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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

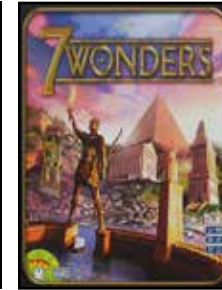
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Bruce Beard, MD

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.

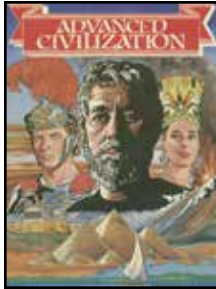
In Game 2, Alfieri never found his point niche, while Maher and Buchholz struggled over Science and Military supremacy. Giza-building Platnick finished his 15-point Wonder and scored heavily on two Guilds—enough to give him a decisive 56-point victory and the tournament. Buchholz trailed at a distant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



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



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.

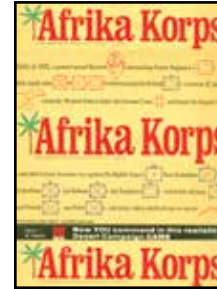


Advanced Civilization (ACV)

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



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



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!



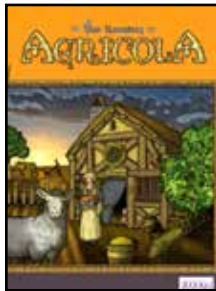
Age of Renaissance (AOR)

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.

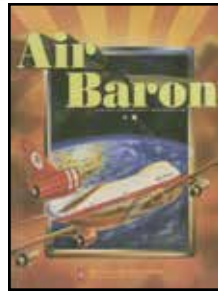
Paris experimented by not buying Caravan until Turn 7! This new venture did not go very well once Paris was blocked from Seaworthy by the pope and did not have the necessary mobility otherwise to recover. There was strong contention for the lead between the wool nations and a cloth-wealthy Venice, but 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).

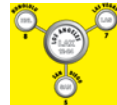


Air Baron (ABN)

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.



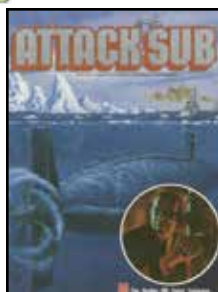


2014 Results

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

♣ Ben Knight, MD

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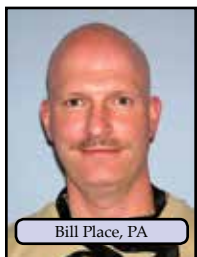


2014 Results

♣ 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.

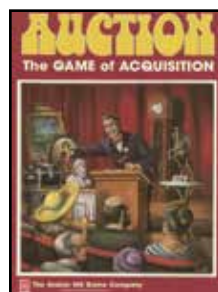
Attack Sub (ATS)



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

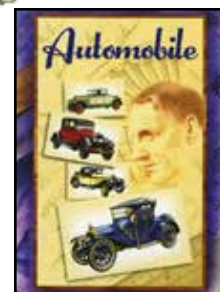
† 25 📖 1993-2014



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)

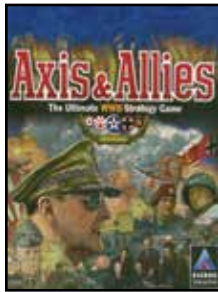
Nick Henning became the first two-time *Automobile* champion, and in the process set some other firsts as well on his way to five titles in one WBC. A record 50 players, including all four former champions, contested two Preliminary heats led by 5000+ scores by Tom Bissa and Kelly Kriebler.

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.

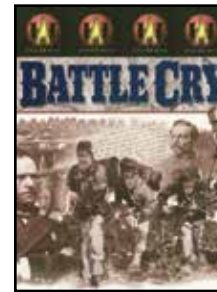


B-17; Queen of the Skies (B17)

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.



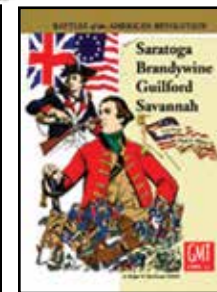
2014 Results

🏆 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.





2014 Results

- ♣ Bill Morse, VA
- ♠ Richard Beyma, VA
- ♣ Forrest Pafenberg, VA
- ♠ Tom Gregorio, PA
- ♠ Ed Witkowski, VA
- ♠ Bob Bassin, MD

♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

† 21 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

- ♣ Philip Shea, VA
- ♠ Bruce Hodgins, on
- ♠ Wm. Kendrick, uk
- ♠ Tedd Mullally, NJ
- ♠ John Corrado, VA
- ♠ Al Hurda, on

♣ Edward Kendrick, uk

† 33 📖 2010-2014



Bill Morse, VA

Top Laurelists

Tom Gregorio, PA	314
Randy Heller, NH	227
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	182
Bill Morse, VA	151
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	135
Bob Ryan, MI	128
Phil Evans, fr	94
Steve Likevich, OH	65
Marty Musella, VA	51
Mike Mitchell, GA	42



Philip Shea, VA

Top Laurelists

Bruce Hodgins, on	51
William Kendrick, uk	51
Philip Shea, FL	45
Paul Sampson, OH	42
Daniel Speyer, NY	39
John Corrado, VA	36
Rob Flowers, MD	30
Tom McCorry, VA	18
John Dextraze, on	15
Ed Kendrick, uk	12

Bitter Woods (BWD)



It was the first year of the merged *Bulge* and *Bitter Woods* tournaments. The Germans won 10 of 21 in the 6-turn scenario, and 14 of 24 in the 8-turn scenario. Richard Beyma went 6-0 and Bill Morse 6-2 in the qualifiers with 64 points each. Forrest Pafenberg had 56 and Tom Gregorio 48. Ed Witkowski, Bob Bassin, Bruno Sinigaglio and Marty Musella formed the chase pack. The new Challenge rule made its debut allowing any player in fifth through eighth to challenge a player in first through fourth, at random. The Challenge prevents leaders from ducking opponents at the end of the preliminaries and allows those on the cusp a chance to advance. Ed and Marty challenged. Ed drew Forrest and Marty was paired with Richard. Both lost, but, if either had won, they would have passed Tom and made the playoffs.

Richard's GI's defeated Tom in the 6-turn scenario semifinal. In the other bracket, defending champ Forest was crushed by Bill's Germans in the 8-turn scenario. This paired two veterans in search of their first *BWD* title. The game started late and ended early, with both players sleep deprived at the end. The fatigue of the players after a week's combat was evident, both making terrible blunders, but following with spectacular recoveries. Bill rallied last and was able to garrison Parker's Crossroad, mainly due to the Hackers Gambit, which delayed the Germans on the way to Bastogne long enough to claim his first *BWD* title.

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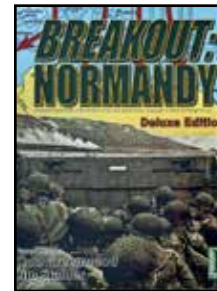
Brass (BRS)

It's not surprising that players discriminating enough to play *Brass* would also be successful in other games requiring planning, forethought, deep strategic thinking and ruthless exploitation. Several qualifiers missed the semifinals to contest other Finals, while others passed up the *Circus Maximus* Final to play *Brass*. It's tough at the top.

Our Final started conventionally and both Philip Shea and Bruce Hodgins wasted six mills while Tedd Mullally built three ironworks and William Kendrick built ports and iron. In the second half of the Canal Phase Tedd and William developed shipyards while Bruce and Philip each laid out three 3-mills, with William pushing out his iron and overbuilding Tedd. At the turn William had a point lead, while Philip trailed by seven points.

However, the early leader often fades in the second half and this game proved no exception. After the usual rail builds William mistimed his turn and allowed Tedd to drop shipyards while the other two each eventually shipped three 4-mills. After some vicious overbuilding, at game end Shea had turned round his position to edge Hodgins by two points to emerge a worthy champion with his fifth WBC title.

In this Final the top pair used the mill strategy and were assisted by ports built by other players. Last year the winner countered similar strategies with a broad-brush coal, iron, rail and shipyards mix, but that proved to be no panacea and confirms that there is no single winning strategy in this great game.



2014 Results

- ♣ K. Hammond, WA
- ♠ Nels Thompson, NY
- ♠ K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
- ♠ Mike Kaye, MD
- ♠ Mark Gutfreund, KY
- ♠ M. Birnbaum, NY

♣ Andrew Cummins, uk

† 27 📖 1994-2014



2014 Results

- ♣ R. Malcomson, MN
- ♠ Rick Kirchner, KY
- ♠ John Henry, on
- ♠ Barry Smith, NY
- ♠ Mark Smith, KY
- ♠ Jim Jordan, MD

♣ James Jordan, MD

† 35 📖 1991-2014



Kevin Hammond, WA

Top Laurelists

Don Greenwood, MD	388
Nels Thompson, NY	348
Andrew Cummins, uk	316
Michael Kaye, MD	249
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	215
Alan Applebaum, MA	204
Jim Doughan, PA	187
Jim Eliason, IA	185
Mark Gutfreund, KY	175
Bryan Eshleman, NC	169



Robert Malcomson, MN

Top Laurelists

Ewan McNay, CT	353
James Jordan, MD	200
Nick Benedict, PA	200
Barry Smith, NY	129
Randy Schilb, MO	120
Rick Kirchner, KY	108
Mark Smith, KY	90
Scott Pfeiffer, SC	83
David Gantt, SC	70
Richard Curtin, NY	64

Breakout: Normandy (BKN)

Only six of 32 games saw bidding in double figures. In fact, 21 games saw no bid at all. The highest bids were by Kevin Hammond, twice giving 30 supplies to the Allies for command of his preferred Germans. The overall result was 20 German victories with the Allies faring better in the early rounds and the Germans taking six of seven in the medal games.

Hammond played the Germans throughout, bidding high for the privilege. It took 31—a high bid indeed in the L2 version—to secure the German command in the Final against four-time champ Nels Thompson.

Nels tried unsuccessfully for a spectacular early knockout against Caen with a successful airstrike followed by a failed 7-7 armored assault from Juno. Allied progress was soon hampered by weather changes and poor bombardments. Omaha developed well but the points weren't adding up to an Allied victory. At the end of the 9th, Nels double-impulsed through Troan and into Mezidon generating simultaneous threats to Caen and a breakout in Zone A. Kevin expertly defended during regroup, falling back from Houlgate into Zone A while packing Caen with forces at the start of the 10th as the British contested Bourguebus. The 11th saw Caen cut off but the defense was so strong that neither



Allied bombardments nor isolation rolls sufficed to hamper the defense. A German counterattack on the 12th to clear Bourguebus and relieve Caen secured Kevin's second *BKN* crown.

Britannia (BRI)

The usual balance of winning colors was maintained during the heats. We had four wins each for Blue and Red and three apiece for Yellow and Green. The preliminary high scores started out with a roar with Blue and Yellow high bars being set on Monday. Barry Smith racked up a Blue 243 while newcomer Robert Malcomson put together a huge Yellow 259. In the second heat, Ewan McNay pulled out a massive Red 297 points, easily grabbing the high score there. Then, in the third heat, Rick Kirchner pulled off a 255 Green score, easily eclipsing the hefty, but not enough 240 score by Chris Trimmer in the second heat. My favorite Ethelraed the Unraedy award was a tie this year! Both Barry Smith and John Henry claimed the honors with 191 points.

11 winners and a 12th alternate manned the semifinals with Ewan McNay, Robert Malcomson and Barry Smith emerging triumphant. However, Ewan declined his opportunity for his sixth *BRI* title in favor of a *RRY* Final, so two alternates joined the remaining victors at the Final.

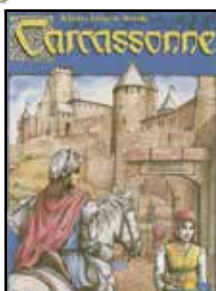
Barry Smith drew Yellow, Rick Kirchner Green, Robert Malcomson Red, and John Henry Blue. In the end, only 10 points separated first and fourth in a low scoring affair. Barry's Yellow's took fourth with 194, John's Blues were third with 196, Rick's Green's ended with 202, and Robert's Reds won the game with 204 to become the fourth winner of the *Britannia* sword.





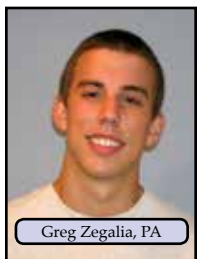
2014 Results

♣ Greg Zegalia, PA
 ♠ Tim Packwood, DE
 ♣ Chris Long, PA
 ♠ Andy Latto, MA
 ♠ Trella Bromley, FL
 ♠ Richard Meyer, MA
 ♣ Rebecca Hebner, DC
 † 229 📖 2006-2014



2014 Results

♣ Norman Rule, MD
 ♠ Joe Millovich, PA
 ♠ Chad Martin, PA
 ♠ Jon Gemmel, MD
 ♠ Chris Kreuter, NY
 ♠ Thomas Strock, PA
 ♣ Jennifer Visocnik, IL
 † 166 📖 2002-2014



Top Laurelists

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



Top Laurelists

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

Can't Stop (CNS)

In 76 games fate will pick its favorites somewhere along the way and Carmen Petruzzelli (8's & 9's), Andy Latto (4's & 10's) and James Kramer (6's & 12's) were all blessed at one point by closing out two columns on their last turn. Brett Fox fared even better by closing three columns (5's, 6's and 7's) in a single turn. But one game does not a champion make.

The Final was tense with Chris Long, Andy Latto, Tim Packwood, and Greg Zegalia all seeking the shield. The first three started well by closing a column each (11's, 6's, and 2's respectively). In response, Greg, who had yet to join the capped-column-club, said, "You're going to close out two, then you're going to close two, and then I'm going to win."

Chris took the lead by cashing the 8's before Greg got on the scoreboard by capping the 3's. With five columns closed, it became a longer slog up the columns. Eventually, Tim closed his second column with the 5's, much to the chagrin of Chris who, after advancing from a semifinal table where he needed four or more turns to roll a single 11 to advance, had three shots to roll a 5 for the win, but couldn't close the deal. With two players a single column away from paydirt, Greg, in true *Can't Stop* fashion, methodically advanced the 7's and 9's to cap both, sealing victory over his more cautious opponents. Self-fulfilling prophecy or just good luck?



Carcassonne (CAR)

Several changes were made to the format in 2014, not the least of which was the addition of a 4th qualifying heat. In combination with a 7% increase in the size of the field to a record high of 166 players, the number of qualifying games played increased by 40.4%. In addition, a new point structure was introduced to encourage multiple plays and discourage 5-player games by the addition of a point for those bringing their own game. This succeeded in eliminating the eight 5-player games required due to game shortages in 2013. The addition of tournament points served as a tiebreaker for advancement purposes. Since only three of the 16 eventual semifinalists had less than two wins, players who wish to advance had best have at least two wins. If there is room in the semifinal for players with only one win, they will need to play multiple heats to increase their tournament points to qualify for the semifinals.

Norman Rule was the top qualifier with three wins and a 2nd in four preliminary heats. His hot hand continued throughout. He went on to win his semifinal by 17 points and the Final by 22.

Also posting three wins in the qualifying heats were John Gemmel, Chris Kreuter, and Thomas Strock. Each went on to earn laurels. Of the six players who logged more than one win last year, only Kreuter and Joe Millovich were able to repeat that feat in 2014.



2014 Results

♣ Keith Dent, NY
 ♠ Robert St Pierre, PA
 ♠ Dominic Blais, qc
 ♠ Nick Vayn, PA
 ♠ Antony Saccenti, MD
 ♠ Anni Foasberg, NY
 ♣ Barb Flaxington, NJ
 † 53 📖 2013-2014



Top Laurelists

Keith Dent, NY	30
Jay Boring, MD	30
Robert St. Pierre, PA	18
Ted Simmons, IL	18
Dominic Blais, qc	12
Mikko Raimi, fi	12
Nick Vayn, PA	9
Andrew Norgren, NY	9
Antony Saccenti, MD	6
Randy Buehler, WA	6



2014 Results

♣ Alistair Thach, TN
 ♠ Janet Ottey, PA
 ♠ Kate Fractal, MA
 ♠ John Gitzen II, NY
 ♠ Winton Lemoine, NV
 ♠ Tim Tu, NJ
 ♣ Chris Gnech, PA
 † 46 📖 2013-2014



Top Laurelists

Alistair Thach, TN	30
Rich Shipley, MD	30
Janet Ottey, PA	24
Colin Crook, PA	18
Kate Fractal, MA	12
Josh Lanham, MD	12
John Gitzen II, NY	9
Matt Leader, MA	9
Winton Lemoine, NV	6
Tim Tu, NJ	3

Castles of Burgundy (COB)

The high winning scores in the preliminary rounds ranged from a high of 275 (by the ultimate champion) to a low of 218 points. In the 12 games played with the standard boards, the same trend was noticed in starting player order differential, with Seat 2 again seeming to be the most advantageous (winning 41.2% of the time, in contrast to 16.7% for Seat 1, 16.7% Seat 3, and 25% Seat 4). The sample size still remains too small for any definitive conclusions.

The Final was close and the lead changed hands frequently during the earlier rounds with no clear victor until the end. Robert St. Pierre took an early lead by closing three areas in the first round. Keith Dent made a big comeback (from 86-151 points) in the fourth round by completing an eight-building area. This accomplishment was even more impressive given that he did not possess the tile allowing duplicate buildings in the same area. Unfortunately for Nick Vayn, in the last round Keith also took the one tile available that Nick needed to legally complete a six-building area. Player order was important throughout, particularly to collect specific tiles and bonuses. Silverlings were readily spent to obtain additional tiles. Dominic Blais scored the most bonus points at the end (37 compared to 24 by Keith and 16 by



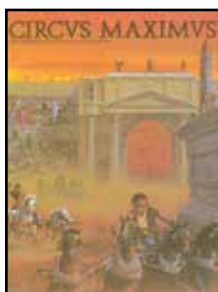
Nick and Robert), but not enough to close the gap. Keith won his first WBC title with 216, followed by Robert at 206, with Dominic and Nick tied at 204.

Catan: Cities & Knights (C&K)

The finalists in our second year were Kate Fractal, Janet Ottey, John Gitzen, and Alistair Thach. Both Kate and Alistair started with paper heavy strategies, placing their cities on a double lumber intersection. Consequently, Kate did not produce wheat and Alistair had no ore. Kate was able to build an active knight before the first barbarian attack. Alistair was not, but was saved by Janet's double knight (gaining a Defender of Catan card for her efforts). Kate was able to build to the aqueduct ("gold") early, thereby gaining wheat to manage the knights. Alistair remained blocked from the ore hexes, but the others had plenty to spare and were willing to trade, even favorably. At this point, Janet enjoyed a 5-4 lead over the field.

Alistair and John built the Aqueduct shortly thereafter. With the Aqueduct, Alistair was able to build more cities, and with the paper production still rolling in, claimed the green metropolis. At this point, the game appeared to be a blowout with Alistair at ten VPs, and his closest opponent three behind. Janet still had very good resource production and was able to build a settlement and a city in the same turn to tie Alistair at ten VPs. The next turn she actually went ahead with the help of two mining progress cards. However, Alistair's cloth production and some extra paper to trade 2:1 (with the cloth special), enabled him to claim a metropolis for the winning total and his first WBC title.



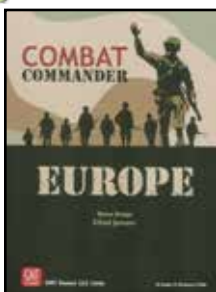


2014 Results

🏆 Josh Githens, SC
 🏆 Nora Tuke, DE
 🏆 Robert Voisin, NY
 🏆 Jennifer Brown, DE
 🏆 Tony Musella, VA
 🏆 Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ

🏆 John Jacoby, VA

† 68 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Peter Gurneau, WI
 🏆 Jordan Kehrer, PA
 🏆 J.R. Tracy, NY
 🏆 Michael Redman, MN
 🏆 Mike Gentile, PA
 🏆 Phil Walling, VA

🏆 Bryan Collars, SC

† 40 📖 2007-2014



Josh Githens, SC

Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	313
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	152
Steve Katz, VA	144
Anthony Musella, VA	127
Tom Saal, MI	120
Angela Collinson, MD	116
Scott Sirianna, NY	97
John Tighe, Jr, NJ	84
Bill Beckman, SC	72
Michael Lind, VA	60



Peter Gurneau, WI

Top Laurelists

Bob Heinzmann, FL	165
Peter Gurneau, WI	162
Bryan Collars, SC	72
J. R. Tracy, NY	69
Michael Johnson, MA	52
Bob Jamelli, PA	48
Chris Byrd, CT	42
Jordan Kehrer, PA	40
Mike Galandiuk, OH	40
Tony Raimo, OH	30

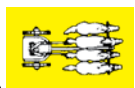
Circus Maximus (CMS)

Colosseum traffic was much lighter this year. Gone were the 17 finalists that clogged the 2013 track in a seven-hour endurance test. A heat was dropped to limit the field and it worked all too well as the event drew its smallest numbers in two decades. With only ten races offered, the field was further cut when three qualifiers failed to appear.

The finalists arrived in a less bellicose assortment than the norm with three heavy, two medium and two light chariots. The drivers were also less experienced. Only Josh Githens had ridden to victory in the big circus previously. He brought a light chariot, correctly predicting it would be a kinder and gentler race.

Only two horses would be destroyed. In such a relatively bloodless environment it was the former champion's day. In a spectacular show of both skill and ineptitude, Josh lashed a driver already against the wall after coming out of the 8 lane. The driver resignedly backed his chariot into the curve at a speed of 15 over the limit. As the multitude held its collective breath awaiting the carnage sure to come, the dice tumbled to a stop causing only one point of damage. The anticipated blood lust was replaced by disappointed jeers at the unlikely escape. Josh nevertheless got the best revenge

on Turn 17 when he crossed the finish line a full turn ahead of his closest pursuer for his third CMS title.



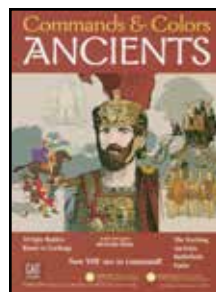
Combat Commander (CBC)

The Great Campaign continued with scenarios for 1941 as the action shifted to the Mediterranean and the opening stages of Operation Barbarossa. We again played four qualifying rounds to advance four to single elimination.

The swiss rounds were played in succession with most entrants playing three or more games. The scenarios, in the order played, were *Operation Mercury* (Germans vs British); *Barbarossa Unleashed* (Soviets vs Germans); *Operation Compass* (British vs Italians); and *Defend in Place* (Germans vs Soviets). All rounds were played with new scenarios crafted and introduced at this year's WBC. Each of the scenarios played equally well and finished within the established time limits. For the first time there was no need for adjudication.

Perennial laurelist, JR Tracy, was the top seed, followed by Jordan Kehrer, newcomer Michael Redman and defending champion, Peter Gurneau. In the semifinals, JR faced off against Peter and Jordan took the chair opposite Michael. The scenario was *Operation Compass II* featuring Germans attacking the British. Jordan dispatched Michael to advance to his first CBC Final while in the other bracket Peter advanced to defend his title yet again.

As in previous years, the lower seeded finalist, Peter, selected a scenario from the five played and the higher seed chose his side. Peter opted to return to *Operation Mercury* where Jordan chose to play the defending Brits. After a tense game that saw three sudden death rolls, Peter emerged victorious for his third straight title.



2014 Results

🏆 Joe Harrison, KY
 🏆 Bill O'Neal, NY
 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ
 🏆 Matt Bacho, MD
 🏆 Jack Morrell, NY
 🏆 Carl Moon, NY

🏆 Andy Lewis, DE

† 37 📖 2006-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Jeff Pattison, MD
 🏆 Joel Tamburo, IL
 🏆 Jonathan Squibb, PA
 🏆 Jessa Burdett, NY
 🏆 Mark Davis, MI
 🏆 James Doughan, PA

🏆 Joel Tamburo, IL

† 20 📖 2013-2014



Joe Harrison, KY

Top Laurelists

Bill O'Neal, NY	171
Allen Kaplan, NJ	68
Jack Morrell, NY	58
Tony Curtis, OK	58
Chad Mekash, NJ	56
Brian Conlon, CT	54
Rick Young, NC	42
Joe Harrison, KY	30
John Kirk, PA	24
Terry Cotter, CT	24



Jeff Pattison, MD

Top Laurelists

Joel Tamburo, IL	36
Jeff Pattison, MD	30
Andrew Ruhnke, VA	30
Jonathan Squibb, PA	21
Jessa Burdett, NY	15
Jeff Burdett, NY	12
Mark Davis, MI	6
James Doughan, PA	3
Scott de Brestian, MI	3

Commands & Colors Ancients (CCA)

The first round used the pod system of 4-player groups with round robin play in the *Bagradas* scenario. The best record in each group advanced automatically and the best runners-up filled the remainder of the 16 available slots. Side selection was handled by bidding victory banners. Carthage held a miniscule advantage 26-25-1. The second round was again contested in pods with the battle of *Castulo*. This time, only the winner of each pod would advance to the semis. Rome won overall 15-8-1.

