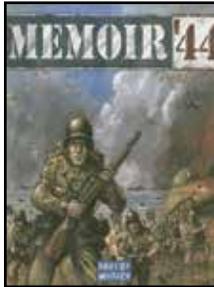


### 2015 Results

- ♣ Scott Nerney, RI
  - ♠ Bruce Monnin, OH
  - ♠ Wes Lewis, DE
  - ♠ Johnny Wilson, IL
  - ♠ Terry Coleman, CA
  - ♠ Harry Flawd, PA
  - ♣ Terry Coleman, CA
- † 54 📖 1992-2015



### 2015 Results

- ♣ C. Kalmbacher, PA
  - ♠ Daniel Overland, MI
  - ♠ Jim Fardette, MD
  - ♠ William Austin, VA
  - ♠ Sam Edelston, CT
  - ♠ Jeff Cornett, FL
  - ♣ Sam Edelston, CT
- † 58 📖 2004-2015



### Top Laurelists

Bruce Monnin, OH	166
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	118
Terry Coleman, CA	117
Ken Gutermuth, NC	104
Derek Landel, NY	96
Dennis Nicholson, NY	93
Harry Flawd, PA	81
John Coussis, IL	79
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	69
Peter Staab, PA	66



### Top Laurelists

Joe Harrison, KY	142
Sam Edelston, CT	87
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

### March Madness (MMS)



Johnny Wilson guided his number 2 seed Louisville squad to the Final Four with wins over Keith, Sam, Danny, and 3-time champ Marvin Birnbaum to take top honors in Heat 1. 2000 champ Bruce Monnin met four-time champ Terry Coleman in the regional Final and put an end to Terry's triple digit scores as he won Heat 2. Heat 3 was more of the same, with Bruce beating all comers to make another regional Final vs Wes Lewis—son of the defending champ and out to make a name for himself. And he did so to set up a showdown in the Final Four with... Scott Nerney, who coached an offensive-heavy team to win after win in Heat 4. Constantly pushing the tempo, Scott took out the top seed, John Shaheen, and perennial finalist Harry Flawd to make his first Final Four.

The semifinal fittingly went into overtime. 99 points will win most games, but Wes' reliance on a tight man-to-man defense finally caught up to him, with two fouls in the extra period. Scott emerged with 105, putting him in the title game vs Monnin—who ended Wilson's run in the other bracket. Both teams had an 'A' scorer and B defenses. Bruce tried to employ the Run & Gun in the second half, but it didn't work the same magic as it had throughout the tourney for Scott. In the end, Bruce's Michigan squad couldn't keep up with Providence, and Scott pulled away, 114-98.



### Memoir '44 (M44)

Early rounds: A record-breaking Mulligan round, with 42 players, got the event off to a good start. The scenarios were *Moyland Wood*, *Vaumicel Manor*, and *Breakout to Lisyanka*. But at *Vaumicel* and *Lisyanka*, former champs Joe Harrison, Geoff Heintzelman, and John Skiba, and most of the other perennial contenders, were eliminated.

Because several winners opted out after Round 2, only six players remained for Round 4: *Suomussalmi*. Jim Fardette swept Jeff Cornett, Daniel Overland squeaked past William Austin, and Chris Kalmbacher won a split decision over Sam Edelston. That left only three survivors for Round 5: *Raseiniai*. So, John Skiba returned as an eliminator to avoid any byes. On board 1, Overland's Germans devastated Kalmbacher's tanks and took a 6-2 lead. However, the Russians reduced the gap to 7-5. Board 2 appeared close until Skiba's Germans went Behind Enemy Lines against Fardette's Russians, killing a Cavalry and taking an objective for a 7-3 win. In the board 2 rematch, Skiba's Russians played several big cards and quickly won, 7-2. Meanwhile, on board 1, Daniel's Russians charged out of the woods prematurely giving Chris's Germans a 7-2 victory.

Chris and Daniel had been so focused on their own match that they didn't realize the eliminator had won next door, and so by winning his match, Chris had become the new WBC *Memoir* champion! Daniel and Jim both had seven wins, but Daniel had 55 medals to Jim's 53 to earn second place.



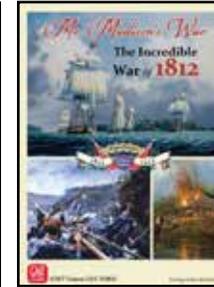
### 2015 Results

- ♣ Vassili Kyrkos, NY
  - ♠ Eyal Mozes, MD
  - ♠ Philip Shea, VA
  - ♠ Robert Barnes, NY
  - ♠ Bill Crenshaw, VA
  - ♠ M. McCandless, LA
  - ♣ Richard Irving, CA
- † 71 📖 1991-2015



### Top Laurelists

Eric Wrobel, VA	228
Bill Crenshaw, VA	146
Vassili Kyrkos, NY	88
Eyal Mozes, MD	85
Luke Koleszar, VA	82
Joe Abrams, CT	72
Kathy Stroh, DE	56
Steve Dickson, CA	56
Debbie Otto, MO	56
Charles Hickok, PA	55



### 2015 Results

- ♣ F. Finkenbinder, MD
  - ♠ Mark Miklos, GA
  - ♠ Dave Stiffler, VA
  - ♠ Dick Boyes, WA
  - ♠ Gilbert Collins, on
  - ♠ Randy Pippus, on
  - ♣ David Stiffler, VA
- † 18 📖 2013-2015



