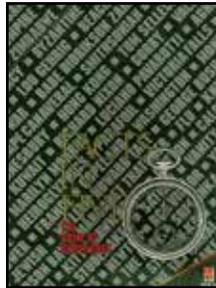


### 2014 Results

- ♣ Craig Moffit, NJ
- ♠ Aaron Fuegi, MA
- ♣ Greg Crowe, MD
- ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
- ♣ Steve Scott, CA
- ♣ Brian Greer, VA

♣ Craig Moffit, NJ

† 42 📖 1999-2014



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Jason Arvey, VA
- ♠ Richard Irving, CA
- ♣ Edward Fear, OH
- ♣ Roderick Lee, CA
- ♣ Bruce Rae, bc
- ♣ Mark Guttag, VA

♣ John Corrado, VA

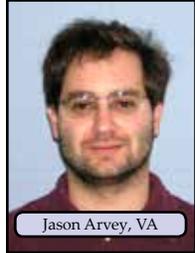
† 96 📖 1993-2014



Craig Moffit, NJ

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	114
Craig Moffit, NJ	98
Aaron Fuegi, MA	82
Eric Freeman, PA	76
John Kilbride, PA	42
Ananda Gupta, MD	42
Chetan Radia, uk	40
Aran Warszawski, il	38
Rob Kilroy, PA	36
Patrick Shea, VA	34



Jason Arvey, VA

### Top Laurelists

Richard Irving, CA	86
Richard Meyer, MA	85
Paul Bean, MA	72
Jason Arvey, VA	52
Mark Guttag, VA	45
Aaron Silverman, FL	44
Doug Hoylman, MD	42
Eric Brosius, MA	40
Ted Drozd, IL	32
Randy Cox, SC	31

### Euphrat & Tigris (E&T)

 E&T drew 42 players using a rules variant to balance the advantage of the first two seats. Instead of the normal two actions, the first two players received just one action to start play. The distribution of wins was six, five, three, and two for players moving first through fourth, respectively.

11 preliminary winners and the closest runner-up filled three semifinals. In the first, two-time champion Eric Freeman (6-6-6-8) as the second dynasty edged fellow two-time champion Aaron Fuegi (5-6-6-8). Aaron would advance anyway as the closest runner-up. In the second game, defending champion Tom Good (4-8-9-11) dominated the table in overall scoring but came up short on black, allowing Craig Moffitt (6-6-8-8) to advance. In the last game, Greg Crowe (8-8-10-11) won as the fourth dynasty.

With the Final's tile bag nearly empty and the score tight, tactical actions to secure a few points to balance their colors became crucial. Greg had exhausted the red tiles from his hand and the others sensed weakness. They each had to decide how weak an attack they could make against him when losing would cost them the game. After losing each of these conflicts, Greg ended play by exhausting the tile bag. Craig won with a score of 8-9-11-12 (six black plus two treasures). Aaron had 8-8-8-13, Greg 7-8-8-11, and Eric 7-8-8-11. In contrast to the dominating preliminary performance of the first seat, the second and fourth dynasties finished first or second in every elimination game.



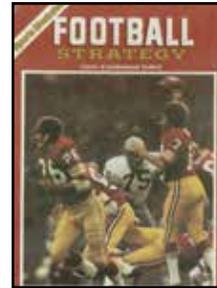
### Facts in Five (FI5)

 From small acorns large trees grow. 15 years ago this old chestnut was nearly dropped for lack of participation, but this year it was SRO with a record 96 players. Who would have thought that replacing the self-scoring arguments with planned categories, researched answers and a Power Point presentation would make such a huge difference? It makes you wonder what Seven Springs' larger media room will draw. As always, the crowd was great, being full of energy and laughter despite the lateness of the hour on a Saturday after a full week of intense strategizing.

As for results: Jason Arvey managed to be only a point behind on the second round and had a small lead with the fourth, but it was his six-point lead in Round 3 that made the difference, allowing him to take a comfortable win with 79 points. Long-time player and previous host Richard Irving scored steadily in every round and had a big finish, letting him pull into second with 76 points.

Newcomer Ed Fear, however, not only was a great volunteer, but also managed to score in the top 5 in three rounds, earning a total of 74 and third place, followed by Bruce Rae and Roderick Lee tied at 68. Finally, last year's winner Mark Guttag took 6th place with 67 points.

A full recap of the event, including the categories, letters, and highlights from less-than-correct entries can be found on the website.

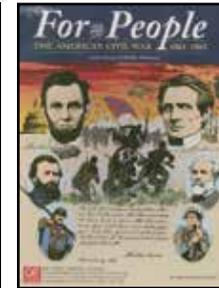


### 2014 Results

- ♣ Joe Powell, VA
- ♠ Paul O'Neil, MD
- ♣ Bert Schoose, IL
- ♣ D. Rynkowski, NY
- ♣ Dan Dolan, Jr, VT
- ♣ Bruce Reiff, OH

♣ Bert Schoose, IL

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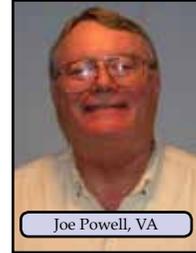


### 2014 Results

- ♣ James Pei, VA
- ♠ Bill Pettus, MD
- ♣ Dave Dockter, MN
- ♠ Nick Pei, CA
- ♣ Lucas Rhodes, PA
- ♣ Jeff Donald, VA

