

COLUMBUS AREA BOARDGAMING SOCIETY

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Good Games - Good Friends - Good Fun

Meeting this Friday!

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The doors will open at 3pm on this Friday.

There are ONLY 6 meeting days left in 2008! Will you be with us at one of these??? Have you renewed your membership for 2009? We have set a goal of 200 members by the end of the year. Join us at one of our last 6 meetings of the year and join up for 2009!



Tis the season to GAME!

Over the course of the next few weeks you will be able to game and game and game and GAME !!!

4 gaming opportunities in 15 days !!!

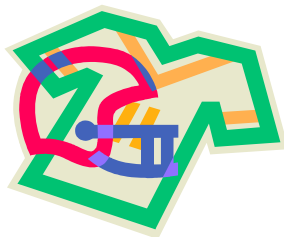
November 21st from 3pm to 3am
November 28th from 10am to 1am
November 29th from 10am to 1am
December 05th from 3pm to 3am

THEN our CABbieS Food Carry-in AGM Christmas Party on Friday December 19th and then the last Saturday of the year on the 27th of December make the year end truly a season of gaming!!!

MEETING LOCATION

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MOSSL / CABS
670 Lakeview Plaza Blvd.
Suite E
Worthington, Ohio 43085

After Turkey Day Goes to TWO DAYS !!!



No Football Zone!

The After Turkey Day Game Fest goes to TWO DAYS !!! We are going to test this out this year due to many requests from members that we try it. We have always been concerned that we will not get a critical mass of people on either of the days but have decided to try it anyway. Help prove us wrong!!! We hope that we will draw over 100 each day as if we do not we could break our record string of meetings with over 100 ... We will have 150 free games to be given out. We will split the games so the 75 are given out each day !!! First 75 each day will get a FREE GAME !!! Doors look to open at 10 am each day and will close a little earlier than normal (not 3 am) Probably around 1am. So you will be able to game 30 hours free !!! This could be a once in a CABS lifetime event. RC Hobbies announces he is coming down for the game fest. He plans on attending for BOTH Days ...

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RC Hobbies is a coming to the ATDGF

This is an AWESOME time of year for gamers. Ron has sent a NEW list of games coming for the After Turkey Day Festivities. Remember to send him an email to reserve your copies least he bring enough for everyone. The list is growing every day and there are new and wonderful games coming out. CAN CABBieS themselves bring the economy out of its doldrums??? ;o) Email Ron with your order. Get your Christmas Present for yourself and all your gaming friends at the After Turkey Day Game Fest. Remember he offers ON Line pricing – ON SITE !!!

RC HOBBIES – NEW GAMES COMING TO THE AFTER TURKEY DAY

Have you preordered your games yet for the After Turkey Day??? Here is a list of the new games that are out at this time. He will send a list of any new games that come out in the next few weeks. Please send your pre-orders to: rchoobbies@hobbiesandgames.com. All these items have also been added to the site www.hobbiesandgames.com.

Newest Arrivals On The Site:

Mago Magino, Zooloretto XXL Exp, Dungeon Twister: Fire & Water, Hero IK Lair of the Lich, Hero IK Infernal Forge, Hero IK Den of Dementia, Okko, Suicide Bomber, Rorschach Inkblot Party Game, Living Labyrinth, Playing Gods, Kiev to Rostov, Red Dragon Inn, Settlers of Catan Traders & Barbarians, Quadrango, Ninja vs Ninja, Acting Out, Saint Petersburg Expansion, Ghost Stories, Time After Time, Pick a Paint, Red November, Battlefields of Olympus

Newest Arrivals that should arrive by ATD: (Need Pre-Orders to bring enough):

Black Sheep, Descent Tomb of Ice, Killer Bunnies Journey to Jupiter, Ilium, Titan, Manicipium, Munchkin Quest Boardgame, Freyas Folly, Ghosts for Sale, Ice Flow, Power & Weakness, Quinamio, Scanderon, Tera Seat of King, Take It Easy, Treasure Island, Take It To the Limit, Pursuit of Glory

New Arrivals:

