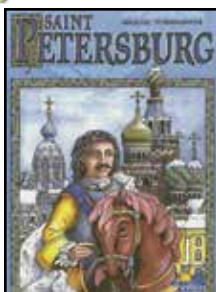


2014 Results

♣ Richard Beyma, VA
 ♠ Alan Zasada, IL
 ♣ Gary Dickson, AZ
 ♠ Michael Trobaugh, IL
 ♠ Mike Mishler, CA
 ♣ John Ohlin, FL

♣ Tom Gregorio, PA
 † 24 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ Robert Kircher, RI
 ♠ Randy Buehler, WA
 ♠ Robert Cranshaw, RI
 ♠ Anne Norton, NJ
 ♣ Vien Bounma, NJ
 ♣ Steve Shambeda, PA

♣ Norm. & Amy Rule, MD
 † 108 📖 2005-2014



Richard Beyma, VA

Top Laurelists

Gary Dickson, AZ	451
Doug James, NC	390
Tom Gregorio, PA	358
Bert Schoose, IL	273
Rob Beyma, MD	96
John Ohlin, FL	89
Ed O'Connor, NJ	87
Alan Zasada, IL	87
George Karahalios, IL	86
Pat Flory, CT	85



Robert Kircher, RI

Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	114
Arthur Field, SC	102
Anne Norton, NJ	96
Tom DeMarco, NJ	87
Vien Bounma, NJ	71
Chris Robbins, UT	52
Robert Kircher, RI	40
Robert Cranshaw, RI	40
Lewis Lin, WA	40
Charles Hickok, PA	40

Russian Campaign (TRC)



There was a decline in players, 24, and total games played, 60—the lowest numbers in the past eight years. The WBC 5-turn tournament scenario has been in use for eight years. In 2013 the Germans won 50.8% of the games. This year, the Russians won 59.7%. The bid of extra Russian replacements last year was about 14.6. This year it averaged 15.4. Bids in the semifinal rounds were 18.1 with the Germans winning three of four matches. My conclusion is that the rising bids for the Germans reflect not so much an imbalance as a desire to play the “easier” side—playing offense generally being perceived as less stressful.

The weather was fairly balanced with 29 “Clear” September/October results recorded and 26 “Light Mud” outcomes. The Germans won 10 matches with clear, 11 matches with light mud, and four of the seven matches that didn’t have a weather result for Turn 3. The Russians won 19 matches with clear and 15 with light mud. (Combined with results from prior years, this GM does not think that Clear weather is of particular advantage to the Russians.)

Only two matches featured Moscow falling in 1941, thus giving the Germans an Automatic Victory. One was against me, further proof that I am still being punished for originally claiming that a competent Russian could not lose the game this way. In general, based on the data over the past few years, losing Moscow is becoming an ever more uncommon event.

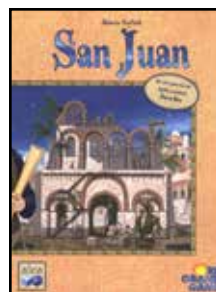


Saint Petersburg (SPG)

Participation remained stable. There were five double winners in the three heats (two of which went on to the Final table). The standings were calculated out to the 5th tiebreaker and posted Friday night for an early Saturday SF/F. Only eight of the first 16 players actually appeared as the semifinal drew a 50% No Show rate. Every game winner who actually appeared was seated, and the assistant GM still had to be drafted to fill the last table. This proved yet again that “win and you’re in” is a very flawed concept that does not reflect the realities of schedule conflicts and player motivations.

Analysis of game statistics revealed some interesting data regarding popular opinions about the games most powerful cards. 21% of winners had one or more *Mistress/Observatory*. 20% of the winners had neither *Mistress* nor *Observatory* and still beat opponents who did. There were two games where every player had a *Mistress* or an *Observatory*. In half the games, players with at least one of these cards came in 3rd or 4th. In three of four semifinals, the winners had both *Mistress* and *Observatory*.

In the face of all this concentration on the magic duo, Rob Kircher won the tournament *without* either a *Mistress* or *Observatory* in his two elimination rounds, despite his opposition possessing them. So as powerful as these cards seem to be, they are not the ‘guaranteed win’ that some make them out to be!



2014 Results

♣ Jeff Mullet, OH
 ♠ Andy Latto, MA
 ♠ Rich Meyer, MA
 ♠ Mark Kennel, DE
 ♣ Kate Fractal, MA
 ♣ Mark Giddings, NY

♣ Jeff Mullet, OH
 † 106 📖 2004-2014



Jeff Mullet, OH

Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	112
Bruce Reiff, OH	104
Rob Kircher, RI	69
Tom Browne, PA	69
Raphael Lehrer, MD	46
Jason Levine, NY	38
Andy Latto, MA	30
Greg Thatcher, CA	30
Bill Salvatore, MD	30
Eric Brosius, MA	27

San Juan (SJM)

After four rounds 32 players met the three-win criteria for advancement. After three more rounds, Andy Latto defeated Mark Kennel with the purple building strategy in the semifinals. Andy had a very good engine going and racked up easy points. Mark went for the production strategy, but couldn’t get a *Smithy* or a *Guild Hall* built. Not a recipe for victory.

