

World Boardgaming Championships

2007-2008 Yearbook

www.boardgamers.org
info@boardgamers.org



You Have To Sleep! Find Accommodations for WBC.

All WBC events take place at the Lancaster Host Resort, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA (lancasterhost.com). \$94/night, plus 11% tax. One night's deposit, \$104.34, which will be credited to the guest's last scheduled night of stay, is required with each reservation. It is possible to cancel 30 days prior to arrival at no penalty, but any reservations canceled after 30 days prior to arrival will forfeit one night's deposit.

Lancaster Host has already sold out for the week of the World Boardgaming Championships—Aug. 5 through 10, with pre-cons starting Aug. 2. (Note: it is possible a few rooms will open up as a result of cancellations.) Fortunately, there are a number of convenient hotels at every price range within walking distance.

BPA has negotiated favorable group rates with the following hotels which offer especially good value for the budget-conscious with free breakfast packages. However, WBC occurs during the tourist season and sellouts are common so make your reservations early.

The good news is that the cancellation policies are much more lenient than at the Host. The bad news is that while the walk to the Host is short, it does cross a busy highway. In both cases, be sure to identify yourself as with the WBC (World Boardgaming Championships) to get our special group rate and credit the conference with your stay.

The **Continental Inn** is directly across the street from the Host. The amenities include indoor and outdoor pools and jacuzzi, remote, color cable tv, free wireless internet, refrigerators, coffee makers, and more. A complete, complimentary hot breakfast is included to start your day. The special WBC rate is \$89 per day plus 11% tax per single thru quad occupancy with 1 King or 2 Double Beds. Rollaways included, if requested, \$7 additional.

A three-night minimum stay is required for this special group rate. One night's deposit will be required upon booking. The deposit is refundable up until 48 hours prior to arrival.

Phone 717-299-0421 to make your reservation or email info@continentalinn.com for a callback by the reservationist. Alternatively, you may book on line at continentalinn.com at the regular rates and identify yourself in the comments as claiming the WBC rate, providing you are booking the three-night minimum stay. This offer is valid until July 11 or our room block sells out, whichever occurs first.

The recently renovated **Red Roof Inn** is across the street and a short walk away from the Host, next to some excellent restaurants. The amenities include an outdoor pool, a free

Deluxe Continental breakfast, complimentary *USA Today* newspaper, free local phone calls, wireless internet, and voicemail, Cable TV with HBO, microwave and mini-fridge in every room, and discounts at the aforementioned restaurants. The special WBC rate is \$84.95 per night plus 11% tax per single thru quad occupancy with 1 King or 2 Double Beds.

No deposit is required, but the reservation must be confirmed with a valid credit card. Any reservation that is not canceled by 3 pm on the date of arrival will automatically be charged for one night's stay. Call 866-225-2066 toll

free to make your reservation. This offer is valid until June 1 or our room block sells out, whichever occurs first.

Keep in mind that even if you play games from sunrise to way past sundown, your friends and family may want to do a few other things. Lancaster County and the scenic Pennsylvania Dutch Country is an area that visitors have grown to love. Lancaster County is one of America's favorite vacation destinations. More than five million people visit Lancaster County each year. Find a list of attractions at 800padutch.com/mem-att.shtml.

If you are looking farther forward than August 2008, put the following dates on your calendar (and make your hotel reservations early):

Aug. 4-9, 2009 (with Pre-Cons starting Aug. 1)
Aug. 3-8, 2010 (with Pre-Cons starting July 31)





BPA is an association of boardgame enthusiasts incorporated as a non-profit company in the state of South Carolina for the express purpose of hosting the annual gaming conference known as the World Boardgaming Championships, or WBC for short. It offers tournaments, vendors, an auction, demonstrations, seminars, open gaming, and Juniors and Teen programs. In addition, for those who can't get enough, we offer six focused Pre-Cons immediately before WBC.

We do other things, such as mini-cons and e-mail tournaments, but our *raison d'être* is WBC. We love boardgaming competition — from wargames and Eurogames to racing, sports, and rail games, and we make no apologies for it. It's what we do. And we do it better than anybody else. This yearbook documents BPA events of the previous year. It no longer contains scheduling information for the upcoming convention. Schedules and event previews will appear in a separate program and online at boardgamers.org. In fact, on our website, you'll find more pre- and post-event information than any place on the net — over 300 pages of it. It's not very lucrative or cost effective, but we think it demonstrates our commitment to this hobby.

To help support BPA activities, take a moment to subscribe to our FREE e-mail newsletter via the web site and continue to spread the good news about our association and its activities.

