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2014 may well be remembered as the year the public forums changed from pillorying the Lancaster Host to criticizing the decision to leave it. Venue changes are always controversial and this one was no different. The announced change of location to Pennsylvania's Seven Springs Mountain Resort two years hence aroused much comment, pro and con, as was expected. Much of it predictably was predicated on whether the change in venue moved WBC closer to or farther from those offering an opinion. The oft repeated amenity concerns of prior years took a decidedly subdued position in the ensuing discussions. Virtual tours of the new venue in repeated looped presentations calmed more than a few fears and most left with a hopeful wait and see attitude about what this latest turn in WBC evolution had in store for them. Another peek at that future is contained on pages 74-80.

Meanwhile, we set another attendance record during our ninth year in Lancaster. In all, players from over 50 states and Canadian provinces plus a record 21 nations attended in 2014. 24 events drew triple-digit participation—another all time high! All of the scheduled 159 events achieved tournament status with fields ranging from a minimum of eight to a record 303 players for *Ticket to Ride*.

14 reigning WBC champions successfully defended their titles, led by the Master, James Pei, who extended his latest streak in *For The People* to six years to maintain his hold on WBC's longest current winning streak. Curt Collins II remained his closest pursuer with his fourth straight *Union Pacific* title. Other contenders in this 14-member pack were Peter Gunneau (*Combat Commander*) and Eric Wrobel (*Merchant of Venus*) who successfully defended their third straight title in their respective specialties.

113 new champions were crowned for the first time, including 35 who claimed their first WBC title of any kind. That left 46 enjoying another taste of victory in their favored event—with 29 of them claiming higher Boardmaster status with their third (or more) championship in their game of choice. 92 players earned their first laurels to claim genuine contender bonafides in the years to come. 15 gents managed to win two events each while the ladies' market share shrunk by 40% as only six achieved the top rung in 2014. But all were overshadowed by the awesome performance of

Nick Henning who won FIVE titles—a heretofore never achieved total that rendered my usual baseball analogies obsolete. The accomplishment was even more impressive because Nick had won only one of those events previously.

As one might expect when someone wins five tournaments in one WBC, Nick was to be a prominent and recurring name in the various metagaming honors of WBC 2014. He started by anchoring his team's record breaking 30-point performance as his *Now Playing* team took the Team Tournament with a dominating performance by his fellow young Turks (Dave Meyaard, Jon Gemmel, and brother Karl) by besting the previous scoring record by 25%. The 22nd ranked 50-1 entry bested the third ranked Harry B's by six points—a virtual landslide in Team Tournament scoring.

But there's where the magic ended. The biggest surprise of the post-WBC Award announcements came when Nick was NOT proclaimed Caesar—or even Consul—finishing second in both categories to James Pei and Richard Beyma respectively. Nick's 169 laurels were 7 less than Pei's total which benefitted from a 36-laurel boost from the preceding year's email event results—which had, in turn, cost James the Caesar award in 2013 when they were not credited to 2013, but delayed to 2014. Similarly, Nick's 109 WBC laurels finished second to Richard Beyma's 128, when Nick's *Through the Ages* win was judged a Pre-Con event while Richard's Grogard laurels were not.

With upsets the order of the week, it was tough sledding for prognosticators again with Andrew Maly winning the Annual Team Tournament Bracket Busting contest with just four correct picks—albeit the top four. That proved crucial as the winning tiebreaker to separate himself from Andrew Drummond, Ewan McNay, Mark Love and ...ahem, Nick Henning again ...who were the only others to manage to select four correct teams in ten picks.

As disappointing as all those near misses must have been, Nick was destined for one more "almost" performance when the membership vote left him once again second in our Annual Sportsmanship Award vote. This time the honor went to Tom Gregorio who captured 13.3% of the vote to Nick's 12.6% to win free lodging at WBC 2015. Both had been nominated for allowing opponents to correct or redo moves that eventually cost them a win and a shot at their respective tournaments.



2014 Results

♣ Bruce Beard, MD
♣ Anthony Lainesse, qc
♣ Mason Murray, VA
♣ Andy Roosen, MD
♣ S. Hamblen, MD
♣ F. deBellefeuille, qc
♣ Tom McCorry, VA

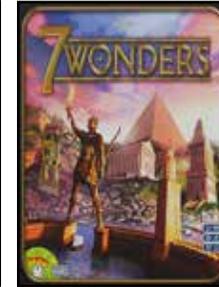
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Bruce Beard, MD

Top Laurelists

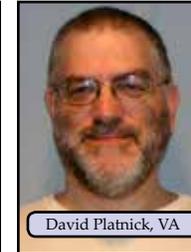
Bruce Beard, MD	512
Jim McDanold, TN	120
Spencer Hamblen, MD	108
Jon Kwiatkowski, NC	104
Paul Hakken, NJ	103
Barrington Beavis, uk	90
Mark Neale, RI	72
Akihisa Tabei, jp	58
Andrew Roosen, MD	54
Jeremy Vipperman, TN	54



2014 Results

♣ David Platnick, VA
♣ Karl Buchholz, MI
♣ Sean Maher, WV
♣ Steven Alfieri, PA
♣ Joe Millovich, PA
♣ Erik Schlosser, PA
♣ Nick Ferris, MD

† 151 📖 2011-2014



David Platnick, VA

Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	58
David Platnick, VA	56
Matthew Beach, MD	50
Kelly Czyryca, MD	40
Luann Stubbs, PA	30
Bill Zurn, CA	30
Dominic Blais, qc	30
Karl Buchholz, MI	24
Dan Shmueli, NY	24
Lissa Rennert, MD	24

18XX (8XX)



1830 remained the game of choice with 20 plays. 1862 generated nine plays, followed by 1846 (4), 1880 (4), 1861 (3), 18EU (2), 1856 (2) and 1870 (1).