In the other bracket, Jeff Mullet and Rich Meyer both pursued the production strategy. Oddly, neither had a *Guild Hall* for much of the game. They both continually spent all of their cards building production buildings. Each knew the other was in trouble if they drew the *Guild Hall*. Jeff eventually drew and built the golden ticket, Rich didn’t and that was all she wrote.

Jeff had no good cards to begin the Final and Andy jumped out to a two-building lead with the purple building strategy. That’s never a good thing for the player who is two builds behind. But eventually, Jeff was able to build a *Library* and a *Smithy*. Andy used all of his cards to build the big point *Hero*, but Jeff was now able to build high point production buildings very cheaply. Andy was not able to keep up with his cheap builds and Jeff ended with a *Guild Hall* and lots of production buildings for his second SJM title—displacing the big kahuna at the head of the laurel rankings.



2014 Results

♣ James Pei, VA
 ♠ James DuBose, NY
 ♠ Lyman Moquin, DC
 ♠ Tom Drueding, MA
 ♣ Todd Treadway, VA
 ♣ Jeff Burdett, NY

♣ Matt Calkins, VA
 † 40 📖 2012-2014



James Pei, VA

Top Laurelists

Daniel Hoffman, NC	80
James Pei, VA	48
Lyman Moquin, DC	28
Tom Drueding, MA	28
James DuBose, NY	24
Ewan McNay, NY	24
Rob Winslow, NY	24
David Metzger, NY	16
Scott Burns, uk	12
Lachlan Salter, on	12

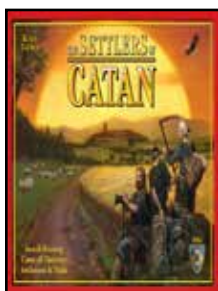
Sekigahara (SKG)

After three rounds, five players remained unbeaten, allowing eight to advance to elimination rounds. The tournament was again distinguished by an unusual array of prizes. James DuBose won a statue of Toyotomi Hideyoshi for winning the largest battles, averaging 85 impact in his victorious confrontations. Todd Treadway won a samurai horseman for killing seven enemy leaders. 15 won ‘honor prizes’ for winning their third round game, regardless of the outcome of their first two matches.

James Pei bested Lyman Moquin in an epic semifinal, turning on a 5th-week clash at Gifu castle won 47 to 44. James DuBose defeated Tom Drueding in the other bracket. Tom had just denied defending champion Daniel Hoffman, breaking an epic 10-game winning streak.

Pei took Tokugawa in the Final (for a bid of zero) while DuBose took Ishida. The early turns favored Pei, winning castles and resource areas in every turn. DuBose recruited a third gun unit into the Uesugi army and held fast on the northern fringe. Pei eventually gambled on a major battle at the Tokaido-Nakasendo crossroads, hoping to catch Ishida in person to end it, but he was not to be found. That left the flanks open for opportunistic attacks, and three such avenues were now wide open—win all three and DuBose would have a stunning comeback victory. On the last turn, it came down to a single victory point, and the deciding battle down to a single card, but Pei held on to claim the 2014 title.





2014 Results

♣ Joe Burch, MD
 ♣ John Min, NJ
 ♣ Phil Reese, MD
 ♣ Eli Zlotowski, CA
 ♣ William Austin, VA
 ♣ John Gitzen II, NY

♣ Rich Shipley, MD

† 124 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

♣ Danny Lewis, DE
 ♣ Yoel Weiss, NJ
 ♣ B. Collinson, Jr, MD
 ♣ Nat. Drueling, MD
 ♣ Andy Latto, MA
 ♣ Antony Saccenti, MD

♣ Sean McCulloch, OH

† 234 📖 1993-2014



Joe Burch, MD

Top Laurelists

Rob Kircher, RI	126
Brian Reynolds, MD	125
Rick Dutton, MD	114
John Min, NJ	108
Charlie Faella, RI	96
Tom Dunning, NY	87
Jeremy Osteen, MD	84
Matt Tolman, UT	84
Natasha Metzger, NY	72
Andrew Arconti, MD	66



Danny Lewis, DE

Top Laurelists

Derek Landel, NJ	81
Kaarin Engelmann, VA	66
Ken Gutermuth, NC	54
Josh Githens, SC	50
Yoel Weiss, NJ	48
Doug Galullo, MD	46
Danny Lewis, DE	40
Kristen LaDue, NY	40
Nicole Reiff, OH	40
Alexandra Henning, CT	40

Settlers of Catan (SET)

This Saturday morning fixture in the schedule attracted 115 players in the first round, 88 for the second, and 74 for the third for a total of 70 preliminary games. Nine late arrivals reduced the dropout rate somewhat to post the fifth largest field in the 16 years of the event. A 10-9-9-9 contest proved the closest of many tight games.

Four players reached the semifinals unbeaten in the three preliminary rounds. Another 11 advanced with two wins each and one advanced with a win and two strong runner-up finishes. None of the unbeaten remained so in Round 4. William Austin took fifth place with a 9-point runner-up performance in the semifinals and John Gitzen II won sand by being one of many players with an 8-point second in the semis and the highest seed coming out of the preliminaries.

