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# 2012 World Boardgaming Championships
# War At Sea Post-Tournament Newsletter

# *Jonathan Lockwood Wins 2ⁿᵈ WBC War At Sea Crown*

**Jonathan Lockwood** of Reston, VA won the 2012 War At Sea Championship on Thursday, August 2 with a record of 8-0-0.  Jonathan previously won the 2008 crown with an identical 8-0-0 record.  Jonathan defeated **Jim Kramer** of Wiconsico, PA (6-2-0) in the final.  **Charlie Drozd** of Vernon Hills, IL, finished 3rd with a 5-1-1 tally and Minster, OH's **Bruce Monnin** the 4th and final plaque with a 5-2-0 log.  **Andy Gardner** (Fairfax, VA/4-2-0) finished 5th and received a copy of the book Struggle for the Middle Sea: The Great Navies at War in the Mediterranean Theater 1940-1945, given to the highest finisher not winning a plaque.  The remaining playoff participants were 6th, **John Pack** (Parker, CO), who had a 3-3-0 mark, 7th, **Ben Gardner** (Fairfax, VA/3-3-0) and 8th, **Ray Freeman** (Berkeley, CA/3-3-0).  Rounding out our top 10 were **Andy Choptiany** (Philadelphia, PA) in 9th place at 4-1-0, and **Sean Druelinger** (Joppa, MD) 10th place with a 3-2-0 mark.

40 players opened the competition shortly after 9 AM on tournament day.  As usual, eligibility for the majority of the playoff spots came down to Round 5, 8 hours later.  At the end of 4 rounds, only 2 players had clinched playoff spots, **Jonathan Lockwood** (4-0-0, 38 VPs to that point) and **Jim Kramer** (4-0-0, 36 VPs).  No fewer than 15 players remained in contention for the other 6 playoff berths; 9 of the 11 games played in Round 5 had playoff implications.  Jonathan and Jim played for the top seed, with Jonathan's Allies, bidding 1.5, maintaining the blockade the entire game and winning by 7.5 POC.  On the 2nd board, **Charlie Drozd** (3-0-1, 33 VPs) faced **John Pack** (3-1-0, 32 VPs).  Charlie's Allies, bidding 1.5, rode a consistently strong ASW performance to a 3.5 POC win.  3-time winner Bruce Monnin (3-1-0, 32 VPs) played defending champion Steve Packwood (3-1-0, 30 VPs).  Bruce's Allies, bidding 2.0, knocked Steve out of the playoffs with a 4-POC win.  On the next board, **Andy Gardner** and **Sean Druelinger** faced off with identical 3-1-0, 30 VP records.  Andy's Axis forces used the Allies' 2.0 bid to turn a narrow Allied win into a narrow Axis win.  Veteran **Andy Choptiany** and newcomer **David Anderson** faced off with identical 3-1-0, 28 VP markers.  Andy's Allies bid 2.0 and came out on top by 4 POC.  **Ben Gardner** (2-2-0, 22 VPs) played the GM (also 2-2-0, 22 VPs) with Ben's Axis sinking 24 Allied ships on the way to a 4.5 POC win after the Allied 1.5 POC bid.  **Mike Kaye** (2-1-0, 20 VPs) played **John Sharp** (2-2-0, 20 VPs).  Mike took the Allies for a 1-POC bid and cruised past John's

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Axis by 9.0 POC.  Mike was attempting the rare feat of making the playoffs while playing only 4 Swiss-round games.  Next, **Scott Beall** (2-2-0, 20 VPs) faced Randy MacInnis, (1-2-0 but 20 VPs due to a 10-point bye).  Randy prevailed, but his 0.5 POC win gained him only 8 VPs and left him out of playoff contention with 28 VPs overall.  Finally, former champs **Ray Freeman** and **Dennis Nicholson** played, but only Ray (2-2-0, 20 VPs) had playoff hopes; Dennis had just 18 VPs with a 2-2-0 record.  Ray preserved his playoff chances when Dennis's 2.0 Allied bid converted a raw-POC tie into an Axis triumph.

