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2011 saw the largest attendance gain yet with a whopping 10% increase despite record nationwide unemployment. In all, players from nearly every state plus 16 nations attended the 13th WBC. The increase was reflected in tournament participation as well with a 6% rise and no less than 20 events drawing triple-digit participation. The average attendance for the 153 events rose 3.3 to 55 players per event, buoyed by 226 players for Slapshot, 213 for *Liar's Dice* and 207 for *Ticket to Ride*. Despite the record wood gathering, Open Gaming did a banner business—overflowing the 13,000 sq ft showroom all week long—and keeping the ever-enlarging BPA game library humming with over 1200 leant games. A constantly updated schedule with a minute-by-minute countdown to the start of the next event was projected on the stage to remind everyone of upcoming event opportunities elsewhere in the hotel. The Showroom remained the new focal point of the convention and was patrolled by fulltime monitors for the first time to enforce "parking" violations to prevent tables being usurped by displays or absentees. Color-coded "players-wanted" kiosks made their appearance for the first time to aid those looking for opponents or someone to teach a game. Martin Wallace's newest design, *A Few Acres of Snow*, made the rounds as the hottest new game—an observation soon reinforced by winning the membership vote for 2012's Trial events. Sponsorships by Alliance Distributors, Queen Games and Rio Grande made possible these and other improvements as WBC Open Gaming really came into its own.

Bruce Beard retained his title as the longest continuous reigning master at WBC by holding serve to win his seventh straight *18XX* title, one of just 13 2010 champions to successfully defend their title. Falling by the wayside was Rob Beyma whose five-year reign atop *Russia Besieged* was ended by his son, Richard. Other notable runs were ended as Rich Moyer, Nels Thompson, Alex Bove and Robert Renaud all failed in their third consecutive title defense bids, but 2011 will more likely be remembered as the year "The Streak" ended. Bruce Reiff, owner of 44 BPA titles, was finally stopped after 21 years of bringing home at least one championship. There was much rejoicing in all quarters—probably not the least of which emanated from the Reiff household—where Mrs Reiff was no doubt relieved not to have to find room for yet another plaque—only to be confronted by daughter Nicole's second wall ornament! Despite Nicole's continuation of the family streak, the fair sex lost market share in 2011 with just six ladies claiming titles—down from eight in 2010. Twenty players won multiple titles, led by five who "tripled" with three each: Richard Beyma (*MAN, RBS, WAT*), Randy Buehler (*DOM, EGZ, POF*), Curt Collins II (*DOS, ELG, UNP*), Ty Hansen (*A&A, DUN, WOR*) and Nick Henning (*GSR, LRC, MRA*). His "triple" along with a strong showing at the preceding Euroquest won both Caesar and Consul accolades for Randy Buehler in only his second year at WBC. In all, 20 players either joined the ranks of those earning Master status (three or more titles in the same event) or raised their level in that exclusive club.

At the other end of the title spectrum, 46 players won their first WBC championship (up from 31 in 2010) and 106 earned their first laurels (an increase of 21). Claire Brosius and Larry Lingle won free rooms in 2012 for taking Game Master of the Year and Sportsmanship honors respectively. Claire's was especially noteworthy as it came in just her third year at the helm of *Ticket to Ride*.

The Team Tournament declined again with "only" 84 teams answering the bugle call—down 12 from 2010 and 19 from the record 2009 field. The 50th-ranked *Go Flank Yourself* squad squeaked out a 1-point victory over the perennial favorites *Nest of Spies* thanks to three bonus points awarded for scoring in an event they had not previously won. This was good news for Bruno Wolff who managed to win our third bracket busting contest by correctly predicting only five of the top ten teams as successful prognostication apparently remains the exclusive domain of the Happy Handicapper.

In the continuing circle of life struggle of WBC winners and losers, the events themselves again competed for the player lifeblood needed for another year of WBC existence. This constant churn yielded 11 new occupants of the Century club. Gainers outnumbered losers 4:3. Among events with at least a three-year track record, 28 raised their attendance bar by posting their own personal best entrant numbers for the past ten years led by *Stone Age* which topped its record field by 34 players. The other end of that spectrum saw 21 tournaments decline to new attendance lows for the past decade.