The winners of the four semifinals met in a fast-paced Final. John Min, 2013 runner-up, built settlements and grabbed the longest road bonus while Joe Burch was building several cities. "4" was a frequent roll in this game, with six of them coming in the first eight laps (helping Joe with stone) and no "6's" were rolled until the 11th lap. Phil Reese and Eli Zlotowski were making slow progress with six points each at game end. On the 15th turn, Joe took over the longest road for 10 points and the win, leaving John with 7 points and in second place again.

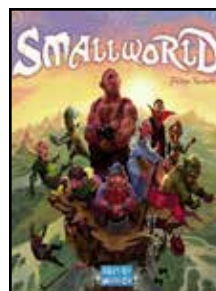


Slapshot (SLS)

It was a record crowd for the Saturday night gala. The gang from Jay's Basement dressed up in matching team jerseys and a repeat appearance of the chest-painted "RANGERS" group added to the party atmosphere.

Eventually, someone remembered we were there to actually play a game, and the puck was dropped at the center of 22 tables. Amongst the echoes of "WHINING!" and sly maneuvering between those who actually wanted to advance and the smarter ones who wanted to go to bed, all the table winners trudged back from the bar to gather around for our annual Massively Unfair Semifinal Round. That speedskating contest out of the way, we settled down to the Final and the resulting playoffs.

In the wee hours championship series, Danny Lewis and his "horrible" team were reborn against Yoel Weiss, who had been training for a year after coming in second to a little girl last year. Yoel's bruiser was hungry for blood, but he hadn't counted on the contents of the player deck. Danny gained two 7-rated players and *Crease Lightning* to replace his three bruised players courtesy of Yoel's bruiser. After that, his new and improved team couldn't be stopped. He took the plaque to taunt his dad who had won the inaugural event back in the olden days of 1993 before he was borne, and Yoel was sent home with yet another runner-up coaster. For now at least, the *Slapshot* standings had the perfect balance of father and son bookends.

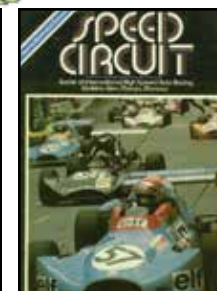


2014 Results

♣ Jason Ley, WA
 ♣ Joe Kelleher, PA
 ♣ Tim O'Flynn, PA
 ♣ Nathan Cantwell, PA
 ♣ J. Ratanaprasatporn, PA
 ♣ Lisa Gutermuth, WA

♣ Madison Sites, CA

† 113 📖 2013-2014



2014 Results

♣ Kevin Keller, MD
 ♣ Randy Needham, NJ
 ♣ Chris Long, PA
 ♣ C. Hancock, OH
 ♣ Tim Mossman, MD
 ♣ Phil White, MD

♣ Chris Long, PA

† 28 📖 1991-2014



Jason Ley, WA

Top Laurelists

Jason Ley, WA	30
Bryan Berkenstock, NJ	30
Joe Kelleher, PA	18
David Blisard, MD	18
Tim O'Flynn, PA	12
Trevor Schoenen, PA	12
Nathan Cantwell, PA	9
Maria Calandrino, on	9
J. Ratanaprasatporn, PA	6
Sarah Bauch, TX	6



Kevin Keller, MD

Top Laurelists

Scott Cornett, FL	166
Doug Schulz, MD	164
Terry Schulz, PA	156
Kevin Keller, MD	137
Gerald Lientz, VA	81
Jimmy Fleckenstein, VA	78
Tim Mossman, MD	77
Lane Newbury, TX	66
John Welage, OH	64
Dennis Nicholson, NY	60

Small World (SMW)

With over 100 participants again in its sophomore season, clearly fans still abound in the WBC realm. After 50 games in four heats, the stakes rose for the triumphant denizens of *Small World*.

At Table 1 of the semifinals, John Ratanaprasatporn, Sarah Bauch, Lisa Gutermuth, and Eric Raymond battled until John rose out of the ashes the victor—just one point ahead of Lisa! Her narrow defeat earned sixth place laurels and the forlorn hope that one of the winners would bow out. Table 2 victor Jason Ley was not so subtle, crushing two returning laurelists: Dave Blisard and Trevor Schoenen, as well as Barrett Straub. At Table 3, Verity Hitchings, Lauren Vessey, Stephen Koehler, and Joe Kelleher vied for the next round with Joe emerging grasping the golden ticket. Nathan Cantwell, Nicholas Koehler, Albert Schwartz, and George Galuchak comprised the tightest battle of the round with only 11 points between first and last. But Nathan became the youngest finalist. Any why not? He already had the best stature for it. Garrick Hanechak, Chris Kalmbacher, Mark Crescenzi and Tim O'Flynn vied for the last remaining seat with Tim winning that lottery.

The Final commenced immediately after the five 4-player worlds were subdued by their respective conquerors. As they sat down to the only 5-player game, who could know who would walk away with the coveted gold Tum marker, relegating the rest to silver? Small talk declined until Jason emerged as our second champion.



Speed Circuit (SCT)

Italian Fabio Pellegrino was the only double winner to emerge from three days of qualifying. The first heat's tracks, Montreal and Sao Paolo, were fast and tight with a lot of carnage. Montreal, in particular, allowed only five finishers of the 11 who began the race. The second day's tracks were Sepang and Yeongam, where position changed often and unexpectedly. The last qualifying heat saw some action at Spa and Silverstone, and again the dice gods sent the unwary packing.

