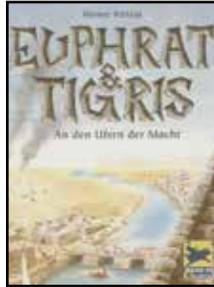


### 2015 Results

♣ Steven Sabatino, PA  
 ♠ Wm. Kendrick, uk  
 ♣ Tim Evinger, PA  
 ♣ Larry York, CA  
 ♣ Bill Peeck, NY  
 ♣ Evan Hitchings, DE  
 ♣ Matt Evinger, PA

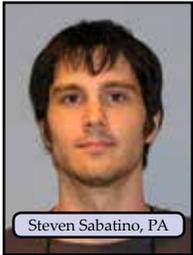
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### 2015 Results

♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ  
 ♠ Brad Sherwood, PA  
 ♣ Jeff Cornett, FL  
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA  
 ♣ Robert Woodson, NV  
 ♣ Aaron Fuegi, MA  
 ♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ

† 32 📖 1999-2015



### Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	96
Matt Evinger, PA	78
Bill Peeck, NY	71
Rob Kilroy, PA	66
Tim Hitchings, DE	63
Evan Hitchings, DE	50
Mike Sincavage, VA	48
Blair Morgen, NJ	36
Mike Mitchell, GA	36
Robert Eastman, NV	33



### Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	122
Craig Moffitt, NJ	118
Aaron Fuegi, MA	84
Eric Freeman, PA	82
John Kilbride, PA	42
Ananda Gupta, MD	42
Chetan Radia, uk	40
Aran Warszawski, il	38
Rob Kilroy, PA	36
Patrick Shea, VA	34

## Enemy in Sight (EIS)

The Sunday Final was the last event ongoing as the Host shed gamers one last time. Eight of ten qualifiers appeared so a long Final was in the cards. Little did we know just how long. The first hand pitched a shutout vs former champs Tim Evinger and Evan Hitchings as a precursor of things to come.

Hand 2 hamstrung Steven Sabatino and Rex Martin with the rest tallying a mere ten to 20 points. The CD stopped by to check on our progress and after observing a few bloodless turns went off to grab lunch. Rex again failed to score in Hand 3 and was joined by Bill Peeck and Larry York in the null column in the low-scoring affair.

Hand 4 picked up the pace as Evan took the lead with 91 points, but the average score in the race to 100 was still but 68. A rare fifth round ensued as Don Greenwood returned and took a nap at the next table awaiting the outcome of his last event. He would be disappointed again. Steven took the lead with 98, two points shy of victory, stalked by Tim and Bill, both with 95. The game forged on to an unprecedented sixth round. Finally, after four hours, the gods smiled and enough points were scored with six ships sunk and four captured to 'end the pain and suffering.' In fact, four players passed the required 100-point threshold, but it was Steven Sabatino who would take home his second WBC title.



## Euphrat & Tigris (E&T)

Nine winners plus the best three runners-up manned three semifinal tables. In the first semifinal, two-time champion Jeff Cornett (9-9-10-12) used balanced scoring to squeak past another twice crowned player (Eric Freeman; 7-10-10-11). Defending champion Craig Moffitt (7-8-8-10) won on the last turn of the second semi after Aaron Fuegi (6-6-8-10) played a catastrophe in an agonizing end-game decision the previous turn. On the last semi table, Brad Sherwood (8-8-9-12) as the fourth dynasty nipped Bob Woodson (7-8-8-18). Eric's score was within two hypothetical treasures of the win and he advanced also as the best runner-up to complete the finalists who occupied the first, second, fourth and 20th places on the *E&T* Laurel list. Final Seating was Jeff 1st (Archer), Eric 2nd (Bull), Craig 3rd (Lion), and Brad 4th (Potter).

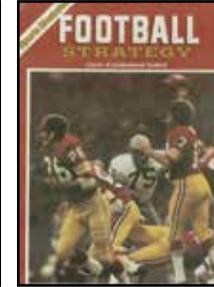
As the Final approached the end with its tile bag dangerously low, Eric tried to improve his lowest color by attacking Brad's Trader with a 3-tile advantage. Brad again had enough tiles to repulse the attack and ended Eric's winning chances. Play passed to Craig who built the game's fourth monument before swapping tiles to end the game, just passing Brad for the lead. In the final tally, Craig won with a score of 7-7-7-8 (six each black and blue plus two treasures) to successfully defend his title. Brad had 6-8-9-10, Jeff had 6-6-7-12, and Eric had 5-6-6-10.



### 2015 Results

♣ Rich Meyer, MA  
 ♠ Roderick Lee, CA  
 ♠ Jim Eliason, IA  
 ♣ Jason Arvey, VA  
 ♣ Ted Drozd, IL  
 ♣ Don Del Grande, CA  
 ♣ John Corrado, VA

† 107 📖 1993-2015



### 2015 Results

♣ Bruce Reiff, OH  
 ♠ Ray Stakenas Sr, MI  
 ♣ Kevin Keller, MD  
 ♣ Joe Powell, VA  
 ♣ R. Stakenas II, CA  
 ♣ Wes Coates, MD  
 ♣ Bert Schoose, IL

† 23 📖 1991-2015



### Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	115
Richard Irving, CA	86
Paul Bean, MA	72
Jason Arvey, VA	61
Roderick Lee, CA	47
Mark Guttag, VA	45
Aaron Silverman, FL	44
Doug Hoylman, MD	42
Eric Brosius, MA	40
Ted Drozd, IL	38



### Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	304
Bill Cleary, MD	99
Joe Powell, VA	96
Ken Whitesell, MD	75
Ray Stakenas II, CA	72
Bert Schoose, IL	64
David Rynkowski, NY	63
Kevin Keller, MD	59
Paul O'Neil, MD	45
Dan Dolan, Jr, NJ	28

## Facts in Five (F15)

*F15* broke triple digits for the first time—not withstanding a seating capacity half of that. Round 1 was the easiest with an average of 10.5 answers out of 25. Defending champ Jason Arvey took the early lead with 20 answers; but Rich Meyer, Ted Drozd, Glen Pearce, and Andrew Drummond were hot on his heels with 19.

