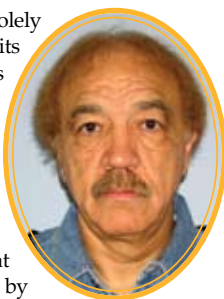




Since BPA exists solely on the basis of its members' willingness to give of themselves for the greater good and their voluntary efforts to support the boardgaming hobby, the Board of Directors has chosen to honor that spirit of volunteerism by singling out those who have done the most to improve the World Boardgaming Championships.



In 2007, the Conference Director selected 12 nominees for the Hobby Service Award. Emphasis was on those who provide behind-the-scenes support rather than only those who do GM duty. Members of the BPA Board of Directors voted by secret ballot, ranking each nominee from 12 (strongest) to 1 (weakest). No nominee received more than two first or two last place votes, with final scores ranging from 26 to 69 votes out of a possible 96 votes.

The eighth recipient of the WBC's Hobby Service Award was Bruno Sinigaglio, with 69 votes.

Past Winners

Stuart Tucker
Kathy Stroh
Steve Okonski
Vince Meconi
Mark McLaughlin
Ken Whitesell
Keith Wixson
Bruno Sinigaglio

Bruno is almost single-handedly responsible for the Grogard Pre-con, where he GMs all eight events until the WBC "day" shift arrives to take over later in the week. Even then, his hand is clearly the driving force in completing the paperwork for

many of these events. He also runs several BPA email tournaments for the classic hex wargames and is largely responsible for their continued survival at WBC with his GM-intensive flexible format scheduling, which is accomplished at the cost of his own Laurel chances. Furthermore, he stepped out of grognard character to Sponsor *Queen's Gambit*, a perennial favorite at WBC. Bruno received an engraved book clock keepsake to commemorate this award. BPA applauds Bruno's efforts—and those of previous recipients—and the shining example they provide for the spirit of volunteerism that drives WBC.

BPA PBeM Tournaments and Mini-Conventions

The big event begins Aug. 5, 2008, but you don't have to suffer while waiting. You can scratch your gaming itch at play-by-e-mail tournaments and any of these fine BPA gaming mini-cons. They offer outstanding competition, the opportunity to earn Laurels and a chance to improve your gaming performance—not to mention, time to have fun! Get more details about any of this gaming—as well as past results—at www.boardgamers.org.

Aug. 2-5, 2008 • **WBC Pre-Cons**

Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA

So many games, so little time. WBC offers a few events for early play without distractions, from wargames to Euros.

Oct. 24-26, 2008 • **Waterloo VI**

Days Hotel, Timonium, MD

Napoleonic Wars in a format of revolving three-player games.

Nov. 6-9, 2008 • **EuroQuest VI**

Days Hotel, Timonium, MD

Tournaments for popular Euro games, open gaming, plus a wild-card event and a hot new Euro title from Essen.

Jan. 22-25, 2009

Winter Activation Meeting (WAM) VII

Days Hotel, Timonium, MD

Four days of two-player card-driven wargames: *Paths of Glory*, *Twilight Struggle*, and more.

March 2009

Enlightenment XII

Days Hotel, Timonium, MD

Four rounds of *Age of Renaissance* and *Manifest Destiny* over three full days.

PBeM Tournaments

Year-round events for selected games, including *Amun Re*, *Breakout: Normandy*, *For the People*, *Here I Stand*, *Manifest Destiny*, *March Madness*, *Paths of Glory*, *The Russian Campaign*, *Saratoga*, *Sword of Rome*, *Twilight Struggle*, and *Victory in the Pacific*.



What attracts us to these wonderful games? For some, it's the competition. When the mind is willing but the body isn't—and our athletic ambitions are just a receding memory in the rear view mirror of life, we need to look elsewhere for our vicarious thrills. Games allow us to experience some of the euphoria of leading troops into battle or coaching an NCAA team to the Final Four without the accompanying heartache. Thus, we have become gamers, forgetting for a time our mundane troubles and losing ourselves in the glory of the moment.

That is where WBC plays a role. Those of us who carry our gaming to the highest level, search out others who share our passion and can provide ever greater challenges. For ultimately, it's not about winning so much as the sense of achievement gained during the attempt to excel. To quote Tom Hank's line from *A League of Their Own*—"It's supposed to be hard—that's what makes it great".

Boardgames have been all about winning since the first plastic pawn circled a gameboard. The individuals pictured in this section are some of those who truly stand out as Boardmasters at WBC. Whether being among the best competitors in a single title or across the entire convention, all display excellence in gaming ability. Their raw talent and skill, vast experience, and ability to call upon Lady Luck has propelled them to the top on multiple occasions. We salute them and look forward to seeing new talent join their ranks. (Note that Devin Flawd only needs two more championships in Paydirt to match his father Harry's record of six wins.)