The Final was played on New Delhi, a very challenging course that allowed for multiple racing styles to flourish while eventually claiming a third of the field. Jim bid high for pole. He then rolled a chance in the second corner to run away from the rest of the pack in the early lead for his five minutes of fame. The Italians, Kevin Keller and Phil White made it through the first two corners in hot pursuit to become the chase pack.

In the end it was the veteran Keller who took the wood, becoming the first *Speed Circuit* triple winner—and doing so in largely unchallenged fashion after taking the lead in the third lap. The battle was behind him where Randy Needham recovered from a failed forced pass and used his wear advantage to catch Chris Long on the way out of corner #6. The pair battled for second through the last three corners, but Randy's wear advantage made the difference.





2014 Results

🏆 Eric Stranger, OH
 🥈 Scott Bramley, NJ
 🥉 Pete Pollard, TN
 🏅 Bill Thomson, TX
 🏅 Jeff Hacker, PA
 🏅 Mario Ales, it

🏆 Pete Pollard, TN

† 20 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Tom Strock, PA
 🥈 John Schoose, IL
 🥉 Brian Sutton, MD
 🏅 Marilyn Flowers, MD
 🏅 Evan Cagwin, PA
 🏅 Buddy Sinigaglio, ID

🏆 Buddy Sinigaglio, ID

† 38 📖 2002-2014



Eric Stranger, OH

Top Laurelists

Pete Pollard, TN	253
Bill Thomson, TX	247
Andrew Cummins, uk	182
Eric Stranger, OH	125
David Bronkhorst, VA	86
Scott Bramley, NJ	84
Phil Grasha, PA	81
Mike Pacheco, CA	78
Chuck Leonard, PA	40
Michael Day, AZ	33



Tom Strock, PA

Top Laurelists

Larry Lingle, PA	118
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Karl Henning, CT	66
John Schoose, IL	54
Bill Morse, VA	54
Tom Strock, PA	42
David Gubbay, TX	39
Alex Bell, MD	39
Buddy Sinigaglio, ID	37
Marilyn Flowers, MD	30

Squad Leader (SQL)



The 24th year of *Squad Leader* drew 20 players for 37 games. After a week of combat the semifinal matches were set: Pete Pollard (64 points) vs Eric Stranger (45 points) and Bill Thomson (54 points) vs Scott Bramley (48 points). Four former champions with 11 titles between them would duke it out again.

Bill and Scott played *King of the Hills* where Bill's Germans tried to remove Russians from one last hill. It looked like Bill was going to cruise when the tide turned and his advance slowed. When the Russians reinforced, the last attempt to clear the hill became tougher. The result hinged on one last dice roll with Bill needing a 7 or less. Fate delivered an 8 instead and Scott advanced. In the other bracket, Pete's Americans took up positions protecting the only two-story building on Board 3 as Eric's Germans tried to win *Eviction Notice*. Eric's antitank gun made a crucial kill on a halftrack, leaving Pete with few options, and his eventual foothold in the building was not enough to evict the last German defenders.

Winter War, a small scenario with only a few units for each side, was chosen for the Final. Scott's outnumbered and freezing Germans pinned their hopes on an AT Gun. When it lost its duel with a T34, all that remained for the desperate Germans was close combat with the Soviet tanks. Heroism was no match for armor and Eric emerged with his fourth title.

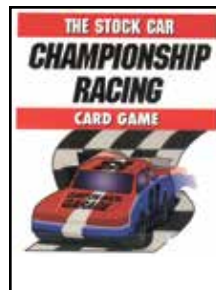


Star Wars; Queen's Gambit (QGB)

38 preliminary games were played in three heats with both sides winning 19. Overall, the combined tally for the preliminaries and the playoffs was 25 wins for the Jedi and 28 for the Sith. A statistical aberration occurred with the simultaneous elimination of Darth Maul and Obi-wan Kenobi three times—one attacked and killed the other and the dying defender reciprocated with a Light Saber Riposte.

Six former champions, led by three-time champ Lawrence Lingle who won every heat, were among the 16 qualifiers in the elimination rounds. Two rounds later, four survivors moved into the semifinals where "Jacen Solo" Schoose schmoozed Marilyn "Purple Queen" Flowers. In the other bracket, Tom "Tusken Raider" Strock skinned Brian "Bossk" Sutton. Tom killed Maul with the play of only five cards, thus causing a rapid collapse of the droids with two Jedi loose in Theed Palace.

The Final thus matched 2012 champion Schoose as the Naboo vs Strock. It was fought almost entirely in Theed Palace and was not close. Darth Maul killed Quigon and Obiwan and a fistful of Palace Guards before the Maul cards ran out. Then the Droideka took over, killing Panaka and the Purple Queen. The Naboo were soon subjugated. The Federation lost only one Droideka. Tom bested prior champions Schoose, Sutton and Gubbay as well as former runner-up Cagwin in the elimination rounds. Rumor has it that repeated beatings at the hands of his sister were instrumental in developing his skills.