At the conclusion of the Swiss round games, automatic playoff qualifiers were as follows: 1) **Jonathan Lockwood**, 48 VPs/5-0-0, 2) **Charlie Drozd**, 43 VPs, 4-0-1, 3) **Bruce Monnin**, 42 VPs & 4-1-0, 4) **Andy Choptiany**, 38 VPs/4-1-0, 5) **Andy Gardner**, 38 VPs, 4-1-0, and 6) **Jim Kramer**, 36 VPs & 4-1-0.  **John Pack**, **Ben Gardner**, and **Sean Druelinger** tied for 7th place with identical 3-2-0 records and 32 Victory Points, but Sean withdrew due to family commitments.  4th place finisher **Andy Choptiany** also withdrew due to a family emergency and **Ray Freeman** (3-2-0, 30 VPs) then won a strength of schedule tiebreaker over **Mike Kaye** (3-1-0, 30 VPs) and defending champion **Steve Packwood** (3-2-0, 30 VPs) for the 8th and final playoff slot.  **Jonathan Lockwood**, **Charlie Drozd**, **Bruce Monnin**, and **Ray Freeman** repeated from last year's elite 8, with Jonathan making the playoffs for the 5th year in a row, a record.

In the quarterfinals, to avoid a rematch, top seed **Jonathan Lockwood** played #7 **Ben Gardner** and #2 seed **Charlie Drozd** opposed #8 **Ray Freeman**.  Jonathan's Allies, bidding 1.5, beat Ben's Axis by 5.5 POC, with the Axis unable to break the blockade the entire game.  Charlie's Axis forces eased past Ray's Allies, who had bid 1.5, by 4.5 POC.  #3 **Bruce Monnin**'s Allies, bidding 2.0, knocked off #6 **John Pack**'s Axis by 6 POC, using a strong ASW performance.  Completing the quarterfinals, 5th seed **Jim Kramer**'s Axis forced a turn 4 resignation from #4 **Andy Gardner**'s Allies, who had bid 2.0.  Semifinal matchups were also rearranged to avoid a rematch.  In one game, #1 **Jonathan Lockwood** took the Allies for a 2.5 bid and prevailed over #2 **Charlie Drozd**'s Axis by 5.5 POC.  The other semifinal was decided on turn 1 in the Barents when #5 **Jim Kramer**'s Axis sank 9 of #3 **Bruce Monnin**'s British ships.  Bruce bid 2 and lasted until turn 4, resigning at that point while facing a maxed out Axis POC count.

**Jim Kramer**, playing in his first final, took the Allies for a 2.5 bid against **Jonathan Lockwood**, playing in his second final.  As mentioned above, the two had already played in round 5, with Jonathan prevailing as the Allies.  Jim had played his previous 7 games on the day as the Axis.  Jim began with the rarely used Barents on 2 opening, so there was limited action on turn 1, except that Allied LBA sank 2 Italian cruisers.  Turn 2 saw the Allies win a battle in the Barents and establish the blockade, but the Axis returned the favor on turn 4 with a big victory in the Barents; 6 Allied ships went down to one Axis pocket battleship.  The Allies suffered one sunk convoy but landed two in Russia, setting up a turn 8 on which the Axis had all 7 U-boats and Allies were able to cover 2 sea areas with only 7 ASW.  The Allies were ahead by 2 POC before the bid, and so needed to control all 4 areas to win.  But the big ASW roll needed by the Allies did not materialize; 4 ships went down but the surviving 3 U-boats broke control in the South Atlantic and the raw 2 POC margin for the Allies became a 0.5 POC win for the Axis after the 2.5 POC bid.  It was the closest final in the history of War At Sea at the WBC and Avaloncon.  Congratulations again to 2012 champion **Jonathan Lockwood**!

