



2009 Results

♣ Brian Sutton, MD
 ♠ Andrew Wilson, NJ
 ♠ Tony Musella, VA
 ♠ Alex Bell, MD
 ♠ Karl Henning, CT
 ♠ Greg Zegalia, PA

♣ Buddy Sinigaglio, CO
 † 41 📖 2002-2009



2009 Results

♣ Phil White, MD
 ♠ Haim Hochboim, is
 ♠ Seth Gunar, NJ
 ♠ Jim Bell, MD
 ♠ John Weber, MD
 ♠ Angelo Ricchiuto, PA

♣ John McLaughlin, VA
 † 53 📖 1999-01; 05-09



Brian Sutton, MD

Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	79
Brian Sutton, MD	78
Karl Henning, CT	57
Alex Bell, MD	39
Buddy Sinigaglio, CO	34
Nick Page, on	30
William Sparks, MD	30
Phil Rennert, MD	27
Sean McCulloch, OH	25
Bill Morse, VA	24



Phil White, MD

Top Laurelists

Seth Gunar, NJ	78
Phillip White, MD	42
Steve Caler, OH	36
Kevin Brown, GA	30
Jean Younkin, VA	30
Devin Flawd, PA	30
Tim Dolan, NJ	30
Jim Bell, MD	27
Haim Hochboim, is	18
Derek Miller, VA	18

Star Wars; Queen's Gambit (QGB)

Attendance was down in an event whose long term prospects are hindered by a paucity of games for the long out-of-print title. The Naboo won 22 of 41 Preliminary games. There is no time limit in the prelims and this slants things towards the Naboo. In the time-limited playoffs, the Trade Federation wins if it is still standing after two hours—reflecting the time-limited aspect of the battle in the theatre. In 2009, the Trade Federation won nine of the 15 playoff games, so the final tally was Naboo 28, Darth Maul 28.

16 players advanced to the playoffs, including past champs Brian Sutton, Karl Henning, William Sparks and the only two-time champ, Larry Lingle. Two previous champs, Buddy Sinigaglio and Nick Page, did not get past the preliminaries. Others making it into the playoff rounds included Sean "Jar Jar Binks" McCulloch, Carolyn "Lady Lumiya" Strock, David "Tion Medon" Meyaard, Daniel "Djas Puhr" Long, Aaron "Mustafarian Flea Rider" Fuegi, Gino "Vornskr" Sinigaglio and Andrew "Krayt Dragon" Sinigaglio.

In order to reach the Final, Brian "Bossk" Sutton eliminated veterans Tony Musella and Rob Flowers as well as past champion "Sith Witch" Henning. On his way to the title game, Andrew "Wat Tambor" Wilson had to defeat Zuckuss Zegalia, Padawan Bell and past champion "Wampa" Sparks. In the Final, Sutton bested Wilson in a hard fought contest that could have gone either way.

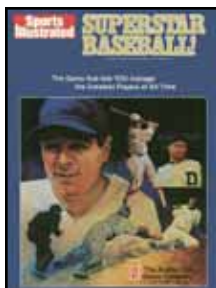


Stock Car Championship (SCC)

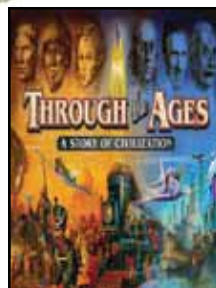
A traffic-jamming 26 drivers earned their way into the grand oval title race this year, ensuring a full house as the race got underway. Ken Richards in the #10 Tide car took an early lead from pole sitter Phil White in the #33 Old Spice car while Virginia Melton (#57 Halloween Havoc) and John Wellage (#21 Air Force) tried repeatedly to get to the front. Defending Champion Steve Caler (#19 Dodge) had engine trouble from the start and tried desperately to hold on to position but his repeat chances looked grim.

The first big wreck happened on lap 36 as Melton #57 bounced off the retaining wall, collecting Steve Cameron (#37 Little Caesars) and Luke Koleszare (#66 K-Mart) in her wake and sending all three back to their trailers trading "woman driver" jokes. Caler took advantage of the resulting yellow flag to clear up his engine problems. Ken Richards pulled away from the pack on the restart, taking two-time champ Seth Gunar (#42 Havoline) with him. Anthony Ricchiuto (#6 AAA) was first out of the pits and held on to the lead until lap 183 when Gunar followed Joseph Betz (#28 Texaco) to the front and passed him convincingly for the lead. He lead until lap 249 when the lead draft ran into some slow traffic which ultimately allowed Jim Doughtan (#29 Scooby Doo) to get to the front and lead them into the pits for the last time. In the final lap, Doug Porterfield (#23 John Deere) passed ten cars in a valiant attempt to win but it was Phil White who passed Gunar on the outside for the win.