Round 2 lowered performance with only a 7.5 average score. Meyer took the lead with 17 correct, followed by Don Del Grande and Brian Barrish with 16. Round 3 proved to be the toughest, averaging 6.5 answers. Meyer and Roderick Lee tied for first with 14, Jason Arvey and Brandon Bernard trailed with 13. Round 4 was easier, with 10 correct answers. Leading the way was Jim Eliason with 22 and Thomas Lind second at 21. Round 5 had a Lancaster Host theme in celebration of the past decade. Familiarity with the Host rose the average score to 10 answers! Lisa Gutermuth, who virtually grew up at the Host, led with 21 answers.

Having the highest score in Rounds 2 and 3, and being the only player in the top six for every round, Rich Meyer amassed 82 points—an 8-point spread over runner-up Roderick Lee—to win an event usually won by three or less points. Roderick had a strong 4-point lead over Jim Eliason and Jason Arvey. Ted Drozd at 68 points and Don Del Grade at 66 rounded out the laurelists.



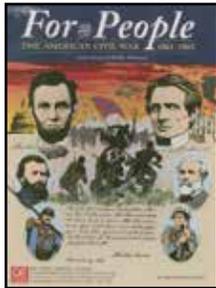
## Football Strategy (FBS)

Heat 1 opened with a flurry of nail bits. Stuart Tucker edged Sean McCulloch 21-20. Kevin Keller beat Barry Shoultz 18-14. David Rynkowski and Marvin Birnbaum took 6-point wins over Doug Galullo and Wes Coates. The featured match had there been seeds would have been past champions Bert Schoose vs Paul O'Neill, but Bert won 31-6 in the only rout. Thereafter, close scores were scarce with perennial champ Reiff downing Tucker 22-17, defending champ Powell 24-19 and Keller 26-16 to secure the bracket.

Blowouts prevailed in the following heat. Wes Coates, Joe Powell, Kevin Keller, Ray Stakenas, Jr. and his father (Ray Sr.) all posted double digit wins. The blowout trend continued in the second round as both Rays and Wes racked double-digit wins. Wes' 27-17 win ended the title defense of the defending champion. Kevin decided that beating Bert once was so much fun that he'd do it again, by a closer but still decisive 17-10 score. The heat semifinals saw Kevin take down Wes in a match of former AHFS League opponents while the two Stakenas' paired off. Father showed son that experience still counts as he administered a 30-13 lesson. The afterglow of that *joie de vie* victory carried over to Ray's bracket clinching win over Kevin 26-18.

It was all for naught though as the final victory proved elusive with the Columbus bully using a 31-17 beat-down to take his 11th *FBS* shield.





## 2015 Results

- ♣ James Pei, VA
  - ♠ Nick Pei, CA
  - ♣ Michael Kunin, NY
  - ♠ Henry Russell, PA
  - ♣ Daniel Leader, MA
  - ♣ Gary Gonzalez, NY
  - ♣ Mark Herman, MD
- † 33 📖 1999-2015



## 2015 Results

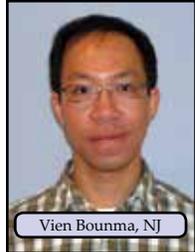
- ♣ Vien Bounma, NJ
  - ♠ Haakon Monsen, no
  - ♣ Scott Sirianna, NY
  - ♠ Dan Harthan, MN
  - ♣ Jonathan Wyatt, PA
  - ♣ Josh Coyle, VA
  - ♣ Jason Levine, NY
- † 78 📖 2000-2015



James Pei, VA

## Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	862
David Dockter, MN	244
Mark Giddings, NY	151
Bill Pettus, MD	114
Nick Pei, CA	108
Mike Mitchell, GA	93
Riku Reikkinen, fi	68
Tim Miller, CA	68
Trevor Bender, CA	62
Sean Dolbee, CA	60



Vien Bounma, NJ

## 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
Vien Bounma, NJ	40
Alex Metzger, NY	40
Robert Kircher, MA	38
John Schoose, IL	34

## For The People (FTP)

The oft repeated headline was that James Pei won again—for the 15th time. It was a well attended event despite the continued dominance of the Master who continued to allow the rest of us to play in his sandbox. It was as always an ironman tournament with players entering into a series of exhausting campaign games. Stamina matters and James is not beatable with less than your A game. With usual punching bag foil David Dockter not present, the Final became a true brother versus brother affair with Nick Pei opposing his older sibling. 31 games were played with the Confederates usually faring better than their historical counterparts. That trend continued when the Master won the opening die roll for choice of sides.