Bruce Beard and Andy Roosen entered Round 2 unbeaten in four games to claim the top seeds. Italian Fabio Pellegrino took the third seed at 3-1. Nine players tied with two wins. 20 of 22 winners persevered for the semifinal so no alternates made the cut—disappointing former champion Barrington Beavis and Andy Lewis with seven seconds between them. Two 1830 semifinal games were played, one 1862 game and one epic 1880 game that seated the last two champions Bruce Beard and Spencer Hamblen, Ken Gutermuth, Herbert Gratz, and Eric Brosius. Spencer started slow but came on strong at the end but too late to catch the perennial top seed, falling short by \$500.

A consolation game for the runner-up semifinalists was held to determine 5th and the ever so rare 6th place Sand Plaque. Bruce and Andy won their fifth straight games to make the Final with Anthony Lainesse and newcomer Mason Murray in an 1830 game wherein Bruce demonstrated his mastery once again, winning for the ninth time in ten years with a score of \$8929, \$2000 ahead of Anthony. Mason came in third with Andy finally tasting defeat in his sixth contest. Spencer Hamblen won



the consolation game to earn 5th place laurels and Francois de Bellefeuille came in second again to earn sand and his fez.

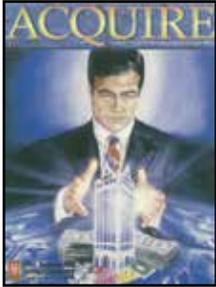
Seven Wonders (7WS)

As in 2013, the tournament favored smaller, more strategic table groupings. And as in the year before, preliminary round matches consisted of two games awarding advancement points to players depending on their finishing places. With 4-player games returning as the preliminary round matchup of choice, 151 players at 38 tables took part in the 7 *Wonders* qualifiers in 2014 without benefit of multiple heats. The preliminaries continued to be tight with all but six of the 50 advancing players winning at least one of their first two games—and nearly a dozen winning both. As in the previous year, the single quarterfinal match proved a far tougher trial with some players adopting meta-gaming strategies to increase their chances of advancement—eschewing riskier Science gambits for "safer" Military and Civic building.

The 4-player semis advanced only first places and the single best runner-up into the one-less-than-last-year two-game "Gauntlet of Doom" finals. Still starting with a 6-player matchup including cards from the 7 *Wonders: Leader* expansion. Karl Buchholz came in second to Steven Alfieri on the tiebreaker, followed by David Platnick (last year's third place finisher overall) and Sean Maher.

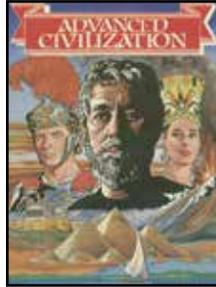
In Game 2, Alfieri never found his point niche, while Maher and Buchholz struggled over Science and Military supremacy. Giza-building Platnick finished his 15-point Wonder and scored heavily on two Guilds—enough to give him a decisive 56-point victory and the tournament. Buchholz trailed at a distant 49, and Maher took third via tiebreaker with 47.





2014 Results

- ♣ Larry Loiacono, PA
 - ♠ L. Van De Graf, NJ
 - ♣ Rich Atwater, WA
 - ♣ Malinda Kyrkos, NY
 - ♣ Paul Klaydar, KS
 - ♣ Jeff Meyer, MA
 - ♣ Cliff Ackman, PA
- † 80 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

- ♣ Trella Bromley, FL
 - ♠ Nathan Barhorst, MI
 - ♣ Tedd Mullally, NJ
 - ♣ Christina Harley, VA
 - ♠ Rob Fournier, MI
 - ♠ Kevin Youells, PA
 - ♣ Kevin Youells, PA
- † 43 📖 1991-2014



Larry Loiacono, PA

Top Laurelists

Justin Childs, FL	88
Joshua Cooper, MD	69
Matt Calkins, VA	60
Steve Shambada, PA	54
Gary Moss, MO	51
Jason Ley, WA	45
David Gantt, SC	44
Phil Bradley, IL	38
Malinda Kyrkos, NY	33
Larry Loiacono, PA	30



Trella Bromley, FL

Top Laurelists

Kevin Youells, PA	441
Doug Galullo, MD	352
Shantanu Saha, NY	199
Joe Gundersen, IN	186
Mads Lunau, dk	156
Christina Harley, VA	144
Eric Gundersen, NJ	125
Harald Henning, CT	80
Ted Mullally, NJ	74
Gregory Kulp, NJ	64

Acquire (ACQ)

Player #1 usually starts the most hotels. First merger participation increases in likelihood from the first seat to the last and since that is the best predictor of victory (66%), seat order is significant. However, in the semis, all bets were off. Larry Loiacono (seated last) bested Akihisa Tabei to advance. Rich Atwater was not in the first merger but enjoyed a comfortable margin of victory. Malinda Kyrkos repeated her largest margin of victory performance in the preliminaries with the biggest win of the playoffs. And Laurie Van de Graff, seated second in her first WBC, bested 1993 champ Steve Packwood.