2011 Results

- Bruce Beard, MD
- S. Hamblen, MD
- Fabio Pellegrino, it
- Ken Gutermuth, NC
- Andrew Roosen, MD
- Daniel Barnes, CA

Pierre LeBoeuf, MD

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2011 Results

- Joshua Cooper, MD
- Cheryl Mallon, MD
- James Pei, VA
- Jason Ley, WA
- Gary Moss, MO
- Eyal Mozes, MD

Cliff Ackman, PA

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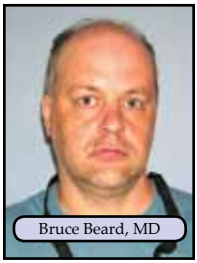
Bruce Beard, MD

Top Laurelists

Bruce Beard, MD	380
Jim McDanold, TN	120
Jon Kwiatkowski, NC	104
Paul Hakken, NJ	103
Barrington Beavis, uk	90
Mark Neale, RI	72
Jeremy Vipperman, TN	54
Pierre LeBoeuf, MD	54
Richard Fox, IL	50
David Fritsch, VA	40

Joshua Cooper, MD

Top Laurelists

Justin Childs, FL	88
Joshua Cooper, MD	60
Steve Shambeda, PA	51
Jason Ley, WA	45
David Gantt, SC	44
Gary Moss, MO	42
Matt Calkins, VA	42
Phil Bradley, IL	38
Dan Eshleman, NC	30
Matt Amitrano, VA	30

18XX (8XX)

53 rail gamers made the pre-con to play 18xx series games, a 33% gain over 2010, and the most in 17 years. 25 entered their first 18xx tournament, with seven winning preliminary games. However, none of that prevented Bruce Beard from continuing his mastery of the event, going unbeaten while amassing six wins.

The preliminaries consisted of four rounds, with *18EU* and *1846* added to the more widely available *1830*, *1856*, *1861*, and *1870*. *1830* was the most popular choice, by a 15-6 margin over *1861*. There were four games each of *1846* and *1856*, and two of 1870 and 18EU. Four of the *1830*s ended in bankruptcies, as did an *EU* and a *'56* game. The 33 preliminary games produced a quadruple winner, two triple winners, four double winners, and 15 winners. Six of those victors did not appear for the semi-final, leaving exactly 16 winners to compete – only six of whom were veterans of the 2010 semis.

The Final thus matched (in turn order) Ken Gutermuth, Bruce Beard, Fabio Pellegrino, and Spencer Hamblen with only the prohibitive favorite having reached the Final before. In the private auction, Bruce took the M&H for $145, Fabio the C&SL for $50 and the C&A for $215, Ken the SV and the B&O private at cost, and Spencer the D&H for $90. Eventually, Bruce's better stock value compensated for fewer shares, allowing him to pull away late for an easy victory over Spencer - and thereby extend the WBC's longest current Championship streak to 7 years....

Acquire (ACQ)

Acquire enjoyed renewed interest with the third largest field in 21 years generating 29 preliminary games in three heats. Winning scores ranged from 33,000 to 61,000.

I never noticed a correlation between seat position and winning before, but this year those playing first or third were twice as likely to win as those seated fourth. A more telling factor was participation in the first merger: finishing first increased odds of winning to 50%, finishing second dropped your odds to 33%, and not participating in that merger at all decreased your odds by half.

The finalists overcame a talented field that included seven former champions. Two of them, 2007's Jason Ley and defending champ Joshua Cooper, ran the gauntlet to reach the Final. The game began in typical fashion: the first two chains each had creators with four shares balanced between two players unable to start chains with three shares each. Josh and Evan started their second chains before Jason and Cheryl were able to start their first, putting them at a disadvantage. Josh took majority in the first merger allowing him to purchase shares while the others "chose to pass". After a $5000 first place payout, Josh identified Continental as a permanent chain and purchased stock at a price no one could match, thus guaranteeing him a majority. Rather than merge into Continental, he added to a rival chain's growth, increasing its size to 11 (permanent status); depriving others of needed cash and preventing any trade for Continental stock.

2011 Results

- Derek Landel, NJ
- Thomas Browne, PA
- Kevin Breza, VA
- Phil Livingston, DE
- Mark Geary, OH
- Rob Davidson, IL

Tom DeMarco, NJ

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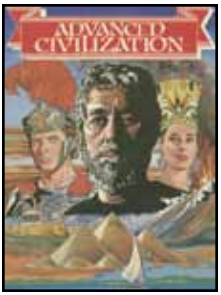

2011 Results

- Kevin Youells, PA
- Harald Henning, CT
- Sean Bryan, TN
- Christina Harley, WA
- Nathan Barhorst, MI
- Z. Mowshowitz, NY

Kevin Youells, PA

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Derek Landel, NJ

Top Laurelists

Tom DeMarco, NJ	129
John Pack, CO	115
Ray Pfeifer, MD	104
Thomas Browne, PA	84
Marc Houde, VA	63
Mark Geary, OH	61
Nick Henning, CT	36
Alex Bove, PA	33
Abby Cocke, MD	33
Philip Yaure, PA	30

Kevin Youells, PA

Top Laurelists

Kevin Youells, FL	282
Doug Galullo, FL	266
Joe Gundersen, IN	186
Shantanu Saha, NY	129
Eric Gundersen, NJ	125
Christina Harley, WA	109
Harald Henning, CT	80
Ted Mullally, NJ	50
Gregory Kulp, NJ	40
John Morris, MD	40

Adel Verpflichtet (ADV)

Moving from Friday to Saturday apparently proved costly as attendance dropped 40% and out of the Century altogether. So in 2012 we will go back to Friday.