The semifinals were conducted as 2-game match play, playing both sides against the same opponent. The battle was *Bagradas River* from the third expansion. In the first pairing, defending champion Bill O'Neal faced Derek Landel. Derek took the first game 5-3 as the Romans, but Bill also won as the Romans by a 5-1 margin to advance on total banners 8-6. In the other bracket, Matt Bacho faced Joe Harrison with neither having a laurel to his name—yet. Joe won both games by a 10-4 margin to advance easily.

The Final was contested at *Sotium* from the second expansion. Three-time champ Bill O'Neal had missed laurels just once in nine years. It looked like a David vs Goliath mismatch. And it was ...Goliath never knew what hit him. Bill lost with the Romans 6-3 in the first game. The advantage was now David's as they switched sides. Joe tied the second game 4-4, and a new CCA champion was borne.



Counter-Insurgency Series (CIS)



After a successful launch with *Andean Abyss*, 2014 featured an expanded menu of options for the COIN series. The two qualifying heats used *Cuba Libre*, the shortest game. All told, 20 players manned six games. The Syndicate and M-26 (Castro) each won once while the Directorate (Students) and Government each prevailed twice.

The Final used the "short" game of *A Distant Plain*. Jessa Burdett and Jonathan Squibb as the Taliban and Warlords were on the receiving end of what can happen when the Government (Jeff Pattison) and Coalition (Joel Tamburo) players are in sync. Even so, the game literally came down to one card. The last Propaganda card ending the game was drawn earlier than usual. The Coalition had gambled unsuccessfully on one more card play to pull his troops out for the win. The only player who could alter the result now was the Taliban.

Jessa had the proverbial "bird in the hand versus two in the bush" situation. She could either take a move that was guaranteed to gain a point or risk an attack in Kandahar worth potentially more. What no one realized at the time was that had she successfully attacked, the entire order of finish would have changed, resulting in her victory. Not being aware of this at the time, she took the safe point. Jeff Pattison's Government was the beneficiary of this declined option as he earned his first WBC title.





2014 Results

♣ Cary Morris, NC
 ♠ Kyle Smith, PA
 ♣ Keith Dent, KY
 ♣ Elaine Pearson, NC
 ♣ Steven LeWinter, NC
 ♣ Dominic Blais, qc
 🏆 Andrew Emerick, CT

† 58 📖 2011-2014



2014 Results

♣ Alex Bove, PA
 ♠ Greg Thatcher, CA
 ♣ Yoel Weiss, NJ
 ♣ Robb Effinger, on
 ♣ David Buchholz, MI
 ♣ Geoff Pounder, on
 🏆 Rob Flowers, MD

† 70 📖 1999-2014



Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	56
Randy Buehler, WA	50
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	42
Cary Morris, NC	34
Sam Schell, NC	30
Kyle Smith, PA	24
Elaine Pearson, NC	18
Robert Murray, NJ	18
Robert Kircher, RI	14
Keith Dent, NY	14



Top Laurelists

Rob Flowers, MD	109
Robb Effinger, on	108
Greg Thatcher, FL	95
Curt Collins II, PA	87
Geoff Pounder, on	73
Jason Levine, NY	62
Eric Freeman, PA	60
Jay Fox, OH	55
Charlie Kersten, OH	40
Mark Gutttag, VA	40

EGIZIA (EGZ)

Four double winners in the preliminaries, Randy Beuhler, Cary Morris, Kyle Smith, and Andrew Emerick, allowed any winner to qualify for the semis without fear of first heat tiebreakers. The four double winners were seeded for the semifinals, but only two advanced—Morris and Smith. Two-time Caesar Randy Beuhler was bested by WBC newcomer Keith Dent while defending champion Andrew Emerick was eliminated by Elaine Pearson, just as she had done in the semifinals two years ago.

Keith drew the coveted first seat in the Final, followed by Cary, Kyle, and Elaine. The first round featured a relatively weak set of cards. Consequently, the trip down the river was slower than usual, with Cary, Kyle, and Elaine all stopping at the Sphinx. Predictably, the second round card row was rich. Cary, Kyle and Elaine all boosted their stone production this round, while Keith elected to slowboat, picking up both a green and yellow food card, a spot at the Sphinx, and several crew strength.

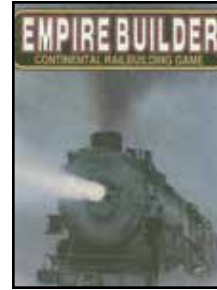
In final scoring Cary flipped a solid stack of scoring cards, picking up six from four bricks in the columns, seven for three people at the end of the grain track, four for finishing the grain track, seven for finishing both tracks, eight for having the most brown fields, plus two for graves and three for unused stones, giving him 99 points. Thus, Cary won, and the three-way logjam at 86 for the remaining places was broken by the order they arrived.

El Grande (ELG)

20 preliminary games yielded no double winners but Greg Thatcher won three, including one of 150 points. The Jay's Basement crowd was well represented, while the GM and his assistants barely made the cut. With the number of games played, ties are not uncommon. Usually, the first two tiebreakers suffice. However, this year, a battle went to the third tiebreaker (highest unused power card). Fortunately for Tim Mossman, he had his 13 left while Geoff Pounder could muster only a 12.

The semifinals produced tense games. In the closest, Greg Thatcher edged Geoff Pounder on a tiebreaker to win his fourth straight, thereby relegating Geoff to sixth place.

The Final featured previous champions Thatcher and Robb Effinger, plus a pair of runners-up: David Buchholz and Yoel Weiss. Alex Bove, a newcomer to *ELG* laurels, occupied the fifth seat. The game started with one of the few cards that can dramatically change the outset: *Decay of Authority*. Dave, bidding last, was first player with a 6 and executed the card, sending home seven cabs from each player. He also set up a *Score the Least* card that Yoel then used to score all the current regions and propel both of them to a decent lead. A complete account is on the website, but Alex's relative inexperience proved no impediment to a narrow 2-point win for his first *ELG* title and tenth overall. Greg and Yoel tied for second at 106, while Robb and Dave finished with 103 and 101 respectively.



2014 Results

♣ Dave Steiner, IN
 ♠ Norm Newton, on
 ♣ Bob Stribula, PA
 ♠ Mike Holmquist, PA
 ♠ Trella Bromley, FL
 ♠ Ken Gutermuth, NC
 🏆 Bob Stribula, PA

† 62 📖 1999-2014



Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	218
Dave Steiner, IN	151
Eric Brosius, MA	125
Harald Henning, CT	115
Jim Yerkey, MD	110
Tom Dunning, NY	97
Ken Gutermuth, NC	89
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	84
Mark Kennel, DE	84
Tedd Mullally, NJ	79



2014 Results

♣ Rob Kilroy, PA
 ♠ Bill Peeck, NY
 ♠ Mike Dwyer, FL
 ♣ Wm. Kendrick, uk
 ♣ Joseph Burch, MD
 ♣ Steve Squibb, PA
 🏆 Matt Evinger, PA

† 37 📖 1991-2014



Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	96
Matt Evinger, PA	78
Rob Kilroy, PA	66
Bill Peeck, NY	65
Tim Hitchings, DE	63
Mike Sincavage, VA	48
Evan Hitchings, DE	47
Blair Morgen, NJ	36
Mike Mitchell, GA	36
Robert Eastman, NV	33

Empire Builder (EPB)

Bill Peeck ably demoted our old classic to six newcomers. 30 preliminary games followed in three heats. Bob Stribula won three while Mark Kennel and Richard Curtin each triumphed twice to receive the highest seeds. With two missing qualifiers, one alternate also advanced to make 25 semifinalists competing on five *Empire Builder* maps. The closest runner-up was awarded 6th place—thereby earning Ken Gutermuth his fez.

Two of the *Euro Rails* finalists were returnees: the repeating Trella Bromley and Dave Steiner—a veteran of four previous Finals. Dave drew first, from Paris to Bilbao. Norm Newton paralleled him to Valencia. Mike Holmquist built from the UK to Marseille. Bob Stribula built from London to München. Trella linked Porto and Toulouse. She added track from Bruxelles to Szczecin but left a large gap. Notice how three players immediately established track to Iberia, the map's most lucrative region. Mike later joined them. As five tracks spread throughout Europe, Dave and Trella stayed on the continent. At game's end, Bob had built the least track, from Aberdeen to Napoli. Mike had by far the most, Porto to Beograd including the Chunnel to net the most rent. Trella pitched most often. Dave and Norm shuttled back and forth to Iberia. However, Dave speculated well on cork; drawing the cork to Leipzig for €52M card, he quickly made his 13th delivery to total €261M cash. That clinched the victory. Norm made 15 deliveries for €173M, Bob 16 for €121M, Mike ten for €114M, and Trella nine for €109M.



Enemy in Sight (EIS)

Two of eight qualifiers declined to advance—doubtlessly already on the road. The Sunday finale has always made this a local extravaganza. *EIS* was the last event firing and turned out the lights on 2014. Five of the six finalists qualified in their first heat; only Rob Kilroy needing a second attempt.

The opening hand distributed points fairly evenly with only a 29-point spread. In the second hand, the action grew heavier with a couple strong, but failed, attempts to end the game. Rob, Bill Peeck and Mike Dwyer all brought prizes back to port. William Kendrick scored 43 points, but his combined total of 67 left him 14 behind Rob and 24 behind Mike's 91.

So we went to a third hand and it did not disappoint. Five of the next six boarding attempts were repelled despite +3 on the dice. After several more rounds of carnage, Bill boarded the last ship in Rob's line, but Rob was saved the 15-point penalty for loss of his fleet by a *Refuse Battle* card. Bad luck continued to plague Steve Squibb who finished last. Joe Burch could only garner 14 more points for 61 and fifth place. William added 33 to reach 100 but was only the fourth to do so. Mike lost his lead but edged William by a point. Bill's 60-point hand gave him 110 for the day and second place. Rob's second chance qualification paid off with 45 for the last hand to give him 126 and the win.





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

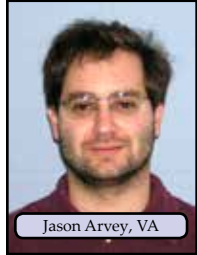
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Craig Moffit, NJ

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.

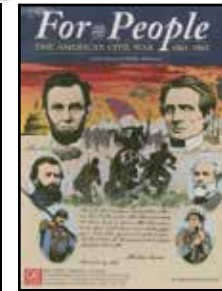


2014 Results

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

♣ Bert Schoose, IL

† 24 📖 1991-2014



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.





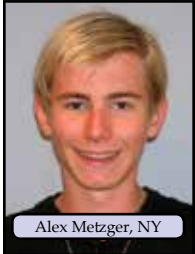
2014 Results

- ☛ 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

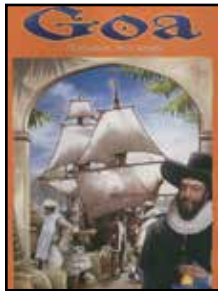
Gettysburg (GBG)

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.



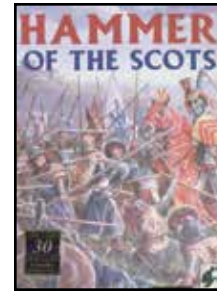
Great Campaigns ACW (GCA)



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

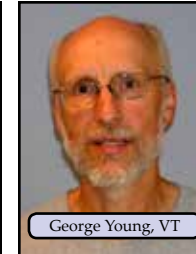


2014 Results

♣ 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.



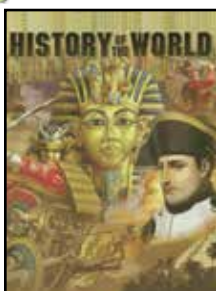


2014 Results

🏆 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.

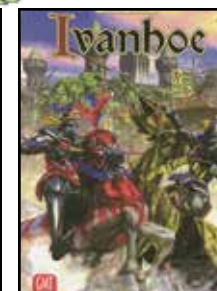


2014 Results

🏆 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.

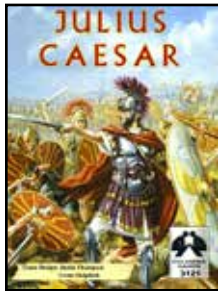
Ivanhoe (IVH)

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



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



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

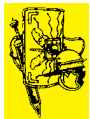
Julius Caesar (JUC)

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



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



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.

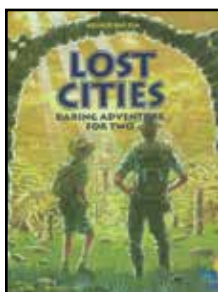
Liar's Dice (LID)

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.

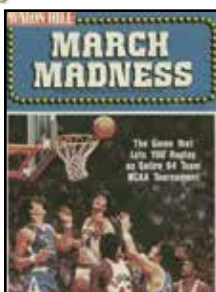




2014 Results

♣ C. Zimmerman, PA
 ♠ Tom DeMarco, NJ
 ♠ B. Berkenstock, NJ
 ♠ Shea Lawson, MD
 ♠ Laura Miller, PA
 ♠ Tim Tu, NJ

♣ Ivan Lawson, MD
 † 184 📖 2000-2014



2014 Results

♣ Andy Lewis, DE
 ♠ Samantha Berk, PA
 ♠ Harry Flawd, PA
 ♠ Bruce Monnin, OH
 ♠ Chris Palermo, NY
 ♠ Owen Kyrollos, NC

♣ Terry Coleman, CA
 † 44 📖 1992-2014



Cody Zimmerman, PA

Top Laurelists

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



Andy Lewis, DE

Top Laurelists

Bruce Monnin, OH	148
Terry Coleman, CA	111
Ken Gutermuth, NC	104
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	100
Derek Landel, NY	96
Dennis Nicholson, NY	93
John Coussis, IL	79
Harry Flawd, PA	78
Peter Staab, PA	66
Bruce Reiff, OH	64

Lost Cities (LST)

The second year of the modified format with the bifurcated third heat proved to be more trouble than it was worth. We will return to four heats in 2015.

The first two heats drew 90 and 112 players. 102 attended the first half of the third heat with 24 winners remaining to try for a double win. All told, there were 23 white knucklers—the closest being Luke Parauda's 131 v. Yoel Weiss' 130. Just as noteworthy was Chris Kizer's 12 v. Cathy Raymond's 1—one of the lowest combined scores on the books. Ewan McNay was the only player to score more than 300 (338), using four bonus expeditions to accomplish the feat.

44 of the 47 double winners returned to see how far they could advance. Rebecca Hebner was the only former champion among them. When she fell in the Round of 22, the crowning of a new champion was assured for only the second time since 2008. After five rounds, four players advanced to the semis: Cody Zimmerman, Tom DeMarco, Bryan Berkenstock, and Shea Lawson. Cody and Tom met in the championship round. Tom led after the first hand and the second, primarily due to one bonus expedition that overcame three negative expeditions. Meanwhile, Cody methodically strung together 12 small expeditions of

18 points or less, limited his damage to one -20 expedition, and claimed victory at 94 to 79, when Tom failed to post a positive score for any of his five expeditions in the third hand.



March Madness (MMS)



Only one of our Final Four had emerged victorious before—and it had been 14 long years since Bruce Monnin had won. Still, three PBEM titles had to make him the favorite. Instead, it was Samantha Berk who played as though she belonged. Sam was able to resolve his *Boxing Out* early, enabling her to work the ball inside. Bruce's Zone defense was a non-factor in the second half, since the guards were resolved last. Sam took the lead early and held on for the win, 74-67.

Likewise, Harry Flawd was a frequent laurelist and the sole repeating member of the Final Four from 2013, but the closest Andy Lewis had been was watching his wife play more than a decade ago. Yet, Andy was able to outscore Harry's Maryland front line when it counted, and we were guaranteed our seventh different champ in the last nine years. Harry was left to reflect again on how close he came to the only WBC sport title he has never won.

In the title game, an early *Technical Foul* on Cincinnati plus strong bench play gave Sam a 24-21 lead. Well-employed timeouts kept either side from pulling away. The key point, late in the game, came when he had a chance to resolve the Right Forward position, which left Andy up 15. After that, it was pretty much over except for ordering the championship T-shirts, as Andy prevailed, 92-78.



2014 Results

♣ G. Heintzelman, NC
 ♠ Michael Shea, CT
 ♠ Gareth Williams, ma
 ♠ Joe Harrison, KY
 ♠ Barry Shoults, MI
 ♠ Sam Edelston, CT

♣ Sam Edelston, CT
 † 62 📖 2004-2014



Geoff Heintzelman, NC

Top Laurelists

Joe Harrison, KY	142
Sam Edelston, CT	81
Robert Eastman, NV	68
Jonathan Miller, DC	57
John Skiba, NY	54
Steve Lollis, MD	54
Jarett Weintraub, NY	40
Eric Caron, qc	40
Johan Van Huysse, be	40
Gordon Rodgers, PA	36

Memoir '44 (M44)

Memoir's creator, Richard Borg, updated six familiar D-Day scenarios with modified layouts and specialized units. Each player received a user-friendly help sheet, and before each round, that scenario's new elements were reviewed.

Early rounds: *Pegasus Bridge*, *Sainte Mere-Eglise*, *Sword Beach*, *Gold Beach*. 40 Mulligan players and 38 for Round 1 made for near identical participation numbers to 2013. By Round 4, only the usual contenders remained. Joe led at 7-1 with 45 medals. Close behind were Gareth, Geoff and Mike—all tied with 7-1 records and 44 medals.

Round 5 ... *Omaha First Wave* semifinals: Mike Shea won a split against Gareth Williams, 7-2, 5-7. Meanwhile, Geoff Heintzelman swept ex-champ Joe Harrison, 7-6, 7-6, with a last-ditch *Infantry Assault* the second game.

Round 6 ... *Juno Beach*: Game 1: Geoff's Germans put up a stiff defense, but Mike had a big *Armor Assault*. Then, his *Barrage* demolished the German Big Gun. An Allied infantry *Behind Enemy Lines* took the last medal to give Mike a 6-5 win. The rematch was a different story. This time, Geoff came up the right flank with devastating cards and homicidal dice, while Mike's Germans had no cards to order that flank. The Germans had no way to stop Geoff's Canadians from gaining an astonishing 6-0 victory and the championship.

MULTI-PLAYER GAMES: As usual, we also played several multi-player Overlord games—a treat that many players can only get at conventions. This year, we included giant 3-board and 6-board battles from the new *D-Day Landings* expansion.



2014 Results

♣ Eric Wrobel, MD
 ♠ Chris Gnech, PA
 ♠ Luke Koleszar, VA
 ♠ Vassili Kyrkos, NY
 ♠ Winton Lemoine, NV
 ♠ Eric Monte, NY

♣ Richard Irving, CA
 † 68 📖 1991-2014



Eric Wrobel, MD

Top Laurelists

Eric Wrobel, VA	228
Bill Crenshaw, VA	138
Luke Koleszar, VA	82
Joe Abrams, CT	72
Eyal Mozes, MD	61
Kathy Stroh, DE	56
Steve Dickson, CA	56
Debbie Otto, MO	56
Charles Hickok, PA	55
Ed Wrobel, VA	52

Merchant of Venus (MOV)

The event got underway in the near absolute zero temperatures of the vast, empty spaces of Ballroom B with 12 games. The cold early qualifiers, including three prior champs, were: Craig Reece, Vassili Kyrkos, Steve Koleszar, Chris and Phillip Entwistle, Henry Dove, Rich Meyer, Bill Crenshaw, Kathy Stroh, Chris Gnech, Philip Shea and Debbie Gutermuth. Heat 2 drew seven more games and two more past champions. Bob Woodson played himself off the Alternate list and put Roy Pettis on it with a score of \$2013. Defending champ Eric Wrobel made his debut with a predictable outcome. The other winners were: Jeff Kahan, Eyal Mozes, Wade Fowble, and the second ranked Bill Crenshaw (again). Heat 3 provided seven more games with Gary Dickson, Ken Gutermuth, Luke Koleszar, Eric Monte, Wade Fowble, Winton Lemoine, and Chris Entwistle (again) getting wins.

With 23 qualifiers (including six past champions) present, five 5-player games composed the semis. Lemoine topped Debbie Gutermuth in Game 1. In Game 2, Luke Koleszar edged Monte to return to the Final in consecutive years. Kyrkos won easily, but not as easily as Chris Gnech's blow-out in Game 4 aided by an early Jump Start discovery or Wrobel's \$1200 margin in Game 5.

Wrobel opened the Final by flying into the Cloud to an Open Port that sold Red Ships, acquired a Clipper and raced to an early lead. He was never seriously challenged and won again by over \$1200 to take his third consecutive MOV title.





2014 Results

- ♣ Dave Stiffler, VA
- ♣ Gilbert Collins, on
- ♣ Keith MacFarland, NJ
- ♣ Rod Coffey, MD
- ♣ William Kelley, RI
- ♣ Randy Pippus, on

♣ David Stiffler, VA

† 17 📖 2013-2014



2014 Results

- ♣ Bruce Young, SC
- ♣ Gareth Williams, ma
- ♣ Bill Burtless, SC
- ♣ Kevin Emery, SC
- ♣ Al Hurda, on
- ♣ Michael Dauer, TX

♣ Gareth Williams, ma

† 42 📖 2003-2014



Dave Stiffler, VA

Top Laurelists

Dave Stiffler, VA	60
Gilbert Collins, on	18
Rob Doane, MA	18
Keith MacFarland, NJ	12
Randy Pippus, on	12
Tom Drueding, MA	12
Rod Coffey, MD	9
William Kelley, RI	6
Robert Hammond, on	6
Scott Beall, OR	3



Bruce Young, SC

Top Laurelists

Bruce Young, SC	256
John Emery, SC	198
Lane Hess, PA	157
Ed Rothenheber, MD	111
Francis Czawlytko, MD	104
Henry Russell, PA	102
Melvin Casselberry, PA	99
Scott Moll, VA	80
Mike Casselberry, PA	60
David Gantt, SC	60

Mr. Madison's War (MMW)

The event was new to the Century this year and nearly half the field's 17 players were new to the tournament. Several had not played the game before. The "new blood" were not easy marks, producing one semifinalist and four players in the top eight. Four preliminary rounds were played using the 1813-1814 scenario to produce four semifinalists who fought the entire war as we sought a champion.

The action on each board was varied over the course of the tournament, with action out west, on the Niagara, around Sacket's/Kingston, or fought along the shores of Lake Champlain. This continues to be a source of encouragement as no "standard" course of play has emerged as "the best"; players have shown they can be successful anywhere on the map as long as they make the best use of their opportunities. The 2013 American superiority (14-10) was reversed this year with the British taking 13 of 23 games.

After four rounds the semifinalists were defending champ Dave Stiffler, designer Gilbert Collins, Keith MacFarland, and Rod Coffey. In the first semifinal Gilbert's Americans narrowly prevailed over Rod with a +3 win. In the other bracket, Dave's Americans edged Keith by +5 VPs. The Final was closer, coming down to the final card play, with Dave's British re-capturing Ft. Niagara,

to restore supply to their units on Lake Erie and win the game and the tournament in a game strangely bereft of naval action.

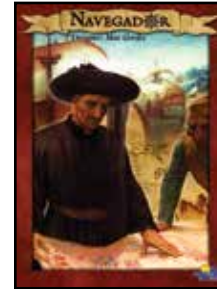


The Napoleonic Wars (NW5)

In most respects I was very happy with this year's event, though numbers on Wednesday were down somewhat. Most especially I was pleased that the somewhat stale meta-game where Prussia pacts the Turks before joining the coalition to punish France was thoroughly disrupted by a combination of Prussian innovation and French aggression against an overly diplomatic Prussia.

As last year there were four 5-player semifinals. Unlike 2013, wherein France was the third pick in every game, that only occurred once. There, Al Hurda took France to victory against a somewhat dysfunctional coalition. Bruce Young and Gareth Williams used their #1 picks to win with France as well. Bill Burtless, Micheal Dauer and Henry Russell all steered their 4th pick, Prussia, to second place. The fourth semi saw Kevin Emery's Russia edging Rejean Tremblay's Austria on the tiebreak.