With the arrival of Lee, the Rebels went on the offensive on Turn 4 forming a second Army, AOW. Union maneuvers into WV cut LOC to AONV. AOW engaged AOP in a series of battles—dislodging AOP from Frederick and took a shot at DC, but failed. The turn ended with the first raid in PA, but timely play of Nathaniel Lyn prevented CSA from converting MO.

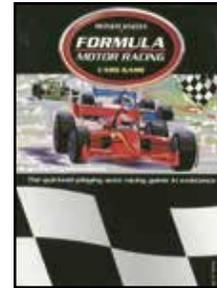
Turn 5 dawned on a pair of fatigued brothers so the Master decided to bludgeon his way to DC. Lee attacked again and again, failing several times. Nick played a Minor Campaign, trapping and destroying AONV, but with the arrival of the Carolina Express and Stonewall, AOW won a close battle and broke through to DC—forcing Nick's resignation.



## Formula De (FDE)

Formula De attendance rebounded in 2015 with three heats yielding 13 winners. No one won more than once during the preliminaries so tiebreakers were used to select ten finalists. Only nine of those and none of the alternates appeared so the Final on Nevada Ride took place with only nine cars. The track itself was awarded as a prize from Asmodee Games. The starting grid was Vien Bounma at pole due to a first and second in the heats followed by Glenn McMaster, Scott Sirianna, Josh Coyle, Haakon Monsen, Walt Collins, Dan Harthan, Jonathan Wyatt, and John Schoose.

A combination of an unforgiving course and none too conservative driving reduced the field to three by the last corner. All three were now down to their last engine and tire. There would be no more redlining and anyone's engine could blow as they left the last turn of Las Vegas Way. It all came down to a 5th gear roll. Haakon went first and rolled a 14. He knew he was in trouble as both of the others could pass him with a ceiling of 20. Vien's 15 wasn't enough to pass Haakon outright, but being in the middle lane he was able to use an extra space in the turn and place his car directly behind Haakon to slipstream to take the lead on the homestretch. Scott needed a 17 or a 20 to either slipstream or pass Vien. His 12 left him in third. Vien thus took his first WBC shield after the most dramatic finish in recent years.



## 2015 Results

- ♣ Brandon Bernard, PA
  - ♠ Lisa Gutermuth, VA
  - ♠ Jodi Folk, PA
  - ♠ Chris LeFevre, AZ
  - ♣ James Pei, VA
  - ♣ Drew Duboff, NJ
  - ♣ Chris LeFevre, AZ
- † 90 📖 2001-2015



Brandon Bernard, PA

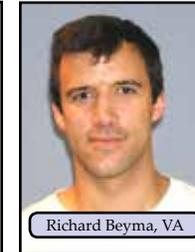
## Top Laurelists

Lisa Gutermuth, NC	96
Brandon Bernard, PA	72
Sarah Vasilakos, VA	61
John Speck, MD	46
Chris LeFevre, AZ	42
Faith Wobbeking, MD	42
Jim Fleckenstein, VA	40
Jordan Flawd, PA	33
Stefany Speck, MD	30
Forrest Speck, MD	30



## 2015 Results

- ♣ Richard Beyma, VA
  - ♠ Andy Davison, VA
  - ♠ Vince Meconi, DE
  - ♣ Jim Tracy, OH
  - ♣ Ed Menzel, CA
  - ♣ Bob Jamelli, PA
  - ♣ Vince Meconi, DE
- † 24 📖 1992-2015



Richard Beyma, VA

## Top Laurelists

Ed Menzel, CA	291
Vincent Meconi, DE	194
Richard Beyma, VA	175
Ted Drozd, IL	132
Allen Kaplan, NJ	94
Jim Tracy, OH	93
Dave Zimmerman, PA	81
Gregory D. Smith, PA	69
Mike Pacheco, CA	66
Barry Shoults, MI	56

## Formula Motor Racing (FMR)

Three heats generated 24 preliminary games. 21 resulting qualifiers advanced to the semifinals and were augmented by alternate runners-up Brandon Bernard, Katie McCorry and Steve Caler. Those semifinals were not kind to Katie as she lost six cars. In the second race, Dacey Collinson tried to accomplish a memorable worst to first maneuver. Starting in the tenth position she made it all the way to second. Then those famous last words were spoken, "I will do just one more roll". Of course, it failed and returned her car to last. In the sixth race, James Pei—yes, Caesar himself—was lucky enough to get the crash card. He played it only to roll his own car. Lynn Ribeiro and Mark Love knew that feeling also as all three mastered the art of shooting themselves in the foot.

Jodi Folk, Chris LeFevre, Pei and Bernard won their tables. Drew DuBoff and Lisa Gutermuth also advanced as the closest runners-up with Lisa besting Ribeiro by tiebreaker.

Only a 6-point margin separated first from last, but the Final's sixth race was nonetheless quiet. The crash card was not seen. Drew took out one of Pei's cars with a spin-out while Lisa attacked the leader—blowing Brandon's engine. Drew, no longer a target, finally got both of his cars to finish—taking first and fourth. Brandon did not score but was able to prevent his closest pursuers from overtaking him. He ended with 28 points to claim his seventh WBC title.