Random seating yielded Laurie first seat in the Final, followed by Rich, Malinda and Larry. Rich started Worldwide on his first play and controlled it throughout. By Turn 4 everyone had begun a chain. The first merger occurred on Turn 6 with Malinda taking second in Worldwide's takeover of Laurie's American. Larry merged his Imperial into Tower on the next play, giving him first and Rich second. Everyone was flush so stocks sold like hotcakes and lack of cash was rarely an issue.

Laurie called the game on Turn 17 with three fixed chains on the board and all stock sold. Everyone received bonuses in one or two chains and the \$10,000+ payouts for final stock sales. The winner was in doubt until Larry announced his \$43,000 to take a 2% win over Laurie to earn his first WBC title.

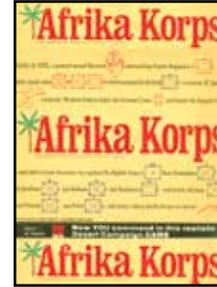


Advanced Civilization (ACV)

ACV made its Pre-Con debut with 34 PC players opting for a Sunday event. Eight preliminary games were played. Assyria proved to be the powerhouse with three wins. Thrace was victorious twice, while Illyria, Babylon, and Africa each won once. The closest game had just a 7-point spread among the top three players and that proved important when two winners opted out of further play—allowing the runners-up to advance as alternates.

The finalists were: Africa: Jenn Viscnick, Iberia: Christina Harley, Illyria: Trella Bromley, Thrace: Herb Sparks, Crete: Tedd Mullally; Assyria: Roberto Fournier; Babylon: Nathan Barhorst, and Egypt: Kevin Youells. The pivotal moment occurred early, as Illyria persuaded Africa to allow her to keep a city in Syracuse. This shrewd negotiation allowed Illyria to maintain eight cities on Turns 8 and 9, and nine cities for Turns 10 through 12. By contrast, the Africans were never able to top six cities during that time period.

As the end game approached, Illyria had built a 200-point lead. Five nations descended on Illyrian shores. Illyria could not resist that many enemies and was only able to support six cities, taking a bump on the AST as a result. Nevertheless, after a light calamity round, cards were bought, points tallied, and a female champion emerged for only the second time as Trella scored a 96-point victory and her second appearance in the BPA's Top 25 Gamer list in only her second WBC.



2014 Results

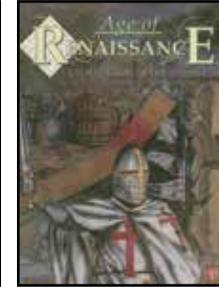
- ♣ John Clarke, VA
 - ♠ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
 - ♣ Jon Lockwood, VA
 - ♣ Bill Morse, VA
 - ♣ M. McCandless, LA
 - ♣ Richard Beyma, VA
 - ♣ Jon Lockwood, VA
- † 41 📖 1991-2014



John Clarke, VA

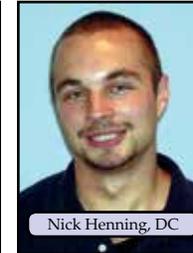
Top Laurelists

Vince Meconi, DE	245
Jon Lockwood, VA	208
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	179
Bert Schoose, IL	156
Ed Menzel, CA	118
John Popiden, CA	108
Randy Heller, MD	81
Lane Newbury, TX	48
Greg Smith, PA	44
Bill Morse, VA	39



2014 Results

- ♣ Nick Henning, DC
 - ♠ David Hood, NC
 - ♣ Jeff Mullet, OH
 - ♣ Tedd Mullally, NJ
 - ♣ Mark Smith, KY
 - ♣ John Stevens, NY
 - ♣ Tedd Mullally, NJ
- † 25 📖 1996-2014



Nick Henning, DC

Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	466
Bill Crenshaw, VA	331
Ken Gutermuth, NC	276
Ewan McNay, CT	271
Harald Henning, CT	261
Carl Damcke, IL	200
Steve Simmons, NJ	197
Chris Byrd, CT	186
Mark Smith, KY	160
Kevin Sudy, VA	138

Afrika Korps (AFK)

The 50-year anniversary of *Afrika Korps* proved memorable, as the Groggnards celebrated its induction into the Century as the ninth event to gain Legacy status. The event's largest field ever enrolled 41 players—attracted in no small part by the GM's offer of free 50th anniversary shirts for all players.

The final four featured GM Jon Lockwood as the Germans against John Clarke, a veteran WBC grognard in the AFK semifinals for the first time. Despite average supply results, Lockwood was able to take Tobruch with no losses, but the British had saved their heavy armor. John later executed a 5-1 surrounded counterattack on 21/104 with that armor for an AV to destroy Jon's last supply. When relief convoys failed to arrive, the DAK surrendered in a stunning upset.

The other semifinal saw Bruno Sinigaglio's Germans triumphant. Bill Morse retreated to El Alamein while Bruno built up supplies. After his Sept II supply was sunk, Bruno returned to Tobruch and took it with the Holy Hand Grenade at 1-1. In February 1942, Bill rolled an exchange in a series of counterattacks that permitted a German automatic victory that allowed Bruno to capture the British Home Base.

Bruno's Germans, weary from a week of continuous WBC combat, sought a quick decision in the Final and he resorted to the Holy Hand Grenade against Tobruch once too often. The dreaded 6 resulted in an Attacker Eliminated, handing John his first AFK title!