Al Hurda played a near flawless aggressive Final as France, drawing *Capitulation* on each of the first three turns and using it to take out Austria, and then Prussia, after a rarely seen in-turn DOW. A third *Capitulation* attempt to take Austria down a second time failed when a 34-31 battle for Vienna was routed and the tide was turned. Despite leading for three turns, he was never allowed a shot at a peace die roll and was eventually worn down by the coalition with Bruce Young securing a British victory on Turn 4 and becoming the first to win NW5 more than once.



2014 Results

- ♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
- ♣ Mike Kaltman, PA
- ♣ Romain Jacques, qc
- ♣ Doug Faust, NY
- ♣ Robb Effinger, on
- ♣ Sara VanderWal, on

♣ Anni Foasberg, NJ

† 62 📖 2011-2014



Andrew Emerick, CT

Top Laurelists

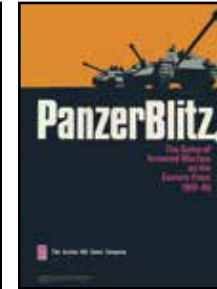
Andrew Emerick, CT	96
Antero Kuusi, fi	30
Rob Kircher, RI	24
Mike Kaltman, PA	18
Wade Fowble, MD	18
Randy Buehler, WA	18
David Platnik, VA	18
Romain Jacques, qc	12
Vien Bounma, NJ	12
Samantha Berk, PA	12

Navegador (NVG)

The fourth year of the *Navegador* tournament drew 62 players and 23 tables over three heats. 24 played in more than one heat, showing their dedication to the event. Throughout the heats, building-heavy strategies prevailed; most games ended via building exhaustion. The 23 tables provided 18 winners, including four double winners: Patrick Shea, Barry Eynon, Sara VanderWal, and Vien Bounma. 15 qualifiers and a strong runner-up composed four 4-player semifinal games.

Factory/church strategies predominated in the semifinals; Doug Faust, Romain Jacques and Mike Kaltman advancing with that strategy. The fourth game was won by two-time champion Andrew Emerick with a colony/shipyard strategy, scooping up 13 colonies.

In the Final, Doug focused strongly on factories, while Romain's economy depended on selling sugar, processing gold, and acquiring as many churches as possible. Mike bought shipyards and sailed east, picking up both navigation tokens and colonies while he was at it. Andrew also focused on colonies, but instead of sailing, he focused on acquiring as many as possible at a time. Mike pushed the game into the third phase, which was bad for the building players, but benefited both him and Andrew. By this time, however, Andrew was gaining four colonies at a time. He won with 68 points worth of colonies (17 of them!) among his total of 116 to take his third NVG title in four years. Mike was second with 103 points followed by Romain at 101 and Doug with 99.



2014 Results

- ♣ Greg Tanner, AZ
- ♣ Chuck Leonard, PA
- ♣ Tom Campbell, NJ
- ♣ Marty Musella, NC
- ♣ Alan Arvold, IL
- ♣ Bert Schoose, IL

♣ Rick Northey, MA

† 28 📖 1991-2014



Greg Tanner, AZ

Top Laurelists

Marty Musella, NC	170
Greg Tanner, AZ	158
Bert Schoose, IL	142
Bill Scott, VA	139
Chuck Leonard, PA	138
Rich Northey, MA	86
Alan Arvold, IL	57
Dave Giordano, NJ	47
Johnny Hasay, PA	33
Eduardo DeNucci, ag	26

PanzerBlitz (PZB)

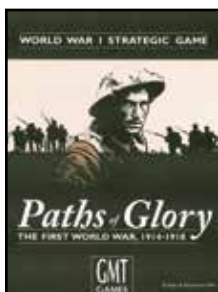


55 games were played as this golden oldie continues to see action. Newcomer Thomas Campbell who had not played the game since the 1970s persevered and made the semis with increasingly sharp play with each additional game logged. As the fog of war lifted, three former champions and Thomas advanced to battle in Scenario 14.

Defending champ Greg Tanner ended Thomas' run as time ran out on his Turn 8 counterattack. In the other bracket, Marty Musella's German strike force took out Chuck Leonard's HQ on Turn 2 but Chuck's armored riposte emerged with the victory, 28 to 27.

The two finalists chose Situation 45r1. Greg's Germans waged a fighting withdrawal from a superior armored force. Chuck massed his force to the NW out of range of the AT guns hidden in the woods on the South side of the river. After firing a first barrage, the German SPA pulled out and fled to the safety of Zabrenia. Russian infantry rode their tanks into close assaults of the town. Advancing armor overran the German advanced positions. Chuck advanced what was left of his battle group to the ford. Opostoschenia was finally cleared at the end of Turn 5. Greg's AT fire took out three of Chuck's tank companies as they poured through the ford, maneuvering to encircle the remaining German positions. The final push came too late with neither side achieving victory. A tie gave the defending Germans the victory and Greg his fourth shield and the cool diorama special prize.

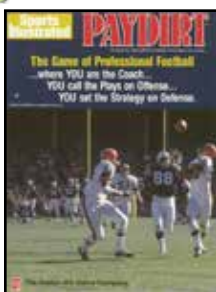




2014 Results

🏆 Stefan Mecay, TX
 🏆 M. Birnbaum, NY
 🏆 Michael Dauer, TX
 🏆 Peter Gurneau, WI
 🏆 Steve Koleszar, VA
 🏆 Carl Adamec, NY

🏆 Peter Gurneau, WI
 † 34 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Harry Flawd, PA
 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ
 🏆 B. Passacantando, CT
 🏆 Bill O'Neal, NY
 🏆 Scott Nerney, RI
 🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH

🏆 Harry Flawd, PA
 † 42 📖 1993-2014



Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	472
Tom Drueding, MA	428
David Dockter, MN	328
Peter Reese, VA	276
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	210
Chris Byrd, CT	208
Rob Hassard, NJ	181
Riku Riekkinen, fi	174
Nick Anner, NY	162
Peter Gurneau, WI	120



Top Laurelists

Harry Flawd, PA	252
Devin Flawd, PA	200
Jacob Hebner, CO	90
Bill O'Neal, NY	58
B. Passacantando, CT	53
Derek Landel, NJ	46
Mike Destro, NJ	36
Chad Gormly, MA	33
Mike James, MD	30
Barry Shoults, MI	24

Paths of Glory (POG)



2014 continued the Pre-con tradition of a challenging battle of endurance with three to six 7-hour games. Stefan Mecay, Marvin Birnbaum, Tom Drueding, and Peter Gurneau were unbeaten during Swiss play with Tom bowing out of the playoff round. This meant five (2-1) players would advance. The famous POG rolloff had seven players vying for five spots. Carl Adamec, Michael Dauer, Alex Gregorio, Steve Koleszar, and Johnny Hasay rolled high to advance.

The quarterfinals had Mecay beat Koleszar, Birnbaum over Adamac, Gurneau best Hasay, and Dauer top Gregorio. In the semifinals Mecay beat Dauer, and Birnbaum triumphed over Gurneau.

Stefan bid 2 for the AP. The CP attacked in the West and Stefan responded with the Russians attacking AH. Then Marvin tried a new gambit, by SR'ing the German 8th Army from East Prussia to the Serbian combat zone. The Serbs fell back slowly into the mountains, followed by the combined German and AH army stack. By Turn 3, the Serbs were gone. The CP also attacked in the west and removed the BEF. This bought the Russians time. The AP beat the CP to Limited War on Turn 3. The Russian attack forced the Germans to save Budapest, and the CP spent many ops trying to entrench, finally doing so on Turn 5. This allowed the AP to play many events and the AP got Total War first. The Russians shifted their attack north on Turn 6. A turn later, Stefan claimed victory.

Paydirt (PDT)

There was no Super Bowl this year as Harry Flawd dominated both heats to win his eighth title.

NFC: Flashback to 2009—Bruno Passacantando had defeated the entire Flawd contingent—Jordan, Devin, and finally Harry to win the title. My wife told me to sleep at the hotel instead of driving five miles home if I lost. No pressure there. The first half was really close with the Saints mixing in the run just enough to keep Bruno on his heels and by halftime it was 11-6 via the 8-point spread. Harry tacked on a TD to go up 18-6 in the third quarter. Then Seattle started a comeback. They traded TDs to make it 25-20. Bruno took the ball and with 5:40 left in the game failed on a 4th and 9 from their own 43! The Saints capped a 32-20 win with a late TD and payback for Harry that was five years coming.

AFC: Harry was again on the Chargers sideline vs Derek Landel's Titans in a classic battle of point spreads. Derek nursed his ten-point spot into a 17-14 Tennessee halftime lead. There was no defense to be had anywhere on the field in the second half. Tennessee led 31-21 to start the 4th. Harry scored on the fourth play of the 4th quarter to again pull within 3 and finally took the lead 35-31 with 7 minutes remaining. Two interceptions later Harry had a 42-31 win and cancelled his Super Bowl reservations.



2014 Results

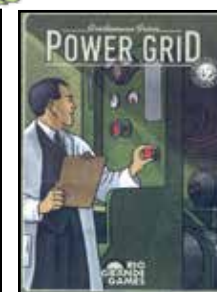
🏆 Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ
 🏆 Stefany Speck, MD
 🏆 John Wobbeking, MD
 🏆 Craig Reece, FL
 🏆 Jennifer Brown, DE
 🏆 Angela Collinson, MD

🏆 Larry Lingle, PA
 † 120 📖 2005-2014



Top Laurelists

John Elliott, MD	80
Stefany Speck, MD	70
Tom Pavy, OH	69
Brandon Bernard, PA	68
Paul Weintraub, MD	51
Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ	50
R.J. Gleaton, SC	40
Chris Striker, PA	36
Jason Fisher, NC	32
Cliff Ackman, PA	30



2014 Results

🏆 Rob Murray, NJ
 🏆 Jim Savarick, PA
 🏆 Steve LeWinter, NC
 🏆 Tim Horne, PA
 🏆 Eric Hufford, PA
 🏆 Chris Senhouse, MA

🏆 Kevin Broh-Kalm, MD
 † 127 📖 2004-2014



Top Laurelists

Jim Savarick, PA	245
Eric Brosius, MA	103
Bill Crenshaw, VA	93
Kevin Garber, VA	90
Matt Calkins, VA	76
Robert Woodson, NV	72
Richard Meyer, MA	72
Bill Murdock, NY	72
Rob Murray, NJ	60
Patrick Shea, VA	60

Pirate's Cove (PRC)

48 preliminary games yielded 38 different winners; 20 recorded by wenches!! Jennifer Brown, winner of three games, was the best new recruit and easily recognizable in her gorgeous wench outfit, complete with flask! The medallion for most deadly pirate went to John Wobbeking with 29 kills including eight in one game. Five qualifiers mutinied and went AWOL for the semifinal voyages, allowing alternates including defending champ Stefany Speck to sign the articles for Round 2.

Stefany, a cunning wench, made good use of her second life and won her semifinal easily. Vinny Sinigaglio advanced by 18 points. Craig Reece barely scraped by Joe Collinson, while Jennifer won her invite to the big dance with her fourth straight win. Young Wobbeking edged 2013 runner-up Ben Gardner by a point to grab the last finalist berth.

Only six points separated the finalists. Jennifer, looking for her fifth straight win, had her Cinderella story ended by six Reece sinks to relegate her to fifth place. Wobbeking took third with 34 points and four sinks. Not bad for a lad who needs to climb the rigging to see over the side. The defending champ and Vinny were tied at 36 points—requiring a duel to the death. Stefany had the sail advantage for first shot with two guns. Whiff! Vinny returned fire with three guns—Double Whiff. Alas,

Vinny found the range first and our pirette queen went down with her ship! Life is tough in the Cove. All hail the mighty Captain Vinny.



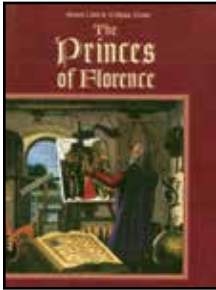
Power Grid (PGD)

The eighth straight triple-digit field generated 42 preliminary games. Heat 1 was contested on 15 USA and Central Europe maps. Heat 2 used the Spain/Portugal and China maps, again 15 boards strong. The most noteworthy event occurred when Richard Beyma—yes, wargamer extraordinaire Beyma the Younger—the 2014 Consul—chose to end the game despite being tied for plant capacity. With three players powering 12 plants, the tiebreaker went to Steve LeWinter with \$32, Richard placed second with \$15, and Eric Hufford took third with \$4. The last heat was played on the France and Brazil boards, and drew 12 tables. One Brazil match had ten cities built by a player in the fifth round. This resulted in the death of the 10 plant and no player chose to bid on a plant in the subsequent round.

After three grueling heats, 25 players advanced to five 5-player semifinal matches on the UK/Ireland board, where players are challenged to balance building cities between the two islands. Jim Savarick was able to win without even expanding into Ireland as he was able to build his entire network of 16 cities in England while having his own party in Wales.

The Final was played on the Quebec map and, as expected, went down to the wire. After many rounds of back and forth bidding battles over multiple plants, the expected wars over the cities of Montreal and Quebec, and sitting on piles of cash, Rob Murray ended the tournament victorious.





2014 Results

♣ Lyman Moquin, DC
 ♣ Robert Cranshaw, RI
 ♣ Keith Dent, KY
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 ♣ Edward Fear, OH
 ♣ Randy Buehler, WA
 ♣ Eric Brosius, MA
 † 50 📖 2001-2014



2014 Results

♣ Scott Foremny, PA
 ♣ Luke Koleszar, VA
 ♣ B. Buchanon, NC
 ♣ Jeff Mullet, OH
 ♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC
 ♣ Jim Bell, MD
 ♣ Bruce Monnin, OH
 † 68 📖 1994-2014



Top Laurelists

Rod Spade, PA	130
Eric Brosius, MA	100
David Platnick, VA	75
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	72
Lyman Moquin, DC	66
Eric Freeman, PA	66
Alex Bove, PA	60
Aran Warszawski, IL	50
Brian Reynolds, MD	50
John Kerr, VA	50



Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	92
Ken Gutermuth, NC	78
Dennis Nicholson, NY	72
Mark Yoshikawa, CA	69
Devin Flawd, VA	34
Bill Morse, VA	32
Bruce Reiff, OH	32
Sean McCulloch, OH	28
Keith Hunsinger, OH	26
Terry Coleman, CA	24

Princes of Florence (POF)

As expected, the heats produced a mix of close games and blowouts. Barrett Straub saved a Recruiting Card for Round 7 in a 4-player game, and was last to play, but amazingly there wasn't a Profession Card on the table that did him any good, so he could not play it, and this cost him dearly. Newcomer Keith Dent scored the largest margin of victory—24.

Dent continued his strong play in the semifinals, winning by six PP from Seat 5 to advance. Eric Freeman bid 300 florins for Seat 2 and tied both Randy Buehler and Greg Thatcher at 54 PP. The florins tiebreaker gave Randy 6th place for being the closest runner-up. Edward Fear won a close game over Zachary Felix, Robert Cranshaw did likewise over Eric Brosius, and at the last table Lyman Moquin needed the tiebreaker to best Kenneth Horan at 58 PP.

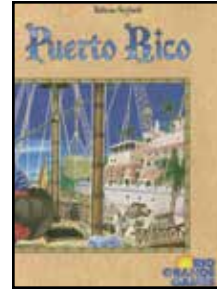
Eric bid 300 florins for Seat 2 in the Final. Bids were high. The first three Jesters went for \$1,300, \$1,400 and \$1,000, the first three Recruiting Cards all cost \$800, and the first three Builders drew \$800, \$600 and \$600. Lyman bought both \$600 Builders and gradually shifted to a Builder strategy. There was lots of competition for Best Work, with Eric and Robert each scoring it three times and the others once each. But in the end, Lyman's "take what they give you" approach was a winner, yielding scores of: Lyman 60, Robert 57, Keith 54, Eric 52 and Edward 49.



Pro Golf (PGF)

We began at 10:00 pm with assistant GM Rob Drozd running the toughest demo session of the con, complete with a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate how to master the intricacies of our most complex game. At 10:01 the crowd dispersed to let what they had learned sink in. At 11:00 pm, 68 participants gathered in the Hopewell room to once again contest the Pebble Beach course in hopes of qualifying for the championship Skins game.

For the second year in a row, six under par was the bar to reach the Skins game. Brandon Buchanon led the field at seven under, while the rest of the field ranged up to +5. The finalists moved to Augusta National to contest the Skins game. They had a slow start with the midnight T time. The first birdie finally came on the fifth hole for Scott Foremny. Buchanon fought back with a birdie to win the sixth, then Luke Koleszar birdied the ninth to earn three skins of his own. When Luke scored the only par to gain his fourth skin on the tenth hole, it became a two-man contest. Scott's par won the 11th hole, thus giving him enough skins to secure the win, but he birdied the 12th as well for his seventh skin in this 12-hole Final. Jeff Mullet, Ken Gutermuth and Jim Bell all finished Pebble Beach with a score of 5 under par to earn the remaining laurels.



2014 Results

♣ R. Philibert-Larivee, qc
 ♣ M. Lague-Gomez, qc
 ♣ Marcy Morelli, PA
 ♣ Eric Kleist, MD
 ♣ Dave Platnick, VA
 ♣ Etienne Evans, qc
 ♣ Richard Shay, MA
 † 158 📖 2002-2014



2014 Results

♣ Blair Morgen, NJ
 ♣ Keith Levy, MD
 ♣ R. Bacigalupo, MD
 ♣ Greg Thatcher, CA
 ♣ Patrick Shea, VA
 ♣ Randy Buehler, WA
 ♣ Steve Scott, CA
 † 177 📖 2000-2014



Top Laurelists

David Platnick, NY	240
Barb Flaxington, NJ	173
Christian, Moffa, NJ	112
John Weber, MD	100
Arthur Field, SC	96
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	70
Luke Koleszar, VA	66
Bill Murdock, VA	64
Malinda Kyrkos, NY	63
Richard Shay, MA	60



Top Laurelists

Alex Bove, PA	240
Tom Dunning, NY	178
Steve Scott, CA	84
Joe Jaskiewicz, MD	70
Winton LeMoine, CA	64
Blair Morgen, NJ	62
Richard Meyer, MA	60
Scott Fenn, MD	52
Janet Ottey, PA	50
Mike Kaltman, PA	44

Puerto Rico (PRO)

Storming out of the Great White North came a posse of new players, not noobs by any means. An online question about competitive play of *Puerto Rico* resulted in an invitation to the WBC. The Canadians came with their 'A' game. At least four advanced to the quarterfinal and two took the top two spots in the tournament. Not since the days when another Quebec contingent dominated the *Age of Steam* tournament year after year has one group made such a dominant impression. The question now is ... can they do it again?

We also saw "rule 8" used for the first time in memory. Players can abandon their new colonists, taking them out of the game and perhaps speeding the end of the game by draining the colonist pool.

In the Final, Raphael Philibert-Larivee in Seat 1 played an austere building game with only *Hacienda*, *Large Market* and all the production buildings. The other players couldn't stop him building both the *Guild Hall* on Turn 10 and the *Residence* on the last turn. With a chance to mayor the *Residence* and an early *Hacienda* to fill his plantations, the 17 bonus points assured the win. In seat 3, Mathieu Lague-Gomez tried to craft (six times) and ship his way to victory (28 vp chips), but fell seven points short, plus 1.5 for his bid. Marcy Morelli was caught a few coins short for third. Eric Kleist was too far downstream of all the crafting to benefit from it.



Ra (RA)

Ra enjoyed a new attendance record thanks to a strong Monday heat of 20 tables with 100 players. Even the fourth heat on Friday morning drew 50 players, but only ten were making their first appearance. Defending champion Janet Ottey won her first three heats and barely missed a 4 for 4 sweep by 1 point. Ten double winners joined her to top the qualifiers list. To make the top 25 you needed a win in your first heat played and a 5th place. If you only played in one heat and won you were in 37th place. However, as so often happens due to no-shows, if you won your only heat played you still made the semifinal. We went down to 38th place on the alternate list and that happened to be the last winner of a first heat played who failed to play a second heat!

Most of the semifinals were close, three being decided by two points. Greg Thatcher beat Mike Kaltman 39-37, Blair Morgen bested Jeff Meyer 43-41, and Patrick Shea beat Randy Buehler 45-43. Three points decided the fourth game as Rodney Bacigalupo topped John Shaheen 34-31. The only blowout was in Game 5 where Keith Levy had his way with Daniel Eppolito 53-39.

But the biggest blowout came in the Final where it was Blair's turn to shine as his 49 topped Keith's 34 by 15 points. Rodney had 32 for third, Greg 31 and Patrick 30.





2014 Results

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
 ♣ Sara VanderWal, on
 ♣ Christian Griggs, GA
 ♣ Kenneth Horan, PA
 ♣ Nathan Deskins, MA
 ♣ Patrick Gorman, NV
 ♣ Scott Buckwalter, MD
 † 160 📖 2010-2014



2014 Results

♣ Robert Renaud, NY
 ♣ Keith Dent, KY
 ♣ Derek Glenn, KY
 ♣ John Riston, MD
 ♣ Thomas Tu, NJ
 ♣ Nick Kiswanto, VA
 ♣ Robert Renaud, NY
 † 83 📖 2008-2014



Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	40
Curt Collins II, PA	33
Andrew Emerick, CT	30
Stephanie Kilroy, PA	30
Chester Lanham, MD	30
Peggy Ng, NJ	24
Rod Davidson, AZ	20
Sara VanderWal, on	18
Rob Kilroy, PA	18
David Meyaard, NY	18



Top Laurelists

Robert Renaud, NY	169
Rob Kircher, RI	54
Aaron Fuegi, MA	48
John Riston, MD	45
Nick Kiswanto, VA	33
David Platnick, VA	27
Andrew Yao, VA	20
Doug Faust, NJ	20
Mark Delano, CT	20
Keith Dent, KY	18

Ra: The Dice Game (RDG)

RDG posted its 4th consecutive attendance increase. Over 40% of the field was composed of newcomers. These folks fared very well, eliminating many veterans. Half of the semifinalists and three of the four finalists were new. One, Sara VanderWal, had the only score above 70. 61 qualified by winning a preliminary game, but only 47 players opted to advance. The survivors reaching the Final were Andrew Emerick, Christian Griggs, Kenneth Horan, and Sara.

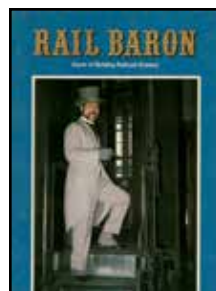
Andrew and Sara adopted an early Pharaohs strategy while the others favored boats. The first epoch was controlled by Sara and Christian's use of disasters to keep the others at bay and granting Christian the early lead. Andrew switched to a monuments strategy in the next epoch. The others adopted a civilizations strategy with Ken continuing his boats and Sara pressing Pharaohs. Ken flooded his Nile granting him the lead with 27 points and a great board position. At this point everyone went for civilizations early, locking four of the five spots. Ken raced to the end of the Pharaohs track and switched back to his boats strategy but failed to flood the Nile—ending with 36 points. Christian's switch to monuments only scored 14 points, leaving him with 42. Sara also finished the Pharaoh track, scored all five civilizations, and eight points in monuments for 48 points. Andrew scored ten points in civilizations and 25 in monuments taking him from last to first when it counted with 52 points.



Race For the Galaxy (RFG)

Heat 1 saw four-time champ Rob Renaud win with a margin of 15, the largest of the heat's 13 games. Heat 2 gave defending champ John Riston his first victory. Derek Glenn, Rob Renaud, Nick Kiswanto, and Adam Sigal all won their second games. Sigal did so by an impressive 20-point margin. Thomas Tu earned his first win on tiebreak over Scott Saccenti in Heat 3. Riston earned his second win by nearly doubling his closest opponent, 62 to 34. Luke Koleszar and Emily Blanck also earned their second victories. In the last heat, brothers Thomas and Tim Tu both won their second heat in four tries, as did John Ratanaprasatporn. Keith Dent won his second heat of three, losing only to Renaud in Heat 1. Renaud and Koleszar both won their third heat in as many attempts.