## Gettysburg (GBG)

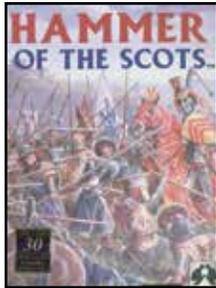


Richard Beyma defeated newcomer Andy Davison to earn his third GBG shield with a 6-3 record throughout the week. The London newcomer had a perfect 5-0 slate prior to his loss in the Final. Vince Meconi was also unbeaten at 4-0 before suffering his only loss in the playoffs to Beyma to finish third. Jim Tracy clinched the last playoff spot and finished with a 5-3 record in fourth. Defending champ Ed Menzel failed to make the playoff rounds and had to settle for fifth.

In the playoffs, #2 seeded Beyma made the highest bid ever recorded for the Confederates, 16.5, but still forced a Turn 12 resignation from Tracy. In the other bracket, Davison's Federals beat Meconi, who had bid 8.0. In the finale, Beyma's Rebels, bidding 10.5, used their infantry stacks to chew through Union units like armored divisions. Davison survived until Turn 13, before conceding his only loss of the week.

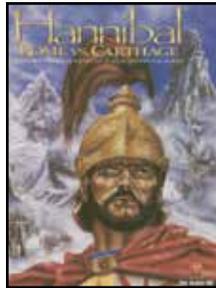
Beyma also took Best Confederate honors at 6-2. Andy Davison and Ed Menzel shared 3-1 marks for Best Union Player designations. The field of 24 entrants played a total of 34 games. Overall, the South won 22 games. 33 games used the campaign scenario. Only one game of the July 3 scenario was played. In the campaign scenario, four games had no bid, with the remaining 29 contests having Confederate bids ranging from 2.0 to 16.5. The average bid was 7.10 for all games and 8.53 for the games with a Confederate bid.





## 2015 Results

🏆 Malcolm Smith, VA  
 🏆 Tom Good, NC  
 🏆 Rob Woodham, TX  
 🏆 Steve Koleszar, VA  
 🏆 Michael Sosa, DE  
 🏆 Fred Bauer, VA  
 🏆 Randall MacInnis, NJ  
 † 17 📖 2003-2015



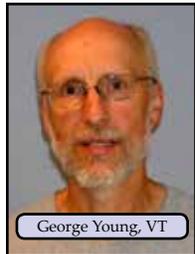
## 2015 Results

🏆 George Young, VT  
 🏆 Larry Luongo, NJ  
 🏆 James Pei, VA  
 🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ  
 🏆 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY  
 🏆 Chris Byrd, CT  
 🏆 Stuart Tucker, MD  
 † 52 📖 1996-2015



## Top Laurelists

George Seary, NY	219
Lyman Moquin, DC	205
Malcolm Smith, VA	138
Rick Young, NC	108
Hank Burkhalter, GA	87
Fred Bauer, VA	69
Ric Manns, IN	68
Phil Barcafer, PA	53
Bruce Reiff, OH	51
Ron Draker, VA	36



## Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	483
Keith Wixson, NJ	409
Chris Byrd, CT	265
Jim Heenehan, PA	254
George Young, VT	120
Lyman Moquin, DC	102
Randall MacInnis, NJ	97
Steve Worrel, VA	96
Peter Reese, VA	94
Michael Sosa, DE	84

## Hammer of the Scots (HOS)



The English started strong with a 5-3 advantage in the opening round. The notable exception was the defeat of defending champion, Malcolm Smith, who fell to Steve Koleszar's Scots. Round 2, weakened by several dropouts, only had six games. The Scots came roaring back with five wins, and added three out of five in the last round of Swiss play, for 11 wins in 19 preliminary games. The combination of a small field and winning defections left only one undefeated player, Koleszar, advancing to the semifinals as a challenge to the KGB's lock on this event. Three 2 - 1 players advanced due to the number of nobles they had saved in their lone loss and the number of enemy nobles surviving their wins.

Winning bids were mostly zero or one for the English, giving Edward I a late start in his campaign. Players who bid 1 for the Scots, adding one block to the initial English levy, were generally successful. There was only one bid of 2 for the Scots which Tom Good converted in Round 2.

The medal rounds belonged to the Scots, with Smith defeating Robert Woodham 12 - 2 in one bracket and Good ending Koleszar's streak 8 - 6 in the other, both on bids of Scots 1. Smith then overcame his initial loss to retain his title for a third straight year by the narrowest possible margin, defeating Good on a tied noble count of 7 - 7 because Wallace survived.



## Hannibal (HRC)



With three unbeaten players in the final round, tiebreakers determined the pairings with defending champ George Young facing James Pei, while Larry Luongo drew Andy Latto, the 3-1 player atop the once beatens, to vie for second. 14 players vied in Round 5 games that would determine the six laurelists. Another 12 stuck around just for the experience, yielding a record 91 games played.

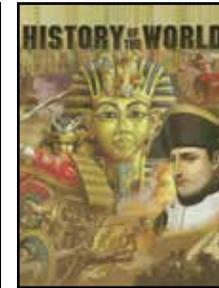
Latto's Hannibal failed five initiative rolls and had to return over the Alps. Luongo's Turn 7 play of Diplomacy followed by Numidia Revolts gained an advantage that he drove home on Turn 8 for a 12-6 victory, becoming the first undefeated player to be denied the title. At the top of the food chain, Pei took Carthage for a bid of 2 PCs. Young then fought off Syracusan and Macedonian alliances. The match came down to who drew the Turn 9 Messenger Intercepted. Fate smiled on Young who stole the Numidia Revolts card from Pei's last three cards, securing a 10-8 victory to repeat as champion, the first successful title defense in 20 years. Young guided Rome to victory in all five games.

