

World Boardgaming Championships

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2009 Team Tournament

A record 104 teams vied for glory last year.

Can you defy the Happy Handicapper's odds to make the Top 25?

 <p>55-1</p> <p>Dyer 4 • Johnson 9 Abrams 3 • McMaster 7</p>	 <p>47-1</p> <p>Stiff, like a dice tower.</p> <p>46-1</p> <p>Wixson 8 • Birnbaum 8 Drueding 0 • Rice 7</p>	 <p>46-1</p> <p>James 8 • Ro Beyma 7 Ri Beyma 8 • Eliason 0</p>	 <p>20-1</p> <p>The dynasty returns.</p> <p>Pei 7 • Dockter 3 Byrd 7 • Mecay 3</p>	 <p>160-1</p> <p>WBC Campaign 2009: Burdett, Martin, Thompson, Heidman</p> <p>Burdett 8 • Martin 2 Thompson 7 • Heidman 0</p>
 <p>47-1</p> <p>Levine 2 • A Field 11 D Field 0 • Taillon 2</p>	 <p>61-1</p> <p>Reese Maly Young Edwards</p> <p>66-1</p> <p>Reese 8 • Maly 0 Young 0 • Edwards 7</p>	 <p>66-1</p> <p>We attack from the rear.</p> <p>Rice 0 • Doane 2 Riekkinen 2 • Withers 10</p>	 <p>236-1</p> <p>Four rodents united in a quest for WBC glory.</p> <p>Collinson 3 • Elliott 10 Morgal 0 • Morgal 0</p>	 <p>79-1</p> <p>Gardner 2 • P Richardson 8 Nolan 0 • T Richardson 3</p>
 <p>155-1</p> <p>MacInnis 0 • Kaltman 2 Castonguay 10 • Horan 0</p>	 <p>46-1</p> <p>Stein 0 • D Guterath 0 Lisa G 9 • Ken G 2</p>	 <p>460-1</p> <p>R Renaud 10 • Schmitt 0 Davis 0 • J Renaud 0</p>	 <p>49-1</p> <p>"We'll take our chances in PA"</p> <p>Youells 8 • Kulp 0 Cornett 2 • Galullo 0</p>	 <p>59-1</p> <p>Bove 10 • Hochboim 0 Lehrer 0 • Warszwaski 0</p>
 <p>58-1</p> <p>Moffa 0 • Flaxington 1 Freeman 9 • Thatcher 0</p>	 <p>152-1</p> <p>Liberte, Justice et Paix</p> <p>LaRose 0 • Sasseville 8 Groulx 2 • Gagne 0</p>	 <p>49-1</p> <p>Rejected in St. Paul, and yet, welcomed at WBC.</p> <p>S Packwood 2 • Sam P 0 Backstrom 0 • Moyer 8</p>	 <p>48-1</p> <p>Remember to say number three you.</p> <p>Applebaum 0 • Finberg 8 Fuengi 2 • Sample 0</p>	 <p>29-1</p> <p>Roll, Roll, and Roll</p> <p>Hoam 0 • Wojtaszyk 7 Mullet 3 • Reiff 0</p>
 <p>58-1</p> <p>D Dolan 2 • Storzillo 8 T Dolan 0 • Gunar 0</p>	 <p>42-1</p> <p>Primarily Fols. And get quite brilliant.</p> <p>Freeman 1 • G Dickson 2 Gregorio 7 • S Dickson 0</p>	 <p>68-1</p> <p>Manual, Sharp, Maly and Thompson Ltd. 2007</p> <p>Menzel 8 • Sharp 0 Wolff 0 • Thomson 2</p>	 <p>106-1</p> <p>We're MUCH worse than simple dirty double crossers.</p> <p>Latto 9 • Perry 0 S Brosius 0 • C Brosius 0</p>	 <p>130-1</p> <p>IS THERE REALLY ANY BETTER WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER WEEKEND THAN PLAYING GAMES IN BEACH COUNTRIES?</p> <p>Ed Beach 7 • Natalie B 0 Matthew B 2 • Sara B 0</p>



BPA is an association of boardgame enthusiasts incorporated as a non-profit company in the state of South Carolina for the express purpose of hosting the annual gaming conference known as the World Boardgaming Championships, or WBC for short. It offers tournaments, vendors, an auction, demonstrations, seminars, open gaming, and Juniors programs. In addition, for those who can't get enough, we offer focused Mini-Cons and Play-by-Email-Tournaments. We love boardgaming competition—from wargames and Eurogames to racing, sports, and rail games, and we make no apologies for it. It's what we do. And we've done it better than anybody else for more than ten years. This yearbook documents BPA events of the previous year. It does not contain scheduling information for the upcoming convention. Schedules and event previews will appear in a separate program and online at *boardgamers.org*. In fact, on our website, you'll find more pre- and post-event information than any place on the net—over 1,000 pages of it. It's not very lucrative or cost effective, but we think it demonstrates our commitment to this hobby.

