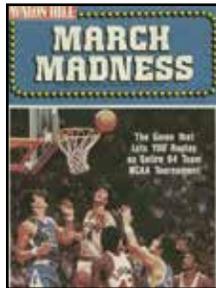


### 2014 Results

- ♣ C. Zimmerman, PA
- ♠ Tom DeMarco, NJ
- ♣ B. Berkenstock, NJ
- ♠ Shea Lawson, MD
- ♣ Laura Miller, PA
- ♣ Tim Tu, NJ

♣ Ivan Lawson, MD

† 184 📖 2000-2014



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Andy Lewis, DE
- ♠ Samantha Berk, PA
- ♠ Harry Flawd, PA
- ♣ Bruce Monnin, OH
- ♣ Chris Palermo, NY
- ♣ Owen Kyrollos, NC

♣ Terry Coleman, CA

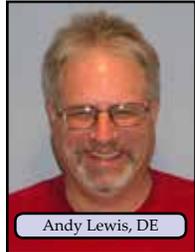
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Cody Zimmerman, PA

### Top Laurelists

Sean McCulloch, OH	76
Chris Entwistle, MD	70
Eric Hufford, PA	70
Rebecca Hebner, CO	68
Andy Latto, MA	61
David Meyaard, CT	48
Jared Scarborough, IL	48
Daniel Karp, MD	32
Cody Zimmerman, PA	30
Eric Brosius, MA	30



Andy Lewis, DE

### Top Laurelists

Bruce Monnin, OH	148
Terry Coleman, CA	111
Ken Gutermuth, NC	104
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	100
Derek Landel, NY	96
Dennis Nicholson, NY	93
John Coussis, IL	79
Harry Flawd, PA	78
Peter Staab, PA	66
Bruce Reiff, OH	64

## Lost Cities (LST)

The second year of the modified format with the bifurcated third heat proved to be more trouble than it was worth. We will return to four heats in 2015.

The first two heats drew 90 and 112 players. 102 attended the first half of the third heat with 24 winners remaining to try for a double win. All told, there were 23 white knucklers—the closest being Luke Parauda's 131 v. Yoel Weiss' 130. Just as noteworthy was Chris Kizer's 12 v. Cathy Raymond's 1—one of the lowest combined scores on the books. Ewan McNay was the only player to score more than 300 (338), using four bonus expeditions to accomplish the feat.

44 of the 47 double winners returned to see how far they could advance. Rebecca Hebner was the only former champion among them. When she fell in the Round of 22, the crowning of a new champion was assured for only the second time since 2008. After five rounds, four players advanced to the semis: Cody Zimmerman, Tom DeMarco, Bryan Berkenstock, and Shea Lawson. Cody and Tom met in the championship round. Tom led after the first hand and the second, primarily due to one bonus expedition that overcame three negative expeditions. Meanwhile, Cody methodically strung together 12 small expeditions of

18 points or less, limited his damage to one –20 expedition, and claimed victory at 94 to 79, when Tom failed to post a positive score for any of his five expeditions in the third hand.



## March Madness (MMS)



Only one of our Final Four had emerged victorious before—and it had been 14 long years since Bruce Monnin had won. Still, three PBEM titles had to make him the favorite. Instead, it was Samantha Berk who played as though she belonged. Sam was able to resolve his *Boxing Out* early, enabling her to work the ball inside. Bruce's Zone defense was a non-factor in the second half, since the guards were resolved last. Sam took the lead early and held on for the win, 74-67.

Likewise, Harry Flawd was a frequent laurelist and the sole repeating member of the Final Four from 2013, but the closest Andy Lewis had been was watching his wife play more than a decade ago. Yet, Andy was able to outscore Harry's Maryland front line when it counted, and we were guaranteed our seventh different champ in the last nine years. Harry was left to reflect again on how close he came to the only WBC sport title he has never won.

In the title game, an early *Technical Foul* on Cincinnati plus strong bench play gave Sam a 24-21 lead. Well-employed timeouts kept either side from pulling away. The key point, late in the game, came when he had a chance to resolve the Right Forward position, which left Andy up 15. After that, it was pretty much over except for ordering the championship T-shirts, as Andy prevailed, 92-78.



### 2014 Results

- ♣ G. Heintzelman, NC
- ♠ Michael Shea, CT
- ♠ Gareth Williams, ma
- ♠ Joe Harrison, KY
- ♣ Barry Shoults, MI
- ♣ Sam Edelston, CT

♣ Sam Edelston, CT

† 62 📖 2004-2014



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Eric Wrobel, MD
- ♠ Chris Gnech, PA
- ♠ Luke Koleszar, VA
- ♠ Vassili Kyrkos, NY
- ♣ Winton Lemoine, NV
- ♣ Eric Monte, NY

♣ Richard Irving, CA

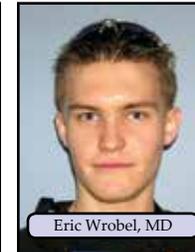
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Geoff Heintzelman, NC

### Top Laurelists

Joe Harrison, KY	142
Sam Edelston, CT	81
Robert Eastman, NV	68
Jonathan Miller, DC	57
John Skiba, NY	54
Steve Lollis, MD	54
Jarett Weintraub, NY	40
Eric Caron, qc	40
Johan Van Huysse, be	40
Gordon Rodgers, PA	36



Eric Wrobel, MD

### Top Laurelists

Eric Wrobel, VA	228
Bill Crenshaw, VA	138
Luke Koleszar, VA	82
Joe Abrams, CT	72
Eyal Mozes, MD	61
Kathy Stroh, DE	56
Steve Dickson, CA	56
Debbie Otto, MO	56
Charles Hickok, PA	55
Ed Wrobel, VA	52

## Memoir '44 (M44)

*Memoir's* creator, Richard Borg, updated six familiar D-Day scenarios with modified layouts and specialized units. Each player received a user-friendly help sheet, and before each round, that scenario's new elements were reviewed.