Entrants (47) and games played (85) were the highest in 5 years, notwithstanding the sauna-like conditions of the Lampeter Room.  For the 9th year in a row, no chess clock expired.  **Jim Kramer** earned Best Axis Player with a 6-1-0 scorecard, besting **Jonathan Lockwood**'s 3-0-0 and **Charlie Drozd**'s 3-1-1.  **Jonathan Lockwood** repeated as Best Allied Player honors at 5-0-0, outpacing **Andy Choptiany**'s 4-1-0 and

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the 3-1-0 tallies of **David Anderson**, **Mike Kaye**, and **Bruce Monnin**.  Jonathan has now won Best Allied Player laurels an unprecedented 7 times, at the WBC and BPA Championship tourneys.  **David Anderson** of Bloomfield Hills, MI was Rookie of the Year with a 3-2-0 record good for 14th place.  **John Welage** was our sportsmanship nominee.  In addition to being a long-time competitor, a real gentleman, and great opponent, he's always willing to be the odd man out if necessary.

While our format seems to be generally popular, I did receive an inquiry about playoff seedings. Currently, it's 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, and 4 vs. 5 in the quarterfinals, except that the pairings are adjusted to avoid rematches.  The same is true in the semifinals.  Adjusting to avoid rematches is done (and has been done for many years) so that a player does not have to beat someone twice to get to the finals.  The counterargument was offered that sometimes this results in a higher-ranked player not getting the lowest possible opponent – negating the advantage of the seeding.  As with all aspects of the tourney, your thoughts are welcome.  Finally, I would like to see us conduct a demo, so we can make War At Sea an A level event.  Unfortunately I do not have time to do it myself.  If this interests you, please let me know.  I look forward to seeing you all next year!

## Strategy, Play Balance, and Bidding

Our competitors did not change their collective Allied strategy much this year.  The overwhelmingly favored opening was Barents on 1, although the Allies used Barents on 2 in the championship match.  A game or two featured the Mediterranean strategy.  What has evolved of late is Axis strategy.  In more and more games, the Axis player is not sailing until conditions are right from his point of view, which may be turn 2, turn 3, or even later.  One of my Axis opponents did not leave the Baltic until turn 5!

Play balance could not have been better this year.  The Axis won 42 games, the Allies also won 42, and there was one tie game.  It is very likely that the marginally increased bids for the Allies contributed to that balance.  81 of the 85 games featured an Allied bid; just 4 had no bid.  The average bid this year was 1.72 (all games) and 1.80 (games with a bid).  Here is a breakdown of wins and losses by bid.

| Bid | Games | Axis Win | Allied Win | Tie | Allied Win % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Bid/Allied Bid 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 75.0% |
| Allies 1.0 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 42.9% |
| Allies 1.5 | 32 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 50.0% |
| Allies 2.0 | 31 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 53.2% |
| Allies 2.5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 37.5% |
| Allies 3.0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 33.3% |
| Totals | 85 | 42 | 42 | 1 | 58.6% |

Two things are notable about this chart.  First, bids are heavily clustered in the 1.5 and 2.0 range.  This clustering doesn't necessarily indicate an "ideal" bid but it does suggest where most tournament players' comfort level is.  Second, the Allied win percentage decreases with increased bids, if not in a completely linear fashion, certainly in general – which is exactly what bids are supposed to accomplish.

Bidding influenced the outcome directly in 19 games, the largest number ever and almost a quarter of all the games played this year.  One player, **Jim Kramer**, managed to be in the middle of 4 of them, 3 wins and one loss.  Overall, one Allied win became a tie, 5 ties became Axis wins (also the highest on record), and 5 Allied wins became Axis wins after the bid was taken into account.  On top of that, 6 Allied wins by 2 POC or more became Allies victories by less than 2 POC or more (tying last year's record), and 2 Axis wins by less than 2 POC converted to Axis wins by 2 POC or more.