15 multiple winners and a single lucky qualifier with only one win qualified for the semifinals. Riston won his return trip to the Final by a 9-point margin over Tim Tu. Glenn squeaked by Ratanaprasatporn on a tiebreaker, while earning five of the six goals. Dent passed his semifinal test over Kiswanto in dominating fashion, with 78 points to Nick's 49. Renaud beat the other Tu brother in a close game, 60 to 55. When the Final had ended, Rob had won his fifth championship with 45 points, ahead of Keith's 34, Derek's 31, and John's 20.



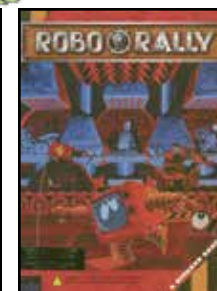
2014 Results

♣ Brian Conlon, CT
 ♣ Brian Smith, NY
 ♣ Jeff Jackson, MN
 ♣ Donna Balkan, ns
 ♣ Sue Lanham, MD
 ♣ Paul van Bloem, MD
 ♣ Ron Secunda, MD
 † 35 📖 1991-2014



Top Laurelists

Brian Conlon, CT	124
Mark McCandless, LA	122
Ron Secunda, MD	121
Steve Okonski, MD	120
Donna Balkan, ns	119
Mike Zorrer, DE	85
Mark Kennel, DE	80
Doug Galullo, MD	80
Inger Henning, CT	66
John Henry, on	60



2014 Results

♣ Keith Boone, MD
 ♣ Ewan McNay, NY
 ♣ Andrew George, NY
 ♣ Alex Henning, PA
 ♣ Craig Trader, VA
 ♣ David Meyaard, NY
 ♣ Marc Houde, VA
 † 99 📖 1999-2014



Top Laurelists

Brad Johnson, IL	318
Alex Henning, PA	89
Bill Navolis, MD	67
Keith Boone, MD	50
Mark Geary, OH	50
Jason Levine, NY	50
Ewan McNay, NY	48
Jeff Finkeldey, OH	40
Scott Buckwalter, MD	40
Bill Dyer, IL	40

Rail Baron (RBN)

Brian Conlon, Paul Van Bloem, John Henry, Donna Balkan, and Sue Lanham were double winners in the heats. The Final that followed was one of the wildest on record. Sue Lanham went bankrupt. Her future looked bleak from the outset when, sitting in Seattle, she rolled San Diego as a destination, while the AT&SF, UP, and SP had already been purchased. Surprisingly, it was eventual winner Brian Conlon, not Sue, who first had to auction railroads.

Jeff Jackson was first to announce \$150K. He subsequently reached Chicago with \$213.5K, but drew two hostile destinations, Boston and Des Moines. After reaching NY with plenty of cash, he declared for his home city of Charlotte, needing a 10 to win. He rolled a 6, and retreated northward, where he was roved near Albany anyway by Brian Smith, who had rolled a 16! Now, Smith had \$221K, but was on his way to a hostile Detroit. Meanwhile, Donna Balkan announced over \$150K, and Conlon had arrived in LA and announced with \$175K. Eventually, neither Jackson nor Smith could declare, and they both departed for far west destinations. On the comeback trail, Conlon amazingly rolled an 18 on his way to hostile Cleveland, and then went to Fort Worth, where he arrived with \$203K. Jeff had been moving along his SP toward Charlotte, and was just 10 spaces from his home city, when Conlon declared for his home, Chicago. He needed a 13 to arrive and rolled a 14 to win.

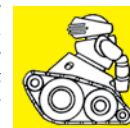


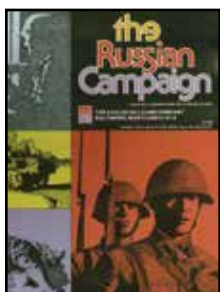
Robo Rally (RRY)

We had the quickest ever winner of the Crash & Burn Award during the special Deathmatch heat with Andy Latto the not so proud winner. He was eliminated before I made it back to my own table after passing out timers. His time in game was under one minute. Ryan Friedmann won the Award in Heat 1 and one other than our 2012 Champion, Chris Gnech, was so honored for Heat 3, but neither could match Andy for pure efficiency.

Elsewhere, Ewan McNay had a great run, winning all three heats, plus the semifinal. That 4-game streak ended in ironic fashion when Ewan and Keith Boone were neck and neck for the last flag of the Final. Both misread a pusher such that the pusher pushed Ewan off of his conveyor and into Keith. This shoved Keith onto the final flag and victory. This is not the first time Ewan has appeared in memorable *Robo Rally* finishes. Read the 2010 Final in which Ewan played a deciding role as well.

For Wacky Wednesday in 2015, the theme will be Death Race 2015, and for those that make the Final, I am looking at shortening it a bit. (I will still reserve four hours, but we've gone slightly over or had to adjudicate a few places each year, and I'd like to be able to play out all six places within our allotted time slot, which means I will target something more like the semifinals in length.)



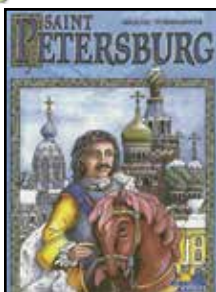


2014 Results

♣ Richard Beyma, VA
 ♠ Alan Zasada, IL
 ♣ Gary Dickson, AZ
 ♠ Michael Trobaugh, IL
 ♠ Mike Mishler, CA
 ♣ John Ohlin, FL

♣ Tom Gregorio, PA

† 24 📖 1991-2014

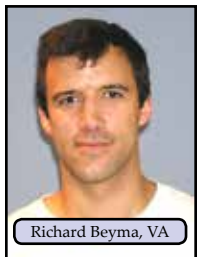


2014 Results

♣ Robert Kircher, RI
 ♠ Randy Buehler, WA
 ♠ Robert Cranshaw, RI
 ♠ Anne Norton, NJ
 ♣ Vien Bounma, NJ
 ♣ Steve Shambeda, PA

♣ Norm. & Amy Rule, MD

† 108 📖 2005-2014



Richard Beyma, VA

Top Laurelists

Gary Dickson, AZ	451
Doug James, NC	390
Tom Gregorio, PA	358
Bert Schoose, IL	273
Rob Beyma, MD	96
John Ohlin, FL	89
Ed O'Connor, NJ	87
Alan Zasada, IL	87
George Karahalios, IL	86
Pat Flory, CT	85



Robert Kircher, RI

Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	114
Arthur Field, SC	102
Anne Norton, NJ	96
Tom DeMarco, NJ	87
Vien Bounma, NJ	71
Chris Robbins, UT	52
Robert Kircher, RI	40
Robert Cranshaw, RI	40
Lewis Lin, WA	40
Charles Hickok, PA	40

Russian Campaign (TRC)



There was a decline in players, 24, and total games played, 60—the lowest numbers in the past eight years. The WBC 5-turn tournament scenario has been in use for eight years. In 2013 the Germans won 50.8% of the games. This year, the Russians won 59.7%. The bid of extra Russian replacements last year was about 14.6. This year it averaged 15.4. Bids in the semifinal rounds were 18.1 with the Germans winning three of four matches. My conclusion is that the rising bids for the Germans reflect not so much an imbalance as a desire to play the “easier” side—playing offense generally being perceived as less stressful.

The weather was fairly balanced with 29 “Clear” September/October results recorded and 26 “Light Mud” outcomes. The Germans won 10 matches with clear, 11 matches with light mud, and four of the seven matches that didn’t have a weather result for Turn 3. The Russians won 19 matches with clear and 15 with light mud. (Combined with results from prior years, this GM does not think that Clear weather is of particular advantage to the Russians.)

Only two matches featured Moscow falling in 1941, thus giving the Germans an Automatic Victory. One was against me, further proof that I am still being punished for originally claiming that a competent Russian could not lose the game this way. In general, based on the data over the past few years, losing Moscow is becoming an ever more uncommon event.

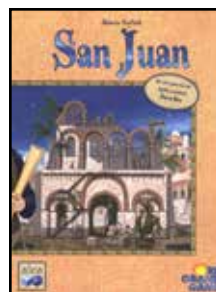


Saint Petersburg (SPG)

Participation remained stable. There were five double winners in the three heats (two of which went on to the Final table). The standings were calculated out to the 5th tiebreaker and posted Friday night for an early Saturday SF/F. Only eight of the first 16 players actually appeared as the semifinal drew a 50% No Show rate. Every game winner who actually appeared was seated, and the assistant GM still had to be drafted to fill the last table. This proved yet again that “win and you’re in” is a very flawed concept that does not reflect the realities of schedule conflicts and player motivations.

Analysis of game statistics revealed some interesting data regarding popular opinions about the games most powerful cards. 21% of winners had one or more *Mistress/Observatory*. 20% of the winners had neither *Mistress* nor *Observatory* and still beat opponents who did. There were two games where every player had a *Mistress* or an *Observatory*. In half the games, players with at least one of these cards came in 3rd or 4th. In three of four semifinals, the winners had both *Mistress* and *Observatory*.

In the face of all this concentration on the magic duo, Rob Kircher won the tournament *without* either a *Mistress* or *Observatory* in his two elimination rounds, despite his opposition possessing them. So as powerful as these cards seem to be, they are not the ‘guaranteed win’ that some make them out to be!



2014 Results

♣ Jeff Mullet, OH
 ♠ Andy Latto, MA
 ♠ Rich Meyer, MA
 ♠ Mark Kennel, DE
 ♣ Kate Fractal, MA
 ♣ Mark Giddings, NY

♣ Jeff Mullet, OH

† 106 📖 2004-2014



Jeff Mullet, OH

Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	112
Bruce Reiff, OH	104
Rob Kircher, RI	69
Tom Browne, PA	69
Raphael Lehrer, MD	46
Jason Levine, NY	38
Andy Latto, MA	30
Greg Thatcher, CA	30
Bill Salvatore, MD	30
Eric Brosius, MA	27

San Juan (SJM)

After four rounds 32 players met the three-win criteria for advancement. After three more rounds, Andy Latto defeated Mark Kennel with the purple building strategy in the semifinals. Andy had a very good engine going and racked up easy points. Mark went for the production strategy, but couldn’t get a *Smithy* or a *Guild Hall* built. Not a recipe for victory.

In the other bracket, Jeff Mullet and Rich Meyer both pursued the production strategy. Oddly, neither had a *Guild Hall* for much of the game. They both continually spent all of their cards building production buildings. Each knew the other was in trouble if they drew the *Guild Hall*. Jeff eventually drew and built the golden ticket, Rich didn’t and that was all she wrote.

Jeff had no good cards to begin the Final and Andy jumped out to a two-building lead with the purple building strategy. That’s never a good thing for the player who is two builds behind. But eventually, Jeff was able to build a *Library* and a *Smithy*. Andy used all of his cards to build the big point *Hero*, but Jeff was now able to build high point production buildings very cheaply. Andy was not able to keep up with his cheap builds and Jeff ended with a *Guild Hall* and lots of production buildings for his second SJM title—displacing the big kahuna at the head of the laurel rankings.



2014 Results

♣ James Pei, VA
 ♠ James DuBose, NY
 ♠ Lyman Moquin, DC
 ♠ Tom Drueding, MA
 ♣ Todd Treadway, VA
 ♣ Jeff Burdett, NY

♣ Matt Calkins, VA

† 40 📖 2012-2014



James Pei, VA

Top Laurelists

Daniel Hoffman, NC	80
James Pei, VA	48
Lyman Moquin, DC	28
Tom Drueding, MA	28
James DuBose, NY	24
Ewan McNay, NY	24
Rob Winslow, NY	24
David Metzger, NY	16
Scott Burns, uk	12
Lachlan Salter, on	12

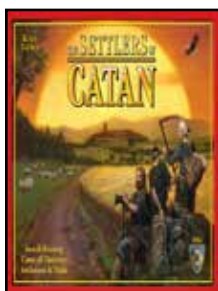
Sekigahara (SKG)

After three rounds, five players remained unbeaten, allowing eight to advance to elimination rounds. The tournament was again distinguished by an unusual array of prizes. James DuBose won a statue of Toyotomi Hideyoshi for winning the largest battles, averaging 85 impact in his victorious confrontations. Todd Treadway won a samurai horseman for killing seven enemy leaders. 15 won ‘honor prizes’ for winning their third round game, regardless of the outcome of their first two matches.

James Pei bested Lyman Moquin in an epic semifinal, turning on a 5th-week clash at Gifu castle won 47 to 44. James DuBose defeated Tom Drueding in the other bracket. Tom had just denied defending champion Daniel Hoffman, breaking an epic 10-game winning streak.

Pei took Tokugawa in the Final (for a bid of zero) while DuBose took Ishida. The early turns favored Pei, winning castles and resource areas in every turn. DuBose recruited a third gun unit into the Uesugi army and held fast on the northern fringe. Pei eventually gambled on a major battle at the Tokaido-Nakasendo crossroads, hoping to catch Ishida in person to end it, but he was not to be found. That left the flanks open for opportunistic attacks, and three such avenues were now wide open—win all three and DuBose would have a stunning comeback victory. On the last turn, it came down to a single victory point, and the deciding battle down to a single card, but Pei held on to claim the 2014 title.





2014 Results

🏆 Joe Burch, MD
 🥈 John Min, NJ
 🥉 Phil Reese, MD
 🏆 Eli Zlotowski, CA
 🏆 William Austin, VA
 🏆 John Gitzen II, NY

🏆 Rich Shipley, MD
 † 124 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Danny Lewis, DE
 🥈 Yoel Weiss, NJ
 🥉 B. Collinson, Jr, MD
 🏆 Nat. Druelinger, MD
 🏆 Andy Latto, MA
 🏆 Antony Saccenti, MD

🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH
 † 234 📖 1993-2014



Joe Burch, MD

Top Laurelists

Rob Kircher, RI	126
Brian Reynolds, MD	125
Rick Dutton, MD	114
John Min, NJ	108
Charlie Faella, RI	96
Tom Dunning, NY	87
Jeremy Osteen, MD	84
Matt Tolman, UT	84
Natasha Metzger, NY	72
Andrew Arconti, MD	66



Danny Lewis, DE

Top Laurelists

Derek Landel, NJ	81
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	66
Ken Gutermuth, NC	54
Josh Githens, SC	50
Yoel Weiss, NJ	48
Doug Galullo, MD	46
Danny Lewis, DE	40
Kristen LaDue, NY	40
Nicole Reiff, OH	40
Alexandra Henning, CT	40

Settlers of Catan (SET)

This Saturday morning fixture in the schedule attracted 115 players in the first round, 88 for the second, and 74 for the third for a total of 70 preliminary games. Nine late arrivals reduced the dropout rate somewhat to post the fifth largest field in the 16 years of the event. A 10-9-9-9 contest proved the closest of many tight games.

Four players reached the semifinals unbeaten in the three preliminary rounds. Another 11 advanced with two wins each and one advanced with a win and two strong runner-up finishes. None of the unbeaten remained so in Round 4. William Austin took fifth place with a 9-point runner-up performance in the semifinals and John Gitzen II won sand by being one of many players with an 8-point second in the semis and the highest seed coming out of the preliminaries.

The winners of the four semifinals met in a fast-paced Final. John Min, 2013 runner-up, built settlements and grabbed the longest road bonus while Joe Burch was building several cities. "4" was a frequent roll in this game, with six of them coming in the first eight laps (helping Joe with stone) and no "6's" were rolled until the 11th lap. Phil Reese and Eli Zlotowski were making slow progress with six points each at game end. On the 15th turn, Joe took over the longest road for 10 points and the win, leaving John with 7 points and in second place again.

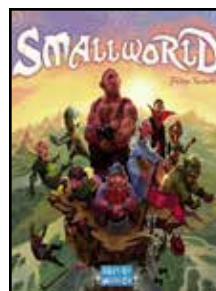


Slapshot (SLS)

It was a record crowd for the Saturday night gala. The gang from Jay's Basement dressed up in matching team jerseys and a repeat appearance of the chest-painted "RANGERS" group added to the party atmosphere.

Eventually, someone remembered we were there to actually play a game, and the puck was dropped at the center of 22 tables. Amongst the echoes of "WHINING!" and sly maneuvering between those who actually wanted to advance and the smarter ones who wanted to go to bed, all the table winners trudged back from the bar to gather around for our annual Massively Unfair Semifinal Round. That speedskating contest out of the way, we settled down to the Final and the resulting playoffs.

In the wee hours championship series, Danny Lewis and his "horrible" team were reborn against Yoel Weiss, who had been training for a year after coming in second to a little girl last year. Yoel's bruiser was hungry for blood, but he hadn't counted on the contents of the player deck. Danny gained two 7-rated players and *Crease Lightning* to replace his three bruised players courtesy of Yoel's bruiser. After that, his new and improved team couldn't be stopped. He took the plaque to taunt his dad who had won the inaugural event back in the olden days of 1993 before he was borne, and Yoel was sent home with yet another runner-up coaster. For now at least, the *Slapshot* standings had the perfect balance of father and son bookends.



2014 Results

🏆 Jason Ley, WA
 🥈 Joe Kelleher, PA
 🥉 Tim O'Flynn, PA
 🏆 Nathan Cantwell, PA
 🏆 J.Ratanaprasatporn, PA
 🏆 Lisa Gutermuth, WA

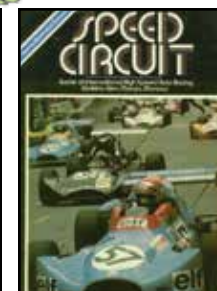
🏆 Madison Sites, CA
 † 113 📖 2013-2014



Jason Ley, WA

Top Laurelists

Jason Ley, WA	30
Bryan Berkenstock, NJ	30
Joe Kelleher, PA	18
David Blisard, MD	18
Tim O'Flynn, PA	12
Trevor Schoenen, PA	12
Nathan Cantwell, PA	9
Maria Calandrino, on	9
J. Ratanaprasatporn, PA	6
Sarah Bauch, TX	6



2014 Results

🏆 Kevin Keller, MD
 🥈 Randy Needham, NJ
 🥉 Chris Long, PA
 🏆 C. Hancock, OH
 🏆 Tim Mossman, MD
 🏆 Phil White, MD

🏆 Chris Long, PA
 † 28 📖 1991-2014



Kevin Keller, MD

Top Laurelists

Scott Cornett, FL	166
Doug Schulz, MD	164
Terry Schulz, PA	156
Kevin Keller, MD	137
Gerald Lientz, VA	81
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	78
Tim Mossman, MD	77
Lane Newbury, TX	66
John Welage, OH	64
Dennis Nicholson, NY	60

Small World (SMW)

With over 100 participants again in its sophomore season, clearly fans still abound in the WBC realm. After 50 games in four heats, the stakes rose for the triumphant denizens of *Small World*.

At Table 1 of the semifinals, John Ratanaprasatporn, Sarah Bauch, Lisa Gutermuth, and Eric Raymond battled until John rose out of the ashes the victor—just one point ahead of Lisa! Her narrow defeat earned sixth place laurels and the forlorn hope that one of the winners would bow out. Table 2 victor Jason Ley was not so subtle, crushing two returning laurelists: Dave Blisard and Trevor Schoenen, as well as Barrett Straub. At Table 3, Verity Hitchings, Lauren Vessey, Stephen Koehler, and Joe Kelleher vied for the next round with Joe emerging grasping the golden ticket. Nathan Cantwell, Nicholas Koehler, Albert Schwartz, and George Galuchak comprised the tightest battle of the round with only 11 points between first and last. But Nathan became the youngest finalist. Any why not? He already had the best stature for it. Garrick Hanechak, Chris Kalmbacher, Mark Crescenzi and Tim O'Flynn vied for the last remaining seat with Tim winning that lottery.

The Final commenced immediately after the five 4-player worlds were subdued by their respective conquerors. As they sat down to the only 5-player game, who could know who would walk away with the coveted gold Tum marker, relegating the rest to silver? Small talk declined until Jason emerged as our second champion.



Speed Circuit (SCT)

Italian Fabio Pellegrino was the only double winner to emerge from three days of qualifying. The first heat's tracks, Montreal and Sao Paolo, were fast and tight with a lot of carnage. Montreal, in particular, allowed only five finishers of the 11 who began the race. The second day's tracks were Sepang and Yeongam, where position changed often and unexpectedly. The last qualifying heat saw some action at Spa and Silverstone, and again the dice gods sent the unwary packing.

The Final was played on New Delhi, a very challenging course that allowed for multiple racing styles to flourish while eventually claiming a third of the field. Jim bid high for pole. He then rolled a chance in the second corner to run away from the rest of the pack in the early lead for his five minutes of fame. The Italians, Kevin Keller and Phil White made it through the first two corners in hot pursuit to become the chase pack.

In the end it was the veteran Keller who took the wood, becoming the first *Speed Circuit* triple winner—and doing so in largely unchallenged fashion after taking the lead in the third lap. The battle was behind him where Randy Needham recovered from a failed forced pass and used his wear advantage to catch Chris Long on the way out of corner #6. The pair battled for second through the last three corners, but Randy's wear advantage made the difference.





2014 Results

♣ Eric Stranger, OH
 ♠ Scott Bramley, NJ
 ♣ Pete Pollard, TN
 ♠ Bill Thomson, TX
 ♠ Jeff Hacker, PA
 ♠ Mario Ales, it

♣ Pete Pollard, TN

† 20 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ Tom Strock, PA
 ♠ John Schoose, IL
 ♠ Brian Sutton, MD
 ♠ Marilyn Flowers, MD
 ♠ Evan Cagwin, PA
 ♠ Buddy Sinigaglio, ID

♣ Buddy Sinigaglio, ID

† 38 📖 2002-2014



Eric Stranger, OH

Top Laurelists

Pete Pollard, TN	253
Bill Thomson, TX	247
Andrew Cummins, uk	182
Eric Stranger, OH	125
David Bronkhorst, VA	86
Scott Bramley, NJ	84
Phil Grasha, PA	81
Mike Pacheco, CA	78
Chuck Leonard, PA	40
Michael Day, AZ	33



Tom Strock, PA

Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	118
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Karl Henning, CT	66
John Schoose, IL	54
Bill Morse, VA	54
Tom Strock, PA	42
David Gubbay, TX	39
Alex Bell, MD	39
Buddy Sinigaglio, ID	37
Marilyn Flowers, MD	30

Squad Leader (SQL)



The 24th year of *Squad Leader* drew 20 players for 37 games. After a week of combat the semifinal matches were set: Pete Pollard (64 points) vs Eric Stranger (45 points) and Bill Thomson (54 points) vs Scott Bramley (48 points). Four former champions with 11 titles between them would duke it out again.

Bill and Scott played *King of the Hills* where Bill's Germans tried to remove Russians from one last hill. It looked like Bill was going to cruise when the tide turned and his advance slowed. When the Russians reinforced, the last attempt to clear the hill became tougher. The result hinged on one last dice roll with Bill needing a 7 or less. Fate delivered an 8 instead and Scott advanced. In the other bracket, Pete's Americans took up positions protecting the only two-story building on Board 3 as Eric's Germans tried to win *Eviction Notice*. Eric's antitank gun made a crucial kill on a halftrack, leaving Pete with few options, and his eventual foothold in the building was not enough to evict the last German defenders.

Winter War, a small scenario with only a few units for each side, was chosen for the Final. Scott's outnumbered and freezing Germans pinned their hopes on an AT Gun. When it lost its duel with a T34, all that remained for the desperate Germans was close combat with the Soviet tanks. Heroism was no match for armor and Eric emerged with his fourth title.

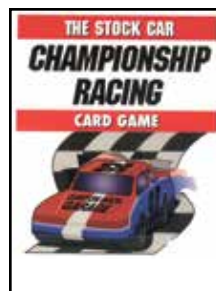


Star Wars; Queen's Gambit (QGB)

38 preliminary games were played in three heats with both sides winning 19. Overall, the combined tally for the preliminaries and the playoffs was 25 wins for the Jedi and 28 for the Sith. A statistical aberration occurred with the simultaneous elimination of Darth Maul and Obi-wan Kenobi three times—one attacked and killed the other and the dying defender reciprocated with a Light Saber Riposte.

Six former champions, led by three-time champ Lawrence Lingle who won every heat, were among the 16 qualifiers in the elimination rounds. Two rounds later, four survivors moved into the semifinals where "Jacen Solo" Schoose schmoozed Marilyn "Purple Queen" Flowers. In the other bracket, Tom "Tusken Raider" Strock skinned Brian "Bossk" Sutton. Tom killed Maul with the play of only five cards, thus causing a rapid collapse of the droids with two Jedi loose in Theed Palace.

