

North Coast Gamers

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Recent Events Photos

Upcoming NCG Sponsored Events

December 26th
NCG Con
(Mentor)

December 26th
Weekend Warrior Gaming
(Strongsville)

December 26th
D&D 1st/2nd
(Euclid)

December 29th
Kids Game Day
(Brunswick)

January 2nd
Games Galore
(Strongsville)

January 3rd
Shadowrun 4th Edition
(Euclid)

January 9th
NCG Con
(Mentor)

January 16th
Game Time!
(Nardonía)

January 23rd
NCG Con
(Euclid)

January 31st
Warmachine and Open Play
(Brunswick)

February 20th
Game Time!
(Nardonía)

**Check our web site for more events & updates!*

Another year with the NCG

This year has been one where our club has seen incredible growth, nearly doubling in size since our last Holiday Bash. As I write this note, our registered membership is at 221 which have made us the largest game group in Ohio! We've posted many reasons why your membership is important and the door prizes at recent events are just some example of the benefits of growing our roster not to mention the increase in players and events we can have. Speaking of which, did you know we've had over 120 this year? The number of activities is incredible and that just goes to show how much fun people are having gaming with friends.

I can go on and on about the great fun we've had this past year, but I'd like to take some space and write about upcoming events this year too! We have a great line-up of events already scheduled on our calendars and we are always looking for more

hosts to coordinate even more games! This past year, we had a large number of members attend Origins and it looks like an even bigger showing in 2010. This year, Origins will be June 23rd-27th in Columbus. The North Coast Gamers will once again have its own 'space' at this year's convention and we encourage all members to attend. If you've never been to Origins, you are missing a great event. This year we are also planning on increasing attendance to GenCon 2010. The dates for this event are August 5th-8th in Indianapolis. Added to these large events, the North Coast Gamers is encouraging members to attend other local game conventions like NOWScon, AnCon, BashCon, Cold Wars, and many others. Please take a look on this newsletter and our web site's calendar for details.

Lastly, each month, about a dozen events are held all across the area, at game shops, coffee shops, homes

and libraries hosted by members of our group. I would like to thank each host for their hard work in coordinating these events for all of us. I would also encourage any other members to contact me if they would like to host a game event and we can get you set up with access rights on the web site to help you with that coordination.

Thanks once again for your active involvement this year. It is your participation that makes this group as great as it is. I look forward to playing some games with you today and in the future. So, keep on eye on the web site, get together with friends and have a great time!

Sincerely,

Dan Mazur

Conventions and Special Events

January 23rd
NOWS Mini-Con
 Berea, OH

February 19th – 21st
Bash Con
 Toledo, OH

March 11th -14th
Cold Wars
 Lancaster, PA

April 16th – 18th
Shinbokucon 4
 Elyria, OH

May 21st – 23rd
Ancon
 Hudson, OH

June 24th – 27th
Origins Game Fair
 Columbus, OH

Holiday Game Bash 2009

Our Holiday Game Bash gets bigger and bigger each year! A total of **63 people attended** this year and dozens and dozens of games were played from early afternoon until the wee-hours of the morning! Over \$450 in door prizes were given away to include the following prizes: Arcane , Wings of War, Dungeon Master for Dummies, Flames of War, The Art of War!, all World, Arcana, Cosmic Wimpout, Le Boomb!, Atlantis, Lord of the Rings Figures, Coliseum, Grind, Autographed posters from Privateer Press, Battle Stations!, and more! Congratulations to all the winners!



NCG Newsletter makes its debut

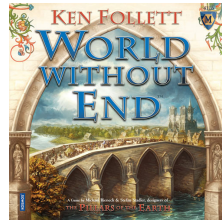
As you've probably figured out by now, you've been reading the first issue of the North Coast Gamers newsletter. The hope for is for this newsletter is to provide a condensed version of all the postings and emails we see on the web site and also to provide some insight on our clubs activities to those that might be attending as guests at our events. We look forward to any and all of your ideas on what to include in our

newsletter. Our target to publish a new issue will be once every 2 months. However, if we have enough material, we can certainly publish these more often! Please send us your ideas and comments!

