

EPGS Heroics

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EPGS meets from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM this Saturday, October 15th, in Oxford Valley Mall's Community Room. Subsequent meeting dates are scheduled the first and third Saturdays each month through the end of 2005.

International Gamers Awards

Congratulations to *Ticket to Ride: Europe* and *War of the Ring* for winning the 2005 International Gamers Awards in the General Strategy Games Multi-Player and 2-Player categories, respectively. They join *Sword of Rome*, which previously won in the Historical Simulation category.

Spiel der Spiele

Congratulations to *Trans Europa* for winning the 2005 Spiel der Spiele Award. (So why is there a space between "Trans" and "Europa" when there was no space in the title of its predecessor "TransAmerica"?)

Deutscher SpielePreis

Congratulations to *Louis XIV* for winning the 2005 Deutscher SpielePreis Award. The runner-up was *Niagara*, and *Manila* was third. Rounding out the top ten were *Ubongo*, *Himalaya*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Shadows over Camelot*, *Jambo*, *Das Zepter von Zavandor* and *Verflixxt!*

Anniversary Gaming

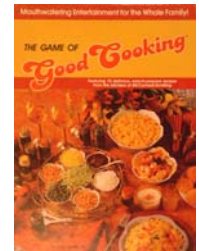


Atypically October 15th is not the anniversary of many events that can be commemorated by games, but there are still several. Novelist Mario Puzo's most famous book *The Godfather* inspired the like titled *The Godfather Game* (Family Games) as well as *The Brotherhood* (Conflict / GDW). The game about the trial of the German war criminals is *Nuremberg: Trial of the Century* (Minden/*Panzerschreck*#2). Curiously October 15th 1959 was the birthday of two food industry superstars: chef Emeril Lagasse and weight-watcher Sarah Ferguson. Many games about food exist, such as *The Game of Good Cooking* (Victory).



October 15th

- 70BC Virgil, author of *The Aeneid* born
- 1858 Boxer John L. Sullivan born
- 1863 Submarine C.S.S. Hunley sinks for the second of three times, killing its inventor
- 1917 Alleged German spy Mata Hari executed by the French
- 1920 Novelist Mario Puzo born, author of *The Godfather*
- 1942 Soviets suggested trying Axis war criminals
- 1944 Soviets captured Petasmo from the Finns and Riga from the Germans
- 1945 Vichy French leader Pierre Laval executed
- Baseball Pitcher Jim Palmer born
- 1946 Herman Göring commits suicide the night before his scheduled execution
- 1959 Weight-Watcher and Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson born
- Television chef Emeril Lagasse born
- 1989 Wayne Gretzky surpasses Gordie Howe's career hockey scoring record
- 1991 Clarence Thomas confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

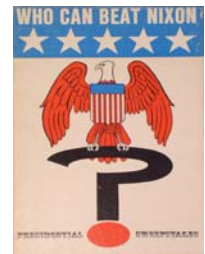


November 5th is the anniversary of Guy Fawkes' "Gunpowder Plot" to blow up the English Parliament. The plot was thwarted when conspirator Francis Tresham warned his brother-in-law, a Member of Parliament, not to attend the next days' session. Interestingly "Francis Tresham" is also the name of the famous game designer of *1829* and *Civilization*. A game about the conspiracy exists: *Gunpowder Treason* (Aztral Games), which was designed by an existing game company as a promotional item for a fireworks manufacturer!

Although there are only seven possible dates for a U.S. Presidential election to be held, curiously both elections where someone ran for a third term occurred on November 5th, (and both candidates shared the same last name). *All Quiet on the Western Front* is not only the title of the third movie to win a Best Picture Academy Award, but a game (Critical Hit). On November 5th 1968 Richard Nixon won a three-way race for president. His reelection campaign would inspire the games *Who Can Beat Nixon?* (Harrison-Blaine of New Jersey), *Watergate* (Politico), *Watergate* (Beck Designs) and *The Watergate Scandal* (American Symbolic Corporation). On this date in 1935 Parker Brothers released *Monopoly*. In 1999 the federal government celebrated its 64th birthday by declaring Microsoft Corporation an illegal monopoly.