2009 Results
 🏆 Rich Moyer, MN
 ⚾ Terry Coleman, CA
 ⚾ Harry Flawd, PA
 ⚾ Doug Galullo, FL
 🏠 Bill Ashbaugh, NY
 🏠 Bill Beckman, SC
 🏠 Chris Palermo, NY
 † 52 📖 '91-'94, '96-'09



2009 Results
 🏆 Raphael Lehrer, CA
 ⚾ Joel Lytle, NY
 ⚾ Rob Flowers, MD
 ⚾ Joe Lux, NJ
 🏠 Jason Ley, WA
 🏠 Rich Atwater, WA
 🏠 Raphael Lehrer, CA
 † 32 📖 2008-2009



Rich Moyer, MN

Top Laurelists

Rich Moyer, MN	110
Harry Flawd, PA	82
Chris Palermo, NY	47
Bill Beckman, SC	44
Mark Giddings, NY	40
Terry Coleman, CA	28
Randy Cox, SC	28
Ken Samuel, VA	28
Devin Flawd, PA	22
John Welage, OH	20



Raphael Lehrer, CA

Top Laurelists

Raphael Lehrer, CA	52
Jason Ley, WA	48
Joel Lytle, NY	24
David Metzger, NY	24
Rob Flowers, MD	16
Eric Brosius, MA	16
Joe Lux, NJ	12
David desJardins, CA	8
Rich Atwater, WA	4
Aran Warszawski, is	4

Superstar Baseball (SSB)

The event continued its recent record growth; increasing by nearly 24% with 227 games played. The format was still free-form; but each day would reset, and each day's heat would advance its own winner, with second place finishers added, as needed to round the playoff field to six. The six playoff teams (sorted by winning percentage) were: 1. Rich Moyer '31 Philadelphia As; 2. Terry Coleman '27 NY Yankees; 3. Bill Beckman '48 Cleveland Indians; 4. Bill Ashburgh '04 Anaheim Angels; 5. Doug Galullo '61 NY Yankees; 6) Harry Flawd '86 Houston Astros.

Throughout the heats, the Indians and As appeared the most formidable teams, routinely scoring double-digit runs. In the first playoff, Galullo's Yankees upset Ashburgh's Angels 7-5. Flawd's Astros followed with another upset taking out the #3 seed Indians 1-0 on a 11-inning complete game by Mike Scott. Moyer's As backed up their #1 seed by dominating the '61 Yanks 15-4. Coleman's Yanks had a harder time in the other semi-final vs the overachieving Astros, winning 4-3.

In the Final, any expectation of a slugfest between the two teams was quickly put to rest, as only one team got that memo. The As rushed out to a 5-1 lead after three, behind eight hits, including a 2-run homer by Mickey Cochrane and coasted to a 12-5 win. Rich Moyer, who since the reformat of the SSB tournament has made this his own personal playground, successfully defended his title and won 2009 Consul honors in the process.



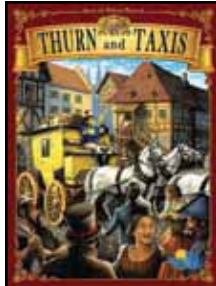
Through the Ages (AGE)

The highest scorer in the heats was Tom Cannon with 267 points, and the closest game was newbie Doug Gallulo's upset of defending champion Jason Ley by two points (who evidently taught the game to his opponent too well.) Five double winners (Cannon, Rob Flowers, Michael Rogozinski, Joel Lytle and Raphael Lehrer) led a total of 13 winners. In a reversal from last year's poorly attended semi-final, all of them arrived for a round in which there were only 12 slots. While Ley was #13, Brian Hanechak generously gave up his spot, allowing Jason to advance.

The semi-final was composed of four 3-player games. By luck of the draw, three of the five double winners were matched together with Raphael beating John and Tom 236-169-127. The other two double winners each won their respective tables—Joel 204-159-134, and Rob over Jason in a tiebreak 157-157-81. The fourth was won by Joe Lux 157-144-130.

As is usually the case, the first two ages of the Final were basically setup for Age III, where most of the action took place. Raphael went stone-crazy, sacrificing much of his army to gain the Wealthy II colony and promptly replacing Napoleon with Ghandi to allow him to fall behind on the arms race. He put the stone advantage towards finishing the Eiffel Tower and building three multimedia libraries—which led him to produce a powerful 20 culture/turn and 13 science/turn before rebuilding his army. Final scores were Raphael 179, Joel 151, Rob 144, and Joe 131.



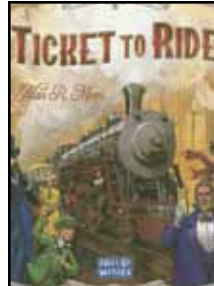


2009 Results

♣ Andy Latto, MA
 ♠ Karl Henning, VT
 ♣ Sarah Beach, MD
 ♠ Daniel Eppolito, NV
 ♠ Tom DeMarco, NJ
 ♠ Ivan Lawson, MD

♣ Andy Latto, MA

† 68 📖 2006-2009



2009 Results

♣ Kyle Greenwood, HI
 ♠ Jay Fox, NJ
 ♠ Steve Shambeda, PA
 ♠ Kathy Kilroy, PA
 ♠ Philip Shea, PA
 ♠ Alan Elkner, NJ

♣ Claire Brosius, MA

† 220 📖 2004-2009



Andy Latto, MA

Top Laurelists

Andy Latto, MA	100
Anne Norton, NJ	57
Tom DeMarco, NJ	40
Rob Kircher, RI	34
Raphael Lehrer, MD	32
Rod Spade, MD	30
David Meyaard, CT	24
Cliff Ackman, PA	20
Amy Rule, MD	20
Karl Henning, VT	18



Kyle Greenwood, HI

Top Laurelists

Virginia Colin, VA	64
Kyle Greenwood, HI	60
John Faella, RI	60
Daniel Karp, MD	48
Tom Dunning, NY	44
Steve Shambeda, PA	42
Brittany Bernard, PA	40
Eric Monte, NY	40
Blair Morgen, NJ	40
Jay Fox, NJ	36

Thurn & Taxis (T&T)

The Final saw Sarah Beach and Daniel Eppolito pursuing a long-route strategy, while Andy Latto and Karl Henning went for fast carriages. Karl had a strong start, drawing Lodz and Pilsen on Turn 1. But he couldn't find Regensburg or Nurnberg to extend the route to three. Daniel could not find the cards he wanted, clearing three times in the first four turns, and often thereafter. The Turn-4 clear showed him six useless cards, and he would have had to discard his route, but a blind draw from the deck produced the card he wanted. On his second route, Daniel scored all eight Bavarian cities in a single route.

