaure. Jonathan Izer was the best runner-up at spaces past the finish, and so became the fifth finalist.

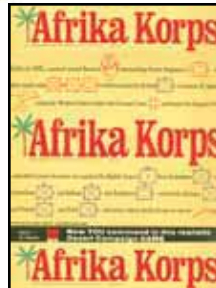
Marc started the Final with a big lead on the opening stretch, but was passed by Jon at the first corner. Jessica then gained the lead at the first purple (2/1) space. Unbeaten Pam took the lead on the back stretch. Marc, the only former laurelist, overtook Pam and led to the last purple space. On the next turn Phillip passed him to land on the last space—just short of the finish. All five went to the Castle on the next turn. Marc was the only one to Exhibit, moving five spaces forward and four spaces past the finish, but he lost a piece of art to Jon, who played the only thief. Phillip, Pam and Jessica all played a Detective and advanced. For the final showdown, Phillip had the largest set at nine cards and advanced eight spaces to finish at +9 spaces for the win. Pam had the next largest set, but her four-space gain only moved her two past the finish into third place as she lost for the first time. Jessica finished at +1 space for fourth while Jon took fifth at -3 spaces. Phillip thus took the shield in his first ADV tournament.





2009 Results

- ♣ Kevin Youells, PA
- ♠ Ken Rothstein, NY
- ♣ Christina Harley, WA
- ♠ Kevin Hillock, VA
- ♠ Shantanu Saha, NY
- ♣ Jennifer Drozd, IL
- ♣ Shantanu Saha, NY
- † 32 📖 1991-2009



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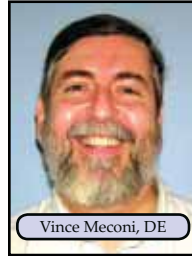
- ♣ Vince Meconi, DE
- ♠ John Popiden, CA
- ♠ Jon Lockwood, VA
- ♣ Jim Tracy, OH
- ♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
- ♣ Pat Mirk, FL
- ♣ Jon Lockwood, VA
- † 20 📖 1991-2009



Kevin Youells, PA

Top Laurelists

Doug Galullo, FL	266
Kevin Youells, FL	224
Joe Gundersen, IN	186
Eric Gundersen, NJ	125
Shantanu Saha, NY	113
Christina Harley, WA	70
Harald Henning, CT	50
Ted Mullally, NJ	50
John Morris, MD	40
Ken Rothstein, NY	30



Vince Meconi, DE

Top Laurelists

Vince Meconi, DE	161
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	141
Jon Lockwood, VA	140
John Popiden, CA	105
Randy Heller, MD	78
Ed Menzel, CA	76
Bert Schoose, IL	75
Lane Newbury, TX	48
Greg Smith, PA	44
Barry Smith, NY	30

Advanced Civilization (ADV)

The "fast game" variant debuted with shortened trading times, limited turns, and a one-use "credit card" for points to buy advances. The amount of the credit grew the longer its use was delayed.

Three of our finalists were prior champs, with defending champion Christina Harley (Assyria), 2007's Kevin Youells (Crete), and 1994's Ken Rothstein (Babylon) trying to recapture past glory. Prior finalists returning for another chance included Justin Nordstrom (Africa), Kevin Hillock (Egypt), and Shantanu Saha (Thrace). Jennifer Drozd (Iberia) and Jacques Romain (Illyria) made their first Final appearance. Board positions were determined randomly with trading permitted as Kevin attempted to unload Crete to no avail.

Crete opened to the east to counteract Assyria's growth, leaving the Balkans open, which Illyria exploited. War was threatened but never came, as Illyria was cut down by a Civil War, with Crete as the beneficiary. Africa went with an early Mining strategy that worked too well. After an impressive purchase round, Africa was targeted with multiple calamities, continuing long after others had passed him. In the end it came down to the three prior champs as Kevin and Ken were both convinced the other would win, while being wary of Christina. Kevin launched a naval attack on Ken, sacking one



of his cities and grabbing a trade card for the final round. The trading was furious with few calamities seen. Kevin came away with a 300 point victory despite his inability to trade away Crete.

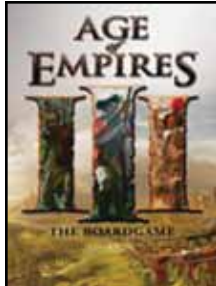
Afrika Korps (AFK)



The Final was a rematch of a 34-turn marathon from several years previous (maximum length is 38 turns). John Popiden's Germans had average supply losses from April through June (two), and engaged in an initial siege of Tobruch rather than an all out assault. His first attack of 6-1 surr. on May I eliminated a 2-2-6 at no cost. His next attacks on May II eliminated another 2-2-6 with a 5-1, and one of two 1-1-6s with an exchange on a 1-2 attack. After a brief pause, John resumed the attack on June II, but sustained heavy casualties, getting exchanges on a pair of 3-1 surr. attacks against a 4-4-7 and a 1-1-6, plus a "D Elim" on a 1-1 surr. vs the remaining 1-1-6. The Germans were now down to 24 factors and seven units (including one at their home base in Tripoli).

John then resorted to his own version of the Holy Hand Grenade in July I, launching a 1-1 attack against a 4-4-7 and 3-3-7 in Tobruch that resulted in an exchange, with devastating casualties. Even though Ariete was able to advance into Tobruch following the subsequent 3-1 attack on the remaining 1-1-6 (which also drew an exchange), the Afrika Korps was down to four units totaling 10 factors. Even worse, the British were now in position to seal Ariete inside Tobruch and produce a siege of their own until the November reinforcements arrived. John conceded what would be his last AFK game, making Vince Meconi our first three-time champion. Sadly, we lost John to heart failure this past December. He will be missed.



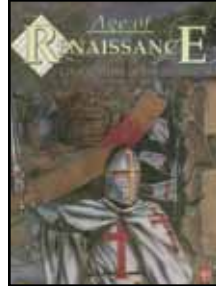


2009 Results

♣ Ryan Sturm, NY
 ♠ David Duncan, PA
 ♣ Brad McCandless, LA
 ♠ Winton LeMoine, CA
 ♠ Eric Engelmann, MD
 ♠ Erica Kirchner, KY

♣ Ben Knight, MD

† 20 📖 2008-2009



2009 Results

♣ Ted Simmons, NJ
 ♠ Eric Wrobel, VA
 ♣ Kevin Sudy, VA
 ♠ Ken Gutermuth, NC
 ♠ Eugene Hourany, CA
 ♠ Jeff Mullet, OH

♣ Ted Mullally, NJ

† 23 📖 1996-2009



Ryan Sturm, NY

Top Laurelists

Evan Davis, IN	30
Ryan Sturm, NY	20
Jacob Hebner, CO	18
David Duncan, PA	12
Alex Gregorio, PA	12
Bill Morgal, MD	9
Brad McCandless, LA	8
Winton Lemoine, CA	6
Kaarin Englemann, MD	6
Eric Engelmann, MD	4



Ted Simmons, NJ

Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	356
Bill Crenshaw, VA	331
Ken Gutermuth, NC	276
Ewan McNay, CT	256
Harald Henning, CT	187
Chris Byrd, CT	186
Steve Simmons, NJ	185
Kevin Sudy, VA	138
Mark Smith, KY	120
Carl Damcke, IL	120

Age of Empires III (AE3)



Without multiple heats, attendance fell 40% to drop from the Century. All Round 1 games were 4-player contests with two resulting in just three-point spreads between first and third. In contrast, David Duncan won by the largest spread and had the highest score (125). Tom Cannon lived up to his surname by blasting the perceived leader through Warfare—on Turn 4 alone killing six colonists and one soldier.

Duncan was joined in the Final by Winton Lemoine, Eric Engelmann, Brad McCandless and Ryan Sturm. All favored Initiative to grab a better place in the Turn Order. Winton used Discovery and Trade Goods, launching an expedition every turn of Age II, leading in discoveries and purchasing Mercantilism on Turn 7. Ryan pursued colonization and Trade Goods, leading in VPs at the end of Age II, and dominating four of the nine regions. Brad opted for Warfare, buying Training Grounds and Stable. Eric invested in sugar, rum, and privateers, buying Wealth on Turn 7. He was in position to buy a second capital building that turn but chose not to, saving four VP but leaving a 1/5 chance that the building he wanted next—Navy—would not appear. And it didn't, so he lost potentially many more VPs. David emphasized colonization and Specialists, buying Glory on Turn 7. On Turn 8 he and Winton grabbed three of the four Warfare slots to prevent most of Brad's attacks. Eric, already snubbed by fate, suffered again when his Turn 8 expedition encountered one too many Natives. Ryan cemented his victory on Turn 8 by securing Population.



Age of Renaissance (AOR)



Many people appeared for the demo despite the game's age and then put what they learned to the test in a heat. As befitting a year in which it fell from the Century after a 13-year run, there was a lot of chaos. Three players chased out and they all seemed to share a table with new champion Ted Simmons! Conversely, in the qualifying heats there were three Buy Outs at 2100 in Advances and two more in the Final for a total of five out of 32 player starts. Those were not the only interesting developments. One game saw practically everyone take a different path on Turn 5, with players choosing Cathedral, Ocean Navigation, Industry, and low misery as separate points of emphasis. Industry proved the best path in that instance. Other unusual events were someone owning Middle Class before purchasing Overland East, London not leaving the Island until Turn 5, and an unusual Barcelona Caravan strategy.

The Final was contested by 2007 champ Kevin Sudy (Barcelona) and 2002 champ Ken Gutermuth (Paris) who both bid 3 to tie for first choice with Kevin winning the dice roll. Eugene Hourany got third pick with a bid of 1 which became Venice, while Ted Simmons (Genoa) and Eric Wrobel (London) picked up the leavings in the low rent district. Chaos would raise its ugly head again—making a rare Final appearance as newcomer Eugene fell victim to an early demise. Ted, a veteran of many Enlightenment campaigns, would persevere to win his first title.

The event will turn to Pre-Con status in 2010 in an attempt to reverse its declining attendance.