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It is hard to believe that we are on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the “return to basics” grand experiment that started with the 1991 birth of Avaloncon in Camp Hill, PA. Nay sayers were quick to downplay the possibilities of a convention that embraced competition as its focal point. Surely there had to be more of an attraction than just playing games? But even the demise of Avalon Hill did not stop the pilgrimage of “elite” players who returned each year from far and wide to enjoy the unique camaraderie of others of their ilk. Quite the contrary, it gave birth to WBC and an audience which has nearly tripled since the days that signalled the end of the boardgame world as we knew it despite the current severe economic climate.

2010 marks the end of our original six-year contract with Lancaster Host. The hotel has proven to be such a good fit for us that we’ve celebrated a five-year extension with an \$11,000 investment in the purchase of additional tables and storage facilities to improve the site for our use. This will be most notable in the Showroom where the large round banquet tables have been replaced by new 6’ rectangulars more conducive to play. The Showroom’s tiered levels were a huge success last year in its debut as an Open Gaming mecca that played to a full house throughout. We will be building on this success by opening it a day earlier on Wednesday and adding food service, an expanded game library, photo gallery and video updates. 2010 contributors to the library at this writing include: Worthington Games, Lock ‘n Load, Valley Games, Clash of Arms, Out of the Box Publishing and Z-Man Games. BPA thanks these publishers for their support and encourages all our members to avail themselves of the opportunity to try their products.

Attendance continues to migrate forward in the week. Pre-Con activities have expanded again with *Axis & Allies*, *18XX* and *Age of Renaissance* joining the returning Pre-Cons as our early bird mini-con offerings attempt to avoid schedule conflicts later in the week. Pre-Cons give those who just can’t get enough gaming more bang for their travel buck without infringing on the majority for

whom a larger stay is not possible. For those so inclined, you can now engage in nine continuous days of boardgaming competition. Or, if you can’t make it for all of WBC, we’ve doubled the opportunities for weekend warriors to get a taste of the action without using a vacation day.

Tournament participation grew again in 2009 despite the Showroom’s expanded Open Gaming.

Our 151 adult tournaments included a record 17 events with triple digit entries, led by *Dominion* with 232 and *Ticket to Ride’s* 220. *Slapshot* also broke the 200 barrier at 204. Average event size grew to 49.4 participants overall, a 5% increase of 2.3 per event. Laurels

were awarded to players from 44 different states/provinces and nine nations. The champions included 20 incumbents who retained their respective titles another year, seven members of the fair sex, and 14 who claimed multiple titles led by Kevin Wojtaszczyk, who tripled with wins in *Santa Fe Rails*, *Alhambra* and *War of the Ring*. Joining him with two wins were James Pei, Eric Freeman, Curt Collins, Chris Withers, John Elliott, Jim Castonguay, John Emery, Steve Pleva, Alex Bove, Tom Brown, Chris Ellis, Rich Meyer and Raphael Lehrer. For the second straight year, the reigning “Streaker” went down as Steve Packwood succumbed to Rod Coffee to end his 1776 domination at six. Other streaks which came to an end after four straight titles included those of Devin Flawd (*Paydirt*) and George Seary (*Hammer of the Scots*)—leaving Bruce Beard as the leading target for 2010 with five straight *18XX* titles. Sadly, I must report that another streak lives on as Bruce Reiff again added to his plaque collection—but just barely—bagging only *Battleline* this year.

Newcomers made their mark also. 32 “virgins” won their first-ever WBC championship. All told, 105 players earned laurels for the first time. And the younger set got into the act too. Danny Lewis topped himself, his dad, and 184 adults by again winning a Century event despite still being eligible for the Juniors room by adding *Can’t Stop* to his side of the family mantle. I can’t wait to see what 2010 brings.

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