Andy went straight for the 7 carriage, using the cartwright on his second, third, and fourth routes. With four cards in his next route, Andy was set up to cartwright a fourth time and end the game on Turn 15. Karl, who went 4th, saw that he would need to gamble, and left himself with a 4-card route and no cards in hand. Andy, who went first, used the cartwright to get his 7 carriage and trigger the endgame, proving that Karl's gamble was necessary. After Sarah's turn, no card Karl could use was visible, so he was in danger of discarding his final route. But Daniel, who had completed a route the previous turn, elected to clear, leaving the card Karl needed to complete his route, complete the greens, and cartwright for the 7 carriage. But this strong finish was not strong enough. Andy still outscored Karl 18 to 17, ending the game and extending his winning streak to three years.

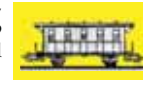


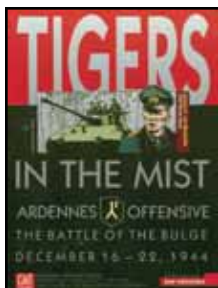
Ticket to Ride (TTR)

A quarter-final round was added so that all winners could advance but good intentions often have unforeseen consequences and even with 103 games played, that resulted in many non-winners advancing equally during the wrapup as three elimination rounds on Sunday ran afoul of travel plans. Scores fluctuated wildly from the teens to a whopping 205 in a 1910 game. Henry Dove had the 205, making eight of nine tickets, getting most tickets bonus and longest train.

Our four finalists were Kathy Kilroy, Kyle Greenwood, Jay Fox, and Steve Shambeda. Kyle was originally "on the bubble" at number 100, but he showed for the quarter-final, won that and his semi to get into the Final. Going forward, the quarter-final will be limited strictly to winners of Preliminary games.

In the Final, the Northeast was locked up very quickly blocking Kathy from making any of her tickets and giving her a frustrating fourth. Steve made four of six tickets and was third with 74. Jay came in second with 112 making three of four tickets and getting longest route. Kyle Greenwood, who got hot at the right time, became our champion with a score of 154, making all five of his tickets and getting the most tickets bonus. Kyle and runner-up Jay Fox hit paydirt after the fact when Days of Wonder extended a qualifying invitation to the American championships which, if successful, will earn them a trip to Paris to play in their World Championship.





2009 Results
 ♣ Mike Mishler, CA
 ♠ Jim Winslow, ME
 ♠ Ray Freeman, CA
 ♠ Mark Kolenski, MA
 ♠ Bryan Eshleman, NC
 ♠ Brad Jones, FL
 ♣ Ray Freeman, CA
 † 16 📖 2000-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ David Finberg, MA
 ♠ Jason Ley, WA
 ♠ Jonathan Barnes, CA
 ♠ Akihisa Tabei, jp
 ♠ Arthur Wines, PA
 ♠ Rich Atwater, WA
 ♣ Bruno Wolff, WI
 † 42 📖 1991-2009



Top Laurelists

Ray Freeman, CA	178
Jim Winslow, ME	90
Bryan Eshleman, NC	86
Tom Thorsen, NY	82
Mike Mishler, CA	66
Rick Young, NC	61
Brad Jones, FL	60
Robert Mull, CO	36
Murray Cowles, uk	32
John Ellsworth, IL	30



Top Laurelists

Dave Finberg, MA	219
Aaron Fuegi, MA	193
Jason Ley, GA	141
David desJardines, CA	140
Rich Atwater, WA	103
Brian Sutton, MD	97
Steve Koleszar, VA	84
Kevin Hillock, VA	80
Dan Strock, PA	72
Ed Rothenheber, MD	70

Tigers in the Mist (TIM)

The Germans won ten of 20 games with two draws. Despite that, 12 of the 20 games had bids for the U.S.

In the 4th and last Swiss round Mike Mishler was paired with Jim Winslow while Ray Freeman was left to deal with Mark Kolenski in the only games with an effect on the outcome. This was a little unsettling. If Mark and Mike both won, they would be tied for 1st with 3.5 points, and since they had played to a draw in Round 2, they would have to play a fifth game.

Mike took the US for a bid of 1.0. Jim got off to a good start, although the bridges stayed down until the 17th. Mike had to leave a hole at Martelange in order to get two units into Bastogne. Jim hit Bastogne on 17-3 with a 7-2 attack, but failed to clear it. On 17-3, Mike threw the 10th Armor into Bastogne and took few casualties, having seven SP survive. Jim managed some nice gains elsewhere on the 18th, taking Neufchateau and Bararque on 18-1 and releasing 2SS Pz on 18-2. However, Mike held bitterly on to Bastogne until 19-1 and managed to slow the German drive sufficiently to prevent the loss of any other VPs or a breakout across the Meuse.

In the other game, Ray got off to a horrible start but on 19-1 the Germans found their dice hand and cleared every area attacked. When a desperate counterattack at Houffalize was shot to pieces, Mark resigned. Mike Mishler had become the new champion with three US wins and a draw.



Titan (TTN)

Jonathan Barnes did a great David & Goliath impersonation as he became the youngest player to make the Final at just 11 years of age—overcoming three former finalists to make the Final.