Seven games were contested in Round 1. Eric Wrobel and two-time former champ Mark Geary had the best wins with nine spaces past the finish line. Round 2 saw ten folks leave, while gaining three reinforcements, to fill five boards. Players have advanced by playing in just two of the three rounds so late entries can bear fruit. Phillip Livingston, Rebecca Hebner, and Tom DeMarco each won a second time, with Rebecca now in the lead with ten points and a collective 13 spaces past the finish. Six more players retired for Round 3, and one returned for just four boards. Rebecca closed out the swiss portion in fine fashion with her third win making her the top qualifier. Mark and Glen Pearce each got their second wins, while Ashley Collinson won her first. With only 20 players left, exactly half would advance with an average score of 12 points (out of 15).

Rebecca picked a bad time to end her winning streak, coming in last to end her night. Geary and Livingston won their respective semis to advance.

However, Derek Landel, whose third place finish narrowly won the last seat at the Final, got hot at the right time to win by one space over Thomas Browne in the all-important last game of the night.

Advanced Civilization (ACV)

The two preliminary heats mustered five games. The winners were Zvi Mowshowitz (Iberia), Kevin Youells (two wins, Illyria and Assyria), Sean Bryan (Assyria), and Nathan Barhorst (Egypt). Jennifer Visocnik, Harald Henning, Christina Harley, and Jon Anderson joined them in the Final. Everybody seemed content with their draw except Kevin who was anxiously trying to peddle Illyria to no avail. The sides remained as: Africa/Zvi, Iberia/Nathan, Illyria/Kevin, Thrace/Sean, Jon/Crete, Assyria/Jenn, Babylon/Harald, and Egypt/Christina.

There was the usual discussion of borders at the outset, and it soon became apparent that Assyria was going to be in trouble. Her normal territory was coveted by both Babylon and Crete, and they combined to limit her growth. Africa and Egypt also disputed the territories near Cyrene. Illyria and Iberia probably didn't improve matters by encouraging Africa's claims, but they sure had fun doing it. Calamities, as usual, were a major factor with Africa particularly hard hit by no less than 13 disasters.

Meanwhile, Illyria was becoming a threat. Kevin responded to military incursions by purchasing Monotheism instead of Military for defense. Its powerful effects allowed Kevin to push the Illyrians to victory by using it as a diplomatic tool as he cut individual deals to give immunity from Monotheism to any player who did not attack him. The final tally was: Kevin 4406, Harald 4313, Sean 4090, Christina 4070, Nathan 3800, Zvi 3328, Jon 3288, and Jenn 3033.

2011 Results

- Chris Brandt, VA
- Jason Fisher, NC
- Gadoon Kyrollos, NJ
- Carol Haney, CA
- Barrett Straub, MD
- Caitlyn O'Rourke, IL

Larry Lingle, PA

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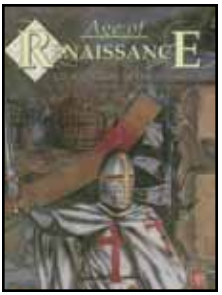

2011 Results

- Harald Henning, CT
- Douglas Mercer, MD
- Jeff Mullet, OH
- Nick Henning, DC
- Doug Galullo, MD
- Kurt Miller, PA

Ted Mullally, NJ

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Chris Brandt, VA

Top Laurelists

Daniel Pappas, MD	30
Chris Brandt, VA	20
Andrew Fedin, PA	18
Jason Fisher, NC	12
Isaac Clizbe, MD	12
Barrett Straub, MD	10
Larry Lingle, PA	9
Gadoon Kyrollos, NJ	8
Carol Haney, CA	6
Erik Schlosser, PA	3

Harald Henning, CT

Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	396
Bill Chenshaw, VA	331
Ken Gutermuth, NC	276
Ewan McNay, CT	271
Harald Henning, CT	237
Chris Byrd, CT	186
Steve Simmons, NJ	185
Carl Damcke, IL	170
Mark Smith, KY	145
Kevin Sudy, VA	138

The Adventurers (AVU)

Four heats generated 19 tables with double header action as enough games appeared to accommodate everyone after turning away 12 players in 2010, but it wasn't enough to return to the Century as the rising tide of WBC attendance raised the bar. Jason 'chainlink' Fisher and his dad, Ron, each provided painted figures to spice up the action. Meanwhile, WBC's version of the Bijou theatre ran a series of double feature matinee performances with unique casts and varying outcomes.

