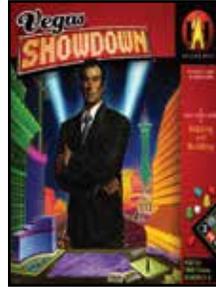


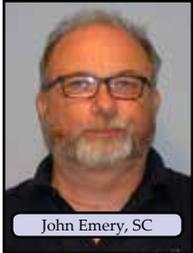
### 2014 Results

♣ John Emery, SC  
 ♠ R. Malcomson, MN  
 ♣ Richard Irving, CA  
 ♠ Andrew Maly, MD  
 ♣ Wade Fowble, MD  
 ♣ Jeff Spanner, MD  
 ♣ Jim Burnett, TN  
 † 28 📖 1991-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Mike Kaltman, PA  
 ♠ A. Drummond, on  
 ♠ Steve LeWinter, NC  
 ♠ Doug Faust, NY  
 ♣ Matthew Craig, NC  
 ♣ Greg Thatcher, CA  
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA  
 † 75 📖 2008-2014



John Emery, SC

### Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	227
Bruce Young, SC	177
Ray Stakenas II, MI	118
Bruce Wigdor, NJ	112
Ed Kendrick, uk	100
Ray Stakenas Sr, MI	74
Richard Irving, CA	66
Jeff Spanner, MD	52
Paul Wright, PA	52
Ralph Gleaton, SC	48



Mike Kaltman, PA

### Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	54
Doug Faust, NY	49
Eric Freeman, PA	48
Steve LeWinter, NC	42
Mike Kaltman, PA	39
Nick Page, on	36
Andrew Gerb, MD	33
Redie Smith, NC	30
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	26
Cary Morris, NC	24

## Up Front (UPF)

The 2014 field included seven past champs with 15 shields. After the bodies had been removed from the five swiss rounds, 2012 champ Richard Irving stood tallest at 5-0. Joining him in the gauntlet with one loss apiece were regulars Wade Fowble and Andrew Maly, newcomer Robert Malcomson, and six-time winner John Emery. Jeff Spanner, Greg Courter, and William Kendrick earned the remaining slots with 3-2 records.

The higher seeds prevailed in the quarterfinals with Irving defeating Kendrick, Malcomson over Courter, Maly over Spanner and Emery besting Fowble. In Round 7 Malcomson used German attackers to beat Maly's Americans in *The Infantry's Iron Fist*. The other semi saw Emery's Russian defense in *Outpost Line* prevail against Irving's Germans. The game was in doubt until the last card with the deck emptied before Richard could play a terrain card for the win.

Malcomson requested a repeat of the scenario and side he won in the semis and Emery, ever the gentleman, agreed. John's GIs gained terrain but not without cost. A Sniper then turned things around by hitting the AFV's commander and the Americans stopped taking, and started causing, casualties. Midway through the second deck, Robert was down to four men and a stunned AFV but John was within

two losses of his own squad breaking. John used the bazooka to shoot at the infantry group instead of the AFV, got a hit, and drew a Black 6 for the decisive kill to win his 7th UPF title.



## Vegas Showdown (VSD)

There were 27 games played in three heats. Only Kate Fractal managed more than one win. Three of those 26 winners opted not to advance, admitting alternates Andrew Drummond and Matt Calkins to the semifinals. There, defending champ Doug Faust won his table by six points over Eric Freeman to advance in defense of his title. Mike Kaltman cruised to an easy 10-point win over Craig Trader. "Leisure Suit" alternate Andrew Drummond punched his golden ticket with a 5-point win over 2013 finalist Cary Morris. 2011 champ Steve LeWinter returned to the Final with a 2-point victory over Greg Thatcher. Matt Craig took the last seat with a 2-point margin over Greg Crowe.

Mike's tableau at the end contained a Lounge, two Fancy Lounges, four Slots, two Fancy Slots, a Dragon Room, two Restaurants, and a Fancy Restaurant. It was good for 68 points (and nine left-over cash). Andrew also finished with 68 points but no excess cash and that tiebreaker proved decisive. Steve was third with 66 points followed by Doug with 56 and Matt with 43. This was Kaltman's 20th appearance in a WBC Final. He was 0 for 19 heretofore when it came to winning the big one. The string of near misses was approaching infinity—or so it seemed. After a double check of the scores confirmed that *Vegas Showdown* would finally break his streak, Mike broke down in tears of joy and relief after finally winning his first WBC title.