Dominion (This needs to be Pre-Ordered to make sure you get a copy), Race for the Galaxy Gathering Storm, Carcassonne Cult / Siege / Create, Bump in the Night, Cthulhu Rising, Middle Kingdom, Chinatown, Monuments, The Dutch Golden Age, Magnet, Memoir 44 Mediterranean, Memoir 44 Operation Overlord, Memoir 44 Battlemat, Duck Duck Boom, Pulling Strings Monty Python, Fluxx, Igor The Monster Making Game, The Life of the Party Game, Times Up, Recall, Witch's Brew, Mr. Jack Exp, Arkham Horror Black Goat of the Wood

New Items that were at the BGF but you might have missed:

Agricola, Kingsburg, Change Horses, Batavia, Arkham Horror: Kingsport Expansion, A Touch of Evil, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Jamaica, The Hanging Gardens, Eketorp, Pillars of the Earth Exp., Nefertiti, New World A Carcassonne Game, Metropolis, Shadow Hunters, Straw, Ticket To Ride Card Game, Times Up Deluxe, Toledo, Tomb, Vineta, Conflict of Heroes, Catan Board Game Gallery Ed., Horus, Last Night on Earth Growing Hunger, Tribune

Thanks, Ron Charity RC Hobbies

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Families and Friends are Finding Fun in Board Games Again!

If there is anywhere they know this, it is Columbus, Ohio. In Central Ohio, the Columbus Area Boardgaming Society, or CABS as they are known by, by their members and friends, is 11 years old this year. In 1997, twelve like minded guys got together under the banner of CABS and the game club was formed. Today, barely decade later, CABS has grown to 250 members is known as the largest game club in the United States and averages, yes, averages 110 gamers attending their tri-monthly meetings Worthington, Ohio. The club has been featured in national gaming magazines and has an international reputation as the club has had visitors from as far away as Japan and Finland. Gamers routinely drive over an hour from all over Central Ohio to attend the game club Friday evening meetings, and over two hours for the clubs occasional Saturday meetings.



Renting game space in offices at the Lakewood Plaza in Worthington, the board game club, CABS has found home. With its 110 gamer meetings, it has the largest regularly attended game club meetings in the world. No where else will you find 110 boardgamers meeting and playing games together with this regularity.

A game club this size is unusual, so are the games it plays. The board games that are played at the club are not your typical, roll the dice and move, or knowledge based trivia type, or party type games. What makes this club unique is that it is riding the crest of the new wave of board gaming that first touched our shores here in the

U.S. in 1995. Eurogames, as they are called, originate from Germany, where until 1995, the Germans family boardgame culture remained hidden to American game players. Since the introduction of the game *SETTLERS OF CATAN*, to the U.S. that year, boardgaming has seen a resurgence in popularity in adults and their families. As opposed to *MONOPOLY* or *RISK* type American games where the object is to knock players out of the game and out of the fun, eurogames, also known as adult strategy games, involve all the players for the entire game. Where do you send little Johnny when he lands on little Suzie's Boardwalk with a hotel and is bankrupt and now is out of the game? What fun is it to sit now and watch the rest of your family play a game when dad takes you last country in *RISK*? Eurogames avoid this classic mistake and involve the family members the entire time. Oh, there are winners and losers, but the losers get to play along for the entire game, and get to try again in the next. That is also a big seller with these games. The average Eurogame takes about an hour to play. Then its off to the next game and a renewed interest.

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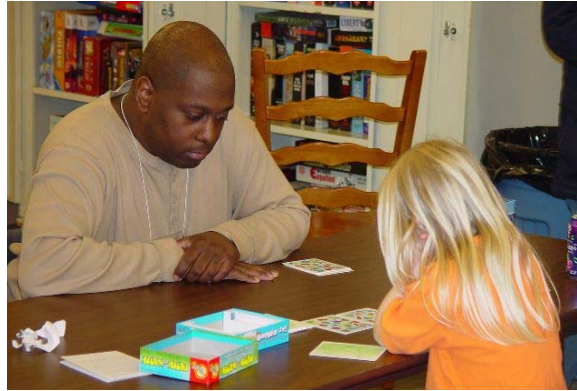
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Families and Friends are Finding Fun in Board Games Again !!! (continued)

CABS, members cover the entire range of ages. CABS rules allow for those gamers that are teenagers and above to game without supervision of their guardians once they have proven that they are responsible enough. Gamers of all ages and sizes are willing and happily accepted in the gaming culture of CABS. Those gamers twelve and under must be accompanied by their guardians. The 250 members of CABS are about 2/3 male and 1/3 female. Females and children are the fastest growing segment of the club.