Laurie Wojtaszczyk and Caitlin O'Rourke showed the right stuff by winning both games in their heat. Dastardly Owen Kyrollos matched them by being the only survivor in his group. In contrast, Josh Arndt took both games but also got all of his companions out safely. All in all, a rolling stone may gather no moss, but it crushed plenty of adventurers—36 in all. 30 more were trapped with a like number burned. 13 drowned in the river, while six were squeezed by the walls and one died in a fall. Adventuring is a risky business.

The Final combined scores from two games. Chainlink took the lead in the first game with a 24/6 to Chris Brandt's 22/6. Carol Haney was burnt while Owen and Barrett were squashed. The second game saw the boulder roll on Turn 4, claiming a flat Barrett. Jason broke one board to score 17. Carol just barely escaped while Owen had to bail three cards to avoid drowning. Chris escaped with a 21/6 to claim the win.

Age of Renaissance (AOR)

The event finally stopped its steady decline in attendance as a result of the change to Pre-Con in 2010 and actually reversed that trend this year with its first back-to-back increase in 12 years. Three Enlightenment mini-con style heats were held with the best two scores summed to determine a winner. The Enlightenment swiss format style has a downside. Those who don't do well in either of the first two rounds lack incentive to appear for the third round given an increasing number of other enticements for their time which greatly reduces third round participation. However, that is true for all swiss style events as losses take their toll and players leave for other pursuits. It is an inherent problem of running a swiss format amidst so many gaming choices. It worked well for a dedicated weekend without alternatives, but less so at WBC.

Venice has fallen on hard times. The boost from an Era 1 Cloth/Wine played favorably does little to offset the weakness of small, desirable dominations. People are trending toward Genoa over Venice because smart negotiations can give Genoa numerous secondary payouts and a great income base. Another observation is that the preference for 5-player games has left Hamburg woefully underplayed. An inexperienced player saddled with Hamburg in the rare 6-player contest will often lead to a dismal ending for Paris and Hamburg.

Hopefully, the upward attendance trend will continue and Enlightenment will be around for years to come. But for now, we survive another year.

2011 Results

- Pierre Paquet, qc
- M-A Imbeault, qc
- Mario Veillette, qc
- P. Ostrander, MD
- Ben Stephenson, WA
- Harald Henning, CT

Peter Staab, PA

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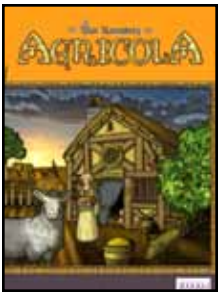

2011 Results

- Jon Senn, PA
- Mike Kaltman, PA
- Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
- Joshua Cooper, MD
- Bill Crenshaw, VA
- Dan Eppolito, CA

Joshua Cooper, MD

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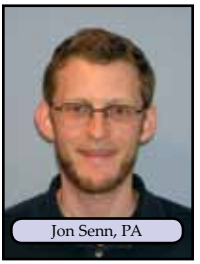
Pierre Paquet, qc

Top Laurelists

Pierre Paquet, qc	144
Martin Sasseville, qc	120
Mario Veillette, qc	72
Marc-Andre Imbeault, qc	66
Richard Irving, CA	39
Nathalie Malenfant, qc	24
Michael Holmquist, WI	24
Peter Staab, PA	18
Craig Moffitt, NJ	12
Keith Altizer, FL	12


Jon Senn, PA

Top Laurelists

Tedd Mullally, NJ	70
Mike Kaltman, PA	68
Jon Senn, PA	62
Rob Kircher, RI	53
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	50
Cary Morris, NC	50
Bill Crenshaw, VA	49
Ben Scholl, PA	30
Geoffrey Pounder, on	30
Mike Turian, WA	30

Age of Steam (AOS)

Six 4-player games using four maps composed Heat 1. The Rust Belt proved the most popular with three games. In one, Pierce Ostrander downed defending champion, Marc-André Imbeault, in the closest contest of the event with a 5-point win. The second saw three-time champ Martin Sasseville top John Karr by the largest margin of the day (39 points). The last Rust Belt game gave two-time champion Pierre Paquet a win over Michael Holmquist. The only non-Canadian champ, Richard Irving, prevailed on the England map, as did Phil White in Germany while Mario Veillette did the deed on American turf.

Heat 2 drew four more 4-player games. Two Rust Belt contests qualified Imbeault and Craig Moffit. The Western US map rewarded Ben Stephenson while the India board did likewise for Harald Henning. Nine of these ten worthies manned a two-game semi-final in South Africa. The 5-player semi returned Mario to the promised land, with Pierce sending home two former champs in a battle for second and survival. Meanwhile, Imbeault kept his title defense alive and Paquet deprived Henning and White of the last seat in the 4-player semi.