Rome was victorious 52-39. Syracuse allied on 48 occasions and was sacked 22 times. Hannibal died 33 deaths, but Carthage managed to salvage three of those games. Eight times the winning bidder chose Rome, usually for zero, but once for three PCs. Carthage was chosen 83 times with an average bid of 1.8 and a maximum bid of 4.



## 2015 Results

🏆 Nick Benedict, CA  
 🏆 Paul McCarthy, NY  
 🏆 Matthew Beach, MD  
 🏆 Justin Morgan, VA  
 🏆 Ed Beach, MD  
 🏆 Kirk Harris, NJ  
 🏆 Justin Rice, VA  
 † 38 📖 2006-2015



## 2015 Results

🏆 Mark J. Smith, KY  
 🏆 Kevin Youells, PA  
 🏆 S. Scarangella, NY  
 🏆 Graeme Dandy, au  
 🏆 Ty Hansen, DC  
 🏆 Christina Harley, WA  
 🏆 Don Del Grande, CA  
 † 45 📖 1993-2015



## Top Laurelists

Jeff Burdett, NY	125
Justin Rice, VA	102
Nick Benedict, CA	94
Alan Sudy, VA	91
Dennis Mishler, TX	85
Kirk Harris, NJ	83
Mathieu Pare-Paquin, qc	72
Dave Cross, VA	72
Bryan Collars, SC	68
Larry Mull, NV	60



## Top Laurelists

Harald Henning, CT	196
Kevin Youells, PA	138
Jeff King, OH	124
Joe Collinson, MD	108
Mark J. Smith, KY	96
Rolinda Collinson, MD	90
Jonas Borra, NY	84
Nathan Barhorst, MI	80
Henry Dove, MD	80
Gregory Kulp, NJ	74

## Here I Stand (HIS)

It was good to be Protestant in the opening heat: Luther's boys were 4-0 in 6-player games and Alan Sudy won the lone 5-player game with an English-Protestant combination. The wins were better distributed in Heat 2 - the Turks, English, Pope and Hapsburgs each taking one.

Nick Benedict crossed the auto-victory threshold on Turn 3 of his semifinal with Matt Beach and Paul McCarthy posting strong scores of 25 with the English and French. Kirk Harris returned to the Final with a Turn 1 Hapsburg domination in a low-scoring contest. Justin Morgan's Protestants completed the semifinals with a Turn 3 24-point win over Ed Beach's 23.

That set the Final with Benedict taking the Hapsburgs first, Morgan the Ottomans, Harris the Protestants, Matt Beach the Pope, McCarthy the English and Ed Beach the French. Ed's French opened strong with Verrazano circumnavigating. The Pope activated Venice as an ally, and the reformation struggled to spread. Benedict then struck a deal with the Ottomans to war against France. But Morgan's Turks also dragged the Pope into the conflict. Benedict took Milan from the French and the Turks were shutout. Ed and Nick then made a rough deal for peace. Turn 4 was primed for the Hapsburgs. With peace in the east and west, Charles' armies declared war on Genoa for one VP, and then captured three electorates to push to 25 and deliver the title to Benedict for his 11th WBC title.

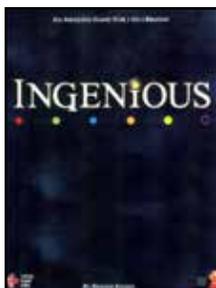


## History of the World (HWD)

Mark Smith managed to draw the Chinese dynasties in each of the first four epochs—a 1 in 2401 probability—which put him into sixth place after Epoch 2, and kept him there through Epoch 6. Meanwhile, the lead changed hands frequently, with four of the other five finalists—Graeme Dandy, Kevin Youells, Christina Harley, and Stephen Scarangella—taking the lead (and the pre-eminence hit that goes with it) at one time or another. In the last Epoch, Youells had Russia, played a Civil War, placed three Armies—and watched as his opponent threw 5, 6, 6 to defeat all of them. Still, his five pre-eminence points was good enough to finish ahead of the others—or at least it would have been had Smith not been passed Britain. He turned in a 71-point turn to take the lead, got the 6-point pre-eminence marker, and after being in the "sand" position at the start of the last turn, the only sand he needed to worry about was if it happened to be the color of the Centurion shirt he gets for winning.

The other places were a close affair, with Youells finishing second on 178 (behind Smith's 187), then Scarangella, Dandy, and Hansen on 175, 174, and 173, respectively, with Harley's 161 earning the real sand. Scarangella's third was notable not only for being his first taste of laurels (and wood), but because he had just learned the game at the demo. Fast learner.