♣ Mark Herman, MD

† 28 📖 1999-2014



Joe Powell, VA

### Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	284
Bill Cleary, MD	99
Joe Powell, VA	90
Ken Whitesell, MD	75
Ray Stakenas II, CA	68
Bert Schoose, IL	64
David Rynkowski, NY	63
Kevin Keller, MD	51
Paul O'Neil, MD	45
Dan Dolan, Jr, NJ	28



James Pei, VA

### Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	762
David Dockter, MN	244
Mark Giddings, NY	151
Mike Mitchell, GA	93
Nicholas Pei, CA	84
Bill Pettus, MD	76
Riku Reikkinen, fi	68
Tim Miller, GA	68
Trevor Bender, CA	62
Sean Dolbee, CA	60

### Football Strategy (FBS)

 For the second time in the history of the event, the winner was crowned by winning both heats. Joe Powell racked up his third title in four years by cruising through both brackets. The move to Monday night football proved successful, outdrawing the normal Wednesday heat 19 to 16.

Dave Rynkowski seems to have everyone's number except for Joe Powell as he dropped another decision to Joe, 24-7 in the first heat semifinals. In the other game, Paul O'Neill parlayed four interceptions into a 32-20 win over Dan Dolan, Jr. Another AHFSL rematch ensued in the Heat Final with Joe topping Paul 30-27 with lots of help from his dice special teams in the form of a 100 yd KO return and a fumbled KO fueling his 30-13 halftime lead.

The other heat semifinals saw Dave, coming off his second shutout of the tournament, paired again vs his nemesis Joe and while this game was much closer, Joe advanced to the bracket Final with a 23-20 win. In the other bracket Bert Schoose and Paul O'Neill had a really tight game decided by a field goal with 15 seconds left, 23-20, as Paul once again found himself 3 points short. The heat Final started out badly for Joe as he was stopped on his opening drive and

 Bert went the distance to grab a 7-0 lead. After that, Joe's pedigree took over, holding Bert to two field goals while methodically dominating in a relatively easy 28-13 win.

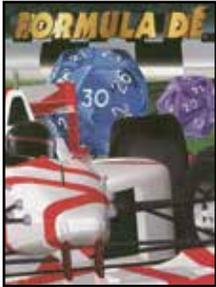
### For The People (FTP)

As the saying goes, if it were a fight, they'd have stopped it. For the 14th time in 16 years, James Pei has won again. We had another solid turnout with 28 ACW aficionados crossing swords. After being MIA for several years, WBC cheerleader, sandman and four-time FTP finalist, David Dockter, returned to do battle. We all settled back to watch how he would be thwarted this year.

The Master got warmed up in a quarterfinal game vs Jeff Donald. Jeff played a Major Campaign to isolate and surround all Rebel forces in Northern Virginia. Unfortunately, he left a small gap in WV. James promptly pulled out his own Major Campaign to turn the tables. Meanwhile, in the semifinals to determine Pei's final victim, Bill Pettus' Union tried to save the Dockter from another Jedi mind trick. The CSA army under Jackson and Forrest failed to dislodge Union corps in Bloomington defended by Curtis and a fort, three times! On Turn 8, Bill then used a brilliant Campaign card to launch Grant's army from Paducah to AA into Dover. This totally unhinged Rebel positions in Kentucky and Tennessee. The Union resigned and Pei-Dockter IV was relegated to wishful thinking and returned to Dave's hope chest.

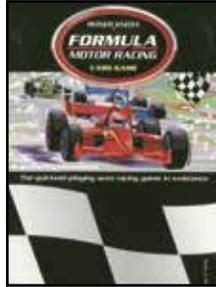
The Final thus pit Pettus' Union against ...well, you know. Suffice to say that Pei had strong hands that he played to perfection. The Union resigned on Turn 4 and James carved another notch in his belt.





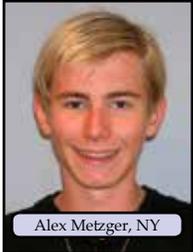
### 2014 Results

- ☛ Alex Metzger, NY
- ☛ Curt Collins II, PA
- ☛ Bill Beckman, SC
- ☛ Bruce Rae, bc
- ☛ R.J. Gleaton, SC
- ☛ Eli Zlotowski, CA
- ☛ Joshua Githens, SC
- † 69 📖 2000-2014



### 2014 Results

- ☛ Jim Fleckenstein, VA
- ☛ F. Wobbeking, MD
- ☛ Mark Love, MD
- ☛ Ashley Worley, ru
- ☛ Drew Duboff, NJ
- ☛ Chris Kizer, NC
- ☛ Chris LeFevre, AZ
- † 106 📖 2001-2014



Alex Metzger, NY

### Top Laurelists

Jason Levine, NY	160
Barry Smith, NY	125
Lance Fogel, PA	78
Roderick Lee, CA	61
Rejean Tremblay, on	52
Curt Collins II, PA	49
Alex Metzger, NY	40
Robert Kircher, MA	38
John Schoose, IL	34
Nick Henning, DC	33



Jim Fleckenstein, VA

### Top Laurelists

Lisa Gutermuth, NC	78
Sarah Vasilakos, VA	61
John Speck, MD	46
Faith Wobbeking, MD	42
Brandon Bernard, PA	42
Jim Fleckenstein, VA	40
Chris LeFevre, AZ	33
Jordan Flawd, PA	33
Stefany Speck, MD	30
Forrest Speck, MD	30

## Formula De (FDE)

The event was contested by 69 drivers in three heats. The preliminaries produced 13 winners, who were culled by tiebreakers for a ten-car Final at Zandervoort. It is a rarely raced circuit long out of print. Cars were customized for three laps by assigning 20 wear points across six categories. Most invested heavily in tires. Events would prove that Engine and Suspension investments would have been wiser.