On the last page of this section, are the top overall Laurelists. Gamers are a diverse lot. The Laurels record serves to give us all a common language, whether we play *ASL* or *Puerto Rico*. The common denominator of Laurels earned in BPA competition is all part and parcel of that magic "focus" that sets the WBC apart from other gaming conventions. Everyone who competes has the opportunity to earn them. Results are posted to each game's online (boardgamers.org/yearbook) and printed yearbook page. Overall Laurels per person are posted to the Laurel Sums page (boardgamers.org/l_sumsall.htm). We doff our hats to the top gamers listed here, and encourage everyone to look back at their own personal best and set the mark a little higher each time they play, measured in the enjoyment of the moment or chances at wood.

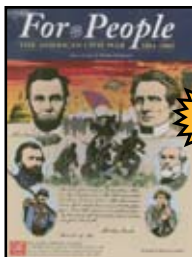
Longest Current Championship Streak at WBC



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Chris Withers, CA



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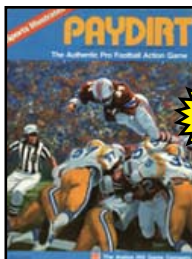
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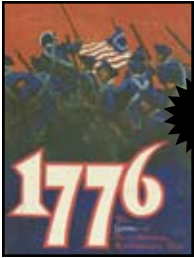
Devin Flawd, PA



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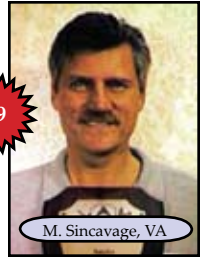


Bruce Beard, MD



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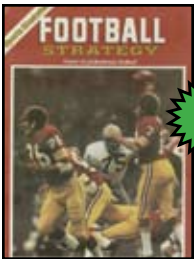
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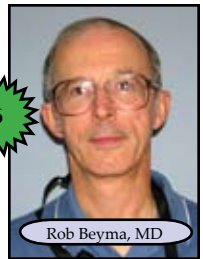
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James Pei, VA



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Bruce Reiff, OH



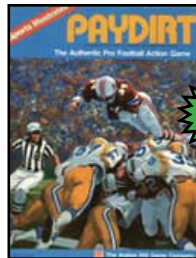
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Rob Beyma, MD



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Tim Dolan, NJ



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Harry Flawd, PA



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Phil Rennert, MD



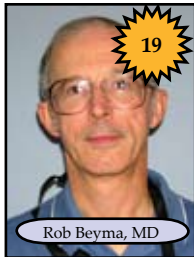
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W. Rohrbeck, NH

Most Championships in One Event



Most Wood (WBC, Mini-Cons, PBeM)



Most Opponents Defeated

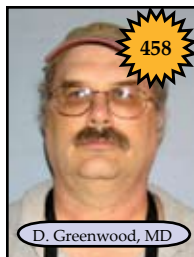
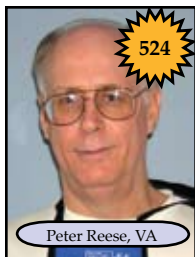


Most Different Events Won





**at the end of 2007.*



Top Twenty Overall Laurelists*



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Terms and Conditions of Membership: Membership in the BPA secures voting rights. Also, different levels of membership provide the specified number of votes. Membership is required for participation in Play-By-e-Mail (PBeM) tournaments. Certain levels of membership provide admission to the World Boardgaming Championships and a listing in the annual BPA Yearbook. Multi-day General Admission to WBC grants Associate Membership in the BPA. Those who attend via Guest Pass are not BPA members.

- **Associate status** is granted with all WBC Admissions, except Guest Passes. Associate status or higher is required for participation in BPA-sponsored PBeM tournaments. WBC Admission is not included. Yearbook is NOT included. No discounts apply. This level grants 1 vote.
- **General status** extended to those who will not be attending the full week of WBC but would like to have membership in the Association. This level of membership includes WBC admission for only those days purchased. It is only available on the WBC Pre-Registration Form. Yearbook is NOT included. This level grants 1 vote.
- **Charter status** is applied to anyone who supported the BPA via a membership at the Charter, Team or Sponsor membership levels during the critical start up year of 1999. Such early supporters can maintain their Charter status by continuing their BPA membership at the Sustaining or higher level. Charter status is listed on the BPA Patrons page in the Yearbook. This level grants 3 votes.
- **Sustaining members** receive admission to the entire World Boardgaming Championships (Tues-Sun). Yearbook is included ONLY if paid by Dec. 31. This level grants 2 votes.
- **Tribune members** receive all Sustaining-level benefits, plus admission to all associated Pre-Cons. (A Pre-Con is any of several separate events occurring on the days immediately preceding WBC.) Tribune members have the ability to transfer and/or accumulate unused admissions to WBC. In addition, they receive a listing on the BPA Patrons page in the BPA Yearbook. Yearbook is included. This level grants 3 votes.
- **Sponsor members** receive all Tribune-level benefits. In addition, a Sponsor may introduce a new Trial event, provided a Game Master volunteers to run that event. Yearbook is included. This level grants 3 votes.
- **Vendor status** is applied to all Vendors at WBC. They receive two admissions to WBC per space purchased. These memberships are not transferrable. Yearbook is NOT included. This level grants 2 votes per space.