Akihisa Tabei increased his reputation as an aggressive player by attacking Finberg's titan legion on Turn 1 of the Final! This is the only Turn 1 attack that has occurred in an official WBC game, let alone a Final. Akihisa attacked knowing that David had recruited a troll, but not that it contained his titan, with his titan legion which did not have any ogres. He did not get lucky early and had to commit his titan to try to get his angel in, forcing David to risk his titan to end the battle before the angel arrived. In the end David had the same legion contents he started with, 84 points and a more open board. However he was shaken by the attack and it negatively impacted his play.

Jonathan was the next player out. David attacked him in the plains with a 13-4 titan, two angels, two rangers, two trolls and an archangel available to summon. David survived with a 15-4 titan, archangel, two angels, a ranger and troll. Jason Ley resigned once David had turned that troll into a giant and Jason felt he couldn't win even if he got to David's titan legion, giving him no reasonable chance to even get lucky at that point. David had a pretty commanding position at the end, but up until the giant was recruited Jason thought that he might have a small chance in a titan-on-titan battle.





2009 Results

♣ D. desJardins, CA
 ♠ Aaron Fuegi, MA
 ♠ David Finberg, MA
 ♠ Sean McCulloch, OH
 ♠ Bruno Wolff, WI
 ♠ David Platnick, VA

♣ Rich Atwater, WA

† 30 📖 1994-2009



2009 Results

♣ Greg Crowe, MD
 ♠ Evan Hitchings, DE
 ♠ Rebecca Melton, VA
 ♠ Greg Zegalia, PA
 ♠ Devin Flawd, PA
 ♠ Rebecca Hebner, CA

♣ Greg Crowe, MD

† 91 📖 1997-2009



David desJardins, CA

Top Laurelists

Aaron Fuegi, MA	136
David desJardins, CA	131
Brian Sutton, MD	69
Dan Strock, PA	55
Andrew Gross, WA	49
David Finberg, MA	42
Sean McCulloch, OH	39
Jason Ley, WA	38
John Sharp III, FL	32
Ed Rothenheber, MD	30



Greg Crowe, MD

Top Laurelists

Rebecca Hebner, CA	57
Alan Witte, NJ	50
Harry Flawd, PA	42
Joseph Sposito, NJ	40
Devin Flawd, PA	38
Bruce Monnin, OH	38
Dan Eshleman, NC	36
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	35
Robert Kircher, RI	33
Greg Crowe, MD	30

Titan Two (TT2)

The first heat included an upset by Marc Berenbach of past champion Brian Sutton. In one unusual early development, all six warlocks were recruited by Turn 5 in the Sean McCulloch-David Gubbay match, eventually won by Sean. In the third round, there was a match decided by a zero-zero score as Dave Finberg topped Robert Barnes.

In one semi-final match of past champions, Aaron Fuegi squared off against Sean McCulloch. The final battle took place while both titans were still six-die, and six-hit titans. Sean had a single warlock and attempted to use the warlock's range strike to off Aaron's titan, getting four hits by range strike before Aaron was able to prevail. In the other semi-final, the last battle between David Finberg with a ten-die titan and David desJardins with a nine-die titan ended in a mutual, both titans reaching the hit limit on the same strike phase. By tournament rule, the attacker rolls a strike with nine dice, attempting to get five hits of 4, 5, or 6 on a die, a fifty-fifty chance. The roll-off was won by David desJardins, advancing to the Final yet again.

The Final was quick, only six turns were needed. David recruited two warlocks then attacked one of Aaron's two stacks on Turn 3. The stack was Aaron's angel, so his titan was still alive after the angel stack died. Three turns later,



David's former angel stack, with the angel now available to summon, caught up to Aaron's titan and finished the task.

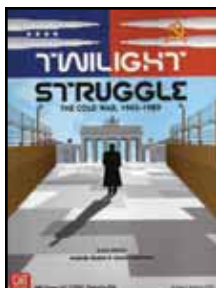
Titan; The Arena (TTA)

Only 20 qualifiers and three alternates partook of the semi-final round with two seats going begging. There was no less than a 4-way tie for first in one semi, which gave Rebecca Hebner the consolation of at least getting 6th-place Laurels for coming in second on the tiebreaker.

With the GM playing at the Final table for the first time in seven years at the helm of this event, Rebecca also GM'd the Final. Also notable was the presence of another Rebecca—Melton—recently graduated from the WBC Juniors, who had rolled her three straight Junior TTA titles into a seat at the big Final without breaking a sweat. Welcome to the bigs.

The Final started idyllically with each player augmenting their secret bet with a Round 1 wager, and the hydra being eliminated to no one's distress. The Round 2 elimination of the dragon also left all Round 1 bets intact, though Greg Z's Round 2 bet was lost. With the death of Evan's unicorn (and the bets of both Gregs), things got a little dicey. Rebecca's ranger was next to go, ending her chances. In the last round, if any of the remaining creatures save the warlock died, Devin would win, and his plays seemed to indicate he knew it on some level. However, Evan and Greg C. both had nothing on the warlock, and conspired against it. Evan had to hope that Greg C.'s secret bet was already dead, as Greg led Evan by a point on the table. As it turned out, Greg C.'s secret bet was on the surviving titan, giving him the win.