The Final thus matched 2012 champion Schoose as the Naboo vs Strock. It was fought almost entirely in Theed Palace and was not close. Darth Maul killed Quigon and Obiwan and a fistful of Palace Guards before the Maul cards ran out. Then the Droideka took over, killing Panaka and the Purple Queen. The Naboo were soon subjugated. The Federation lost only one Droideka. Tom bested prior champions Schoose, Sutton and Gubbay as well as former runner-up Cagwin in the elimination rounds. Rumor has it that repeated beatings at the hands of his sister were instrumental in developing his skills.

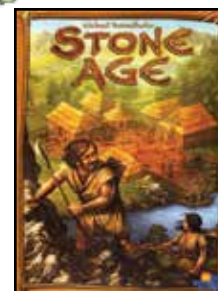


2014 Results

♣ Ralph Gleaton, SC
 ♠ Phil White, MD
 ♠ Mark Mitchell, VA
 ♠ Dan Dolan, Jr, VT
 ♠ Fabio Pellegrino, it
 ♠ Daniel Lewis, DE

♣ Michael Garton, VA

† 46 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

♣ Dominic Blais, qc
 ♠ Scott Saccenti, MD
 ♠ David Rohde, NC
 ♠ Scott Fenn, MD
 ♠ Greg Ziemba, MI
 ♠ Andrew Emerick, CT

♣ Peter Staab, PA

† 213 📖 2009-2014



Ralph Gleaton, SC

Top Laurelists

Phillip White, MD	117
Seth Gunar, NJ	102
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48
Steve Caler, OH	42
Luke Koleszar, VA	42
Jim Bell, MD	39
Brian Mongold, MD	36
Bill Beckman, SC	30
Kevin Brown, GA	30
Jean Younkin, VA	30



Dominic Blais, qc

Top Laurelists

Dominic Blais, qc	120
Cary Morris, NC	118
Rod Bacigalupo, MD	90
Eric Freeman, PA	88
Dan Eppolito, PA	58
Scott Fenn, MD	42
Cliff Ackman, PA	42
Henry Dove, MD	40
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	40
Christopher Ellis, FL	40

Championship Racing (SCC)

There were eight preliminary races in three heats. The top three drivers from each race qualified. The preliminary winners were Michael Buccheri, Josh Coyle, 2000 champ Tim Dolan, Dan Lewis, James McCarthy, Keith McFarland, and a pair of Italian drivers: Fabio Pellegrino and Mario Ales.

22 finalists signed on for 200 Laps on a Tri-Oval Superspeedway. Carol Caler in car #99 started in the pole position with #00, Dan Dolan Jr, leading the outside lane. The action was intense from start to finish with eight lead changes and 14 drivers in the top six at some point. Two crashes claimed seven cars. #9, two-time champion Phil White, held the lead the longest and was still in first at the start of the last play only to fall short by a photo finish to #23, Ralph Gleaton. Ralph started the race in fourth, only to fade back. With less than 50 laps to go, he climbed back into the top five and made the charge from fourth to first on his last move. It gave him his first WBC shield ever after over a decade of competing.

Fabio in #42 started the field dead last and moved up steadily to break into the top five for the first time on the last lap to earn the most improved driver—moving up 17 positions. Dan Dolan, Jr was the most consistent driver—starting second, never falling below fifth, and finishing third.



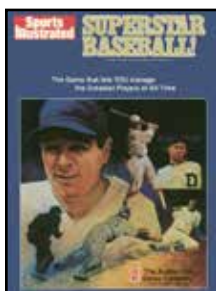
Stone Age (STA)

The three heats each yielded 25 4-player games with exactly 100 players. This produced eight double winners and 67 qualifiers. Fortunately, only 48 of those qualifiers opted to advance, resulting in 12 4-player quarterfinal games with the four top runners-up also advancing to the semifinals. The quarterfinal games were won by 2012 champ Dominic Blais, Keith Dent, Yossi Dvora, Andrew Emerick, Eric Engelman, Scott Fenn, Derek Glenn, Paul Klayder, 2011 champ Cary Morris, Scott Saccenti, Eugene Yee and Greg Ziemba.

The semifinal winners were Blais, Fenn, Saccenti and David Rohde. The first set of cards was four "Christmas" cards. Fenn took the card for one resource that also provided one of the cultures for end game scoring and got a farm from the card while Blais got a tool and Saccenti and Rohde both got gold.

Ten turns later, Fenn had 78 points plus 36 from culture cards, 3 from farming, 7 from people, and 10 from resources for 134 points. Rohde had 109 points plus 1 from culture cards, 21 from people, 7 from buildings and 4 from resources for 142 points. Saccenti had 99 points plus 1 from culture cards, 18 from farming, 4 from tools and 35 from buildings for 157 points. Blais had 80 points plus 9 from culture cards, 4 from farming, 60 from tools, 12 from buildings and 3 from resources for 168 points. So Blais earned an 11-point victory to become the first double winner of the event.



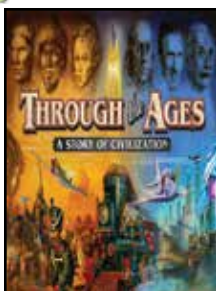


2014 Results

- 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
- 🏆 James Terry, NJ
- 🏆 Bill Beckman, SC
- 🏆 Johnny Wilson, IL
- 🏆 John Welage, OH
- 🏆 Steve Lollis, VA

🏆 Bill Beckman, SC

† 41 📖 1991-94, 96-14



2014 Results

- 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
- 🏆 Jason Ley, WA
- 🏆 Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC
- 🏆 Randy Buehler, WA
- 🏆 Jay Berry, PA
- 🏆 Nick Page, on

🏆 Randy Buehler, WA

† 65 📖 2008-2014



Terry Coleman, CA

Top Laurelists

Rich Moyer, MN	174
Harry Flawd, PA	170
Bill Beckman, SC	132
Terry Coleman, CA	108
Chris Palermo, NY	47
Jacob Hebner, CO	46
Mark Giddings, NY	40
Randy Cox, SC	28
Ken Samuel, VA	28
James Terry, NJ	27



Nick Henning, DC

Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	182
Jason Ley, WA	168
Joel Lytle, NY	114
Nick Henning, DC	60
Zvi Mowshowitz, NY	60
Raphael Lehrer, CA	52
Andrew Emerick, CT	48
Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC	42
Aran Warszawski, il	40
Rob Flowers, MD	26

Superstar Baseball (SSB)

The format remained the same with three daily heats. The winners of each plus their runners-up were destined for the playoffs along with the best two remaining overall records as wild card teams. The Heat winners were: Bill Beckman (95 Indians), Roderick Lee (78 Dodgers), and Steve Lollis (81 Yankees). The rest of the field consisted of runners-up: Terry Coleman (53 Yankees), John Welage (76 Reds) and James Terry (62 Yankees). The Wild Card slots were filled by Johnny Wilson (62 Giants) and Jack Beckman (45 Tigers). The first round was the battle of the Beckmans with Bill topping Jack 5-0, Wilson besting Lee 1-0, Terry beating Lollis 4-2, and Coleman demolishing Welage 11-1. In the next round Coleman used a 7th inning Yogi Berra 3-run homer to top the Indians 5-4. In the other bracket, in a recreation of the '62 World Series, Terry's Yankees again beat Wilson's Giants 4-3.

The Final best-of-three series was an all-Yankees affair with Dimaggio's '53 squad vs Mantle's '62 bombers. The opening game found the '53 Yanks benefiting from the wildness of Jim Bouton and winning 5-4 despite surrendering four solo homers. The second game featured young Whitey Ford pitching against veteran Whitey Ford! Coleman used four pitchers and Terry five as they battled into the 14th inning where an RBI single



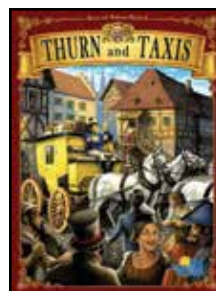
by "Doc" Blanchard won it for the '62 pinstripers. The title game went scoreless until the bottom of the 11th, when Billy Martin homered to give Coleman his first SSB title.

Through the Ages (AGE)

All three returning finalists lost their opening games and rebounded with double wins in the remaining heats to advance to the semifinals. However, now unseeded, they manned a very shark-filled semifinal table with two-time champion Randy Buehler, defending champ Joel Lytle, and triple-heat-winner Yossi Dvora. Randy survived that test to reach the Final for the fifth straight year, albeit with a few well earned scars. He was joined by two-time champion Jason Ley, Sceaudeau D'Tela riding a four-game winning streak and event newcomer Nick Henning.

Jason got the best of the opening deal with *Hanging Gardens* and *Moses*, but Age 1 ended quicker than anticipated so *Hanging Gardens* never got built. Age 1 saw the usual arms race, with Sceaudeau starting a cascade of aggressive drafting by taking Knights for three actions. With all three copies of *Iron* buried deep in the deck, the civilizations developed slowly while constantly warring—presumably with rocks. Halfway through Age 2 all four were still on Bronze.

It was a brutal, low-scoring game that was actually turned upside down by Jason declaring a culture war against Sceaudeau on the last possible turn. It was Nick who benefitted most from the war once the music stopped. He won with a score of 131 over Jason's 108, Sceaudeau's 105 and Randy's 98. It was just the start of a spectacular week. He would grab four more titles before week's end—setting a record for events won.

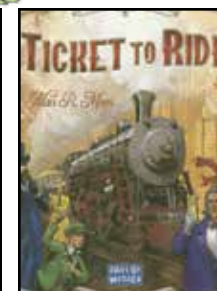


2014 Results

- 🏆 Jeffrey Meyer, MA
- 🏆 Kyle Smith, PA
- 🏆 Rebecca Hebner, CO
- 🏆 Eric Kleist, MD
- 🏆 Winton Lemoine, NV
- 🏆 Robert Cranshaw, RI

🏆 Andy Latto, MA

† 151 📖 2006-2014



2014 Results

- 🏆 Alan Elkner, NJ
- 🏆 Adina Weiss, NJ
- 🏆 Yoni Weiss, NJ
- 🏆 Hank Griffin, PA
- 🏆 Amy Rule, MD
- 🏆 Chris Shabsin, MA

🏆 Claire Brosius, MA

† 303 📖 2004-2014



Jeffrey Meyer, MA

Top Laurelists

Andy Latto, MA	128
Anne Norton, NJ	75
Rob Kircher, RI	72
Kyle Smith, PA	66
Randy Buehler, WA	61
Aran Warszawski, il	54
Robert Murray, NJ	48
David Meyaard, NY	48
Amy Rule, MD	48
Jim Castonguay, PA	42



Alan Elkner, NJ

Top Laurelists

Jay Fox, NJ	84
Virginia Colin, VA	70
Eric Monte, NY	70
Steve Shambada, PA	69
Henry Allen, FL	68
Alan Elkner, NJ	66
Hilary Haagen, VA	60
Anni Foasberg, NJ	60
Kyle Greenwood, HI	60
John Faella, RI	60

Thurn & Taxis (T&T)

The winning scores in the heats ranged from a high of 31 to two low-scoring 10-9 games. There were many close contests, with eight won on tiebreak and ten by a single point.

Robert Cranshaw rushed the carriages to trigger the endgame in his semifinal, but finished with 18 points to Rebecca Hebner's 20. Jefferson Meyer beat Winton Lemoine by half a point. Kyle Smith got a 7-house multicolored route and an all-white 6 route to score all colors and Bavaria first, besting Eric Brosius 29-17. In the last semi, Andrew Emerick seemed hard to stop, cartwrighting for the 4, 5, and 6 carriages and never using the Administrator, when disaster struck his last route. An Administrator could not extend Linz-Passau, and he had to discard a route. Eric Kleist scored Bavaria on his second route plus nine points in long-route bonuses to win by an even larger margin than Kyle, 26-13 over Matthew Craig.

The Final saw most players going for long routes while Jefferson rushed the carriages. By Turn 13, he was the only player with a 6 carriage. He scored a 3 route, judging that if he extended it to a 5 route and cartwrighted to end the game quickly, Rebecca's long route chits would give her the win over his carriage points. This unusual play proved to be correct. Four turns later, he was able to cartwright the 7 carriage, still ending the game as the only player with a 7 carriage.



Ticket to Ride (TTR)

The WBC attendance record for an event was set as 303 players participated. The check-in line ran down the hall into the food court and up the stairs, but the sorting system kept the line chugging along. 45 minutes from the start of check-in, 43 tables were engaged, filling the ballroom to overflowing. People were taking their first tickets as the first games to start entered the end-game. The 10th anniversary celebration provided hundreds of train sets from *Days of Wonder*. A translucent set of 45 trains was given to each player. The finalists got their choice of four expansion sets and the winner received a commemorative coin and the opportunity to attend GenCon to play in the National tournament.

In the quarterfinals we had three players who had already qualified for the Nationals: Trella Bromley, Steve Shambada, and Jeff Jackson. Jay Fox, our leading laurelist, also had qualified. None of them reached our Final. Instead, we had two of our youngest go head-to-head in the last round as brother and sister, Yoni and Adina Weiss, battled each other.

Hank Griffin had a battle on his hands since finalists Alan Elkner, Yoni and Adina all play in the Jay's Basement group. Most of the tickets were completed. Adina barely claimed family bragging rights 122 to 121. Hank trailed behind with a respectable 96, having shared the most tickets bonus with Yoni. The longest route went to Alan, and with it, the win with 128 points.





2014 Results

♣ Akihisa Tabei, jp
 ♠ Michael Pustilnik, NY
 ♣ Kevin Hillock, VA
 ♠ Rich Atwater, WA
 ♠ Aaron Fuegi, MA
 ♣ Jason Ley, WA

♣ Bruno Wolff, WI

† 34 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ Aaron Fuegi, MA
 ♠ Dan Strock, PA
 ♣ Bruno Wolff, WI
 ♣ Arthur Wines, PA
 ♣ Brian Sutton, MD
 ♣ Michael Pustilnik, NY

♣ Rich Atwater, WA

† 25 📖 1994-2014



Akihisa Tabei, jp

Top Laurelists

Dave Finberg, MA	289
Aaron Fuegi, MA	273
David des Jardins, CA	185
Rich Atwater, WA	168
Dan Strock, PA	157
Jason Ley, WA	151
Kevin Hillock, VA	130
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Akihisa Tabei, jp	95
Arthur Wines, NJ	84



Aaron Fuegi, MA

Top Laurelists

Aaron Fuegi, MA	265
David des Jardins, CA	179
Dan Strock, PA	109
Brian Sutton, MD	93
Jason Ley, WA	68
David Finberg, MA	57
Sean McCulloch, OH	57
Andrew Gross, WA	49
Bruno Wolff, WI	38
Michael Pustilnik, NY	33

Titan (TTN)

As is his custom, Akihisa Tabei struck early in the Final making a strong titan on titan attack against Rich Atwater in the plains to eliminate him quickly. Michael Pustilnik attacked Kevin Hillock's angel stack and won, but Kevin attacked the survivors and killed them. Mike took a ranger with his titan (7), two minotaurs, two rangers, lion legion below Aki's two minotaur, gorgon, troll legion in the mountains. On his next turn Mike split out ranger, lion and then attacked into the mountains with titan (7), two minotaurs and two rangers. Aki could have killed Mike's minotaur, but took a 50% shot at the titan instead and missed. Mike survived with titan, angel and two minotaurs.

Aki then attacked Kevin's titan with titan (8), two angels, two rangers, troll and an angel summon against titan (7), giant, two warbears, two rangers and a warlock. Kevin should have killed an angel, causing a mutual, but didn't. Instead Aki survived with titan (12) and two angels. Mike was stuck with titan (8), angel and two minotaurs. Aki would have killed him on a 6, but didn't get it. Mike was one turn from getting a dragon, when Aki got a 6. The last battle was titan (13) and three angels against titan (8), angel and two minotaurs.

Aki gave Mike a chance to go 13 for 18 to get a mutual, but Mike only rolled 12 hits. That gave Aki a clean win and his first *Titan* title.



Titan 2-Player (TT2)

Dan Strock faced Art Wines in the first semifinal. Art attacked early in the brush with titan, three warlocks, cyclops and ranger against three cyclops, two gorgons and an angel. Dan's cyclops killed a ranger with five 6s on nine dice. The opening allowed both gorgons to reach the titan and put an angel in a bramble hex, unreachable by the gorgons.

The other semifinal was a contrast in luck for Bruno Wolff. His first three rolls gained maximum recruits for both his stacks. But neither stack could recruit on a 5. For the next three turns, he rolled a 5, moving only small stacks because recruiting was possible for both large stacks on any other number. Defending champ Aaron Fuegi subsequently chased and eventually caught Bruno's titan.

Recruiting was also the key in the Final. Aaron had multiple early turns with four or more stacks recruiting, and one where he got six recruits for six stacks. Dan had to chase stacks to accumulate points so his titan went into battle in the marsh with two lions, two cyclops and a ranger, and an angel to summon, against the all native stack of three ogres, two trolls and two rangers. He was attempting to survive the battle with a ranger recruiter plus his titan, to receive a second ranger and earn an angel plus get to 200 points. His titan took one too many hits from the 2 skill level creatures and Aaron had his sixth title.



2014 Results

♣ Carter Waite, VA
 ♠ Ewan McNay, NY
 ♠ Angela Collinson, MD
 ♣ Greg Crowe, MD
 ♣ Brendan Coomes, OH
 ♣ Harry Flawd, PA

♣ Greg Crowe, MD

† 96 📖 1997-2014



Carter Waite, VA

Top Laurelists

Matt Calkins, VA	60
Rebecca Hebnner, CO	57
Alan Witte, NJ	50
Ewan McNay, NY	48
Harry Flawd, PA	45
Brendan Coomes, OH	44
Devon Miller, VA	42
Jordan Shea, CT	42
Joseph Sposito, NJ	40
Greg Crowe, MD	39

Titan: The Arena (TTA)



This year our field of 96 players included 27 who hadn't played the game at WBC before, which was very gratifying. Of the 28 qualifiers to win at least one heat, 22 reappeared for the semifinals. Three alternates were added to man five 5-player tables.

The Final was loaded with experience, numbering three former champions and a two-time finalist among its five combatants. No public wager was lost in the first two rounds as the unloved Cyclops and Titan were dispatched early. The negotiations began in earnest in the third round but ended with Carter's decision to kill the Ranger that had two secret bets—Brendan's and Ewan's. In the fourth round, an alleged "mistaken" play by Carter allowed Ewan to make sure his Hydra survived again by killing the Warlock, which had 1st and 4th-round bets by Greg, as well as bets by Brendan and Carter. Cards were low in Round 5 so the others could not close the deal before Ewan got another turn. He used the Hydra power to play two cards, and killed the Unicorn, which had Brendan's 1st-round bet and the secret bets of Angela and Greg. When the last chips fell, it was newcomer Carter who had the most points, due to having the only surviving secret bet (on the Dragon). And so Carter Waite, new to both the game and



WBC, won her first shield and became our 17th champ in 18 years.



2014 Results

♣ Chris Byrd, CT
 ♠ Antony Russo, MD
 ♠ E.Evan Woodham, TX
 ♠ David Amidon, PA
 ♠ Kevin Lewis, DC
 ♣ Andy Doughan, PA

♣ George Young, VT

† 45 📖 2006-2014



Chris Byrd, CT

Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	428
Chris Withers, CA	161
Keith Wixson, NJ	143
Chris Byrd, CT	122
Riku Riekkinen, fi	110
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	108
Rick Young, NC	100
Randy Pippus, on	72
Bill Edwards, VA	60
Bruce Monnin, OH	46

Twilight Struggle (TWS)

We had two noteworthy newcomers. Tony Russo proved tough for everyone. His extensive online experience with our 4th place finisher, David Amidon, prepared him well for WBC. He upset Stefan Mecay in the third round and only lost in the Final. Evan Woodham also made his first appearance and went undefeated. Unfortunately, he missed the first round so could not compete for the title.

Headline events *Containment* and *Red Scare* offset each other in the Final and Chris Byrd's Americans took an early edge by winning the coup/counter-coup in Iran, allowing play in Asia. *Marshall Plan* simultaneously enabled American dominance in Europe. Over Turns 2 and 3, Antony's Russians struggled to keep pace, hampered by scoring cards and generally lower operations values. The Americans even managed to dispose of *Decolonization* and *Destalinization* on the space race. The early positional edge allowed the US to assume a VP advantage as Europe scored twice over the first four turns. The US continued to improve its relative position by playing higher value cards. Over the next two turns, the US continued to augment its point lead, first taking advantage of OAS to pick up a quick 4 VPs in South America and then playing *Dr. Strangelove* for three more. Russian counter efforts took a favorable position in South America, but it was too late. At the beginning of Turn 7, the US had 19 VPs and *Alliance for Progress* added one more, just enough for the win.

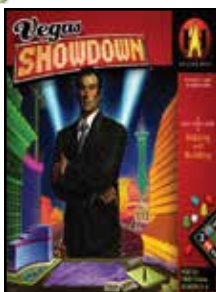




2014 Results

♣ John Emery, SC
 ♠ R. Malcomson, MN
 ♣ Richard Irving, CA
 ♠ Andrew Maly, MD
 ♣ Wade Fowble, MD
 ♣ Jeff Spanner, MD

♣ Jim Burnett, TN
 † 28 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ Mike Kaltman, PA
 ♠ A. Drummond, on
 ♠ Steve LeWinter, NC
 ♠ Doug Faust, NY
 ♣ Matthew Craig, NC
 ♣ Greg Thatcher, CA

♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 † 75 📖 2008-2014



John Emery, SC

Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	227
Bruce Young, SC	177
Ray Stakenas II, MI	118
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	112
Ed Kendrick, uk	100
Ray Stakenas Sr, MI	74
Richard Irving, CA	66
Jeff Spanner, MD	52
Paul Wright, PA	52
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48



Mike Kaltman, PA

Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	54
Doug Faust, NY	49
Eric Freeman, PA	48
Steve LeWinter, NC	42
Mike Kaltman, PA	39
Nick Page, on	36
Andrew Gerb, MD	33
Redie Smith, NC	30
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	26
Cary Morris, NC	24

Up Front (UPF)

The 2014 field included seven past champs with 15 shields. After the bodies had been removed from the five swiss rounds, 2012 champ Richard Irving stood tallest at 5-0. Joining him in the gauntlet with one loss apiece were regulars Wade Fowble and Andrew Maly, newcomer Robert Malcomson, and six-time winner John Emery. Jeff Spanner, Greg Courter, and William Kendrick earned the remaining slots with 3-2 records.

The higher seeds prevailed in the quarterfinals with Irving defeating Kendrick, Malcomson over Courter, Maly over Spanner and Emery besting Fowble. In Round 7 Malcomson used German attackers to beat Maly's Americans in *The Infantry's Iron Fist*. The other semi saw Emery's Russian defense in *Outpost Line* prevail against Irving's Germans. The game was in doubt until the last card with the deck emptied before Richard could play a terrain card for the win.

Malcomson requested a repeat of the scenario and side he won in the semis and Emery, ever the gentleman, agreed. John's GIs gained terrain but not without cost. A Sniper then turned things around by hitting the AFV's commander and the Americans stopped taking, and started causing, casualties. Midway through the second deck, Robert was down to four men and a stunned AFV but John was within

two losses of his own squad breaking. John used the bazooka to shoot at the infantry group instead of the AFV, got a hit, and drew a Black 6 for the decisive kill to win his 7th UPF title.



Vegas Showdown (VSD)

There were 27 games played in three heats. Only Kate Fractal managed more than one win. Three of those 26 winners opted not to advance, admitting alternates Andrew Drummond and Matt Calkins to the semifinals. There, defending champ Doug Faust won his table by six points over Eric Freeman to advance in defense of his title. Mike Kaltman cruised to an easy 10-point win over Craig Trader. "Leisure Suit" alternate Andrew Drummond punched his golden ticket with a 5-point win over 2013 finalist Cary Morris. 2011 champ Steve LeWinter returned to the Final with a 2-point victory over Greg Thatcher. Matt Craig took the last seat with a 2-point margin over Greg Crowe.

Mike's tableau at the end contained a Lounge, two Fancy Lounges, four Slots, two Fancy Slots, a Dragon Room, two Restaurants, and a Fancy Restaurant. It was good for 68 points (and nine left-over cash). Andrew also finished with 68 points but no excess cash and that tiebreaker proved decisive. Steve was third with 66 points followed by Doug with 56 and Matt with 43. This was Kaltman's 20th appearance in a WBC Final. He was 0 for 19 heretofore when it came to winning the big one. The string of near misses was approaching infinity—or so it seemed. After a double check of the scores confirmed that *Vegas Showdown* would finally break his streak, Mike broke down in tears of joy and relief after finally winning his first WBC title.