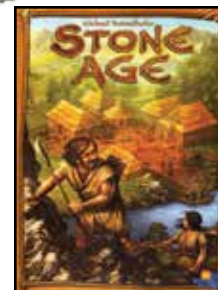


2014 Results

🏆 Ralph Gleaton, SC
 🥈 Phil White, MD
 🥉 Mark Mitchell, VA
 🏅 Dan Dolan, Jr, VT
 🏅 Fabio Pellegrino, it
 🏅 Daniel Lewis, DE

🏆 Michael Garton, VA

† 46 📖 1999-2014



2014 Results

🏆 Dominic Blais, qc
 🥈 Scott Saccenti, MD
 🥉 David Rohde, NC
 🏅 Scott Fenn, MD
 🏅 Greg Ziemba, MI
 🏅 Andrew Emerick, CT

🏆 Peter Staab, PA

† 213 📖 2009-2014



Ralph Gleaton, SC

Top Laurelists

Phillip White, MD	117
Seth Gunar, NJ	102
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48
Steve Caler, OH	42
Luke Koleszar, VA	42
Jim Bell, MD	39
Brian Mongold, MD	36
Bill Beckman, SC	30
Kevin Brown, GA	30
Jean Younkin, VA	30



Dominic Blais, qc

Top Laurelists

Dominic Blais, qc	120
Cary Morris, NC	118
Rod Bacigalupo, MD	90
Eric Freeman, PA	88
Dan Eppolito, PA	58
Scott Fenn, MD	42
Cliff Ackman, PA	42
Henry Dove, MD	40
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	40
Christopher Ellis, FL	40

Championship Racing (SCC)

There were eight preliminary races in three heats. The top three drivers from each race qualified. The preliminary winners were Michael Buccheri, Josh Coyle, 2000 champ Tim Dolan, Dan Lewis, James McCarthy, Keith McFarland, and a pair of Italian drivers: Fabio Pellegrino and Mario Ales.

22 finalists signed on for 200 Laps on a Tri-Oval Superspeedway. Carol Caler in car #99 started in the pole position with #00, Dan Dolan Jr, leading the outside lane. The action was intense from start to finish with eight lead changes and 14 drivers in the top six at some point. Two crashes claimed seven cars. #9, two-time champion Phil White, held the lead the longest and was still in first at the start of the last play only to fall short by a photo finish to #23, Ralph Gleaton. Ralph started the race in fourth, only to fade back. With less than 50 laps to go, he climbed back into the top five and made the charge from fourth to first on his last move. It gave him his first WBC shield ever after over a decade of competing.

Fabio in #42 started the field dead last and moved up steadily to break into the top five for the first time on the last lap to earn the most improved driver—moving up 17 positions. Dan Dolan, Jr was the most consistent driver—starting second, never falling below fifth, and finishing third.



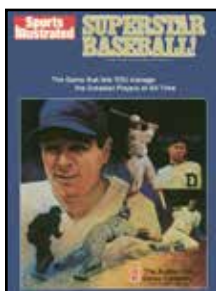
Stone Age (STA)

The three heats each yielded 25 4-player games with exactly 100 players. This produced eight double winners and 67 qualifiers. Fortunately, only 48 of those qualifiers opted to advance, resulting in 12 4-player quarterfinal games with the four top runners-up also advancing to the semifinals. The quarterfinal games were won by 2012 champ Dominic Blais, Keith Dent, Yossi Dvora, Andrew Emerick, Eric Engelman, Scott Fenn, Derek Glenn, Paul Klayder, 2011 champ Cary Morris, Scott Saccenti, Eugene Yee and Greg Ziemba.

The semifinal winners were Blais, Fenn, Saccenti and David Rohde. The first set of cards was four "Christmas" cards. Fenn took the card for one resource that also provided one of the cultures for end game scoring and got a farm from the card while Blais got a tool and Saccenti and Rohde both got gold.

Ten turns later, Fenn had 78 points plus 36 from culture cards, 3 from farming, 7 from people, and 10 from resources for 134 points. Rohde had 109 points plus 1 from culture cards, 21 from people, 7 from buildings and 4 from resources for 142 points. Saccenti had 99 points plus 1 from culture cards, 18 from farming, 4 from tools and 35 from buildings for 157 points. Blais had 80 points plus 9 from culture cards, 4 from farming, 60 from tools, 12 from buildings and 3 from resources for 168 points. So Blais earned an 11-point victory to become the first double winner of the event.



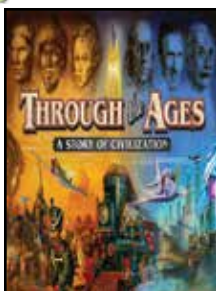


2014 Results

- 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
- 🏆 James Terry, NJ
- 🏆 Bill Beckman, SC
- 🏆 Johnny Wilson, IL
- 🏆 John Welage, OH
- 🏆 Steve Lollis, VA

🏆 Bill Beckman, SC

† 41 📖 1991-94, 96-14



2014 Results

- 🏆 Nick Henning, DC
- 🏆 Jason Ley, WA
- 🏆 Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC
- 🏆 Randy Buehler, WA
- 🏆 Jay Berry, PA
- 🏆 Nick Page, on