2009 Results
 ♣ Chris Withers, CA
 ♠ Randy Pippus, on
 ♠ Rick Young, NC
 ♠ Stefan Mecay, TX
 ♠ M. Wallschlaeger, WI
 ♠ Dave Gerson, CA
 ♣ George Young, VT
 † 66 📖 2006-2009



2009 Results
 ♣ Jeff Spaner, MD
 ♠ Herbert Gratz, aa
 ♠ Paul Wright, PA
 ♠ Kevin Emery, SC
 ♠ Ed Kendrick, uk
 ♠ John Emery, SC
 ♣ Jim Burnett, TN
 † 23 📖 1991-2009



Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	293
Chris Withers, CA	101
Rick Young, NC	100
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	70
Keith Wixson, NJ	66
Bill Edwards, VA	54
Bruce Monnin, OH	42
Stuart Tucker, MD	31
Chris Byrd, CT	30
Randy Pippus, on	30



Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	161
Bruce Young, SC	141
Ray Stakenas II, MI	106
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	68
Paul Wright, PA	52
Ed Kendrick, uk	51
Ray Stakenas Sr, MI	46
Larry Davidson, CA	46
Herbert Gratz, aa	34
Jeff Spaner, MD	30

Twilight Struggle (TWS)

We employed a new balancing rule with Early War scoring cards shuffled back in the deck on Turn 4 rather than Turn 3, but the Russians reacted with a 39-17 edge despite side bids of 3 or 4 for the Reds. The challenge for the larger field was to finally dethrone three-time champion Stefan Mecay. Stefan proceeded to mow down the opposition as usual, but in the round of six, he finally met his match. Chris Withers bid 4 for the Russians, then proceeded to defeat Stefan who blew up the world as he was finally backed into the same corner which he had painted so many others into. Meanwhile, Rick Young, having finished second several times, defeated Dave Gerson, also in a Defcon 1 victory and Randy Pippus knocked off Mike Wallschlaeger.

With the field at three, Dave Gerson volunteered to play the spoiler to prevent a bye. As luck would have it, he was matched with Rick again. Dave bid 4 for the Russians, then proceeded to knock out Rick with an AV on Turn 7. That meant that the other game between Randy and Chris was now for the title. Chris once again got the Russians with a 4 bid and jumped to an early lead, headlining Vietnam Revolts and rolling a 6 on a coup of Iran while taking Thailand and South Korea. Russia's positional advantage was enhanced by De-



Stalinization into South America and three plays of Red Scare (Turns 3, 6 and 7) including a Blockade Combo that ruined West Germany. The US and Randy never recovered.

Up Front (UPF)

A total of seven former champs were on hand to once again take the challenge. By the fourth round, all the 3-0's were former champions with several other former winners at 2-1. Champs Emery, Kendrick, Gratz, and Wright had beaten the gauntlet once again and were envisioning more wood vs titleless contenders Kevin Emery, William Kendrick, Wade Fowble, and Jeff Spaner. The elimination rounds began coincidentally by matching the titled vs the titleless—a process that split the two groups with Gratz and Wright holding course and young Emery and Spaner still breathing the rarified air of the semis. Once again champions were matched against newbies. Gratz's Germans assaulted Emery's Russian fortification (Scenario C) and Wright's American patrol met Spaner's Germans (Scenario A) with the Wehrmacht squads victorious on both fronts.

The City Fight Final pit Gratz's Germans vs Spaner's Reds. The first deck ended with the Germans slightly ahead. But things changed when Herbert's squad leader caught a 6 check in Deck 2 and his ASL attracted another 6 shot at the start of Deck 3—leaving him with a permanent disadvantage with a four-card hand despite advantageous terrain. Eventually the Russian firepower superiority made itself felt and enough Germans fell to break the German squad with only a third of the deck to go. Jeff Spaner became our 12th different champion in 19 years.





2009 Results

♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 ♠ Nick Page, on
 ♡ Scott Chupack, IL
 ♢ Mike Kaltman, PA
 ♣ William Herbst, NY
 ♤ Andrew Gerb, MD

♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 † 67 📖 2008-2009



2009 Results

♣ Michael Kaye, MD
 ♠ Darren Kilfara, uk
 ♡ Andy Gardner, VA
 ♢ Ted Drozd, IL
 ♣ Pat Richardson, FL
 ♤ Ed Paule, NJ

♣ John Sharp, FL
 † 37 📖 1991-2009



Eric Freeman, PA

Top Laurelists

Andrew Gerb, MD	33
Eric Freeman, PA	30
Nick Page, on	18
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	18
Scott Chupack, IL	12
Kevin Brown, GA	12
Mike Kaltman, PA	9
Robb Effinger, on	9
William Herbst, NY	6
Chris Robbins, UT	6



Michael Kaye, MD

Top Laurelists

Dan Henry, IL	272
Andy Gardner, VA	258
Michael Kaye, MD	246
Ed Menzel, CA	214
Charlie Drozd, IL	152
Darren Kilfara, uk	146
Alan Applebaum, MA	113
John Pack, CO	96
Michael Ussery, MD	78
Joe Dragan, MI	66

Vegas Showdown (VSD)

Alfred Smith was the only double winner in the Preliminaries, while defending champion Andrew Gerb took a 1st and 2nd in his two heats. The closest game saw Tom Bissa sneak by Andrea Wicks, Lexi Shea and David Gagne, by one, two, and six points respectively. The biggest win was by Nick Page, whose 88 points swamped his nearest rival by 33.

Eric Freeman used an income strategy (10 pts for highest revenue and population) to nip Gerb by a point and Don Tatum by four in the closest of the semis. Scott Chupack rode slots (4), fancy slots (3), plus eight points in diamond scoring to win by seven. Nick Page used a "Fame" strategy behind Lounges (3), Fancy Lounges (2), and a Theatre plus eight diamond points to win by nine. Mike Kaltman with a balanced strategy won by six. William Herbst won the tightest grouped semi by nine over last place.

