

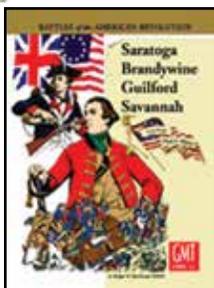


2013 Results

♣ Bill Morse, VA
 ♠ Forrest Pafenberg, VA
 ♠ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ
 ♠ Robert Frisby, VA
 ♠ Bill Riggs, VA

♣ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ

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2013 Results

♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK
 ♠ Chris Easter, GA
 ♠ Derek Miller, VA
 ♠ Dale Long, NJ
 ♠ Jim Tracy, OH
 ♠ Chris Storzillo, NJ

♣ Rob McCracken, DE

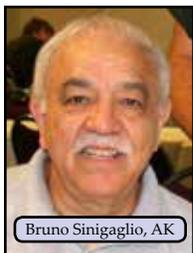
† 27 📖 1999-2013



Bill Morse, VA

Top Laurelists

Steve Likevich, OH	152
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	151
Bill Morse, VA	144
Phil Evans, fr	112
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	66
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	66
Rob Beyma, MD	60
Bob Ryan, MI	60
Vince Sinigaglio, NJ	42
John Clarke, VA	34



Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

Top Laurelists

Mark Miklos, GA	222
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	136
Dale Long, NJ	125
Jim Tracy, OH	90
Chris Easter, GA	88
John Vasilakos, VA	81
Cliff Hansen, NM	48
Rob Doane, MD	47
David Stiffler, VA	46
Volko Ruhnke, VA	42

Battle of the Bulge (B81)

Making it through the qualifiers to the Final Four after 20 games were 2006 champion Bill Morse, past laurelists Frank Sinigaglio and Forrest Pafenberg and first-time finalist Joe Angiolillo.

Forrest's Germans got off to a bad start in the first semifinal vs Bill. Paffy managed to roll exchanges on surrounded attacks and engaged results on every possible breakout attack. By the end of the 17AM turn Bill had lost only six units and all the major avenues of advance in the center were clogged with stacks of engaged units so Forrest threw in the towel yet again. In the other semifinal Joe destroyed all the bridges to run the Germans out of fuel. Frank secured two Victory Point cities but could not kill enough units while losing too many of his own.

Bill's Germans slapped Joe silly at the outset of the Final. He eliminated seven units and engaged two more, leaving Joe with a serious case of unit hunger. On the 16PM turn, he eliminated two more. Usually, the Amis can expect to lose eight units in four turns, but here they lost nine in only two turns. To form a line and block all roads west, Joe dropped back towards Malmedy on 16PM, allowing Bill to capture the city early and release the 2SS and 9SS Panzer on 18AM. That was all she wrote. Next year B81

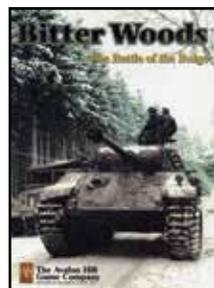
will be combined with *Bitter Woods* in the grognard format with the latter as the default version.



Battles of the Am. Revolution (BAR)

21 players appeared for the Mulligan Round of *Eutaw Springs* with the yanks claiming a 5-2-3 advantage. Six new enlistees and a like number of returnees appeared for Round 1, so six more battles were waged that evening with the Americans again triumphant 3-2-1. Round 2, reinforced by the Mulligan winners, was fought at *Germantown* with Stiffler, Sinigaglio, Tracy, Easter, Doane, Storzillo, Miller and Long advancing after another American success, 6-2. The matchups grew tougher at *Saratoga* with only marginal victories achieved in Round 3. Bruno's Americans defeated Stiffler and Easter's Brits downed 2011 champ Doane. Long's Redcoats defeated Storzillo, and Miller's lobsterbacks upset 2009 champ Tracy. The semifinals were fought at *Monmouth*. Bruno and Dale fought a typical slugfest with Bruno triumphant in marginal fashion. The battle ended in a draw! It was very historical, but for our purposes not enough for Derek's Americans to claim victory a la his historical counterparts. So, on the basis of total tournament points earned, Chris would advance and meet Bruno (a marginal victor over Dale in the other bracket) again at *Pensacola* in a repeat of the 2012 Final.

This time, Bruno took the Spanish with a bid of 4 and our newest Board member was soon trailing badly. However, the Weather Gods gave him a reprieve in the form of rain during the Coup de Main and he rallied behind several double moves and fortuitous card play to successfully defend his title.



2013 Results

♣ Forrest Pafenberg, VA
 ♠ Jim Tracy, OH
 ♠ Johnny Hasay, PA
 ♠ Tom Gregorio, PA
 ♠ Ed Witkowski, VA
 ♠ Frank Sinigaglio, NJ

♣ Bruno Sinigaglio, AK

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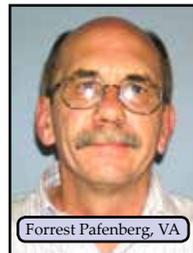


2013 Results

♣ William Kendrick, uk
 ♠ Daniel Speyer, NY
 ♠ Philip Shea, VA
 ♠ John Dextraze, on
 ♠ Paul Sampson, OH
 ♠ Ed Kendrick, uk

♣ Edward Kendrick, uk

† 45 📖 2010-2013



Forrest Pafenberg, VA

Top Laurelists

Tom Gregorio, PA	302
Randy Heller, NH	227
Bruno Sinigaglio, AK	182
Bob Ryan, MI	128
Forrest Pafenberg, VA	119
Bill Morse, VA	111
Phil Evans, fr	94
Steve Likevich, OH	65
Marty Musella, VA	51
Mike Mitchell, GA	42