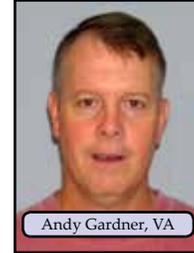
### 2014 Results

♣ Andy Gardner, VA  
 ♠ Ed Paule, NJ  
 ♠ Pat Richardson, WA  
 ♠ Dan Blumentritt, TX  
 ♠ John Pack, CO  
 ♠ Jim Eliason, IA  
 ♣ Charles Drozd, IL  
 † 26 📖 1991-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ David Kieft, ns  
 ♠ Kirk Harris, NJ  
 ♠ Chris Trimmer, TX  
 ♠ Jim Stanard, NJ  
 ♠ Joel Calden, MA  
 ♣ M. Pare-Paquin, qc  
 ♣ Ed Beach, MD  
 † 34 📖 2013-2014



Andy Gardner, VA

### Top Laurelists

Andy Gardner, VA	486
Dan Henry, IL	272
Michael Kaye, CA	252
Ed Menzel, CA	250
Charles Drozd, IL	224
Ed Paule, NJ	204
John Pack, CO	150
Darren Kilfara, uk	146
John Sharp, FL	126
Michael Ussery, MD	118



David Kieft, ns

### Top Laurelists

M. Pare-Paquin, qc	55
David Kieft, ns	50
Kirk Harris, NJ	30
Jim Stanard, NJ	30
Max DuBoff, NJ	30
Chris Trimmer, TX	20
Ed Rothenheber, MD	20
Joel Calden, MA	10
Jeff Heidman, NY	10
Justin Rice, VA	5

## Victory in the Pacific (VIP)

55 games were played with an increased average bid of 4.87 POC for the Japanese. Despite that, the IJN winning % increased to an alarming 70.9%. After five swiss rounds Andy Gardner, Ed Paule, Patrick Richardson, and John Pack all had four wins. The remaining slots went to Daniel Blumentritt, Jim Eliason, Ed Menzel, and John Sharp (all 3-2).

The quarterfinals yielded only a mild upset with #5 Blumentritt's USN over #4 Pack, in what would be the only USN playoff victory. In the remaining quarterfinals #1 Gardner ousted #8 Sharp in eight turns, while #2 Paule topped #7 Menzel and #3 Richardson beat #6 Eliason in seven turns. In the semi's Gardner bid 8.5 POC for the IJN vs. Blumentritt and despite the impressive bid secured a mathematical lock in Turn 7. In the other bracket Paule bid 9.5 POC for the IJN vs. Richardson and won a concession at the end of Turn 6.

Given the previous bids, another high bid in the Final was expected and Gardner opened with a bid of 10.5. Paule found himself in an early hole as an American CV was lost on Turn 1. Seeing the writing already on the wall, he committed everything to the defense of Pearl Harbor on Turn 2. A first round night action was bad news for the USN, and when the sun rose the IJN had smashed the USN decisively, drawing a quick concession.



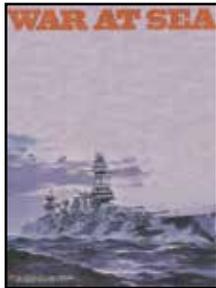
## Virgin Queen (VGQ)

In the opening heats nine wins were divided between the Protestant (3), Ottoman (2), Spain (2), England (1) and France (1). The winners were defending champ Mathieu Pare-Paquin, Jeromey Martin, David Kieft, Dennis Mishler, Max DuBoff, Manuel Bravo, Frank Morehouse, Joel Calden and Joe Appel.

Seven of those winners joined 11 alternates for three semifinal games. Two Ottoman military wins by Chris Trimmer and Calden highlighted the action. The third semifinal winner was Jim Stanard who reached the Final with a 28 VP English win for the second straight year. Runner-up slots were awarded to Kieft, Kirk Harris and Pare-Paquin.

Finalist Power selection was as follows: Stanard (England), Calden (Protestant), Trimmer (HRE), Kieft (Ottoman), Harris (Spain), and Pare-Paquin (France). The action picked up on Turn 4 with the Protestant seizing Antwerp in a double move, with the HRE successfully invading France, and with a close to successful *Gunpowder Plot* attempt at a *Catholic Rebellion* in England (where Kirk Harris fell one hit short of winning the game). Despite losing his whole pirate fleet in naval battles on that calamitous turn, Kieft's Ottomans were able to mix piracy, Suez Canal, and Patronage VP for 25 VP at the end of Turn 5. A final attempt to reel David back in with a *City States Rebellion* in Tunis fell a hit short and he earned his first WBC title. Harris took second with 23 VP followed by Trimmer 22, Stanard 21, Calden and Pare-Paquin 19 each.