On Turn 5 Nick bought a bargain Nightclub for \$15 to take an early lead in the Final. Eric and Mike followed with bargain buys of a \$12 High Rollers Room and Buffet a turn later. Turn 10 proved decisive as the Good Relations card (must outbid by 2) came up along with the PR Scandal (No Publicity). By virtue of being early in the turn order, Eric and Scott were able to get bargains on premier tiles (\$15



Fancy Restaurant and Fancy Lounge respectively), while Mike and Nick had to settle for base price slots and restaurant. The final scores were: Eric 77, Nick 69, Scott 67, Mike 59.

Victory in the Pacific (VIP)



A total of 73 games were played during the event's first format change, going to 5/3 Swiss elim after 18 years of a seven-round Swiss. The bids jumped a half POC to a 4.4275 average. Undefeated Andy Gardner was the top seed for the elimination rounds, followed by (in order of Swiss finish after tie-breakers) Mike Kaye (4-1), Darren Kilfara (4-1), Ted Drozd (4-1), Pat Richardson (3-2), Ed Paule (3-2), Mark Booth (3-2) and Ed Menzel (3-2). The #1 seed fell immediately to #8 after eight brutal turns. Kilfara #3 beat Paule #6 in eight. Kaye #2 downed Booth #7, while #5 Pat took out #4 Ted in six turns.

Ed took the Allies and 4.5 POC against Darren's IJN in an eight-turn SEASAW battle that ran a full eight turns, with Darren's IJN finally winning because the IJN LBA held Hawaii! The other semi-final saw Mike's IJN prevail with a 6.0 bid. Early turns were nip and tuck, with Pat boring holes in the IJN perimeter as the POC mounted. Pat snatched bases from the Japanese, making inroads against the IJN flags. The crowning point on Turn 6 occurred as the Allies drove for Indonesia bases. The IJN sank the Marine, the Allies missed Yokosuka, and the Philippines fell to the Yokosuka SNLF. Losing that key base, the Allies conceded.

In the Final, Mike bid 5.5 for the Japanese, and Darren lost four CV's (one each to the mighty Hosho and the I-Boat) on Turn 2. On Turn 3, five of 6 Allied LBA were lost in Hawaii without sinking a CV. The concession came on Turn 5.





2009 Results

- ♣ Pat Richardson, FL
- ♠ Andy Gardner, VA
- ♣ Ewan McNay, NV
- ♠ Jon Lockwood, VA
- ♣ Chuck Stapp, NJ
- ♠ Mike Kaye, MD

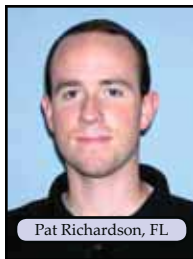
♣ Vince Meconi, DE
 † 43 📖 1991-2009



2009 Results

- ♣ K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
- ♠ Chris Trimmer, TX
- ♣ Ty Hansen, DC
- ♠ Michael Sosa, FL
- ♣ Mary E. Powers, VA
- ♠ Jacob Hebner, CO

♣ Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY
 † 23 📖 2006-2009



Pat Richardson, FL

Top Laurelists

Andy Gardner, VA	169
Pat Richardson, FL	150
Ray Freeman, CA	133
Darren Kilfara, uk	94
Ed Menzel, CA	92
Jonathan Lockwood, VA	91
Bruce Monnin, OH	78
Ewan McNay, CT	68
Dennis Nicholson, Ny	65
Bruce Reiff, OH	59



Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY

Top Laurelists

Chris Trimmer, TX	76
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	74
Phil Rennert, MD	30
Jason Levine, NY	24
George Young, VT	24
Nick Anner, NY	17
Lyman Moquin, DC	16
Andy Latto, MA	16
Jacob Hebner, CO	15
Ty Hansen, DC	12

War At Sea (WAS)

Playoff eligibility for most players came down to Round 5 when five of the eight playoff slots were set. Andy Gardner and Pat Richardson led the way with identical 4-0-1 records. Chuck Stapp (4-1) edged Ewan McNay (4-0) for the #3 seed. Mike Kaye was #5 at 4-1. Finishing at 3-2 were Scott Beall, Ray Freeman, Jon Lockwood, Ed Menzel, and Bruce Reiff. The latter three won the strength of schedule tiebreaker to round out the elite eight. Kaye, Lockwood, McNay, and Menzel all repeated from last year's playoffs.

Top seed Gardner prevailed over #8 Reiff with an 8-POC Allied win after a 2-POC bid. To avoid a rematch, Richardson's #2 seeded Allies edged Menzel's #6 seed by just 0.5 POC after a 2.5 bid. Defending champ Lockwood's #6 Allies upset #3 Stapp by 8 POC when the Axis lost four ships on Turn 1 and never recovered. And finally, the Allies made a clean sweep of it when #4 McNay crushed Kaye. Gardner continued the Allied hegemony against Lockwood with a 5.5 POC win in the semis. Richardson finally broke the Axis into the win column over McNay with a 1.5 POC win but only after deducting Ewan's 2.5 POC bid. Finalists Gardner and Richardson now reprised their Round 3 tie. Turn 2 proved the defining moment as the Axis sallied forth to the South Atlantic again, but lost a 225, 3x117, and the area—trapping the majority of their fleet.



Bidding for the Allies reached an all-time high as did their winning % at 66%.

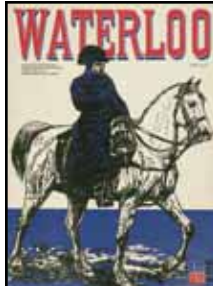
War of the Ring (WOR)

PC Using the additional expansion rules, the Free People went 15-11. Three were FP military victories while 12 were ring dunks. On the SP side, nine military and two corruption victories were earned. Even though the FP won more overall, both semi-finals were shadow military victories.