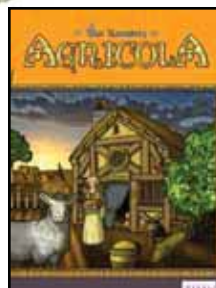




2009 Results

- ♣ Martin Sasseville, qc
- ♠ Pierre Paquet, qc
- ♣ Marc Imbeault, qc
- ♠ John Karr, PA
- ♠ Mario Veillette, qc
- ♠ Bruce Hodgins, on

♣ Peter Staab, PA
 † 36 📖 2004-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ Tedd Mullally, NJ
- ♠ Richard J. Shay, MA
- ♣ Mike Kaltman, PA
- ♠ Bill Crenshaw, VA
- ♠ Winton Lemoine, CA
- ♠ Steve Koleszar, VA

♣ Malinda Kyrkos, NY
 † 98 📖 1991-2009



Martin Sasseville, qc

Top Laurelists

Pierre Paquet, qc	114
Martin Sasseville, qc	108
Mario Veillette, qc	42
Richard Irving, CA	39
Michael Holmquist, WI	24
Marc-Andre Imbeault, qc	18
Nathalie Malenfont, qc	18
Peter Staab, PA	18
Craig Moffitt, NJ	12
Keith Altizer, FL	12



Tedd Mullally, NJ

Top Laurelists

Tedd Mullally, NJ	50
Rob Kirchner, RI	48
Richard J. Shay, MA	30
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	30
Bill Crenshaw, VA	27
Mike Kaltman, PA	23
David Platnick, VA	18
Rod Bacigalupo, MD	12
Winton Lemoine, CA	10
Alex Bove, PA	9

Age of Steam (AOS)

My pappy told me never to start a snowball fight with Eskimos, and by the same logic I'm beginning to suspect I shouldn't challenge a French Canadian to a game of *Age of Steam!* I'm going to have to brush up on my high school French if I want to follow my finalists' conversation. For the fifth time, three of the four finalists were from Quebec.

The first heat had 32 participants in eight games using four different maps. Five were played on the Rust Belt map. The closest game saw Mario Veillette tying Ben Stephenson and winning on the fewer loan tiebreaker. In another nail biter, Richard Irving, the lone U.S. champion, defeated Kevin Wojtaszyk by a point.

13 qualified to advance, but conflicts claimed one so we had three 4-player games in the semi-final with the top runner-up joining the victors in the Final. The games instantly became more ruthless with the first two bankruptcies of the tournament occurring in the same game. In that bloodbath, Pierre Paquet defeated Bruce Hodges by the largest margin of the week (38 points) to reach the Final for the fifth straight year. The second game had Marc-Andre Imbeault defeat Mario Veillette by four points for his first Final appearance. The third game turned out to be the closest of the tournament with scores of 81, 80, 79 and 77. John Karr managed the victory by



taking only seven loans compared to 14 and 15 for the other players to overcome a huge income deficit. Martin Sasseville finished second to also qualify for the fifth time.

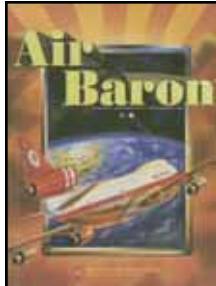
Agricola (AGR)

There were three double winners in the Preliminaries; David Platnick, Richard J. Shay and Winton Lemoine. The semi-finals consisted of four 4-player games. Shay defeated Jesse Dean, Daniel Eppolito, and Ryan Sturm. Bill Crenshaw topped Richard Meyer, Richard M. Shay, and John Fanjoy, while Tedd Mullally beat Rob Leveille, Platnick, and Herbert Gratz. The last table was won by Mike Kaltman with 46, defeating Lemoine and Steve Koleszar tied for second at 43 and Doug Mercer with 33. This 3-point margin of defeat was the closest of the semis, earning them 5th and 6th place Laurels respectively. Defending champion Rob Kircher and 2008 5th place laurelist Joshua Cooper each won a heat, but due to tiebreakers didn't place high enough to advance. The Final was one of the closest games of the tournament, with Mullally's 51 narrowly edging Shay's 49, Kaltman with 43 and Crenshaw with 37.

The most successful cards (those played more than once overall and won at least half of the time when they were played) were: Sawhorse (played 12 times/won 6 times), Swing Plow (11/6), Granary (5/4), Stone Cart (5/3), Clay Worker (15/10), Brushwood Collector (10/5), Market Woman (10/5), Slaughterman (10/5), Resource Seller (4/3), Traveling Salesman (4/3), Smallholder (4/2), and Veterinarian (3/2). Some notable exclusions from this list are the Lover (11/5), Wet Nurse (11/3), Adoptive Parents (1/1), and Reed Hut (1/0).

The 2010 event may allow any of the three decks to be played in the heats and use a card draft.



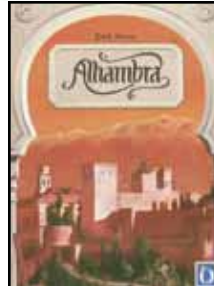


2009 Results

♣ Chris Storzillo, NJ
 ♠ Jim Fleckenstein, VA
 ♠ Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA
 ♠ Pat Richardson, VA
 ♠ Stephane Dorais, qc
 ♠ Philip Shea, FL

♣ Henry Richardson, VA

† 60 📖 1996-2009



2009 Results

♣ K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
 ♠ Carolyn Strock, PA
 ♠ Robert Drozd, IL
 ♠ D. Gutermuth, NC
 ♠ Matt Amitrano, VA
 ♠ Alfred Smith, NC

♣ Debbie Gutermuth, NC

† 99 📖 2004-2009



Chris Storzillo, NJ

Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	131
Chris Storzillo, NJ	108
Ken Rothstein, NY	82
Robert Sohn, PA	74
Brandon Bernard, PA	64
Michael Musko, IN	50
Jack Jaeger, VA	50
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	46
Erica Kirchner, KY	40
Jonathan Fox, FL	40



Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY

Top Laurelists

Nate Hoam, OH	54
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	30
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	30
Vassili Kyrkos, NY	30
Michael Mullins, MA	30
Bruce Reiff, OH	30
Holliday Jones, MD	20
Carolyn Strock, PA	18
Luke Koleszar, VA	18
Matt Calkins, VA	18

Air Baron (ABN)

At the end of the Final's Rd 1, the first Bid Contract had been sold for \$4 and three players were broke—purchase poor. They bought West Palm Beach, San Diego, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Seattle, all of which had been the first steps to past victories, but Lady Luck struck early, keeping San Diego in the cup and Green penniless for the next four rounds. The second Bid went to Blue for \$5. By the time Blue broke the \$50 market share barrier, throwing the first calamity in the cup and clearing the way for \$10 loans, he had gobbled up the other two spokes in LA. Finally, in Rd 5, San Diego and LA were drawn, yielding \$8 for Green. On his turn, he took the first \$10 loan, immediately lost \$7 of it to a Crash, and plowed the rest into Minneapolis-St. Paul for \$8. As the last player in the round, Blue went into Fare Wars, drew the Bid for the \$3 Contract (which went to Orange for \$10), and diced his way into control of Phoenix and \$90 market share before losing his takeover attempt in San Diego. He took San Diego in a Rd 8 Fair Wars but sold it to a Rd 9 Fuel Cost, only to buy it back on Rd 10.

Meanwhile, during all this western chaos, Orange had slowly solidified its NY hub and when Blue led off Rd 13 with a Recession, Chris Storzillo decided his time had come, went into Fare Wars and romped through Yellow's hubs, taking over Detroit, Washington, and Miami. He raised his market share plus cash to \$335, claiming his second Air Baron title in the process.



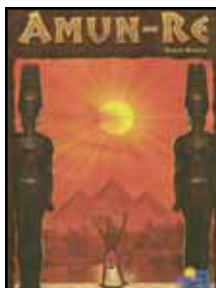
Alhambra (ALH)

We again had 25 tables during the two preliminary heats with all games being 5-player contests, yielding five four-player semi-final games.

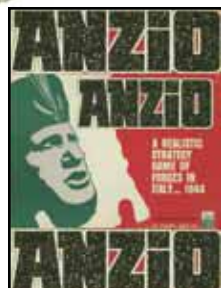
Kevin Wojtaszczyk's 107 gave him an eight-point spread over Ed Roberts 101, Devon Miller 100, and Vassili Kyrkos 99. Debbie Gutermuth won by only 4 over Alfred Smith's 101 and ended Dan Hoffman's defense of his title. Carolyn Strock scored the largest win by 32 over Meghan Friedmann. Matt Amitrano used the longest wall to top Thomas Saal. Robert Drozd won the last Final seat from John Lewis despite the latter having the longest wall built in the semis.

The Final saw Kevin take an early lead with the longest wall (9). By the second scoring round, Carolyn and Matt had taken leads in Green and Blue respectively. Ties stagnated the other point positions. Carolyn had increased her wall from four to 11. At this point, Kevin held a two-point lead over Carolyn. In the last scoring round, there were many ties for point positions with White being split four ways. By this time Matt had only gained two more tiles. This left Matt with the lead in Blue, a tie in White, and one in all the other colors. This gave Matt a very colorful and diverse palace—albeit one in last place. Debbie tied in many of her buildings which prevented her from threatening the leaders. A one-point difference between second and third separated Carolyn and Robert. Kevin pulled out the victory by adding to his wall and being included in many of the leading position ties.





2009 Results
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 ♠ Alex Bove, PA
 ♣ Raphael Lehrer, CA
 ♠ Curt Collins II, PA
 ♠ Greg Thatcher, CA
 ♠ K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
 ♣ Jeremy Billones, VA
 † 57 📖 2003-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Tom Oleson, WA
 ♠ Paul Fletcher, CT
 ♣ Robert Ryan, MI
 ♠ Mike Scott, MD
 ♠ Bill Scott, VA
 ♠ Bill Riggs, VA
 ♣ Bob Ryan, MI
 † 19 📖 1991-2009



Eric Freeman, PA

Top Laurelists

Greg Thatcher, FL	100
Arthur Field, SC	91
Eric Freeman, PA	64
Nick Anner, NY	51
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	43
Evan Tannheimer, MA	42
Alex Bove, PA	40
Rich Meyer, MA	30
Sam Atabaki, CA	30
Curt Collins II, PA	27



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Stephen Likevich, OH	74
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	32
Carl Walling, PA	30
Chris Harris, VA	25
Paul O'Neil, MD	21
Mark Bayliss, uk	17

Amun Re (AMR)

Heat 1 fell victim to a scheduling snafu and drew only 27 players compared to 48 players for Heat 2. Play slowed considerably in the semis as the stakes rose, removing the wheat from the chaff, as all six laurelists added to prior totals in the event.

Alex Bove was randomly made the Final's first Pharaoh for the second straight year, though he did not monopolize it as he had in 2008. Players were miserly with their money early; only two provinces went for as much as ten gold, only once did a player spend more than that on their actions, and the largest sacrifice was four in a permanent drought. Eric Freeman was the 15-14-10-8-6 leader at the end of the Old Kingdom with Alex in second. The purses opened in the New Kingdom: Avaris with three Pyramids went to Eric Freeman for 21 in Rd 4, Dakhla to Alex for 21 in Rd 5, and Memphis to Alex for 15 in Rd 6. Though sacrifices remained low, actions got more expensive, with Eric spending 19 with the last action rd. Final scoring was 36-36-32-28-27. Both Eric and Alex held eight pyramids with no stones. Each had seven farmers, but Eric had the temple in Amarna, an 8-7 edge, and with it, the 2009 title.