### Top Laurelists

Dave Stiffler, VA	72
Fred Finkenbinder, MD	30
Gilbert Collins, on	24
Mark Miklos, GA	18
Rob Doane, MA	18
Randy Pippus, on	15
Keith MacFarland, NJ	12
Tom Drueding, MA	12
Dick Boyes, WA	9
Rod Coffey, MD	9

### Merchant of Venus (MOV)

Discovery lagged in the preliminaries. Bill Alderman and Rich Irving built spaceports in the Inhabited Moon and then discovered there was a free Open Port hiding in the system. We should have looked behind that rock! D'uh! Failure to look a little harder also had consequences when a game had all six Telegates in play, a rare opportunity. Unfortunately, four went undiscovered! Heat 3 was notable for the absence of three-time defending champ Eric Wrobel who thereby abdicated his winning streak without a fight.

The semis started with only 20 of the 25 qualifiers in attendance—so five 4-player games were employed. One yielded the closest game when Kathy Stroh had \$2957 in the race to \$3000, yet finished fourth! Victory was hers had she managed a 10 with four dice on her last roll. Mark McCandless and Wade Fowble were both over \$3000, but lost to Bill Crenshaw. In the second semi, Phil Shea beat Richard Irving in a Freightier race. Eyal Mozes founded all three Clipper selling cultures in the first four turns to win easily. Robert Barnes' Yellow Drive won the Relic race against John Koski's Jump Start as his brother-in-law, Vassili Kyrkos, took the last Final seat.

The Final was done in about 2.5 hours to speed Bill off to his 40th anniversary dinner. Unfortunately, "Dollar Bill" was consistently \$1 dollar short on too many purchases and finished last! Vassili plundered the three most lucrative systems to win his first MOV shield!



### Mr. Madison's War (MMW)

11 new players joined the ranks to fight the War of 1812, with two of them reaching the Final, ensuring that both the designer and developer would be absent for the first time, which we viewed as a positive development. Gilbert Collins was heard to say "The torch has been passed"! The early highlights included Ed Castronova capturing Quebec; something we've never seen happen before! Also, Randy Pippus's Americans recreated history by playing "Battle of New Orleans" after the Treaty of Ghent to hold Plattsburg and defeat Chris Byrd's British. Lastly, Eric Guttage's Brits won on the last two cards, taking Lake Huron (with the American fleet striking it's colors) and then taking Ft Erie for the win.

The semifinals had Mark Miklos beating defending champ Dave Stiffler by one VP despite failing to take Ft Malden five times. In the other bracket, Dick Boyes had been forced to play a number of reaction cards, leaving Fred Finkenbinder with the last three cards which he used to attack and overtake Boyes at the end of 1814.

Fred took the Americans in the Final which was a wild affair. Both players were aggressive early and often. The scene in the west was chaos with both sides out of supply and cut off on more than one occasion. In the end Fred's constant pressure enabled him to find some weak links in the British position and get the VPs he needed to play the Treaty of Ghent, winning by a slim 21-15 margin.



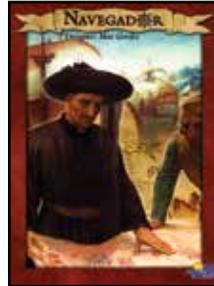


### 2015 Results

🏆 John Emery, SC  
 🏆 Michael Dauer, TX  
 🏆 Al Hurda, on  
 🏆 Gareth Williams, ma  
 🏆 Patrick Duffy, VA  
 🏆 Brian Sutton, MD

🏆 Gareth Williams, ma

† 45 📖 2003-2015

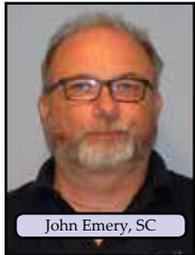


### 2015 Results

🏆 Randy Buehler, WA  
 🏆 Andrew Emerick, CT  
 🏆 David Borton, PA  
 🏆 Antero Kuusi, fi  
 🏆 Mike Kaltman, PA  
 🏆 Vien Bounma, NJ

🏆 Anni Foasberg, NJ

† 53 📖 2011-2015



John Emery, SC

### Top Laurelists

John Emery, SC	258
Bruce Young, SC	256
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



Randy Buehler, WA

### Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	114
Randy Buehler, WA	48
Antero Kuusi, fi	39
Mike Kaltman, PA	24
Rob Kircher, RI	24
Wade Fowble, MD	18
David Platnik, VA	18
Vien Bounma, NJ	15
David Borton, PA	12
Romaine Jacques, qc	12

## The Napoleonic Wars (NW5)

It was not a good year for the Royal Navy which fared poorly against aggressive French fleets but the opening heat contained wins by all five powers. By the third day Michael Dauer completed the unprecedented feat of winning every heat.

The semis went France's way, and the way of seeding: everyone with first pick of sides won. 10 VP was not enough for John Emery on Wednesday but it got the win when it counted and top seed in the Final in a crushing victory. Michael Dauer as Britain won his fourth straight game. Al Hurda took a Turn 1 French win to book his seat in the Final. The last semi had French ambassador Gareth Williams bring literally every minor into pact to secure his berth.

Emery took France with first pick of the Final, followed by Williams Britain, the as-yet-unbeaten Dauer Russia, and Hurda Prussia. Patrick Duffy qualifying as best runner-up semifinalist inherited Austria.