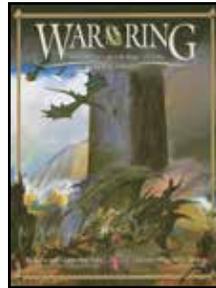




### 2014 Results

🏆 Bruce Monnin, OH  
 🏆 Jon Lockwood, VA  
 🏆 Andy Gardner, VA  
 🏆 Ben Gardner, VA  
 🏆 Dennis Nicholson, NY  
 🏆 Vince Meconi, DE

🏆 Vince Meconi, DE  
 † 35 📖 1991-2014



### 2014 Results

🏆 Chris Yaure, PA  
 🏆 Joe Yaure, PA  
 🏆 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY  
 🏆 Chris Greenfield, NY  
 🏆 Ted Lange, GA  
 🏆 Kevin Lewis, DC

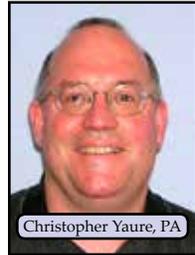
🏆 K. Wojtaszczyk, NY  
 † 20 📖 2006-2014



Bruce Monnin, OH

### Top Laurelists

Jon. Lockwood, VA	207
Andy Gardner, VA	195
Bruce Monnin, OH	161
Pat Richardson, FL	158
Ed Menzel, CA	152
Dennis Nicholson, NY	147
Vince Meconi, DE	136
Ray Freeman, CA	133
Robert Drozd, IL	118
Darren Kilfara, uk	99



Christopher Yaure, PA

### Top Laurelists

K. Wojtaszczyk, NY	165
Chris Trimmer, TX	115
Chris Yaure, PA	72
Ty Hansen, DC	60
Andy Latto, MA	40
Phil Rennert, MD	30
Jacob Hebner, CO	24
Jason Levine, NY	24
George Young, VT	24
Joe Yaure, PA	18

## War at Sea (WAS)

The field was the smallest since 1998, comprised of 35 players who logged 64 games. The dominant Allied strategy was again "Barents on 1" by a wide margin. Play balance continued its yo-yo imitation of recent years. This year's WBC had 26 Axis wins (40.6%). However, the most recent BPA PBeM Championship sported a 54% Axis win rate. 59 of this year's contests had an Allied bid. The average bid was 1.80 for all games and 1.95 for games with a bid, both increases over last year.

The Allies swept the quarterfinals. Andy Gardner edged Bob Hamel, Ben Gardner bested Darren Kilfara, Bruce Monnin upset Dennis Nicholson, and Jon Lockwood crushed Vincent Meconi. The latter game was notable in that the Axis had every German ship afloat and undamaged when they conceded. In the semifinals, Jon's Allies, bidding 2.5, never lost the blockade in besting Ben's Axis. On the other board, Bruce's Axis topped Andy who bid 2 for the Allies.

Jon had already downed Bruce in the Swiss rounds and had a 6-0 record as the Allies and got them again for a bid of 2.5. However, there Jon's karma expired. The game was not close, as Jon failed multiple speed rolls and was soon in a hopeless position, resigning on Turn 3. Andy Gardner claimed Best Axis player at just 2-0 while Jon salvaged Best Allied Player honors at 6-1—the fifth time he has been so recognized in the last seven years.

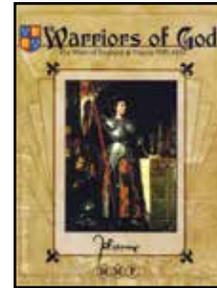


## War of the Ring (WOR)

The tally had the FP winning thirteen games (3 FPMV, 10 Dunks) to the SP's ten (4 SPMV, 6 Corruption). SP corruption strategy focus was evident in many games. Sixteen games had 0 Dwarven rings bid, three had the FP receive one, three had the SP get one and one had the FP gain two. Fourteen played in the Mulligan round with another dozen playing in Round 1. Out of those, thirteen different winners advanced to Round 2 single elimination.

The Final became a family affair with Christopher Yaure (FP) facing his son Joe. Strider fell to a random casualty on Turn 1, but many Eye action dice slowed the SP. The FP declared in Mordor by Turn 7 but only had Legolas left to lead the fellowship and a Lidless Eye switched extra dice into Eyes to slow their movement. Turn 11 found Frodo at 11 corruption taking his final step with the Shadow at 12 VP.