Before the first lap ended, eight damage markers littered the track. Body Damage and Engine Wear decorated the straight. Six damage markers blocked the raceway, forcing drivers over them for the duration. There were no clear lanes and every car had the potential to be eliminated no matter how cautiously it drove.

The track's first victim was Carolyn Catan, retired halfway through the first lap by a blown engine. Barry Smith suffered the same fate soon afterwards. Bill Dyer fell victim to traffic, eliminated by the loss of his last bodywork point. Engine troubles struck again, forcing Josh Githens into early retirement. Eli Zlotowski fell victim to his own aggression, overshooting a corner. RJ Gleaton made a push for the lead when he ran afoul of track debris. Bruce Rae, drafting on RJ's bumper, met the same fate. In the end, only three of the finalists were still in motion. Young Alex Metzger, playing his first game in the heats, maintained a lead and claimed his first WBC title. By mere virtue of their survival, Curt Collins and Bill Beckman took second and third.

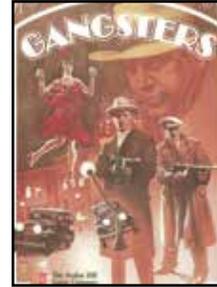


## Formula Motor Racing (FMR)

We again had 27 preliminary races in three heats. A special prize was offered to whoever lost the most cars in all three heats. Katie McCorry claimed the booby prize and cancelation of her Geico policy with ten cars lost. But the most grins were earned at the Santa Claus Table, so named for the presence of white-bearded 2006 champ Matt Evinger paired with five Junior's Program graduates who collectively did not equal his age.

On the more successful side of the ledger, 14 of 26 heat winners returned for the semifinals and were joined by four runners-up alternates to fill 18 slots for Round 2. Faith Wobbeking and Jim Fleckenstein ran 1, 2 at Table 1 with 33 and 32 points, Drew Duboff and Chris Kizer tied at Table 2 with 31 points and Ashley Worley and Mark Love claimed the last two Final seats with 34 and 28 points.

Faith took a commanding lead into the last race with 33 points. Mark was second with 24, followed by Jim 22, Ashley 20, Chris 16 and Drew 15. Mark's opening play was the *Engine Blown* card against Faith's lead car, knocking it out of the race. Faith returned the favor with poetic justice by playing the other *Engine Blown* card successfully against Mark's third place car. The surprising end result of this mayhem was that Jim was left with his cars in position 1 and 3, giving him 14 points for the race and a total of 36, making him our new champion. Faith faded to second with 34, followed by Mark with 26, Ashley with 24, Drew with 21, and Chris with 16.



### 2014 Results

- ☛ Phillip Entwistle, MD
- ☛ Ben Gardner, VA
- ☛ John Pack, CO
- ☛ Chris Entwistle, MD
- ☛ Doug Galullo, MD
- ☛ Jason Wagner, PA
- ☛ John Pack, CO
- † 45 📖 1992-2014



Phillip Entwistle, MD

### Top Laurelists

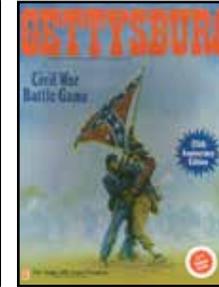
Nick Henning, DC	206
John Pack, CO	150
Pitt Crandlemire, MA	132
Nick Smith, uk	130
Ben Gardner, VA	90
Andy Gardner, VA	77
Bob Hamel, CT	75
Doug Galullo, MD	70
Thomas Richardson, VA	64
Jim Castonguay, PA	54

## Gangsters (GSR)

Phillip "Iron" Entwistle became the Godfather by edging Ben "The Roach" Gardner by one \$100 piece of real estate. But it was Geoffrey "Cartridge" Entwistle who took home the dancing *Gangster* teddy bear, making him the envy of all the Vamps, who will no doubt visit often in 2015. To celebrate the colors of *Gangsters*, each arriving player claimed a fully loaded grenade squirt gun. Winners received a pair of shades in their gang colors. "Tommy Dice" Johnston claimed a blue pair of shades for winning the Barney Fife Memorial Award.

Vampire claimed 17 innocent bystanders in the Final! Both of the ruling crime syndicates ended with huge gangs, 9/1/2 and 7/1/3 respectively. We know where they got them — vamping John "Viper" Pack and, Little Red. However, Iron never had to use his to attack one of the Roach's joints since the Viper handled that task for him. The Viper was up to 8 G's, but spending to replace vamped Thugs cost him in the end. But Little Red, hounded by vamps continuously, never got off the ground despite good payoffs at the Downtown Bus Station. The silver lining? Little Red won the "I Think She Likes Me!" award to prove he's a very unorthodox finalist.

But, in the final analysis, it came down to the real estate war. It was definitely a seller's market with two slumlords doing their best to corner the market. In the end, one turn was all that separated the Godfather from the Roach.