Ty Hansen's FP held Chris Trimmer's shadow at bay for most of the game, launching many offenses against the SP forces but in the end Chris took over ten victory points to make the Final. The other semi-final had Kevin Wojtaszczyk's shadow roll lots of musters almost every turn and Michael Sosa trying to race the FSP before the shadow could execute their multi-pronged attack. What turned out to be the final turn, had the shadow sieging Dol Amorth, Erebor and Helms Deep, all with siege tower superiority setup from the previous turn. Michael tried for a stab at a FP military victory, hoping the shadow wouldn't be able to grab all three strongholds, but Gondor was still one away from War which gave the FP one fewer dice to try it and Kevin's military successes with just the right combat cards and die rolling 6's managed to take out all three.

The Final matched the past two champions in a rematch. Chris had won a SP military victory in Round 1. Kevin got three Dwarven rings to play the Free Peoples again but at the end the FP were at 11 corruption and the SP were at 10 VPs when the ring was dunked to have the FP win this year's struggle for Middle Earth!





2009 Results

♣ Richard Beyma, VA
 ♠ Pat Mirk, FL
 ♣ John Popiden, CA
 ♠ John Clarke, FL
 ♠ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
 ♠ Tim Miller, GA

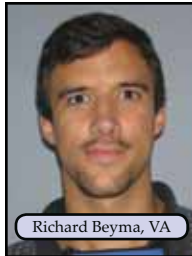
♣ Marty Musella, VA
 † 19 📖 1991-2009



2009 Results

♣ M. Birnbaum, NY
 ♠ Keith Wixson, NJ
 ♠ John Faella, RI
 ♠ Brian Mountford, NY
 ♠ Henry Rice, NM
 ♠ John Poniske, PA

♣ Keith Wixson, NJ
 † 34 📖 1994-2009



Richard Beyma, VA

Top Laurelists

Rob Beyma, MD	162
Marty Musella, VA	140
John Clarke, FL	79
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	49
Richard Beyma, MD	47
Chuck Stapp, NJ	31
Joe Beard, AZ	30
Mark Gutfreund, KY	30
Pat Mirk, FL	27
Bill Morse, VA	24



Marvin Birnbaum, NY

Top Laurelists

George Young, VT	220
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	209
Brian Mountford, NY	179
Paul Gaberson, PA	170
James Pei, TX	118
John Poniske, PA	91
Keith Wixson, NJ	68
Dan Leader, MA	60
Joe Collinson, MD	52
Chris Byrd, CT	40

Waterloo (WAT)



Playing time continued to decrease with most games resolved in under three hours!

Semi-final #1 yielded one of the most unorthodox games ever seen. Pat Mirk's French attacked on Turn 7 near Quatre Bras with two 1-2 attacks against Prussian doubled units and several "normal" attacks. Incredibly, Pat rolled "exchanges" in almost all attacks. While losses were severe for both, John Clarke's Prussians were decimated and his morale was shattered!

John Popiden's French had early success in the other semi with a 1-1 D Elim on the doubled 8-4 near Quatre Bras. Richard Beyma's Prussians counterattacked and the battle raged. By early 17 June Richard defended behind the Genappe River. At 11 AM John's French focused their main effort against the heights west of Genappe. Richard's counterstroke destroyed three French divisions against a river "death" hex. Losses favored Richard, so John launched his Imperial Guard against the same bloody heights in a desperate 1-1 attack. But alas, history repeated itself and the Guard was destroyed drawing the Popiden concession.

In the Final, the main battle was in the "cauldron of death" east of Quatre Bras. Pat's attack required his French to penetrate the adjacent forests, and Richard seized the opportunity for a counterattack destroying three French divisions. By 7 PM 16 June, sensing the game slipping away, Pat's launched many desperation attacks without success.



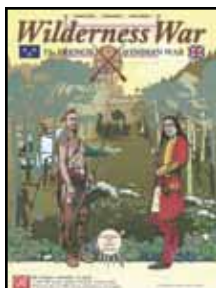
We the People (WTP)

Marvin Birnbaum became our third three-time winner. *WTP* was Birnbaum's team game and his opponent, Keith Wixson, was his teammate. Birnbaum's victory was the third title for the team and almost won the team tournament, only to fall to a tie-breaker in a three-way logjam at the top of the standings.

With the anticipated publication of *Washington's War*, this might have been *WTP*'s WBC swan song. While *WTP* has had an illustrious run as the granddaddy of the card driven wargames, chronic play balance issues just could never be overcome, and the results from this year's tournament illustrate this problem well. In the 46 games played, the American winning percentage was 74% in spite of the use of bidding for sides (the average bid was 3.12 PC markers) and my introduction of a special rule which kept three of the best American events out of the draw pile for Turn 1.

We both bid four PCs to play the Americans in the Final and Marvin won the rolloff. I placed the bid PCs in the South, as opposed to placing them in the North as a means to trapping Washington, and was glad that I did because my initial hand was awful (no 2s, 3s or Campaigns). When the Brits get a hand like that on the first turn against a good player it is usually fatal. As *WTP* vets know, long games almost always favor the Americans and this one was no exception. The wheels finally came off for me in 1781 with the appearance of the French, who quickly cleaned out my last southern colony in Georgia.