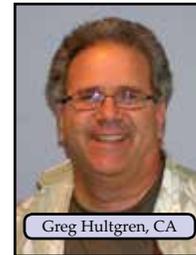
Christopher could wait no longer to risk the last steps up Mount Doom. So Frodo, remembering his gift from Bilbo, threw off his cloak to reveal a coat of Mithril and drew String as he marched up the steps. Joe shook the hunt tiles as the fate of Middle Earth hung in the balance as the last SP corruption ending unfolded with a climatic tile draw! Frodo emerged resolute over the lava to dunk the ring and give Christopher his second WOR title!



### 2014 Results

🏆 Greg Hultgren, CA  
 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA  
 🏆 David Long, NC  
 🏆 Philip Yaure, PA  
 🏆 Derek Landel, NJ  
 🏆 Wayne Morrison, FL

🏆 Bruce Monnin, OH  
 † 20 📖 2009-2014



Greg Hultgren, CA

### Top Laurelists

Greg Hultgren, CA	63
Rob Winslow, NY	49
Terry Coleman, CA	48
Derek Landel, NJ	48
David Long, NC	42
Matthew Beach, MD	33
Philip Yaure, PA	21
Keith Hunsinger, OH	18
Lembit Tohver, on	18
Stan Myszak, qc	16

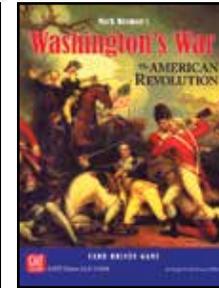
## Warriors of God (WOG)

Half the field contested Sunday night's Pre-Con Mulligan with Terry Coleman, Pete Stein, Derek Landel, Rob Winslow and Bruce Monnin earning byes to Monday's second round action. 16 contested the first round. The French were dominant at first, winning nine of 13 contests. However, the results moderated in the medal rounds with the English winning five of the last nine games.

Round 2 saw Winslow, Coleman, Greg Hultgren and Philip Yaure win as the English, often using an aggressive strategy of buying Gunners on the first two turns and launching a Turn 2 strike on Ile-de-France. Defending champion David Long was the only French survivor. The French soon took revenge with Coleman and Hultgren punishing the English. Hultgren then used the French again to foil Long's title defense.

Greg accepted Terry's bid of two VP for the English. Over the next few turns, Greg acquired his core areas in the center of France. Terry made repeated attempts to break the French core and was able to capture two French leaders, but they died before yielding a single victory point. By Turn 10 the French had a 7-point lead. Joan of Arc then trapped two British leaders outside of Burgundy with no retreat. One died in battle and the other was captured.

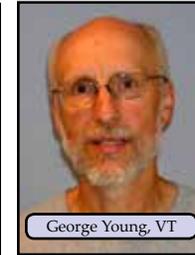
That result, and another plague that decimated only English leaders, convinced Terry to forego further tours of France and gave Gregory his first WBC title, but not his last.



### 2014 Results

🏆 George Young, VT  
 🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ  
 🏆 Randy Pippus, on  
 🏆 John Faella, RI  
 🏆 Randall MacInnis, GA  
 🏆 Bill Peeck, NY

🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ  
 † 34 📖 1994-2014



George Young, VT

### Top Laurelists

George Young, VT	338
James Pei, TX	301
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	271
Paul Gaberson, PA	198
Keith Wixson, NJ	190
Brian Mountford, NY	179
Dan Leader, MA	96
John Poniske, PA	91
Mike Mitchell, GA	65
David Rubin, NJ	60

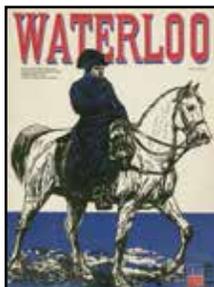
## Washington's War (WWR)

Sadly, attendance declined 30%. Perhaps the "new game" bump with the transition from *We the People* has run its course and we can now expect a return to *WTP*'s mid 30's as the new norm. The Brits won 27 of 51 games. They dominated in Round 1, winning 12 of 17 games, but that was a byproduct of six of the eight seeded players opening with the Brits. After Round 1 the Americans won 19 of 34. In the elimination rounds they won four of seven.