Credits

- Convention Director:** Don Greenwood
- Asst. Convention Director:** Kaarin Engelmam
- Webmaster:** Kaarin Engelmam
- Board Chairman:** Ken Gutermuth
- Secretary:** Bruce Monnin
- Treasurer:** Bruno Passacantando
- Legal Counsel:** Scott Pfeiffer
- BPA Logo:** Mark Simonitch
- Cover Art:** Kurt Miller
- Printing:** Lost Battalion Games
- Photography:** Debbie Gutermuth
- PBeM Coordinator:** Hank Burkhalter
- Scans:** Jeff Billings
- Cafe Jay:** Jay Tummelson
- Insurance:** Phil Barcafer
- Exclusive Show Vendor:** Decision Games
- Security:** Ken Whitesell, Dan Mathias, Paul Weintraub, Larry Lingle
- Juniors Room Monitors:** Karen McCullough, Debra Sorensen
- AREA Ratings:** Glenn Petroski, Bruno Wolff
- Team Event Handicapper:** Stuart Tucker
- Shirts:** Lost Battalion Games
- Auction:** Columbus Area Boardgaming Society
- Religious Services:** John Poniske
- Proof Reading:** Bruce Monnin, Frank Cunliffe, Jason White
- Signs and Tech Support:** Roy Gibson
- Web Personal Scheduler:** Steve Okonski
- Sampler Showcase:** Keith Levy
- Registration Staff:** Charlie Kibler, Stephanie, Jessica, and Tara Greenwood
- Sponsors:** Nicholas Benedict, David des Jardins, James Doughan, Ken Gutermuth, Rio Grande Games, Jerald R. Tracy, Brian Sutton, Jennifer Sutton

Contents

Hotel Information.....	Inside Front Cover
Director's Message.....	2
Century Events.....	3
Trial Events.....	55
Juniors Event Winners.....	61
PBeM Champions.....	62
EuroQuest.....	64
Waterloo.....	66
Winter Activation Meeting.....	67
Enlightenment.....	68
Team Champions.....	69
Caesar Award.....	70
GM of the Year.....	71
Sportsmanship Award.....	72
Hobby Service Award.....	73
Mini-Con Calendar.....	73
Boardmasters.....	74
Top Overall Laurelists.....	77
Patrons.....	78
Board of Directors.....	80
WBC 2008 Shirts.....	Inside Back Cover



1541 Redfield Rd., Bel Air, MD 21015-5739
www.boardgamers.org • info@boardgamers.org
 July 31–August 5, 2007 • August 5–10, 2008
 Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA



The Boardgame Players Association is coming off one of its most successful years ever. Attendance reached new heights, boosted primarily by a big surge in Euro enthusiasts. Our 147 adult tournaments included a record 12 events with triple digit entries, 10 of which were at least Euro-esque if not actually made in Europe. Average event size increased by three participants per event to 46.2.

We awarded Laurels to players from 41 different states/provinces and 10 nations. The champions included 17 incumbents who retained their respective titles, four females, and 12 players who claimed multiple titles. The two biggest winners, with a pair of triples, had never won a WBC tournament before. Raphael Lehrer had Euro wins in *Puerto Rico*, *Pillars of the Earth* and *Tara*; while Bert Schoose dominated the Grognard events with wins in *Afrika Korps*, *Panzerblitz* and *The Russian Campaign*. These two performances earned the two players Caesar and runner-up honors and squelched the oft-heard refrain that the Laurels system is stacked against a particular genre.

Overall, 34 “virgins” won their first-ever BPA championship. There were many happy faces among the new champions but perhaps none moreso than 10-year old Danny Lewis, who scored adult Century wood with a win in *Formula Motor Racing*. The Juniors program may be working too well! All told, 101 players earned Laurels for the first time. (See boardgamers.org/l_sumsall.htm for all of the Laurels totals.)

Our expanded Vendors room again sold out and did good business. We also continue to see the expansion of our Boardgames Auction and Auction Store, with Auction sales increasing 19% over 2006 and the store’s volume nearly tripling. (Get the details at boardgamers.org/wbc/auctionsales.htm.) It looks like both are here to stay at the WBC. Something else that is here to stay is Seminars. Our members presented a program for non-gaming spouses, the *Wits & Wagers* game show, and sessions on how to be a GM, understanding probability and decision making, exploring gaming and ethics, and ways to get started in game publishing. John Kranz, founder of *ConsimWorld.com*,

even joined us for a discussion about the hobby and presentation of the Charles S. Roberts Awards for excellence in historical wargaming. (See the inside back cover for highlights of the 2007 awards.) Finally, our Juniors program continued to draw raves, and players, as did a newly initiated series of evening social events for teens. It bodes well for the future of our hobby.

This yearbook celebrates the activities of 2007, highlighting our members’ BPA-related gaming achievements, including WBC (pages 3 through 61), PBEM tournaments (pages 62-63), and our Mini-Cons (pages 64-68). We also recognize the Caesar, GM, Sportsmanship, and Hobby Service Award winners (pages 70-73) and our Patrons and Board Members (pages 78-80) who contribute to making our organization and convention assets to the community of gamers. We’ve added a new section on “Boardmasters,” those players who consistently demonstrate exceptional skill in our tournaments.



Unlike previous years, you will not find scheduling or event information in this document. Instead, it will be published separately as the *2008 WBC Program*, which will be available online and free to everyone who comes to the

convention. This change allows us to preserve our traditions—which we think make BPA stand out in the hobby, while providing us with the flexibility to meet the needs of attendees at WBC. We hope that separating the schedule from the yearbook will make it an even more valuable souvenir that you display and review with pride. Perhaps it will help you get an idea of which events you’d like to play at the upcoming convention—August 5 through 10 in Lancaster, PA—and which gamers you’d like to meet there.

Thus, we issue an invitation for you to participate in this organization and join us for the spectacular week of gaming that is WBC. We rejoice in the presence of fellow gaming hobbyists who share our passion for boardgames. Another kindred soul speaking the gaming jargon of our favorite games, comparing strategies, and swapping “what might have been” stories is our most precious resource.

Don Greenwood, Convention Director
Kaarin Engelman, Asst. Convention Director