William Kendrick, uk

Top Laurelists

Paul Sampson, OH	42
William Kendrick, uk	39
Daniel Speyer, NY	39
Bruce Hodgins, on	33
John Corrado, VA	30
Rob Flowers, MD	30
Tom McCorry, VA	18
John Dextraze, on	15
Philip Shea, FL	15
Ed Kendrick, uk	12

Bitter Woods (BWD)

All told, the Germans won 26 of 50 games. As expected, six-time champion Tom Gregorio made the elimination rounds. The other contenders, veterans all, had never won the event, so Tom's loss to Jim Tracy's Americans in the semifinals sent shockwaves through the grognard room. Meanwhile, Forrest Pafenberg's Germans beat Johnny Hasay in the other semifinal with a strong opening in both the north and south. The Germans built bridges at Clervaux and Vianden, and a D4 result in the center resulted in the elimination of two units. By the 17PM turn, it was all but over with Germans next to Eupen, entering Trois Point, taking Parkers Crossroads, crossing the boundary and next to Bastogne.

Forrest pit his Americans against the champion to decide the title. The 16AM German results were mixed—strong in the south and marginal in the north with two firefights and one engaged. Paffy played inspired defense, only erring twice on the 17PM turn: once allowing Lehr Recon to surround a unit in the center and then letting a 6-5-4 unit get surrounded in front of Eupen when he forgot to move it. Tracy returned the favor on 18AM, not moving reserve units that could have moved adjacent to Bastogne, preventing the fortress construction. That oversight became critical when Bastogne held. The Germans did take

Parker's Crossroads to obtain three of the four required VPs, but the fourth never fell and Paffy at long last had his title after several decades of near misses.



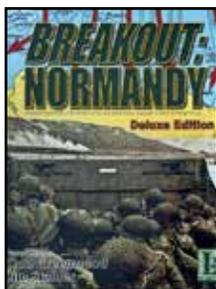
Brass (BRS)

17 preliminary games yielded 16 winners; John Corrado winning twice, and Lee Proctor, having won twice last year, missing a second double win by a tiebreaker. However, there were six no-shows for the semis so two alternates, Kevin Barry and William Kendrick, were included to create three 4-player semifinals. Always beware those given a second life. Kendrick, John Dextraze and Paul Sampson won the semis but Sampson had to depart, thus admitting two runners-up to the Final: Daniel Speyer and Phil Shea.

The Final began with three developing and Kendrick building iron—only to be quickly overbuilt by Speyer. The other players continued to consign low-tech mills to the dustbin of history and Kendrick riposted by overbuilding Speyer's I2. The Rail Era began traditionally, while Shea built two more M3s and an M4 and Kendrick built coal and odd rails, seeming to have no overall strategy. By Turn 12 he had linked Ellesmere Port to Liverpool via Warrington and his plan became apparent. Two developments spread across a turn-end and he laid a shipyard in Liverpool and was set for a second in Birkenhead.

There was repeated overbuilding of iron and a couple of players had to pass when they ran out of money, but in the last turn Kendrick built his second shipyard as the last rails were taken. At the end, Speyer's rails and solid industry had won the Rail Era but hadn't overtaken Kendrick's lead (133-123-117-117).



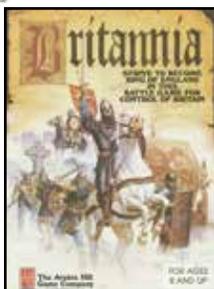


2013 Results

- ♣ Michael Kaye, MD
- ♣ Nels Thompson, NY
- ♣ Don Greenwood, MD
- ♣ K. Hammond, WA
- ♣ Mike Rinella, NY
- ♣ M. Birnbaum, NY

♣ Andrew Cummins, uk

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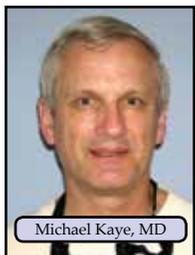


2013 Results

- ♣ Jim Jordan, MD
- ♣ Matt O'Connor, NJ
- ♣ Randy Schilb, MO
- ♣ Woolly Farrow, PA
- ♣ Nick Benedict, CA
- ♣ Mike Mullins, MD

♣ James Jordan, MD

† 32 📖 1991-2013



Michael Kaye, MD

Top Laurelists

Don Greenwood, MD	388
Nels Thompson, NY	324
Andrew Cummins, uk	276
Michael Kaye, MD	221
Marvin Birnbaum, NY	211
Alan Applebaum, MA	204
Jim Doughan, PA	187
Jim Eliason, IA	185
Bryan Eshleman, NC	169
Mark Gutfreund, KY	163



Jim Jordan, MD

Top Laurelists

Ewan McNay, CT	353
Nick Benedict, PA	200
James Jordan, MD	196
Randy Schilb, MO	120
Barry Smith, NY	117
Rick Kirchner, KY	84
Scott Pfeiffer, SC	83
Mark Smith, KY	82
David Gantt, SC	70
Richard Curtin, NY	64

Breakout: Normandy (BKN)

This year the other shoe dropped. The L2 edition was the version of choice by a 17-9 margin. Having crossed this rules set Rubicon, with no one objecting, next years event will default to L2. The typical bid was 0 in the L2 version, 35 in AH. Ignoring the Mulligan round's training games, the overall split was 11 German wins to six Allied.

