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NIAGARA BOARDGAMING WEEKEND

Year 16 was a huge success, thank you to all attendees!



War Room Grogards!

Our War Room continues to be a huge success partly due to the efforts of Nels Thompson, from Buffalo, NY. Nels runs a Deluxe Breakout: Normandy tournament every year that draws some of the most competitive and skilled players of the game.

The attendees who frequent the War Room include some of the old guard that helped start NBW and continue the tradition of playing hex based and other classic style war games. For those who wish to get a good idea of what was played and where, visit our official website and view the entire gallery. You are also encouraged to join our Facebook page to get all the latest announcements as they occur.



Tiffany Ballroom at the Ramada Suites with a large crowd.

SELL OUT FOR 2nd YEAR IN A ROW!

On behalf of everyone here at NBW, thank you for making 2020 another successful year of Gaming Northern Style! We couldn't do it without you. Every one of you is amazing for your positive spirit, inclusive attitude toward fellow attendees and for your gaming charm! You are the magic ingredient to what makes NBW so special over the last 16 years.

Once again, NBW has taken every inch of available space at the Ramada Suites in Niagara Falls. We had the main ballroom, two breakout rooms on the basement level and the War Room in the other building. Game play was also seen in the front lobby and also in the area directly in front of the entrance to the main hall. Well done!

As is the case every year, a very wide variety of games were played, from euros, card games

war games and more, everyone walked away from the event happy and looking forward to next year.

For the first time this year, we can say we had people attend from coast to coast! Our farthest travelling Canadian comes from Dartmouth, NS and we had one American attendee from Seattle, WA! That is a new record for us as well. We are amazed as well as honored you chose us as your gaming destination and look forward to seeing you attend every year.

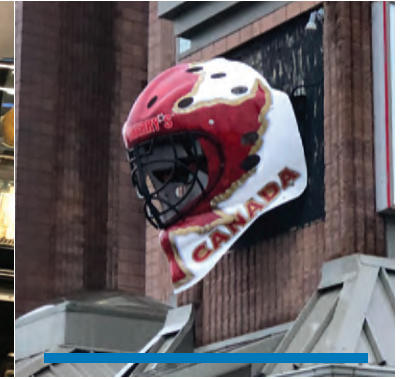
We are introducing our Official Newsletter this year and will be sending out a short survey for you to fill in to help us make the following year and even better experience for all concerned. Please take the time to fill it in and return it. Thanks again!

Bring'n Buy continues to be a HUGE HIT!



It only stands to reason that along with our record number of attendees we also saw a record number of games submitted for sale at our annual Bring'n Buy. Our much larger format has been a welcomed addition to the NBW venue! We look forward to seeing it improve every year as it is clearly a crowd favorite.

Our Starbucks Lady is your biggest Fan!



This lovely lady, who loyally and diligently served us coffee and refreshments over the course of the weekend is one of our biggest fans! I am constantly hearing from her what a wonderful group we are. She is also amazed at the amount of beverages and snacks consumed! ;) The Don Cherry Staff also sings our praises!

Some of the Unsung Heroes of NBW

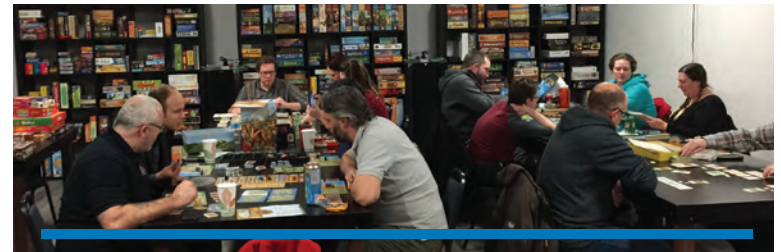
NBW would not be NBW without the loyalty and support of many people. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of some of these people:

Lembit Tohver was ill this year and couldn't make it but he has been here helping behind the scenes almost from day one.

Robert Leveille has supported us for many years with his game library and access to The Crux on Wednesday nights before the con!

Karen Holah, who helps with the Bring'n Buy and makes great efforts to donate games to kids who may not necessarily have the means! Karen also runs the Pandemic tournament.