The Final was decided in the Rust Belt with few early deliveries, making income scarce and opportunities to hamper others plentiful. In the end, Pierre had 98 points and his third title as WBC exported its 7th straight *AOS* shield to Quebec. He was followed by Marc-André with 81, Mario 72, and Pierce 43 as well as new respect for French Canadian railmen.

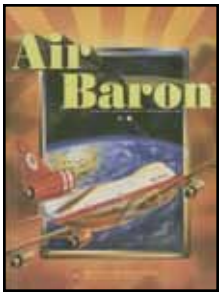
Agricola (AGR)

GMs often worry needlessly about incorporating "Win & You're In" advancement opportunities when the far more common problem is falling short of optimum player levels in advanced levels due to schedule conflicts. As so often happens, plans for a 25-player semi-final went astray when only 18 of 29 qualifiers opted to advance.

Five 4-player semi-final games were substituted with the aid of two alternates. Only the K Deck was used with the Lover, Wet Nurse, and Reed Hut removed. Dan Eppolito tied for first in his semi but came up short on the tie breakers to settle for sixth place. As an alternate who advanced with two seconds, he claimed laurels without benefit of a win ahead of 24 victorious qualifiers. Moral of the story, always follow up on qualifying wins by playing in the advanced rounds.

The preliminary rounds consisted of everyone playing one to three draft 5-ERs using only one deck at a time, E, I or K, with no cards removed. Six regulars from Play-Agricola.com were among the field, myself. Chris Deotte (*Chris*), Mike (*Coyotek4*), Cary (*DagKees*), Sceadeau (*Sceadeau*), Ted (*NiteArtist*), and Jon (*Senn*). All six advanced—proving that practice makes perfect. Four of the six advanced again to Round 3. It was Jon Senn's first WBC championship

After two more hours, the four remaining Play-Agricola.com players emerged victorious. The final score was 55-38-37-37-25.



2011 Results

- Stephane Dorais, qc
- Andy Gardner, VA
- Virginia Melton, VA
- J. Fleckenstein, VA
- Kurt Miller, PA
- David Buchholz, MI

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2011 Results

- Vassili Kyrkos, NY
- Michael Shea, CT
- Jay Fox, NJ
- Eric Freeman, PA
- Peter Eldridge, uk
- Tammy Lusk, NJ

Debbie Gutermuth, NC

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Stephane Dorais, qc

Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	131
Ken Rothstein, NY	112
Chris Storzillo, NJ	108
Brandon Bernard, PA	76
Robert Sohn, PA	74
Stephane Dorais, qc	50
Michael Musko, IN	50
Jack Jaeger, VA	50
Andy Gardner, VA	49
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	46

Vassili Kyrkos, NY

Top Laurelists

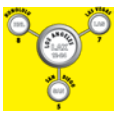
Vassili Kyrkos, NY	70
Luke Koleszar, VA	58
Nate Hoam, OH	54
Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	30
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	30
Michael Mullins, MA	30
Bruce Reiff, OH	30
Michael Shea, CT	24
Sam Atabaki, CA	24
Matt Calkins, VA	22

Air Baron (ABN)

A starting roll of "1" and several early recessions combined to make cash scarce as five finalists launched fledgling airlines from Norfolk, West Palm Beach, San Diego, Sacramento, and Indianapolis. The two western players—Jim Fleckenstein in LA and Virginia Melton in San Francisco – duelled as they expanded east; while Andy Gardner in Miami and Stephane Dorais in Atlanta looked northward and Kurt Miller spread out in the Northeast. By mid-game, the cash crunch eased and Stephane gained control of the New York, DCA and Detroit hubs. Out West, Jim and Virginia, alarmed by Stephane's progress, called a truce in their private war and deployed Jumbos to stop him.

Stephane, sensing the united front, went into fare wars to complete the Atlanta and Chicago hubs, only to fall one spoke short of victory. The western battle then resumed to cries of "Tucson must DIE" from Virginia as she ejected Jim from Phoenix. Kurt, having bided his time, now retook Chicago, gained control of Houston and attacked Atlanta – threatening to win. Then it was Andy's turn for a big push as he completed the Miami-Atlanta-Houston triangle along with most of DFW.

Fate intervened and two $54 pulls of JFK sealed the win for Stephane as he went into fare wars again to grab three spokes of the Chicago hub for the win at 341 to claim his first WBC Title. Andy was second with 255, followed by Virginia 208, Jim 161 and Kurt 55 in a game where the dreaded Fuel Hike never surfaced.