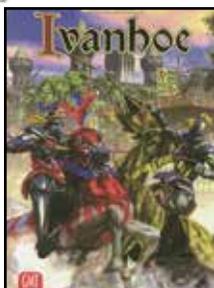


### 2015 Results

♣ Ewan McNay, NY  
 ♠ David Metzger, NY  
 ♣ Adina Weiss, NJ  
 ♠ Ben Carter, FL  
 ♠ Yoel Weiss, NJ  
 ♠ Shannon Keating, IN

♣ Max DuBoff, NJ

† 139 📖 2007-2015



### 2015 Results

♣ Matt Leader, MA  
 ♠ Dale Long, NJ  
 ♣ Matthew Beach, MD  
 ♠ Alexander Lange, GA  
 ♠ Daniel Long, NJ  
 ♠ Ted Bohaczuk, MD

♣ Brian Mongold, MD  
 † 95

📖 2001-02, 05-06, 08-15



Ewan McNay, NY

### Top Laurelists

Meghan Friedmann, MA	57
Joe Yaure, PA	50
Steven LeWinter, NC	42
Ewan McNay, NY	30
Jeff Mullet, OH	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30
Marcy Morelli, PA	30
Brittany Bernard, PA	30
Andy Latto, MA	30
Bruce Reiff, OH	25



Matt Leader, MA

### Top Laurelists

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

## Ingenius (ING)

The first heat had 18 4-player tables. Unfortunately, a game had to be adjudicated, but all the others finished on time, and *Ingenious* will continue in a one-hour slot. The Wednesday heat filled 24 tables and the Thursday start manned 17. The lowest winning preliminary score was ten, which did the trick five times. At the other end of the scale, six managed a perfect score of 18.

The three heats produced nine double winners led by Juniors champion Aidan McNay who won three. 13 players finished with a win and a second, so their margins of victory and defeat were calculated to produce 16 semifinal qualifiers. The Tiebreakers became irrelevant, however, when exactly enough qualifiers and alternates appeared to fill the 16 available slots.

Adina Weiss ingeniously scored three colors in a single turn, eventually scoring a perfect 18 to win over defending champion Meghan Friedmann. David Metzger bested 2012 champion Joe Yaure and top-seeded Aidan McNay 15 - 14. Ewan McNay narrowly missed a perfect score, finishing with 16 to Doug Galullo's 14, and ending 2008 champion Andy Latto's day.

Ewan ingeniously purple and scored a couple points in blue to take the overall lead on his last turn of the Final. With the last play Adina blocked Ben from getting red, leaving Ewan victorious with 12 points. He ingeniously two colors and scored 13 in the other three. David took second with 11, Adina third with 10, and Ben fourth with eight.

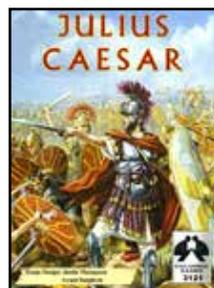


## Ivanhoe (IVH)

Knights of repute were in short supply this year. Ultimately, Dale Long, Alexander Lange, Matthew Beach and Matthew Leader fought their way into the Final. After the first four rounds, Lange and Leader were tied at two chips each. Sir Long got on the board in Round 5, our first purple round, with an amazingly lucky knockdown scoring him a Maiden from Lange's hand. He then played a shield and threw his newly found maiden to clinch the first purple.

Sir Beach showed patience and played an early card collecting strategy—not joining battle until Round 6 where he took green as his first chip. Nonetheless, by Round 9 the entire table was tied at two chips each and back at square 1.

Hard fought rounds were typical thereafter with high totals of 31-26 logged for red in Round 9. A Round 14 purple bout left two hands seriously depleted. Leader started the round by playing a knockdown and quickly retreated. Beach withdrew from the start but Lange and Long continued in a battle dominated by action plays. Dodge, outwit, outmaneuver, two ripostes and the shield all were employed this hand. In the end, Long forced Lange to withdraw with a maiden in play, winning his second purple chip which he traded for green. The *Ivanhoe* card showed twice in Rounds 7 and 12, both times emerging from our eventual champion's hand. Finally, in Round 20, Leader stunned Long to score a blue chip and his first WBC shield.



### 2015 Results

♣ Ron Draker, VA  
 ♠ Justin Thompson, VA  
 ♣ Michael Sosa, DE  
 ♠ Bob Wooster, OH  
 ♠ Tom Drueding, MA  
 ♠ William Austin, VA

♣ Michael Sosa, DE

† 20 📖 2010-2015



### 2015 Results

♣ Tony Musella, VA  
 ♠ Pierre-Luc Ramier, qc  
 ♠ Jeff Coyle, VA  
 ♠ Larry Luongo, NJ  
 ♠ RJ Gleaton, SC  
 ♠ Brad Raszewski, MD

♣ Rob Olsson, MD

† 127 📖 2014-2015



Ron Draker, VA

### Top Laurelists

Justin Thompson, Va	87
Tom Drueding, MA	73
Ron Draker, VA	62
Willim Austin, VA	41
Fred Bauer, VA	39
Joe Harrison, KY	30
Malcolm Smith, VA	24
Alex Kraska, MD	18
Barry Eynon, CA	12
Bill Powers, VA	12



Tony Musella, VA

### Top Laurelists

Tony Musella, VA	20
Gary Schaefer, PA	20
Pierre-Luc Ramier, qc	12
Andrew Doughan, PA	12
Jeff Coyle, VA	8
Chris Greenfield, NY	8
Larry Luongo, NJ	6
Scott Driessen, MD	6
RJ Gleaton, SC	4
Cal Doughan, PA	4

## Julius Caesar (JUC)



Defending champion Ron Draker—a contender in just about every block wargame (and a designer of several of them!)—went undefeated to retain his title. He successfully defended the Republic as Pompey all five times, so we know what side he favors! The tournament special rules allow Caesar to always move first at game start, guaranteeing Rome as his—as occurred historically. Despite this, the top four players favored Pompey, winning 12 out of 14 of their games with an average bid of 2.16. This gave Caesar extra levies so the current metagame heavily favors Pompey.