2009 Results
 🇺🇸 James Pei, VA
 🇺🇸 Grant LaDue, NY
 🇫🇮 Riki Riekkinen, fn
 🇺🇸 Keith Wixson, NJ
 🇵🇦 Paul Gaberson, PA
 🇻🇹 George Young, VT
 🇺🇸 Keith Wixson, NJ
 † 23 📖 2002-2009



2009 Results
 🇺🇸 Ted Drozd, IL
 🇺🇸 Jason Levine, NY
 🇺🇸 Ken Gutermuth, NC
 🇵🇦 Raphael Lehrer, CA
 🇵🇦 D. Nicholson, NY
 🇵🇦 Bruce Reiff, OH
 🇺🇸 Jim Burnett, TN
 † 25 📖 1992-2009



James Pei, VA

Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	284
Keith Wixson, NJ	162
Ron Fedin, PA	141
Paul Gaberson, PA	138
Peter Reese, VA	111
Tom Drueding, MA	98
George Young, VT	95
John Buse, IL	75
Rob Winslow, NY	70
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	48



Ted Drozd, IL

Top Laurelists

Ken Gutermuth, NC	105
Dave Steiner, DE	72
John Welage, OH	66
Bruce Reiff, OH	61
Jason Levine, NY	57
Robert Drozd, IL	48
Stuart Tucker, MD	47
Ted Drozd, IL	24
Jim Bell, MD	24
Jeff August, VA	24

Wilderness War (WNW)

Top seed James "The Master" Pei defended this 2008 title and became the first three-time winner in the event's history. Pei defeated Scott Beall, Paul Gaberson and Bill Peeck in the preliminary rounds, Riku Riekkinen in the semi-finals and Grant LaDue in the Final. His only loss was to Doug Smith in Round 2 of the preliminaries. LaDue was undefeated entering the Final, having beaten Peeck, Bob Jamelli, Smith and George Young in the preliminary rounds and Keith Wixson in the semi-finals.

This year I tried something new to address the yearly French dominance, instituting a new rule whereby the British were allowed to retrieve reinforcement cards from the discard pile at the start of each turn. I also did away with bidding for sides in favor of random side selection (IMO bidding may have allowed players to become "specialists" of one side or the other). My fear was that I had gone too far and that the new rule would lead to British dominance, but that was unabated! This year the French won 65% (as compared to 67% last year, 61% in 2007, 52% in 2006, 56% in 2005, 71% in 2004 and 62% in 2003).

I will continue to strive to better balance the game, and have several ideas for next year. I realize that attendance may suffer from house-rule-hating purists staying away, but I feel that the current imbalance is very bad for the game and hurts attendance itself.



Win, Place & Show (WPS)

Seven former champs representing 13 titles were on hand for the first heat.

After six races, perennials Bruce Reiff, Ken Gutermuth, and Jason Levine had won their boards to advance. Ted Drozd took the fourth board to represent the family's interests. It took only \$100K to be competitive with several games won early as the dice were not kind to the favorites. Jason amassed the most cash with \$188K.

The second heat drew three boards. Former winners Dave Steiner and Dennis Nicholson were successful on their boards and were joined by a newbie, former Caesar Raphael Lehrer who was broadening his horizons at the track for the first time. Dave was the big cash winner with \$223K. This set the field at just seven for the Final.

Usually, players hold back during the first four races as they try to make small gains and then make their move in the last two races. However, a couple of players took chances in the middle of the card and found fortune on their side. As a contrast, Dave Steiner went the wrong way early and was tapped out in the fourth race. This gave the early winners good leads going into the last two races and left several of the former powers with long shots to win. The dice were not kind to the dogs though and conservative wagers won out.

Ted Drozd collected \$216K for the victory, followed by Jason Levine's \$180K in second and Ken Gutermuth's \$153K in third.





2009 Results

♣ Kevin Milne, MN
 ♪ Jon Hogen, CA
 ♪ Paul Milne, MN
 ♪ Mike Crowe, VA
 ♪ Jerry Smolens, PA
 ♪ Ashley Johnson, VA

♣ Mike Crowe, VA

† 24 📖 1992-00; 02-09



Kevin Milne, MN

Top Laurelists

Jason Moore, NY	156
Greg Wilson, NM	96
Bill Moody, PA	96
Herbert Gratz, aa	78
Eric Thobaben, MI	72
Jon Hogen, CA	70
Kevin Milne, MN	66
Bruce Harper, bc	61
Paul Milne, MN	60
Chris Goldfarb, OR	60

World At War (WAW)

Five full campaign games were played this year in what is WBC's most unusual event. Three new players joined the playtest that never ends for the first time. One game was an Allied decisive victory (against a Russia first strategy), one an Axis decisive (successful invasion of Britain), and three were Axis victories of varying degrees in traditional Barbarossa campaigns. Axis success was aided by a new set of strategic warfare rules that in retrospect were a bit too harsh on Britain. The German U-boats inverted fewer transports, but sunk more, especially in the critical 1940-42 period. Last year we had three ties, two Axis victories, and one Allied victory.

Several other new rules were also used for the first time. These included reduced effects of atomic attacks on triggering Axis surrender and limiting German base growth based on German conquests. The latter prevents large German base increases during the 1944 and '45 year start sequences. Two changes came out of this year's convention. The SW rules have been amended with a "Cash and Carry" provision, which lets Britain build transports in US shipyards before the US enters the war, using British BRPs. Also, the Western Allies cannot reinforce newly captured areas during the redeployment phase using transports (destroyers are required).



Mike Crowe will be replaced as GM in 2010 after 11 years at the helm by Paul Milne.

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- *Victory in the Pacific* • *Adel Verpflichtet*
- *Amun-Re* • *Paths of Glory* • *March Madness*
- *Wilderness War* • *Great Campaigns*
- *Stone Age*.