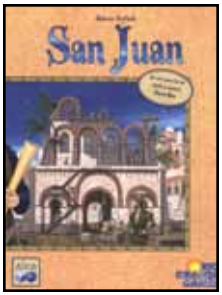

2011 Results

- Greg Thatcher, CA
- Rob Kircher, RI
- Jeremy Billones, VA
- Eric Brosius, MA
- Ken Schlosser, PA
- Tom Browne, PA

Jeff Mullet, OH

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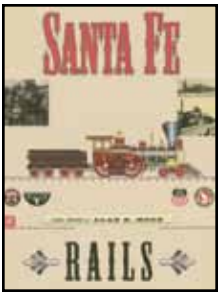

2011 Results

- Michael Shea, CT
- Pat Mirk, FL
- Bill Peeck, NY
- Steve Shambeda, PA
- Vien Bounma, NJ
- K. Wojtaszczyk, NY

Rob Kircher, RI

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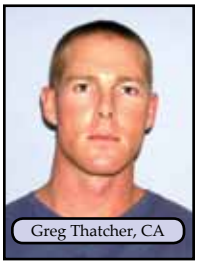
Greg Thatcher, CA

Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	64
Tom Browne, PA	51
Jeff Mullet, OH	50
Raphael Lehrer, MD	46
Rob Kircher, RI	36
Greg Thatcher, CA	30
Bill Salvatore, MD	30
Nick Page, on	24
Eric Brosius, MA	23
Pete Stein, OH	20

Michael Shea, CT

Top Laurelists

Kevin Wojtaszczyk, NY	58
Tom DeMarco	48
Rob Kircher, RI	47
Michael Shea, CT	44
Andy Lewis, DE	38
Bill Peeck, NY	36
Bob Wicks, CT	32
Chris Palermo, NY	22
Phillip White, MD	22
Grant LaDue, NY	22

San Juan (SJN)

Every year I consider dropping the demo, so I'll have more time to myself. Surely, after seven years everyone knows how to play by now. But every year about 20 people appear to either learn or jog their memory. The format consisted of four swiss rounds requiring three wins to advance.

28 ran the preliminary gauntlet with at least three wins and advanced to the elimination rounds. The usual pool of sharks and a few newcomers battled it out until only Rob Kircher and Greg Thatcher were left. The playoff scores were way down. In years past, it usually took scores in the mid-40's to win. As I watched several games unfold, everyone got atrocious cards. People were winning games 31-26, 32-23, 31-29. It was very unusual. Every time I would look at someone's hand, I would think to myself: "That guy can't win". Then I'd look at his opponent's hand and think, "He can't win either!" The Final followed form. As it unfolded, both players would grimace as they drew their cards. And I couldn't blame them. There were no carpenters, quarries, libraries or prefectures to be had in the early going. And neither player could find a "6" building to save their lives. Mercifully, the game ended and Greg, a shark in many environs, but relatively new to *San Juan*, came out ahead and grabbed his fifth overall title. Rob would collect what was to become his first of seven laurel finishes this year without a championship.

Santa Fe Rails (SFR)

Bill Peeck was the only former champion of the six present to make the Final again. Pat Mirk and Steve Shambeda were making their first appearance while Mike Shea was back for his third bite of the apple.

The Kansas Pacific was pushed north early and reached as far as Portland. The Great Northern had reached Billings. Meanwhile the rest of the trains were focused south in the area of Dallas and Oklahoma City. Southern Lines Pacific went on the next run being helped by Steve and Pat both taking 4 in 1. Steve connected Las Vegas and Salt Lake City and Pat connected through Albuquerque and El Paso. Mike had made Steve look like the bad guy and kept taking trains to stay away from the southwest. Over the last four turns Bill played four cities to gain 48 pts. Steve only played two cities for 31 pts but did play a 21 pt-Portland after playing a 2x the turn before. Mike gained 47 with three cities and a boomtown Turn 14 to help Minneapolis. Pat also played four city cards for 53 pts, making a late charge in the end. The deck and trains ran out on Turn 15. Pat and Bill had the most city points, but a late Portland draw worth 21 pts along with the most cash gained, made Mike Shea our eighth champion in nine years. It was his first WBC title in a year when he would win two.

2011 Results

- Andrew Arconti, MD
- John Min, NJ
- Chad Martin, PA
- Allyson Field, SC
- Rob Kircher, RI
- Rebecca Hebner, DC

Joseph Maiz, NJ

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2011 Results

- Nicole Reiff, OH
- Luke Parauda, NJ
- Natalie Beach, MD
- Drew DuBoff, NJ
- Len Omolecki, NY
- Samantha Berk, PA

Sean McCulloch, OH

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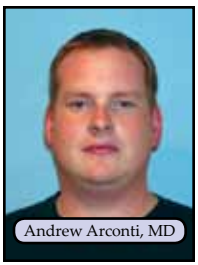

Andrew Arconti, MD

Top Laurelists

Rick Dutton, MD	114
Brian Reynolds, MD	113
Charles Faella, RI	96
Rob Kircher, RI	96
Tom Dunning, NY	87
Matt Tolman, UT	84
Andrew Arconti, MD	66
Roy Gibson, MD	66
Tom Stokes, NJ	60
Rob Effinger, on	60