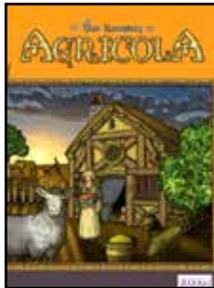
Age of Renaissance (AOR)

Barcelona and Venice tied for most Preliminary wins, but it was Hamburg that won the day in the 6-player Final as part of the five-event blitzkrieg of Nick Henning. The most noteworthy Preliminary play occurred when with Enlightened Ruler and Mysticism as my first two cards, I opted to send everyone plummeting in Turn 1 and not have to pay stabilization. The net effect was so impressive that the play was repeated in the Final by Jeff Mullet, but to less dramatic effect.

Three finalists bid 5 to select their capital first—disappointing two of them. Genoa had the worse misfortune of drawing War as their start card, and even with a military advantage could not defeat Barcelona, taking an early beating. Fortunately, his buy of patronage in Round 2 left him in control of the pacing as everyone had to buy Holy Indulgences, Overland East, and Written record in Round 3, and only Genoa and Barcelona bought Cathedral in 5th and 6th seat in Round 5.

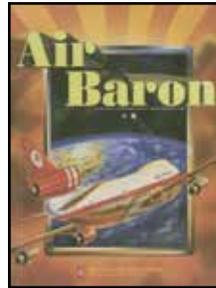
Paris experimented by not buying Caravan until Turn 7! This new venture did not go very well once Paris was blocked from Seaworthy by the pope and did not have the necessary mobility otherwise to recover. There was strong contention for the lead between the wool nations and a cloth-wealthy Venice, but a late timber run gave Hamburg enough cash to overtake London for the win by a mere 33 points!





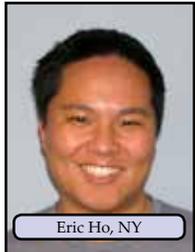
2014 Results

🏆 Eric Ho, NY
 🥈 Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
 🥉 Eric Wrobel, MD
 🏅 Steve LeWinter, NC
 🏅 Rob Murray, NJ
 🏅 Ken Rothstein, NY
 🏆 Rob Murray, NJ
 † 87 📖 2008-2014



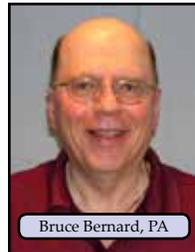
2014 Results

🏆 Bruce Bernard, PA
 🥈 Tom Bissa, MI
 🥉 Stephane Dorais, qc
 🏅 Brad Sherwood, PA
 🏅 Ed O'Connor, NJ
 🏅 Ken Rothstein, NY
 🏆 Craig Melton, VA
 † 60 📖 1996-2014



Top Laurelists

Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	113
Eric Ho, NY	108
Mike Kaltman, PA	88
Ben Scholl, PA	75
Tedd Mullally, NJ	70
Cary Morris, NC	66
Jon Senn, PA	62
Rob Kircher, RI	53
Eric Wrobel, MD	50
Bill Crenshaw, VA	49



Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	131
Stephane Dorais, qc	122
Ken Rothstein, NY	116
Chris Storzillo, NJ	108
Brandon Bernard, PA	88
Robert Sohn, PA	78
Andy Gardner, VA	73
Bruce Bernard, PA	64
Tom Bissa, MI	52
Michael Musko, IN	50

Agricola (AGR)

87 farmers took to the fields in 2014. Changes were made to the format to include the use of all three base decks (E, I, K) shuffled together. The elimination rounds added a fourth deck to the mix—the WM deck. Sceadeau D'Tela was the standout in the preliminaries—winning all three heats and posting the high score for the event with 60 in the second heat.

The semifinal cut was made at 16 players; a win and a second place were needed to advance. As the complexity level of the game tends to attract strong gamers, nearly all of the semifinalists were familiar with one another from live or online play.

The Final was a veritable shark pool: 2012 WBC champ Eric Ho, and three previous EuroQuest winners—D'Tela (2009), Eric Wrobel (2012) and Steve LeWinter (2013). D'Tela employed an early farming/late growth strategy by using a strong WM card, Hill Farmer. Ho played a strong animal strategy by drafting Animal Breeder and Mini Pasture to get two early cattle that were breeding at the second harvest along with a late game Ram. LeWinter encountered difficulty after losing tempo building his first oven early (powered by Baking Tray) with no grain before D'Tela could build them out from under him. Wrobel played a solid game despite somewhat weaker Occupations. In the end, Ho became the first two-time WBC champ with 46 points, followed by D'Tela (44), Wrobel (40) and LeWinter (38).

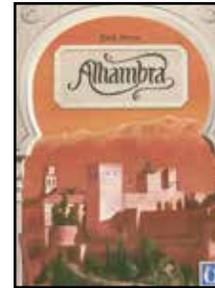
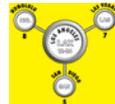


Air Baron (ABN)

2014 was the year of the Strike. There were 37 work stoppages, five in the same game. 24 Fuel Hikes added to the chaos, five times at the same table stricken by all the labor unrest. 34 crashes rocked public confidence with four such tragedies at the same table beset by record labor strife and fuel hikes. All that was missing was a mushroom cloud.

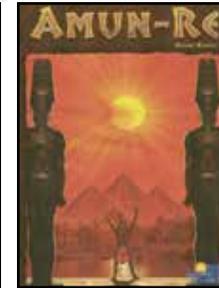
The Final started with Ed O'Connor in Birmingham. Brad Sherwood in West Palm Beach. Bruce Bernard in Albuquerque, defending champ Stephane Dorais in Memphis, and Tom Bissa in Cleveland. The opening turns give an early glimpse of things to come, with Bruce expanding into LAX and buying a Jumbo. Brad expanded into the JFK and DCA markets while Tom moved into ORD and DCA. Ed tried for JFK and HOU, while Stephane invested in PHX.