No *Breakout* report would be complete without a war story or two. Games with no weather changes and those with several per turn, a day that lasted three impulses and one that went ten typified the swings of the fate pendulum. Seven prior champs lined the field. Mike Kaye's route to the top was not easy. Against defending champion Kevin Hammond he needed (and got) a +3 roll to clear Caen as the clock expired.

The bidding reached 30 for the Allies in the L2 Final, demonstrating Nels Thompson's reluctance to face Mike's invasion. A critical decision was Nels' roll of an attack to clear Bretteville on the 6th rather than guard against the potential loss of the magic bridge. Stir in weather changes on the first three days with unrelenting counterattacks into Isigny and you have a real bare-knuckle contest. Caen was the key with Nels enveloping the city, taking Troan, Bourguebus, Verson and Evrecy before Mike reclaimed Verson for vital access to the city. This gave the veteran his first *BKN* title after decades on the beaches while denying Nels an unprecedented fifth title.



Britannia (BRI)

The color finishes resulted in a spread of four wins apiece until Green broke the tie in the Final. And this was the year where, if your name was O'Connor, the wins rolled in. Matt and Ed won five games with Ed sweeping the heats! The high score awards went to Greg Hultgren posting a Red 274, Jim Jordan with a Green 271 and Blue 251, and Ewan McNay with a Yellow 260.

The three semi winners were Matt O'Connor, Randy Schilb and Woolly Farrow. Jim Jordan, a four-point runner-up, took the last seat at the Final and thereby became the favorite having saved his mojo for last.

Matt's Romans invaded in fine form with little opposition. Boudicca's Belgae did a nice job with their rebellion, scoring 20 points in the first round taking out two legions and a fort, but not seriously denting the Roman drive. A couple of uneventful turns later, the Romans wrapped up with 142 points for a tidy invasion and Matt's Romano British positioned themselves in the Downlands.

On Turn 16, the tide started turning Green. The Welsh secured most of England just the other side of their border. In the last blows, the big scores of Randy's Reds in the early endgame proved their undoing. The Brigantes were destroyed by the Dubliners since Matt viewed Randy's Reds as his main threat. But when the points were counted, Jim Jordan had won his second title by a 234 - 232 - 204 - 192 score.

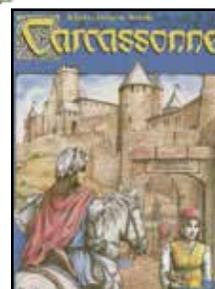


2013 Results

- ♣ B. Collinson Jr, MD
- ♣ Lissa Rennert, MD
- ♣ Scott Sunderlin, NY
- ♣ Holiday Saccenti, MD
- ♣ Peter Staab, PA
- ♣ Richard Beyma, MD

♣ Rebecca Hebner, DC

† 205 📖 2006-2013



2013 Results

- ♣ Joe Millovich, PA
- ♣ Chris Kreuter, NY
- ♣ Mike Crescenzi, NC
- ♣ Ed Beach, MD
- ♣ Sean McCulloch, OH
- ♣ Dave Blisard, PA

♣ Jennifer Visocnik, IL

† 155 📖 2002-2013



Ben Collinson Jr, MD

Top Laurelists

Ben Collinson Jr, MD	30
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	30
Jay Fox, NJ	30
Rob Drozd, IL	30
Elaine Pearson, NC	30
Danny Lewis, DE	30
Anne Norton, NJ	30
Rob Winslow, NY	20
David Burkey, PA	20
Lissa Rennert, MD	18



Joe Millovich, PA

Top Laurelists

Robbie Mitchell, VA	69
L. Dan Hoffman, MD	59
Arthur Wines, PA	48
Scott Buckwalter, MD	42
Olin Hentz, CT	36
Eric Monte, NY	33
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	33
Joe Millovich, PA	30
Carolyn Strock, PA	30
Katie McCorry, VA	30

Can't Stop (CNS)

It was another raucous night with over 200 players testing their nerves in the evening's dice rolling escapades. The record crowd required deploying stopgap homemade versions of the game before advancing 48 to the quarterfinals. The best storyline belonged to Jeff Meyer who had never stopped in many years of play—having never capped and therefore never had a reason to—finally finding sweet relief. Jeff needed two 12's and rolled four 6s to cap the 12s, stopping for the first time in his tournament repertoire. Jordan Shea, on the other hand, should stay away from craps tables, rolling three snake-eyes and two boxcars in one turn.

When all the taunting died down, the last three survivors began the final test. The trash talk started early. Lissa Rennert countered advice by reminding them that they "had no pieces on the board" and shushed the peanut gallery with the quip "You got flushed out—what do you know?" She quickly topped two columns, the 12's and 4's in two successive turns, but Ben Collinson finally managed on his next turn to cap the 6's. Lissa, undismayed, reassured the onlookers "I don't need to totally crush them—I'll give them a chance to get on the board."

Big mistake. After she busted, Ben capped his second column, the 8's, while Scott Sunderlin proceeded to slowly advance his pieces. Another Lissa bust put Ben in the driver's seat and he finished the 3's column to claim victory



Carcassonne (CAR)

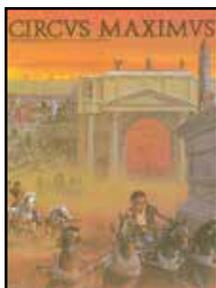
Carcassonnians returned in record numbers as the format returned to multi-player games and heats. Of notable mention, Destry Usner won all three qualifying heats only to fall to Ed Beach in a very odd semifinal game. The Final was closely contested with only one point separating the top three players at 61-61-60.