Nicole Reiff, OH

Top Laurelists

Kaarin Engelmann, VA	66
Ken Gutermuth, NC	54
Josh Githens, SC	46
Derek Landel, NJ	41
Nicole Reiff, OH	40
Alexandra Henning, CT	40
Ted Simmons, NJ	40
Greg Berry, VA	39
Leonard Omolecki, PA	38
Jeff Cornett, FL	30

Settlers of Catan (SET)

The 2011 tournament enjoyed the largest attendance in 11 years. As a continuous event, it was second only to *7 Wonders* and the late night "parties" in drawing a crowd and far surpassed those in total hours. Despite the multitude of entrants, several 2010 semi-finalists returned to the playoffs, including defending champ Robert Kircher, but none made it to the Final.

The lowest qualifying score was a 12, which required two wins and a third. The tie breaker system saw service down to the fourth tier, in selecting the Sweet 16. Chad Martin (besting Janet Ottey, Keith Richardson and Rob Kircher), Allyson Field (over Mike Shea, Yoel Weiss and David Hood), John Min (defeating Bob Wicks, Forrest Speck and Rich Miller) and Andrew Arconti (downing Rebecca Hebner, Carolyn Strock and Chris Czyryca) all prevailed by one point to reach the Final.

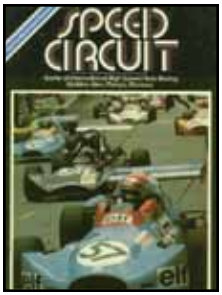
There, the early game saw six rolls of the 6/8 combo in the first four of 15 eventual rounds. Chad went the city building route to increase his production, but was unable to expand fast enough. John opted for Development cards, but could not find the elusive 3-army combo in time. Allyson went for the longest road but was stuck on the map edge, with less common numbers for better production. Andrew took more of a middle ground position, doing a little of everything to maximize production and it worked for his first WBC title. The Final scores were Andrew 10, John 8, Chad 7 and Allyson 5.

Slapshot (SLS)

It was the perfect ending—or so it seemed to those who have been forcibly reminded of Bruce Reiff's infamous winning streak over the years. The end of a long week is the time to blow off steam at the crazy party that is *Slapshot*—and set an attendance record too! There were many stories in those 35 games, but the most impressive Preliminary win belonged to Keith Boone, who won his table in style, as Tiny Tim scored the deciding goal.

With the losers off to bed, the Massively Unfair semi-final round commenced, generating eight finalists yawning above the fray. Most were on the younger side. Whether this is because they are gaining skill, or more immune to the allure of sleep is left to the reader.

Cutting to the chase—Luke Parauda's bruiser faces Nicole Reiff's superior team in the Final series. Nicole loses her best player to the bruiser, but the Reiff luck must be genetic, as she draws a Superstar replacement. Games 5 and 6 go to overtime. In the deciding game 7, Luke's best player is up against Nicole's goalie. If he can just make the roll, he will force overtime. Alas, it has been my experience that the two luckiest things in WBC are Reiffs and teenage girls. Nicole encompasses both of these, and poor Luke was doomed from the start. Nicole enjoyed the long ride home, clutching the coveted Superstar shield, and plaque-checking her woodless father at every other exit along the way.



2011 Results

- Tim Carnahan, MD
- Don Tatum, MD
- Mike Aubuchon, PA
- Kevin Keller, MD
- Doug Schultz, MD
- Scott Cornett, FL

Doug Schulz, MD

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2011 Results

- A. Cummins, uk
- Eric Stranger, OH
- Pete Pollard, TN
- Chuck Leonard, PA
- Scott Bramley, NJ
- Phil Grasha, PA

Pete Pollard, TN

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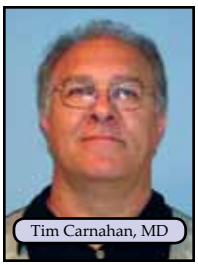
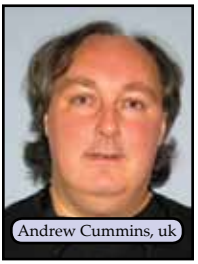

Tim Carnahan, MD

Top Laurelists

Scott Cornett, FL	166
Kevin Keller, MD	107
Doug Schulz, MD	94
Terry Schulz, PA	92
Gerald Lientz, VA	81
Lane Newbury, TX	66
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	66
Dennis Nicholson, NY	60
John Welage, OH	56
Lance Ribeiro, NH	52


Andrew Cummins, uk

Top Laurelists

Pete Pollard, CA	208
Bill Thomson, TX	180
Andrew Cummins, uk	154
Eric Stranger, OH	91
David Bronkhorst, VA	86
Mike Pacheco, CA	78
Phil Grasha, PA	66
Chuck Leonard, PA	40
Michael Hennessy, VA	30
Scott Bramley, NJ	28

Speed Circuit (SCT)

Three new tracks (Valencia, Suzuka, and Sepang) awaited the drivers in 2011, but most of the attention went to the revised car construction table that allowed 80 mph acceleration and deceleration; 120 mph start speed, and 0 skill—all for the first time. The result was a lively debate of the merits of perhaps too easily allowing 80 mph acceleration.