### 2014 Results

- ☛ Ed Menzel, CA
- ☛ Gregory D. Smith, FL
- ☛ Bob Jamelli, PA
- ☛ Richard Beyma, VA
- ☛ John Sharp, FL
- ☛ Devin Dausin, VA
- ☛ Vince Meconi, DE
- † 29 📖 1992-2014



Ed Menzel, CA

### Top Laurelists

Ed Menzel, CA	285
Vincent Meconi, DE	182
Richard Beyma, VA	145
Ted Drozd, IL	102
Allen Kaplan, NJ	91
Dave Zimmerman, PA	81
Gregory D. Smith, PA	69
Jim Tracy, OH	66
Barry Shoults, MI	56
Mike Pacheco, CA	54

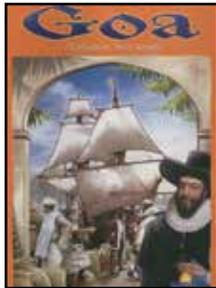
## Gettysburg (GBG)

29 entrants split 36 games. Ed Menzel, who finished 6-2 for the week, won a record sixth crown by defeating Greg Smith. For his part, Greg posted an 8-4 log. Third place went to journeyman Bob Jamelli with a 3-2 mark in his first playoff appearance. Defending champ Richard Beyma (4-1) fell all the way to 4th with his lone loss in the semifinals and took home the book *Gettysburg: A Battlefield Atlas*, given to the highest finisher who did not win a plaque.

The top qualifiers were, in order, defending champ Richard Beyma (4-0, 52 points), Bob Jamelli (3-1, 42 points), Ed Menzel (4-2, 38 points), and Greg Smith (7-3, 36 points). To make the playoffs, the latter won a strength-of-schedule tiebreaker over 5th place finisher John Sharp (3-0). Richard, Ed, and Greg all repeated from last year's final four. The Beyma-Smith semifinal was a replay of the 2013 semifinal, but with a different result. Greg's Union forced a Turn 14 resignation causing Richard to miss the Final for the first time in six years. Meanwhile, Menzel's Federals stopped Jamelli 47-32.

Ed snagged the Rebels in the Final for a bid of 9.5. At the end of July 2, the Confederate VP advantage was only 0.5, but the Union score was bolstered by the bid and territorial holdings. In contrast, the CSA had not suffered an infantry step loss. The Union was obliged to surrender at the end of Turn 17.



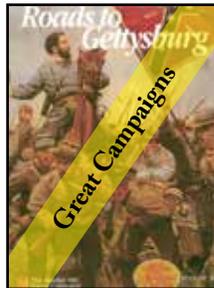


## 2014 Results

♣ Jeff Meyer, MA  
 ♠ Kyle Smith, PA  
 ♣ David Platnick, VA  
 ♠ Rob Spade, PA  
 ♠ Richard Meyer, MA  
 ♠ Christian Moffa, NJ

♣ Derek Glenn, KY

† 26 📖 2004-10, 12-14



## 2014 Results

♣ Justin Rice, VA  
 ♠ Raynald Foret, fr  
 ♣ Thibault Nguyen, fr  
 ♠ Rob Doane, RI  
 ♠ Peter Putnam, PA  
 ♠ Ted Drozd, IL

♣ Dave Cross, VA

† 17 📖 1993-2014



## Top Laurelists

Alex Bove, PA	154
Rod Spade, PA	105
Chris Moffa, NJ	88
Arthur Field, SCf	84
Raphael Lehrer, MD	79
Chris Trimmer, TX	64
Kevin Walsh, NY	63
John Kerr, VA	48
Jeff Meyer, MA	30
Daniel Eppolito, CA	30



## Top Laurelists

Chris Withers, CA	395
Ed Beach, MD	275
David Cross, VA	142
Rob Doane, RI	127
Mark Booth, VA	107
Steve Likevich, OH	106
Justin Rice, VA	95
B. Passacantando, CT	84
Paul Nied, KS	78
Scott Spurgeon, on	63

## Goa (GOA)



Goa attendance fell to a record low and right out of the Century, but enough top players persisted for a challenging event. The smaller field yielded great matches even in the preliminaries. Former champions met several times including one three-way contest. Two-time defending champion Rod Spade led all qualifiers with 55 points to advance.

The semifinals drew eight qualifiers. The first game had two-time champion Alex Bove vs a trio of champs from other events: David Platnick, Rich Meyer, and Kyle Smith. Kyle emerged the winner with 50 points despite having the least Goa experience at the table. David finished close behind with 48 to advance also. The other game pit former champions Christian Moffa, and Rod Spade vs Jeff Meyer, and John Corrado. Jeff scored 52 to win while Rod advanced as runner-up with only 46.

In the first auction of the Final Jeff picked up the "3 ducats a turn" tile for 8 ducats. This would serve his Money needs well. Jeff stuck to his recent strategy of not pushing advancement on the expedition track. In Round 6 he drew a huge expedition card—the Harvest action card. He had just advanced to the bottom of the harvest track ...Ka-ching!. In the end all players finished with 4 to 7 expedition card points but it was Jeff who led with 52. Kyle trailed by one, David had 48 and Rod's reign ended with a whimper and 45 points.



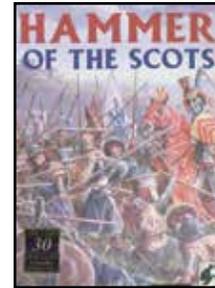
## Great Campaigns ACW (GCA)



This year's tournament continued the 2013 format. We played three preliminary rounds on Wednesday with a mix of scenarios. We covered all eras of the in print games (*All Green Alike*, *Stonewall Jackson's Way II*, *Battle Above the Clouds*) in the preliminary rounds to provide a good flavor of the differences in the armies for a field of 17. This included six newcomers at the Demo round with many playing several rounds in the tournament. We advanced six to the elimination round. Congratulations to Peter Putnam as our Risen From the Ranks winner who advanced while going 2-0 in the preliminaries.