Having the most Pyramids (12-6, 52-45) remains a more reliable strategy than Cash (3-17, 30-69) or the halftime lead (9-13, 43-58) over the past five years. 4-player games were played with three provinces removed (Abydos, Amarna, and Kharga). Due to the removal of the 4-power-card province, the requirement for the Power Card bonus card was reduced from 7 to 6.



Anzio (ANZ)

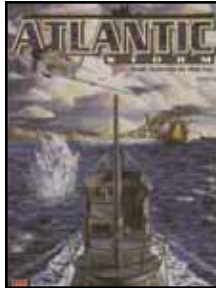
The Grognard scoring system advanced four to elimination play. Winning the 15-turn scenario, Sicilia scenario and the 21-turn scenario earned 15, 5, and 21 points respectively plus a bonus point for each win a loser previously had. Only the best three games count. This effectively deals with the issue of playing more games or only being involved in matches with less experienced players. The qualifiers after nearly a week of play were: Mike Scott: 78, Tom Oleson 61, Bob Ryan 48 and Paul Fletcher 40.

Top-seeded Mike, at his first WBC, met Paul's Germans by landing at Terracina and managed to weather numerous counterattacks but his Nov 1 second invasion near Rome fared poorly and Paul earned a shot at his third crown.

Ryan met Oleson in the other semi. Bob stationed the 16th Panzer at Termoli so Tom landed at Naples and executed his Second Invasion on Nov II at Terracina—drawing a German concession on Dec III.

The Final was a rematch of frequent foes. Tom invaded at Terracina and again at Anzio at the earliest opportunity, giving the Germans early use of reaction forces. As both sides shifted their forces into the Rome area, the battle raged for the high ground east of the beach for seven turns, with the Frascati hill changing hands often. The British 7th Arm'd division died there, surrounded. It was a game of closely massed divisions, many 1-1 attacks, heavy losses and free use of the reroll. But this time Tom's crossing of the Tiber was not to be denied.



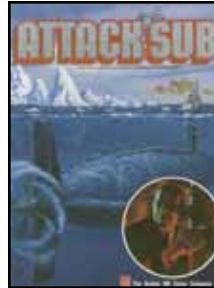


2009 Results

- ☛ John Elliott, MD
- ♣ Gary Libby, RI
- ♣ Ben Collinson, MD
- ♣ Bruce Young, SC
- ♣ Carmen Petruzzelli, PA
- ♣ Jeff Heidman, NY

☛ Keith Hunsinger, OH

† 120 📖 1998-2009



2009 Results

- ☛ Bill Edwards, VA
- ♣ Rob Schoenen, PA
- ♣ J. Fleckenstein, VA
- ♣ Tim Mossman, MD
- ♣ John Emery, SC
- ♣ George Young, VT

☛ Steve Caler, PA

† 28 📖 1991-2009



John Elliott, MD

Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	102
Roy Gibson, MD	100
Scott Buckwalter, MD	96
Rob Winslow, NY	95
John Elliott, MD	84
Henry Richardson, VA	60
Bob Eastman, OK	60
Bruce Young, SC	52
Robert Barnes, WV	50
Ben Knight, MD	49



Bill Edwards, VA

Top Laurelists

Bill Edwards, VA	76
Daniel Hoffman, NC	52
David Sidelinger, CT	40
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	35
John Conlon, OK	33
Rob Schoenen, PA	32
Steve Caler, PA	32
Buck Karpowitz, DC	30
Brian Conlon, OK	28
Greg Courter, MI	24

Atlantic Storm (ACS)

Most of the 120 entrants played at least two of the four heats. 40 players won a heat with only Stephane Dorais able to bag two—a feat that did not get him to the Final. The finalists were defending champ Bruce Young, Gary Libby, John Elliott, Ben Collinson, Carmen Petruzzelli, and Jeff Heidman. The latter three were new to the laurel table, while the first trio was repeating laurelists. Ben immediately demonstrated to the others that he knew the game well by declaring surface and escorting a full 1940 convoy to safety with the Renown. Round 3 saw a major surface battle over QP 11 (a minor convoy)—with everyone involved. The battle began when John victimized Gary's Edinburgh, but it was Bruce's King George V that won the day, and he shared spoils with Ben.

After Round 4, everyone had points, but Ben still led. In Round 5, Carmen daringly called a 1940 sub battle for HX 72 and played the Wolverine, which Gary defeated with Prien's U47 (the card that Wolverine is supposed to fate). Gary followed that victory by winning the next round—a sub battle in which everyone joined—pulling ahead of Ben. However, John won the next two convoys, which netted him 13 VPs for convoys alone, and he was now in the lead with an eight-card hand. The next battle was John's to select, and like the expert he is, he called air for the full, 1941, 7-point SC 44. Carmen and Gary tried to oppose him and had a slight advantage, but John rolled high enough to take the convoy and the spoils, thus gaining a big lead, and the title on his fourth try at the brass ring.



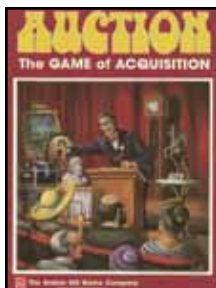
Attack Sub (ATS)

Three players emerged from three Swiss rounds unbeaten; John Emery (who showed no favoritism in defeating his son who was 2-0 at the time), George Young, and James Fleckenstein. Tiebreakers were needed to select five of the 13 2-1 players to join them in the elimination rounds. The final eight included four of seven past champions in attendance: Emery, Bill Edwards, Bruce Young, and David Sidelinger. Joining them were Tim Mossman (fresh from learning to play at the demo), George Young, Rob Schoenen, and James Fleckenstein.

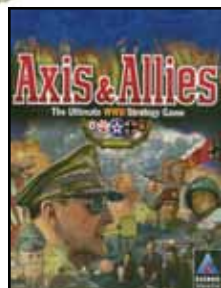
Mossman continued his rags to riches run by defeating Emery in the Quarters. The other two-time champ fared better as Bill handed George his first loss. But the two other champs both lost. In the semis, the rookie's luck ran out as Bill bested Tim in Scenario H with the boomer while Rob enjoyed the opposite result vs James.

Bill chose the boomer scenario again for the Final and Rob went NATO for their second straight match of scenario and side for each. Rob got off the first shot, but missed. Bill's boomer likewise missed but narrowly. All Rob could do was play passive sonar. Bill's second attack did sensor damage and Rob's next two attacks malfunctioned. It looked like Rob might be able to turn the tables when Asheville joined to start the second deck, but it was not to be. The boomer managed to escape on its third try in the second deck for Bill's third ATS title.

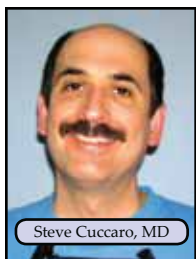




2009 Results
 🏆 Steve Cuccaro, MD
 🏆 Arthur Field, SC
 🏆 Marc Houde, VA
 🏆 Ken Gutermuth, NC
 🏆 Carol Haney, CA
 🏆 Robert Buccheri, MD
 🏆 George Sauer, OH
 † 32 📖 1993-2009



2009 Results
 🏆 Andrew Murphy, PA
 🏆 Joseph Powell, VA
 🏆 Brad Tumey, NY
 🏆 Ty Hansen, DC
 🏆 Doug Bailor, DE
 🏆 Philip Shea, FL
 🏆 Craig Yope, MI
 † 25 📖 1999-2009



Steve Cuccaro, MD

Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	70
Arthur Field, SC	50
George Sauer, OH	34
Steve Cuccaro, MD	32
Jeff Mullett, OH	30
Jon Lockwood, VA	22
Mike Stanley, OH	20
James Tyne, OH	20
Ray Stakenas II, MI	20
Andy Gardner, VA	20



Andrew Murphy, PA

Top Laurelists

Philip Shea, VA	192
Joe Powell, VA	180
Kevin Keller, MD	162
Pat Mirk, FL	99
Phil Rennert, MD	96
Andrew Murphy, PA	76
Tim Rothenhoefer, MD	68
Ty Hansen, DC	64
Brian Fitzpatrick, VA	54
Charles Michalek, NV	40

Auction (AUC)

LRegulars Jon Lockwood, Kate Taillon, Ken & Lisa Gutermuth and Bruce Reiff all punched their ticket to advance during the Mulligan Rd. The second-chance Round 1 put an early end to Mike Stanley's title defense in the guise of young Henry Pfeiffer. Our illustrious champ imitated my wife by ending the game with less money than he started!! Carol Haney, Arthur Field, Jason Levine and Steve Cuccaro won to advance.

12 played on knowing that with only three semi games the best runner-up would also advance. Arthur won handily while Ken edged Steve by selling his last item—Queen Anne—for 100% and just making the \$7500 needed to win. However, Steve made enough to slip in the back door with his close second. Marc Houde, crushed his table including yours truly, by over \$4000. And so, began my pitiful week...

The Final would be contested by two past champs, a relative newcomer in Houde, and the sneaky KGB head Cuccaro. Arthur jumped out to an early lead with Prints and Glassware, but made a fatal mistake selling Rare Miscellany trying for the win. Marc had a set of books, but was waiting around for more Queen Anne furniture that never showed. Ken, *not* showing why he is a past champion, was never a factor. However, our sneaky KGB Chief got himself an additional Buyers card and was able to add Arthur's Rare Miscellany to his hand for the win. Arthur finished second and Mark third. And a new member was added to the exclusive club known as WBC Auction champions.



Axis & Allies (A&A)

The 12 Round 1 games included five former champs, some promising newcomers, and even the GM who was pressed into play to even out the field. One new arrival joined 19 holdovers for Round 2. Defending champ Kevin Keller evened his record at 1-1 after a close first round loss, while '07 champ Ty Hansen dropped to 1-1 courtesy of the same newcomer, Brad Tumey. Meanwhile, two-time champ Phil Shea and Andrew Murphy looked unruffled cruising to easy wins and were joined in the unbeaten ranks by '06 champ Joe Powell and a pair of new contenders—Doug Bailor and Konrad Bergandy. At the end of three rounds, the SE field was set with Andrew Murphy against Ty Hansen and Brad Tumey versus Joe Powell.

Joe won with 13 VTs to Brad's 11. A failed UK amphib attempt on Eastern Europe was the difference. Meanwhile, Andrew won 14 VTs to 10 and bounced a former champ in Ty, but more importantly, had set up a chance for redemption with a rematch of the 2006 title game.