Britain botched her early interception rolls to allow the French to concentrate in Brest, but declared *Mud* once the Russians reached Vienna. Spain survived a 1/6 chance of conquest on Turn 2. John then made his move, finessing his armies out of stack and playing *Scarce Forage* to devastate the Austro-Russian defenders. Prussia remained neutral in Turn 4 and



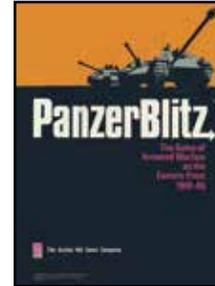
Spanish pressure forced the Brits to evacuate. Hurda finally took Prussia into the Imperial Camp but was unable to improve his position as Emery won his second NW5 shield.

## Navegador (NVG)

The three heats yielded 17 winners, including three double winners: Patrick Shea, Nicole Yuhase, and Romain Jacques. Three opted not to advance, however, allowing two alternates to fill four 4-player semifinal tables.

Mike Kaltman's navigation tokens gave him an advantage, but he still lost by six to Randy Buehler's factory/church strategy, which benefited from the lack of competition for factories in semi 1. Andrew Emerick bested Vien Bounma 99-94 in a much lower scoring affair in the second semi. Antero Kuusi and Tim Horne fought it out over colonies in semi 3, splitting shipyards as they did, but somehow Antero finished ahead of Anthony Lainesse's uncontested factories! David Borton went the pure exploration route in semi 4, with navigation tokens and shipyards to win by over 30 points.

David and Randy opened the Final by sailing to sugar and gold regions, respectively. Andrew built a gold factory and Antero decided to start with workers. While Antero continued sailing in the end game, and made it as far as Macao, all the others descended on the building market and bought out, first the churches (David), then the shipyards (Randy) and finally the factories (Andrew) to end play. The final scores were: David: 89 (54 from churches), Randy: 100 (54 from shipyards), Andrew: 97 (60 from factories), and Antero: 88 (49 from navigation tokens). Thus, Randy won his first *Navegador* shield while claiming his 12th WBC title—but his only one for 2015 in a down year for the twice Caesar.

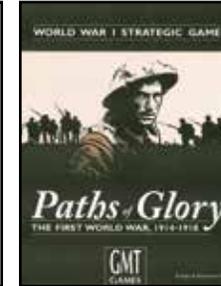


### 2015 Results

🏆 Greg Tanner, AZ  
 🏆 Rod Coffey, MD  
 🏆 Alan Arvold, IL  
 🏆 Art Dohrman, AL  
 🏆 Marty Musella, NC  
 🏆 Dick Boyes, WA

🏆 Rick Northey, MA

† 28 📖 1991-2015

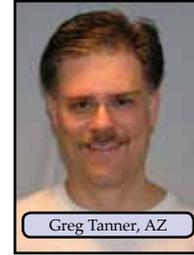


### 2015 Results

🏆 Michael Dauer, TX  
 🏆 Tom Gregorio, PA  
 🏆 Evan Woodham, TX  
 🏆 Nick Frydas, uk  
 🏆 Nick Benedict, CA  
 🏆 Alex Gregorio, PA

🏆 Peter Gunneau, WI

† 24 📖 1999-2015



Greg Tanner, AZ

### Top Laurelists

Greg Tanner, AZ	188
Marty Musella, NC	176
Bert Schoose, IL	142
Bill Scott, VA	139
Chuck Leonard, PA	138
Rich Northey, MA	86
Alan Arvold, IL	69
Dave Giordano, NJ	47
Johnny Hasay, PA	33
Eduardo DeNucci, ag	26



Michael Dauer, TX

### Top Laurelists

Stefan Mecay, TX	472
Tom Drueding, MA	428
David Dockey, 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
Michael Dauer, TX	126

## PanzerBlitz (PZB)



The Finnish war with Russia was the centerpiece of the 2015 tournament. "Professor" Alan Arvold provided ten situations and counters from "Panssari Salama" for play ranging from the Winter War of 1939-40 to the end of the war in 1944. Greg Tanner, Alan Arvold, Rod Coffey and Art Dohrman emerged from a field of 28 as the semifinalists.

Greg and Alan chose situation 45r. Alan sent his Russian armored force across the open steppes and surrounded Opustoschenia. Hidden in the SW side of the town were several batteries of heavy self propelled artillery. As the Russians attempted to close the pocket, concentrated direct fire from German Wespes knocked out two companies of T34/85s and decimated two companies of infantry, leaving the German batteries unspotted, so the Russians could not return fire. After six turns the Germans controlled five town hexes resulting in a decisive victory.

Situation 14 was contested by Art and Rod. Art maneuvered his German armor to clear the town, eliminating the Russian CP, and all five of the valuable recon units that stood and defended the CP but by the end, the score was Russians 40 to Germans 31.

Situation 51r3 provided the Final. Repeated close assaults, overruns, and direct fire stalled the advance in the middle of the board. While this did not appreciably weaken either force, time was on the German side, they still held Grebyosh, and Greg won by a score of 17-10 to take his fifth PZB title.