Early rounds: *Pegasus Bridge*, *Sainte Mere-Eglise*, *Sword Beach*, *Gold Beach*. 40 Mulligan players and 38 for Round 1 made for near identical participation numbers to 2013. By Round 4, only the usual contenders remained. Joe led at 7-1 with 45 medals. Close behind were Gareth, Geoff and Mike—all tied with 7-1 records and 44 medals.

Round 5 ... *Omaha First Wave* semifinals: Mike Shea won a split against Gareth Williams, 7-2, 5-7. Meanwhile, Geoff Heintzelman swept ex-champ Joe Harrison, 7-6, 7-6, with a last-ditch *Infantry Assault* the second game.

Round 6 ... *Juno Beach*: Game 1: Geoff's Germans put up a stiff defense, but Mike had a big *Armor Assault*. Then, his *Barrage* demolished the German Big Gun. An Allied infantry *Behind Enemy Lines* took the last medal to give Mike a 6-5 win. The rematch was a different story. This time, Geoff came up the right flank with devastating cards and homicidal dice, while Mike's Germans had no cards to order that flank. The Germans had no way to stop Geoff's Canadians from gaining an astonishing 6-0 victory and the championship.

MULTI-PLAYER GAMES: As usual, we also played several multi-player Overlord games—a treat that many players can only get at conventions. This year, we included giant 3-board and 6-board battles from the new *D-Day Landings* expansion.



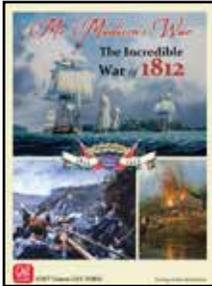
## Merchant of Venus (MOV)

The event got underway in the near absolute zero temperatures of the vast, empty spaces of Ballroom B with 12 games. The cold early qualifiers, including three prior champs, were: Craig Reece, Vassili Kyrkos, Steve Koleszar, Chris and Phillip Entwistle, Henry Dove, Rich Meyer, Bill Crenshaw, Kathy Stroh, Chris Gnech, Philip Shea and Debbie Gutermuth. Heat 2 drew seven more games and two more past champions. Bob Woodson played himself off the Alternate list and put Roy Pettis on it with a score of \$2013. Defending champ Eric Wrobel made his debut with a predictable outcome. The other winners were: Jeff Kahan, Eyal Mozes, Wade Fowble, and the second ranked Bill Crenshaw (again). Heat 3 provided seven more games with Gary Dickson, Ken Gutermuth, Luke Koleszar, Eric Monte, Wade Fowble, Winton Lemoine, and Chris Entwistle (again) getting wins.

With 23 qualifiers (including six past champions) present, five 5-player games composed the semis. Lemoine topped Debbie Gutermuth in Game 1. In Game 2, Luke Koleszar edged Monte to return to the Final in consecutive years. Kyrkos won easily, but not as easily as Chris Gnech's blow-out in Game 4 aided by an early Jump Start discovery or Wrobel's \$1200 margin in Game 5.

Wrobel opened the Final by flying into the Cloud to an Open Port that sold Red Ships, acquired a Clipper and raced to an early lead. He was never seriously challenged and won again by over \$1200 to take his third consecutive MOV title.



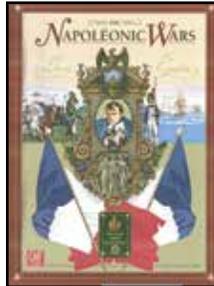


### 2014 Results

- ♣ Dave Stiffler, VA
- ♣ Gilbert Collins, on
- ♣ Keith MacFarland, NJ
- ♣ Rod Coffey, MD
- ♣ William Kelley, RI
- ♣ Randy Pippus, on

♣ David Stiffler, VA

† 17 📖 2013-2014



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Bruce Young, SC
- ♣ Gareth Williams, ma
- ♣ Bill Burtless, SC
- ♣ Kevin Emery, SC
- ♣ Al Hurda, on
- ♣ Michael Dauer, TX

♣ Gareth Williams, ma

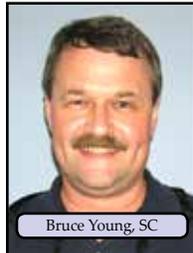
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Dave Stiffler, VA

### Top Laurelists

Dave Stiffler, VA	60
Gilbert Collins, on	18
Rob Doane, MA	18
Keith MacFarland, NJ	12
Randy Pippus, on	12
Tom Drueding, MA	12
Rod Coffey, MD	9
William Kelley, RI	6
Robert Hammond, on	6
Scott Beall, OR	3



Bruce Young, SC

### Top Laurelists

Bruce Young, SC	256
John Emery, SC	198
Lane Hess, PA	157
Ed Rothenheber, MD	111
Francis Czawlytko, MD	104
Henry Russell, PA	102
Melvin Casselberry, PA	99
Scott Moll, VA	80
Mike Casselberry, PA	60
David Gantt, SC	60

## Mr. Madison's War (MMW)

The event was new to the Century this year and nearly half the field's 17 players were new to the tournament. Several had not played the game before. The "new blood" were not easy marks, producing one semifinalist and four players in the top eight. Four preliminary rounds were played using the 1813-1814 scenario to produce four semifinalists who fought the entire war as we sought a champion.