A third of the players in 4-player games had no meeples left by the end and won 51% of the games. In conclusion, "People, people who need meeples, are the luckiest people in the world." So ...use your meeples!

In 2014, the semifinal will be limited to 16 players. Qualifiers will be ranked using a new tiebreaker that will be inserted after "Most wins" and before "Win in first heat entered" that will be based on a "points" system. Participants will receive 1 point for each heat entered, 1 point for each player you beat in each heat, five bonus points for finishing 1st, two for finishing 2nd, and one point if you bring the game and it is used. 5-player games will score an additional point for each place. Make sure you bring your copy of the game and enter early! More copies of the game mean more 4-player and less 5-player games. The more heats you enter, the better your odds of qualifying for advancement. We will schedule the



elimination rounds for later on Saturday so results of the qualifying heats can be tabulated and posted on the kiosk. Top alternates should appear if they wish to advance.

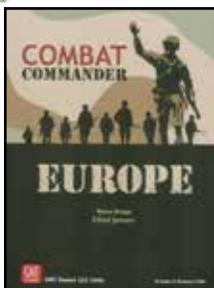


2013 Results

🏆 Angela Collinson, MD
 🥈 Rolinda Collinson, MD
 🥉 Jim Fardette, ae
 🏆 Nora Tuke, DE
 🥈 Scott Sirianna, NY
 🥉 Jason Levine, NY

🏆 John Jacoby, VA

† 98 📖 1991-2013



2013 Results

🏆 Peter Gurneau, WI
 🥈 Tony Raimo, OH
 🥉 Martin Sample, OH
 🏆 Bill Edwards, VA
 🥈 Jordan Kehrer, PA
 🥉 J. R. Tracy, NY

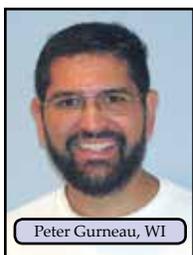
🏆 Bryan Collars, SC

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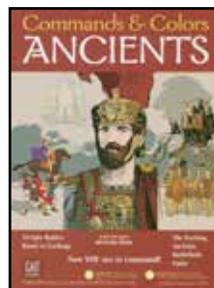
Top Laurelists

Josh Githens, SC	263
Frank Sinigaglio, NJ	152
Steve Katz, VA	144
Tom Saal, MI	120
Anthony Musella, VA	117
Angela Collinson, MD	116
Scott Sirianna, NY	97
John Tighe, Jr, NJ	84
Bill Beckman, SC	72
Michael Lind, VA	60



Top Laurelists

Bob Heinzmann, FL	165
Peter Gurneau, WI	112
Bryan Collars, SC	72
Michael Johnson, MA	52
J. R. Tracy, NY	49
Bob Jamelli, PA	48
Chris Byrd, CT	42
Mike Galandiuk, OH	40
Tony Raimo, OH	30
Martin Sample, NH	24

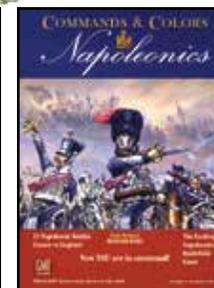


2013 Results

🏆 Bill O'Neal, NY
 🥈 Peter Eldridge, uk
 🥉 Rick Young, NC
 🏆 Riku Riekkinen, fi
 🥈 John Grasse, CT
 🥉 John Vasilakos, VA

🏆 Andy Lewis, DE

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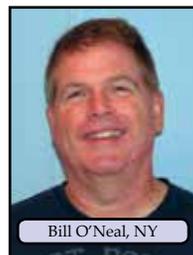


2013 Results

🏆 Chuck Stapp, NJ
 🥈 Mikko Raimi, fi
 🥉 Thomas Lee, NV
 🏆 John Kirk, PA
 🥈 John Grasse, CT
 🥉 Tony Curtis, OK

🏆 DanielBroh-Kahn, MD

† 24 📖 2011-2013



Top Laurelists

Bill O'Neal, NY	153
Allen Kaplan, NJ	68
Tony Curtis, OK	58
Chad Mekash, NJ	56
Brian Conlon, CT	54
Jack Morrell, NY	52
Rick Young, NC	42
John Kirk, PA	24
Terry Cotter, CT	24
Riku Riekkinen, fi	21



Top Laurelists

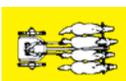
Chuck Stapp, NJ	38
Andy Stapp, NJ	33
Michael Shea, CT	30
Richard Bliss, CA	18
Mikko Raimi, fi	12
Greg Ottoman, VA	12
John Grasse, CT	12
Allen Kaplan, NJ	9
Jack Morrell, NY	9
Thomas Lee, NV	8

Circus Maximus (CMS)

The Colosseum was full this year ...a little too full ...as 98 charioteers tried their luck on the arena sand. That resulted in 17 chariots qualifying for the Final thanks to an SRO opening heat with 64 players. While that kind of cavalry charge may look good in the movies, it makes for an awfully long game as our finalists discovered to their dismay in a seven-hour endurance test made longer by some controversial foot dragging at the end. As a consequence, CMS will cut back to two heats next year—its smallest racing card ever—in an attempt to reduce the number of finalists.