Bruce, with a Market Share of 100, consolidated his gains in the west, buying three more jumbos to fortify LAX and his lone PHX outpost in ABQ. The strategy paid big dividends, yielding \$55 on Turn 8 while the opposition struggled for cash. Turn 11 proved decisive, with Bruce getting \$50 before going into Fare Wars and taking SMF, SEA, RNO and PDX, failing only at ANC. Stephane, plagued by bad dice, failed his second straight initial Fare Wars attack. On Turn 13, Bruce took ANC with an even roll, increasing his Market Share to 180. He added \$141 cash for \$321 and the win.



2014 Results

🏆 Michael Wojke, PA
 🥈 D. Bohnenberger, PA
 🥉 F. de Bellefeuille, qc
 🏅 Ryan Friedmann, MA
 🏅 Charles Krueger, MA
 🏅 C. Kalmbacher, PA
 🏆 Debbie Gutermuth, NC
 † 124 📖 2004-2014



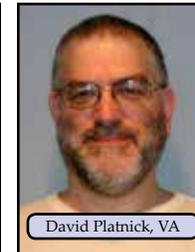
2014 Results

🏆 David Platnick, VA
 🥈 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
 🥉 Eric Freeman, PA
 🏅 Andy Latto, MA
 🏅 Mike Kaltman, PA
 🏅 Greg Thatcher, CA
 🏆 Alex Bove, PA
 † 66 📖 2003-2014



Top Laurelists

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



Top Laurelists

Greg Thatcher, FL	115
Eric Freeman, PA	106
Alex Bove, PA	92
Arthur Field, SC	91
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	73
Haim Hochboim, il	67
Raphael Lehrer, MD	64
Nick Anner, NY	51
Aran Warszawski, il	48
Curt Collins II, PA	43

Alhambra (ALH)

Charlie Faella and Mike Shea shared honors in the Preliminaries for the largest margin of victory (31 points) over runners-up David Platnick and Lisa Shaud respectively. 32 Preliminary winners minus two who declined to continue, vied for 25 semifinal slots. Tiebreakers would oust five.

The semifinals found Chuck Krueger a victor by tiebreaker over Chris Kalmbacher. Francois deBellefeuille won by three over Natalie Beach. David Bohnenberger ended defending champ Alan Elkner's day by the same margin over Sonia Taktak with Alan settling for third. Mike Wojke advanced over Liz DiSandro Roberts. Ryan Friedmann claimed the last slot by besting Kyle Smith.

Our finalists didn't have an ALH laurel between them—no surprise in an event where repeat winners are rare as hen's teeth. The first scoring round came quickly and caught many by surprise. Francois led with nine points, Ryan had seven, Dave three and Mike and Chuck were shut out. The end of the next round found Francois and Ryan still leading with 30 points while the pack was grouped near 17. By game end, Chuck had 58 points, but he still trailed the field. Ryan, fell from first to fourth with 67 points. Francois, the other



leader, also fell on hard times and dropped to third at 71. Dave overtook Francois by a single point to claim second. This left Mike whose terrific 77-point third round won the day, outscoring all three rounds of the other finalists.

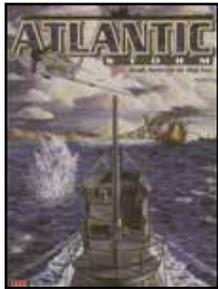
Amun-Re (AMR)

In its 12th year, AMR generated 20 tables and 17 winners in three heats. Mike Kaltman, Jefferson Meyer, and Greg Thatcher each won twice. Alex Bove won by the largest margin (15 points) and had the highest winning score (52). Dominic Blais posted the lowest winning score (29) while edging Scott Saccenti. The closest game was a tie between Bill Zurn and Cary Morris, with only seven points separating all five players.

15 of the 17 qualifiers and the closest runner-up advanced to fill four semifinal tables. Only one double winner (Kaltman) got his third win in Round 2. The other winners were David Platnick, Andy Latto, and 2009 champion Eric Freeman. Kevin Wojtaszczyk was the closest runner-up, allowing him to advance to a 5-player Final.

The Final was double jeopardy for David, having beaten Kevin by a point in the previous round, he now had to do it again. The Old Kingdom started the same way for both players as they broke ahead of the field. At the halfway point, the scores were Kevin 19, David 18, Andy 11, Mike 9, and Eric 6. In the end, Kevin scored two power cards for six points but had no other bonuses. David's Round 6 auction savings were important as they helped him earn second place in cash for four points. The final scores were David and Kevin 37, Eric and Andy 33 and Mike 25. David's one extra pyramid gave him the win by tiebreaker.