The action on each board was varied over the course of the tournament, with action out west, on the Niagara, around Sacket's/Kingston, or fought along the shores of Lake Champlain. This continues to be a source of encouragement as no "standard" course of play has emerged as "the best"; players have shown they can be successful anywhere on the map as long as they make the best use of their opportunities. The 2013 American superiority (14-10) was reversed this year with the British taking 13 of 23 games.

After four rounds the semifinalists were defending champ Dave Stiffler, designer Gilbert Collins, Keith MacFarland, and Rod Coffey. In the first semifinal Gilbert's Americans narrowly prevailed over Rod with a +3 win. In the other bracket, Dave's Americans edged Keith by +5 VPs. The Final was closer, coming down to the final card play, with Dave's British re-capturing Ft. Niagara,

to restore supply to their units on Lake Erie and win the game and the tournament in a game strangely bereft of naval action.

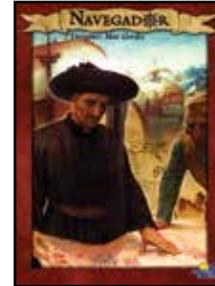


## The Napoleonic Wars (NW5)

In most respects I was very happy with this year's event, though numbers on Wednesday were down somewhat. Most especially I was pleased that the somewhat stale meta-game where Prussia pacts the Turks before joining the coalition to punish France was thoroughly disrupted by a combination of Prussian innovation and French aggression against an overly diplomatic Prussia.

As last year there were four 5-player semifinals. Unlike 2013, wherein France was the third pick in every game, that only occurred once. There, Al Hurda took France to victory against a somewhat dysfunctional coalition. Bruce Young and Gareth Williams used their #1 picks to win with France as well. Bill Burtless, Micheal Dauer and Henry Russell all steered their 4th pick, Prussia, to second place. The fourth semi saw Kevin Emery's Russia edging Rejean Tremblay's Austria on the tiebreak.

Al Hurda played a near flawless aggressive Final as France, drawing *Capitulation* on each of the first three turns and using it to take out Austria, and then Prussia, after a rarely seen in-turn DOW. A third *Capitulation* attempt to take Austria down a second time failed when a 34-31 battle for Vienna was routed and the tide was turned. Despite leading for three turns, he was never allowed a shot at a peace die roll and was eventually worn down by the coalition with Bruce Young securing a British victory on Turn 4 and becoming the first to win NW5 more than once.



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
- ♣ Mike Kaltman, PA
- ♣ Romain Jacques, qc
- ♣ Doug Faust, NY
- ♣ Robb Effinger, on
- ♣ Sara VanderWal, on

♣ Anni Foasberg, NJ

† 62 📖 2011-2014



Andrew Emerick, CT

### Top Laurelists

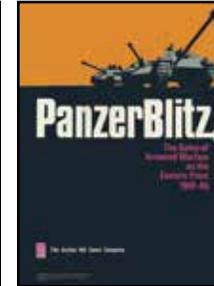
Andrew Emerick, CT	96
Antero Kuusi, fi	30
Rob Kircher, RI	24
Mike Kaltman, PA	18
Wade Fowble, MD	18
Randy Buehler, WA	18
David Platnik, VA	18
Romain Jacques, qc	12
Vien Bounma, NJ	12
Samantha Berk, PA	12

## Navegador (NVG)

The fourth year of the *Navegador* tournament drew 62 players and 23 tables over three heats. 24 played in more than one heat, showing their dedication to the event. Throughout the heats, building-heavy strategies prevailed; most games ended via building exhaustion. The 23 tables provided 18 winners, including four double winners: Patrick Shea, Barry Eynon, Sara VanderWal, and Vien Bounma. 15 qualifiers and a strong runner-up composed four 4-player semifinal games.

Factory/church strategies predominated in the semifinals; Doug Faust, Romain Jacques and Mike Kaltman advancing with that strategy. The fourth game was won by two-time champion Andrew Emerick with a colony/shipyard strategy, scooping up 13 colonies.

In the Final, Doug focused strongly on factories, while Romain's economy depended on selling sugar, processing gold, and acquiring as many churches as possible. Mike bought shipyards and sailed east, picking up both navigation tokens and colonies while he was at it. Andrew also focused on colonies, but instead of sailing, he focused on acquiring as many as possible at a time. Mike pushed the game into the third phase, which was bad for the building players, but benefited both him and Andrew. By this time, however, Andrew was gaining four colonies at a time. He won with 68 points worth of colonies (17 of them!) among his total of 116 to take his third NVG title in four years. Mike was second with 103 points followed by Romain at 101 and Doug with 99.