## 2012 World Boardgaming Championships Final Standings

| No. | Name | Played | Axis W-L-T | Allies W-L-T | Total W-L-T | Swiss Points | Schedule Strength | Finish |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2** | **Jonathan Lockwood** | **8** | **3-0-0** | **5-0-0** | **8-0-0** | **48** | — | **1** |
| 19 | Jim Kramer | 8 | **6-1-0** | 0-1-0 | 6-2-0 | 36 | — | **2** |
| 6 | Charlie Drozd | 7 | 3-1-1 | 2-0-0 | 5-1-1 | 43 | — | **3** |
| 12 | Bruce Monnin | 7 | 2-1-0 | 3-1-0 | 5-2-0 | 42 | — | **4** |
| 4 | Andy Gardner | 6 | 2-0-0 | 2-2-0 | 4-2-0 | 38 | 4.30 | **5** |
| 9 | John Pack | 6 | 2-2-0 | 1-1-0 | 3-3-0 | 32 | 6.17 | **6** |
| 38 | Ben Gardner | 6 | 3-3-0 | — | 3-3-0 | 32 | 5.45 | **7** |
| 18 | Ray Freeman | 6 | 1-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 3-3-0 | 30 | 6.64 | **8** |
| 3 | Andy Choptiany | 5 | — | 4-1-0 | 4-1-0 | 38 | 4.48 | 9 |
| 39 | Sean Druelinger | 5 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 3-2-0 | 32 | — | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Steve Packwood | 5 | 1-2-0 | 2-0-0 | 3-2-0 | 30 | 5.60 | 11 |
| 10 | Mike Kaye | 4 | — | 3-1-0 | 3-1-0 | 30 | 4.12 | 12 |
| 40 | Randy MacInnis | 5 | 1-0-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-2-0 | *28 | 5.50 | 13 |
| 28 | David Anderson | 5 | 0-1-0 | 3-1-0 | 3-2-0 | 28 | 4.75 | 14 |
| 14 | Rob Drozd | 5 | 3-2-0 | — | 3-2-0 | 28 | 3.38 | 15 |
| 7 | Vince Meconi | 5 | — | 2-3-0 | 2-3-0 | 22 | 6.55 | 16 |
| 17 | Scott Beall | 5 | 2-1-0 | 0-2-0 | 2-3-0 | 22 | 5.14 | 17 |
| 16 | Bruce Reiff | 4 | 1-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 20 | 6.71 | 18 |
| 25 | Mark Gutfreund | 3 | 1-0-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 20 | 6.28 | 19 |
| 22 | John Sharp | 5 | 2-3-0 | — | 2-3-0 | 20 | 6.00 | 20 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Greg Smith | 3 | 0-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 2-1-0 | 20 | 5.25 | 21 |
| 13 | Ewan McNay | 3 | 1-0-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 18 | 6.73 | 22 |
| 5 | Dennis Nicholson | 5 | 0-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-3-0 | 18 | 5.13 | 23 |
| 15 | Chuck Stapp | 4 | 1-1-0 | 0-1-1 | 1-2-1 | 15 | — | 24 |
| 23 | Greg Berry | 3 | 1-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 1-2-0 | 12 | 5.87 | 25 |
| 24 | Bob Hamel | 5 | 0-1-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-4-0 | 12 | 4.75 | 26 |
| 44 | Mike Brophy | 3 | 1-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 1-2-0 | 12 | 3.71 | 27 |
| 21 | Ed O'Connor | 2 | 1-1-0 | — | 1-1-0 | 10 | 7.25 | 28 |
| 34 | David Rynkowski | 3 | 0-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-2-0 | 10 | 7.14 | 29 |
| 32 | Joe Powell | 4 | — | 1-3-0 | 1-3-0 | 10 | 5.69 | 30 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | John Elliott | 2 | 1-1-0 | — | 1-1-0 | 10 | 4.22 | 31 |
| 35 | John Welage | 2 | — | 0-2-0 | 0-2-0 | *10 | 4.17 | 32 |
| 11 | Joe Collinson | 2 | 0-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-1-0 | 10 | 4.00 | 33 |
| 45 | Ted Drozd | 1 | 1-0-0 | — | 1-0-0 | 10 | 0.00 | 34 |
| 8 | Ed Menzel | 2 | 0-2-0 | — | 0-2-0 | 4 | — | 35 |
| 46 | Bryan Eshleman | 1 | — | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0 | 10.00 | 36 |
| 29 | Bryan Harker | 2 | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-2-0 | 0 | 7.00 | 37 |
| 37 | David Rennert | 1 | 0-1-0 | — | 0-1-0 | 0 | 6.67 | 38 |
| 30 | Greg Hultgren | 2 | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-2-0 | 0 | 6.44 | 39 |
| 42 | James Doughan | 1 | — | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0 | 6.40 | 40 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Richard Beyma | 1 | 0-1-0 | — | 0-1-0 | 0 | 6.00 | 41 |
| 33 | Joe Beard | 1 | — | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0 | 6.00 | 42 |
| 47 | Tim Hitchings | 1 | — | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0 | 5.60 | 43 |
| 31 | Andrew Doughan | 2 | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-2-0 | 0 | 4.57 | 44 |
| 27 | Jim Eliason | 1 | 0-1-0 | — | 0-1-0 | 0 | 4.40 | 45 |
| 36 | Randy Schilb | 2 | 0-2-0 | — | 0-2-0 | 0 | 3.56 | 46 |
| 43 | John Shingara | 1 | 0-1-0 | — | 0-1-0 | 0 | 2.50 | 47 |
| 47 | Totals | 170 | 42-42-1 | 42-42-1 | 84-84-2 | **800 | | |