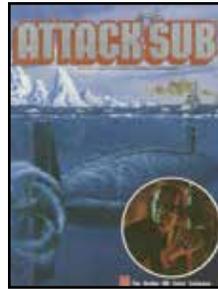


2014 Results

♣ Bill Place, PA
 ♠ Marty Sample, NH
 ♣ Jeff Heidman, NY
 ♣ Jesse Boomer, KS
 ♣ Scott Driessen, MD
 ♣ Rob Eastman, NV

♣ Ben Knight, MD

† 104 📖 1998-2014

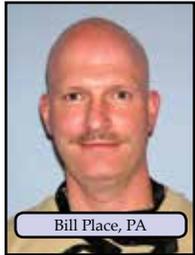


2014 Results

♣ Rob Schoenen, PA
 ♠ Bruce Young, SC
 ♣ Jim Doughan, PA
 ♣ Andy Doughan, PA
 ♣ Bill Edwards, VA
 ♣ Brian Conlon, CT

♣ Steve Caler, OH

† 36 📖 1991-2014



Bill Place, PA

Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	168
Roy Gibson, MD	100
Scott Buckwalter, MD	96
Rob Winslow, NY	95
Rob Eastman, NV	92
Patrick Mirk, FL	85
John Elliott, MD	84
Bruce Young, SC	68
Bill Place, PA	64
Marty Sample, NH	60



Rob Schoenen, PA

Top Laurelists

Bill Edwards, VA	88
Daniel Hoffman, NC	58
Bruce Young, SC	44
James Doughan, PA	40
Steve Caler, OH	40
David Sidelinger, CT	40
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	35
John Conlon, OK	33
Rob Schoenen, PA	32
Brian Conlon, CT	30

Atlantic Storm (ACS)

2014 was our 17th straight year with over 100 players, including ten of 14 former champs. To advance, a player only had to win one of four heats, so Katie Elliott is to be commended for winning both of the heats she played, before losing in the semis. Only five advanced to Round 3. Scott Driessen was a repeating finalist. Bill Place, Jeff Heidman and Marty Sample were each making their third Final appearance. Jesse Boomer was the relative "newcomer."

After 12 battles for ten convoys, Jesse was the apparent leader, with Bill, Scott, Jeff and Marty trailing in that order. However, Marty and Bill both gained significant VPs in the second half. As last player in the 18th battle, Jeff used Tovey to play two cards and a bonus, winning a 7-VP convoy. He also won the 21st battle by escorting a 6-VP convoy home. These wins gave Jeff the edge at 25 VPs, Bill 24, Marty 21, Jesse 18 and Scott 16.

Jeff was the round leader for the 22nd and last battle. He chose the 4-VP PQ 17, called surface and played *Zerstorer* +1. Jesse gambled with the *Hood*. Marty victimized *Hood* with *Bismarck*. This put Marty in a tie with Jeff and gave Marty a slight edge with more convoy VPs. Bill played the *Tirpik*. Historically, PQ 17 was a disaster for the Allies, and this battle followed course. Bill rolled highest to win the hand, the day, and his fourth WBC title.



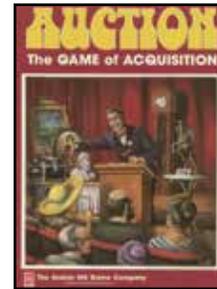
Attack Sub (ATS)



Four players emerged from the field of 36 submariners unbeaten after three swiss rounds: 3-time champion Bill Edwards, 2011 champion Jim Doughan and his son Andrew, and Rob Schoenen—he of the 0 laurels resume. Tiebreakers were used to add 2-time champ Bruce Young, Andy Lewis, 1999 champ Brian Conlon and Kevin Emery to the quarterfinals.

Jim Doughan eliminated Lewis in Scenario E, *Rebel Without a Cause* when the latter was denied on multiple escape attempts. Schoenen and Conlon also faced off in the same scenario with Rob sinking Brian's *Oppokov* early in the second deck. Andrew Doughan followed his father's winning ways with a decisive victory as the Argentines over Emery in Scenario D Falklands. Edwards and Young also met in the Falklands in a duel of multiple champions won by Bruce in the fourth deck. Meanwhile, Andrew was already talking smack about a potential father-son Final. But alas, it was not to be as both lost in the penultimate round. Rob ended Andrew's dream in the Falklands while his dad met an early demise at the hands of Bruce in Scenario B Search and Destroy.

The Final was thus a Young-Schoenen rematch. Rob had handed Bruce his only loss in the preliminary rounds. They chose Scenario E with Rob tracking down the renegade *Oppokov* with a Soviet surface fleet. Rob defied the prognosticators, topped Bruce for a second time and went 6-0 to become the 2014 champion!



2014 Results

♣ Michael Shea, CT
 ♠ Ken Gutermuth, NC
 ♣ Chris Entwistle, MD
 ♣ Bruce Reiff, OH
 ♣ Christina Schoose, IL
 ♣ Vassili Kyrkos, NY

♣ Bruce Reiff, OH

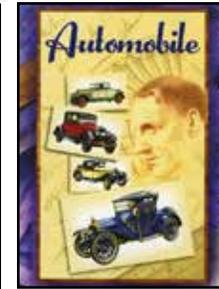
† 25 📖 1993-2014



Michael Shea, CT

Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	90
Ken Gutermuth, NC	62
Arthur Field, SC	50
Andy Gardner, VA	40
Jon Lockwood, VA	34
George Sauer, OH	34
Steve Cuccaro, MD	32
Jeff Mullett, OH	30
David Brooks, TN	28
Michael Shea, CT	24

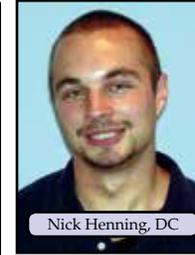


2014 Results

♣ Nick Henning, DC
 ♠ Greg Ziemba, MI
 ♠ Lewis Lin, WA
 ♣ Dave Metzger, NY
 ♣ Romain Jacques, qc
 ♣ Tom Bissa, MI

♣ Greg Schmittgens, KS

† 50 📖 2010-2014



Nick Henning, DC

Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	78
Romain Jacques, qc	36
Andrew Maly, TX	36
Bill Zurn, CA	30
Greg Ziemba, MI	18
Harald Henning, CT	18
Rod Spade, PA	18
Matt Calkins, VA	18
John Weber, MD	15
Lewis Lin, WA	12

Auction (AUC)



Chris Entwistle was the star of the opening round, winning twice, but Bruce Reiff collected Sterling and Queen Anne sets for \$9320 and the high score of the tournament.