Ron took Pompey for a bid of 3 in the Final vs the game's designer giving Caesar three additional levy points on his first card play. Justin immediately sent Caesar and a Legion to Greece, as it is critical for Caesar to contest at least one of those three victory points.

On Turn 3 Ron moved first and positioned his fleet at Tarsus to block Caesar while his Alexandria forces (Cleopatra & 38th Legion) marched to Jerusalem and Levied the catapult. Justin levied Caesar back to full strength. Ron then used Mercury to attack Caesar at Antioch with Cleopatra. Caesar had no retreat path and was killed! Pompey's forces were able to retake Ephesus in the next two turns and hold on for a 9-6 win. His navy played a major role, repeatedly defeating Caesar's fleet and controlling the Mediterranean, allowing it to threaten multiple areas and reinforce battles.



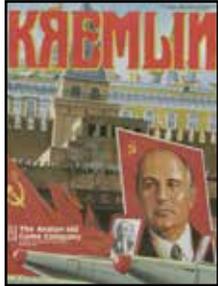
## King of Tokyo (KOT)

Round 1 thinned a herd of 127 monsters to 20 when one survivor opted for sleep over glory. That left four 5-player semifinal tables to determine four finalists.

Round 2 culled the fame seekers—only claws would advance. Pierre-Luc Ramier continued to claw, with Timothy Hing and Haim Hochboim achieving 11 fame before falling. At Table 2, Larry Luongo struck quickly, although David Buchholz managed 12 fame points. RJ Gleaton's 16 points was a problem for Tony Musella mired in third at Table 3 until he clawed his way past both leaders. Jeff Coyle played both options at Table 4, scoring 16 points before closing the tightest claw competition of the round with only one life remaining.

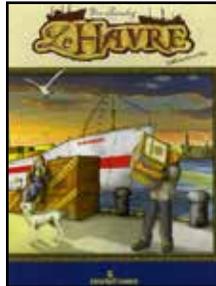
Luongo as Cyberbunny was the first finalist to fall as everyone lost three life to play of a High Altitude Attack. Coyle's Meka Dragon was next to fall as Ramier's Gigazaur dropped four points of damage on Tokyo while Meka Dragon was defending it. Hearts and claws were rolled as the last two monsters traded possession of Tokyo for a chance to heal or to gain more victory points. Musella had 16 points to Ramier's nine when the final blow came. With one point of life and Ramier's Gigazaur in Tokyo, Musella opted for claws rather than a chance to heal. It was close, but fate loved the soon-to-be crowned champ of the circus as he ended his WBC drought with not one, but two, titles.





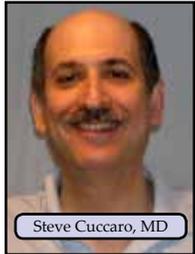
### 2015 Results

- ♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD
- ♠ Peter Staab, PA
- ♣ A. Drummond, on
- ♠ Ray Stakenas II, CA
- ♠ James Alexander, OH
- ♠ Mark Mitchell, VA
- ♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD
- † 43 📖 1991-2015



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Ken Horan, PA
- ♠ Nick Page, nb
- ♣ Daniel Speyer, NY
- ♠ Ron Clement, on
- ♠ Richard J. Shay, PA
- ♠ Mike Kaltman, PA
- ♣ Kenneth Horan, PA
- † 21 📖 2010-2015



### Top Laurelists

Steve Cuccaro, MD	193
Peter Stein, OH	134
Lee Rodrigues, VA	60
Nick Smith, uk	51
Tom DeMarco, NJ	48
Tom McCorry, VA	46
Peter Staab, PA	45
John Keating, IN	45
Dave Dentel, VA	42
Marc Houde, VA	41



### Top Laurelists

Nick Page, nb	114
Daniel Eppolito, NV	66
Ken Horan, PA	71
Daniel Speyer, NY	38
Nick Vayn, PA	36
Geoffrey Pounder, on	18
Nick Henning, DC	18
Mike Kaltman, PA	17
Paul Sampson, OH	12
David Duncan, PA	12

### Kremlin (KRM)

Things were even crazier than usual in *Kremlin*. Whether it was the game where Nestor became party chief twice or that Pete Staab won with a single point on the end-game Party Chief, chuckles were frequent. Oddest of all was the 4-player Final won by the GM despite 11 qualifiers and alternates named for a 6-player Final. Then no one came. Talk about a purge! The GM awarded the top two no-shows fifth and sixth and sat down to a 4-player Final.

On Turn 1, Andrew sent Nestor to the cure, two candidates were purged, and an intrigue card brought Nestor back to wave. The "KGB reveals dossier" card was played next, forcing Ray to reveal five IP, which he did—four of them on Defense Minister Niewitko. Steve then revealed his control of Nestor and got the wave.

Turn 2 began with the traditional purge of Foreign Minister Viktor. This failed, setting the tone for the game, which had very few purges. After Eatstumuch was Condemned to Siberia, the first roll of the health phase left Nestor untouched. Unfortunately for Steve, there was a Wrong Diagnosis, and Nestor was actually dead. The Funeral Commission put Niewitko in charge, and Ray shuffled the cabinet to put Nikotin as KGB head and Satin as Defense Minister. And so it went until Turn 9 when a healthy



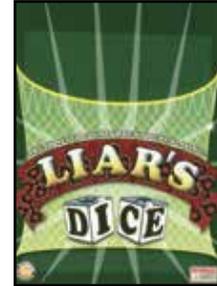
Viktor was nominated for Party Chief and actually elected, giving Steve his third wave and fourth *Kremlin* title.