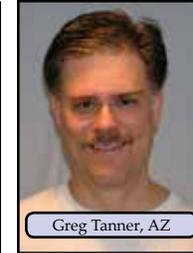


### 2014 Results

- ♣ Greg Tanner, AZ
- ♣ Chuck Leonard, PA
- ♣ Tom Campbell, NJ
- ♣ Marty Musella, NC
- ♣ Alan Arvold, IL
- ♣ Bert Schoose, IL

♣ Rick Northey, MA

† 28 📖 1991-2014



Greg Tanner, AZ

### Top Laurelists

Marty Musella, NC	170
Greg Tanner, AZ	158
Bert Schoose, IL	142
Bill Scott, VA	139
Chuck Leonard, PA	138
Rich Northey, MA	86
Alan Arvold, IL	57
Dave Giordano, NJ	47
Johnny Hasay, PA	33
Eduardo DeNucci, ag	26

## PanzerBlitz (PZB)

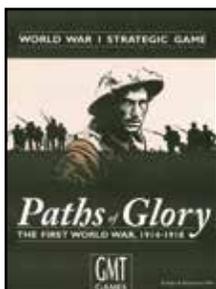


55 games were played as this golden oldie continues to see action. Newcomer Thomas Campbell who had not played the game since the 1970s persevered and made the semis with increasingly sharp play with each additional game logged. As the fog of war lifted, three former champions and Thomas advanced to battle in Scenario 14.

Defending champ Greg Tanner ended Thomas' run as time ran out on his Turn 8 counterattack. In the other bracket, Marty Musella's German strike force took out Chuck Leonard's HQ on Turn 2 but Chuck's armored riposte emerged with the victory, 28 to 27.

The two finalists chose Situation 45r1. Greg's Germans waged a fighting withdrawal from a superior armored force. Chuck massed his force to the NW out of range of the AT guns hidden in the woods on the South side of the river. After firing a first barrage, the German SPA pulled out and fled to the safety of Zabrenia. Russian infantry rode their tanks into close assaults of the town. Advancing armor overran the German advanced positions. Chuck advanced what was left of his battle group to the ford. Opostoschenia was finally cleared at the end of Turn 5. Greg's AT fire took out three of Chuck's tank companies as they poured through the ford, maneuvering to encircle the remaining German positions. The final push came too late with neither side achieving victory. A tie gave the defending Germans the victory and Greg his fourth shield and the cool diorama special prize.



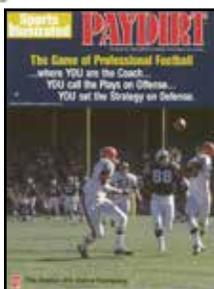


### 2014 Results

- ♣ Stefan Mecay, TX
- ♣ M. Birnbaum, NY
- ♣ Michael Dauer, TX
- ♣ Peter Gurneau, WI
- ♣ Steve Koleszar, VA
- ♣ Carl Adamec, NY

♣ Peter Gurneau, WI

† 34 📖 1999-2014



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Harry Flawd, PA
- ♣ Derek Landel, NJ
- ♣ B. Passacantando, CT
- ♣ Bill O'Neal, NY
- ♣ Scott Nerney, RI
- ♣ Sean McCulloch, OH

♣ Harry Flawd, PA

† 42 📖 1993-2014



### Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	472
Tom Drueding, MA	428
David Dockter, MN	328
Peter Reese, VA	276
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	210
Chris Byrd, CT	208
Rob Hassard, NJ	181
Riku Riekkinen, fi	174
Nick Anner, NY	162
Peter Gurneau, WI	120



### Top Laurelists

Harry Flawd, PA	252
Devin Flawd, PA	200
Jacob Hebner, CO	90
Bill O'Neal, NY	58
B. Passacantando, CT	53
Derek Landel, NJ	46
Mike Destro, NJ	36
Chad Gormly, MA	33
Mike James, MD	30
Barry Shoults, MI	24

## Paths of Glory (POG)



2014 continued the Pre-con tradition of a challenging battle of endurance with three to six 7-hour games. Stefan Mecay, Marvin Birnbaum, Tom Drueding, and Peter Gurneau were unbeaten during Swiss play with Tom bowing out of the playoff round. This meant five (2-1) players would advance. The famous POG rolloff had seven players vying for five spots. Carl Adamec, Michael Dauer, Alex Gregorio, Steve Koleszar, and Johnny Hasay rolled high to advance.

The quarterfinals had Mecay beat Koleszar, Birnbaum over Adamac, Gurneau best Hasay, and Dauer top Gregorio. In the semifinals Mecay beat Dauer, and Birnbaum triumphed over Gurneau.

Stefan bid 2 for the AP. The CP attacked in the West and Stefan responded with the Russians attacking AH. Then Marvin tried a new gambit, by SR'ing the German 8th Army from East Prussia to the Serbian combat zone. The Serbs fell back slowly into the mountains, followed by the combined German and AH army stack. By Turn 3, the Serbs were gone. The CP also attacked in the west and removed the BEF. This bought the Russians time. The AP beat the CP to Limited War on Turn 3. The Russian attack forced the Germans to save Budapest, and the CP spent many ops trying to entrench, finally doing so on Turn 5. This allowed the AP to play many events and the AP got Total War first. The Russians shifted their attack north on Turn 6. A turn later, Stefan claimed victory.

## Paydirt (PDT)

There was no Super Bowl this year as Harry Flawd dominated both heats to win his eighth title.

NFC: Flashback to 2009—Bruno Passacantando had defeated the entire Flawd contingent—Jordan, Devin, and finally Harry to win the title. My wife told me to sleep at the hotel instead of driving five miles home if I lost. No pressure there. The first half was really close with the Saints mixing in the run just enough to keep Bruno on his heels and by halftime it was 11-6 via the 8-point spread. Harry tacked on a TD to go up 18-6 in the third quarter. Then Seattle started a comeback. They traded TDs to make it 25-20. Bruno took the ball and with 5:40 left in the game failed on a 4th and 9 from their own 43! The Saints capped a 32-20 win with a late TD and paycheck for Harry that was five years coming.