13 heavies, two mediums and a pair of lights contested the Final. Nine horses were killed outright. One chariot lost a right of way argument with the wall while three others flipped when their wheels collapsed. In a spectacular blend of skill and ineptitude, two-time champion Josh Githens avoided swerving into the wall by taking a wound. However, the resulting critical hit entangled him in his whip and dragged him out of the chariot.

On Turn 8, Jason Levine switched gears and began positioning himself for sixth place instead of first, blatantly seeking Sandman status over an earlier end to the race. That left clear sailing for Angela Collinson to win her second circus, besting her mother by eight spaces, and thus ending the longest Final ever. The stewards immediately convened the racing board to debate the outcome.



Combat Commander (CBC)

2013 found us again in Conestoga II but emboldened by a better climate than our last campaign there. This year the theme of "The Great Campaign" featured scenarios from the start of the war. Subsequent tournaments will advance the calendar by a year until the entire war has been played. The tournament again used a Swiss-Elim format with four rounds advancing four players to single elimination.

Two thirds of the entrants lasted three or more rounds. The scenarios were Round 1-*Blitzkrieg Unleashed* (Germans vs Poles); Round 2-*Codes in the Sunrise* (Brits vs German); Round 3-*Signals in the Snow* (Russians vs Finns); Round 4-*Sturmgruppe Beton* (Belgians vs German).

The semifinal scenario was *Thrust in the Dust* with the French winning one and the Germans the other. Peter Gurneau kept his title defense alive by besting Martin Sample while Tony Raimo topped Bill Edwards to reach his first Final.

Peter opted to return to *Blitzkrieg Unleashed* for the Final and Tony chose the defending Poles. This seemed to be the smart play as the Poles were the victors in 66% of the Round 1 games. However, the Germans used Peter's experience from the 2012 Final to gain an early advantage by eliminating Tony's key leader. Peter was so successful in the early stages that he was able to score several of his units for Exit VPs and then withstood a furious Polish comeback to become the first back-to-back WBC CBC champion.



Commands & Colors Ancients (CCA)

The 8th rendition of our tournament continued the pod system with each player playing three games in their 4-man group in the *Cannae* scenario. The best record in each group advanced and runners-up filled the remaining slots. Victory banners were bid for side selection. Carthage enjoyed a 39-15 advantage with Rome managing a split in only one pod. Every other group went either 4-2 or 5-1 for Carthage. It appears players have solved this one so it will be replaced next year. Round 2 formed four new pods. The battle was *Caralis* from C31. Only the winner of each pod would advance to the semis. This time, the four pods split with Carthage going 3-3, 2-2, 4-2, and 6-0.

The semifinals were conducted as double matches, playing both sides against the same opponent. The battle was *Gabiene*. In one pairing, two-time champ Bill O'Neal faced the Pei-Killer, Riku Riekkinen; could the mighty Finn do it in another event? Not this time ...Bill won the first game 7-2 as Antigonus and Riku conceded when Bill scored his third banner in the re-match. In the other battle, 2009 champ Rick Young engaged Peter Eldridge. Antigonus was victorious twice with Peter edging Rick 6-5 on banners as Eumene.

The Final battle was *Edessa*. Bill won the first game as the Persians 6-2. Peter conceded when Bill tied the second match 3-3. Bill thus became our first Boardmaster, having missed laurels only once in eight years.



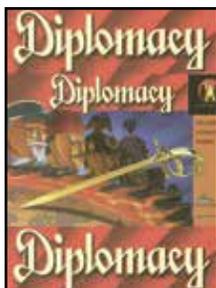
C&C Napoleonics (CCN)

There were ten mulligan round games played, with most of the non-winners playing a second game. This seemed to provide a good balance between a "one and done" format and a tournament that tended to run too long, so the format will return next year. The mulligan, first, and second round all used the *Rolica* battle (French First Position) from the base set. Overall, the French won 16 of the 22 battles, whereas they had only won 15 of 28 battles in 2012. The average scores were 5-2.36 for all battles regardless of victor, with 5-3 being the most common. Although the French seemed to have a statistical edge, British victories of 5-0, 5-1, and 5-2 were recorded.

The semifinals used the *Czarnowo* scenario, requiring us to bring out the Russian expansion to *C&C: Napoleonics*. In the first game Chuck Stapp's Russians stomped on Thomas Lee's French 7 banners to 3, but in the second *semi*, the opposite occurred with Mikko Raimi's French crushing John Kirk's Russians, 7-2. Perhaps it was something about the Russians that brought out the best in the Finn?

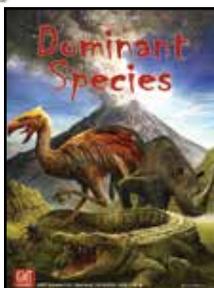
At this point, Mikko and Chuck had each completed five games in a row and fatigue was setting in. It was getting late, but Bennigsen and Napoleon wanted one last effort. Finally, on the *Eylau Plateau*, Chuck Stapp, last year's runner-up, would not be denied a second time and followed in his son's footsteps—taking home a WBC shield all his own.