We are looking for members who might be interested in contributing useful content to this newsletter in any way they can way whether that be through sending us your ideas or writing your own

articles. Since most of you are very active in playing these games, we are also interested in your reviews as well! Some of the expected sections in the newsletter will be our calendar of events, a new members list of recent people who joined, an "In Profile" section that highlights one random member in the group for a more in-depth interview, New Releases, Top Rated Games, Game Industry News, and more!

New Releases



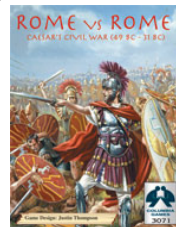
World Without End™
 Mayfair Games

Journey to Knightsbridge, England, where 200 years ago Prior Phillip oversaw the building of the cathedral renowned as "The Pillars of the Earth." Now farmers, wool dealers, and builders seek wealth and prestige amidst a rivalry between the priory and merchants. As the plague reaches town, nothing remains as it once was. World Without End™ is based on Ken Follett's best-selling novel. Strive to navigate turbulent events, ensuring and balancing your food supply, income, and prestige. Piety and loyalty remain vital, for you must cater to the upper classes. And precious medical knowledge is your greatest weapon against the Black Death. So, gather your power and spirit and rise above your rivals into legend!



Agricola, Farmers on the Moor™
 ZMAN Games

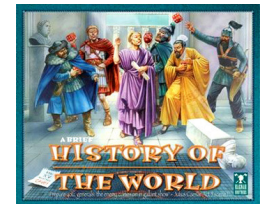
This expansion replaces the minor improvements and the occupations of the base game with a large set of new improvements, and adds a number of new features. Horses are introduced as a new type of animal, and your family members now cost fuel in addition to food. You can get this fuel by chopping down the forests on your farmyard, or by harvesting peat.



Rome vs Rome™
 Columbia Games

Rome vs Rome brings the drama of the Roman Civil War to life. Players take

control of the legions of Caesar or Pompey and fight to rule Rome as Emperor. There are two campaigns: "Crossing the Rubicon" in which Caesar faces Pompey, and "Augustus", in which Caesar's nephew Octavian battles with Marc Antony and Cleopatra.



A Brief History of the World™
 Spiral Galaxy, Ltd.

A sweeping ride through the history of mankind in the space of just a few hours. The game features fifty of the mightiest Empires ever known, from the dawn of Civilization through to the Twentieth century. Can you take on the mantle of Alexander or Caesar? Can you write your name into the pages of history and lead your Empires to victory?

Let us know your reviews of new games!

New Members this Quarter!

Please welcome all of our new members!

- Scott
- Jon
- Mike D
- Karen
- Jarrold Maistros
- mark
- Stephen
- Mike Demana
- isaac kelley
- Zac Morgan
- Jeff Gatlin
- Kurtis Dorman
- Norman
- Michael Olenik
- Patty N
- Mitchell
- Michael Kolcaba
- Karen Volin
- Tyler
- Heather W.
- Sarah Kiss
- Matt
- Greg Smith
- Karen
- Jeff Hudson
- Don Miller
- Grant
- Todd
- Donna
- Joe
- Robert F. Motz
- Ed Vermue
- Chris Newton
- Jim Volin
- Kenneth Moore
- Barbara Eaton
- Ken Spontelli
- Tim Peaslee
- Lee Soukup
- Greg H.
- Steve Shenk
- Justicedevil
- Jeremy
- richard link
- Ron
- Dan
- Nathan and Emily
- Maria Phillis
- Abigail Corfman
- Molly
- Brandon Kolber
- Mary
- Bryan
- Beth Yoder-Balla

***Members, please put your first and last name in your profile so we can tell each other apart!**

Heard Around the Table

This section of the newsletter highlights things that have literally been 'Heard Around the Table'. Submissions cannot be anonymous but they certainly can be about any funny comments you heard people say while gaming. Simply provide the quote and who said it (and a tiny bit of context) and we'll get it into the next issue.