AFC: Harry was again on the Chargers sideline vs Derek Landel's Titans in a classic battle of point spreads. Derek nursed his ten-point spot into a 17-14 Tennessee halftime lead. There was no defense to be had anywhere on the field in the second half. Tennessee led 31-21 to start the 4th. Harry scored on the fourth play of the 4th quarter to again pull within 3 and finally took the lead 35-31 with 7 minutes remaining. Two interceptions later Harry had a 42-31 win and cancelled his Super Bowl reservations.



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ
- ♣ Stefany Speck, MD
- ♣ John Wobbeking, MD
- ♣ Craig Reece, FL
- ♣ Jennifer Brown, DE
- ♣ Angela Collinson, MD

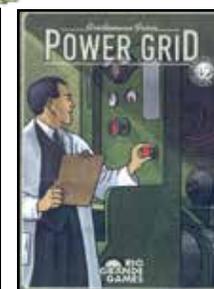
♣ Larry Lingle, PA

† 120 📖 2005-2014



### Top Laurelists

John Elliott, MD	80
Stefany Speck, MD	70
Tom Pavy, OH	69
Brandon Bernard, PA	68
Paul Weintraub, MD	51
Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ	50
R.J. Gleaton, SC	40
Chris Striker, PA	36
Jason Fisher, NC	32
Cliff Ackman, PA	30



### 2014 Results

- ♣ Rob Murray, NJ
- ♣ Jim Savarick, PA
- ♣ Steve LeWinter, NC
- ♣ Tim Horne, PA
- ♣ Eric Hufford, PA
- ♣ Chris Senhouse, MA

♣ Kevin Broh-Kalm, MD

† 127 📖 2004-2014



### Top Laurelists

Jim Savarick, PA	245
Eric Brosius, MA	103
Bill Crenshaw, VA	93
Kevin Garber, VA	90
Matt Calkins, VA	76
Robert Woodson, NV	72
Richard Meyer, MA	72
Bill Murdock, NY	72
Rob Murray, NJ	60
Patrick Shea, VA	60

## Pirate's Cove (PRC)

48 preliminary games yielded 38 different winners; 20 recorded by wenches!! Jennifer Brown, winner of three games, was the best new recruit and easily recognizable in her gorgeous wench outfit, complete with flask! The medallion for most deadly pirate went to John Wobbeking with 29 kills including eight in one game. Five qualifiers mutinied and went AWOL for the semifinal voyages, allowing alternates including defending champ Stefany Speck to sign the articles for Round 2.

Stefany, a cunning wench, made good use of her second life and won her semifinal easily. Vinny Sinigaglio advanced by 18 points. Craig Reece barely scraped by Joe Collinson, while Jennifer won her invite to the big dance with her fourth straight win. Young Wobbeking edged 2013 runner-up Ben Gardner by a point to grab the last finalist berth.

Only six points separated the finalists. Jennifer, looking for her fifth straight win, had her Cinderella story ended by six Reece sinks to relegate her to fifth place. Wobbeking took third with 34 points and four sinks. Not bad for a lad who needs to climb the rigging to see over the side. The defending champ and Vinny were tied at 36 points—requiring a duel to the death. Stefany had the sail advantage for first shot with two guns. Whiff! Vinny returned fire with three guns—Double Whiff. Alas,

Vinny found the range first and our pирette queen went down with her ship! Life is tough in the Cove. All hail the mighty Captain Vinny.



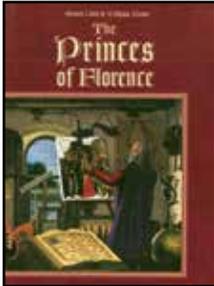
## Power Grid (PGD)

The eighth straight triple-digit field generated 42 preliminary games. Heat 1 was contested on 15 USA and Central Europe maps. Heat 2 used the Spain/Portugal and China maps, again 15 boards strong. The most noteworthy event occurred when Richard Beyma—yes, wargamer extraordinaire Beyma the Younger—the 2014 Consul—chose to end the game despite being tied for plant capacity. With three players powering 12 plants, the tiebreaker went to Steve LeWinter with \$32, Richard placed second with \$15, and Eric Hufford took third with \$4. The last heat was played on the France and Brazil boards, and drew 12 tables. One Brazil match had ten cities built by a player in the fifth round. This resulted in the death of the 10 plant and no player chose to bid on a plant in the subsequent round.

After three grueling heats, 25 players advanced to five 5-player semifinal matches on the UK/Ireland board, where players are challenged to balance building cities between the two islands. Jim Savarick was able to win without even expanding into Ireland as he was able to build his entire network of 16 cities in England while having his own party in Wales.

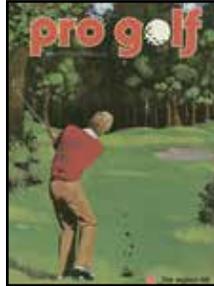
The Final was played on the Quebec map and, as expected, went down to the wire. After many rounds of back and forth bidding battles over multiple plants, the expected wars over the cities of Montreal and Quebec, and sitting on piles of cash, Rob Murray ended the tournament victorious.