2013 Results

♣ D. Rynkowski, NY
 ♠ Matt Calkins, VA
 ♣ Jason O'Donnell, VA
 ♠ Christian Pedone, PA
 ♠ Kevin Lewis, DC
 ♠ Andy Sherwood, PA
 ⚔ Thomas Haver, OH
 † 28 📅 91-04, 06-08, 12-13



2013 Results

♣ Kevin Emery, SC
 ♠ Robb Effinger, on
 ♠ Geof. Entwistle, MD
 ♠ Chris Shabsin, MA
 ♠ Tom McCorry, VA
 ♠ J. R. Geronimo, MD
 ⚔ Dave Long, NC
 † 39 📅 2011-2013



Top Laurelists

Nick Benedict, CA	115
Andy Marshall, MD	96
Tom Pasko, CT	76
Andy Bartalone, MD	60
Alvaro Ugaz, VA	60
Simon Bouton, uk	60
Nick Palmer, uk	56
Rick Desper, MD	56
Tom Kobrin, NC	48
Ric Manns, IN	48



Top Laurelists

Kevin Emery, SC	49
James Geronimo, NJ	43
Robb Effinger, NJ	42
Tom McCorry, VA	32
Dennis Mishler, GA	30
David Buchholz, MI	16
Geoffrey Entwistle, MD	12
Lane Hess, PA	12
Chris Shabsin, MA	9
Tracey Casselberry, VT	9

Diplomacy (DIP)

Of every *Diplomacy* tournament, an uneven number of players, caused him to sit out the last round. On the first board, Robbie Mitchell (Austria) challenged Christian Pedone (Germany) and Jason O'Donnell (Russia) for an opportunity to knock Matt from the top spot. Eventually, O'Donnell's Russia flipped the allies, and working with rising star Kevin Lewis (Italy) swung the board in their favor.

The other board saw shifting alliances and posturing common in a last round with honors at stake. Two early alliances formed: Austria-Italy and England-France. Both easily eliminated their targets. However, the real game began when the survivors began competing for Best Country awards. They could not afford a three-way tie and walk away winners. France was knocked out in 1908, but disagreement raged over who would top the board. A stalemate developed. As midnight approached, the discussion grew more agitated. Eventually, the Italian relented and offered England assistance since he only needed to wait out the clock. So it was in 1909, with the Fall turn beginning before the midnight deadline, David Rynkowski wrote the orders grabbing two additional centers and earning a solo victory. The Best



Country awards were: Austria - Evan Walter, England - David Rynkowski, France - John Stevens, Germany - Matt Calkins, Italy - Andrew Sherwood, Russia & Turkey - Jason O'Donnell.

Dominant Species (DSP)

The heats yielded 13 preliminary games again but this year's smaller field required 4-player games. Kevin Emery emerged the sole double winner. John Emery (Insects), JR Geronimo and Robb Effinger (Arachnids) advanced with semifinal wins. The 6-player Final was completed with runners-up Geoff Entwistle, Tom McCorry, and Chris Shabsin. John deferred further play. The beneficiary of that withdrawal was his son, Kevin, who had missed the last spot by 1 point.

Tom and Kevin led the bidding with 5 for the Insects and Arachnids. Geoffrey and JR bid 2 for the Reptiles and Mammals, leaving Chris and Robb with the Birds and Amphibians. The Turn 1 Scoring Cards contained *Catastrophe*, *Blight*, and *Predator* among the first five cards. The end result was predictable with 18 extinctions in one turn. Tom blighted the desert, and Kevin triggered the *Catastrophe* on the Mountain, setting JR and Geoff back. Chris and JR had speciated, and they footed most of the butcher's bill, losing 13 of the 18 casualties. Geoff was reduced to one lonely reptile clinging to a foothold in the Savannah.

After Turn 6's grab of the vacant Tundra, Kevin played defense for the *Survival* card and scored another 21 points to salt away his win. He made the most of his opportunities—starting with a paternal assist in the form of a schedule conflict that allowed him a second bite at the apple and proved a fortunate development for the Emery trophy wall.



2013 Results

♣ Brandon Bernard, PA
 ♠ Thomas Tu, NJ
 ♠ Mark Giddings, NY
 ♠ Pat Richardson, VA
 ♠ Chad Weaver, PA
 ♠ Ben Scholl, PA
 ⚔ Nick Ferris, MD
 † 42 📅 2009-2013



Top Laurelists

Arthur Field, SC	90
Sceaudeau D'Tela, NC	52
Haim Hochboim, il	50
Chad Weaver, PA	48
Brandon Bernard, PA	40
David Buehler, WA	40
Edward Fu, NY	40
Rob Renaud, NY	38
Edward Fear, NY	30
Andy Latto, MA	26



2013 Results

♣ Bill Dyer, IL
 ♠ Lee Proctor, IL
 ♠ Rachael Day, AZ
 ♠ Wray Ferrell, NC
 ♠ Michael Day, AZ
 ♠ Carl Krosnick, PA
 ⚔ Brad Johnson, IL
 † 31 📅 1992-2013



Top Laurelists

Bill Dyer, IL	188
Glenn McMaster, on	115
Phil Barcafer, PA	93
Joe Abrams, CT	70
Steve Koehler, NC	70
Joe Harrison, KY	58
Jean-Francois Gagne, qc	55
Benoit Groulx, qc	48
Stephane Dorais, qc	45
Matt Fagan, NJ	43

Dominion (DOM)

Seven coppers ...plus three estates ...times 119 players ...carry the 4 ...let's just say lots of people tried to turn *Dominion* Copper into WBC Gold. Or wood.

The base game preliminaries advanced 38 to a more *intriguing* and *prosperous* quarterfinal, ultimately passing 16 to the semifinals. Scores in Game 1 were tight, while Game 2 sent some VP tallies soaring into the 60s while others *tortured* their opponents. Ben Scholl's 18-VP win by the former route earned him 10 advancement points (AP) but not enough to enter the Final Four; finishing sixth overall. Elsewhere, defending champ Chad Weaver's two runner-up finishes also netted 10 AP, earning fifth place laurels.