This year's tournament definitely had a "World Cup" feel. We welcomed Thibault Nguyen and Raynald Foret from France. Both are excellent players who made it to the elimination round. They fit right in playing both at a very high level but also helping with newcomers, making it a fun experience for all. We definitely hope to see Raynald and Thibault again.

In the end, the way the seedings worked, Raynald (bye) and Thibault (defeated Ted Drozd) squared off in the semis as the "French Bracket" and Justin Rice (bye) and Rob Doane (defeated Peter Putnam in QF) as the "American Bracket" with Raynald and Justin advancing to the "Wilderness" for the Final. Justin prevailed to win his first GCACW tournament. A few days later he actually showed Raynald and Thibault where the climactic showdown took place at the Wilderness battlefield.



## 2014 Results

♣ Malcolm Smith, VA  
 ♠ Fred Bauer, VA  
 ♣ Tom Good, NC  
 ♠ Steve Koleszar, VA  
 ♠ Lyman Moquin, DC  
 ♠ Ron Draker, VA

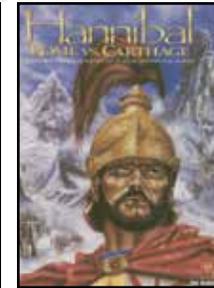
♣ Lyman Moquin, DC

† 21 📖 2003-2014



## Top Laurelists

George Seary, NY	219
Lyman Moquin, DC	205
Malcolm Smith, VA	108
Rick Young, NC	108
Hank Burkhalter, GA	87
Ric Manns, IN	68
Fred Bauer, VA	66
Phil Barcafer, PA	53
Bruce Reiff, OH	51
Ron Draker, VA	36

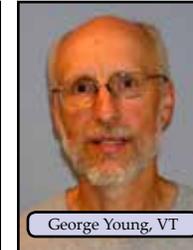


## 2014 Results

♣ George Young, VT  
 ♠ B. von Knorring, se  
 ♣ Michael Sosa, DE  
 ♠ James Pei, VA  
 ♠ Chris Byrd, CT  
 ♠ Keith Wixson, NJ

♣ Stuart Tucker, MD

† 46 📖 1996-2014



## Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	459
Keith Wixson, NJ	391
Chris Byrd, CT	259
Jim Heenehan, PA	254
Lyman Moquin, DC	102
Randall MacInnis, NJ	97
Steve Worrel, VA	96
Peter Reese, VA	94
Stuart Tucker, MD	76
Michael Sosa, DE	72

## Hammer of the Scots (HOS)

With present day Scots again pondering freedom from the English, a well attended demo expanded the field in the 12th year of the Highlanders vs Longshanks rumble. Several energetic new players attended and advanced to the elimination rounds. There the KGB crew was again dominant, pitting brother vs. brother in the medal rounds, and ultimately hogging another crown. The new Mulligan format had the appreciated effect of eliminating "tie breakers". Early rounds favored the English, both in bidding and victories by a margin of 6:4, but the bids declined and favored the Scots by the end.

11 warriors advanced to the elimination round and six remained thereafter. Four were members of the KGB, three from the same team (Malcolm Smith, Ron Draker and Lyman Moquin). The others were previous contenders Fred Bauer and Steve Koleszar, and relative newcomer Tom Good. Good bested Draker in the quarters to oppose defending champ Malcolm, who had just survived Steve with a 7/7 tie as the Scots. Meanwhile, Fred finally took revenge on Lyman in the quarterfinals for their 2010 showdown, taking Lyman's favored English with a fairly high bid, then breaking the Scots early and often.

This left three survivors and required a bye for Fred, since Malcolm had taken one earlier. Tom fought the good fight, but went down to the reigning champion, setting the stage for Fred and Malcolm. Smith was up to the task of defending his crown and took his third HOS shield in the process.



## Hannibal (HRC)



George Young's week got off to a strong start when the 42nd and last player to arrive for Round 1 proved to be a contender who drew the short straw and opened with defending champion Keith Wixson. Five hours later, Michael Sosa survived a 9-9 tie, thus removing a major obstacle in Young's bracket. Meanwhile, Young disposed of Gary Dickson, killing Hannibal on Turn 9 to win 10-8. Young advanced again in Round 2 with an 11-7 win over John Boisvert.

Young turned on his earlier benefactor in Round 3 by sacking Sosa's Carthage in Turn 5. In Round 4 Young's Romans used two late *Intercepted Messengers* to win 9-8 over Byrd. Meanwhile, Sosa continued to be the X factor, knocking John Gitzen from the unbeaten ranks by killing Hannibal in Turn 4. This left just two unbeaten.

11 players were still in the hunt for wood of some sort at the start of Round 5. Wixson upped his position in the sandman parade by surviving 9-9 against Woodham's Romans. Byrd secured fifth by defeating Heenehan's island strategy. Von Knorring's Mago seized Tarentum and forced Gitzen's early resignation to secure third place. Sosa's 11-7 defeat of Luongo gave him second. That left Young vs the Master for all the marbles. Tight throughout, It all came down to who got dealt *Syracuse* on Turn 9. George proved that Pei is not invincible, drawing the crucial card and pulling out a 10-8 win to drop James into fourth.