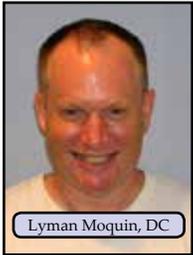
### 2014 Results

♣ Lyman Moquin, DC  
 ♣ Robert Cranshaw, RI  
 ♣ Keith Dent, KY  
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA  
 ♣ Edward Fear, OH  
 ♣ Randy Buehler, WA  
 ♣ Eric Brosius, MA  
 † 50 📖 2001-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Scott Foremny, PA  
 ♣ Luke Koleszar, VA  
 ♣ B. Buchanon, NC  
 ♣ Jeff Mullet, OH  
 ♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC  
 ♣ Jim Bell, MD  
 ♣ Bruce Monnin, OH  
 † 68 📖 1994-2014



Lyman Moquin, DC

### Top Laurelists

Rod Spade, PA	130
Eric Brosius, MA	100
David Platnick, VA	75
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	72
Lyman Moquin, DC	66
Eric Freeman, PA	66
Alex Bove, PA	60
Aran Warszawski, IL	50
Brian Reynolds, MD	50
John Kerr, VA	50



Scott Foremny, PA

### Top Laurelists

John Coussis, IL	92
Ken Gutermuth, NC	78
Dennis Nicholson, NY	72
Mark Yoshikawa, CA	69
Devin Flawd, VA	34
Bill Morse, VA	32
Bruce Reiff, OH	32
Sean McCulloch, OH	28
Keith Hunsinger, OH	26
Terry Coleman, CA	24

## Princes of Florence (POF)

As expected, the heats produced a mix of close games and blowouts. Barrett Straub saved a Recruiting Card for Round 7 in a 4-player game, and was last to play, but amazingly there wasn't a Profession Card on the table that did him any good, so he could not play it, and this cost him dearly. Newcomer Keith Dent scored the largest margin of victory—24.

Dent continued his strong play in the semifinals, winning by six PP from Seat 5 to advance. Eric Freeman bid 300 florins for Seat 2 and tied both Randy Buehler and Greg Thatcher at 54 PP. The florins tiebreaker gave Randy 6th place for being the closest runner-up. Edward Fear won a close game over Zachary Felix, Robert Cranshaw did likewise over Eric Brosius, and at the last table Lyman Moquin needed the tiebreaker to best Kenneth Horan at 58 PP.

Eric bid 300 florins for Seat 2 in the Final. Bids were high. The first three Jesters went for \$1,300, \$1,400 and \$1,000, the first three Recruiting Cards all cost \$800, and the first three Builders drew \$800, \$600 and \$600. Lyman bought both \$600 Builders and gradually shifted to a Builder strategy. There was lots of competition for Best Work, with Eric and Robert each scoring it three times and the others once each. But in the end, Lyman's "take what they give you" approach was a winner, yielding scores of: Lyman 60, Robert 57, Keith 54, Eric 52 and Edward 49.

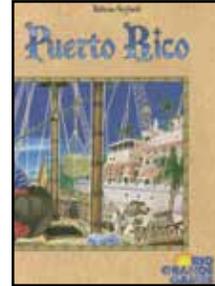


## Pro Golf (PGF)



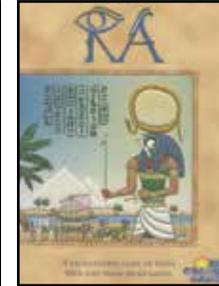
We began at 10:00 pm with assistant GM Rob Drozd running the toughest demo session of the con, complete with a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate how to master the intricacies of our most complex game. At 10:01 the crowd dispersed to let what they had learned sink in. At 11:00 pm, 68 participants gathered in the Hopewell room to once again contest the Pebble Beach course in hopes of qualifying for the championship Skins game.

For the second year in a row, six under par was the bar to reach the Skins game. Brandon Buchanon led the field at seven under, while the rest of the field ranged up to +5. The finalists moved to Augusta National to contest the Skins game. They had a slow start with the midnight T time. The first birdie finally came on the fifth hole for Scott Foremny. Buchanon fought back with a birdie to win the sixth, then Luke Koleszar birdied the ninth to earn three skins of his own. When Luke scored the only par to gain his fourth skin on the tenth hole, it became a two-man contest. Scott's par won the 11th hole, thus giving him enough skins to secure the win, but he birdied the 12th as well for his seventh skin in this 12-hole Final. Jeff Mullet, Ken Gutermuth and Jim Bell all finished Pebble Beach with a score of 5 under par to earn the remaining laurels.



### 2014 Results

♣ R. Philibert-Larivee, qc  
 ♣ M. Lague-Gomez, qc  
 ♣ Marcy Morelli, PA  
 ♣ Eric Kleist, MD  
 ♣ Dave Platnick, VA  
 ♣ Etienne Evans, qc  
 ♣ Richard Shay, MA  
 † 158 📖 2002-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Blair Morgen, NJ  
 ♣ Keith Levy, MD  
 ♣ R. Bacigalupo, MD  
 ♣ Greg Thatcher, CA  
 ♣ Patrick Shea, VA  
 ♣ Randy Buehler, WA  
 ♣ Steve Scott, CA  
 † 177 📖 2000-2014



R. Philibert-Larivee, qc

### Top Laurelists

David Platnick, NY	240
Barb Flaxington, NJ	173
Christian, Moffa, NJ	112
John Weber, MD	100
Arthur Field, SC	96
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	70
Luke Koleszar, VA	66
Bill Murdock, VA	64
Malinda Kyrkos, NY	63
Richard Shay, MA	60



Blair Morgen, NJ

### Top Laurelists

Alex Bove, PA	240
Tom Dunning, NY	178
Steve Scott, CA	84
Joe Jaskiewicz, MD	70
Winton LeMoine, CA	64
Blair Morgen, NJ	62
Richard Meyer, MA	60
Scott Fenn, MD	52
Janet Ottey, PA	50
Mike Kaltman, PA	44

## Puerto Rico (PRO)

Storming out of the Great White North came a posse of new players, not noobs by any means. An online question about competitive play of *Puerto Rico* resulted in an invitation to the WBC. The Canadians came with their 'A' game. At least four advanced to the quarterfinal and two took the top two spots in the tournament. Not since the days when another Quebec contingent dominated the *Age of Steam* tournament year after year has one group made such a dominant impression. The question now is ... can they do it again?