The Final was run on Istanbul. The grid was arranged from front to back like this: Tatum & Keller; Carnahan & Cornett; Aubuchon & Galullo; Schulz & Nicholson; Rae & Haskell; Rund and Long. Five cars were separated by a mere two spaces after sector 2 of the first lap: Carnahan, Tatum, Keller, Schulz, and Galullo. By this point, the next car (Cornett) had already fallen six spaces behind the leader.

The leaders lengthened the gap between them and the rest of the field. As they ran down the back straight for the last time, Tatum was three spaces in front and 11 spaces clear of Galullo in third. Tatum ran the last two corners clean but Carnahan needed two chance rolls and a test brakes in order to contest for the win… and he made them all to pull alongside Tatum mere spaces before the finish line. On the next turn, Carnahan had the advantage of exiting the last corner faster than Tatum and succeeded in pushing both his acceleration and top speed in order to cross the line one space ahead to win the championship at his first WBC.

Squad Leader (SQL)

51 games were logged during our second year in the Grognard format. After a week of play, four players stood atop the pack. Although the records varied, it is a matter of whom you defeat in the Grognard scoring system. Seeding was clarified as #1 four-time champ Pete Pollard (68 points), #2 two-time champ Eric Stranger (50), Chuck Leonard and #4 defending champ Andrew Cummins (48).

Fate would decree a Final pairing of two-time champs in the "*Eviction Notice*" scenario with Eric's Germans defending. Eric took an aggressive setup with many of his forces ahead of the central victory location, a multi-hex stone building on board 3. His goal was to slow the Ami advance long enough for reinforcements to arrive. However, Andrew's forces were mobile and he used that to his advantage. He pinned down Eric's screening force and swung behind them to seize the objective. An anti-tank gun destroyed a US tank, but it was not enough. Now Eric found his defensive role changing as he needed to mount a counterattack to retake the objective and it proved to be a task for which they were ill suited.

Andrew also won wood for eliminating the Pollard PLC in the event's unique secondary competition. Eric managed to salvage something from his loss as his Personal Leader Counter assumed the role of chief target in 2012 by surviving the week with the best performance. His best day actually came in defeat during the Final, surviving to face the 2012 bounty hunters.

2011 Results

- Bill Morse, VA
- David Platnick, VA
- Carolyn Strock, PA
- Larry Lingle, PA
- Gino Sinigaglio, NJ
- Ted Lange, ae

Buddy Sinigaglio, CO

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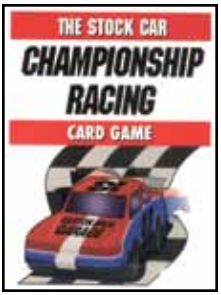

2011 Results

- Luke Koleszar, VA
- Fabio Pellegrino, it
- Curt Collins, PA
- Mark Mitchell, VA
- Steve Cameron, PA
- John Weber, MD

Michael Garton, VA

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Bill Morse, VA

Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	118
Brian Sutton, MD	96
Karl Henning, CT	57
Bill Morse, VA	54
Alex Bell, MD	39
Buddy Sinigaglio, CO	34
Andrew Wilson, NJ	30
Nick Page, on	30
William Sparks, MD	30
Phil Rennert, MD	27

Luke Koleszar, VA

Top Laurelists

Seth Gunar, NJ	84
Phillip White, MD	60
Luke Koleszar, VA	42
Steve Caler, OH	36
Bill Beckman, SC	30
Kevin Brown, GA	30
Jean Younkin, VA	30
Devin Flawd, PA	30
Tim Dolan, NJ	30
Jim Bell, MD	27

Star Wars; Queen's Gambit (QGB)

In the preliminary heats each side won 22 games. With no time limit in the preliminary games, balance slants towards the Naboo. In the time-limited playoffs, however, the Trade Federation wins if it is still standing after two hours—this reflects the time-limited aspect of the battle in the theatre. In 2011, the Naboo won eight of 15 playoff games, so the final tally was Obiwan 30, Darth Maul 29.

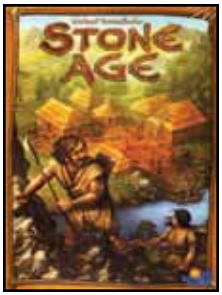
In the semi-finals, Bill Morse upset Carolyn Strock who has had his number in the past. In the other bracket, David Platnick used Larry Lingle's chivalry to advance. Larry would have surely won by honestly playing out his turn and winning by time limit; but, if there was no time limit, he could just as easily lose. So, the three-time champion unselfishly "passed" on his card plays, permitting David to win as Anakin shut down the droids in the last seconds before the time limit expired.

Bill played the dark side in the Final and his Darth Maul was triumphant as he blocked an uncanny number of Jedi hits. David's Red Queen and Captain Panaka sacrificed themselves amongst the battle droids and droideka on the first floor of the palace enabling the Purple Queen and four palace guards to use window ledge movement into the throne room. Alas, Bill's droideka on the third floor killed the Purple Queen and too many palace guards while Anakin was stuck amidst star fighters two spaces from the druid control ship.