The grind of two straight days of grueling matches seemed to weigh heavily upon Joe the longer the Final wore on. From missed moves to questionable choices, the mistakes started to add up. Eventually, Andrew was able to comfortably burn assets to lessen Joe's ability keep the pressure on and take needed VTs. The final tally of 16 Axis VTs to Joe's 8 told the tale all too well as the old guard surrendered the title to a new champ.



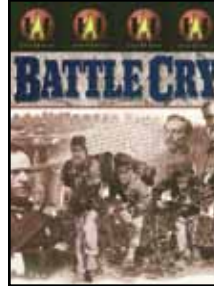


2009 Results

♣ Rich Moyer, MN
 ♠ Paul Risner, FL
 ♣ Ruth Evinger, PA
 ♠ Mike Windle, DE
 ♠ Paul Weintraub, MD
 ♠ Phil White, MD

♣ Dave Terry, MD

† 47 📖 1992-2009



2009 Results

♣ Steve Lollis, MD
 ♠ Ben Knight, MD
 ♠ Bill O'Neal, NY
 ♣ Terry Coleman, CA
 ♣ Bill Alderman, VA
 ♣ Jack Morrell, NY

♣ Jeff Cornett, FL

† 32 📖 2001-2009



Rich Moyer, MN

Top Laurelists

Paul Risner, FL	211
Richard Moyer, MN	156
William Rohrbeck, NH	106
Keith Hunsinger, OH	100
Dan Dolan Sr, NJ	60
Dave Long, NC	60
Stephen Quirke, WI	56
Eric Stranger, OH	52
Judy Krauss, PA	42
Jim LeVay, MA	40



Steve Lollis, MD

Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	60
Philip Shea, VA	54
Ben Knight, MD	51
David Metzger, NY	33
Steve Lollis, MD	33
Larry Lingle, PA	30
Robert Eastman, NV	30
Barry Shoults, MI	30
Josh Githens, SC	30
Ilan Woll, CT	30

B-17 (B17)

We had a record 47 pilots as our squadron keeps on growing. This year, our missions took us to Stuttgart, La Pallice and Emden, historical raids which occurred in September 1943. Our bombardiers were the heroes led by Ken Richards who scored a 96% bomb run on Mission 3.

At the start of each mission, the GM provides scenarios to brief players on the setup, target, air cover and weather, complete with a detailed historical synopsis of what really happened on these missions. We fly in six-plane squadrons with three pairs for each scenario. You dice for your gunners and your wingman rolls the German dice, each attempting to destroy the other while you struggle to the target and back. *B-17* is a game system that condenses and enhances the risks faced in WW2. Fighters come in wave after wave, anti-aircraft artillery is more ferocious and the damage to planes and crews more deadly than one would encounter on the average run. Because most of the crews suffer casualties and perform heroic acts, each year AGM Mike Lam contributes medals for various acts of courage and outrageous fate. In 2009 we awarded five Medals of Honor, a Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and five Air medals!

Friday's 2200 "After Action Meeting" remains a big success as we reopen the Officer's Club, hand out medals, report the results, and conduct the 5th Annual Showing Table—ending with a showing of another episode of *Twelve O'Clock High*.



Battle Cry (BCY)

Scenarios were determined randomly with extra card draws bid to choose sides. Players avoided the Confederates in Murfreesboro, New Market and Pickett's Charge. The Union was dodged in Kernstown, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Devil's Den. After bids, the sides tended to balance out with players winning on both sides except for Antietam where the Confederates won all four even though the Union had up to three extra draws. The next most lopsided scenario was New Hope Church where the Confederates won four of five (although the preference for sides was mixed).

After five rounds of Swiss play, eight advanced. Ben Knight and Bill Edwards were unbeaten followed by Roy Gibson, Bill Alderman and Terry Coleman with 4-1 records. Three advanced with 3-2 marks aided by luck of the draw: Steve Lollis, Jack Morrell, and Bill O'Neal—the latter persevering after losing his first two games. O'Neal continued his come-from-behind streak in the Quarters by handing Edwards his first loss. Knight remained unbeaten, dispatching Morrell. Lollis defeated Alderman as Coleman downed Gibson.

Knight and Lollis won in the semis to force the only rematch of the event. The Bull Run Final was a nip and tuck affair with Ben rallying to tie the score at 5-all. Steve could only respond with a cavalry skirmish which ran down the Union artillery for a 6-5 Confederate win. Each ended 6-1, giving the other their only defeat, but Steve's win came at the end when it counted most.





2009 Results

- ♣ Phil Evans, fr
- ♠ Bill Morse, VA
- ♣ Forrest Pafenberg, VA
- ♠ John Clarke, FL
- ♠ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
- ♠ Bob Ryan, MI

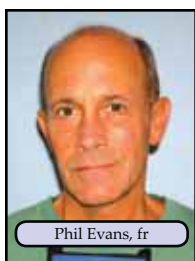
♣ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ
 † 20 📖 1991-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ Chris Ellis, FL
- ♠ Michael Shea, CT
- ♣ Steven Shedden, TN
- ♠ Phil Barcafer, PA
- ♠ Steve Lollis, MD
- ♠ Jeff Paull, IN

♣ Phil Barcafer, PA
 † 15 📖 2007-2009



Phil Evans, fr

Top Laurelists

Steve Likevich, OH	152
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	106
Phil Evans, fr	82
Bill Morse, VA	75
Bob Ryan, MI	60
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	57
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	39
John Clarke, FL	28
Randy Heller, MD	21
John Grant Jr, CT	20



Chris Ellis, FL

Top Laurelists

Allen Kaplan, NJ	30
Keith Levy, MD	30
Steve Lollis, MD	20
Chris Ellis, FL	19
Matt Evinger, PA	18
Michael Shea, CT	15
Alex Bell, MD	12
Jim Shaw, PA	12
Bill Powers, VA	9
James Dougherty, PA	6

Battle of the Bulge (B81)



27 games were played in the preliminaries to keep this classic Century-bound for the eighth straight year. Only 12 were won by the Germans, but two of those came in the playoffs. The results since 2003 give the Germans a 99-95 edge. Making it to the Final Four was perennial hard luck runner-up Forest Pafenberg (48 pts), '06 champ Bill Morse (44 pts), John Clarke (40 pts) and two-time champ Phil Evans (38 pts) who had been kidnapped and taken to France by a beautiful French partisan.

Paffy's luck, or lack of it, held true in the semis while John Morse crushed Clarke in the other semi-final with a spectacular opening assault. The 395th infantry was engaged and seven units were eliminated by various means. As a result, John's 16AM American line was too thin and too many units were sacrificed to plug holes. On 16PM another five units were eliminated and free German movement to the west on the German 17AM turn could not be stopped even with air interdiction.

In the Final, Evan's 16AM attacks trapped three US units and eliminated four more in the north and center. In the south the 110th Infantry was exchanged. The US barely scraped together an acceptable line. On 17AM and PM major breakthroughs are averted in the north, but the American losses are unsustainable. A German artillery concentration in the center allows them to take Bastogne on 18PM. On 19AM they capture an Ourthe River bridgehead for Phil's third B81 title—some 15 years after his first.



Battlelore (BLR)



Attendance fell 43% to drive this event from the Century ranks. Adding Specialists allowed the diehard players to really customize their forces. When players had the expansions, the favored additions were the Long Bows followed by Mounted Knights.

The Swiss rounds cut the field to four. The elimination rounds gave each player a card set from Call to Arms to set up their own army. Chris Ellis played Steven Shedden, while Michael Shea drew Phil Barcafer. In this game there are some card combinations that can be game changers, if not game enders. One is Long Bow with Darken the Sky. Shea took the Long Bows, played Darken the Sky and had his Cleric use Eagle Eye. Thus, all his Bowmen had two shots, hitting on shields and having an extra die. The results were similar to Agincourt, with Barcafer's Mounted Knights dying in place. While Ellis and Shedden had a closer game, Ellis entered the Final without a loss.

In the last match each player picked their own Call To Arms deck and used all the expansion sets. Both picked Mounted Knights. Ellis added Long Bows, while Shea took Halberdiers. It didn't take long for another deadly card combination to appear. Ellis played Enhanced Mass Might with Mounted Charge to kill two crossbow units. An Ambush eliminated Shea's Mounted Knights to take a 4-0 lead. What followed was a slow game of attrition, which Ellis won with his big lead to take his first WBC wood ever, until later in the week, when he added a second for Stone Age.

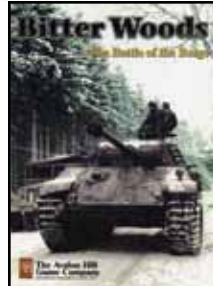




2009 Results

- ♣ Jim Tracy, OH
- ♠ John Vasilakos, VA
- ♣ David Stiffler, VA
- ♠ Rob McCracken, DE
- ♠ Andrew Maly, MD
- ♠ Dale Long, NJ

♣ Rob McCracken, DE
 † 21 📖 1999-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ Tom Gregorio, PA
- ♠ Bill Morse, VA
- ♣ Randy Heller, NH
- ♠ Bob Ryan, MI
- ♠ Kevin Hacker, PA
- ♠ Michael Mitchell, GA

♣ Ed Witkowski, VA
 † 26 📖 1999-2009



Jim Tracy, OH

Top Laurelists

Mark Miklos, GA	189
John Vasilakos, VA	78
Dale Long, NJ	77
Jim Tracy, OH	72
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	64
Cliff Hansen, NM	48
Volko Ruhnke, VA	42
Andrew Maly, MD	35
John Miklos, GA	30
Don Hanle, VA	27



Tom Gregorio, PA

Top Laurelists

Randy Heller, NH	202
Tom Gregorio, PA	191
Bob Ryan, MI	128
Phil Evans, fr	94
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	57
Steve Likevich, OH	57
Bill Morse, VA	54
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	54
Mike Mitchell, GA	42
John Grant Jr, CT	35

Battles of the Am. Revolution (BAR)

The Mulligan round drew nine games of Eutaw Springs played to a virtual draw (4-4-1). Two of the eventual three finalists *lost* and had to return for Round 1. Five games in Round 2, with Dale Long accepting the bye presented us with a three-game Round 3 to create three winners for the 3-player Savannah Final. Round 3 was the semi-final using Saratoga. Top billing goes to Jim Tracy for taking the baggage train from Dale Long's British command. Dave Stiffler handled Rob McCracken's redcoats roughly while Andy Maly and John Vasilakos played the tensest game of the lot, as the issue went down to the final die roll before John emerged triumphant.