"Look, his eyes are red...he MUST be the Werewolf"

-Kayla referring to John M. at the Holiday Game Bash.

"...If they're red, it has nothing to do with this game!"

- John M's response.

"Man, pop-guns don't do much damage, do they?"

-Greg's commentary on the Toy Soldiers of Christmas Town attacking the Giant Pumpkin of Halloween.

"Dwarves, don't run. It isn't in their stature"

-General Tim

"That's just maddening! These dice must be broken!"

-DK on his persistent rolling of snake eyes

"Where's the Beer?"

-John's first words of the event.

"I have to be home by 9:00?"

-Anthony who's really saying it for the rest of us.

"Seriously? You are ramming me? You can't be serious!"

-Jake's last understandable words before his "AHHG!"

"Yeah...just go ahead and try your invisibility and levitate trick THIS time!"

-Dave bringing up some sniveling ancient history of one of his co-players.

"I don't play Carcassonne. It hits too closely to home."

-Mark

"Fire for God Sakes...Don't look at my ship! Shoot HIM!"

-Unknown Player at Con on the Cob playing Blitz Jager

Have any more that can make the next issue? Send us what you heard!

Preparing for 2010

Many of us are already making plans for not just the NCG events that are frequently held, but also the larger game conventions. Ancon is a new addition to the NCG Calendar this year and it is hoped that the members of our group will actively participate in one of the areas larger events. Bashcon is not that far away either. Origins, however is one where we always have our biggest showing and the largest number of events. Last year, our group ran over 150 hours worth of events during the show. This year, we hope to break that record! One way in particular that we are prepping for the convention season this year is to play test the games we are going to run at our big events. Alex and Lisa Ford will be running the sequel to their huge hit last year: "Ghost Busters II". Tim

Peaslee is starting to play test their game: "Dragon's Night Out" which promises to be a fun time as a group of dragons has decided that it would be a good time to ravage a quaint little valley and steal as many sheep as possible. Tim is being sponsored by Reaper Miniatures for this event. Dan will be adding some pyrotechnics and sound effects to his Pirates Tournament this year and is still debating on a multi-round Warhammer Fantasy event (but will need some help). Other game events such as Euro Games and traditional war games will be organized by members as well. Sponsorship pledges & donations are being solicited, so if you can help with this, let us know. Please share with us your if you plan on attending or running any events at the conventions this year!

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Annual Membership Fees due January 31st

Our Annual Membership fee of \$5.00 is due no later than January 31st. An email notice will be going out to all members who have not yet paid. (Children 15 and under are free!)

Paypal is the preferred method of payment but you can send a check or pay one of the organizers. The annual fee is used to pay for the web site, door prizes, and other business incidentals (flyers, business cards, signs, etc).

Each Newsletter, we will pick one random member to be in the spotlight. This issue, we picked:



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Greg Martin

I got into gaming back before high school and mostly played

dungeons and dragons, car wars and the like. I played car wars and battle tech with my brother and was always looking for more players. In high school and college it fell away but I love board games

like Risk, Monopoly, Apples to Apples and learning the cool 'euro' games. In fact, learning the games is almost as much fun for me.

In my free time I game both on and off of my xbox, watch movies and go out bowling and the like.

What I like most about NCG is meeting new people that are friendly and having more games nights.

I am new to Euro gaming but the ones I like are games like Ticket to Ride and war games like axis and allies.



About North Coast Gamers

Welcome to the North Coast Gamers! We are a group that gathers around table-top, RPG, miniature and board. The group is open to ALL ages although most members are adults; there are events for children as well from time

to time. We welcome all levels of game play experience, having individuals who have never played to those having years of experience. We encourage our members to bring friends so long as they

follow the guidelines above. We have open gaming most of the time but we also have campaigns and multi-day battles. Please join us or look us up on the web at :

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