These terms and conditions may be changed by the Board of Directors at any time, provided that the Company shall honor the benefits of any membership which were in effect at the time such membership was issued. Members are accepted at the discretion of the Board of Directors pursuant to the by-laws of the Company. Members who join between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31 may participate in the selection of Trial Events for WBC. Members who join between Dec. 1 and July 15 may participate in the election of the BPA Board of Directors for that year. All members who join between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31 of the following year are entitled to participate in BPA PBeM tournaments begun in the year of their membership for the duration of that tournament.



All Boardgame Players Association (BPA) members of record as of June 1, 2008, 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.

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 attachment to 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.

Note that all paying attendees of WBC—other than one-day guests—are BPA members with voting rights. Printed ballots will be mailed separately from the yearbook. 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 www.boardgamers.org/forms/boardballot.shtml.

All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the BPA at 3 pm on Tues., Aug. 5, 2008, in the Lancaster Showroom at 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.

The Board would like to publicly thank the three board members whose terms are up in 2008. They have contributed greatly to the success of this organization.

2006 - 2008 Bruce Monnin, OH	2006 - 2008 Ken Gutermuth, TX	2006 - 2008 K. Engelmann, VA	2007 - 2009 Andy Lewis, DE	2007 - 2009 D. Greenwood, MD
				
				
2007 - 2009 Ken Whitesell, PA	2008 - 2010 B. Passacantando, CT	2008 - 2010 Keith Levy, MD	2008 - 2010 Bruce Reiff, OH	

Back to the Future With Shirts



You've heard the saying that what's old is new again. In 2008, it will apply to the World Boardgaming Championships souvenir t-shirts. After years of hearing folks say that they miss the original simple silk screened shirts featuring the BPA logo, WBC location and date, we've decided to act. This year we will return to the time tested technology of the past and return to basics, much the way WBC itself focuses on play of the games.

The custom made shirts of recent years which featured Design Your Own variations of numerous game covers proved to be far too time intensive and suffered from a number of drawbacks. Quality proved elusive and the costs became prohibitive. We have therefore "thrown in the towel" — or the shirt, in this case—and admitted that we cannot make the shirts on site as we promised last year with less than the hoped for timely results.

Consequently, we will offer the same pre-ordered silk screened shirts of yesteryear and will pass on the savings to you in the form of lower prices. Sizes S through XL will be available for a mere \$12 for pickup at WBC. For sizes XXL and XXXL, add \$4. To get these bargain prices, you must pre-order the item on the enclosed order form and submit it to BPA, 1541 Redfield Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015 before July 15. Orders placed after this date or at the WBC will not be fulfilled in time to be picked up at WBC and will incur a \$5 surcharge for postal delivery.

WBC Auction Store Changes for 2008

Just like the last couple of years, the WBC will continue to offer the Auction Store as a supplement to the Auction. The Auction Store is like a flea market except the BPA runs the entire shebang so you can pay attention to the Auction or play games. The Store will be inside the Lancaster Showroom next to the Auction and will run concurrently with it. So you'll be able to check out the Store while the Auction is ongoing without missing any of the action.

Based on the popularity of the Auction Store and administration time required, Auction Store items will need to be pre-registered this year in the same way as items designated for the Auction. Anyone who would like to sell games in the Auction Store should download the Auction Store Seller Registration Sheet (available in Excel or PDF) by July 27, 2008, and submit it via e-mail to WBCAuctionStore@boardgamers.org. After processing the submission, the Auction Store Administrator will provide Lot Numbers for the items.

An Auction Store Item Sheet (available in Word or PDF) with the assigned Lot Number should be completed for each lot designated for the Auction Store. Tape the Auction Store Item Sheet to items using painters' tape. Instead of setting a minimum bid, set the sales price for the lot. You may set three different prices based on the time the item sells. No item will be accepted for the Store with a price of more than \$30. Placing an item or lot into the Auction Store costs 25 cents and is non-refundable. In addition, sellers pay from the proceeds a sales fee from 50 cents to \$3 based on the item's selling price. (See boardgamers.org for details on the fees.) Drop off Auction Store items with the sheets attached and pick up unsold items at the end of Store hours. The Store hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Prices will change (at your discretion) at Noon and 2 p.m.





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Age of Renaissance
Age of Steam
Agricola
Air Baron
Alhambra
Amazing Space Venture
Amun-Re
Anzio
Athens & Sparta
Atlantic Storm
Attack Sub
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B-17
Battle Cry
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Battleline
BattleLore
Bitter Woods
Brawling Battleship Steel
Breakout Normandy
Britannia
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Candidate
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Hamburgum
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Hannibal: Rome vs Carthage
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History of the World
Imperial
Ingenious
Ivanhoe
Kaiser's Pirates
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Lost Cities
Manoeuvre
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March Madness
Medici
Memoir '44
Merchant of Venus
Monsters Ravage America
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Waterloo: Fate of France
We The People
Wellington
Wilderness War
Win, Place & Show
Winds of Plunder
Wooden Ships & Iron Men
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Italics: Trial Event; Bold: New Event; Regular: Century Event; see previews at boardgamers.org/yearbkex