We also saw "rule 8" used for the first time in memory. Players can abandon their new colonists, taking them out of the game and perhaps speeding the end of the game by draining the colonist pool.

In the Final, Raphael Philibert-Larivee in Seat 1 played an austere building game with only *Hacienda*, *Large Market* and all the production buildings. The other players couldn't stop him building both the *Guild Hall* on Turn 10 and the *Residence* on the last turn. With a chance to mayor the *Residence* and an early *Hacienda* to fill his plantations, the 17 bonus points assured the win. In seat 3, Mathieu Lague-Gomez tried to craft (six times) and ship his way to victory (28 vp chips), but fell seven points short, plus 1.5 for his bid. Marcy Morelli was caught a few coins short for third. Eric Kleist was too far downstream of all the crafting to benefit from it.



## Ra (RA)

Ra enjoyed a new attendance record thanks to a strong Monday heat of 20 tables with 100 players. Even the fourth heat on Friday morning drew 50 players, but only ten were making their first appearance. Defending champion Janet Ottey won her first three heats and barely missed a 4 for 4 sweep by 1 point. Ten double winners joined her to top the qualifiers list. To make the top 25 you needed a win in your first heat played and a 5th place. If you only played in one heat and won you were in 37th place. However, as so often happens due to no-shows, if you won your only heat played you still made the semifinal. We went down to 38th place on the alternate list and that happened to be the last winner of a first heat played who failed to play a second heat!

Most of the semifinals were close, three being decided by two points. Greg Thatcher beat Mike Kaltman 39-37, Blair Morgen bested Jeff Meyer 43-41, and Patrick Shea beat Randy Buehler 45-43. Three points decided the fourth game as Rodney Bacigalupo topped John Shaheen 34-31. The only blowout was in Game 5 where Keith Levy had his way with Daniel Eppolito 53-39.

But the biggest blowout came in the Final where it was Blair's turn to shine as his 49 topped Keith's 34 by 15 points. Rodney had 32 for third, Greg 31 and Patrick 30.





### 2014 Results

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT  
 ♣ Sara VanderWal, on  
 ♣ Christian Griggs, GA  
 ♣ Kenneth Horan, PA  
 ♣ Nathan Deskins, MA  
 ♣ Patrick Gorman, NV  
 ♣ Scott Buckwalter, MD  
 † 160 📖 2010-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Robert Renaud, NY  
 ♣ Keith Dent, KY  
 ♣ Derek Glenn, KY  
 ♣ John Riston, MD  
 ♣ Thomas Tu, NJ  
 ♣ Nick Kiswanto, VA  
 ♣ Robert Renaud, NY  
 † 83 📖 2008-2014



### Top Laurelists

Gordon Rodgers, PA	40
Curt Collins II, PA	33
Andrew Emerick, CT	30
Stephanie Kilroy, PA	30
Chester Lanham, MD	30
Peggy Ng, NJ	24
Rod Davidson, AZ	20
Sara VanderWal, on	18
Rob Kilroy, PA	18
David Meyaard, NY	18



### Top Laurelists

Robert Renaud, NY	169
Rob Kircher, RI	54
Aaron Fuegi, MA	48
John Riston, MD	45
Nick Kiswanto, VA	33
David Platnick, VA	27
Andrew Yao, VA	20
Doug Faust, NJ	20
Mark Delano, CT	20
Keith Dent, KY	18

### Ra: The Dice Game (RDG)

RDG posted its 4th consecutive attendance increase. Over 40% of the field was composed of newcomers. These folks fared very well, eliminating many veterans. Half of the semifinalists and three of the four finalists were new. One, Sara VanderWal, had the only score above 70. 61 qualified by winning a preliminary game, but only 47 players opted to advance. The survivors reaching the Final were Andrew Emerick, Christian Griggs, Kenneth Horan, and Sara.

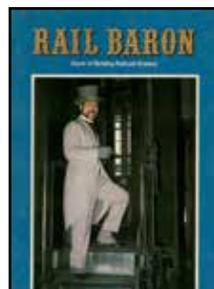
Andrew and Sara adopted an early Pharaohs strategy while the others favored boats. The first epoch was controlled by Sara and Christian's use of disasters to keep the others at bay and granting Christian the early lead. Andrew switched to a monuments strategy in the next epoch. The others adopted a civilizations strategy with Ken continuing his boats and Sara pressing Pharaohs. Ken flooded his Nile granting him the lead with 27 points and a great board position. At this point everyone went for civilizations early, locking four of the five spots. Ken raced to the end of the Pharaohs track and switched back to his boats strategy but failed to flood the Nile—ending with 36 points. Christian's switch to monuments only scored 14 points, leaving him with 42. Sara also finished the Pharaoh track, scored all five civilizations, and eight points in monuments for 48 points. Andrew scored ten points in civilizations and 25 in monuments taking him from last to first when it counted with 52 points.