The Final started auspiciously, as each player got his preferred side—with Jim taking the redcoats vs Dave's Americans and John's French. The latter got along famously for much of the game. These allies had held the initiative for the entire tactical phase until Turn 20 when in the second half of his double move, Tracy pulled the ace from his sleeve: His one and only card play: "Commander Initiative"—adding to his units' movement allowances. Jim decided to use this sudden reach against the downtrodden Americans. John's White Coats were simply too strong to dent at the time, and Dave's line was exposed by Jim's actions in the second half of Turn 19. Dave had some disrupted units behind the line that were fair game, and Jim went all out against the Americans to break their morale and win the game and the title.



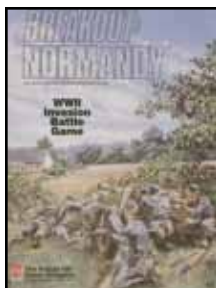
Bitter Woods (BWD)

It was another milestone year for *Bitter Woods*. In this 11th incarnation, not only was there record attendance with 22 just in the Mulligan Round, the event was also graced with the presence of the "Patton's Relief" scenario which saw usage in addition to the traditional six- and eight-turn scenarios.

The final four featured familiar faces and three former champs; Tom Gregorio vs Randy Heller and Bill Morse vs Bob Ryan. Tom topped Randy to take a 3-2 lead in their head-to-head rivalry while Bill Morse secured his semi win over Bob with a fortuitous advance that resulted in the capture of Eupen.

Since Bill had recently defeated Tom, it was with some trepidation that the latter agreed to play the Germans in the Final. Bill's defense was rock steady but Tom won the 50-50 roll and Skorzeny snuck through and enabled the elimination of three US units and the additional 'trapping' of a valuable artillery unit. The artillery survived the initial assault but succumbed on the US turn because it was forced to counterattack and couldn't move. Some tactical misplays led to the Germans capturing Eupen and Trois Ponts, the destruction of sufficient American units for the victory point and the preservation of German mech forces gave the Germans four VP. At this point, Bill conceded to give Tom his third straight *BWD* title and fourth overall.





2009 Results
 ♣ Nels Thompson, NY
 ♠ A. Applebaum, MA
 ♡ K. Hammond, NY
 ♣ Mike Kaye, MD
 ♠ Mark Gutfreund, KY
 ♣ Jim Doughan, PA
 Andrew Cummins, uk
 † 20 📖 1994-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Rick Kirchner, KY
 ♠ Matt O'Connor, NJ
 ♡ Ewan McNay, NY
 ♣ Barry Smith, NY
 ♠ Sarah Sparks, nz
 ♣ Rich Curtin, NY
 James Jordan, MD
 † 37 📖 1991-2009



Nels Thompson, NY

Top Laurelists
 Don Greenwood, MD 322
 Andrew Cummins, uk 276
 Nels Thompson, NY 258
 Alan Applebaum, MA 204
 Jim Doughan, PA 187
 Jim Eliason, IA 176
 Bryan Eshleman, NC 153
 Marvin Birnbaum, NY 151
 Tom Dworschak, GA 136
 Henry Jones, PA 136



Rick Kirchner, KY

Top Laurelists
 Ewan McNay, CT 293
 Nick Benedict, PA 192
 James Jordan, MD 96
 Mark Smith, KY 82
 Scott Pfeiffer, SC 73
 David Gantt, SC 70
 Rick Kirchner, KY 64
 Richard Curtin, NY 64
 Barry Smith, NY 52
 David Yoon, NY 41

Breakout: Normandy (BKN)

The player pool is now regarded as a shark-tank with many skilled players having absorbed the harsh lessons of the game with six former champions still tilting in the lists. New players however can surprise. Kevin Hammond in his first face-to-face encounter took down ex-champs Greenwood and Doughan before being stopped in the semi-finals by a third champion, Alan Applebaum.

There have been some subtle changes in the bidding since last year, the average bid remaining approximately the same at 36-37 supply for the Germans. But early round bids have increased somewhat (32-35) while later round bids have subsided from the heights of 50-70 seen last year towards 40-45. The overall results still favor the German side with 13 wins out of 24 (0.54) down from last years (0.65). Interestingly, the Allies won seven of the last 12 and four of the final six. It seems that increased bidding and improved strategy with the Allies is indeed narrowing the gap.

Defending champion, Nels Thompson, again reached the Final to face Alan. They agreed to play with the no magic bridge variant, using cards instead of dice and with Nels taking a rare turn as the Allies.

At the end of the 8th, with Allied progress poor and the German position east of Caen weak, Nels decided his best hope was a breakout. He switched gears and successfully broke out to the east—a rare occurrence against top play and claimed his third straight title.



Britannia (BRI)

Blue suffered a relapse in 2009 with but two Bwins compared to six Red, five Green, and five Yellow. The Ewan McNay memorial award, ahem, rather the Red High Score award, went to, naturally, Ewan McNay, with a score of 324 (yes, it is mathematically possible). Perhaps I should just put his name on it next year. Next, Nick Benedict almost hit 300 with a 299 for Green—again, mathematically possible. Next, we had Rick Kirchner with the very respectable Yellow High of 244. Rounding it out, Jim Lawler pulled out the single Blue win in the heats to get the High Blue at a paltry 229. Last, we had Llew Bardecki pulling a 180 to grab Ethelraed the Unready. But Llew kept coming back to better his score and ending 2nd by a point put Llew into the semi-finals.

There were 16 players in the semis with nine winners and seven runners-up advancing. While the semi-finals were exciting in their own right, let us pass quickly to the Final, where three of the players repeated their semi-final colors. We had Ewan McNay as Yellow (Purple), Matt O'Connor as Blue, and Rick Kirchner as Green. Barry Smith played Red; former laurelists all.

But when the dust settled and the points were counted, the quiet Green people, led by Rick Kirchner, had won. And a tight one it was too. Green came in at 227, Blue at 225, Yellow at 223 and Red trailed not far behind at 205.

Meanwhile, that silver plate is growing crowded and we'll have to christen another one soon.



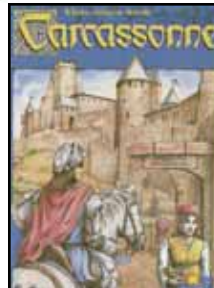


2009 Results

♣ Danny Lewis, DE
 ♠ Brian Hanechak, MA
 ♠ Anna Marion, PA
 ♠ Evan Cagwin, PA
 ♠ Larry Lingle, PA
 ♠ Chris Greenfield, NY

♣ Beth Zhao, TX

† 184 📖 2006-2009



2009 Results

♣ Lisa Gutermuth, NC
 ♠ Jeff Mullet, OH
 ♠ M. Mattingly, PA
 ♠ L. Dan Hoffman, MD
 ♠ Jon Gemmel, MD
 ♠ Rob Kircher, RI

♣ Tom McCorry, VA

† 59 📖 2002-2009



Danny Lewis, DE

Top Laurelists

Danny Lewis, DE	30
Anne Nortio, NJ	30
Rob Winslow, NY	20
David Burkey, PA	20
Brian Hanechak, MA	18
Ted Drozd, IL	18
Anna Marion, PA	12
Cheryl Burkey, PA	12
Nick Page, on	12
Jay Fox, NJ	12



Lisa Gutermuth, NC

Top Laurelists

Robbie Mitchell, VA	69
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	56
Scott Buckwalter, MD	42
Olin Hentz, CT	36
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	33
Katie McCorry, VA	30
Jennifer Drozd, IL	30
Richard Jones, uk	30
Meredith Mattingly, PA	26
Lisa Gutermuth, NC	23

Can't Stop (CNS)

Every night at WBC has a late night slot at 11 EPM filled with light fare that draws big crowds and Wednesday now appears to belong to Can't Stop which posted its third attendance increase in a row—each year's increase greater than the one before. Participants played four fast-paced, raucously loud rounds—the first with whatever group would have them—before the field was narrowed down to four finalists.

The survivors were Evan Cagwin, Brian Hanechak, Danny Lewis, and Anna Marion. It took three rounds of play before each player held a position on the board. These players truly took the definition of *Can't Stop* to a new level—they busted (gained no movement on their current position) 66% of the time to the delight of a small crowd of late night onlookers. This bust rate was overtly encouraged by a shouting throng of 25 people urging the continual pressing of their luck. Despite their cheers and questionable advice, Anna was the first one to close out a column (#8). Following a complete round of busts, Evan finally joined her in closing out a column (#4). This was followed by more busts, until Brian joined the scorers by closing out the #7 column. There were several more busts until Danny made a run for the win. With no columns closed out at the start of his turn, he was



able to gain enough momentum to close out the #5, #6, and #9 columns in a single turn. From rags to riches, young Lewis again showed his dad how easy it is to win wood.

Carcassonne (CAR)

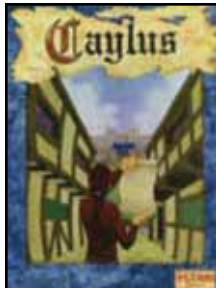


With Dominion starting an hour earlier and running long and *Ticket to Ride* scheduled to start at the same time we discovered who the really dedicated players were. Consequently, *Carcassonne* dropped from the ranks of the Century. The first round was a multiplayer format with 4-player games using the basic set (71 tiles plus the starting tile) and the Inns and Cathedral expansion which adds another 18 tiles giving players 22 tile plays. The goal was to have 16 winners advance.

Round 2 started the 2-player format with one straight road tile removed from the basic set to give each player an equal number of plays (35) per game. With only 15 winners appearing, Rob Kircher by random selection had to play the GM (in an Eliminator only role) but was able to dispatch him easily 83-66. Round 3 was highlighted by a classic tussle between Jeff Mullet and two-time defending champion Robbie Mitchell. Robbie finally met his match after 11 straight WBC *Carcassonne* wins. Things didn't get any easier for Jeff in the semi-finals as he had to face 2004 champion "Legendary" Dan Hoffman but he was on a roll and advanced to the Final for his ultimate test. Waiting for him was the victor of the other bracket, Lisa Gutermuth to return the title to the family where it was first won in 2002 by Debbie Gutermuth. Lisa edged Jeff in a 124-120 nail biter.

In 2010 we will add a multi-player multi-player round to enable a 32-player two-player playoff.