Stock Car Championship (SCC)

The green flag dropped on 21 cars for the start of the largest Final in WBC *Stock Car Racing* history. The second turn brought out a yellow flag and Brian Mongold became the first casualty with an Overheating problem. Joshua Garton cruised into the lead. On Turn 6 the yellow flag flew again for a crash that claimed 2009 Champion, Phil White. Garton then experienced transmission problems on Turn 8, as Mark Mitchell claimed the lead for the next 147 laps.

Curt Collins made the move of the day on Turn 19. From sixth place, he made a sling pass to the outside lane behind Koleszar. With no cars in front of Koleszar, Collins bump drafted him to be tied with the inside lane leader. Cameron was running first and played a Two Wide to try to protect his tenuous lead. Fabio Pellegrino immediately attempted to pass Cameron for the inside lead, but was challenged and his pass failed. His outside attempt opened up the inside for a try and Pellegrino followed the outside attempt with an Inside Advantage passing Cameron for the inside lead and a chance at the checkered Flag. The photo finish had Koleszar beating Pellegrino to the line for the win, but the Italian was deservedly proud of his second place finish. For two years in a row the Bump Draft has propelled the winner to the checkered flag, showing a little teamwork goes a long way in racing.



2011 Results

- Cary Morris, NC
- Nick Henning, DC
- Eric Freeman, VA
- Greg Thatcher, CA
- Dan Eppolito, CA
- Deb Yaure, PA

Eric Engelmann, MD

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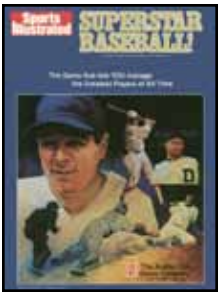

2011 Results

- Harry Flawd, PA
- Richard Moyer, MN
- Jacob Hebner, CO
- Bill Beckman, SC
- Francis Beaudet, qc
- Roderick Lee, CA

Chris Palermo, NY

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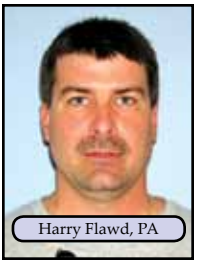
Cary Morris, NC

Top Laurelists

Cary Morris, NC	82
Eric Freeman, PA	70
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	40
Christopher Ellis, FL	40
Virginia Colin, VA	34
Stefan Mecay, TX	30
Nicolas Henning, DC	30
Rod Bacigalupo, MD	30
Scott Fenn, MD	24
Greg Thatcher, CA	24


Harry Flawd, PA

Top Laurelists

Rich Moyer, MN	174
Harry Flawd, PA	146
Bill Beckman, SC	68
Chris Palermo, NY	47
Terry Coleman, CA	44
Mark Giddings, NY	40
Randy Cox, SC	28
Ken Samuel, VA	28
Devin Flawd, PA	22
John Welage, OH	20

Stone Age (STA)

The tournament got off to a rousing start by attracting 84 players for the Monday heat. Three heats later, that number nearly doubled in a grueling format that used two rounds in each heat with a combination of early morning and late-night starts to suit every taste.

13 players qualified automatically for the semi-finals with consecutive wins in one heat—a new and unique form of advancement qualification to be sure. One opted for other diversions, leaving exactly 12 to advance, much to the dismay of the alternates on hand who were hoping to fill a fourth table. Starvation was the clear winning strategy in the preliminaries, but proved far less successful when opposed by a table of double win qualifiers. Two of the three semis were won via culture symbols (green background) civilization cards.

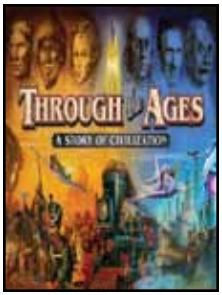
The Final foursome numbered 20 titles between them for the one-of-a-kind World Champion leather cup. Cary Morris, whose resume was the least cluttered with past titles, was nonetheless the ranking *STA* laurelist. While each was tempted to use the starvation strategy, they knew this would make them a target. After a few turns, Nick nonetheless opted to starve. Throughout, the game remained too close to call. The final scores were tight: 143, 135, 135, and 134. Cary won with a very balanced strategy, generating 81 board points, six culture cards for 36 points, five points for five tools, five for five huts, 12 on six people, and four leftover resources. It netted him his third WBC title.

Superstar Baseball (SSB)

Attendance held steady, although the games played dipped slightly. This was disappointing, considering that all teams were available to be selected for the first time. The eight making the playoffs were: Rich Moyer (1902 Pirates); Bill Beckman (1997 Indians); Harry Flawd (2004 Red Sox), Jacob Hebner (2007 Rockies); Francis Beaudet (1981 Expos); James Terry (1969 Pilots); Johnny Wilson (1963 Dodgers); Roderick Lee (2009 Dodgers). Moyer continued his run as the team to beat. Despite having a new team he still had a perfect 13-0 record in two heats. Perennial contender Beckman was edged out in the first heat by Hebner's Rockies, forcing Bill to play in Saturday's heat to make the playoffs.