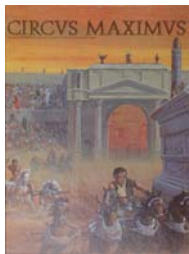
November 5th

- 1605 Guy Fawkes' "Gunpowder Plot" to blow up Parliament and King uncovered
- 1774 Charleston children collected tea to burn in protest
- 1855 Eugene Debs born, Socialist Presidential candidate 1904, 1908, 1912 and 1920
- 1862 President Lincoln relieves General George McClellan of command
- 1863 Automobile manufacturer James Ward Packard born
- 1891 Football coach Earle "Greasy" Neale born. His Philadelphia Eagles won N.F.L. in 1948 and 1949
- 1895 George Selden received a patent for a gasoline powered automobile
- 1911 Movie cowboy Roy Rogers born
- 1912 Theodore Roosevelt defeated in attempt to become first three term President
- 1913 Actress Vivien Leigh born
- 1930 Academy Awards presents best picture to *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- 1935 Parker Brothers releases *Monopoly*
- 1940 Franklin Roosevelt elected President for the third time
- 1941 Musician Art Garfunkel born
- 1942 Song writer George M. Cohan died
- 1946 John Kennedy and Richard Nixon elected as Representatives for the first time
- 1952 Basketball star Bill Walton born
- 1960 Country singer Johnny Horton of *Battle for New Orleans* fame dies in car accident
- 1968 Richard Nixon elected President
- 1971 Lakers win first of 33 consecutive games, an American major league team sport record
- 1999 A U.S. District Court declared Microsoft to be an illegal monopoly



The Games We Played

This month the most played games were *Age of Steam 2: Western U.S.*, *Empire of the Sun*, *Ingenious*, *Taj Mahal*, *That's Life*, *Triumph of Chaos* and *Tutankhamen*.



Curiously a variety of games from the 1960s and 70s were played at EPGS for the first time in the five years of our database: *Circus Maximus*, *Napoleon*, *Paydirt* and *Victory in the Pacific*. Furthermore remakes of two 1980s games were also introduced: *Arkham Horror* and *Conquest of the Empire*.

It also is ironic that the games *Napoleon* and *Wellington* were both played for the first time this month, as well as *La Guerre de L'Empereur*.



Thanks to Steve Cameron for helping compile this information.

NEW	TITLE	PUBLISHER	SEP 24	OCT 1
	<i>Advanced Squad Leader</i>	Avalon Hill / Multi-Man		1
	<i>Age of Steam 2: Western US</i>	Warfrog	1	1
	<i>Amazonas</i>	Kosmos / Mayfair	1	
	<i>Amun-Re</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	
G/P	<i>Arkham Horror</i>	Chaosium / Fantasy Flight	1	
	<i>Australian Rails</i>	Mayfair	1	
	<i>Axis & Allies - Pacific</i>	Hasbro/Avalon		1
G	<i>Circus Maximus</i>	Battleline / Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Citadels / Ohne Furcht und Adel</i>	Hans im Glück / Fantasy Flight		1
	<i>Civil War</i>	Bill Micklow		1
	<i>Coloretto</i>	Abacus / Rio Grande	1	
G	<i>Conquest of the Empire</i>	Milton Bradley / Eagle		1
	<i>Die Macher</i>	Hans Im Glück		1
	<i>Die Sieben Siegel</i>	Amigo	1	
	<i>Edel, Stein & Reich</i>	Alea		1
	<i>Empire Builder</i>	Mayfair	1	
	<i>Empire of the Sun</i>	GMT	1	1
	<i>Flickwerk / Turbo Taxi</i>	2F-Spiele / Plenary	1	
G	<i>Geschenkt</i>	Amigo	1	
	<i>Goa</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Hannibal: Rome vs. Carthage</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Ingenious / Einfach Genial</i>	Kosmos / Fantasy Flight	1	1
	<i>Keythedral</i>	R&D		1
G	<i>La Guerre de L'Empereur</i>	Operations Study Group		1
G	<i>Lightning: D-Day</i>	Decision		1
G	<i>Lightning: War on Terror</i>	Decision		1
	<i>Memoir '44</i>	Days of Wonder	1	
	<i>Meuterer</i>	Adlung	1	
G	<i>Napoleon</i>	Gamma Two / Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Odin's Ravens</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Oltremare: Mercants of Venice</i>	Mind the Move		1
	<i>Palazzo</i>	Alea	1	
	<i>Palladium</i>	Palladium Books	1	
	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	1	
G	<i>Roma</i>	Queen / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Saint Petersburg</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Samurai</i>	Hans im Glück / Abacus / Rio Grande	1	
G	<i>Second Fiddle</i>	?	1	
G	<i>SI Pro Football / Paydirt</i>	Sports Illustrated / Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Tahuantinsuyu</i>	Hangman		1
	<i>Taj Mahal</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	1	1
G	<i>That's Life</i>	Ravensburger	1	1
	<i>Tichu</i>	Abacus		1
	<i>Triumph of Chaos</i>	Clash of Arms	1	1
	<i>Tutankhamen</i>	Amigo / Out of the Box	1	1
	<i>Up Front</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
G	<i>Victory in the Pacific</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Vinci</i>	Eurogames/Descartes	1	
G	<i>Wellington</i>	GMT	1	
14/1	TOTAL	-----	31	25

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GP = New Game and Publisher

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Railroad games are Blue

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