## Paths of Glory (POG)

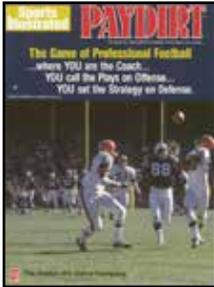


The event mirrored the attrition of the war it portrayed. It appeared to be 1918 with many missing faces in the trenches as the field dropped to its lowest level. The three Swiss rounds yielded three unbeaten (Tom Gregorio, Michael Dauer, and Nick Frydas), and five 2-1 records. The top four players went directly to semifinal play, while the bottom four waged a lower brackets semifinal of their own for fifth and sixth place.

Tom Gregorio's CP narrowly defeated Nick Frydas in one semi while Michael Dauer dispatched Evan Woodham in the other bracket. That left Tom and Michael in the title game. Tom bid 0 for the AP and got them. All six play-off games were won by the CP.

Michael started with a Defend the Meuse strategy where the CP takes and holds Brussels, Sedan, Metz, and Strasbourg, while taking out the Russians in the East. Turns 6-13 saw continued AP pressure as the AP ran the war status up to 30 to bring the US into the war on Turn 12! Allenby appeared in the near east and took Damascus and Medina from the Turks. The CP was now on the ropes. Turn 14 was the turning point, as Michael played 'Fall of the Tsar' and 'Bolshevik Revolution'. The Russians had to fall back and play for time, waiting for a breakthrough in the West. Michael needed two VP to win and was able to siege two VP forts at games end on Turn 20.

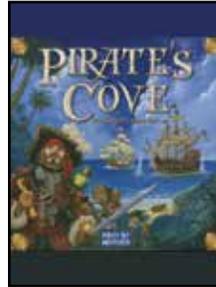




### 2015 Results

- ♣ Harry Flawd, PA
  - ♠ Tim Dolan, NJ
  - ♣ Dale Long, NJ
  - ♠ Dan Overland, MI
  - ♠ Joe Yaure, PA
  - ♠ Dan Long, NJ
- ♣ Harry Flawd, PA

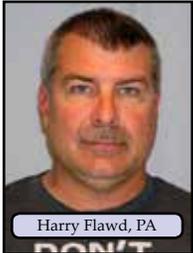
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### 2015 Results

- ♣ Stefany Speck, MD
  - ♠ Barrett Straub, MD
  - ♠ Abigail Elliott, MD
  - ♠ Allyson Thoma, MD
  - ♠ Nora Tuke, DE
  - ♠ Brandon Bernard, PA
- ♣ Jason Fisher, NC

† 104 📖 2005-2015



Harry Flawd, PA

### Top Laurelists

Harry Flawd, PA	282
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
Tim Dolan, NJ	30
Mike James, MD	30



Stefany Speck, MD

### Top Laurelists

Stefany Speck, MD	110
John Elliott, MD	80
Brandon Bernard, PA	72
Tom Pavy, OH	69
Paul Weintraub, MD	51
Vincent Sinigaglio, NJ	50
Barrett Straub, MD	44
RJ Gleaton, SC	40
Chris Striker, PA	36
Jason Fisher, NC	32

### Paydirt (PDT)



Perennial champion Harry Flawd held off the challenge of veterans and youngsters alike to win both heats and take the Super Bowl by default—giving him a total of nine PDT titles.

Longtime *Paydirt* player but WBC newbie, Dan Overland, would lead his Steelers into the AFC title game. The opening round saw all but two of the games finish with both teams within hailing distance if only they could manage another TD. That included two OT games, where Dan's Steelers nipped veteran Bill Place's Browns 27-21, and Derek Landel's Broncos topped Sam Berk's Bengals. Round 2 saw only one game not finish within a single score. Joe Yaure continued his mastery of the spread with the Jets taking down 2002 champ Bill O'Neal 39-38, while Harry was getting all he could handle from Dale Long's Broncos, trailing 11-0 late in the third quarter, before two late TDs won 14-11. Joe finally ran out of steam against Dan 45-44 in an amazing game. The AFC title game was then dominated by Patriot picks as Harry coasted to a 48-25 win.

Harry took what was left in the NFC heat—Tampa—the worst team in the set and played the spread to beat Pounder's Redskins 27-21 in OT, converted a 28-point spread vs Dan Long's Packers 37-35 and used a 19-point handicap to edge Tim Dolan's Cowboys 32-27 in the NFC title game to take Sunday off.

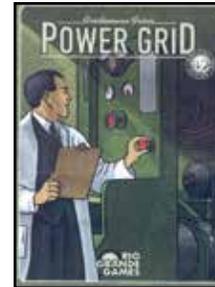


### Pirate's Cove (PRC)

One last time the seas of Marietta were plundered, this time under the command of new captain, Jason "Chainlink" Fisher. Across four heats we recruited over 100 pirates with 41 voyages and 33 winners.

The Sunday morning semifinals drew heavy fire from conflicting events and departures. Only 18 of the 33 qualifiers made it to the dock on time, leaving seven slots in the semifinals to fill! Barrett Straub, Nora Tuke, Abigail Elliott, John Elliot, Sam Shambeda, Steve Scott, and Ron Fisher all advanced without winning a heat. But with swag in the offing, it was suddenly serious business, with no mutinies and an average of 15 stones earned per game. Abigail and Dalton Versak tied for first and were forced to fight it out with Abigail emerging triumphant. Stefany continued to keep the wind gauge and advanced, reaching the Final for the third straight year. Barrett advanced to the Final and was gaining on the record of 20 stones with 16.