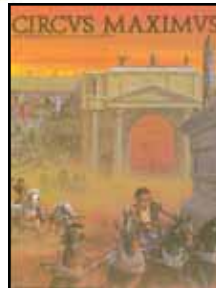




2009 Results

- ♣ Peter Putnam, PA
- ♠ Andrew Gerb, MD
- ♣ Sam Atabaki, CA
- ♠ Jeff Meyer, MA
- ♠ Mike Kaltman, PA
- ♠ Rich Meyer, MA

♣ Mike Kaltman, PA
 † 45 📖 2006-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ Mark Neale, RI
- ♠ Rebecca Hebner, CA
- ♠ Chris Hancock, CA
- ♠ Tony Musella, VA
- ♠ Phil Livingston, DE
- ♠ Stephanie Welch, MA

♣ John Jacoby, VA
 † 89 📖 1991-2009



Peter Putnam, PA

Top Laurelists

Peter Putnam, MD	97
Andrew Gerb, MD	74
Sam Atabaki, CA	64
Jeremy Spencer, NC	40
Rich Meyer, MA	33
Michael Kaltman, PA	32
Rod Spade, PA	22
Jeff Meyer, MA	18
Raphael Lehrer, MD	12
Chris Trimmer, TX	12



Mark Neale, RI

Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	225
Steve Katz, VA	144
Tom Saal, MI	120
Anthony Musella, VA	117
Scott Sirianna, NY	80
John Tighe, NJ	72
Bill Beckman, SC	72
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	68
Mike Stanley, OH	60
Karl Henning, CT	56

Caylus (CYL)

34 players competed on nine boards in Heat 1, with 11 new players joining eight from the previous heat to contest five boards in Heat 2. Ken Horan won games in both heats. Due to an odd number of attendees among the winners and top alternates, exactly 14 players advanced to the semifinals, with two 3-player and two 4-player games held. The 3-player games were won by a pair of returning laurelists: Jeff Meyer (edging Ryan Sturm by 6) and Sam Atabaki (who dominated his table, winning by 26). The other 2008 finalists lost incredibly close contests to former champions: Rich Meyer fell to Andy Gerb (who won his second heat) by four points, earning 6th place, while new GM and 2008 runner-up Mike Kaltman lost by a single point to Peter Putnam to take 5th place laurels.

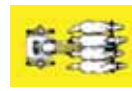
No castle builds or wood buildings were made in the first two turns of the Final as all players hoarded resources and cash. The Tower Phase would only take three rounds before the 14 requisite batches would be accepted. All 17 wood and stone buildings were built, but only one residence (by Andy, who had no gold), and so no Prestige buildings. As a result, it was the lowest scoring game of the tourney. Peter edged Andy by a point, 65-64, with Sam getting third with 58 and Jeff (who was shut out of the castle in that final phase) fourth with 39. Last year's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place laurelists finished, in order: 3rd, 5th, 6th, 4th, and 2nd and this year's champion was the 2008 GM.



Circus Maximus (CMS)

No less than nine former champs drove in the 2009 circus but none would repeat. The Final drew two light, a medium and seven heavies. On Turn 2, Mark Neale's Light took four hits to its right wheel and sustained another pair of hits to its left the following turn. He lashed his horses to get away from the rabid heavies nipping at his (w)heels and was jostled but pulled out of range as long as he maintained his maximum speed and chanced damaging his wheels further. On Turn 8, the other light flipped while Mark's right wheel lost another spoke. With at least nine turns left, everyone agreed that he would never see the finish line and the pack turned on itself in earnest behind him. On Turn 12, a sixth spoke came off the right wheel. Mark then "encouraged" his horses a tad too much and went to 0 endurance as he entered the last turn. The crowd held its breath in anticipation of the "splat" about to come. However, only a seventh spoke grudgingly gave way from the right wheel and a third from the left. The wheelwright was heard to loudly proclaim above the crowd to one and all his brand on the wheels in question. On Turn 17 Mark straddled the finish line and proudly wrote the manly speed of 17 to the cheers of the crowd only to finally have his right wheel give way as he surfed to victory—a battered but proud winner.

In 2010, the Demo Derby heat will be replaced by a special obstacle course complete with stream, bridge, and numerous obstacles.





2009 Results

♣ Bob Heinzmann, FL
 ♠ Brian Hanecek, MA
 ♠ Rob Winslow, NY
 ♠ Jim Mehl, VA
 ♠ Bryan Collars, SC
 ♠ Dan Dolan, NJ

♣ Joel Tamburo, IL

† 56 📖 2007-2009



2009 Results

♣ Rick Young, NC
 ♠ Bill O'Neal, NY
 ♠ Tony Curtis, OK
 ♠ Steve Cuyler, NY
 ♠ Eric Raymond, PA
 ♠ James Terry, NJ

♣ Andy Lewis, DE

† 34 📖 2006-2009



Bob Heinzmann, FL

Top Laurelists

Bob Heinzmann, FL	118
Mike Galandiuk, OH	40
Bryan Collars, SC	32
Brian Hanecek, MA	24
David desjardins, CA	24
Bob Jamelli, PA	18
Rob Winslow, NY	16
Greg Courter, MI	16
Chris Storzillo, NJ	16
John Wetherell, PA	12



Rick Young, NC

Top Laurelists

Bill O'Neal, NY	79
Brian Conlon, CT	46
Tony Curtis, OK	42
Rick Young, NC	30
Jack Morrell, NY	24
Jeff King, ME	18
Andy Finkel, uk	18
Riku Reikkinen, fn	12
Allan Kaplan, NJ	12
Steve Cuyler, NY	9

Combat Commander (CBC)

A Mulligan round followed by six Single Elimination rounds churned a record 56 players in a maelstrom of vicarious combat. Ultimately it came down to a tense Final between the original champion Bob Heinzmann's Canadians and Brian Hanecek's Germans fighting over the Italian city of Ortona in 1943 with Bob ultimately reclaiming his crown.

Play balance improved as the scenarios had roughly even records. As these scenarios were designed using the built in scenario designer provided with the game it stands as a testament to the strength of that system.

I want to extend special thanks to Bryan Collars, who not only went way above and beyond in his conduct as Assistant GM but also was my nominee for Sportsman of the Year for his conduct in the games he played. The color scenario cards were created by Bryan, who also collaborated with me in scenario design and provided the necessary loud voice to get everyone's attention when I was not equal to the task.

Finally, I look forward to next year as *Combat Commander* attempts to post its fourth straight year of increasing attendance. You, the player can have input into the design of the event by visiting the *Combat Commander* discussion topic



on ConSimWorld and joining in. We'd like to know what would make the event more enjoyable for you—aside from a few more good cards at opportune times.

Commands & Colors Ancients (CCA)

The first round used the pod system of 4-player groups with each player playing the other three in their group in the same scenario, Bagrades, with the best record advancing automatically. Side selection was handled by players bidding victory banners; something with a more known effect on the outcome than the things we tried the last two years. Carthage improved on things considerably this year as they went 31-18 (up from 33-27 in 2008). 15 games were decided by one banner and 12 more by two. None of the bids were crucial as the difference was always greater than the bid.

The eight group winners advanced to quarter-finals of Cynoscephalae from the 1st Expansion which were conducted as two-game matches, playing both sides against the same opponent. Tony Curtis and Rick Young won both games while Stephen Cuyler and Eric Raymond split but advanced on tie-breakers. O'Neal has made the semis every year. Bill and Rick both swept their semis pairing of Ticinus River.

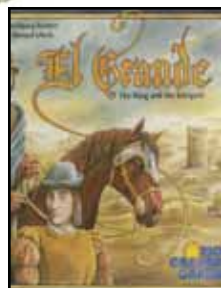
The Final was Ipsus from the 1st Expansion. Seleucus won both battles by an 8-6 banner count so we had to go to a tie breaker. Rick Young was victorious as he only lost 57 blocks to Bill's 66.

We stretched the players a little further in their need to understand the game to win this year in our scenario selection. We will push it even further next year so check the scenario selection early for more practice time.





2009 Results
 ♣ Glenn McMaster, on
 ♠ Phil Barcafer, PA
 ♠ Benoit Groulx, qc
 ♠ Stephane Dorais, qc
 ♠ Bill Dyer, IL
 ♠ Joe Harrison, KY
 ♠ Brad Johnson, IL
 † 24 📖 1992-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Rob Flowers, MD
 ♠ Mike Kaltman, PA
 ♠ Robb Effinger, on
 ♠ Curt Collins II, PA
 ♠ Nick Henning, CT
 ♠ Barb Flaxington, NJ
 ♠ Rob Flowers, MD
 † 71 📖 1999-2009



Glenn McMaster, on

Top Laurelists

Bill Dyer, IL	132
Glenn McMaster, on	91
Phil Barcafer, PA	90
Steve Koehler, NC	70
Joe Abrams, CT	64
Benoit Groulx, qc	48
Brad Johnson, IL	42
Andrew Clark, AZ	40
Jay Schlaffer, DC	40
Stephane Dorais, qc	33



Rob Flowers, MD

Top Laurelists

Rob Flowers, MD	82
Greg Thatcher, FL	62
Jason Levine, NY	62
Robb Effinger, on	51
Geoff Pounder, on	46
Charlie Kersten, OH	40
Jay Fox, OH	40
Mark Guttag, VA	40
Stu Hendrickson, VA	36
David Buchholz, MI	32

Dune (DUN)

We had two solo wins; a Turn 7 Atreides win, and a Turn 2 Guild win! Previously, we had recorded only three solo wins in eight years of play, and those were all accomplished by the Harkonnen, so it was nice to see a couple of new factions getting in on the action. The remaining games were won by two 2-player alliances and four 3-player teams, with only one default condition victory achieved by the Guild. The factions were fairly evenly balanced, with each achieving three - five victories, but for the poor Fremens who shared in only one win, continuing to occupy the cellar.

Best Faction awards went to those giving the top single-game performance with each faction in the preliminaries: Phil Barcafer Atreides; Rob Barnes BG; Jean-Francois Gagne Emperor; Bill Dyer Fremens; Stephane Dorais Guild; and Benoit Groulx Harkonnen.

The three Canadians from last year's Final all repeated that appearance this year, with Glenn McMaster drawing the Harkonnen; Benoit Groulx, the Emperor; and Stephane Dorais, the BG. Rounding out the Final were Joe Harrison with the Atreides, Bill Dyer as the Fremens, and Phil Barcafer with the Guild. All six reside in the top half of the Laurels List, three being former champions.

In the end, the Guild/Harkonnen alliance shared the requisite four strongholds evenly, with the Harkonnen being declared the champion due to having more tokens on planet. Glenn is the third player to win a second Dune title, but the first to do it in sequential years.