George Young became the first 4-time champ in our 21-year history, although it took him seven years to climb that 4th rung of the ladder. Young has reached the Final four times in the last five years, however, so it wasn't for lack of trying. Once again, Keith Wixson barred his way, the third time that they have shared finalist status since 2010. This time George avenged his losses, and as was the case previously, the game went down to the last card play and battle with his Americans claiming eight colonies.

George was unbeaten entering the Final, besting Michael Webb, Rob Doane and Geoff Allbutt in the preliminaries, Bob Hamel in the quarterfinals and John Faella in the semifinals. Keith's slate was also unblemished, having defeated Peter Putnam, Paul Gaberson and defending champ James Pei in the preliminaries, Randy MacInnis in the quarterfinals and Randy Pippus in the semifinals. Young and Wixson were the only returning laurelists to add to their totals.

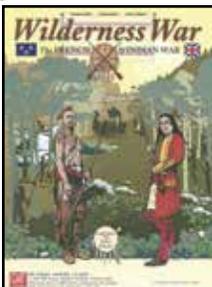




### 2014 Results

♣ Richard Beyma, VA  
 ♣ Tim Miller, GA  
 ♣ Joe Angiolillo, FL  
 ♣ Ed Menzel, CA  
 ♣ Marty Musella, NC  
 ♣ John Clarke, FL

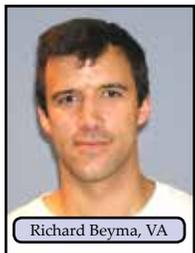
♣ Marty Musella, NC  
 † 25 📖 1991-2014



### 2014 Results

♣ Grant LaDue, NY  
 ♣ James Pei, VA  
 ♣ Michael Ussery, MD  
 ♣ Bill Peeck, NY  
 ♣ Paul Gaberson, PA  
 ♣ Randy MacInnis, GA

♣ Keith Wixson, NJ  
 † 20 📖 2002-2014



Richard Beyma, VA

### Top Laurelists

Richard Beyma, VA	173
Rob Beyma, MD	162
Marty Musella, NC	157
John Clarke, FL	123
Joe Beard, AZ	100
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	61
Joe Angiolillo, FL	61
Pat Mirk, FL	51
Tim Miller, GA	47
Ray Clark, CT	39



Grant LaDue, NY

### Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	372
Keith Wixson, NJ	289
Paul Gaberson, PA	216
Ron Fedin, PA	141
George Young, VT	131
Peter Reese, VA	111
John Buse, IL	99
Tom Drueding, MA	98
Grant LaDue, NY	82
Michael Ussery, MD	72

## Waterloo (WAT)



Waterloo continued its resurgent roll as 25 grognards returned to prolong the 50th anniversary celebration another year. The recent rule modifications—10 sided CRT and a PAA stacking prohibition—have tightened play balance, although bidding and win ratios still favor the PAA. Nine grognards battled for the four playoff spots. Several noteworthy players fell just short, leaving newcomers Tim Miller and Ed Menzel vs returning laurelists Richard Beyma and Joe Angiolillo.

Tim got the PAA with a 5-factor bid. Ed advanced slowly and despite some early victories was unable to crack Tim's PAA defense, conceding after a devastating 1-1 AE setback. In the other bracket Richard grabbed the PAA for a 6-factor bid. Joe's French advanced on a broad front and traded losses, giving as much as he took. Trying to win before the Prussian IV Corps' arrival, Joe launched several low odds attacks, only to sustain crippling losses.

The Final saw Richard bidding high (-8) for the PAA. Tim skillfully maneuvered the French onto the Quatre Bras heights and captured Nivelles in a series of successful low odds attacks to take both a positional and attrition lead. Late on 17 June, he went for the win with a 2-1 vs 15 factors but rolled the dreaded AE, and that was that. Victory was lost in a single roll. Only the return from Elba of five-time champ Joe Beard or Beyma the elder could change the 2015 favorite to someone other than four-time winner Richard Beyma.

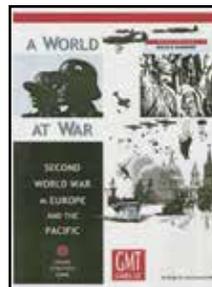


## Wilderness War (WNW)

The Tuesday night Mulligan round was well attended (12 players), and all six losers returned the following morning to play in the first round. The French and British split 24 games (ending an 11-year streak of French mastery), although the French again swept the semifinal and Final games.