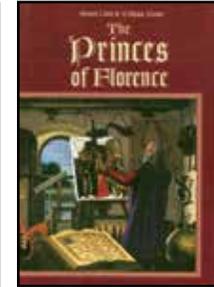
The Final was the deadliest game yet with a total of 24 stones earned, averaging two players sunk per turn. Ships were sabotaged. Secret weapons were deployed in the never-ending combat. At the end of the last round there was a three-way tie for first place. Everything came down to the Tavern cards, where Stefany emerged victorious; her hat-trick performance of three straight wins earning her second PRC shield. Barrett had to settle for second but added six sinks to set a new record with 22 stones.



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Matt Calkins, VA
  - ♠ Wooly Farrow V, PA
  - ♠ Jim Savarick, MD
  - ♠ Chris Gnech, PA
  - ♠ C. Kalmbacher, PA
  - ♠ Steve Koleszar, VA
- ♣ Kevin Broh-Kalm, MD

† 110 📖 2004-2015



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Doug Smith, PA
  - ♠ Eric Freeman, PA
  - ♠ Curt Collins II, PA
  - ♠ Wade Campbell, on
  - ♠ J. Oppenheim, VA
  - ♠ A. Warszawski, il
- ♣ Eric Brosius, MA

† 44 📖 2001-2015



Matt Calkins, VA

### Top Laurelists

Jim Savarick, PA	269
Matt Calkins, VA	136
Eric Brosius, MA	103
Bill Crenshaw, VA	93
Kevin Garber, VA	90
Robert Woodson, NV	72
Richard Meyer, MA	72
Bill Murdock, NY	72
Wooly Farrow V, PA	60
Rob Murray, NJ	60



Doug Smith, PA

### Top Laurelists

Rod Spade, PA	130
Eric Brosius, MA	100
Eric Freeman, PA	84
David Platnick, VA	75
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	72
Lyman Moquin, DC	66
Alex Bove, PA	60
Aran Warszawski, il	53
Doug Smith, PA	52
Brian Reynolds, MD	50

### Power Grid (PGD)

We broke triple digits for the ninth straight year. The three heats produced 38 Preliminary games and enough winners to staff the semifinals without alternates. Trash powered both France and Italy in Heat 1 as four of the seven winners on each map ended with the 30 trash plant. Three of the five winners on the Benelux map in Heat 2 finished with under ten electros, and four were able to power their entire network. On the other map, Central Europe, low starting plants paved the way for only one victor did not start with the 3 or 4 plant. Despite powerful coal plants again showing their prowess in Heat 3 with three of five winners possessing the 36 plant, the 34 nuclear plant helped three win in the UK. Trash powered players to victory in Northern Europe with every winner having either the 24 or 30 plant.

In the semifinal coal reigned supreme in the form of the 31 plant: half of the top players ended with it powering six of their cities.

The Final began with everyone buying two cities, followed by Matt Calkins buying the 25 for 33 electros and Chris Gnech getting the 24 at cost. After three nuclear plants were bought in Turn 3, only Matt had no plant paying him from the uranium mines. Competition for the mines amongst the others would ultimately win the day, as he maintained the lead for all but the last turn when he built his network from eight to 15 cities.



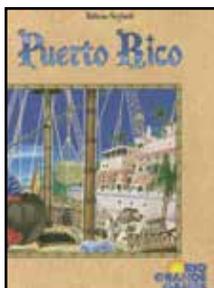
### Princes of Florence (POF)

Only 19 players appeared for the semifinals, so we played three full 5-player and one 4-player game followed by a 4-player Final. In the first full game, Curt Collins emerged on the good side of a 55-55 tie, ending with 500 florins to Jeremy Oppenheim's 200. Legend Dan Hoffman and Jennifer Horan had gotten into a bidding war over a Lake, ruining their chances. Wade Campbell won with 64 PP—an impressive total with five players—and Eric Freeman won the third full game. In the 4-player contest, Doug Smith topped Aran Warszawski, 68-65. Kenneth Horan finished third and predicted that Doug's recent experience in a 4-player game would give him an edge in the next round.

In the Final, Eric and Doug took Seats 1 and 4, respectively, at no cost. In Round 3, Wade bought his first Jester at auction, leaving him with just 100 florins and the misconception that he could trade PP for florins. He was unable to complete a Work, and with only 100 florins had no way to get more. He could do nothing but pass for the rest of the game.

Meanwhile, the other players suddenly found themselves in a 3-player game. At the end of Round 7, Eric was in the lead, but Curt and Doug each had two Prestige Cards. Doug scored both of his, but Curt could only score one, giving Doug the championship by a final score of 67-62-57-0.



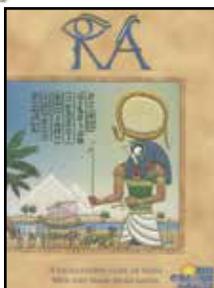


### 2015 Results

- ♣ Ben Scholl, PA
- ♠ Thomas Lind, NJ
- ♣ Etienne Evans, qc
- ♠ Jessica Shea, VA
- ♣ Akim Munro, qc
- ♣ Alex Bove, PA

♣ Richard Shay, MA

† 116 📖 2002-2015



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Ryan Romanik, MI
- ♠ K. Wojtaszczyk, NY
- ♣ Steve Boone, MD
- ♠ Chad Martin, PA
- ♠ Ben Scholl, PA
- ♣ Barrett Straub, MD

♣ Steve Scott, CA

† 171 📖 2000-2015



Ben Scholl, PA

### Top Laurelists

David Platnick, NY	240
Barb Flaxington, NJ	173
Christian, Moffa, NJ	112
John Weber, MD	100
Arthur Field, SC	96
Ben Scholl, PA	75
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	70
Luke Koleszar, VA	66
Bill Murdock, VA	64
Malinda Kyrkos, NY	63



Ryan Romanik, MI

### 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
Ryan Romanik, MI	50
Janet Ottey, PA	50

## Puerto Rico (PRO)

Although attendance set a new low it still managed its 14th straight year in triple digits. After all these years, an in-game event still caused a rules research flurry: a Quarry is *not* a “face-up plantation”. You can select a Quarry and then use your Hacienda.