The club maintains a game library of over 1000+ games that its members can play on site and check out and take home like library books. More and more game companies are donating their entire product lines to the club in hopes of having them play the games and increasing their sales. During the recent national game convention in Columbus, the club received over \$5000 of new donated games. The club rents its meeting facilities and meets the 1st and 3rd Friday Nights and most last Saturdays of the month. So most months they have three meetings. The library and the infrequent nature of their meetings is one key to their success. Gaming at the club, has become a fixture on all the members calendars. If you miss a meeting then it is likely you will not have seen some of your game playing friends for over a month. Also meeting Friday Nights, lessens the pressure of parents making sure they and their children are ready for work or school the next day. Also, meeting Fridays, allows the full weekend to be dedicated to their other family obligations. The library and the clubs philosophy of adding the newest and best games to it allows its members to check out games before they decide to drop their own money of the game. Your first visit is free to the club is free. After that you can join or pay \$3 for a single night. Membership is only \$35 a year for an individual and \$45 for a family.



Game groups and clubs like CABS are springing up all over the country. More and more adults and families are seeing the advantages of breaking away from the TV's, game consoles, and internet to get together with their friends and family over a game board during these strenuous economic times. You can check out the clubs website at www.buckeyboardgamers.org.

**Boardgaming has again become a fun affair
and it now has a happy HUGE home in
Columbus, Ohio.**

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CABS Library Games of the Year Nominees!

The FINAL THREE nominees are

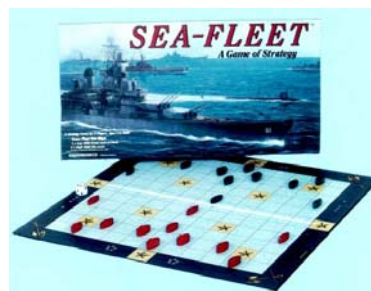
Eurogames ... Stone Age, Agricola, Race for the Galaxy

Wargames ... Combat Commander, Twilight Struggle, Conflict of Heroes

Members will vote at the After Turkey Day Meeting to determine the two games of the year.

Local Game Designer Coming!

Bill Strauss designer of "Sea-Fleet" is stopping by our meeting on Friday Nov. 21 to Demo his game to any of our interested members. The game is a strategy board-game named "Sea-Fleet" and is for two-players ages 10-to-adult. The latest edition (2006) of the game has been reviewed by Ron McClung of "The Gaming Report", (web page: www.gamingreport.com). Check the review out at this web site, if you wish. He expects to be onsite - Friday, Nov. 21 and demo the game (between 7:00 and 10:00 pm).



Notes ...

Looking for a ride to the After Turkey Day ...

We have someone looking to get transportation from the Greyhound Bus terminal to CABS and back during our After Turkey Day Game Fest ... If anyone can provide such support please email Ceciliani, Michael [MCeciliani@markspaneth.com] . He looks to come in from New York to join us in our 2 day game meeting.

New Guy Coming Friday,

I moved from Memphis last week and definitely want to get involved with the CABS. Very avid board gamer, started the Memphis Strategy Board Gaming Community (MSBGC) and have been to the last 3 BGG cons. Play pretty much everything. I'm definitely going to make it to the next game night with CABS. Alan Ray

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2008 Meeting Dates & Attendance

January 4th(120), 18th(115), 26th(104)
February 1st(101), 15th(116), 29th(109)
March 7th(35), 21st(108), 29th(110)
April 4th(125), 18th(103), 26th(101)
May 2nd(113), 16th(110), 31st(117)

June 6th(103), 20th(130)
July 4th(114), 18th(145), 26th(115)
August 1st(112), 15th(100), 30th(104)
September 5th(122), 19th(127)
October 17th(111), 25th(105)
November 7th(132), 21st, 28th, 29th
December 5th, 19th, 27th
28 Meetings ... 3102 attendees – 111 average

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