## 2012 World Boardgaming Championships Final Standings (continued)

**Key**
* Includes 10 points awarded for a bye.
No. — Player seeding.
Played — Number of games played by player, including quarterfinals, semifinals, and final.
W-L-T — Won-Lost-Tied
Swiss Points — Number of VPs scored in 5 preliminary (Swiss) rounds.
Schedule Strength — Used to break ties among players with same VPs; equals # of VPs earned by player's opponents
   divided by # of games played by player's opponents.
Finish — Final ranking.  Top 8 players are ranked by results of playoffs.

### War At Sea AREA Ratings/Preliminary 2013 WBC Seedings (as of September 9, 2012)

| No. | Player | Rating | No. | Player | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Jonathan Lockwood (Defending Champion)** | **6798** | 21 | Rob Drozd | 5681 |
| 2 | Andy Choptiany | 6292 | 22 | Bruce Reiff | 5653 |
| 3 | Charlie Drozd | 6261 | 23 | Ray Freeman | 5639 |
| 4 | Pat Richardson | 6182 | 24 | Mike Knautz | 5624-i |
| 5 | Steve Packwood | 6052 | 25 | Alan Applebaum | 5621 |
| 6 | Bruce Monnin | 6036 | 26 | Ted Drozd | 5557 |
| 7 | Jim Kramer | 6024 | 27 | Mike Pacheco | 5544 |
| 8 | Andy Gardner | 6020 | 28 | Ron Dietz | 5532-i |
| 9 | Glenn McMaster | 6004 | 29 | Chuck Stapp | 5506 |
| 10 | Mike Kaye | 5963 | 30 | John Strand | 5495 |
| 11 | Don Greenwood | 5960 | 31 | *Kevin Shewfelt* | *5491* |
| 12 | Darren Kilfara | 5924 | 32 | Scott Beall | 5447 |
| 13 | John Pack | 5827 | 33 | David Finberg | 5440-i |
| 14 | Ewan McNay | 5794 | 34 | *Steve Carver* | *5434-i* |
| 15 | Rob Flowers | 5787-i | 35 | Phil Rennert | 5425 |
| 16 | Dennis Nicholson | 5755 | 36 | Nick Markevich | 5413 |
| 17 | Vince Meconi | 5752 | 37 | *Mircea Pauca* | *5402* |
| 18 | Ed Menzel | 5738 | 38 | *Jim Bodenheimer* | *5391* |
| 19 | Joe Collinson | 5724 | 39 | *Jim Laws* | *5381* |
| 20 | Tim Tow | 5704 | 40 | Tom Scarborough | 5362 |

i=Inactive AREA status.
*Italicized players have not previously entered a WBC/Avaloncon War At Sea tournament.*

### Thanks As Always

     As always, putting on the War At Sea tournament is a team effort, starting with Assistant Gamemasters **Rob Drozd**, **Ewan McNay**, and **John Sharp**; John also provided the chess clocks.  **Charlie Drozd** and **Bob Hamel** also lent a hand when needed.  My opponents, **Jim Eliason**, **John Sharp**, **Charlie Drozd**, **Jim Kramer**, and **Ben Gardner** played quickly and set up the game afterwards, allowing me to attend to my GM duties.  It seems like I play John, Charlie, and Jim K. every year, but they tell me that's not actually the case.  Charlie was last year's Best Axis player and had fun displaying his award when facing me as the Axis – the intimidation factor obviously worked as he won going away.  Unfortunately for him, the same tactic didn't work as well when he played **Jonathan Lockwood** – who hauled out his Best Allied Player award from last year in response!