🏆 Randy Buehler, WA

† 65 📖 2008-2014



Terry Coleman, CA

Top Laurelists

Rich Moyer, MN	174
Harry Flawd, PA	170
Bill Beckman, SC	132
Terry Coleman, CA	108
Chris Palermo, NY	47
Jacob Hebner, CO	46
Mark Giddings, NY	40
Randy Cox, SC	28
Ken Samuel, VA	28
James Terry, NJ	27



Nick Henning, DC

Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	182
Jason Ley, WA	168
Joel Lytle, NY	114
Nick Henning, DC	60
Zvi Mowshowitz, NY	60
Raphael Lehrer, CA	52
Andrew Emerick, CT	48
Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC	42
Aran Warszawski, il	40
Rob Flowers, MD	26

Superstar Baseball (SSB)

The format remained the same with three daily heats. The winners of each plus their runners-up were destined for the playoffs along with the best two remaining overall records as wild card teams. The Heat winners were: Bill Beckman (95 Indians), Roderick Lee (78 Dodgers), and Steve Lollis (81 Yankees). The rest of the field consisted of runners-up: Terry Coleman (53 Yankees), John Welage (76 Reds) and James Terry (62 Yankees). The Wild Card slots were filled by Johnny Wilson (62 Giants) and Jack Beckman (45 Tigers). The first round was the battle of the Beckmans with Bill topping Jack 5-0, Wilson besting Lee 1-0, Terry beating Lollis 4-2, and Coleman demolishing Welage 11-1. In the next round Coleman used a 7th inning Yogi Berra 3-run homer to top the Indians 5-4. In the other bracket, in a recreation of the '62 World Series, Terry's Yankees again beat Wilson's Giants 4-3.

The Final best-of-three series was an all-Yankees affair with Dimaggio's '53 squad vs Mantle's '62 bombers. The opening game found the '53 Yanks benefiting from the wildness of Jim Bouton and winning 5-4 despite surrendering four solo homers. The second game featured young Whitey Ford pitching against veteran Whitey Ford! Coleman used four pitchers and Terry five as they battled into the 14th inning where an RBI single



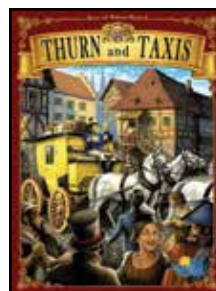
by "Doc" Blanchard won it for the '62 pinstripers. The title game went scoreless until the bottom of the 11th, when Billy Martin homered to give Coleman his first SSB title.

Through the Ages (AGE)

All three returning finalists lost their opening games and rebounded with double wins in the remaining heats to advance to the semifinals. However, now unseeded, they manned a very shark-filled semifinal table with two-time champion Randy Buehler, defending champ Joel Lytle, and triple-heat-winner Yossi Dvora. Randy survived that test to reach the Final for the fifth straight year, albeit with a few well earned scars. He was joined by two-time champion Jason Ley, Sceaudeau D'Tela riding a four-game winning streak and event newcomer Nick Henning.

Jason got the best of the opening deal with *Hanging Gardens* and *Moses*, but Age 1 ended quicker than anticipated so *Hanging Gardens* never got built. Age 1 saw the usual arms race, with Sceaudeau starting a cascade of aggressive drafting by taking Knights for three actions. With all three copies of *Iron* buried deep in the deck, the civilizations developed slowly while constantly warring—presumably with rocks. Halfway through Age 2 all four were still on Bronze.

It was a brutal, low-scoring game that was actually turned upside down by Jason declaring a culture war against Sceaudeau on the last possible turn. It was Nick who benefitted most from the war once the music stopped. He won with a score of 131 over Jason's 108, Sceaudeau's 105 and Randy's 98. It was just the start of a spectacular week. He would grab four more titles before week's end—setting a record for events won.

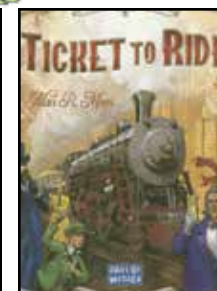


2014 Results

- 🏆 Jeffrey Meyer, MA
- 🏆 Kyle Smith, PA
- 🏆 Rebecca Hebner, CO
- 🏆 Eric Kleist, MD
- 🏆 Winton Lemoine, NV
- 🏆 Robert Cranshaw, RI

🏆 Andy Latto, MA

† 151 📖 2006-2014



2014 Results

- 🏆 Alan Elkner, NJ
- 🏆 Adina Weiss, NJ
- 🏆 Yoni Weiss, NJ
- 🏆 Hank Griffin, PA
- 🏆 Amy Rule, MD
- 🏆 Chris Shabsin, MA

🏆 Claire Brosius, MA

† 303 📖 2004-2014



Jeffrey Meyer, MA

Top Laurelists

Andy Latto, MA	128
Anne Norton, NJ	75
Rob Kircher, RI	72
Kyle Smith, PA	66
Randy Buehler, WA	61
Aran Warszawski, il	54
Robert Murray, NJ	48
David Meyaard, NY	48
Amy Rule, MD	48
Jim Castonguay, PA	42



Alan Elkner, NJ

Top Laurelists

Jay Fox, NJ	84
Virginia Colin, VA	70
Eric Monte, NY	70
Steve Shambada, PA	69
Henry Allen, FL	68
Alan Elkner, NJ	66
Hilary Haagen, VA	60
Anni Foasberg, NJ	60
Kyle Greenwood, HI	60
John Faella, RI	60

Thurn & Taxis (T&T)

The winning scores in the heats ranged from a high of 31 to two low-scoring 10-9 games. There were many close contests, with eight won on tiebreak and ten by a single point.