2014 Results

♣ Andy Gardner, VA
 ♠ Ed Paule, NJ
 ♠ Pat Richardson, WA
 ♠ Dan Blumentritt, TX
 ♠ John Pack, CO
 ♠ Jim Eliason, IA

♣ Charles Drozd, IL
 † 26 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ David Kieft, ns
 ♠ Kirk Harris, NJ
 ♠ Chris Trimmer, TX
 ♠ Jim Stanard, NJ
 ♠ Joel Calden, MA
 ♣ M. Pare-Paquin, qc

♣ Ed Beach, MD
 † 34 📖 2013-2014



Andy Gardner, VA

Top Laurelists

Andy Gardner, VA	486
Dan Henry, IL	272
Michael Kaye, CA	252
Ed Menzel, CA	250
Charles Drozd, IL	224
Ed Paule, NJ	204
John Pack, CO	150
Darren Kilfara, uk	146
John Sharp, FL	126
Michael Ussery, MD	118



David Kieft, ns

Top Laurelists

M. Pare-Paquin, qc	55
David Kieft, ns	50
Kirk Harris, NJ	30
Jim Stanard, NJ	30
Max DuBoff, NJ	30
Chris Trimmer, TX	20
Ed Rothenheber, MD	20
Joel Calden, MA	10
Jeff Heidman, NY	10
Justin Rice, VA	5

Victory in the Pacific (VIP)



55 games were played with an increased average bid of 4.87 POC for the Japanese. Despite that, the IJN winning % increased to an alarming 70.9%. After five swiss rounds Andy Gardner, Ed Paule, Patrick Richardson, and John Pack all had four wins. The remaining slots went to Daniel Blumentritt, Jim Eliason, Ed Menzel, and John Sharp (all 3-2).

The quarterfinals yielded only a mild upset with #5 Blumentritt's USN over #4 Pack, in what would be the only USN playoff victory. In the remaining quarterfinals #1 Gardner ousted #8 Sharp in eight turns, while #2 Paule topped #7 Menzel and #3 Richardson beat #6 Eliason in seven turns. In the semi's Gardner bid 8.5 POC for the IJN vs. Blumentritt and despite the impressive bid secured a mathematical lock in Turn 7. In the other bracket Paule bid 9.5 POC for the IJN vs. Richardson and won a concession at the end of Turn 6.

Given the previous bids, another high bid in the Final was expected and Gardner opened with a bid of 10.5. Paule found himself in an early hole as an American CV was lost on Turn 1. Seeing the writing already on the wall, he committed everything to the defense of Pearl Harbor on Turn 2. A first round night action was bad news for the USN, and when the sun rose the IJN had smashed the USN decisively, drawing a quick concession.



Virgin Queen (VGQ)

In the opening heats nine wins were divided between the Protestant (3), Ottoman (2), Spain (2), England (1) and France (1). The winners were defending champ Mathieu Pare-Paquin, Jerome Martin, David Kieft, Dennis Mishler, Max DuBoff, Manuel Bravo, Frank Morehouse, Joel Calden and Joe Appel.

Seven of those winners joined 11 alternates for three semifinal games. Two Ottoman military wins by Chris Trimmer and Calden highlighted the action. The third semifinal winner was Jim Stanard who reached the Final with a 28 VP English win for the second straight year. Runner-up slots were awarded to Kieft, Kirk Harris and Pare-Paquin.

Finalist Power selection was as follows: Stanard (England), Calden (Protestant), Trimmer (HRE), Kieft (Ottoman), Harris (Spain), and Pare-Paquin (France). The action picked up on Turn 4 with the Protestant seizing Antwerp in a double move, with the HRE successfully invading France, and with a close to successful *Gunpowder Plot* attempt at a *Catholic Rebellion* in England (where Kirk Harris fell one hit short of winning the game). Despite losing his whole pirate fleet in naval battles on that calamitous turn, Kieft's Ottomans were able to mix piracy, Suez Canal, and Patronage VP for 25 VP at the end of Turn 5. A final attempt to reel David back in with a *City States Rebellion* in Tunis fell a hit short and he earned his first WBC title. Harris took second with 23 VP followed by Trimmer 22, Stanard 21, Calden and Pare-Paquin 19 each.





2014 Results

🏆 Bruce Monnin, OH
 🏆 Jon Lockwood, VA
 🏆 Andy Gardner, VA
 🏆 Ben Gardner, VA
 🏆 Dennis Nicholson, NY
 🏆 Vince Meconi, DE

🏆 Vince Meconi, DE
 † 35 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Chris Yaure, PA
 🏆 Joe Yaure, PA
 🏆 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
 🏆 Chris Greenfield, NY
 🏆 Ted Lange, GA
 🏆 Kevin Lewis, DC

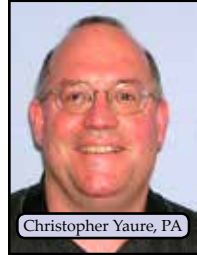
🏆 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
 † 20 📖 2006-2014



Bruce Monnin, OH

Top Laurelists

Jon. Lockwood, VA	207
Andy Gardner, VA	195
Bruce Monnin, OH	161
Pat Richardson, FL	158
Ed Menzel, CA	152
Dennis Nicholson, NY	147
Vince Meconi, DE	136
Ray Freeman, CA	133
Robert Drozd, IL	118
Darren Kilfara, uk	99



Christopher Yaure, PA

Top Laurelists

K. Wojtaszczyk, NY	165
Chris Trimmer, TX	115
Chris Yaure, PA	72
Ty Hansen, DC	60
Andy Latto, MA	40
Phil Rennert, MD	30
Jacob Hebner, CO	24
Jason Levine, NY	24
George Young, VT	24
Joe Yaure, PA	18

War at Sea (WAS)

The field was the smallest since 1998, comprised of 35 players who logged 64 games. The dominant Allied strategy was again "Barents on 1" by a wide margin. Play balance continued its yo-yo imitation of recent years. This year's WBC had 26 Axis wins (40.6%). However, the most recent BPA PBeM Championship sported a 54% Axis win rate. 59 of this year's contests had an Allied bid. The average bid was 1.80 for all games and 1.95 for games with a bid, both increases over last year.

The Allies swept the quarterfinals. Andy Gardner edged Bob Hamel, Ben Gardner bested Darren Kilfara, Bruce Monnin upset Dennis Nicholson, and Jon Lockwood crushed Vincent Meconi. The latter game was notable in that the Axis had every German ship afloat and undamaged when they conceded. In the semifinals, Jon's Allies, bidding 2.5, never lost the blockade in besting Ben's Axis. On the other board, Bruce's Axis topped Andy who bid 2 for the Allies.

Jon had already downed Bruce in the Swiss rounds and had a 6-0 record as the Allies and got them again for a bid of 2.5. However, there Jon's karma expired. The game was not close, as Jon failed multiple speed rolls and was soon in a hopeless position, resigning on Turn 3. Andy Gardner claimed Best Axis player at just 2-0 while Jon salvaged Best Allied Player honors at 6-1—the fifth time he has been so recognized in the last seven years.



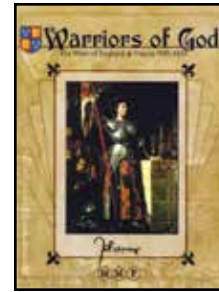
War of the Ring (WOR)



The tally had the FP winning thirteen games (3 FPMV, 10 Dunks) to the SP's ten (4 SPMV, 6 Corruption). SP corruption strategy focus was evident in many games. Sixteen games had 0 Dwarven rings bid, three had the FP receive one, three had the SP get one and one had the FP gain two. Fourteen played in the Mulligan round with another dozen playing in Round 1. Out of those, thirteen different winners advanced to Round 2 single elimination.

The Final became a family affair with Christopher Yaure (FP) facing his son Joe. Strider fell to a random casualty on Turn 1, but many Eye action dice slowed the SP. The FP declared in Mordor by Turn 7 but only had Legolas left to lead the fellowship and a Lidless Eye switched extra dice into Eyes to slow their movement. Turn 11 found Frodo at 11 corruption taking his final step with the Shadow at 12 VP.

Christopher could wait no longer to risk the last steps up Mount Doom. So Frodo, remembering his gift from Bilbo, threw off his cloak to reveal a coat of Mithril and drew String as he marched up the steps. Joe shook the hunt tiles as the fate of Middle Earth hung in the balance as the last SP corruption ending unfolded with a climatic tile draw! Frodo emerged resolute over the lava to dunk the ring and give Christopher his second WOR title!



2014 Results

🏆 Greg Hultgren, CA
 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
 🏆 David Long, NC
 🏆 Philip Yaure, PA
 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ
 🏆 Wayne Morrison, FL

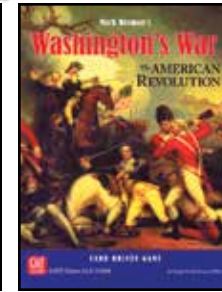
🏆 Bruce Monnin, OH
 † 20 📖 2009-2014



Greg Hultgren, CA

Top Laurelists

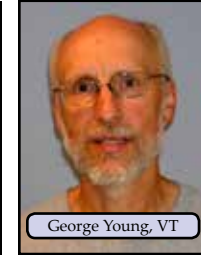
Greg Hultgren, CA	63
Rob Winslow, NY	49
Terry Coleman, CA	48
Derek Landel, NJ	48
David Long, NC	42
Matthew Beach, MD	33
Philip Yaure, PA	21
Keith Hunsinger, OH	18
Lembit Tohver, on	18
Stan Myszak, qc	16



2014 Results

🏆 George Young, VT
 🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ
 🏆 Randy Pippus, on
 🏆 John Faella, RI
 🏆 Randall MacInnis, GA
 🏆 Bill Peeck, NY

🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ
 † 34 📖 1994-2014



George Young, VT

Top Laurelists

George Young, VT	338
James Pei, TX	301
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	271
Paul Gaberson, PA	198
Keith Wixson, NJ	190
Brian Mountford, NY	179
Dan Leader, MA	96
John Poniske, PA	91
Mike Mitchell, GA	65
David Rubin, NJ	60

Warriors of God (WOG)



Half the field contested Sunday night's Pre-Con Mulligan with Terry Coleman, Pete Stein, Derek Landel, Rob Winslow and Bruce Monnin earning byes to Monday's second round action. 16 contested the first round. The French were dominant at first, winning nine of 13 contests. However, the results moderated in the medal rounds with the English winning five of the last nine games.

Round 2 saw Winslow, Coleman, Greg Hultgren and Philip Yaure win as the English, often using an aggressive strategy of buying Gunners on the first two turns and launching a Turn 2 strike on Ile-de-France. Defending champion David Long was the only French survivor. The French soon took revenge with Coleman and Hultgren punishing the English. Hultgren then used the French again to foil Long's title defense.

Greg accepted Terry's bid of two VP for the English. Over the next few turns, Greg acquired his core areas in the center of France. Terry made repeated attempts to break the French core and was able to capture two French leaders, but they died before yielding a single victory point. By Turn 10 the French had a 7-point lead. Joan of Arc then trapped two British leaders outside of Burgundy with no retreat. One died in battle and the other was captured.

That result, and another plague that decimated only English leaders, convinced Terry to forego further tours of France and gave Gregory his first WBC title, but not his last.



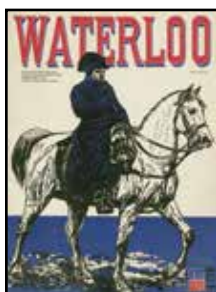
Washington's War (WWR)

Sadly, attendance declined 30%. Perhaps the "new game" bump with the transition from *We the People* has run its course and we can now expect a return to *WTP*'s mid 30's as the new norm. The Brits won 27 of 51 games. They dominated in Round 1, winning 12 of 17 games, but that was a byproduct of six of the eight seeded players opening with the Brits. After Round 1 the Americans won 19 of 34. In the elimination rounds they won four of seven.

George Young became the first 4-time champ in our 21-year history, although it took him seven years to climb that 4th rung of the ladder. Young has reached the Final four times in the last five years, however, so it wasn't for lack of trying. Once again, Keith Wixson barred his way, the third time that they have shared finalist status since 2010. This time George avenged his losses, and as was the case previously, the game went down to the last card play and battle with his Americans claiming eight colonies.

George was unbeaten entering the Final, besting Michael Webb, Rob Doane and Geoff Allbutt in the preliminaries, Bob Hamel in the quarterfinals and John Faella in the semifinals. Keith's slate was also unblemished, having defeated Peter Putnam, Paul Gaberson and defending champ James Pei in the preliminaries, Randy MacInnis in the quarterfinals and Randy Pippus in the semifinals. Young and Wixson were the only returning laurelists to add to their totals.

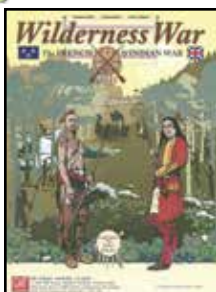




2014 Results

¶ Richard Beyma, VA
 § Tim Miller, GA
 § Joe Angiolillo, FL
 § Ed Menzel, CA
 ¶ Marty Musella, NC
 ¶ John Clarke, FL

¶ Marty Musella, NC
 † 25 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

¶ Grant LaDue, NY
 § James Pei, VA
 § Michael Ussery, MD
 ¶ Bill Peeck, NY
 ¶ Paul Gaberson, PA
 ¶ Randy MacInnis, GA

¶ Keith Wixson, NJ
 † 20 📖 2002-2014



Richard Beyma, VA

Top Laurelists

Richard Beyma, VA	173
Rob Beyma, MD	162
Marty Musella, NC	157
John Clarke, FL	123
Joe Beard, AZ	100
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	61
Joe Angiolillo, FL	61
Pat Mirk, FL	51
Tim Miller, GA	47
Ray Clark, CT	39



Grant LaDue, NY

Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	372
Keith Wixson, NJ	289
Paul Gaberson, PA	216
Ron Fedin, PA	141
George Young, VT	131
Peter Reese, VA	111
John Buse, IL	99
Tom Drueding, MA	98
Grant LaDue, NY	82
Michael Ussery, MD	72

Waterloo (WAT)



Waterloo continued its resurgent roll as 25 grognards returned to prolong the 50th anniversary celebration another year. The recent rule modifications—10 sided CRT and a PAA stacking prohibition—have tightened play balance, although bidding and win ratios still favor the PAA. Nine grognards battled for the four playoff spots. Several noteworthy players fell just short, leaving newcomers Tim Miller and Ed Menzel vs returning laurelists Richard Beyma and Joe Angiolillo.

Tim got the PAA with a 5-factor bid. Ed advanced slowly and despite some early victories was unable to crack Tim's PAA defense, conceding after a devastating 1-1 AE setback. In the other bracket Richard grabbed the PAA for a 6-factor bid. Joe's French advanced on a broad front and traded losses, giving as much as he took. Trying to win before the Prussian IV Corps' arrival, Joe launched several low odds attacks, only to sustain crippling losses.

The Final saw Richard bidding high (-8) for the PAA. Tim skillfully maneuvered the French onto the Quatre Bras heights and captured Nivelles in a series of successful low odds attacks to take both a positional and attrition lead. Late on 17 June, he went for the win with a 2-1 vs 15 factors but rolled the dreaded AE, and that was that. Victory was lost in a single roll. Only the return from Elba of five-time champ Joe Beard or Beyma the elder could change the 2015 favorite to someone other than four-time winner Richard Beyma.



Wilderness War (WNW)

The Tuesday night Mulligan round was well attended (12 players), and all six losers returned the following morning to play in the first round. The French and British split 24 games (ending an 11-year streak of French mastery), although the French again swept the semifinal and Final games.

We again crowned a new champ, Grant LaDue, a perennial laurelist who finally got the brass ring. He lost the 2009 Final and has been a semifinalist twice since. He defeated newcomer Michael Wilding, two-time champ Keith Wixson, Randy MacInnis and Bill Peeck en route to the title game with top seeded James Pei. James defeated newcomer Rod Coffey, George Young, defending champ Paul Gaberson, and 2013 champ Michael Ussery.

In the Final, Grant's French ended '57 with five VPs via three successful raids. The French margin remained 5 VPs a year later after another successful raid. Montcalm began '59 besieging Ft. Ticonderoga. Wolfe counterattacked and won a victory despite French fieldworks. The British played *Bigot* and used the end of turn card windfall to redeploy Wolfe's army to the Mohawk Valley theater. Villiers made a critical interception to save a French stockade garrisoned by marines at Oswegatchie. Unfortunately for Pei, the French main army crossed the Adirondacks and was able to cut the British supply line at OCV with time running out by overrunning an intercepting British force under Webb. With no means to complete the siege, and VP's at FR7, Pei resigned and LaDue's triumph was complete.



2014 Results

¶ Ashley Johnson, MD
 § Kevin Milne, MN
 § Jason Moore, NY
 § Vic Hogen, CA
 § Don Stanley, sk
 § Jeff Mathis, FL

¶ Randy Scheers, TX
 † 23 📖 92-00; 02-14



Ashley Johnson, MD

Top Laurelists

Jason Moore, NY	180
Paul Milne, MN	156
Randy Scheers, TX	126
Bruce Harper, bc	121
Jon Hogen, CA	118
Vic Hogen, CA	108
Kevin Milne, MN	102
Elihu Feustal, IN	102
Chris Goldfarb, OR	96
Greg Wilson, NJ	96

World at War (WAW)

Six *A World at War* campaigns were played. Three began from starting positions arising out of *Gathering Storm*, the prequel that begins in Spring 1935. As the event is not a true tournament, an account of one game serves as an appropriate remembrance.

It began in Fall 1939, the historical first turn in classic WAW, with the difference that the Allies had already ceded Danzig and the Polish Corridor to Germany. The Axis planned to invade Turkey to flank Russia in 1941. France fell in Fall 1940, and the Axis invaded Turkey on the same turn. The British attempted to block the conquest of eastern Turkey, and in response Germany declared war on the US in Spring 1941 in order to attack Vichy-controlled Syria and exploit into Iraq. Germany then invaded Russia as planned, and the Russian position became critical—as did the Italian, as the Axis forces in North Africa were no match for the combined Anglo-American forces. The Axis went all in, with Japan declaring war on Russia in Summer 1942. This ensured both a Russian surrender and the early defeat of Japan. The question was how long Russia would stay cowed. It turned out “not quite long enough”, as Russia re-entered the war in Summer 1944, and helped defeat Germany in Fall 1945. This one-turn European Axis victory was offset by a two-turn defeat in the Pacific, and an overall Allied victory by the narrowest of margins.



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In a grudging and long overdue nod to the inevitability of the internet age, WBC's annual recap will be relying more heavily on our website coverage and less on the printed page.

This year's version, the 16th annual printed remembrance of the previous convention, is the last to be included as a free premium for early Sustaining memberships. Commencing in 2016, with the change in venue to Seven Springs, a yearbook will be provided only as a free premium for Tribune/Sponsor memberships purchased by April 30th, or by separate order. Thereafter, should this fail to generate sufficient requests for the book to justify the continued effort, it will be discontinued—both in print and downloadable versions. In the meantime, the plan is to continue to mail the yearbook, one per household, to those qualifying members living in the U.S., with all others picking up their copies at registration.

The yearbook has seemingly been valued by a declining minority of the membership for some time. Its continued production is a drain on time and monetary resources made possible only by subsidizing its production as a premium giveaway. Given the extensive lodging subsidies required by the pending move to our new venue, these resources are now required elsewhere and thus the yearbook must sink or swim based on receipts from its sale and inclusion in elite membership levels.

Our pre- and post-con event coverage will continue on our website and will be augmented with a slick makeover scheduled for unveiling in 2016. The web has many advantages over the printed page including, but not limited to: cost of creation, distribution, greater detail, the convenience of links to related material, error correction when required and greater access worldwide and while users are in transit. WBC remains dedicated to continuing to offer the best pre- and post-con coverage of any gaming convention. Whether that continues to include a printed yearbook will depend on revenues generated by the new policy directly related to its production.



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1775: Rebellion (775)
 † 35 📖 2014
 🏆 Greg Hultgren, CA
 🏆 John Faella, RI
 🏆 Larry Lingle, PA
 🏆 Ted Lange, PA
 🏆 Alexander Lange, GA
 🏆 Bill Place, PA
 🐣 *Jeff Lange, PA*

1989: Dawn of Freedom (989)
 † 24 📖 2014
 🏆 Max Duboff, NJ
 🏆 Jeromey Martin, GA
 🏆 Tom Drueding, MA
 🏆 R. Evan Woodham, TX
 🏆 Pat Richardson, VA
 🏆 Paul Sampson, OH
 🐣 *Henry Richardson, VA*

Ace of Aces (AOA)
 † 39 📖 2004-2014
 🏆 Bill Burch, MD
 🏆 Richard Irving, CA
 🏆 Bruce Young, SC
 🏆 Steve Boone, MD
 🏆 Bill Burtless, SC
 🏆 Chris Villeneuve, MI
 🐣 *Dan Lawall, WA*

Adel Verpflichtet (ADV)
 † 58 📖 1991-2014
 🏆 John Pack, CO
 🏆 Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY
 🏆 Scott Saccenti, MD
 🏆 Tom DeMarco, NJ
 🏆 Greg Crowe, MD
 🏆 Peter Staab, PA
 🐣 *John Pack, CO*

Anzio (ANZ)
 † 17 📖 1991-2014
 🏆 Greg Tanner, AZ
 🏆 Robert Frisby, VA
 🏆 John Clarke, VA
 🏆 Ed Witkowski, VA
 🏆 Marty Musella, NC
 🏆 Mark McCandless, LA
 🐣 *Robert Frisby, VA*

Baltimore & Ohio (B&O)
 † 22 📖 2011-2014
 🏆 Francois de Bellefeuille, qc
 🏆 Pierre LeBoeuf, MD
 🏆 Anthony, Lainesse, qc
 🏆 Bruce Beard, MD
 🏆 Akihisa Tabei, jp
 🏆 Rick Miller, PA
 🐣 *William Wallace, OH*

Battleline (BAT)
 † 48 📖 2001-2014
 🏆 Bruce Reiff, OH
 🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH
 🏆 Rob Kilroy, PA
 🏆 Aaron Fuegi, MA
 🏆 Chris Greenfield, NY
 🏆 William Austin, VA
 🐣 *Bruce Reiff, OH*

Brawling Battleships (BBS)
 † 26 📖 2004-2009, 2011, 2014
 🏆 Allen Kaplan, NJ
 🏆 Thomas Melton, VA
 🏆 John Elliott, MD
 🏆 Jeff Billings, MD
 🏆 Pat Mirk, FL
 🏆 Scott Driessen, MD
 🐣 *Jarett Weintraub, NY*



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Cinque Terre (CQT)
 † 27 📖 2014
 🏆 Katherine McCorry, VA
 🏆 Chris Mattos, NY
 🏆 Winton Lemoine, NV
 🏆 Dan Lawall, NC
 🏆 Rachel Long, PA
 🏆 Paul Moukperian, NY
 🐣 *Jeremy Billones, VA*

C&C: Napoleonics (CCN)
 † 28 📖 2011-2014
 🏆 Andy Stapp, NJ
 🏆 Jack Morrell, NY
 🏆 John Kirk, PA
 🏆 Bill O'Neal, NY
 🏆 Aidan Powers, VA
 🏆 Jim Fardette, MD
 🐣 *Daniel Broh-Kahn, MD*

Concordia (CNC)
 † 47 📖 2014
 🏆 Duncan McGregor, on
 🏆 Rob Kircher, RI
 🏆 Hank Griffin, PA
 🏆 Robb Effinger, on
 🏆 Daniel Speyer, NY
 🏆 Jason Levine, NY
 🐣 *Jason Levine, NY*

Conflict of Heroes (COH)
 † 23 📖 2009-2010, 2012-2014
 🏆 Doug Smith, PA
 🏆 Cassy Draker, ME
 🏆 Eric Tolentino, PA
 🏆 Joe Harrison, KY
 🏆 Stan Myszak, qc
 🏆 Devon Draker, ME
 🐣 *Jeff Lange, GA*