Wins by seat were divided 17-7-19-14 with the second seat again getting no love. More seat position bidding is encouraged to balance seat advantages.

In broader terms, the winning strategies - where identifiable—were defined as Shipping: 11 (only one in the elimination rounds, but it was the Final), Building: 26 (five in the elimination rounds), and Mixed: 22 (two in the elimination rounds). Games ended (when reported) because Colonists ran out: 34, Buildings completed: 17, Victory Points exhausted: 3. Six games had both buildings and colonists vacated by the end of the last round. In one of those, the Victory Points were also exhausted.

The Final drew no past champions. The big surprise was Jessica Shea, back after several years attending to real life. Family established, she returned with a vengeance! Ben Scholl Crafted his way to victory, selecting Craftsman four times. It's not a strategy for the faint-of-heart. Captaining three times was enough with other players choosing it three more times to outship the rest of the table. Thomas



Lind had a solid building strategy going, but could not end the game fast enough to keep his lead and had to settle for second place.

## Ra (RA)

The Monday night heat filled 20 tables and tied our record for a single heat. The next three starts drew 19, 10 and 15 tables. Those 64 games generated 49 winners including 11 double and two triple winners. To advance you only needed to win your first heat and play in another heat. However, we only needed three alternates to fill the semifinals, which was easily our best advancement showing. Barrett Straub, seeded 33rd, advanced and finished sixth. Every year people complain how hard it is to advance if you don't win your first game. Keep playing and try to win two of the later heats. This event has yet to be run without using alternates so its far from impossible.

Ben Scholl cruised to a 26-point semi win over newcomer Nicole Yuhase who made an early impression in her first WBC. Kevin Wojtaszczyk won his semi by 15 over Patrick Shea and by 19 over three-time champion Alex Bove. Chad Martin was seven better than 2011 champion Richard Meyer. Newcomer Ryan Romanik won by seven over the new Pirate captain, Jason Fisher. In the closest semi, Steve Boone was four better than Barrett Straub which earned the latter 6th place. Two-time champ Steve Scott finished 14 back.

Romanik was not intimidated by his first Final and held off prominent competitor Kevin Wojtaszczyk in Round 3 to claim the RA title and the first of two shields he'd carry home from his first WBC.



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Kara Felix, PA
- ♠ Alex. Henning, PA
- ♠ Sam Shambeda, PA
- ♣ Andrew Martin, PA
- ♣ Sara VanderWal, on
- ♣ David Seiler, PA

♣ Scott Buckwalter, MD

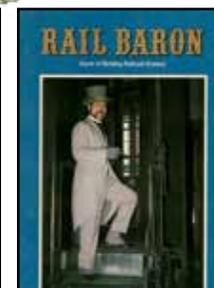
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Kara Felix, PA

### Top Laurelists

Kara Felix, PA	40
Gordon Rodgers, PA	40
Curt Collins II, PA	33
Alexandra Henning, PA	32
Andrew Emerick, CT	30
Stephanie Kilroy, PA	30
Chester Lanham, MD	30
Sara VanderWal, on	26
Peggy Ng, NJ	24
Rod Davidson, AZ	20



### 2015 Results

- ♣ Norm Newton, on
- ♠ Chuck Foster, ID
- ♠ Sue Lanham, MD
- ♠ Ron Secunda, MD
- ♠ John Henry, on
- ♣ Bill Peeck, NY

♣ Chuck Foster, ID

† 54 📖 1991-2015



Norm Newton, on

### Top Laurelists

Ron Secunda, MD	136
Brian Conlon, CT	124
Mark McCandless, LA	122
Steve Okonski, MD	120
Donna Balkan, ns	119
Chuck Foster, ID	90
Mike Zorner, DE	85
Norm Newton, on	80
Mark Kennel, DE	80
Doug Galullo, FL	80

## Ra: The Dice Game (RDG)

The RDG event grew bigger for the fifth straight year. Peggy Ng, Peter Tu, Joe Millovich, and Alyssa Morgen each won three preliminary games. Only David Bohnenberger (77) and Lex Jackson (76) scored over 70 points. 40% of the qualifiers failed to appear, leaving 40 to advance. Alexandra Henning, Andrew Martin, Kara Felix, and Sam Shambeda survived two elimination rounds to reach the Final.

The pace of the Final was slower than the 12-turn average for the event with each player receiving 15 turns, averaging five dice rolls per epoch. Kara was able to roll multiple bonus points, along with capturing the most pharaohs and led the first epoch with 21 points. Sam suffered from the loss of his destroyed civilizations and lack of pharaohs, trailing with only 11 points. Epoch 2 lasted only 13 rolls. Sam benefited from the quick ending and maxed the boats, flooding the Nile, and switching to a pharaohs strategy. Kara lost a point but still led with 20 points.