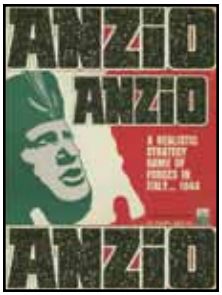


Alhambra (ALH)

Alhambra again used only two heats to break triple digits with 116 players chasing 25 advancement seats. Karen Roberts topped David Meynard 93-92 to take the closest game in Heat 1. Ed Roberts posted the highest score of 122. Carolyn Strock's 117 denied 2007 champ Vassili Kyrkos, while Ashley Collinson's 104 generated the largest margin of victory (27). Lynda Shea won her table despite the smallest wall (4) of any table in the past two years. The average winning wall length was 12. In the process, she beat defending champion Luke Koleszar, who was so shaken he did not return for the second heat—thus ending his title defense. Ted Mullalley's 84 generated the smallest spread (25) between first and last.

Eric Freeman topped 2009 champ Kevin Wojtasczyk in Heat 2. Rob Kilroy had the highest score (107) and the greatest spread (28). Kevin Lewis won the closest game, besting Angela Collinson by one and Alex Henning by two. Tammy Lusk and Marybeth Mitchell both won with 100 points and tied for the largest first-to-last spread (38). Hillary Haagen won with the smallest first-to-last spread of 20 points and Anthony Daw won with the smallest wall (8). Rolinda Collinson and Brian Mongold both won tables with the largest wall lengths (18).

With 29 winners from the two heats, four would not advance if they all opted to continue. But as so often happens, the lure of other attractions kept four away so all qualifiers who wanted to advance were able to do so.



2011 Results

- M. McCandless, LA
- Robert Frisby, VA
- Tom Oleson, WA
- Bill Scott, VA
- John Clarke, VA
- Johnny Hasay, PA

Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

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2011 Results

- Justin Thompson, VA
- Robert Eastman, NV
- Bruce Young, SC
- Tom Bissa, MI
- Eric Monte, NY
- Andy Gardner, VA

John Coussis, IL

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Mark McCandless, LA

Top Laurelists

Robert Ryan, MI	204
Tom Oleson, WA	184
Paul Fletcher, CT	149
Mike Sincavage, VA	114
Stephen Likevich, OH	74
Robert Frisby, VA	48
Mark McCandless, LA	39
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	38
Carl Walling, PA	30
Chris Harris, VA	25

Justin Thompson, VA

Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	152
Roy Gibson, MD	100
Scott Buckwalter, MD	96
Rob Winslow, NY	95
Rob Eastman, NV	84
John Elliott, MD	84
Bruce Young, SC	68
Henry Richardson, VA	60
Andy Gardner, VA	50
Robert Barnes, WV	50

Anzio (ANZ)

Venerable grognard Tom Oleson once again devoted his week to the *Anzio* experience—taking on all comers at every opportunity. 26 preliminary games were logged to send the four top scorers to the playoffs: Mark McCandless: 54 points, Tom: 39, Robert Frisby: 27 and Bill Scott: 24.

Bill's initial invasion came ashore at Terrecina. Mark delayed the Allies southern advance while massing most of his power at Terrecina. The Americans lasted only three turns before the port was retaken. A second invasion at Rome also failed. The allies didn't fare much better in the other semi—a rematch of the 2010 Final. Tom's initial invasion again came ashore at Naples, but this time his allies were unable to make much progress. A second invasion at Vasto on Nov I tested Robert and allowed the allies to capture Termoli, but Tom lost every attack for four straight turns. By the end, he held Salerno, Naples, Foggia and Termoli, which was close but not good enough. No former champion would contest the Final for the first time in memory.

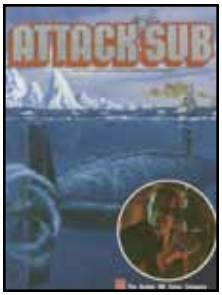
Robert invaded at Naples and slugged his way into Foggia and Termoli, while holding onto Salerno and Naples. He needed but one more victory hex. His second invasion came ashore at Anzio on December I. By the last turn, he still held Anzio, but his Allied troops were adjacent to strong German units. His attacks to hold their ground failed, forcing a disastrous retreat that

gave the Germans their third straight win and Mark his first *Anzio* title.

Atlantic Storm (ACS)

Ten of the 114 players returned for all four heats as 35 preliminary games boiled the icy waters of the Atlantic. 31 of those 35 victors reappeared for six semi-final contests—three requiring tie-breaker resolution. In one, 2008 champ Bruce Young required a second tie-breaker (lowest convoy number) to down Bill Place.