Robert Cranshaw rushed the carriages to trigger the endgame in his semifinal, but finished with 18 points to Rebecca Hebner's 20. Jefferson Meyer beat Winton Lemoine by half a point. Kyle Smith got a 7-house multicolored route and an all-white 6 route to score all colors and Bavaria first, besting Eric Brosius 29-17. In the last semi, Andrew Emerick seemed hard to stop, cartwrighting for the 4, 5, and 6 carriages and never using the Administrator, when disaster struck his last route. An Administrator could not extend Linz-Passau, and he had to discard a route. Eric Kleist scored Bavaria on his second route plus nine points in long-route bonuses to win by an even larger margin than Kyle, 26-13 over Matthew Craig.

The Final saw most players going for long routes while Jefferson rushed the carriages. By Turn 13, he was the only player with a 6 carriage. He scored a 3 route, judging that if he extended it to a 5 route and cartwrighted to end the game quickly, Rebecca's long route chits would give her the win over his carriage points. This unusual play proved to be correct. Four turns later, he was able to cartwright the 7 carriage, still ending the game as the only player with a 7 carriage.



Ticket to Ride (TTR)

The WBC attendance record for an event was set as 303 players participated. The check-in line ran down the hall into the food court and up the stairs, but the sorting system kept the line chugging along. 45 minutes from the start of check-in, 43 tables were engaged, filling the ballroom to overflowing. People were taking their first tickets as the first games to start entered the end-game. The 10th anniversary celebration provided hundreds of train sets from *Days of Wonder*. A translucent set of 45 trains was given to each player. The finalists got their choice of four expansion sets and the winner received a commemorative coin and the opportunity to attend GenCon to play in the National tournament.

In the quarterfinals we had three players who had already qualified for the Nationals: Trella Bromley, Steve Shambada, and Jeff Jackson. Jay Fox, our leading laurelist, also had qualified. None of them reached our Final. Instead, we had two of our youngest go head-to-head in the last round as brother and sister, Yoni and Adina Weiss, battled each other.

Hank Griffin had a battle on his hands since finalists Alan Elkner, Yoni and Adina all play in the Jay's Basement group. Most of the tickets were completed. Adina barely claimed family bragging rights 122 to 121. Hank trailed behind with a respectable 96, having shared the most tickets bonus with Yoni. The longest route went to Alan, and with it, the win with 128 points.





2014 Results

♣ Akihisa Tabei, jp
 ♠ Michael Pustilnik, NY
 ♣ Kevin Hillock, VA
 ♠ Rich Atwater, WA
 ♠ Aaron Fuegi, MA
 ♣ Jason Ley, WA

♣ Bruno Wolff, WI

† 34 📖 1991-2014



2014 Results

♣ Aaron Fuegi, MA
 ♠ Dan Strock, PA
 ♣ Bruno Wolff, WI
 ♣ Arthur Wines, PA
 ♣ Brian Sutton, MD
 ♣ Michael Pustilnik, NY

♣ Rich Atwater, WA

† 25 📖 1994-2014



Akihisa Tabei, jp

Top Laurelists

Dave Finberg, MA	289
Aaron Fuegi, MA	273
David des Jardins, CA	185
Rich Atwater, WA	168
Dan Strock, PA	157
Jason Ley, WA	151
Kevin Hillock, VA	130
Brian Sutton, MD	117
Akihisa Tabei, jp	95
Arthur Wines, NJ	84



Aaron Fuegi, MA

Top Laurelists

Aaron Fuegi, MA	265
David des Jardins, CA	179
Dan Strock, PA	109
Brian Sutton, MD	93
Jason Ley, WA	68
David Finberg, MA	57
Sean McCulloch, OH	57
Andrew Gross, WA	49
Bruno Wolff, WI	38
Michael Pustilnik, NY	33

Titan (TTN)

As is his custom, Akihisa Tabei struck early in the Final making a strong titan on titan attack against Rich Atwater in the plains to eliminate him quickly. Michael Pustilnik attacked Kevin Hillock's angel stack and won, but Kevin attacked the survivors and killed them. Mike took a ranger with his titan (7), two minotaurs, two rangers, lion legion below Aki's two minotaur, gorgon, troll legion in the mountains. On his next turn Mike split out ranger, lion and then attacked into the mountains with titan (7), two minotaurs and two rangers. Aki could have killed Mike's minotaur, but took a 50% shot at the titan instead and missed. Mike survived with titan, angel and two minotaurs.

Aki then attacked Kevin's titan with titan (8), two angels, two rangers, troll and an angel summon against titan (7), giant, two warbears, two rangers and a warlock. Kevin should have killed an angel, causing a mutual, but didn't. Instead Aki survived with titan (12) and two angels. Mike was stuck with titan (8), angel and two minotaurs. Aki would have killed him on a 6, but didn't get it. Mike was one turn from getting a dragon, when Aki got a 6. The last battle was titan (13) and three angels against titan (8), angel and two minotaurs.