Andrew was hit by every disaster and finished Epoch 3 with 32 points. Sam flooded all 12 boats again and then maxed the pharaohs, scoring 42 points. Alexandra scored pharaohs for five, flooded the Nile for seven, and pressed the monuments to an impressive 17 points for a total of 52. Meanwhile, Kara went all out in civilizations for ten points and monuments for 16, ignoring pharaohs and boats altogether for 53 points to win by one point.



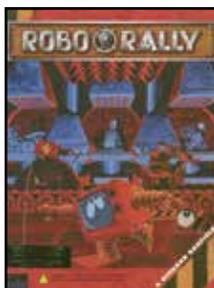
## Rail Baron (RBN)

Rail Baron enjoyed a renaissance with its largest field in 11 years. Everyone felt the loss of Paul Van Bloem, a long-time assistant GM, who passed away in the spring. An honorary award was given in his memory for the highest net worth over three games, which was won by Eyal Mozes. Mark McCandless won the staying-alive award for the least amount of money and property (\$87,000) at the end of a game. As assistant GM, he oversaw the bank and records for the Final.

Due to consistent play during the year and the opportunity to play online (thanks to Steve Okonski), the skill level has increased higher than ever. There were 22 individual winners, with only three double winners: Brian Smith, Bill Peeck, and Chuck Foster.

Chuck Foster rolled boxcars on his way to Pocatello from Houston and was able to snare the coveted PA in the Final. He added the ATSF, NP, L&N, CB&Q, and the RF&P on auction from Ron Secunda. Chuck was the first to announce at \$150, and it looked like he would cruise to victory, but with his difficult Houston home, he never got close. Norm Newton was able to reach home in the Northeast as Chuck was rovered by Ron, forcing Chuck to head to his alternate destination. Norm's network included the NYC, B&M, SP, IC, and the CRI&P. Chuck was second with \$378.5, followed by Sue Lanham (\$239), Ron Secunda (\$124), and John Henry (\$116.5).



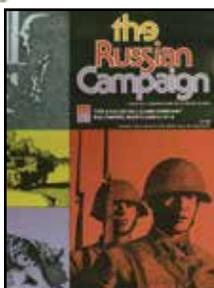


### 2015 Results

- 🏆 Ewan McNay, NY
- 🥈 Kara Felix, PA
- 🥉 Curt Collins II, PA
- 🏅 Keith Boone, MD
- 🏅 Alex Henning, PA
- 🏅 Craig Trader, VA

👤 Marc Houde, VA

† 94 📖 1999-2015



### 2015 Results

- 🏆 Gary Dickson, AZ
- 🥈 Alan Zasada, IL
- 🥉 Bert Schoose, FL
- 🏅 Richard Beyma, VA
- 🏅 Tom Gregorio, PA
- 🏅 Geo. Karahalios, IL

👤 Gary Dickson, AZ

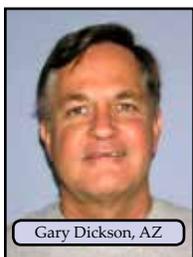
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Ewan McNay, NY

### Top Laurelists

Brad Johnson, IL	318
Alex Henning, PA	99
Ewan McNay, NY	98
Bill Navolis, MD	67
Keith Boone, MD	65
Mark Geary, OH	50
Jason Levine, NY	50
Jeff Finkeldey, OH	40
Scott Buckwalter, MD	40
Bill Dyer, IL	40



Gary Dickson, AZ

### Top Laurelists

Gary Dickson, AZ	491
Doug James, NC	390
Tom Gregorio, PA	366
Bert Schoose, IL	289
Alan Zasada, IL	111
Rob Beyma, MD	96
George Karahalios, IL	90
John Ohlin, FL	89
Ed O'Connor, NJ	87
Pat Flory, CT	85

## Robo Rally (RRY)

Many were the robots destroyed by falling building debris as we made good our escape from Lancaster. Out of the wreckage emerged six to vie for the grand prize. Four of whom were among the most recent visitors to the Final table.

After the overly long Final of 2014, I decided to make things a little easier. We used all boards from the new Hasbro edition of *RoboRally*. This worked really well. Each flag had more than one person going for it at the same time and the game was fun for all participants. We also finished in just over three hours. The new champion, Ewan McNay, made one of the best programmed moves I have seen in some time to get the win.

Sadly, seven-time champion Brad Johnson was unable to attend this year due to medical issues. We did however send along our best wishes along with a group photo from Heat 3. The good news is that all went well on the medical front and we can expect to see Brad doing the *Robo*-dance again in 2016. On a final note, I will only be at Seven Springs for part of the week next year as my parents are flying the whole family out to Hawaii for their 50th anniversary, which happens to fall on July 23rd. As of right now, it is looking like I will not arrive until Thursday. I know... tough luck, but somebody has to do the hula.



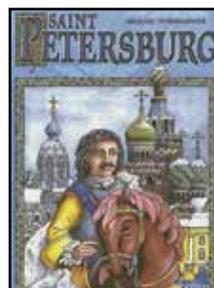
## Russian Campaign (TRC)



The tournament employed a VC change: the Germans needed to achieve -1 from the green line as opposed to the -2 of past years. Consequently, average bids dropped from 15.4 extra Russian replacements to 11.6, and Russian winning percentage dropped from 59.7% to 52.6%.