The Final began with Andy Gardner calling for a Surface battle and promptly flushing his hand. Bruce put two Allied points in play, drawing the *Scharnhorst* from 2000 champ Rob Eastman. Alas, Eric Monte produced the *Renown* and took the *Scharnhorst* for himself, handing the convoy to Bruce. Rob started a comeback on Hand 11, rolling a 6 to win an air battle for a 7-point convoy. However Hand 16 brought the defining moment over a 5-point convoy that pushed twice. The third time proved the charm for Tom Bissa. However, both Eric and Justin Thompson benefited from the split of a large buildup of spoils. Justin sealed his victory on the last hand as Rob changed the original sub battle to Combined with *Admiral Tovey* and played the *Duke of York* (8 Allied) and *Raid on St. Nazaire* (prohibiting German play). Justin calmly played the *King George V* (8) and four bonus points with the cheshire cat smile of a riverboat gambler who had just played four aces. Even so, Bruce had the last chance with his ?? +4—needing to roll a 9—but could only muster four pips. The pot sealed Justin's first *ACS* title with 29 points to Rob's 22.



2011 Results

- James Doughan, PA
- Geoff Allbutt, NY
- Steven Caler, OH
- George Young, VT
- Bruce Monnin, OH
- Frank Cunliffe, PA

Steve Caler, PA

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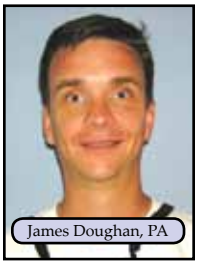

James Doughan, PA

Top Laurelists

Bill Edwards, VA	84
Daniel Hoffman, NC	52
Steve Caler, PA	40
David Sidelinger, CT	40
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	35
John Conlon, OK	33
Bruce Young, SC	32
Rob Schoenen, PA	32
Buck Karpowitz, DC	30
Brian Conlon, OK	28

Attack Sub (ATS)

The game's 20th year brought a surge of interest as ten new skippers attended the demo to fuel the largest field of the past 15 years, although seven past champs still manned the gauntlet. Once again, Jim Doughan and his trio of sons played. Last year, one (Andrew) finished fifth while dad was left far astern. Duly chastened, dad set out to redeem himself.

Three rounds of Swiss play produced eight contenders. Five emerged 3-0: 2003 champ Steve Caler, Geoff Allbutt, George Young, Bruce Monnin, and the aforementioned Doughan. Tiebreakers provided three 2-1 players. Caler's Boomer evaded Monnin in a battle of unbeatens while Allbutt's renegade foiled Andrew Cummins in Scenario E. Doughan sank two-time champ Dan Hoffman's last sub after losing two escorts and two transports in Scenario G. Frank Cunliffe was a victim of Soviet equipment malfunctions as Young's Nato forces ended his day in Scenario B.

Scenario E's renegade saw action the rest of the way. Steve played an unusually aggressive strategy scoring five hits to sink two of Geoff's pursuers, but his renegade paid the price. In the other semi, Jim's ships methodically destroyed Young's renegade. The Final looked grim for the Doughan patriarch with the early arrival of Geoff's *Udaloy* reinforcement. Jim's renegade was hit—but survived. A deck later, Jim reached firing position for the win. It was his first *ATS* title and, more importantly, gave dad family bragging rights over the flotilla for one more year.

2011 Results

- John Schoose, IL
- Robert Bucheri, MD
- Zhiming Shi, NJ
- H. Richardson, VA
- Vassili Kyrkos, NY
- Bruce Reiff, OH

Bob Wicks, CT

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John Schoose, IL

Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	78
Arthur Field, SC	50
George Sauer, OH	34
Steve Cuccaro, MD	32
Ken Gutermuth, NC	30
Jeff Mullett, OH	30
David Brooks, TN	28
Jon Lockwood, VA	22
John Schoose, IL	20
Rob Kircher, RI	20

Auction (AUC)

The mulligan round attracted the usual suspects. Defending champ Rob Kircher won, as did previous laurelists Vassili Kyrkos and Ken Gutermuth. Joining them in the win column was Bruce Monnin and newcomer Terri Wicks with the high score ($8120). Rob Buccheri topped that by $10 in the next heat to advance with Jeff Mullet, Zhiming Shi, Jim Garvey and John Schoose. The two highest runners-up, Henry Richardson and Bruce Reiff, were promoted to fill three semi-final tables in the smallest field since 1999.

There, Buccheri bested the seasoned firm of Kircher, Monnin and Reiff while Schoose used Buyer cards to down Kyrkos, Mullet and Gutermuth. Shi topped Richardson by $170, but the latter's $8400 was the closest second and earned the last Final seat to render a rare Cabbie-free Final. A good omen of things to come…

Shi opened the Final with a winning bid ($240) for miniatures but had to buy back his own clocks after the bank refused to pay. He then tried selling books only to have the bank reject him again. Sometimes life just ain't fair. The fifth auction of a Buyers card and sterling went to Schoose ($1450). Another Buyers card sweetened a Queen Anne parlor set won by Shi ($1520). The tenth auction with two Buyers cards put Schoose in the lead, forcing the next two auctions to go for $1300 (Buccheri) and $1120 (Shi). He sealed the win by taking the last auction, coins, for $1000 to finish at $7640, ahead of Buccheri ($4290), Shi ($3830) and Richardson ($3570).