Aki gave Mike a chance to go 13 for 18 to get a mutual, but Mike only rolled 12 hits. That gave Aki a clean win and his first *Titan* title.



Titan 2-Player (TT2)

Dan Strock faced Art Wines in the first semifinal. Art attacked early in the brush with titan, three warlocks, cyclops and ranger against three cyclops, two gorgons and an angel. Dan's cyclops killed a ranger with five 6s on nine dice. The opening allowed both gorgons to reach the titan and put an angel in a bramble hex, unreachable by the gorgons.

The other semifinal was a contrast in luck for Bruno Wolff. His first three rolls gained maximum recruits for both his stacks. But neither stack could recruit on a 5. For the next three turns, he rolled a 5, moving only small stacks because recruiting was possible for both large stacks on any other number. Defending champ Aaron Fuegi subsequently chased and eventually caught Bruno's titan.

Recruiting was also the key in the Final. Aaron had multiple early turns with four or more stacks recruiting, and one where he got six recruits for six stacks. Dan had to chase stacks to accumulate points so his titan went into battle in the marsh with two lions, two cyclops and a ranger, and an angel to summon, against the all native stack of three ogres, two trolls and two rangers. He was attempting to survive the battle with a ranger recruiter plus his titan, to receive a second ranger and earn an angel plus get to 200 points. His titan took one too many hits from the 2 skill level creatures and Aaron had his sixth title.



2014 Results

♣ Carter Waite, VA
 ♠ Ewan McNay, NY
 ♠ Angela Collinson, MD
 ♣ Greg Crowe, MD
 ♣ Brendan Coomes, OH
 ♣ Harry Flawd, PA

♣ Greg Crowe, MD

† 96 📖 1997-2014



Carter Waite, VA

Top Laurelists

Matt Calkins, VA	60
Rebecca Hebner, CO	57
Alan Witte, NJ	50
Ewan McNay, NY	48
Harry Flawd, PA	45
Brendan Coomes, OH	44
Devon Miller, VA	42
Jordan Shea, CT	42
Joseph Sposito, NJ	40
Greg Crowe, MD	39

Titan: The Arena (TTA)



This year our field of 96 players included 27 who hadn't played the game at WBC before, which was very gratifying. Of the 28 qualifiers to win at least one heat, 22 reappeared for the semifinals. Three alternates were added to man five 5-player tables.

The Final was loaded with experience, numbering three former champions and a two-time finalist among its five combatants. No public wager was lost in the first two rounds as the unloved Cyclops and Titan were dispatched early. The negotiations began in earnest in the third round but ended with Carter's decision to kill the Ranger that had two secret bets—Brendan's and Ewan's. In the fourth round, an alleged "mistaken" play by Carter allowed Ewan to make sure his Hydra survived again by killing the Warlock, which had 1st and 4th-round bets by Greg, as well as bets by Brendan and Carter. Cards were low in Round 5 so the others could not close the deal before Ewan got another turn. He used the Hydra power to play two cards, and killed the Unicorn, which had Brendan's 1st-round bet and the secret bets of Angela and Greg. When the last chips fell, it was newcomer Carter who had the most points, due to having the only surviving secret bet (on the Dragon). And so Carter Waite, new to both the game and



WBC, won her first shield and became our 17th champ in 18 years.



2014 Results

♣ Chris Byrd, CT
 ♠ Antony Russo, MD
 ♠ E.Evan Woodham, TX
 ♠ David Amidon, PA
 ♠ Kevin Lewis, DC
 ♣ Andy Doughan, PA

♣ George Young, VT

† 45 📖 2006-2014



Chris Byrd, CT

Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	428
Chris Withers, CA	161
Keith Wixson, NJ	143
Chris Byrd, CT	122
Riku Riekkinen, fi	110
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	108
Rick Young, NC	100
Randy Pippus, on	72
Bill Edwards, VA	60
Bruce Monnin, OH	46

Twilight Struggle (TWS)

We had two noteworthy newcomers. Tony Russo proved tough for everyone. His extensive online experience with our 4th place finisher, David Amidon, prepared him well for WBC. He upset Stefan Mecay in the third round and only lost in the Final. Evan Woodham also made his first appearance and went undefeated. Unfortunately, he missed the first round so could not compete for the title.

Headline events *Containment* and *Red Scare* offset each other in the Final and Chris Byrd's Americans took an early edge by winning the coup/counter-coup in Iran, allowing play in Asia. *Marshall Plan* simultaneously enabled American dominance in Europe. Over Turns 2 and 3, Antony's Russians struggled to keep pace, hampered by scoring cards and generally lower operations values. The Americans even managed to dispose of *Decolonization* and *Destalinization* on the space race. The early positional edge allowed the US to assume a VP advantage as Europe scored twice over the first four turns. The US continued to improve its relative position by playing higher value cards. Over the next two turns, the US continued to augment its point lead, first taking advantage of OAS to pick up a quick 4 VPs in South America and then playing *Dr. Strangelove* for three more. Russian counter efforts took a favorable position in South America, but it was too late. At the beginning of Turn 7, the US had 19 VPs and *Alliance for Progress* added one more, just enough for the win.