Cornucopia and *Hinterlands* made their debuts in the Final, and Mark Giddings took a *tunnel* (or four) to victory in Game 1, followed by Brandon Bernard and Thomas Tu. In Game 2, Patrick Richardson played it safe facing eight different Attack cards; but passing up early Provinces hurt and ultimately left him in fourth place. Giddings couldn't nab a Colony nor the win in Game 2, giving him third. It was Bernard who broke the seal on the big VP cards, nabbing the first Province in his 13th turn. Tu remained Provinceless until Turn 15, but finished strong with final purchases of three Provinces, a Colony, and a Duchy to win with 30 VP.

That left Tu and Bernard tied in AP after both games, but Bernard's two-game total score topped Tu's by a single point to give him the title.



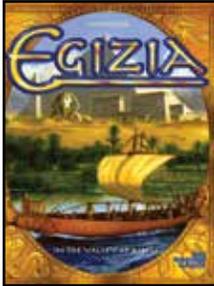
Dune (DUN)

The Emperor, normally a mid-tier faction, led the way with a 73% win rate, second only to 2008's BG at 75%. Taken year by year, there is quite a variance in faction performance. From first to worst appears to be a frequent result. However, some distinctive trends have emerged. The overall average win rates (taking into account wins of all types) show some disparities. The Harkonnen, Emperor, Guild, and Atrides are not that far apart statistically (ranging from 36 - 41%). But the BG appear to have a significant advantage (49%), and the Fremens, despite our addition of the "free full-strength combat in desert" house rule, seem at an obvious disadvantage (21%).

Eighth grader Rachael Day at her first WBC waded into the shark-infested waters to win all three heats. She took on the full gauntlet of veterans including four former champions and managed to negotiate alliance wins as the Emperor (twice) while also registering the only Atrides win of the week. Best Faction plaques were awarded to Rachael for both Atrides and Emperor; Michael Day, BG; Matt Fagan, Fremens; Phil Barcafer, Guild; and Wray Ferrell, Harkonnen.

The Final pit six players with parts of two or more wins each. On Turn 10, with the time limit fast approaching, Bill Dyer's Fremens were able to take and hold three strongholds (including the house-rule Shield Wall), combined with the one held by their Emperor ally to make Bill a Boardmaster.

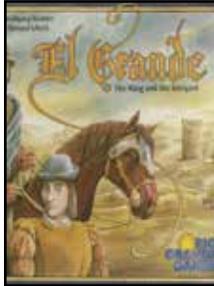




2013 Results

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
 ♠ Robert Murray, NJ
 ♣ Richard Shay, MA
 ♠ Eric Wrobel, MD
 ♠ Sceadeau D'Tela, NC
 ♠ Derek Glenn, KY

♣ Andrew Emerick, CT
 † 58 📖 2011-2013



2013 Results

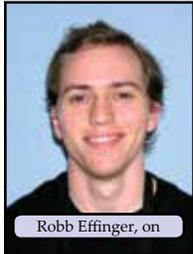
♣ Robb Effinger, on
 ♠ Brad Sherwood, PA
 ♣ Geoff Pounder, on
 ♠ Marc Berenbach, MA
 ♠ Rob Flowers, MD
 ♠ Kolbe DiGiulio, PA

♣ Rob Flowers, MD
 † 68 📖 1999-2013



Top Laurelists

Andrew Emerick, CT	56
Randy Buehler, WA	50
Sceadeau D'Tela, NC	42
Sam Schell, NC	30
Robert Murray, NJ	18
Robert Kircher, RI	14
Richard Shay, MA	12
Alex Bove, MD	12
Eric Wrobel, MD	9
Elaine Pearson, NC	9



Top Laurelists

Rob Flowers, MD	109
Robb Effinger, on	99
Curt Collins II, PA	87
Greg Thatcher, FL	77
Geoff Pounder, on	70
Jason Levine, NY	62
Eric Freeman, PA	60
Jay Fox, OH	55
Charlie Kersten, OH	40
Mark Gutttag, VA	40

Egizia (EGZ)

Eric Wrobel, Andrew Emerick, and Richard Shay made the semis with a first-heat win, and Robert Murray joined them as the third alternate with a second place followed by a win. All were first time EGZ finalists. There were no double winners as those contesting the second heat after skipping the first proved to be formidable, winning five of seven games.

Eric took an early lead after drawing the Final's first seat. He scored well in the first trip down the Nile, snagging a 3 and a 2 stone quarry, making the powerful strength boost each turn permanent, and even got into the Sphinx.

Prior to final scoring Andrew led Robert, Eric, and Richard 68-63-62-61. Andrew flipped the most impressive set of Sphinx cards though, with the high-scoring 2 bricks in each site (10), four stones in the obelisk (7), 8th level of the obelisk (9), bottom of the stone track (4), and joker strength (4) for 102 points. Robert took second with 95, missing 4 bricks in the columns, but making blue crew strength (6), most brown fields (8), plus the biggest Sphinx card, the 9th level of the obelisk (11). Richard was third with 88 on 5 bricks in the obelisk (9), and both cards for number of people in a track (5 and 5). Despite his strong start, Eric trailed with 81 after missing

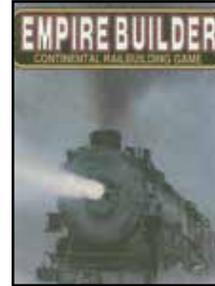
both most green fields and 2 columns, making only the 1 column card (6), black crew strength (9), and yellow crew strength (4).