Nels Thompson who generously supports the convention by encouraging some of the best gamers in the hobby to attend and compete in his Breakout Normandy tournament. This really helps to get our name out and increase our reputation as a great event to attend once a year.



New Badges were very popular!



Thanks for the positive feedback, we will be adding more fun graphics for 2021.

New Water Service made a big splash!

The Ramada Suites invested in a new water cooler machine to dispense water in the main room.

It was a hit with everyone we spoke to. There were plenty of glasses supplied and water was diligently maintained at maximum levels through out the event so we could all stay hydrated. Thanks go out to the staff at Don Cherry's.

Reminder for next year!

We will always give you plenty of notice on the dates for the 2021 con. Please visit our website frequently for updates as well as our Facebook page.

Facebook is the OFFICIAL first source for information after our website. Information can be found later on other sites. Ticket sales always begin on September 1.

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 **Joseph Anthony Hird**
January 26 at 10:03 PM



What a great weekend everyone! I got to play some new games that I've been dying to try, and brushed the dust off of some old classics. After four years, I've made so many friends, it was impossible to play something with you all. Next year, hopefully we can make something work. Thanks to the organizers, and thanks to everyone else who made another successful four days of gaming. See you all @ NBW 2021!

 You, David Bloomberg and 19 others

 **Alain Houle**
January 26 at 7:18 PM

So many friendly faces. Thanks to the organizers and attendees for another awesome 4 days of gaming.

 You, David Bloomberg, Joseph Anthony Hird and 24 others

 **Joyce Johnston** Thank you for organizing a great weekend!!
Like · Reply · 14h  1



 **Julian Nicholson**
 Conversation Starter · January 26 at 6:09 PM

Another great weekend. Thanks to David Bloomberg and Art Niagarabw for putting on such an outstanding event.

 You, Mike Szarka, David Bloomberg and 16 others


 **Karen Holah**
January 26 at 6:56 PM

Thanks for all the fun and games!

  You, David Bloomberg and 20 others 2 Comments

 **Ryan Trepanier**
 Conversation Starter · 20 hrs


I would like to echo all of the appreciation for the organization of such an amazing event. This was my first NBGW, but it will certainly not be my last. I can't wait for next year. The people, the venue, the organization, etc. was just fantastic! Thanks again!!



 You, David Bloomberg, Joseph Anthony Hird and 18 others



 **Tracy Vine Gavloski**
 Conversation Starter · 8 hrs

Had a great weekend and played great games! Next year will definitely do the 4 days rather than the 3, it was too short!!
Thanks to the organizers and the volunteers. See you next year!

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 **Brandon Smith** ★ Thank you Karen it was a pleasure. Fantastic work done by you and other staff that made this weekend possible.
Like · Reply · 1d

 **Brett Mowers** I need to attend this. The fancy chairs pushed me over the edge 😊
Haha · Reply · 2d  1

 **Carla Stea**
 Conversation Starter · January 26 at 7:10 PM

Thanks everyone for a great weekend!

 You, David Bloomberg, Joseph Anthony Hird and 15 others 3 Comments

 **Jay Varga**
 Conversation Starter · 19 hrs

This weekend was our first time to NBW and definitely won't be our last. Thank you to the volunteers, the organizers and the incredible community. Everyone is always so friendly and welcoming.


Thanks to those who taught us new games, allowed us to teach you new games and games we (re)learned together. Great times were had. Still bitter about those leaping mechs though.

See you all next year.


 Mike Szarka, David Bloomberg and 22 others

 **Reed Mascola**
January 26 at 7:22 PM


Had a fantastic time this weekend with old friends and new - thanks Art Niagarabw and David Bloomberg again for running an amazing event!

 **Tamara Lloyd** I miss being there, hope everyone is having a blast!

Like · Reply · 2d  1

 **Jim Werbaneth** Someday I have to drive north and visit yinz guys. 😊

Love · Reply · 1d  1

 **Andrew Drummond** Water service was indeed excellent. Many thanks for their work to fix that particular problem.

Like · Reply · 8h  1