The two semifinal tables were randomized and past champions Ken Gutermuth and Bruce Monnin drew young upstart Christina Schoose and the hot hand, Chris. Three past champions staffed the other table: Rob Kircher, David Brooks and Reiff plus also-ran Michael Shea. The goal was not to win, but to be in the top half as two would advance from each table. Ken quickly dominated with three Jewelry purchases to break the bank and Chris outscored Christina by \$430 to end that Cinderella story. Reiff's game was a slower developing cat and mouse affair with the lead often changing hands. Bruce finally concluded that he was in front of the others and let Mike have an item cheap to end the game with \$8210. Bruce's \$7020 second was all he needed.

That put two multi-champs into the Final with hot hand Chris, and this Shea interloper. Ken and Chris soon led and were content to let Bruce battle Mike for the scraps. Ken was \$220 over the win requirement, but couldn't take an auction cheap enough to declare. Mike won the last auction cheap, got *Everyone Inherits* and took the last card, a Sterling, giving him a set. He then declared with \$8510. Ken still sat at \$7720. Chris, was third with \$7390 and Bruce was last with \$7110.



Automobile (AUT)

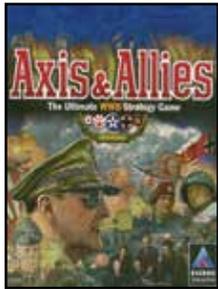
Nick Henning became the first two-time *Automobile* champion, and in the process set some other firsts as well on his way to five titles in one WBC. A record 50 players, including all four former champions, contested two Preliminary heats led by 5000+ scores by Tom Bissa and Kelly Kriebler.

In the semifinals, Lewis Lin and Greg Ziemba had the only 4000+ scores. The other two tables saw closer contests with Dave Metzger squeezing out a 10-point win over Romain Jacques in one game and Nick Henning winning by a 50-point margin.

The finalists took a different character each round, except for Lin who took Ford twice. The players were conservative with ten total unsold cars through all four turns and no unsold cars on the last turn. Only Metzger ended a turn with more than five loss cubes. Henning produced in all three classes in Turns 2, 3 and 4 and ended with a score of 4620. Ziemba was second with 4120, while Lin and Metzger trailed with 3580 and 3540 respectively.

The most popular character in the tournament was Howard with his extra two car sales (chosen 63 times), followed closely by Chrysler (59 selections). Sloan received the fewest player selections (half as many as Howard), but half of his picks were in the final round by the player who went on to win the game.





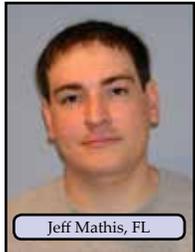
2014 Results

♣ Jeff Mathis, FL
 ⚡ Joe Gioia, NY
 ⚡ Chris Gioia, NY
 ⚡ Ty Hansen, DC
 📦 Kevin Keller, MD
 📦 Sam Packwood, MN
 📦 Joe Powell, VA
 † 27 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

♣ Karl Henning, DC
 ⚡ Jonathan Izer, MD
 ⚡ Scott Driessen, MD
 ⚡ John Conlon, OK
 ⚡ Rob Schoenen, PA
 ⚡ William Burch, MD
 📦 Dave Terry, MD
 † 62 📖 1992-2014



Top Laurelists

Joe Powell, VA	210
Kevin Keller, MD	197
Ty Hansen, DC	193
Philip Shea, VA	192
Pat Mirk, FL	129
Phil Rennert, MD	96
Richard Beyma, MD	95
Andrew Murphy, PA	94
Tim Rothenhoefer, MD	68
Jeff Mathis, FL	54



Top Laurelists

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

Axis & Allies (A&A)



The 2014 field, 27 strong, included both former champions and newcomers aplenty. Three former laurelists reached the semifinals: Jeff Mathis, Joe Gioia, and defending champ Ty Hansen. Jeff defeated 2001 champ Patrick Mirk in Round 1, two-time former champ Joe Powell in Round 2, and survived his toughest test in the third round against Sam Packwood—taking a close decision with 13 victory territories. In the semifinal he downed defending champ Ty Hansen with furious action in the Ukraine and many large naval battles in the Pacific as the US advanced. Jeff used a Northern Pacific strategy for the US fleet that caused the Japanese fleet irreplaceable losses.

In the other bracket, Joe Gioia's Allies defeated his son, Chris by a narrow margin. Joe was the top seed, coming out of the preliminaries unbeaten with 57 victory territories. All three of those victories were concessions earning 19 victory territories plus 30 IPCs.

Jeff's Axis defeated Gioia as Joe faltered in the Final for the second straight year. Jeff's Germans swept Africa and Japan took both India and Australia. He captured the victory territories of Hawaii and Australia late in the game, allowing his navy to transport land units to the pitched battle in Asia, and extending the Japanese Co-Prosperity Sphere to India and beyond.

Play balance remained in good order. The Allies won 14 of 30 games. The average bid to play as the Allies was 4.3, down from 2013's 5.0.