In the first round, Beaudet's Expos and Lee's Dodgers emerged triumphant. In Round 2, Beaudet was dispatched by Hebner, while Lee's Dodgers ran into the Flawd buzzsaw, 5-3. Hebner's luck would end in Round 3 against the champ. Moyer had a predictable 5-0 lead going into the seventh inning, when the Rockies put together four runs in two innings, to raise a rare sweat in Moyer-ville. Yet, for the fifth time in six years, Rich would make the Final.

On the other side of the bracket, the Red Sox were taking down the Indians 5-4, leaving Flawd with neither ace for the Final. Instead, Bronson Arroyo took the hill for the Sox vs Jack Chesbro (28-6). But Moyer's title defense ended there, as Flawd added the summer pastime to his sports resume in a surprisingly easy 9-2 upset.



2011 Results

- Jason Ley, WA
- Randy Buehler, WA
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- Andrew Emerick, CT
- Dom. Duchesne, qc
- Charles Hickok, PA

Raphael Lehrer, CA

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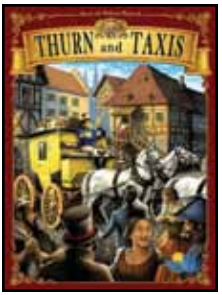

2011 Results

- Kyle Smith, PA
- Alex Bove, PA
- Steven LeWinter, NC
- Randy Buehler, WA
- Cary Morris, NC
- Alex. Henning, PA

Andy Latto, MA

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Jason Ley, WA

Top Laurelists

Jason Ley, WA	108
Randy Buehler, WA	86
Joel Lytle, NY	54
Raphael Lehrer, CA	52
Rob Flowers, MD	26
Zvi Mowshowitz, NY	24
David Metzger, NY	24
Alan Sudy, VA	20
Andrew Emerick, CT	18
Eric Brosius, MA	16

Kyle Smith, PA

Top Laurelists

Andy Latto, MA	108
Anne Norton, NJ	75
Rob Kircher, RI	72
Jim Castonguay, PA	42
Tom DeMarco, NJ	40
Raphael Lehrer, MD	32
Kyle Smith, PA	30
Aran Warszawski, is	30
Rod Spade, MD	30
Alex Bove, PA	27

Through the Ages (AGE)

Attendance set a new record as PreCons continued to flourish. With more heat winners than semi-final slots, the competition was fierce on Sunday evening as everyone tried for a second win to assure advancement. The five players who managed it included the three former champs (Jason Ley, Raphael Lehrer, and Randy Buehler) plus two newcomers who came just to play *AGE* (Mark Globus and Zvi Mowshowitz).

16 advanced to four 4-player semi-finals where three of the five double winners picked up their third win. The fourth finalist was another newcomer who came specifically to play in this event: Andrew Emerick, whose only heat loss was to Jason but who then beat double-winner Mark Globus in the semi's with a brutal combo of Turn 3 and 4 Enslaves.

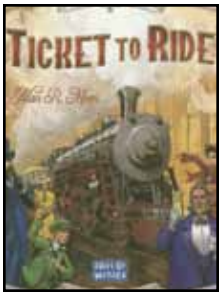
The opening turns of the Final seemed to favor Randy as he grabbed both Caesar and Pyramids (arguably the two best Age A cards). Zvi was Aristotle while Andrew went with Alexander and was able to convert his temporary military advantage into a successful early Raid, destroying Zvi's philosopher. Jason didn't have an Age A wonder or leader, but he made up for that by grabbing both Michaelangelo and St. Peter's Basilica relatively early in Age 1. Mostly, though, the difference was Jason piloting a high variance strategy flawlessly, building up a huge culture lead early via Michaelangelo, and doing everything he needed to do to hold onto that lead despite being the target.

Thurn & Taxis (T&T)

Previous years had been dominated by familiar faces in the elimination rounds. However, this was a year of new blood that was only fitting given the record attendance for the two heats. Only two former semi-finalists, Randy Buehler and Andy Latto, reached the same stage this year. Alexandra Henning was the third member of her family to reach the semi-finals, and fell one point short of being the third Henning to reach the Final as well, settling for sixth instead.

Randy had to discard a route early and was soon out of contention. Kyle played a game of nearly perfect efficiency. The others saw how well he was doing and united against him. Kyle did not get a Lodz card the first time through the deck, and needed one the second time through to get the all-colors bonus, so Randy, playing before Kyle, fell on his sword and took a Lodz card to keep it out of his hands. Kyle responded by pulling another from the top of the deck. And so it went. In a game in which he never used the Administrator, Kyle won in a runaway, 15-14-12-25.

Of the 38 4-player games, the first seat won 13. The later three positions won six, eleven, and eight respectively. Combining this with results from the previous two years, we have 32 wins from players going first, 20 from second, 26 from third, and 22 from last which argues for adding bids for seat position in 2012.