## Tournament Notes and Statistics

**Jonathan Lockwood**'s post-tournament AREA rating of 6798 is the highest War At Sea AREA rating ever recorded….**Tim Hitchings** remains the only player to have played in every one of the 22 War At Sea tournament at Avaloncon and the WBC….Other current consecutive tournament appearance streaks of 10 years or more are **Jonathan Lockwood** and **Steve Packwood**, 18 years since 1995, **Andy Gardner** and **Jim Kramer**, 16 years since 1997, **Ed Menzel**, 13 years since 2000, **Ray Freeman**, the GM, **David Rynkowski**, and **John Welage**, 11 consecutive years since 2002, and **Charlie Drozd**, **Rob Drozd**, **John Sharp**, and **Chuck Stapp** (10 straight years since 2003)….**Ben Gardner** and **Rob Drozd** played every game as the Axis, while **Andy Choptiany**, **Mike Kaye**, **Joe Powell**, and yours truly played each game as the Allies….Welcome first time-competitors **David Anderson, Bryan Harker**, **Greg Hultgren**, and **John Shingara**; we look forward to seeing you again....Welcome back returnees **Joe Beard**, **Mike Brophy**, **Jim Eliason**, **Sean Druelinger**, **Ben Gardner**, **John Pack**, **David Rennert**, and **Greg Smith**...John and Greg skipped only last year, but we haven't seen Jim since 1993!....The **Drozds**, dad **Rob** and sons **Charlie & Ted**, repeated as Family War At Sea event champs, outpacing father-and-son duos **James & Andrew Doughan** and **Andy & Ben Gardner**, although both Gardners advanced to the elimination rounds …The day's toughest schedule clearly belonged to **Ray Freeman**, who on consecutive rounds played seed nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5 – but still made the playoffs….5 competitors, **Jim Kramer** (2), **Ben Gardner** (7), **Sean Druelinger** (10), **Randy MacInnis** (13), and **Greg Smith** (21), recorded personal best finishes....46 players may have trailed **Jonathan Lockwood** in their quest for the War At Sea championship plaque, but no fewer than 11 of them won elsewhere at the WBC this year: **Joe Beard**, **Joe Collinson**, **Charlie Drozd**, **John Elliott**, **Andy Gardner** (twice), **Ben Gardner**, **Tim Hitchings**, the GM, **Ed Menzel**, **Joe Powell** (twice), and **Bruce Reiff**.

22 years of War At Sea tournaments have included 8 Avaloncons, 14 WBCs, 43 PBEM Ladder Rounds, and 8 BPA PBEM Championships....Of the 3,102 games played so far, the Allies have won 1,546 (51.0%) to the Axis' 1,410 (46.6%), with 73 ties (2.5%) and 73 games without information....There have been 1,716 contests with an Allied bid (59.2%) and 156 featuring Axis bids (5.4%); there was no bid in 1,025 games (35.4%) and we lack details for 205 games....The 5 best career tournament War At Sea winning percentages belong to 1) **David Finberg**, 2) **Tom Scarborough**, 3) **Jonathan Lockwood**, 4) **Andy Choptiany**, and 5) **Phil Rennert**....The 5 top Axis records belong to 1) **David Finberg**, 2) **Tim Tow**, 3) **Glenn McMaster**, 4) **Jonathan Lockwood**, and 5) **Darren Kilfara**....Topping the Allied charts are 1) **Mircea Pauca** (who plays only by e-mail), 2) **John Elliott**, 3) **Steve Packwood**, 4) **Phil Rennert**, and 5) **Mike Kaye**....**Ewan McNay** has the best record in WBC/Avaloncon games, **Scott Beall** the best PBEM Ladder winning percentage, and **Jonathan Lockwood** the top log in BPA PBEM Championship contests....**Jonathan Lockwood** has played the most tournament games, 190, and has the most total victories (129) and Allied wins (102); **Bruce Monnin** has the most Axis wins (61)….**Ray Freeman** and **Jonathan Lockwood** lead with 8 playoff appearances apiece.