Conquest of Paradise (CQP)
 † 30 📖 2008-2014
 🏆 Dave Cross, VA
 🏆 Steve Cameron, PA
 🏆 Guy Ferraiolo, PA
 🏆 Rejean Tremblay, on
 🏆 Nick Smith, uk
 🏆 Brian Goodwin, VA
 🐣 *Kevin McPartland, MD*

Elchfest (ELC)
 † 56 📖 2001-2014
 🏆 Dave Meyaard, NY
 🏆 Brandon Bernard, PA
 🏆 Jonathan Barnes, CA
 🏆 Rebecca Hebner, CO
 🏆 Dan Dolan, Sr, NJ
 🏆 Josh Githens, SC
 🐣 *Alex Bell, MD*

Empire of the Sun (EOS)
 † 20 📖 2005-2014
 🏆 Mark Popofsky, DC
 🏆 Antero, Kuusi, fi
 🏆 Pablo Garcia-Silva, ch
 🏆 Paul Gaberson, PA
 🏆 Craig Yope, MI
 🏆 Dennis Culhane, PA
 🐣 *Mark Herman, MD*


Galaxy
 † 43 📖 2000-2014
 🏆 Joe Burch, MD
 🏆 Steve Cameron, PA
 🏆 Rebecca Melton, VA
 🏆 Joanna Melton, VA
 🏆 Steve Shambeda, PA
 🏆 Nick Ferris, MD
 🐣 *Mark Mitchell, VA*





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 **Galaxy Trucker (GXT)**
 † 42 📖 2012-2014
 🏆 Karl Henning, DC
 🏆 Jim Fardette, MD
 🏆 David des Jardins, CA
 🏆 Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
 🏆 Angela Collinson, MD
 🏆 *David Finberg, MA*





 **Global Mogul (GBM)**
 † 15 📖 2014
 🏆 Dan Hoffman, NC
 🏆 Eric Wrobel, MD
 🏆 Jonathan Winicki, CT
 🏆 Kevin Sudy, VA
 🏆 Ed Kendrick, uk
 🏆 Barb Flaxington, NJ
 🏆 *Bill Crenshaw, VA*





 **A House Divided (AHD)**
 † 19 📖 1999-2003; 2010-2014
 🏆 David Metzger, NY
 🏆 Phil Rennert, MD
 🏆 Brad Raszewski, MD
 🏆 Scott Sirianna, NY
 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
 🏆 Carl Adamec, NY
 🏆 *Terry Coleman, CA*





 **The Hunters (HNT)**
 † 24 📖 2014
 🏆 Bruce Young, SC
 🏆 Derek Pulhamus, NY
 🏆 Kaarin Engelmann, de
 🏆 John Conlon, OK
 🏆 Alex Gregorio, PA
 🏆 Gary Libby, RI
 🏆 *Gregory Smith, PA*






 **Innovation (IOV)**
 † 47 📖 2012-2014
 🏆 Robb Effinger, on
 🏆 Geoff Pounder, on
 🏆 Daniel Ottey, PA
 🏆 Dave Denton, NY
 🏆 Nick Page, on
 🏆 Lisa Gutermuth, WA
 🏆 *Robb Effinger, on*






 **Kaiser's Pirates (KPR)**
 † 44 📖 2007-2014
 🏆 Jim Day, MD
 🏆 Ernie Chambers, VA
 🏆 Carl Sykes, SC
 🏆 Michael Sana, SC
 🏆 Mark Hinkle, NH
 🏆 R.J. Gleaton, SC
 🏆 *Tim Rogers, SC*




 **Keyflower (KYF)** 
 † 29 📖 2014
 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
 🏆 Karl Henning, DC
 🏆 Ed Gilliland, VA
 🏆 Yossa Dvora, il
 🏆 Curt Collins IL, PA
 🏆 Robert St. Pierre, PA
 🏆 *Tom DeMarco, NJ*





 **King of Toyko (KOT)** 
 † 120 📖 2014
 🏆 Gary Schaefer, PA
 🏆 Andrew Doughan, PA
 🏆 Chris Greenfield, NY
 🏆 Scott Driessen, MD
 🏆 Cal Doughan, PA
 🏆 Mike Shea, CT
 🏆 *Rob Olsson, MD*





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 **Koenig's Fortr. Europe (KFE)**
 † 8 📖 1991-2006, 2014
 🏆 Robert Frisby, VA
 🏆 Randy Heller, NH
 🏆 Chris Gofrey, MA
 🏆 Paul Koenig, CA
 🏆 NA
 🏆 NA
 🏆 *Paul Koenig, CA*



 **Labyrinth (LBY)**
 † 14 📖 2011-2014
 🏆 Jeff Burdett, NY
 🏆 Daniel Hoffman, NC
 🏆 Christopher Yaure, PA
 🏆 Jessa Burdett, NY
 🏆 Philip Yaure, PA
 🏆 Patrick Neary, NY
 🏆 *Jeff Burdett, NY*






 **Last Will (LWL)** 
 † 34 📖 2012-2014
 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
 🏆 Cary Morris, NC
 🏆 Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
 🏆 Mike Wojke, PA
 🏆 John Corrado, VA
 🏆 Jon Senn, PA
 🏆 *John Corrado, VA*



 **Leaping Lemmings (LLM)**
 † 51 📖 2011-2014
 🏆 Stefany Speck, MD
 🏆 Faith Wobbeking, MD
 🏆 John Speck, MD
 🏆 Bill Powers, VA
 🏆 Donna Curtis, OK
 🏆 Mary Ellen Powers, VA
 🏆 *Rick Young, NC*





 **Lincoln's War (LCW)** 
 † 24 📖 2014
 🏆 Ted Drozd, IL
 🏆 Charles Drozd, IL
 🏆 John Poniske, PA
 🏆 Joe Collinson, MD
 🏆 John Clarke, VA
 🏆 Ray Stakenas, MI
 🏆 *John Poniske, PA*




 **Manifest Destiny (MFD)**
 † 27 📖 2005-2014
 🏆 Tedd Mullally, NJ
 🏆 David Hood, NC
 🏆 Jeff Mullet, OH
 🏆 Dacey Collinson, MD
 🏆 Ken Gutermuth, NC
 🏆 Charlie Hickok, PA
 🏆 *Jeff Mullet, OH*



 **Manoeuvre (MAN)**
 † 32 📖 2008-2014
 🏆 Bjorn von Knorring, se
 🏆 Nathan Hill, MD
 🏆 Richard Beyma, VA
 🏆 Rob Seulowitz, NY
 🏆 Mark McBride, OH
 🏆 Henry Rice, TX
 🏆 *Andy Lewis, DE*





 **Maria (MAR)** 
 † 15 📖 2013-2014
 🏆 Bjorn von Knorring, se
 🏆 Max DuBoff, NJ
 🏆 Kaarin Engelmann, de
 🏆 Peter Putnam, PA
 🏆 David Metzger, NY
 🏆 Jeff Cornett, FL
 🏆 *Kaarin Engelmann, de*









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 **Medici (MED)**
 † 51 📖 1999-2014
 🏆 Jean-Francois Gagne, qc
 🏆 Richard Meyer, MA
 🏆 Rick Miller, PA
 🏆 Jeff Cornett, FL
 🏆 Missy Richards, PA
 🏆 Curt Collins II, PA
 🐣 *Jeff Cornett, FL*

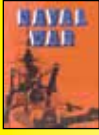



 **Monsters Menace A. (MMA)**
 † 38 📖 1998-2014
 🏆 Mark Love, MD
 🏆 Alex Bell, MD
 🏆 Travis Nesmith, MD
 🏆 Franklin Rinko, MD
 🏆 Lee Waters, MD
 🏆 Anna Rinko, VA
 🐣 *Mark Love, MD*






 **Napoleon (NAP)** 
 † 12 📖 '93-94; '00-06; 2013-14
 🏆 Ron Draker, VA
 🏆 William Austin, VA
 🏆 Fred Bauer, VA
 🏆 Walt MacEachern, MD
 🏆 Jeff Cornett, FL
 🏆 Doug Bryant, PA
 🐣 *Ron Draker, VA*






 **Naval War (NVW)**
 † 26 📖 1992-2011, 2013-14
 🏆 Mike Wallschlaeger, NY
 🏆 Bill Place, PA
 🏆 David Brooks, TN
 🏆 Mikaela Kumlander, fi
 🏆 Michael Dwyer, FL
 🏆 James Fleckenstein, VA
 🐣 *James Kramer, PA*





 **Piñata (PNT)** 
 † 32 📖 2014
 🏆 Evan Cagwin, PA
 🏆 Rachel LaDue, NY
 🏆 Angela Collinson, MD
 🏆 Pam P.-LaDue, NY
 🏆 Angela Hoffman, NC
 🏆 Lewis Lin, WA
 🐣 *Jennifer Thomas, NY*



 **Rebel Raiders (RBR)** 
 † 12 📖 2014
 🏆 Charles Hickok, PA
 🏆 George Miksad, NY
 🏆 Johnny Wilson, IL
 🏆 Rob Doane, RI
 🏆 Greg Schmittgens, KS
 🏆 Barry Setser, MD
 🐣 *Fred Schachter, WA*



 **Republic of Rome (ROR)**
 † 18 📖 1991-2010; 2014
 🏆 Nick Benedict, CA
 🏆 Dave Bleau, MI
 🏆 Robert Hammond, on
 🏆 Frank McNally, MA
 🏆 Mike Mularski, NY
 🏆 Dave Dockter, MN
 🐣 *Llew Bardecki, nz*





 **Santa Fe Rails (SFR)**
 † 42 📖 2003-2014
 🏆 Curt Collins II, PA
 🏆 Bill Peeck, NY
 🏆 Rob Winslow, NY
 🏆 Pat Mirk, FL
 🏆 Grant LaDue, NY
 🏆 Sara VanderWal, on
 🐣 *Rob Kircher, RI*






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 **Sergeants Miniature (SGM)**
 † 16 📖 2012-2014
 🏆 Todd Trahan, VA
 🏆 Kevin Collins, VA
 🏆 Karl Buchholz, MI
 🏆 Jason Fisher, NC
 🏆 Jeff Billings, MD
 🏆 Carl Sykes, NC
 🐣 *Rob Belli, MD*



 **Spyrium (SPY)** 
 † 22 📖 2014
 🏆 Redie Smith, NC
 🏆 Pieter Villion, nl
 🏆 Cary Morris, NC
 🏆 Sophia Holmquist, PA
 🏆 David Platnick, VA
 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
 🐣 *Mike Kaltman, PA*






 **TransAmerica (TAM)**
 † 42 📖 2004; 2006-2014
 🏆 Jim Savarick, MD
 🏆 Patrick Shea, VA
 🏆 Mike Kaltman, PA
 🏆 Daniel Speyer, NY
 🏆 Huston Johnson, WV
 🏆 Alex Bove, PA
 🐣 *Dave Bohnenberger, PA*





 **Twilight Imperium (TWI)**
 † 18 📖 2009-2014
 🏆 Peter Putnam, PA
 🏆 James DuBose, NY
 🏆 Dylan Routh, MD
 🏆 Rob Olsson, MD
 🏆 Matt O'Connor, NJ
 🏆 Peter Walsh, PA
 🐣 *Michael Buccheri, MD*





 **Tzolk'in (TZK)** 
 † 61 📖 2014
 🏆 Randy Buehler, WA
 🏆 Henry Dove, MD
 🏆 Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
 🏆 Loc Nguyen, PA
 🏆 Daniel Farrow IV, PA
 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
 🐣 *Chris Yaure, PA*



 **Union Pacific (UNP)**
 † 30 📖 2000-2014
 🏆 Curt Collins II, PA
 🏆 Jason Arvey, VA
 🏆 Fred Minard, PA
 🏆 Jeff Senley, PA
 🏆 Jeff Jackson, MN
 🏆 Brad Sherwood, PA
 🐣 *Max Jamelli, PA*



 **Wellington (WLL)**
 † 21 📖 2006-2014
 🏆 Rejean Tremblay, on
 🏆 Al Hurda, on
 🏆 Frank Morehouse, PA
 🏆 Jesse Boomer, KS
 🏆 Henry Russell, PA
 🏆 Patrick Duffy, VA
 🐣 *Patrick Duffy, VA*



 **Win, Place & Show (WPS)**
 † 32 📖 1992-2014
 🏆 Bert Schoose, IL
 🏆 Vassily Kyrkos, NY
 🏆 Craig Fox, PA
 🏆 Ken Gutermuth, NC
 🏆 Dave Steiner, IN
 🏆 Bruce Reiff, OH
 🐣 *Jim Burnett, TN*






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 <p>Wooden Ships & Iron Men (WSM) † 37 📅 1991-2014</p> <p>🏆 Ron Glass, FL 🏆 Jeff Miller, PA 🏆 Brian Stuck, PA 🏆 Rob McKinney, VA 🏆 Nicholas Chepaitis, PA 🏆 Malcolm Smith, VA</p> <p>📧 Tim Hitchings, DE</p>	 <p>Yspahan (YSP) † 49 📅 2008-2014</p> <p>🏆 Marissa Bianco, NJ 🏆 Richard Shay, MA 🏆 Daniel Eppolito, NV 🏆 Chris Trimmer, TX 🏆 Greg Thatcher, CA 🏆 Antony Saccenti, MD</p> <p>📧 Christopher Yaure, PA</p>
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A Final Remembrance of Those We Lost in the Past Year

 <p>Andrew Cummins 1956-2015</p>	 <p>Murray Cowles 1932-2015</p>	 <p>Paul Van Bloem 1961-2015</p>
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Play-By-Email Tournaments

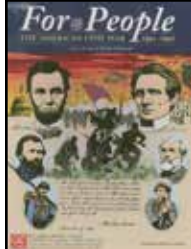

📧 BPA does not run PBeM tournaments; rather, we provide support for hobbyists willing to host events. E-mail tournaments are counted the same as face-to-face action in BPA's prestigious Caesar competition, with Laurels based solely on size of the field and the average face-to-face playing time.

	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 Chris Yaure, PA 🏆 Tom DeMarco, NJ 🏆 Bob Hamel, CT 🏆 Suzanne Tuch, NY 🏆 Sharee Pack, CO 🏆 Greg Thatcher, CA</p> <p>📧 † 29</p> <p>📧 John Pack, CO</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>2008 K. Gutermuth, NC • 34 2009 Curt Collins II, PA • 40 2010 Tom DeMarco, NJ • 33 2013 John Pack, CO • 25</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 Mads Lunau, dk 🏆 Javier de la Fuente, es 🏆 Kevin Youells, PA 🏆 Dan Morris, MI 🏆 Kevin Worth, ab 🏆 Jonas Lundquist, se</p> <p>📧 † 38</p> <p>📧 Kevin Youells, PA</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>2012 Mads Lunau, dk • 31 2013 Kevin Youells, PA • 28</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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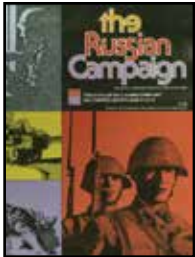
	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 Scott Nedza, NV 🏆 David Sherwood, AZ 🏆 Kevin Youells, PA 🏆 Warren Day, AZ 🏆 Bob Day, NY 🏆 Richard Prast, OH</p> <p>📧 † 28</p> <p>📧 Michael Day, AZ</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>NA</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 James Pei, VA 🏆 Bill Pettus, MD 🏆 Domenico Licheri, uk 🏆 Tolga Corapci, be 🏆 Dominique Marchal, fr 🏆 Tim Tow, WA</p> <p>📧 † 81</p> <p>📧 Tim Tow, WA</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>1999 James Pei, VA • 24 2002 Stefan Mecay, TX • 46 2013 Sean Dolbee, CA • 53</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 James Pei, VA 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ 🏆 Geoff Allbutt, NY 🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH 🏆 Bill Edwards, VA 🏆 Mike Ussery, MD</p> <p>📧 † 39</p> <p>📧 Tim Tow, WA</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>2001 Aaron Fuegi, MA • 37</p>
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	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 Robert Kircher, RI 🏆 Aran Warszawski, il 🏆 Max Jamelli, PA 🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ 🏆 Jeremy Billones, VA</p> <p>📧 † 44</p> <p>📧 Bruce Monnin, OH</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>2006 Bruce Monnin, OH • 32 2007 Jeffrey Martin, CT • 40 2008 Bruce Monnin, OH • 38 2009 A. Warszawski, il • 38 2010 D. Nicholson, NY • 42 2011 Bob Menzel, VT • 44 2012 Bruce Monnin, OH • 46 2013 Derek Landel, NJ • 49</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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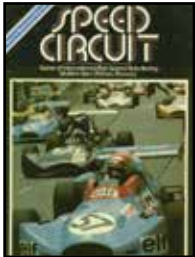
	<p>Event Results</p> <p>🏆 Sean McCulloch, OH 🏆 Robert Kircher, RI 🏆 Laurie Wojtaszczyk, NY 🏆 Harry Flawd, PA 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA 🏆 Rebekah Monnin, OH</p> <p>📧 † 51</p> <p>📧 Bruce Monnin, OH</p>		<p>Previous Winners</p> <p>2010 L. Gutermuth, NC • 34 2011 D. Nicholson, NY • 41 2012 M. Yoshikawa, CA • 44 2013 D. Nicholson, NY • 48</p> <p>Next event in progress</p>
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Event Results
 ♣ Ed O'Connor, NJ
 ♣ Pat Flory, CT
 ♣ John Malaska, NJ
 ♣ Doug James, NC
 ♣ Bert Schoose, IL
 ♣ John Ohlin, FL
 ✉ 30
 ⚡
 Doug James, NC



Previous Winners
 2000 Gary Dickson, CA • 22
 2001 Doug James, NC • 23
 2002 Gary Dickson, CA • 44
 2003 Tom Gregorio, PA • 40
 2006 Doug James, NC • 34
 2008 Tom Gregorio, PA • 31
 2010 Gary Dickson, CA • 31
 2012 Gary Dickson, CA • 24
 Next event in progress



Event Results
 ♣ Tim Mossman, MD
 ♣ Rob Kircher, RI
 ♣ Michael Aubuchon, PA
 ♣ Martin Burgdorf, de
 ♣ Doug Schulz, MD
 ♣ Curt Collins II, PA
 ✉ 26
 ⚡
 Robert Rund, MA



Previous Winners
 2012 Doug Schulz, MD • 37
 2013 T. Mossman, MD • 26



Event Results
 ♣ Keith Dent, IL
 ♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
 ♣ Curt Collins II, PA
 ♣ Tim Mossman, MD
 ♣ Peter Staab, PA
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 ✉ 31
 ⚡
 Max Jamelli, PA



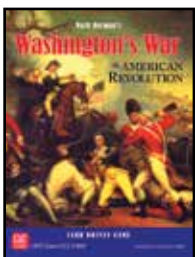
Previous Winners
 2010 Eric Freeman, PA • 23
 2012 Eric Freeman, PA • 28



Event Results
 ♣ Rob Drozd, IL
 ♣ Ed Menzel, CA
 ♣ Andy Maly, TX
 ♣ Dennis Nicholson, NY
 ♣ Jon Lockwood, VA
 ♣ Rob Flowers, MD
 ✉ 37
 ⚡
 Bruce Monnin, OH



Previous Winners
 1999 Vince Meconi, DE • 22
 2000 Ed Menzel, CA • 39
 2001 Jon Lockwood, VA • 43
 2004 D. Greenwood, MD • 44
 2006 Andy Gardner, VA • 46
 2008 Darren Kilfara, uk • 46
 2010 Jon Lockwood, VA • 43
 2012 D. Nicholson, NY • 50
 2013 Timothy Tow, WA • 41



Event Results
 ♣ David Rubin, NJ
 ♣ Dan Leader, MA
 ♣ James Pei, VA
 ♣ Trevor Bender, CA
 ♣ Henry Rice, TX
 ♣ Jonathan Moody, OH
 ✉ 61
 ⚡
 Keith Wixson, NJ



Previous Winners
 2004* P. Gaberson, PA • 46
 2008* Dan Leader, MA • 50
 2012 James Pei, VA • 70
 * We The People version

All Boardgame Players Association (BPA) members of record as of June 1, 2015, are hereby notified of their right to vote for up to three members to serve on the BPA Board of Directors. Any BPA member may run for election as a Director. These individuals give their time without recompense to ensure that WBC continues on an even keel, representing all interests fairly. Candidates for the Board in 2015 include Andy Lewis, Don Greenwood, Ken Whitesell, Joel Tamburo, Chris Yaure and Tom McCorry.

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

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

15, so that the newly-elected Board may convene to conduct business during WBC. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. All members are urged to vote. Failure to generate sufficient votes will invalidate the election and force the organization to hold another with consequent expenses that will be borne by the membership.

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

All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the BPA at 3 PM on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015, in Lampeter Hall of the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, PA. **NOTE: This meeting will take place during a break in the auction.** At that meeting, members will meet the new Board and may make inquiries and suggestions regarding the activities of the association. This is your chance to influence the decision-making process that drives WBC.

2013 – 2015 Andy Lewis, DE	2013 – 2015 D. Greenwood, MD	2013 – 2015 Ken Whitesell, PA	2014 – 2016 B. Sinigaglio, AK	2014 – 2016 Joshua Githens, SC
2014 – 2016 Bruce Reiff, OH	2015 – 2017 Bruce Monnin, OH	2015 – 2017 Ken Gutermuth, NC	2015 – 2017 Stuart Tucker, MD	

~ Now Playing ~



Dave Meyaard, NY
Elchfest • 8



Jon Gemmel, MD
Carcassonne • 5



Karl Henning, DC
Galaxy Trucker • 9



Nick Henning, DC
Automobile • 8

80 teams entered the 24th “Run for the Slivers”. The scoring record was shattered by *Now Playing* as the next generation continues to show their elders the door. The 30 points racked up by the 54-1 entry was 25% more than any team has ever achieved. The victors were led by the 17 points of the Henning brothers, Nick and Karl, who together won seven tournaments—thus improving their odds considerably of correctly calling their shots in the Team Tournament. The nimble fingers of dexterity king Dave Meyaard who correctly called his fifth antlers title in repeating as *Elchfest* champ added another eight points as the team racked up its third predicted title. The lone slacker in this foursome was Jon Gemmel whose 4th place finish in the 166-player field of *Carcassonne* nonetheless added five points for good measure. He can take solace in the knowledge that he singlehandedly outscored 46 teams.

Finishing second with a much higher pedigree but far less points were the ringers of *Harry B's* with 24 points to match their 24-1 odds. The third ranked team composed solely of Boardmasters added to their string of titles in their chosen specialties while scoring eight points apiece but no bonus points for their repeat wins whereas *Now Playing* included three bonus points in their record breaking total for daring to test new ground. The game plan for the *Harry B's* came a cropper when head recruiter Bruce Reiff was shut out. Life is better than fiction sometimes.

The remainder of the Top Ten was composed of more homegrown squads with geographic ties. Taking third and fourth with 19 points were the boys from Greenville as the *Mafia War* squad lived up to their 33-1 odds and the DC environs of *KGB A* continued to punish the handicapper for their 83-1 ranking. A difference of three players in the combined fields tiebreaker set them apart. Kentucky also displayed some skills as the *Lions of Winter* overcame 111-1 odds to finish fifth with 18 points—a total that would have won the tour-

namment 12 times in years past. But the *Dice Lovin' Canucks* were the biggest overachievers in the Top Ten, overcoming 223-1 odds to finish sixth with 17 points. Another Canadian team not getting much respect at 181-1 odds, *Les Patriotes* from Quebec, were right on their heels with 16 points to finish seventh. A trio of veteran squads, *Lampeter Swamp Dogs*, *Gang Greene*, and *Band of Fools* at 86-, 57- and 39-1 odds respectively rounded out the Top Ten to provide the correct answers to our annual Bracket Bustin' Contest.

The contest record of six correct picks by Mark Love in 2009 and Dave Meyaard in 2013 was never threatened. It was a tough year for predictions with 72% of the field scoring two or less correct picks. However, that proved to be good news for Andrew Maly who won our annual prediction contest in a 5-way tie for best prognosticator in a tough year with a mere four correct picks—albeit the top four.

Now Playing led four teams with strength throughout by scoring with every team member. *KGB A* (19), *Cold Fusion* (12), and *Band of Fools* (10) also managed to score across the board. On the other side of the coin, 23 teams were shut out (down from 27 last year) led ignominiously by my own *We Ain't Dead Yet*—the top rated team to be shut out. Maybe we are dead.