2011 Results

- Patrick Monte, NY
- Lori Miskoff, NJ
- Tom Idzikowski, MI
- Curt Collins II, PA
- Mark Geary, OH
- Max DuBoff, NJ

Claire Brosius, MA

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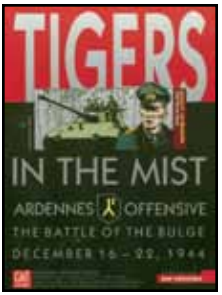

2011 Results

- Bryan Eshleman, NC
- Ray Freeman, CA
- Tom Thornsen, NY
- Jim Kramer, PA
- Charles Drozd, IL
- Ric Sciacca, FL

Ray Freeman, CA

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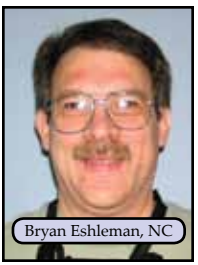
Patrick Monte, NY

Top Laurelists

Jay Fox, NJ	72
Virginia Colin, VA	70
Eric Monte, NY	70
Anni Foasberg, NJ	60
Kyle Greenwood, HI	60
John Faella, RI	60
Steve Shambeda, PA	54
Patrick Monte, NY	50
Lori Miskoff, NJ	48
Daniel Karp, MD	48


Bryan Eshleman, NC

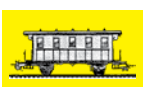
Top Laurelists

Ray Freeman, CA	214
Bryan Eshleman, NC	122
Tom Thornsen, NY	97
Mike Mishler, CA	96
Jim Winslow, ME	90
Rick Young, NC	73
Brad Jones, FL	60
Robert Mull, CO	36
Murray Cowles, uk	32
John Ellsworth, IL	30

Ticket to Ride (TTR)

Ticket to Ride was again one of the largest tournaments, breaking the 200 mark for the fourth straight year and causing the Distelfink depot to burst at the seams with 119 at the first heat and 96 at each of the other two. But registration went smoothly under the direction of WBC's newest GM of the Year, Claire Brosius, and her two Conductors; Sarah Beach and Nikki Bradford. Most games finished in approximately 45 minutes. The preliminaries produced seven double winners, with Faith Wobbeking seeded first with two wins and a second. The best single game score in the heats belonged to John Mewshaw with 178, making nine out of nine tickets and getting the most tickets bonus in *1910* while denying Faith her third win. Curt Collins came out the victor in a 107-106-104-103 quarter-final that became the closest game of the tournament when leader Lynda Shea missed a two-train connection between Boston and New York.

Our four finalists were Collins, Patrick Monte, Thomas Idzikowski, and a rare repeat performance by 2010's 4th place laurelist, Lori Miskoff. It was a fast, efficient game with the northwest corner getting built first and spreading out from there. Patrick Monte quietly made all seven of his tickets as he flew beneath the radar to claim his first title with a score of 137 and most tickets made.



Lori took second with 130 while Thomas claimed third with 95 and the longest route. Curt manned the caboose with 85.

Tigers in the Mist (TIM)

The fourth and last round was a busy one, with four games played! Ray Freeman and Bryan Eshleman faced off for the championship, but no less than four others had a shot at second if Ray won.

Ray made a serious mistake, giving Bryan the US for 0. The Germans got off on the right foot clearing Vianden, Holzhum and Lutzkampen, but Habscheid held. This would prove to be critical later. The bridges stayed down such that a follow up attack on Marnach was not possible. However, Diekirch, Hoschied and Burg Reuland also fell. However, the 106th in Bleialf survived. Both units of the 106th retreated to St. Vith and Recht. By the end of 20-3, the US line was still Neufchateau, Moircy, Champion, Lignieres, and Grandmenil. Ray made a series of desperation attacks on 21-1, but all of them failed and there was nothing left to do but resign. Bryan played his usual extremely precise game and got favorable attrition to claim his third title. Ray was able to take Bastogne on the 18th, but could not make any significant progress after that against Bryan's fierce defense and had his bid for an event-leading fourth title denied again.

11 games had no bid, four games had an Allied bid of 1.0, two 1.5, and three 2.0. In a significant departure from past events, the Germans dominated dramatically, going 14-6! Stubbornness awards go to Jim Kramer (US) and Ray Freeman (Germans) respectively with 3-1 records.

2011 Results

- David Finberg, MA
- Dan Strock, PA
- Aaron Fuegi, MA
- Dave des Jardins, CA
- Kevin Hillock, VA
- Rich Atwater, WA

Bruno Wolff, WI

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2011 Results

- Jordan Shea, CT
- Thomas Melton, VA
- Ewan McNay, NY
- John Speck, MD
- Bram Walzl, VA
- Joanna Melton, VA

Greg Crowe, MD

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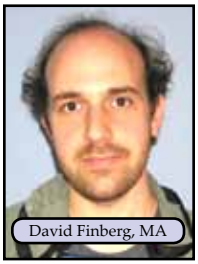
David Finberg, MA

Top Laurelists

Dave Finberg, MA	269
Aaron Fuegi, MA	263
David desJardines, CA	185
Jason Ley, GA	146
Rich Atwater, WA	123
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Dan Strock, PA	102
Kevin Hillock, VA	90
Steve Koleszar, VA	84
Ed Rothenheber, MD	70

Jordan Shea, CT

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
Brendan Coomes, OH	32

Titan (TTN)

The Final began poorly for Dave Finberg. He was last and mulligan'd a 2 only to re-roll another 2. One of his legions didn't recruit until Turn 3.