The field for the free form "grogard style" tournament was the smallest since 2006. Ultimately, Gary Dickson, Alan Zasada, Richard Beyma, and Bert Schoose were left standing as the playoffs began. In the semifinals, Gary's Germans (+11 bid) beat Bert thanks to a sea invasion next to Rostov on Turn 3 that was quickly reinforced when Bert's 2-1 counterattack failed. Alan's Russians (+10 bid) bested Richard when the latter's 8-7 sea invasion failed, losing a headquarters unit thereafter. Richard was able to capture Stalino, Dnepropetrovsk, and Leningrad, but desperate battles failed to take Bryansk and Kharkov.

In the Final, Gary got the Germans for a bid of +5. Alan's opening defense was solid; several Russian units survived but were retreated to poor positions. Kiev fell on Turn 2, and a successful sea invasion compromised Sevastopol, which fell to a 4-1 stuka on Turn 3. Gary slogged forward in the light mud weather. Stalino, Leningrad, and Kursk fell, but Bryansk and Kharkov held firm, with the latter surviving several 1-1 attacks. On Turn 5, Alan needed to retake both Kursk and Stalino to pull out the win. Those attacks failed and Gary claimed his 5th WBC TRC shield.

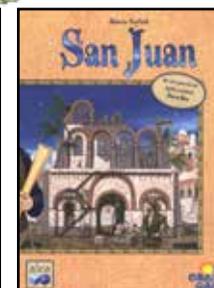


### 2015 Results

- 🏆 Cary Morris, NC
- 🥈 Chris Senhouse, MA
- 🥉 Randy Buehler, WA
- 🏅 Rob Murray, NJ
- 🏅 Anne Norton, NJ
- 🏅 Rick Miller, PA

👤 Amy Rule, MD

† 142 📖 2005-2015



### 2015 Results

- 🏆 Jeff Mullet, OH
- 🥈 Derek Glenn, KY
- 🥉 Rob Kircher, RI
- 🏅 Mark Kennel, DE
- 🏅 Deb Gutermuth, NC
- 🏅 Lexi Shea, CT

👤 Lexi Shea, CT

† 94 📖 2004-2015



Cary Morris, NC

### Top Laurelists

Randy Buehler, WA	134
Anne Norton, NJ	106
Arthur Field, SC	102
Tom DeMarco, NJ	87
Cary Morris, NC	74
Vien Bounma, NJ	71
Chris Robbins, UT	52
Robert Kircher, RI	40
Robert Cranshaw, RI	40
Lewis Lin, WA	40



Jeff Mullet, OH

### Top Laurelists

Jeff Mullet, OH	152
Bruce Reiff, OH	104
Rob Kircher, RI	85
Tom Browne, PA	69
Raphael Lehrer, MD	46
Jason Levine, NY	38
Andy Latto, MA	30
Greg Thatcher, CA	30
Bill Salvatore, MD	30
Mark Kennel, DE	27

## Saint Petersburg (SPG)

The last year in Lancaster was a banner year for *SPG* which set an attendance record in its farewell performance. The game has a reputation as being about trying to get a broken start—an early Mistress of Ceremonies or Observatory. However, the frequency with which the same players advance would seem to put the lie to that theory.

Rob Murray was the beneficiary of an early Observatory, which he used to pick up an extra green worker. He later used it to acquire not one, but two Mistresses. However, he was stuck with a hand of expensive cards in the mid-game, and unable to deploy them in a timely manner.

Cary Morris focused on building a steady supply of blue victory point buildings as quickly as he could, and then played to hasten the end of the game—before anyone could build an overwhelming number of nobles. He saw that he could actually gain two cards during the green phase and cause the last blue to get dealt, triggering the end a turn early. It wasn't clear whether this would give Cary the win, but what was clear is that giving everyone an extra turn would help others more than Cary so he went for it. Only two points separated first from third but Cary's 51 points topped them. Had it gone another round, it's not clear whether Randy or Chris would have won, but Cary played an innovative strategy extremely well to win his fifth WBC title.



## San Juan (SJM)

After four rounds, 28 qualifiers had amassed three wins to enter the elimination rounds. This field included three of the top four 2014 laurelists and two previous champs. Four random byes were drawn to create 32-slot brackets.

Three rounds later, Derek Glenn gained a decisive semifinal victory over Mark Kennel (45-29). Mark tried a production strategy with Guild Hall. However, Derek had a purple building strategy, with early Carpenter, Library, and Chapel builds along with City Hall and Palace that secured the win. Meanwhile, in the other bracket, the semifinal between Rob Kircher and defending champ Jeff Mullet ended 42-42. Rob featured a strong production strategy, building Smithy first then racking up ten production buildings and Guild Hall. Jeff built purple buildings, including Carpenter, Quarry, Library, and Prefecture in succession for a formidable engine. Jeff last built a Hero, gaining him eight points (five points +1 for City Hall, +2 for Triumphal Arch), tying the game. Jeff advanced due to an extra 6-cost building on the third tiebreaker.

Jeff rolled out a production strategy with an early Smithy build in the Final. Derek had a first round Prefecture build, but had to build multiple expensive buildings just to keep pace. Jeff amassed nine production buildings, Guild Hall and 37 points. Derek ended with only eight buildings including a last-minute City Hall to augment an early Palace. His 25 points fell far short of preventing Jeff's title defense and third *SJM* shield!