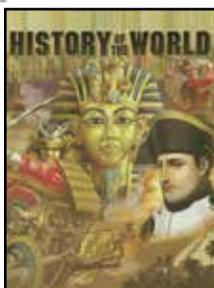


### 2014 Results

🏆 Jim Stanard, NJ  
 🥈 Michael Kieft, ns  
 🥉 Michael Dauer, TX  
 🏆 Dennis Mishler, TX  
 🏆 Nick Benedict, CA  
 🏆 R.E. Woodham, TX

🏆 Jeff Burdett, NY

† 42 📖 2006-2014



### 2014 Results

🏆 Nathan Barhorst, IL  
 🥈 C. Hancock, OH  
 🥉 Jennifer Visocnik, IL  
 🏆 Mike Horn, FL  
 🏆 Ty Hansen, DC  
 🏆 Carl Adamec, NY

🏆 Craig Yope, MI

† 42 📖 1993-2014



Jim Stanard, NJ

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Burdett, NY	125
Justin Rice, VA	102
Alan Sudy, VA	91
Dennis Mishler, TX	85
Kirk Harris, NJ	78
Mathieu Pare-Paquin, qc	72
Dave Cross, VA	72
Bryan Collars, SC	68
Larry Mull, NV	60
Dan Gallagher, MD	60



Nathan Barhorst, IL

### Top Laurelists

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

## Here I Stand (HIS)

Jim Stannard is our 2014 champion, the first to have earned the title via the full game. Stanard had fifth choice of powers in the Final, and rode a strong reformation to a 10-point Turn 5, pulling away from a tightly contested game. With so many powers flirting with victory, events spun out of control on Turn 5. Desperate to get the reformation moving (and willing to keep a diplomatic agreement), the Protestants reformed all of England in the turn. Michael Kieft was second with the Turks, Michael Dauer third (France), Dennis Mishler fourth (Hapsburgs), Nick Benedict fifth (Pope) and Evan Woodham sixth as the Protestants. The tides rose and fell for all—especially the Pope, who nearly won on Turn 2, and the Hapsburgs, who were dicing in the New World on Turn 4 for the victory.

The tournament drew 42 players for 11 preliminary games and three semifinal contests, with the standard tournament scenario again used (with Copernicus entering on Turn 5 instead of Turn 4). Preliminary victory totals by power were four for the Hapsburgs (twice by 2012 champion Mathieu Pare-Paquin), three for the Pope, two for the Protestants and one each for England and the Turks. The French were shutout for the week. The Protestants had the best per-game score average (21.91), boasted by a 29-point effort from Benedict in a preliminary win. England (20.7) and the Hapsburgs (20.73) were in a virtual tie for second. His Holiness brought up the rear in average VPs (18.73).

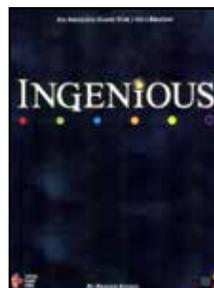


## History of the World (HWD)

The long climb to the top began with 30 hardy souls in Heat 1. The games can be swift as was seen at one table that ended in five hours ...or not, which happened when another was still going three hours later. Heat 2 was a time of redemption with more than half of the 27 players being returnees. Nine of the ten winners returned for the semifinals. Alternates got the other nine slots with two seats filled from outside the top 18 qualifiers.

The mix of finalists included a trio of preliminary winners—Nathan Barhorst, Mike Horn and Jennifer Visocnik. Nathan also won his semifinal game. Ty (aka: Mr. Fort) Hansen was a top 18 alternate who won his semifinal. Christina Hancock made the semis as the 15th alternate behind a winner and six alternates who didn't show. She took the second life and won in the semis. Jennifer became the top runner-up in the Final based on tying Nathan in the semifinals and losing on an empire strength tiebreaker. The last finalist was Carl Adamec who also was a beneficiary of non-appearing qualifiers. He was runner-up to his fellow "second-chancer" Christina in those semifinals and was rewarded with a seat at the Final and a chance to win it all.

Many empire draws and dice rolls later, Nathan emerged as the champion with a score of 196, followed by Christina 182, Jennifer 182, Mike 170, Ty 167, and Carl 158.

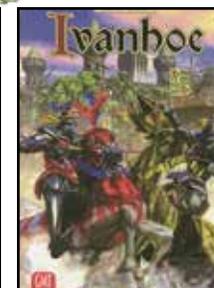


### 2014 Results

🏆 M. Friedmann, MA  
 🥈 Luke Koleszar, MA  
 🥉 Joe Yauere, PA  
 🏆 Rebecca Hebner, CO  
 🏆 Thomas Strock, PA  
 🏆 Alyssa Mills, MD

🏆 Peter Stein, OH

† 100 📖 2007-2014



### 2014 Results

🏆 Eli Zlotowski, CA  
 🥈 F. Wobbeking, MD  
 🥉 Alex Gregorio, PA  
 🏆 M. Mossman, MD  
 🏆 Ted Lange, GA  
 🏆 Tom Johnston, IL

🏆 Brian Mongold, MD

† 104

📖 2001-02, 05-06, 08-14



Meghan Friedmann, MA

### Top Laurelists

Meghan Friedmann, MA	57
Joe Yauere, PA	50
Steven LeWinter, NC	42
Jeff Mullet, OH	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30
Marcy Morelli, PA	30
Brittany Bernard, PA	30
Andy Latto, MA	30
Bruce Reiff, OH	25
Rebecca Hebner, CO	23



Eli Zlotowski, CA

### Top Laurelists

Keith Levy, MD	60
Eli Zlotowski, CA	30
Jeff Senley, PA	30
Richard Fetzer, NY	30
David Rohde, NC	30
Andy Latto, MA	20
Dave Buchholz, MI	20
Bob Titran, NY	20
Steve Scott, CA	19
Faith Wobbeking, MD	18

## Ingenius (ING)

As usual I had to shoo away late arrivals due to a game shortage. If you don't bring a game and you get there right before the cutoff time, you're taking a chance. Once again, a nice mix of old fogeys and young 'uns shared a table to prove how ingenious they were. This year the event dropped a heat but still managed triple digit attendance for the 7th straight year.