Eventually, defending champ Aaron Fuegi made an attack on one of David des Jardins' legions. David missed a 33% chance to kill Aaron's titan. Aaron then had titan (8), two angels, warlock, gorgon, and cyclops. David teleported to get a second wyvern in his titan legion but was trapped by Aaron. David then attacked Dan Strock's angel legion with his own angel legion to try to clear a way out. He was caught and killed by Aaron in mid-flight. At this point things were looking good for Aaron who had titan (11), two angels, warlock and cyclops for his titan legion and another legion with a hydra.

However, Aaron then attacked Dan's two behemoths, gorgon, and three cyclops in the jungle. Aaron later admitted that given his position, he should never have attacked. The battle went poorly and Dan eventually got a serpent. In the end he ended up losing the battle on time. Dan had 397 points, but wasn't able to exceed 400 until after it was an immediate win to teleport. Dave had few points, so it took a long time for him to recover. He recruited very well, eventually recruiting all ten colossus, and got 400 points to teleport on Dan's titan for the win and his fourth *TTN* championship to take the *Titan* Masters lead over Aaron. Patience is a virtue.

Titan: The Arena (TTA)

The rising tide of WBC attendance briefly cost the event its place in the Century until the 2011 Board voted it alone Legacy status from among ten eligible candidates. The 26 preliminary games yielded 24 qualifiers, with two double winners, Joanna Melton and Bram Walzl. A quarter of those were AWOL for the semi-finals, so two alternates were added to man five 4-player tables. Round 2 was dominated by Ewan McNay's performance, killing all five creatures and earning the highest score of the year (18 points).

Joining Ewan at the Final were Bram Walzl, John Speck, Jordan Shea, and Thomas Melton—the youngest of the well-versed Melton clan. In Round 1 the cyclops exited quickly, almost through unanimous consent, or possibly due to lack of depth perception. Instead of offing the only creature left with no first round bet (titan) or one of Thomas' two first-round bets, Bram ended up killing John's Hydra in Round 2. The titan shuffled off its immortal coil in Round 3, along with Jordan's second-round bet. There was no way for Thomas to save both of his first-round bets, and so his Ranger died valiantly in Round 4, taking bets from Bram and John with him. What none of them knew was that all five secret bets were still alive in Round 5. When the Warlock bit the dust, Jordan Shea emerged the winner.

TTA has produced 15 different winners in as many years, making it easily the longest-running event with no repeat winner.

2011 Results

- Aaron Fuegi, MA
- Dave des Jardins, CA
- Jason Ley, WA
- David Finberg, MA
- Dan Strock, PA
- Brian Sutton, MD

Rich Atwater, WA

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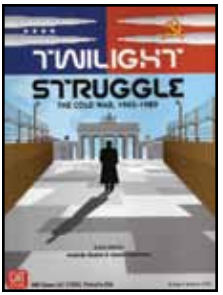

2011 Results

- Stefan Mecay, TX
- Keith Wixson, NJ
- K. Hammond, NY
- Chris Byrd, CT
- Derek Landel, NJ
- C. Georgantzas, NY

George Young, VT

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Aaron Fuegi, MA

Top Laurelists

Aaron Fuegi, MA	196
David desJardins, CA	149
Brian Sutton, MD	81
Dan Strock, PA	73
David Finberg, MA	57
Sean McCulloch, OH	57
Jason Ley, WA	50
Andrew Gross, WA	49
John Sharp III, FL	32
Ed Rothenheber, MD	30

Stefan Mecay, TX

Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	413
Chris Withers, CA	125
Keith Wixson, NJ	110
Rick Young, NC	100
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	70
Bill Edwards, VA	54
Bruce Monnin, OH	46
Chris Byrd, CT	42
James Terry, NJ	37
Rob Hassard, NJ	32

Titan Two (TT2)

The cream came to the top this year. Round 3 of this single elimination tournament fielded the most powerful set of players to ever participate at this late stage. Each of the surviving six had an Area rating residing in the top seven positions of the list. Not so coincidentally, that statement holds true for the upper echelons of our Laurel List as well. Five of the six were former champions of the two-player event. In a related happenstance, in each of the three Round 3 contests, the higher rated player won.

The semi-final pit David des Jardins vs Jason Ley as defending champ Aaron Fuegi received the high rent bye. Two wounded rangers each rolled three hits out of four in retaliation to kill Jason's titan. Aaron and David then met to decide who would become the first 4-time winner. Their matches tend to be either very short or very long. This was one of the brief ones. Only one conflict took place early, so both titans were six pips. Aaron had two stacks chasing David's titan. One had a griffon, a guardian, two rangers and three lions; the other had an angel, five rangers and a guardian. David's titan was weaker, with three trolls and a warlock, when it went into the tundra to recruit a warbear, taking a risk in the attempt to become better. Aaron's angel stack was able to catch the titan and the battle was over swiftly.

Twilight Struggle (TWS)

The Deluxe Edition with the Chinese Civil War variant was the default version. This was intended to dampen the Russian advantage, which remained (34-26), but not as strong as previously. The key match occurred in Round 2 when perennial laurelist George Young had four-time defending champion Stefan Mecay on the ropes, only to get caught in a *Bear Trap* for which he missed four consecutive rolls, allowing Stefan to turn the tide.