We again crowned a new champ, Grant LaDue, a perennial laurelist who finally got the brass ring. He lost the 2009 Final and has been a semifinalist twice since. He defeated newcomer Michael Wilding, two-time champ Keith Wixson, Randy MacInnis and Bill Peeck en route to the title game with top seeded James Pei. James defeated newcomer Rod Coffey, George Young, defending champ Paul Gaberson, and 2013 champ Michael Ussery.

In the Final, Grant's French ended '57 with five VPs via three successful raids. The French margin remained 5 VPs a year later after another successful raid. Montcalm began '59 besieging Ft. Ticonderoga. Wolfe counterattacked and won a victory despite French fieldworks. The British played *Bigot* and used the end of turn card windfall to redeploy Wolfe's army to the Mohawk Valley theater. Villiers made a critical interception to save a French stockade garrisoned by marines at Oswegatchie. Unfortunately for Pei, the French main army crossed the Adirondacks and was able to cut the British supply line at OCV with time running out by overrunning an intercepting British force under Webb. With no means to complete the siege, and VP's at FR7, Pei resigned and LaDue's triumph was complete.



### 2014 Results

♣ Ashley Johnson, MD  
 ♣ Kevin Milne, MN  
 ♣ Jason Moore, NY  
 ♣ Vic Hogen, CA  
 ♣ Don Stanley, sk  
 ♣ Jeff Mathis, FL

♣ Randy Scheers, TX  
 † 23 📖 92-00; 02-14



Ashley Johnson, MD

### Top Laurelists

Jason Moore, NY	180
Paul Milne, MN	156
Randy Scheers, TX	126
Bruce Harper, bc	121
Jon Hogen, CA	118
Vic Hogen, CA	108
Kevin Milne, MN	102
Elihu Feustal, IN	102
Chris Goldfarb, OR	96
Greg Wilson, NJ	96

## World at War (WAW)

Six *A World at War* campaigns were played. Three began from starting positions arising out of *Gathering Storm*, the prequel that begins in Spring 1935. As the event is not a true tournament, an account of one game serves as an appropriate remembrance.

It began in Fall 1939, the historical first turn in classic WAW, with the difference that the Allies had already ceded Danzig and the Polish Corridor to Germany. The Axis planned to invade Turkey to flank Russia in 1941. France fell in Fall 1940, and the Axis invaded Turkey on the same turn. The British attempted to block the conquest of eastern Turkey, and in response Germany declared war on the US in Spring 1941 in order to attack Vichy-controlled Syria and exploit into Iraq. Germany then invaded Russia as planned, and the Russian position became critical—as did the Italian, as the Axis forces in North Africa were no match for the combined Anglo-American forces. The Axis went all in, with Japan declaring war on Russia in Summer 1942. This ensured both a Russian surrender and the early defeat of Japan. The question was how long Russia would stay cowed. It turned out “not quite long enough”, as Russia re-entered the war in Summer 1944, and helped defeat Germany in Fall 1945. This one-turn European Axis victory was offset by a two-turn defeat in the Pacific, and an overall Allied victory by the narrowest of margins.



## IS THIS THE NEXT-to-LAST YEARBOOK?

In a grudging and long overdue nod to the inevitability of the internet age, WBC's annual recap will be relying more heavily on our website coverage and less on the printed page.

This year's version, the 16th annual printed remembrance of the previous convention, is the last to be included as a free premium for early Sustaining memberships. Commencing in 2016, with the change in venue to Seven Springs, a yearbook will be provided only as a free premium for Tribune/Sponsor memberships purchased by April 30th, or by separate order. Thereafter, should this fail to generate sufficient requests for the book to justify the continued effort, it will be discontinued—both in print and downloadable versions. In the meantime, the plan is to continue to mail the yearbook, one per household, to those qualifying members living in the U.S., with all others picking up their copies at registration.

The yearbook has seemingly been valued by a declining minority of the membership for some time. Its continued production is a drain on time and monetary resources made possible only by subsidizing its production as a premium giveaway. Given the extensive lodging subsidies required by the pending move to our new venue, these resources are now required elsewhere and thus the yearbook must sink or swim based on receipts from its sale and inclusion in elite membership levels.

Our pre- and post-con event coverage will continue on our website and will be augmented with a slick makeover scheduled for unveiling in 2016. The web has many advantages over the printed page including, but not limited to: cost of creation, distribution, greater detail, the convenience of links to related material, error correction when required and greater access worldwide and while users are in transit. WBC remains dedicated to continuing to offer the best pre- and post-con coverage of any gaming convention. Whether that continues to include a printed yearbook will depend on revenues generated by the new policy directly related to its production.