### Race For the Galaxy (RFG)

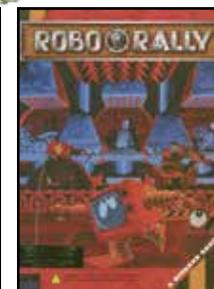
Heat 1 saw four-time champ Rob Renaud win with a margin of 15, the largest of the heat's 13 games. Heat 2 gave defending champ John Riston his first victory. Derek Glenn, Rob Renaud, Nick Kiswanto, and Adam Sigal all won their second games. Sigal did so by an impressive 20-point margin. Thomas Tu earned his first win on tiebreak over Scott Saccenti in Heat 3. Riston earned his second win by nearly doubling his closest opponent, 62 to 34. Luke Koleszar and Emily Blanck also earned their second victories. In the last heat, brothers Thomas and Tim Tu both won their second heat in four tries, as did John Ratanaprasatporn. Keith Dent won his second heat of three, losing only to Renaud in Heat 1. Renaud and Koleszar both won their third heat in as many attempts.

15 multiple winners and a single lucky qualifier with only one win qualified for the semifinals. Riston won his return trip to the Final by a 9-point margin over Tim Tu. Glenn squeaked by Ratanaprasatporn on a tiebreaker, while earning five of the six goals. Dent passed his semifinal test over Kiswanto in dominating fashion, with 78 points to Nick's 49. Renaud beat the other Tu brother in a close game, 60 to 55. When the Final had ended, Rob had won his fifth championship with 45 points, ahead of Keith's 34, Derek's 31, and John's 20.



### 2014 Results

♣ Brian Conlon, CT  
 ♣ Brian Smith, NY  
 ♣ Jeff Jackson, MN  
 ♣ Donna Balkan, ns  
 ♣ Sue Lanham, MD  
 ♣ Paul van Bloem, MD  
 ♣ Ron Secunda, MD  
 † 35 📖 1991-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Keith Boone, MD  
 ♣ Ewan McNay, NY  
 ♣ Andrew George, NY  
 ♣ Alex Henning, PA  
 ♣ Craig Trader, VA  
 ♣ David Meyaard, NY  
 ♣ Marc Houde, VA  
 † 99 📖 1999-2014



### Top Laurelists

Brian Conlon, CT	124
Mark McCandless, LA	122
Ron Secunda, MD	121
Steve Okonski, MD	120
Donna Balkan, ns	119
Mike Zorrer, DE	85
Mark Kennel, DE	80
Doug Galullo, MD	80
Inger Henning, CT	66
John Henry, on	60



### Top Laurelists

Brad Johnson, IL	318
Alex Henning, PA	89
Bill Navolis, MD	67
Keith Boone, MD	50
Mark Geary, OH	50
Jason Levine, NY	50
Ewan McNay, NY	48
Jeff Finkeldey, OH	40
Scott Buckwalter, MD	40
Bill Dyer, IL	40

### Rail Baron (RBN)

Brian Conlon, Paul Van Bloem, John Henry, Donna Balkan, and Sue Lanham were double winners in the heats. The Final that followed was one of the wildest on record. Sue Lanham went bankrupt. Her future looked bleak from the outset when, sitting in Seattle, she rolled San Diego as a destination, while the AT&SF, UP, and SP had already been purchased. Surprisingly, it was eventual winner Brian Conlon, not Sue, who first had to auction railroads.

Jeff Jackson was first to announce \$150K. He subsequently reached Chicago with \$213.5K, but drew two hostile destinations, Boston and Des Moines. After reaching NY with plenty of cash, he declared for his home city of Charlotte, needing a 10 to win. He rolled a 6, and retreated northward, where he was roved near Albany anyway by Brian Smith, who had rolled a 16! Now, Smith had \$221K, but was on his way to a hostile Detroit. Meanwhile, Donna Balkan announced over \$150K, and Conlon had arrived in LA and announced with \$175K. Eventually, neither Jackson nor Smith could declare, and they both departed for far west destinations. On the comeback trail, Conlon amazingly rolled an 18 on his way to hostile Cleveland, and then went to Fort Worth, where he arrived with \$203K. Jeff had been moving along his SP toward Charlotte, and was just 10 spaces from his home city, when Conlon declared for his home, Chicago. He needed a 13 to arrive and rolled a 14 to win.



### Robo Rally (RRY)

We had the quickest ever winner of the Crash & Burn Award during the special Deathmatch heat with Andy Latto the not so proud winner. He was eliminated before I made it back to my own table after passing out timers. His time in game was under one minute. Ryan Friedmann won the Award in Heat 1 and one other than our 2012 Champion, Chris Gnech, was so honored for Heat 3, but neither could match Andy for pure efficiency.

Elsewhere, Ewan McNay had a great run, winning all three heats, plus the semifinal. That 4-game streak ended in ironic fashion when Ewan and Keith Boone were neck and neck for the last flag of the Final. Both misread a pusher such that the pusher pushed Ewan off of his conveyor and into Keith. This shoved Keith onto the final flag and victory. This is not the first time Ewan has appeared in memorable *Robo Rally* finishes. Read the 2010 Final in which Ewan played a deciding role as well.

For Wacky Wednesday in 2015, the theme will be Death Race 2015, and for those that make the Final, I am looking at shortening it a bit. (I will still reserve four hours, but we've gone slightly over or had to adjudicate a few places each year, and I'd like to be able to play out all six places within our allotted time slot, which means I will target something more like the semifinals in length.)