Chris Byrd led Keith Wixson throughout the first semi, and needed only to draw *Wargames* to win, but Keith held the stronger board position. When the event did not materialize, final scoring gave Wixson the win. Stefan Mecay's Russians had no such problems in the other semi, using *Decolonization* and *Destalinization* to build a strong board position over Kevin Hammond.

In the Final, Stefan bid 3 for the US. Keith gained the early advantage in Asia but it would not last as he was stuck with too many scoring cards, a theme that would prevail throughout. In mid-war, Keith got six out of seven scoring cards. However, he still had a slight lead and was within *Wargames* range until Turn 6. Keith headlined *Decolonization* while Stefan headlined *Grain Sales*. Stefan's random draw plucked Africa Scoring! This was huge as Stefan could play it immediately for 10 points whereas Keith could have used his *De-col* to cut it down to 1 for Russia. On Turn 8 Stefan claimed his fifth straight win—all ended with *Wargames*—and his fifth title.

2011 Results

- Curt Collins II, PA
- Bruce Reiff, OH
- Bob Wicks, CT
- Jason Ley, WA
- Chris Trimmer, TX
- Rob Kircher, RI

Bruce Reiff, OH

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2011 Results

- Bruce Wigdor, NJ
- Ralph Gleaton, SC
- Jeremy Billones, VA
- Bill Alderman, VA
- John Emery, SC
- Jeff Spaner, MD

Jim Burnett, TN

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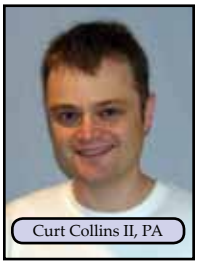
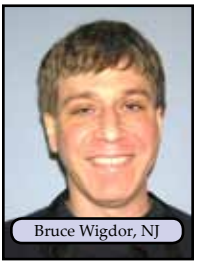


Curt Collins II, PA

Top Laurelists

Arthur Field, SC	92
Curt Collins II, PA	60
Bruce Reiff, OH	48
Luke Koleszar, VA	48
Jeff Mullet, OH	43
Steve Shambeda, PA	42
Fred Minard, PA	35
Joe Lux, NY	34
Bruce Young, SC	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30



Bruce Wigdor, NJ

Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	197
Bruce Young, SC	150
Ray Stakenas II, MI	106
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	104
Ray Stakenas Sr, MI	64
Paul Wright, PA	52
Ed Kendrick, uk	51
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48
Larry Davidson, CA	46
Herbert Gratz, aa	34

Union Pacific (UNP)

After three rounds, Bob Wicks, 2009 champ Curt Collins II and defending champ Bruce Reiff all safely reached the Final with 13 points. There was a three-way tie between Rob Kircher, Jason Ley and Chris Trimmer at 11 for the last seat that went to Jason on the second tie-breaker.

Jason decided not to try for the Union Pacific and lay shares instead. Curt, not one to look a gift horse in the mouth, plowed right on through as well as Bob and Bruce in a vain attempt to keep up. The third round saw Bruce becoming intertwined with Jason and Bob. Curt, knowing that the UP would be paying off, just tried to keep his hold on the smaller stocks and keep pace with Bruce in Black and Purple. At the end of Round 3 Curt had 78, Bob 75, Bruce 73 and Jason 63.

The final scoring card came early and Bruce had managed to get a piece of Bob's Red and Green lines. Curt won with 131, to Bruce's 118, Bob's 114 and Jason's 102. Curt had received $45 from his UP investment, Bob and Bruce $31 and Jason $18. Those margins are reflected about evenly in the results. You can draw your own conclusions on the wisdom of not trying for the UP, but this first title defense had ended badly for the defending Consul and was the sign of even better things to come in the week ahead for long suffering Reiff observers.

Up Front (UPF)

With the casualties removed from the first five swiss firefights, eight were left standing with records of 3-2 or better. The 2001 vintage champ, Bruce Wigdor, led the field at 5-0. Frequent victors John Emery and Bruce Young joined '09 Champ Jeff Spaner and Jeremy Billones at 4-1. Favorable tie-breakers allowed journeymen Bill Alderman and Ralph Gleaton to make the cut at 3-2 along with Kevin Emery representing the next generation. Despite these cuts, the playoffs would include four former champs in possession of 11 shields.

Four different scenarios were chosen as the four former champs paired off against those not yet so anointed. Those left standing were Billones' Japanese attackers in scenario "T", Alderman's Germans in "B", Wigdor's Japanese in "A", and Gleaton's Germans in "L"—all Axis winners that handed three former champs their walking papers. The semi-finals got underway with a broken German MG sealing Bill's fate as Ralph advanced in scenario C. In the other bracket, Bruce's Japanese scored a third deck KO of Jeremy's British in scenario "M".

Bruce's GI's attacked Ralph's Japanese in the "*Outpost*" for the title. The initial shuffle gifted Bruce with a Hill card for his AFV. It promptly killed three Japanese as Ralph desperately managed to pin it too late. It was enough to ensure a return to grace for Bruce on the 10th anniversary of his initial title. The Japanese broke early in the second deck, leaving behind a perfect 8-0 Wigdor title run and yet another "bridesmaid" finish for Ralph.