The usual suspects appeared for the semifinals. The survivors reaching the Final included 2012 champion Joe Yauere, two frequent laurelists in Meghan Friedmann and Rebecca Hebner, and Luke Koleszar representing the old guard. Or at least as old guard as it gets in *Ingenious*.

As usual, the Final was a defensive struggle with relatively low scores. Yellow was again the battleground and provided the low score for every player. Rebecca was the first to fall off the pace and, in the time honored tradition of most multiplayer games, immediately blamed her failures on the person sitting to her right. That was Meghan who Rebecca redubbed the "Darth Meghan" for repeatedly blocking her best potential plays. This of course is perfectly normal and expected play between top players and got zero sympathy. In the end, both Joe and Luke had their chances to win but didn't have quite



the right tile when they needed it. Meghan did and therefore won her first *Ingenious* championship. Final scores were: Meghan 11, Luke 10/12, Joe 10/11, and Rebecca 9.

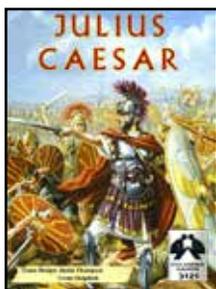
## Ivanhoe (IVH)

104 players contested the 11th *IVH* tourney, guaranteeing that only winners would advance. Seven double winners (Ted Lange, Eli Zlotowski, Tom Johnston, Joe Harrison, Jeff Burdett, Keith Levy, and Rich Fetzer) led single winners Alex Gregorio, Evan Harris, Forest Speck, Mandy Mossman, Faith Wobbeking, Steve Scott, RJ Gleaton, and Jessa Burdett into the semifinals.

Eli was the only double winner to survive Round 2, the rest having already expended too much karma. He bested Forest five chips to four. Alex advanced with four chips to outscore Ted Lange and 2002 champ Scott with three each. Mandy disposed of a pair of double qualifiers in two-time champ Levy and Johnston while squeaking by young RJ four chips to three. The last game of the round was an epic struggle with all four players within a chip before Faith won the clincher.

What then ensued may have been the youngest Final ever with Alex the grizzled veteran of all of 19. Devoid of old fogeys, the Final proved an epic contest. Alex and Eli quickly took two chips each before Mandy strung together three consecutive wins. A fourth clinching triumph was lost only when Eli unhorsed her attempt at a Purple tourney. Faith then made her run for glory, almost taking her fourth chip on three occasions only to be thwarted by Alex each time. Eventually, Eli and Alex, drew even with the ladies at three chips apiece. Eli then broke the deadlock to win his fourth game in as many attempts.



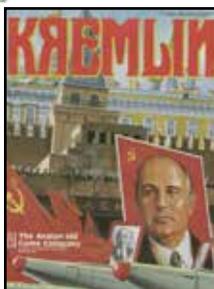


### 2014 Results

♣ Ron Draker, VA  
♠ Fred Bauer, VA  
♢ Barry Eynon, CA  
♣ Alex Kraska, MD  
♣ Justin Thompson, VA  
♣ Tom Drueding, MA

♣ Justin Thompson, VA

† 20 📖 2010-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Tom DeMarco, NJ  
♠ Peter Stein, OH  
♠ Dave Dentel, VA  
♣ B. Buchanan, NC  
♣ Marc Houde, VA  
♣ John Keating, IN

♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD

† 42 📖 1991-2014



Ron Draker, VA

### Top Laurelists

Justin Thompson, VA	75
Tom Drueding, MA	69
Ron Draker, VA	42
Fred Bauer, VA	39
William Austin, VA	39
Joe Harrison, KY	30
Malcolm Smith, VA	24
Alex Kraska, MD	18
Barry Eynon, CA	12
Bill Powers, VA	12



Tom DeMarco, NJ

### Top Laurelists

Steve Cuccaro, MD	163
Peter Stein, OH	134
Lee Rodrigues, VA	60
Nick Smith, uk	51
Tom DeMarco, NJ	48
Tom McCorry, VA	46
John Keating, IN	45
Dave Dentel, VA	42
Marc Houde, VA	41
Sean McCulloch, OH	40

## Julius Caesar (JUC)

We had three former Champions in the tilt along with a group of worthy contenders. Three rounds of Swiss started with random pairs. Winners then played winners until we arrived at our final four. Pompey ran roughshod in the Preliminary rounds with a 70% winning percentage. We had changed the rules to allow Caesar to go first on the first card play regardless of the card played in an attempt to balance the game by preventing Pompey from running into Rome for a quick victory.

The four qualifiers for the elimination rounds were Ron Draker 3-0, Fred Bauer 3-0, Alex Kraska 2-1 and Barry Eynon 2-1. Tom Drueding and Justin Thompson also finished 2-1 but missed the cut on tiebreakers. The semifinals were over quickly as both unbeaten demonstrated why they were undefeated and rolled over their opposition in record time as the KGB block party continued to have its way.