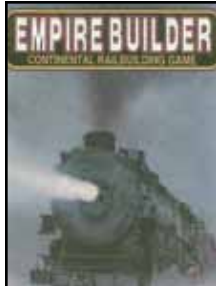
El Grande (ELG)

Experience abounded in the semi-finals, including former champs Pounder, Effinger, Thatcher, Flowers, and Fox, plus as many former laurelists. The competitive field, combined with the chaotic flow of the game, have conspired to prevent a repeat champion in the entire history of the event until this year. Highlights included a high score of 137 by Matt Peterson in the Heats. The narrowest win was a virtual tie between Nick Kiswanto and James Pei. Alex Bove was the only double winner in the heats, but with only 23 games in three heats, there was enough room for all winners plus a few alternates.

Three former champs were eliminated in the semis, leaving Rob Flowers and Robb Effinger to contend with Curt Collins (back for his third Final in as many years), Mike Kaltman and Nick Henning.

Round 7 of the Final brought out a "score the 5's" which allowed Robb Effinger to take the lead by four points. Then in Turn 8, Nick set up a score for Mike which allowed him to score two provinces, giving many points to Mike, Nick, and Robb, but very little to Rob and Curt. Two more scoring cards in Round 9 helped put Mike and Robb out in front; however, the tradeoff was not getting as many men on the board, especially the Castillo. Curt and Rob tied for most cabs (nine each) in the Castillo, and Rob finally managed to retake his home province, winning by a single point over Mike. The entire group was within six points at the end, a close finish.



**2009 Results**

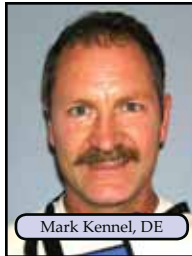
♣ Mark Kennel, DE
 ♠ Mike Zorrer, DE
 ♠ Kyle Greenwood, HI
 ♠ Eric Brosius, MA
 ♠ Eyal Mozes, NY
 ♠ Ted Mullally, NJ

♣ Tom Dunning, NY
 † 56 📖 1999-2009

**2009 Results**

♣ Matthew Bacho, MD
 ♠ Gordon Rodgers, PA
 ♠ Michael Ussery, MD
 ♠ Dan Gavrilovic, on
 ♠ Matt Evinger, PA
 ♠ Evan Hitchings, DE

♣ Bill Alderman, VA
 † 42 📖 1991-2009



Mark Kennel, DE

Top Laurelists

Jim Yerkey, MD	110
Harald Henning, CT	100
Tom Dunning, NY	97
Eric Brosius, MA	95
Richard Meyer, MA	82
Mark Kennel, DE	78
Donna Balkan, on	61
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	60
Steve Okonski, MD	60
Bill Navolis, PA	50



Matthew Bacho, MD

Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	78
Matt Evinger, PA	75
Mike Sincavage, VA	48
Evan Hitchings, DE	38
Bill Peeck, NY	36
Mike Mitchell, GA	36
Robert Eastman, NV	33
Matthew Bacho, MD	30
Tom Wojke, PA	30
Alan Arvold, IL	27

Empire Builder (EPB)

We had four multiple Heat winners with Mark Kennel, Chris Goff, Ted Mullally and Bob Stribula each winning twice. Chris Goff earned the number 1 seed. A roll call of the winners appearing for the semi-final left three spots open for alternates. Everyone who appeared for the semi-final was seated save one, your GM Tom Dunning, who failed to make the cut for the first time in six years.

At Table 1 newcomer Kyle Greenwood bested former Finalist Paul Van Bloem. Mark Kennel defeated another former Laurelist Bill Duke in the second semi to finish. At Table 3 Mike Zorrer punched his first ticket ever to the Final by topping Ilan Woll. Table 4 saw frequent Finalist Eyal Mozes defeat veteran Tedd Mullally, but his high runner-up score earned Tedd sixth place Laurels which he added to his total. Former Champion Eric Brosius earned the right to try for another title by besting Norm Newton at Table 5.

Of these five happy road warriors, only Mark Kennel would emerge triumphant in the end with the shield that had evaded him in two prior Finals. Mike Zorrer was a close second.

The Final used *Empire Builder* without Mexico for the second consecutive year. The new *Euro-rails* doesn't look to be as Spain-dependant as previous editions. Consequently, I am considering changing the Final back to *Euro-rails* in 2010. We will also be returning to the more spacious Wheatland room in 2010 and leaving Host A & B behind.

**Enemy In Sight (EIS)**

The Demo attracted six players to this old war-horse—proving that every game is new to somebody—even after 19 years. Changing the format (to multiple Heats, “B” status, two hands only with tiebreakers, only [and all] Winners advance to the Final) worked well in reviving flagging attendance figures. Limiting the games to two hands was necessary to allow players to participate on Sunday in the face of travel time crunches. The “old hands” were pleased the game was being played in multiple heats on three different days, yet remained a last chance option on Sunday. The two-hand limit was less popular and needs amending to first to 100 points or the lead after two hands.

Seven of the ten qualifying winners appeared for the Final Sunday afternoon. The first hand saw Evan Hitchings gain 41 points, only to lose 15 of them in the second and not score another point. The special rule which eliminated the lowest score at the end of each hand of the Final speeded play while eliminating Joe Burch in the first hand and Hitchings in the second, who thereby claimed sixth place laurels by avoiding the first heave ho. As usual, those who needed Refuse Battle cards couldn't find one, while one player, with no prizes, had three. Prizes were taken, snatched away, and then boarded and retaken yet again! Scores were racked up at a furious rate. Matthew Bacho, (who won the first heat on a tie-breaker) took six prizes. He scored 58 points in sunk ships in the third hand to sail away with the title.





2009 Results
 ♣ Marc Berenbach, MA
 ♠ Patrick Shea, VA
 ♠ Jeff Cornett, FL
 ♠ Mark Guttag, VA
 ♠ Brian Stone, NY
 ♠ Jeff Arnold, MD
 ♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ
 † 36 📖 1999-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Richard Meyer, MA
 ♠ Richard Irving, CA
 ♠ Ted Drozd, IL
 ♠ Dave Burkey, PA
 ♠ Francis Spencer, MD
 ♠ Rob Winslow, NY
 ♣ Arthur Field, SC
 † 50 📖 1993-2009



Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	106
Aaron Fuegi, MA	70
Craig Moffitt, NJ	54
John Kilbride, PA	42
Ananda Gupta, MD	42
Chetan Radia, uk	40
Rob Kilroy, PA	36
Matt Calkins, VA	32
Aran Warszawski, is	30
Lance, Ribeiro, NH	30



Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	52
Richard Irving, CA	44
Aaron Silverman, FL	44
Doug Hoylman, MD	42
Paul Bean, MA	40
Randy Cox, SC	31
Winton LeMoine, CA	28
Eric Brosius, MA	26
Pitt Crandlemire, MA	24
Ted Drozd, IL	20

Euphrat & Tigris (E&T)

L The tournament again used a variant to handicap the first two players. Instead of their normal two actions, they received but one action to start. In the play-offs, the higher seeded player was offered the choice of first or third. The distribution of wins for 4-player games was 4 - (31%), 4 - (31%), 4 - (31%), 1 - (8%) for players moving first through fourth, respectively. This variant continues to offer better player balance and will remain in place in 2010.

Seven winners plus the best five runners-up from the preliminary heats rounded out three semi-final tables. In the first, Marc Berenbach (8-8-8-8) defeated Patrick Shea (7-7-8-8) and defending champion Alfred Smith. In semi #2, leading laurelist Jeff Cornett scored a solid win as the Archers over prior champion Matt Calkins and perennial finalist Rob Kilroy. In the last semi, former GM Mark Guttag made his first E&T Final by edging Brian Stone 10-10-11-15 to 9-9-11-13. Patrick was only two hypothetical treasures behind the winner and thus advanced as the closest runner-up.

The Final endgame was punctuated by several external conflicts. Mark won a green battle against Jeff for five points. Marc won two battles and gained three black, three green, and a treasure. Jeff ended the game by using a catastrophe and dropping in his Trader to claim the last treasure. Marc won with a low score of eight reds (8/9/9/10) on his 30th birthday. Patrick (6/6/7/9), Jeff (6/6/7/8), and Mark (5/6/6/11) claimed the other laurels in that order.



Facts in Five (FI5)

L There was much mirth from the record 50 contestants during the new evening timeslot before Slapshot, on the contrasted reading of the rules to set the tone for this festive trivia contest.

Puzzle 1 categories: U.S. National Parks; Heisman Trophy Winners from 1960 forward; Woody Allen Film Titles; U.S. Army 4-star Generals 1900-1954; and Jethro Tull album titles across the letters A, C, P, S and T. Ted Drozd led the pack with 13 correct answers, hotly followed by former champion Richard Meyer with 12 and former GM Richard Irving with nine correct.

Puzzle 2 improved Irving's score considerably when he managed 17 correct in the categories: Canada Provinces or capitals; James Bond movie Titles; Mexican States; Bridges in or to New York City and Civil Air Patrol Phonetic Alphabet on the letters C, M, O, Q and T. Defending champ Paul Bean tied Irving's 17, sharing the honors for high score of the night.

The last puzzle sought: Old Testament Books; Sondheim major stage works; song titles on Who's Tommy; James Bond villains; and female U.S. Senators (C, D, G, M and S). Amazingly, Meyer could remember four Bond villains and Sweeney Todd and Micah and Cousin Kevin, but could not remember the Bible begins with the book of Genesis or that Hillary Clinton is a senator! Still, he squeaked out a 12, which edged Irving's 11. Final scores were Richard Meyer 65, Richard Irving 62, Ted Drozd 59, David Burkey 53, Francis Spencer 52, and Rob Winslow 51.



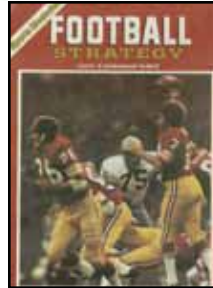


2009 Results

♣ Scott Moll, VA
 ♠ Rick Young, NC
 ♣ Todd Treadway, NY
 ♠ John Vasilakos, VA
 ♠ Bill Beswick, IN
 ♠ Derek Pulhamus, NY

♣ Rick Young, NC

† 16 📖 2008-2009



2009 Results

♣ Bert Schoose, IL
 ♠ Bill Cleary, PA
 ♠ Erik Arneson, PA
 ♠ Kevin Keller, MD
 ♠ Michael Schoose, IL
 ♠ Bruce Reiff, OH

♣ Nate Hoam, OH

† 33 📖 1991-2009



Scott Moll, VA

Top Laurelists

Scott Moll, VA	38
Bob Heinzmann, FL	30
Rick Young, NC	12
Kevin Garber, VA	12
Grant LaDue, NY	9
Todd Treadway, NY	8
John Vasilakos, VA	6
Jack Stalica, on	6
Bill Beswick, IN	4
Stu Hendrickson, VA	3



Bert Schoose, IL

Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	219
Bill Cleary, MD	99
Ken Whitesell, MD	63
Bert Schoose, IL	44
Kevin Keller, MD	39
Paul O'Neil, MD	33
Ray Stakenas II, CA	30
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	24
David Rynkowski, NY	24
Arthur Davis, MI	21

Fast Action Battles (FAB)



This year we played the new C3i "Pay-back" scenario and also incorporated a bidding change where the bid was for additional assets to be pulled from the Selection Cup instead of Fuel Assets. The scenario seems to slightly favor the German player, and the bidding was very light (0-2 assets were bid) throughout the tournament. The Germans won about 60% overall, but the eventual champion, Scott Moll, won by playing the Allied side throughout the event.