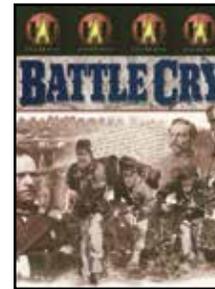


B-17; Queen of the Skies (B17)

The event, spanning 68 missions over 23 years, continued its recreation of historic raids. Another strong turnout of 62 aviators filled the skies. The first mission was a November 26th raid on Bremen, plagued by poor bombing accuracy due to heavy losses among the Pathfinder radar aircraft. The afternoon mission was therefore a repeat trip to Bremen three days later using special rules to reflect high altitude icing problems. Finally, the evening mission hit the industrial area of Solingen on November 30.

Another boisterous After Action Meeting was held the next night. Joe Burch, a double winner elsewhere, came in dead last two points behind Paul Weintraub. On the plus side, Paul's wingman, Bill Burch, had a very good day and scored 167.5 points for sixth place—thereby earning the coveted Sand Plaque and an honorary fez. Returning veterans Rob Schoenen took fifth at 169, and John Conlon fourth at 170. There was a tie for second at 173, which was broken by better bombing accuracy in favor of Jon Izer over Scott Driessen.

That left rookie Karl Henning with top wood at 176 in a year where the Henning brothers could do no wrong. This was Karl's second title of the week and would normally suffice for family bragging rights. But nooooooooooooo—he has to have a brother who wins five tournaments in the week. The defending champ, Steve Ambruzs, had a much tougher go in his sophomore year; scoring just 87 for 51st place.



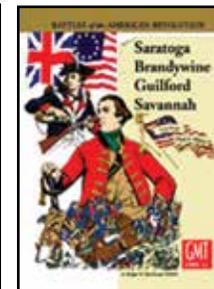
2014 Results

♣ M. Wallschlaeger, NY
 ⚡ Peter Stein, OH
 ⚡ Ty Hansen, DC
 📦 Patrick Mirk, FL
 📦 Alexander Lange, GA
 📦 Ted Lange, GA
 📦 Bruce Reiff, OH
 † 34 📖 2001-2014



Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	132
Philip Shea, VA	66
Ben Knight, MD	60
Peter Stein, OH	48
Lyman Moquin, DC	48
David Metzger, NY	45
Patrick Mirk, FL	42
Robert Eastman, NV	33
Steve Lollis, MD	33
Mike Wallschlaeger, NY	30



2014 Results

♣ Mark Miklos, GA
 ⚡ John Vasilakos, VA
 ⚡ Tommy Miklos, GA
 📦 Bill Morse, VA
 📦 Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
 📦 Dave Stiffler, VA
 📦 Mark Miklos, GA
 † 31 📖 1999-2014



Top Laurelists

Mark Miklos, GA	262
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	144
Dale Long, NJ	125
John Vasilakos, VA	105
Jim Tracy, OH	90
Chris Easter, GA	88
David Stiffler, VA	50
Cliff Hansen, NM	48
Rob Doane, MD	47
Volko Ruhnke, VA	42

Battle Cry (BCY)



Designer Richard Borg brought along five new scenarios for 2015. Your GM saw them at the same time the rest of the players did and we added three—*Rich Mountain*, *Camp Cole* and *Boonville*—to the 4-round Swiss portion of our event along with old standby *Glorietta*. The other two scenarios—*Phillippi Bridge* and *Big Bethel* were available for the semis and Final.

The four rounds proved to be a meat grinder, taking out top-ranked Jeff Cornett and your GM in the preliminaries. Ed Kendrick went 3-0 but declined further combat, leaving just three unbeatens: Mike Wallschlaeger, Pat Mirk and Jack Morrell. They enjoyed a lunch break while the 2-1 hopefuls vied for that elusive third qualifying win. Among them was our defending champion, Peter Stein, who had stumbled vs Robert Powers, brother of the 2013 finalist, in a little payback for the Powers clan. The new owners of three wins were Stein, Lyman Moquin, Ted and Alex Lange, David Gubbay and Ty Hansen.

The quarterfinals thinned the herd, generating semis of Stein vs Mirk and Hansen vs Wallschlaeger. Both battles used *First Bull Run*. Pete took out Pat while Mike slipped past Ty in a close battle. Defending champ Stein thus took his title defense to the last



round, but without his *Forced March* card magic, Pete proved a toothless puppy and Mike won the title (albeit in a squeaker) to take the first of his two titles for the week.

Battles of the Am. Revolution (BAR)

The field included six past champions and nine of the top-ten AREA rated players. The opening rounds used the "Washington's Stand" scenario from *Monmouth Courthouse*. 24 players vied in the Mulligan and 16 in Round 1 with the Americans winning eight and losing six with six draws. Those with the higher army morale advanced from the draws.

16 of the 18 qualifiers returned for Round 2 for the *Battle of Newtown*. Continentals took five of eight games. The British/Indian forces won all three games in Round 3 of the siege scenario from the *Battle of Pensacola*. We returned to the Mohawk Valley for the semifinal with Mark Miklos opposing Bill Morse while his son, Tommy, drew John Vasilakos in the *Battle of Oriskany*. The British won both contests albeit in widely different fashion.

The Final would rematch 2002 protagonists; John and Mark. The format was match-play of the *Battle of Eutaw Springs*. Two games were played, switching sides. John's British managed a draw in the opener. Since Army Morale is the first tie-breaker, the box score mattered. Mark had 13 Army Morale to John's 8. Mark was positioned well in the event of another draw. However, John's Americans were having their way early in the second contest when John's bid for back-to-back moves failed despite a +3 on the Initiative die roll. It was downhill from there as Mark rallied from well behind for a marginal victory and the sixth title in his own series.