El Grande (ELG)

There were 20 preliminary games with no double winners. Since the field has remained steady, it's likely that a single win will suffice to advance. Thus, most winners don't play in the later heats, and that, in theory, makes them easier. However, there are a lot of good players and the inherent chaos of multi-player games makes getting a win in a single heat risky for even the best.

The semifinals had three no-shows, but enough alternates were on hand to fill all 25 slots. One of the games ended in a tie, with Kolbe DiGiulio losing on the second tiebreaker to Robb Effinger.

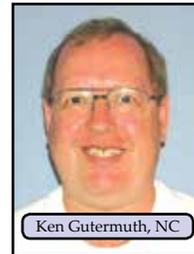
The Final was a star-studded affair with three former champions, and the 2008 runner-up. Brad Sherwood was the lone newcomer to laurels land. Rob couldn't avoid being in the way of other people's plans and was out of the running by mid-game. Robb and Geoff managed to separate themselves from the pack with a Score the Firsts card, and had decent board position by then. At one point Marc set up an 8/4/0 scoreboard in Catalonia. Rob moved the board to Aragon where other players had been piling up his pieces. The board was then moved BACK to Catalonia when the third mobile scoreboard card appeared. In the end, both Rob and Brad made a play for Catalonia only to tie for first in the province. Brad thus fell one point short allowing Robb to capture his second ELG title.



2013 Results

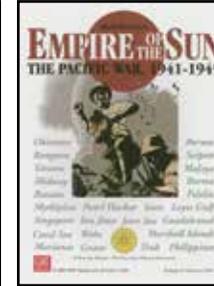
♣ Ken Gutermuth, NC
 ♠ Rich Meyer, MA
 ♣ Trella Bromley, FL
 ♠ Deb Gutermuth, NC
 ♠ Chris Gnech, PA
 ♠ Mark Kennel, DE

♣ Bob Stribula, PA
 † 63 📖 1999-2013



Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	218
Eric Brosius, MA	125
Harald Henning, CT	115
Jim Yerkey, MD	110
Tom Dunning, NY	97
Dave Steiner, DE	91
Debbie Gutermuth, NC	84
Mark Kennel, DE	84
Ken Gutermuth, NC	83
Tedd Mullally, NJ	79



2013 Results

♣ Antero Kuusi, fi
 ♠ Dennis Culhane, PA
 ♠ Paul Gaberson, PA
 ♠ Dave Long, NC
 ♠ Michael Sosa, FL
 ♠ Craig Yope, MI

♣ Mark Herman, MD
 † 23 📖 2005-2013



Top Laurelists

Dennis Culhane, PA	77
Antero Kuusi, fi	68
Bob Heinzmann, FL	48
Mark Popofsky, DC	36
Paul Gaberson, PA	33
Mark Hodgkinson, bh	30
John Chabonneau, NY	24
Craig Yope, MI	21
Pablo Garcia, ch	16
Steve Campbell, NH	16

Empire Builder (EPB)

With 25 unique winners in the 30 preliminary games, only winners advanced. Mike Zorner, Mark Kennel, Tony Newton, Mark McCandless, and Ron Secunda each won two of their preliminary games and earned the highest seeds in the semifinal. However, none advanced further.

Given the finalists' pedigrees, it was no surprise that this was the most relaxed Final ever. Debbie attempted to improve her initial hand by dumping four ineffective cards. Happier with her three replacements, she started her track in Iberia. In all, she dumped cards 10 times out of 23 total pitches. The other players had reasonable starts with Ken being the first to England. Later, he was the lone player to connect to Ireland. Even Stockholm was connected when Trella built to it and delivered four goods there in two trips. At the 2.5 hour mark, Debbie had a slight lead but all were within €20M. Ken with two Cork demands calculated the fastest way to obtain that commodity and move to those destinations. He had no friendly route to southern Europe nor Madrid so chose to ride on other players' track. Everyone realized Ken's victory was in sight and despite a flurry of deliveries and card pitches, no one was able to catch him. Cork to Firenze and Budapest for a combined €104M plus a 14th

delivery of Bauxite to Holland was enough to crown Ken at €256M. Rich made 13 deliveries for €205M, Trella 16 for €198M, Debbie 11 for €195M, and Chris 12 for €193M.



Empire of the Sun (EOS)

The best advice that Don Greenwood ever gave me was to turn EOS into a teaching tournament. After years of barely surviving with a minimum field as an A class event, a reclassification to class B tripled the field. So, this story begins one hour before the tournament began with another enthusiastic group who had always wanted to play EOS but not enough to learn it on their own. Over the years I have developed my banter on how to play sufficiently that most of my new friends went from classroom to war room in 60 minutes.

For those looking to take the plunge, the tournament uses the 3-turn 1943 tournament scenario. If you go one round with a veteran you will learn the game and its upwards and onwards from there. The 1943 scenario begins just after the Allied conquest of Guadalcanal with the Allies positioned to continue their offensives in the South Pacific. What is most exciting for me is that there has been a continuous series of staff games played on Consimworld and many of my correspondents appear in person at WBC to compete for the wood. In fact, there is an annual armistice that is declared each year as most of the major online players go to WBC.

When all the teaching was done, the event came down to two former champions, Antero Kuusi of Finland and Dennis Culhane squaring off again with the Finn getting the upper hand.