2011 Results

- Bill Zurn, CA
- Rod Spade, PA
- J. Oppenheim, VA
- Dvd Avins, NJ
- John Corrado, VA
- John Weber, MD

Andrew Maly, TX

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2011 Results

- Ty Hansen, DC
- Richard Beyma, VA
- Jeff Mathis, FL
- Andrew Murphy, PA
- Kevin Keller, MD
- Steve Packwood, MN

Joe Powell, VA

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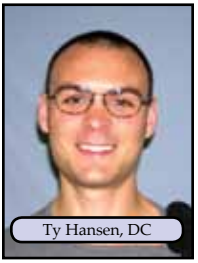
Bill Zurn, CA

Top Laurelists

Bill Zurn, CA	30
Andrew Maly, TX	30
Rod Spade, PA	18
Matt Calkins, VA	18
John Weber, MD	15
Jeremy Oppenheim, VA	12
Dvd Avins, NJ	9
John Dextraze, on	9
John Corrado, VA	6
Tom McCorry, VA	6


Ty Hansen, DC

Top Laurelists

Philip Shea, VA	192
Joe Powell, VA	180
Kevin Keller, MD	179
Ty Hansen, DC	144
Pat Mirk, FL	129
Phil Rennert, MD	96
Richard Beyma, MD	95
Andrew Murphy, PA	94
Tim Rothenhoefer, MD	68
Brian Fitzpatrick, VA	54

Automobile (AUT)

The event saw a 33% increase in attendance in its sophomore season, bringing in a strong blend of new and repeat players, with the majority playing multiple heats. Maybe it was the extra heat, the greater availability of the game over last year, or its growing reputation as a quality design in the Martin Wallace stable as his latest made the rounds in Open Gaming to much acclaim. Whatever, Matt Calkins won all three heats. Other winners included Elaine Pearson, John Weber, Bill Zurn, Paul Brink, Dave Tianen, Justin Morgan, Dvd Avins, Lyman Moquin, Rod Spade, Chris Gnech, John Corrado, Eric Cheatham, and Andrew Maly, the defending champion.

Matt hoped he hadn't used up all his luck in the heats. He didn't, but his streak ended there nonetheless as he ran into three opponents who never gave him an opportunity to exploit. In the closest of the four semi-final games, Matt finished dead last, but nearly pulled out an improbable win on the last turn with a bold loan-parts factory—build strategy. The bonus tile draw for mass market cars was a "2" sinking the defending champion and left the fortuitous Jeremy Oppenheim with a $70 victory over John Corrado. In the three other Round 2 games, Dvd and Rod managed to win their tables by approximately $400, and Bill bested his nearest competitor by $760.

The Final proved less daunting with Bill ($4520) increasing his winning margin to $870 and winning handily over Rod ($3630), Jeremy ($3030) and Dvd ($3,000) to claim his first WBC title.

Axis & Allies (A&A)

The second pre-con event continued the trend of increased attendance over that of recent years with 32 players vying for four golden tickets to playoff glory. Round 3 found eight unbeaten players vying for the right to advance. Andrew Murphy and Kevin Keller played to a virtual tie in Victory Territories, but the former had a greater income increase, handing Kevin 5th place. Meanwhile, defending champ Richard Beyma ended two-time title holder Philip Shea's attempt for a third, and 2007 champ Ty Hansen defeated Henry Russell. Jeff Mathis spoiled the playoff resume by taking out 2001's Patrick Mirk to be the lone uncrowned interloper.

Beyma defeated Murphy's Allies with a bid of 6 in the first semi-final. Richard captured Moscow with an infantry from Archangel and the Luftwaffe, and it proved decisive. Meanwhile, Hansen's Axis defeated Mathis with a bid of 2 in the other semi.

Richard gave Ty a bid of 6 to play the Allies in the Final. On Turn 1 Germany bought a carrier and Japan a factory. The British counterattacked in Egypt and the Americans targeted the Japanese fleet after Pearl Harbor, building two carriers. Six turns later it was all over and Ty reigned again with an Allied triumph based on 13 victory territories and income of 111. Overall, the Axis enjoyed a 57% edge. However, as the event progressed, those players accepting the Allies received higher bids, tending to balance play in the highly competitive third round. The average bid for the allies was 4.39.