Fred was pleased to get Pompey for the Final, but his karma did not extend to Round 3. The game came down to the last card play. If Fred had gone first on the last turn, the game would have been in doubt, but because Ron held a 3 movement card, Caesar went first and won the game 8-5. This was Ron's first

*Julius Caesar* title and Fred Bauer's second place wood was also his best JUC finish to date. I look forward to crossing swords with them again for the Glory of Rome!



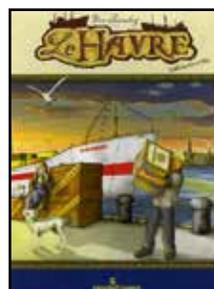
## Kremlin (KRM)



Three-time champ Pete Stein became the #1 seed with two wins; the other finalists each won with three waves, and were ranked equally.

The first Purge Phase set the tone with a failed attempt despite a Purge card modifier. Marc Houde took the early lead with Nestor and managed a wave despite his age. Sadly, Nestor was not long for this world. The new party chief was chosen from the second tier based on his exceptional qualifications: being both ill and under investigation. Defending champ John Keating appeared to be in charge, but was constrained from Politburo rearrangement by the Defense Minister blackmailing him to remain in place. Newcomer Brandon Buchanan then revealed his control at the last minute, but the ill leader wasn't able to make it through the Parade, and was purged by John's KGB head on the next turn. At this point Nikotin was elected, and John, Brandon and Dave Dentel all revealed eight influence on the new party chief. After that, things got a tad hectic.

Flu epidemics, purges, assassinations and trials all took their toll so Turn 10 dawned on a depleted politburo and the realization that the game would not be won by waves. Finally, only three choices remained. Turn 10.5 began with Tom DeMarco in charge of the Party Chief and very little anyone could do about it other than hope his politician died in the Health Phase. He didn't and Tom emerged as the new champ by a combination of endurance and default.

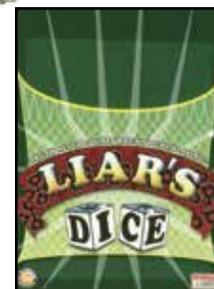


### 2014 Results

♣ Nick Page, on  
♠ Geof. Pounder, on  
♠ Paul Sampson, OH  
♣ Daniel Speyer, NY  
♣ Nick Vayn, PA  
♣ Dan Eppolito, NV

♣ Kenneth Horan, PA

† 33 📖 2010-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ George Talbot, PA  
♠ Josh Githens, SC  
♠ Jeff Meyer, MA  
♠ Max DuBoff, NJ  
♣ John Pack, CO  
♣ Dominic Blais, qc

♣ Jason Levine, NY

† 199 📖 2003-2014



Nick Page, on

### Top Laurelists

Nick Page, on	102
Daniel Eppolito, NV	66
Kenneth Horan, PA	51
Nick Vayn, PA	36
Daniel Speyer, NY	30
Geoffrey Pounder, on	18
Nick Henning, DC	18
Mike Kaltman, PA	15
Paul Sampson, OH	12
David Duncan, PA	12



George Talbot, PA

### Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	90
Andrew Emerick, CT	58
Patrick Shea, VA	42
Daniel Hoffman, NC	36
George Talbot, PA	30
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	30
Richard M. Shay, MA	30
Bernard Beckerman, NY	30
Kathy Kilroy, PA	30
Josh Lanham, MD	30

## Le Havre (LHV)

The 2014 tournament switched to a preference for 3-player games. This created a slight increase in the number of games and a more competitive semifinal round, as it essentially required players to win a heat to advance. It also led to high scoring games; the winning score exceeding 300 francs seven times. The highest of these scores belonged to Nick Vayn: 313.

The semifinal saw familiar names, including former champions Dan Eppolito and Ken Horan. However the first 3-player Final in the event's history included two new finalists: Geoffrey Pounder and Paul Sampson. Their opponent was defending champion Nick Page who was the lone double winner in the heats and who has been in every *Le Havre* Final.

Nick would achieve the powerful cheap Building Firm—Marketplace setup in Round 1 but ironically would not enter the Marketplace the entire game. He would also win the battle for the Colliery, arguably the most important building in the game. Geoff would counter by selling the Sawmill to obtain an early wood ship and converting an incredible 21 coal into coke immediately after the Colliery became available. Paul got into early money trouble and ended up having as many as 14 loans at one point. He would eventually pay off his loans but lost



a lot of ground in the process. In the end Nick would edge Geoff by 34 francs to successfully defend his championship in the closest Final in the event's history.

## Liar's Dice (LID)

199 crazed liars appeared for the traditional massed cup shake and simultaneous roll of nearly 1,000 dice. 34 of those prevaricators persevered to the semifinal round.

The Final contingent of liars included Dominic Blais, George Talbot, Josh Githens, John Pack, Jeff Meyer, and Max DuBoff. Josh was the original champion of this event and has returned to the Final five times. That's saying a lot when you consider that in 12 years, there have been only 11 subsequent appearances by former finalists and Josh has four of them. Among this crop, only Jeff had also reached Round 3 previously—back in 2008.

Dominic, John and Max were quickly ushered to the sidelines. The three remaining liars each had four dice left and would now have to pick on equally armed adversaries. Jeff was next to go when George ushered him out of contention with the loss of his last two dice on an ill-conceived bid of six 1's. Now it was down to a duel between the former champion vs the rookie finalist. Three dice each for all the marbles head to head. They split the next two bids at one die apiece. When George won the rubber match on a bid of two 4's to put Josh a die from elimination, Josh faced his second straight bridesmaid finish. There would be no rally. Josh's bid of 2-2's held no magic elixir. George thus became our 12th straight new champion.