## 2012 World Boardgaming Championships Final Game-by-Game Results

| No. | Name | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | VPs |
|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| | | Players: 40 | Players: 37 | Players: 31 | Players: 28 | Players: 22 | |
| | | Games: 20 | Games: 18 | Games: 15 | Games: 14 | Games: 11 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Steve Packwood | W-10 v. 20 | L-0 v. 18 | W-10 v. 22 | W-10 v. 25 | L-0 v. 12 | 30 |
| 2 | Jonathan Lockwood | W-10 v. 21 | W-10 v. 16 | W-10 v. 18 | W-8 v. 12 | W-10 v. 19 | 48 |
| 3 | Andy Choptiany | L-0 v. 22 | W-8 v. 8 | W-10 v. 17 | W-10 v. 16 | W-10 v. 28 | 38 |
| 4 | Andy Gardner | L-0 v. 23 | W-10 v. 29 | W-10 v. 24 | W-10 v. 18 | W-8 v. 39 | 38 |
| 5 | Dennis Nicholson | W-10 v. 24 | L-0 v. 19 | W-8 v. 23 | L-0 v. 28 | L-0 v. 18 | 18 |
| 6 | Charlie Drozd | W-8 v. 25 | T-5 v. 15 | W-10 v. 38 | W-10 v. 7 | W-10 v. 9 | 43 |
| 7 | Vince Meconi | W-10 v. 27 | W-10 v. 22 | L-2 v. 19 | L-0 v. 6 | L-0 v. 38 | 22 |
| 8 | Ed Menzel | L-2 v. 28 | L-2 v. 3 | | | | 4 |