The defending champ, Bob Heinzmann, fell out after two rounds. The Final came down to the 2008 runner-up and lone returning laurelist, Scott Moll, vs the designer, Rick Young. Rick had a promising opening, ripping a hole in front of 5th Panzer Army that Scott could not fill. Scott's frown turned upside down though when he realized that Rick focused too much attention on the 5th Panzer Army, and made a mistake in the 6th Panzer Army sector that allowed him to place much of that formation out of supply.

Rick had to spend much of his Turn 2 efforts remedying the supply problem he had created for himself rather than worsening Scott's position, and the chance for a decisive victory slipped away. Rick spent the last two turns tenaciously defending against the US counterattack while trying to cling to a marginal victory from his successful opening, but Scott used his last turn's breakthrough phase, his last special action, and American airpower to snatch Malmedy back from German possession, thereby granting him the win.



Football Strategy (FBS)

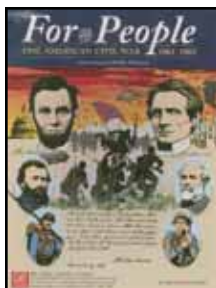


It took 19 years but Bruce finally conned Don into a football game. The much anticipated "matched pair" grudge match between perennial champion Reiff and yesterday's anti-hero resulted in the CD's defeat 20-17, and immeasurable bragging rights for the Buckeyes booster. Bruce will tell you that Don scored late and the game wasn't really that close, while Don wailed that the only difference was that "lucky" Bruce made his close field goal while Don missed his. And with that the gauntlet was tossed for Grudge Match II. The distracted Reiff, sated by his latest triumph, didn't have long to savor his win and soon succumbed to the steady play of Bill Cleary who went on to sweep the heat by downing AH Football League alumni Kevin Keller in the Conference Final 20-17.

The second heat drew a much reduced field of 12 and a correspondingly shorter path to the Final, but the battles were no less intense. The last two standing were Erik Arneson and Bert Schoose with the latter emerging a 21-10 winner.

The Final pitted two veteran ball control coaches against one another. Cleary scored first to go up 7-0 but Bill picked the wrong time to be daring and was dropped for a safety on a fake punt. Bert drove down the field with the ensuing free kick and scored a touchdown on an end run with 6:15 left in the half. The tide thus turned, it was all downhill from there as Bert took a 23-13 victory for his first title aided by several 9G Option interceptions.





2009 Results
 ♣ James Pei, VA
 ♠ Riku Reikkinen, fn
 ♠ Dave Dockter, MN
 ♠ Michael Ussery, MD
 ♠ Michael Mitchell, GA
 ♠ Bob Sohn, NJ
 ⚔ Mark Herman, MD
 † 18 📖 1999-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Jason Levine, NY
 ♠ Bill Dyer, IL
 ♠ H. Anderson, PA
 ♠ Patrick Monte, NY
 ♠ Roderick Lee, CA
 ♠ Robert Davidson, IL
 ⚔ Josh Githens, SC
 † 57 📖 2000-2009



James Pei, VA

Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	526
David Dockter, MN	174
Mark Giddings, NY	127
Riku Reikkinen, fn	68
Trevor Bender, CA	62
Stefan Mecay, TX	60
Mike Mitchell, GA	53
Tim Miller, GA	52
Chris Byrd, CT	39
Nicholas Pei, CA	38



Jason Levine, NY

Top Laurelists

Jason Levine, NY	90
Barry Smith, NY	89
Lance Fogel, PA	78
Roderick Lee, CA	42
Robert Kircher, MA	38
Mario Veillette, qc	30
James Kendrick, uk	30
Steve May, MD	30
Keith Levy, MD	30
Bill Dyer, IL	27

For The People (FTP)

It was all about the “rematch”. Defending champion Riku Riekkinen who scored the upset of the decade last year while ending Pei’s string of seven straight titles was back to try for two in a row. As expected, the two titans of the FTP battlefields faced each other again in the Final. Could the mighty Finn deny the Master again? In a word, No.

By Turn 5 with DC isolated, AoC could not get any reinforcements so Riku set up multiple corps along the perimeter to blast his way in. He opened with a Major Campaign, sending Halleck’s corps through WVa to force its way into DC. Jackson stood like a stonewall at Manassas and repulsed the relief force. Second move, another corps came thru Harrisburg, which AoNV failed to intercept, and pumped six much needed SP into AoC. Third move, Pope made an AA to Aquia to open up the sea lane. Pei decided to send Lee to clean out the various flying columns the Union had posted before they could rejoin AoC. They were easy kills as Lee had +7 modifiers vs at most +1 for the Union forces. AoC then tried to make a dash to open up the LOC thru MD and PA, but AoNV made the interception and repulsed it. Lee swung back to attack AoC and sent it packing to DC again. Riku made a last attempt by trying to cut the supply to the Rebel forces in the East. Jackson made the interception and kept the LOC open. It was at this point that Riku resigned as he was bereft of 3 Op cards and the entire NE corridor was open to Rebel raids.



Formula De (FDE)

Using a two-heat format with the top ten qualifiers advancing directly to the Final gave racers a chance to cut to the chase with a minimum of preparation. Each heat had enough entrants to run boards with between six and eight 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 tracks were chosen at each table, many people saw the action of Melbourne this year; a quick moving track that rewards good rolling, and makes you try to keep pace with the leader. A missed turn can take you from near victory to the back of the pack in a hurry. Another track used on several tables was Monaco. Some technical portions are favorable to good planning, but ground can easily be made up if you have a miscue.

Sadly, the 2009 Final was not played on the large scale track as it was in 2008, however expect a return to large format racing in 2010. The track preparation crew is hard at work to provide a worthy venue for WBC finalists. Suzuka was the venue for the 2009 Final. Designed as a Honda test track, Suzuka is one of the few circuits in the world to have a figure 8 layout.

The starting grid was filled with nine unique heat winners and the top placing alternate. The guy with the big advantage who knows his way around all those odd-shaped dice won again as Jason Levine took his third title with the funny dice.





2009 Results

- ☛ Chris LeFevre, AZ
- ♣ Rich Fetzer, NY
- ♣ Sarah Vasilakos, VA
- ♣ Matt Fetzer, NY
- ♣ Harry Flawd, PA
- ♣ Jordan Flawd, PA

☛ Chris LeFevre, AZ

† 71 📖 2001-2009



2009 Results

- ☛ John Elliott, MD
- ♣ Andy Gardner, VA
- ♣ Tom Richardson, VA
- ♣ Ruth Evinger, PA
- ♣ Tony Musella, VA
- ♣ Nick Henning, CT

☛ Rolinda Collinson, PA

† 64 📖 1992-2009



Chris LeFevre, AZ

Top Laurelists

Lisa Gutermuth, NC	48
Chris LeFevre, AZ	33
Jordan Flawd, PA	33
Forrest Speck, MD	30
Dan Lewis, DE	30
Matt Evinger, PA	30
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	30
Mike Stachowski, NY	30
Bill Place, PA	30
Steve Cameron, PA	28



John Elliott, MD

Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, CT	150
Pitt Crandlemire, MA	132
John Pack, CO	90
Nick Smith, uk	90
Bob Hamel, CT	67
Thomas Richardson, VA	64
Jim Castonguay, PA	54
Mark Love, MD	53
John Elliott, MD	52
Jeffrey Hacker, PA	40

Formula Motor Racing (FMR)

There were 17 games in the three heats. The best quote was by Megan McCorry when she stated "I'm going to pit stop blue because he gave me the dice". Blue happened to be John Tighe who refrained from handing the dice to anyone else after that.

14 of the 17 heat winners advanced including defending champion Jordan Flawd. Four runners-up were tapped to round out the field of 18. The semi-final table of Terri Wicks, Chris Greenfield, Thomas Strock, Harry Flawd, Kevin Youells and Rich Fetzer provided the closest race at 28-28-27-27-25-21 with Harry and Rich tied to qualify for the Final. They were joined by GM Chris LeFevre (32 points), Matt Fetzer (31), Jordan (29), and Sarah Vasilakos (27).

Chris started by winning the first race and was passed in the second by Harry. For having the lead, Harry was rewarded in the third race when he lost one car to a crash and the other blew an engine. Nepotism worries were erased as Jordan crashed his father's car—provoking the best color commentary of the game when Harry said: "If you crash another of my cars, you are walking home". Race 4 knocked out four cars as Chris took the lead. Rich lost both of his cars in Race 5 while Matt finished first and second to vault from last to first. Everyone scored points in Race 6, but Chris won it—and the title with 32 points. There was a three-way tie



for second at 27. The Flawds brought up the rear with Harry in 5th with 26 and newly ex-champion Jordan 6th with 17.

Gangsters (GSR)

Rolinda "Ma" Collinson promised a kinder, gentler Gangsters—one where 1,000 points of light did not refer to the light visible through a ventilated corpse. Instead, "Ma" and her ladies, Ashley the "Angel" and Angela the "Red Rose," would establish a new underworld order. Quiet whispers and deals in dark, secret corners would rule the night.

The ladies had their way as sweet-talking and romance, along with moonshine, brought first heat earnings to a peak. The new order would prevail! "The Steak" reported, "I was vamped away."

Then Ashley, who history remembers as "Nobody's Angel," boldly declared, "Purple, a bad strategy?! I beg to differ." The newspaper headlines ran. The mockery was clear. It was "my way or the highway." The gloves were off. The buried heaters were found. The hit was ordered. Blood flowed in the streets. Purple blood.

90 minutes into the showdown, the hail of bullets ended. All "Angel" could say was, "Isn't this supposed to be a three-hour game?" Our new Godfather, John "Bugs" Elliott replied, "Dis ain't no game, Scha-weetheart."

And so in the year of the Godfather's absence, John Elliott won his first title over the prostrate bodies of Andy Gardner, Tom Richardson and Ruth Evinger. Ma's reign is over, for the big man is coming back to town, but she won't be forgotten—not by a long shot—or many short ones either.