### Le Havre (LHV)

Two heats produced nine games and three 3-player semifinals. Nick Page frequented his Marketplace and Colliery and finished with an incredible 333 points to win by 98. Dan Speyer also enjoyed a comfortable 76-point win. The lone intense semifinal saw Ron Clement amass resources but with as many as 12 loans at one point. He eventually paid them off but not before Ken Horan overtook him to win by 25.

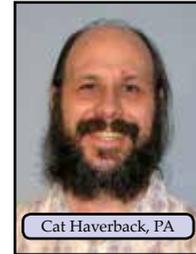
The battle for the all-important Colliery in the Final was quickly won by Nick in Round 2. He used the proceeds from the Joinery and the sale of his Sawmill to buy his way down to it before his opponents had a chance to build it. Dan countered by using the materials he gathered to build the Wharf and an early wood ship.

Ken hoarded coal and grain and took advantage of an early build of the Cokery by Nick to make 14 coke and 16 bread in subsequent turns. He used the proceeds to buy the Shipping Line and Ironworks. Dan was able to use the Steel Mill first but only converted two iron—just enough to build the first Steel Ship. Ken converted 10 iron soon thereafter and built the second one. However, it became obvious that Nick could not be stopped from building or buying the final two. The final score was Ken 293, Nick 270, and Dan 223. With his win, Ken became the third two-time champion of this event.



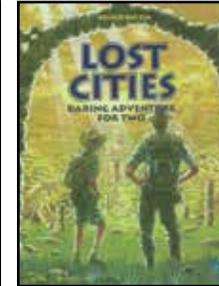
### 2015 Results

- ♣ Cat Haverback, PA
- ♠ Chris Greenfield, NY
- ♠ Chris Erickson, NY
- ♠ Adina Weiss, NJ
- ♠ Steven LeWinter, NC
- ♠ M. Lague-Gomez, qc
- ♣ Jason Levine, NY
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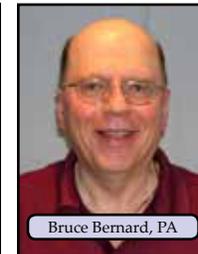
### Top Laurelists

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



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Bruce Bernard, PA
- ♠ David Seiler, PA
- ♠ Ted Bohaczuk, MD
- ♠ Rob Kilroy, PA
- ♠ J. Ratanaprasatporn, PA
- ♠ Derek Landel, NJ
- ♣ Ivan Lawson, MD
- † 197 📖 2000-2015



### 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
Bruce Bernard, PA	30
Cody Zimmerman, PA	30

### Liar's Dice (LID)

36 prevaricators progressed to the semifinals, having dismissed 191 of their brethren. The six emerging from the second gauntlet had not a *LID* laurel between them.

The Final's bloodletting commenced early with four dice lost in the first round. The bid carousel stopped at 13 4's by Steve. Chris declined to ride that horse further and his challenge dropped Steve to his last die before he even settled into his chair. Steve called on the next round so we were expecting possibly the quickest exit ever, but Mathieu lost a die and Steve settled back in his chair. In Round 3 Mathieu again put Steve in hot water with a bid of 12-6's and again Steve put his game on the line and called, costing Mathieu another die. Rounds 4 and 5 continued the trend with Steve and Mathieu living dangerously and the rest content to yield the floor to the two antagonists as Mathieu suffered one paper cut after another. Mathieu's bid of 6-stars was called yet again by Steve who appeared to be looking for a head start on some sack time. But Mathieu lost again and retired in 6th place. Steve had survived four consecutive challenges with but a single die and downed an unbled opponent to escape the cellar. Heady stuff.



The momentous duel now over, it was time to let the others play. 14 more mundane rounds later, Cat bluffed Chris successfully to win his first WBC shield with a die to spare.

### Lost Cities (LST)

Although, they only needed two wins to advance to the elimination rounds, there were two quadruple winners in the preliminaries—Claire Brosius and Amy Powers, as well as five triple winners—Rebecca Hebner, Lauren Bohaczuk, Lexi Shea, Thomas Tu, and Mark Geary. Adina Weiss (275) had the highest score followed by Tim Packwood (257) who combined with Rachel LaDue for the highest pair score of 438. Amy Powers managed three scores over 200 and combined scores of 429 and 416 with Serena Lotreck and William Hoch, respectively. The closest contests were Adam Wojtaszczyk 147 vs Scott Fenn 146, and Lynda Shea 86 vs Blair Morgen 85. Charles Faella and Tessa Lytle provided the only tie at 115 which Tessa won in a 4th hand.

41 players qualified for the SE rounds with 38 appearing. After the fourth Round, I adjusted the brackets by advancing the three closest losers (Bruce Bernard, John Ratanaprasatporn and Ted Bohaczuk) and two of them used their second life to advantage. In the Final, Bruce built up a lead of 39 points that allowed him to play safe in the third hand, but just barely. David scored 57 points—the most in one hand by either player, but fell short by five—106 to 101. It was ironic that, earlier that day, I had reminded Bruce about the fourth Heat, which he attended and thereby punched his ticket for the elimination rounds. The patron saint of second chances took him the rest of the way.