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| No. | Name | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | VPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | John Pack | W-10 v. 29 | W-10 v. 23 | W-10 v. 26 | L-2 v. 19 | L-0 v. 6 | 32 |
| 10 | Mike Kaye | W-10 v. 30 | | W-10 v. 34 | L-0 v. 39 | W-10 v. 22 | 30 |
| 11 | Joe Collinson | W-10 v. 31 | L-0 v. 26 | | | | 10 |
| 12 | Bruce Monnin | W-10 v. 32 | W-10 v. 34 | W-10 v. 13 | L-2 v. 2 | W-10 v. 1 | 42 |
| 13 | Ewan McNay | W-10 v. 33 | W-8 v. 38 | L-0 v. 12 | | | 18 |
| 14 | Rob Drozd | L-0 v. 34 | W-10 v. 30 | L-0 v. 39 | W-8 v. 24 | W-10 v. 47 | 28 |
| 15 | Chuck Stapp | W-10 v. 35 | T-5 v. 6 | L-0 v. 28 | L-0 v. 38 | | 15 |
| 16 | Bruce Reiff | W-10 v. 36 | L-0 v. 2 | W-10 v. 40 | L-0 v. 3 | | 20 |
| 17 | Scott Beall | L-0 v. 38 | W-10 v. 31 | L-0 v. 3 | W-10 v. 32 | L-2 v. 40 | 22 |
| 18 | Ray Freeman | W-10 v. 39 | W-10 v. 1 | L-0 v. 2 | L-0 v. 4 | W-10 v. 5 | 30 |
| 19 | Jim Kramer | W-10 v. 40 | W-10 v. 5 | W-8 v. 7 | W-8 v. 9 | L-0 v. 2 | 36 |
| 20 | Richard Beyma | L-0 v. 1 | | | | | 0 |
| 21 | Ed O'Connor | L-0 v.2 | W-10 v. 35 | | | | 10 |
| 22 | John Sharp | W-10 v. 3 | L-0 v. 7 | L-0 v. 1 | W-10 v. 44 | L-0 v. 10 | 20 |
| 23 | Greg Berry | W-10 v. 4 | L-0 v. 9 | L-2 v. 5 | | | 12 |
| 24 | Bob Hamel | L-0 v. 5 | W-10 v. 36 | L-0 v. 4 | L-2 v. 14 | L-0 v. 44 | 12 |
| 25 | Mark Gutfreund | L-2 v. 6 | W-10 v. 28 | W-8 v. 44 | L-0 v. 1 | | 20 |
| 26 | Greg Smith | W-10 v. 37 | W-10 v. 11 | L-0 v. 9 | | | 20 |
| 27 | Jim Eliason | L-0 v. 7 | | | | | 0 |
| 28 | David Anderson | W-8 v. 8 | L-0 v. 25 | W-10 v. 15 | W-10 v. 5 | L-0 v. 3 | 28 |
| 29 | Bryan Harker | L-0 v. 9 | L-0 v. 4 | | | | 0 |
| 30 | Greg Hultgren | L-0 v. 10 | L-0 v. 14 | | | | 0 |
| 31 | Andrew Doughan | L-0 v. 11 | L-0 v. 17 | | | | 0 |
| 32 | Joe Powell | L-0 v. 12 | L-0 v. 41 | W-10 v. 43 | L-0 v. 17 | | 10 |
| 33 | Joe Beard | L-0 v. 13 | | | | | 0 |
| 34 | David Rynkowski | W-10 v. 14 | L-0 v. 12 | L-0 v. 10 | | | 10 |
| 35 | John Welage | L-0 v. 15 | L-0 v. 2 | Bye-10 | | | 10 |
| 36 | Randy Schilb | L-0 v. 16 | L-0 v. 24 | | | | 0 |
| 37 | David Rennert | L-0 v. 26 | | | | | 0 |
| 38 | Ben Gardner | W-10 v. 17 | L-2 v. 13 | L-0 v. 6 | W-10 v. 15 | W-10 v. 7 | 32 |
| 39 | Sean Druelinger | L-0 v. 18 | W-10 v. 42 | W-10 v. 14 | W-10 v. 10 | L-2 v. 4 | 32 |
| 40 | Randy MacInnis | L-0 v. 19 | Bye-10 | L-0 v. 16 | W-10 v. 41 | W-8 v. 17 | 28 |
| 41 | John Elliott | | W-10 v. 32 | | L-0 v. 40 | | 10 |
| 42 | James Doughan | | L-0 v. 39 | | | | 0 |
| 43 | John Shingara | | | L-0 v. 32 | | | |
| 44 | Mike Brophy | | | L-2 v. 25 | L-0 v. 22 | W-10 v. 24 | 12 |
| 45 | Ted Drozd | | | | W-10 v. 46 | | 10 |
| 46 | Bryan Eshleman | | | | L-0 v. 45 | | 0 |
| 47 | Tim Hitchings | | | | | L-0 v. 14 | 0 |

| No. | Name | Quarterfinals | Semifinals | Final |
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| 1 | Jonathan Lockwood | W v. 7 | W v. 2 | W v. 5 |
| 2 | Charlie Drozd | W v. 8 | L v. 1 | |
| 3 | Bruce Monnin | W v. 6 | L v. 5 | |
| 4 | Andy Gardner | L v. 5 | | |
| 5 | Jim Kramer | W v. 4 | W v. 3 | L v. 1 |
| 6 | John Pack | L v. 3 | | |
| 7 | Ben Gardner | L v. 1 | | |
| 8 | Ray Freeman | L v. 2 | | |

**War At Sea E-Mail Tournaments**

War At Sea BPA PBEM Championship IX has just kicked off under the direction of **Bruce Monnin**. You can follow the action at http://www.nktelco.net/bdmonnin/was_home_page.html.  Meanwhile, the War At Sea Ladder Tournament is about to begin Round 45.  **Tim Tow** is not only in charge, he just wrested the top rung away from **Andy Gardner**.  Complete details on the tourney can be found at http://waratsea.wordpress.com/round-45/.

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