The Hero Award for highest individual score went to Mark Giddings for his *Dominion* title that won the field tiebreaker with Carter Waite's *Titan The Arena* victory by a difference of 12 opponents.

Noobz proved the most sociable team in the field—averaging 197.5 players per event. The opposite of that ledger entry was *Peckoffpickledpeppers* drawing only 25.75 players per tournament. Our 320 players selected 147 different events. *Dominion* again proved to be the most popular choice with eight players, followed by *Robo Rally* and *Ticket to Ride* with seven each.

WBC exists due to the volunteer efforts of your fellow gamers—from the GMs that run the events, to the support staff that does the behind-the-scenes work, to your unpaid Board of Directors that calls the shots. WBC will draw over 2,000 people—the vast majority of whom will never give a second thought to how any of this happens. Less than 20% will take a moment to vote in our elections. Yet, we return year after year thanks to the same tried and true hobby stalwarts. Our Service Award is devoted to recognizing the efforts of the best of these with an annual moment of recognition for their selfless participation.

The CD nominates 11 individuals. Although GM duty is the most common qualifier, it is not the only factor with consideration given to other unseen volunteer tasks and the 2014 honoree was well qualified in that regard—having never been a GM—but instead serving the organization throughout the year. The Board votes by secret ballot, weighing their votes according to their own individual values as to what constitutes the greatest contribution, by ranking each nominee from 12 (strongest) to 1 (weakest). A “No Award” option is also included.

The 2014 recipient was an ex-Board member who earned our gratitude for serving as Treasurer for more years than I can recall and has been a regular since 1994. Bruno Passacantando volunteered his expertise as a CPA—gained from years of operating his own firm—to safeguard our finances. If memory serves, he was around for the crucial early dealings with our favorite federal

regulatory agency and navigating those hazardous waters is scary stuff indeed—even moreso, given recent revelations about the IRS. Back then we even had something called “interest” income. If there's a harder job than navigating the bureaucratic maze of government regulation, I'm not aware of it. He must have done a good job because we're still solvent.

Bruno scored 82 out of 96 possible points in our scoring system to best the runner-up by twelve points. He earned three of eight possible top votes and was the only nominee to receive more than one such accolade. At WBC, he can usually be found splitting his time between wargames such as *Great Campaigns* and *Breakout: Normandy* and just about all of the various sports tournaments—having earned laurels in most of them.



Bruno Passacantando



Past Winners

2005

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

2006

Keith Wixson

2007

Bruno Sinigaglio

2008

Debbie Guterth

2009

Alan Applebaum

2010

David Dockter

2011

Scott Pfeiffer

2012

Keith Levy

2013

Roy Gibson



James Pei won his second Caesar title ten years after his first in upset fashion—overtaking the record setting five-title WBC performance of Nick Henning to become our surprise Top Gamer of the year while increasing his record laurel total to 2,146. It was a result only a rules lawyer could love. James was the 2013 Caesar runner-up when his 36 laurels for placing second in his *For The People* specialty was not credited because the email event had not officially finished before yearend while awaiting the conclusion of a consolation match. Those laurels were thus pushed into 2014 and proved to be the difference in overtaking Henning's great WBC a year later. Adding to the irony was that his 176-laurel total topped Henning's WBC haul by exactly seven laurels—the same amount by which he would have won the 2013 Caesar title over Andrew Emerick had those delayed 36 laurels been credited in 2013. As they say, one door closes, another one opens.



James Pei

Nick amassed 169 laurels in eight different events—mostly Euros—including 60 in the shark-infested *Though the Ages* tournament that began the week, but lesser sums for the smaller Trial events enabled James to overtake his total. Rounding out the top six for 2014 were Richard Beyma, Robert Kircher, Nathan Barhorst and Nick's bother, Karl. Only seven of 2013's Top 25 managed to retain their top billing led by Pei who, alone of all BPA's Top Dogs, has managed to appear in the Top 25 each of the past six years. You have to revert to 2006 to find the last year "The Master" did not place in the Top 25. Others retaining that Top 25 status were Nick Henning and Robert Kircher, David Platnick, Randy Buehler, Scedeau D'Tela and Trella Bromley.

Past Caesars

1999	Marvin Birnbaum, NY	135
2000	Ewan McNay, CT	120
2001	Nick Benedict, CA	138
2002	Marvin Birnbaum, NY	146
2003	Nick Benedict, CA	113
2004	James Pei, VA	293
2005	Arthur Field, SC	224
2006	Jeff Mullet, OH	166
2007	Raphael Lehrer, MD	170
2008	Alex Bove, PA	159
2009	Stefan Mecay, TX	295
2010	Stefan Mecay, TX	182
2011	Randy Buehler, WA	241
2012	Randy Buehler, WA	205
2013	Andrew Emerick, CT	177

CAESAR



Mini-cons no longer play a role in the Caesar outcome but email tournaments do, enabling James to bank 60 laurels before WBC 2014 began. James then added 116 laurels in four CDWs to overcome Henning's quintet.

Nick Henning, DC	Richard Beyma, VA	Robert Kircher, RI	Nathan Barhorst, MI	Karl Henning, DC
169	128	102	96	92
- The 2014 Caesar Line of Succession -				



In keeping with our Roman theme, the Consul Award is given to the player earning the most laurels in WBC week as opposed to the Caesar Award that includes all BPA tournaments in a given laurel year. In a year when the same player is atop both totals, no Consul is awarded. Pre-Con events are excluded from WBC totals for purposes of this award but the growing number of such events that start in the Pre-Con but can be won during WBC week are increasingly blurring that distinction.



Richard Beyma

For the second time this year, Nick Henning was denied in a surprising upset as **Richard Beyma** surpassed his WBC total to take Consul honors for 2014. This time, Nick was done in by the loss of 60 laurels for *Through the Ages* when it was determined that the event should be considered a Pre-Con since it was not possible to win the event by playing in only the Monday heat. The result was

Past Consuls

2004	Devin Flawd, PA	111
2005	None	-
2006	Jeff Cornett, FL	134
2007	None	-
2008	Andy Latto, CT	129
2009	Rich Moyer, MN	100
2010	Bruce Reiff, OH	151
2011	None	-
2012	Nick Henning, DC	133
2013	Ken Gutermuth, NC	108

ironic because Richard scored most of his laurels in Grognard events whose preliminary round was partially contested during the Pre-Con. However, none of those events required play during the Pre-Con and all can be won without Pre-Con attendance. It is a distinction that blurs the eligibility lines for the various metagaming awards and will be revisited by the Board in their 2014 session to determine whether Pre-Con events should be included in Consul scoring in the future. If so, the only difference between Caesar and Consul would be the inclusion of email tournaments in the former.

The current Caesar, James Pei, finished third in the Consul totals, so he lost the opportunity to rule alone. But perhaps the most surprising contenders were Nathan Barhorst and Karl Henning in their first appearance in the Top 25. Nathan parlayed a 1st and 2nd in only two events (both level 6) to finish 4th with 96 laurels. Karl completed the Henning brothers' magical week with a pair of firsts in *B17* and *Galaxy Trucker* to claim fifth with 92 laurels. Bruce Young edged David Platnick via the first tiebreaker to claim sixth with 90 laurels.

CONSUL



Nick Henning, DC	James Pei, VA	Nathan Barhorst, MI	Karl Henning, DC	Bruce Young, SC
109	98	96	92	90
- The 2014 Consul Line of Succession -				



Our 23rd GM of the Year is **Nick Ferris**. Nick earned the award in only his second year on the job. He had entered our GM ranks two years ago with an impressive debut at the helm of two events that each drew in excess of 100 players, finishing second to Larry Lingle for the 2013 award. He won the Award by a wide margin in his sophomore season by amassing 88 points—just one shy of Claire Brosius' record. He attracted three of the eight possible first place votes, three seconds, a third and a fourth to average 11 points per voter in our 12-point maximum scoring system.

His *Seven Wonders* and *Dominion* events drew 151 and 108 players without resorting to multiple heats and gained acclaim for an amazing random seating system that instantly directed players to pre-numbered tables for rapid seating.

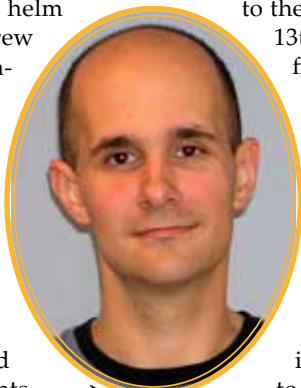
Placing second and earning his first Top Six notice with 68 points in only his third GM year was John Corrado whose humorously delivered Power Point presentation and well prepared trivia puzzles had *Facts in Five* on the SRO threshold of a triple digit field with 96 entrants.

The beckoning larger media rooms of Seven Springs may mean even larger attendance is in the offing.

Michael Garton and John McLaughlin teamed up to earn 65 points for third place with their always visually spectacular *Stockcar Championship Racing* to the delight of 46 drivers. Their 13th appearance netted one first place vote and earned their second Top Six nomination. Every year they bring enough copies to accommodate every entrant plus gorgeous 1:24 scale diecast NASCAR cars and tracks sufficient to build a gigantic oval for the 24-car final. A projector illustrates each turn for all to see.

Terry Coleman, our *March Madness* guru of the past 11 years, picked up his third Top Six performance with 59 points to take fourth. Placing fifth was Bill Morse whose eight years as the power behind the throne that keeps the nine Grog-nard events going garnered 55 points to earn his second Top Six recognition. In all, the grognard free format events logged 378 wargames played, and Bill entered them all in his computer to print out twice daily standings. One point behind was Greg Crowe whose 12-year run as GM of both the

adult and junior versions of the *Titan: The Arena* event earned the last of our Top Six GM recognitions.



Nick Ferris

Past Winners

1991 – Russ Gifford, NE – ASL
 1992 – Jim Burnett, TN – WPS
 1993 – Glenn Petroski, WI – VIP
 1994 – John Ellmann, MD – MMS
 1995 – Ken Lee, PA – GCA
 1996 – David Terry, MD – B-17
 1997 – Will Wible, VA – ROR
 1998 – Bruce Monnin, OH – WAS
 1999 – Bruno Wolff, WI – TTN
 2000 – Vince Meconi, DE – WAS
 2001 – David Terry, MD – B17
 2002 – John Jacoby, VA – CMS
 2003 – Chuck Foster, TX – EPB
 2004 – John Coussis, IL – ACS
 2005 – John Sharp, FL – VIP
 2006 – Don Chappell, TX – WTP
 2007 – Ivan Lawson, MD – LST
 2008 – Tom McCorry, VA – CAR
 2009 – Jim Jordan, MD – BRI
 2010 – Stuart Tucker, MD – HRC
 2011 – Claire Brosius, MA – TTR
 2012 – Brad Johnson, MI – DUN
 2013 – Larry Lingle, PA – PRC



Charter member **Tom Gregorio** became our 22nd Sportsman of the Year and in so doing, proved that not all nice guys finish last. The proud owner of no less than nine WBC titles and our 19th ranked career laurelist, is now the highest ranked player with a Sportsmanship Award to his credit. Tom earned his nomination in the *Bitter Woods* tournament—an event he has won six times. He noticed his opponent had left a hole in his defensive line with potentially crippling consequences. He pointed out the error and allowed his well-versed adversary to correct the error before playing on. It cost him the game, the tournament and team points in one fell swoop. His fellow members rewarded him for his chivalry with 13.3% of the vote to claim our biggest prize—a free week's lodging at WBC 2015.

However, an even bigger story may have been his opposition for our highest honor. This was a two-man race. Who else could be the foil but 2014's Mr. Almost; Nick Hen-

ning. Nick, whose five won tournaments set a WBC record, had just lost close counts for both Caesar and Consul metagaming honors in 2014, largely due to rarely invoked bookkeeping rules, and it was his destiny to fall just short again with 12.6% of the vote. Nick had earned his nomination in the *Tzolk'in* semifinal for allowing a player to redo his last move—and as a result—did not qualify for the Final and his chance at a sixth title!

Open Gaming got its first nod in the 2014 vote as Tim Horne's donation of his time in helping a newcomer family enjoy its first WBC by helping them learn several new games gave a great first impression worthy of 8.7% of the vote. Katharine McCorry was fourth with 8% for enduring the whining of someone who needs to learn how to lose with a bit more class. Doug Smith followed close behind in 5th with 7.7% for filling the void in a *Princes of Florence* game when a player committed the multi-player faux pas of abandoning his position in midgame. And last, but hardly least, our youngest nominee, 11-year old Julia Carrigan, filled the sand position admirably by accepting with charm and good grace her random elimination from advancement in the *Settlers* Junior tournament when the GM had to cull a winner from the next round.



Tom Gregorio

Past Winners

Chuck Stapp, NJ – 1992
 Tiger Von Pagel, FL – 1993
 Rob Kilroy, PA – 1994
 Ian Lange, AE – 1995
 Jim Matt, MI – 1996
 Ed Connery, NJ – 1997
 Frank Sinigaglio, NJ – 1999
 Robert Sacks, NY – 2000
 Bret Hildebran, OH – 2001
 Kaarin Engelmann, VA – 2002
 James Jordan, MD – 2003
 Steve Okonski, MD – 2004
 Bruno Sinigaglio, AK – 2005
 Phil Barcafer, PA – 2006
 Rebecca Hebner, CO – 2007
 Kaarin Engelmann, VA – 2008
 Mark Yoshikawa, CA – 2009
 John Emery, SC – 2010
 Larry Lingle, PA – 2011
 Peter Eldridge, UK – 2012
 Emily Wu, NY – 2013





WBC at SEVEN SPRINGS July 23rd-31st 2016

There're big doings ahead for WBC in 2016. After a decade in Lancaster, we are pulling up stakes and moving our tent to spiffy new digs in the picturesque mountains of western Pennsylvania. Here is the advance scoop on what you can expect to find there.

Date: In response to many requests to widen the gap to the school year, we've moved our date up to the last nine days of July. Two whole weekends and the week betwixt them will become Valhalla for boardgamers.

Accommodations: 414 guestrooms backed by overflow accommodations in nearby chalets and condos plus a neighboring Hidden Valley property offering a somewhat lower room rate will provide a surplus of high quality lodging. This is a huge improvement over our past roomblocks that we've consistently quickly sold out. The much larger inventory of available rooms in the facility, as well as the greater variety of nearby lodging choices, is a big step forward. The annual rush for reservations on site should be a thing of the past. Explore for yourself the many lodging options at <http://www.7springs.com/>. However, our special rates will not be posted until August, 2015 so do not attempt to make a reservation until we post the relevant information on our website in mid-August, 2015. Those attempting to register early will find the rates much higher outside our roomblock—if available at all—and not eligible for any rebate.

To confirm or correct, as the case may be, some of the speculation that has arisen we offer the following clarifications, but all such information should be considered secondary to what you will eventually get on

the resort's website once it is prepared for our group. BPA does not book guestrooms and will not act as a reservationist; do not expect further information from us but refer to the resort's website once it has been updated for our group in mid-August.

Due to BPA subsidies, the base rate for a standard hotel room will be \$129 per day. To obtain this rate, maid service will be limited to every second day, although fresh towels and such will be available. We figured you'd appreciate the lower rate over having your bed made every day. However, there is a class of 66 rooms called Junior Suites that—among other differences—come with a refrigerator. The rate for these will be \$139 per day. Other rooms do not contain refrigerators. A limited number of mini-fridges can be rented for \$40 per stay. If you're staying for six days in a standard hotel room, we're going to **rebate** \$10 per day and since the taxes are 2% less at SEVEN SPRINGS, your final hotel cost will actually be less than a corresponding stay at the Lancaster Host!

There is no cooking allowed of any kind in guest rooms so microwaves and hotplates are forbidden. Blown fuses can ensue and guests causing such issues can be evicted without refund. Those wishing such amenities should inquire about the chalets or condos that come equipped with full kitchens.

The availability of condos, cabins and chalets for larger groups is an exciting aspect of SEVEN SPRINGS which we expect will aid our intended evolution of WBC into a full summer vacation destination. Clubs and families will do well to seek out these special accommodations. Details pertaining to cost, size,

and amenities should be worked out with a reservationist. However, be aware that all of these options will put you further away from the gaming meeting space, and except for the chalets, are *not* within convenient walking distance. While the resort provides shuttle service anywhere on property, it is not instantaneous and those selecting condos or cabins would be well advised to have a car available. There are numerous budget lodging options within a 15-mile drive. There is a laundromat on site. Some condos also have laundry facilities.

Reservations for WBC 2016 at SEVEN SPRINGS will open in mid-August, 2015. However, reservations will only be taken for stays of five or more days. Commencing February 1st, 2016 reservations will be taken for four or more days. On May 15th, 2016 reservations will open for shorter durations.

This restriction is intended to prevent early sellouts denying rooms to those wishing longer stays. There will be a one-day deposit required for each reservation. Reservations can be cancelled or transferred to another person up to 60 days prior to the event but there will be a \$75 fee for any such cancellation or transfer thereafter. There is no fee for lengthening any reservation, but cancelling any portion of a reservation will result in forfeiture of the deposit.

Shuttles: Anybody who has taken a shuttle from an airport into the adjoining city knows how expensive it can be for a relatively short trip. So, how much would it be for the 70 miles to SEVEN SPRINGS from the Pittsburgh airport? Try \$20 (round trip). There will be three trips per day. If and when these fill up, we will add more to the schedule. If you prefer the train, your options are limited. The closest stop is Connellsville some 30 minutes away with limited service, but SEVEN SPRINGS will provide shuttle service for \$10 roundtrip. In both instances, you must call at least 24 hours ahead, have a reservation at SEVEN SPRINGS, be pre-registered and make a non-refundable payment in advance.

Renovations: This property has been recently renovated, and like Disneyland, is in an almost constant state of rebirth. The AC unit

in two of the main gaming areas we'll use is brand new and different parts of the resort are renovated every year.

Access: Despite the greater number of rooms, you will find yourself closer to the meeting space. This is a 10-floor hotel serviced by five elevators in the tower section alone. No more jokes about being farther away on property than those staying elsewhere. Disabled access is also greatly improved.



Parking: Parking is plentiful and free—and while it may not be close to your room, it will be closer to the meeting space for those who use their car trunks as a game cache.

Meeting Space: Overall, the space is somewhat larger than we have been using, although it tends to be more spread out with a second building similar to the Expo Center in distance from the hotel. Navigating the site will be like seeing the Lancaster Host for the first time or akin to finding your classes during your freshman year. In short, lots of individual rooms as opposed to one large concrete hall. Much of it sports a panoramic view of the countryside.

There will be more space for vendors, open gaming and dedicated tournament and seminar rooms. Best of all, the table inventory is a big improvement in terms of number, type and quality. We'll even be able to have our own "monster gaming" room with prolonged setup of multi-table games.

Smoke Free Facility: The resort, specifically the hotel rooms, cabins, chalets, hallways, lobbies, meeting rooms, lounges and dining areas are "smoke free". Smokers may request ashtrays at checkin by contacting the

front desk staff for use on the hotel lodging room balconies only.

Alcohol Policy: The resort, like all establishments with a liquor license, does not allow alcohol in meeting spaces unless purchased from the resort.

Food Service: 7 Springs has 12 different restaurants on site, ranging from fast food to fine dining—some of it within steps of the gaming areas.

Somerset is really the closest place to get groceries (12 miles). There is a small market at the Trent House Inn, about 3 miles away, but is limited to basic items like milk and bread. The Signatures Retail Shop on property carries a few basic items.



Amenities: This is a resort with lots to entertain the non-gamer in your family. Among the attractions are an outstanding golf course, Zip-line canopy tours, alpine slides, mountain biking, rock climbing, Segway tours, paintball, disc golf, bowling, horse riding, spas, and sporting clays as well as indoor and outdoor pools. Suffice to say that those of us who have visited the place suddenly found ourselves with more attentive family members. Whether that's a good thing or not for your personal family situation, I leave to your discretion.

Activity Pass: 1 day, rate to be determined in spring, 2016. A three-day midweek pass (do not have to be consecutive days) is \$99. An activity pass allows unlimited use of Alpine Slide, Alpine Tower, Bowling, Disc Golf, Euro Bungy, Hydrobikes, Miniature Golf, Paddleboats, Rock Wall, Scenic Chairlift Rides and Summer Tubing.



Kid's Camp: For children aged 5 to 10. Camp may include fishing, paddle boating, scavenger hunts, team games, swimming and crafts. Lunch and snacks are included.

Daycare: Children walking age through 5 years-old can enjoy fun with toys, crafts, songs, games and movies in a supervised playroom while mom and dad enjoy their boardgames. Open daily from 9 am to 4 pm. Lunch and snacks provided.

Cost for both of the above children's programs is \$30 for Half day; \$45 for full day. Reservations are required. **NOTE:** Use of the Kid's Camp and Daycare facilities will depend on an indication of interest by the membership. If you anticipate using these facilities please notify us ASAP at CD@Boardgamers.org so that we can gauge interest in time to book these services.

Weather: Even the climate is attractive with mountain breezes dispensing with all but the worst summer heat and humidity. Weather varies from year to year and cannot be guaranteed, but over time this location has proven to be 8 degrees cooler than Lancaster per day in July with nightly temperatures in the 60s. My stays there have featured pleasant nights with open balcony doors.

Campsites: For the budget conscious, there are nearby RV parks and campsites.

So, what's the downside?

One Word: as in real estate, it is all about *location*. Obviously, if you were commuting to Lancaster Host, this is not as convenient for you. But more than that, it is *off* the beaten path. If you're used to getting off property for a meal, you'll find there is little nearby to choose from and there are no free breakfasts such as the Host provides. Even a sortie to

the local Wal Mart to stock up on munchies will be a trip. On the other hand, those who fly should not feel the need to rent a car. We will be subsidizing shuttles to/from the Pittsburgh airport, so as long as you plan ahead, pre-register, and make the necessary shuttle reservations with the resort you should be able to dispense with the expense of a rental car. However, you *will* need to be flexible with arrivals and departures as the shuttles will only be operating at peak times.



Your Membership Fee

It should be no surprise that admission fees will increase to pay for all of this, although the amount will vary and in some General Admission cases will actually decrease. Please consider the following:

1. Our per diem base fee of \$10 per day for our lowest pre-reg rate has remained unchanged for 17 years. Think back to what a dollar purchased in 1998 and compare that to what it buys today. Most will agree an increase is long overdue. The rate for a Sustaining Membership for WBC in 2016 will be \$100.
2. Out of that \$100 we will be paying rebates and subsidies that can go over \$70 per head in some instances. Despite the increase in fees, even less funds will make it into the BPA's coffers after we've paid the bills.

To minimize the disruption of the move and encourage everyone to give our new home a try we are budgeting our very first year in the red. I'd like to lay out for you now a simple, and admittedly worst case scenario, of how your increased WBC admission fee is going to be spent in 2016.

I'll start with the assumption that you enjoy our biggest discount by joining during the Annual December Membership Drive.

\$100 will buy you NINE days admission for \$11.11 a day—still the best bargain in gaming. No more Pre-Con separate fees. No event fees. No ribbons. No parking costs.

To get that \$129 room rate, we've subsidized you with a five-figure purchase that, depending on attendance, will probably amount to between \$7-\$15 per head... let's call it \$10 for the sake of simplicity—and in the process we've saved you \$10 plus taxes *per day*. We're now down to \$90 remaining from your admission fee.

Moreover, to offer you a room rate equal to what you would have had at the Lancaster Host, if you book a regular room at SEVEN SPRINGS for six days (not a condo, cabin, chalet or suite) *and* are a pre-registered Sustaining or Tribune member of the BPA, you will receive a \$60 credit on your hotel bill. That leaves us all of \$30 with which to pay salaries, insurance, prizes, advertising, printing and the myriad other expenses of running such an enterprise right down to the Paypal fees that save most of you the price of a postage stamp but cost us many times that. You want the convenience, but you don't want to pay for it. Well, sooner or later the bills come due.

But we're still not done! If you fly to SEVEN SPRINGS via Pittsburgh and avail yourself of the shuttle service, we're on the hook for subsidizing part of that as well.

When we started this process, I was not optimistic about finding a better location while remaining in the mid-Atlantic region with both the necessary space and improved amenities at a price that would not be considered prohibitive to many. However, I now find myself in the rare atmosphere of optimism regarding our future venue. In fact, I haven't been this downright giddy since the year we sent Reiff home without any wood. I hope you'll join us in 2016 to experience the next evolution of WBC—where boardgamers come first.





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