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THE NINTH ANNUAL LAKE GENEVA WARGAMES CONVENTION, GENCON IX

GenCon is the oldest wargaming convention in America. It dates all the way back to 1966 when a group of gamers from Milwaukee-Chicago area got together here for a weekend devoted to nothing but wargaming. They all enjoyed it so much that next year it was decided to invite everybody to come for the fun, and GenCon I was born — a one day event at the Horticultural Hall which despite its short duration drew hobbyists from both the East and West Coasts, Texas and Canada. When the International Federation of Wargaming was no longer able to sponsor GenCon, the LGTSA and TSR took over. We hope that you will find that this year's convention is the most enjoyable event you have attended, for we strive to make each successive convention better than the last. This is still primarily a get-together for wargame hobbyists, a chance for them to meet old and new friends, play games, see what their fellow-enthusiasts are doing, and get a look at new products. It is all for your diversion and amusement.

The convention is possible only because you, the wargamer, want it. It runs because of the hard work of your hosts and judges. The expense of putting it on is offset by the fees collected. Please help us to make it a successful event by co-operating with the schedules and respecting the property of others. **READ ON!**

ENTRANCE FEE

Upon paying the entrance fee you are entitled to a name tag, the opportunity to fill out a Door Prize form, and the right to circulate freely throughout the entire convention. **IMPORTANT!** Wear and retain your name tag, for it is your pass into and from the convention. If it is lost come to the door immediately for a new one. Persons who refuse to wear their name tags will be asked to leave the convention.

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| *SINGLE DAY | \$2.00 |
| *THREE DAYS..... | \$5.00 |

TOURNAMENT FEES

The fee for each tournament you enter is only fifty cents. There are no other game fees. The tournament fee is only charged for those games in which a trophy or prize is offered to winners.

TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments are listed in the program. Please do not register for two tournaments which will overlap! Tournament sign up sheets will not be placed out for use until approximately one hour before the event is to take place. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT ALLOWED.**

OPEN GAMING

The term "open gaming" simply refers to games for which some prize is not planned or to unscheduled events. Much of the convention will be open gaming, both miniatures and board-games. Some open games will have prizes available to winners, but no tournament fees will be charged in any such event. If you have a favorite boardgame, or wish to bring figures for a miniature game, please feel free to bring your equipment. Opponents and players are easy to find, and we will do our best to reserve ample tables for open gaming this year.

MOVIES

Stalwart Jeff Perren will again provide the film entertainment at GenCon this year. Movies will be shown outdoors, weather permitting, or inside the hall otherwise, at dark. Although the program has not been finalized at the time we are going to press, Jeff has at least three new movies. In past years we have been treated to ZULU, CULLODEN, TORA! TORA! TORA!, CROMWELL, and ALEXANDER NEVSKY. Possible selections for GenCon IX are: ROBIN HOOD (original version, in color), THE THREE MUSKETEERS (new version), and HENRY V.

DOOR PRIZES

This year GenCon is offering several very nice gift certificates as Door Prizes. We are doing this in order to give every conventioneer a chance to win something extra (you have already won big by coming to the convention . . .) and at the same time it gives us a chance to find out what you liked and didn't like and at the same time you can let us know about next year's show. Please fill out a Door Prize form right away so you don't forget. Note that all parts of the form must be

completed, and all questions must be answered if the form is to be considered valid when the drawing for the winning names is held.

DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AT GEN CON IX

\$40 GIFT CERTIFICATE — 1st name drawn

\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE — 2nd name drawn

SPI GAME FOR NEXT 3 names drawn

REFRESHMENTS

GenCon does its best to provide soft drinks and snacks for you during the convention. You will find the location of the snack bar by consulting the map of Horticultural Hall. We always try to keep prices as reasonable as possible, and therefore there are no formal meals available. Those who desire regular meals should consult the Restaurant Guide herein. You may bring any foods you wish into the convention but **NO BEER, WINE OR LIQUOR IS PERMITTED!**

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the convention ask one of the HOSTS (green ribbon); questions about a specific game you are playing in should be directed to the game JUDGE (red ribbon). We ask that you wear your name tag at all times so that everyone will be able to recognize each other by name — who wants to be addressed as "Hey you!"?

AUCTIONS

There is an auction of wargaming and military-related items held each day of the convention. If you wish to have some item auctioned off please note the following requirements:

The convention will charge a fee of 10% of the total price for which the item is sold, and the balance of the money will be paid to you after the auction is over. **You must list each item** you wish to have auctioned off **on a separate sheet of paper** which bears your name, the name of the item, and the minimum price, if any, for which you will sell the item.

WINTER FANTASY GAMING CONVENTION

We are happy to tell you that TSR and the LGTSA have made plans to hold an all fantasy-science fiction-swords & sorcery convention this coming winter. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, 1977 at the American Legion Hall, 735 Henry Street, Lake Geneva, WI. The convention will feature adventures in D&D dungeons, EMPIRE OF THE PETAL THRONE, fantasy boardgame tournaments, and much more. Watch for announcements of the event in THE DRAGON and other wargaming magazines.

PLAN NOW TO COME TO WINTER FANTASY !!

GENCON X

You can count on an all-out convention when August of 1977 rolls around. That will be time for the Tenth Annual GenCon, and special efforts are being made to see to it that GenCon X is a fitting celebration to crown a decade of wargaming. If you have already filled out your door prize form you will have noted that GenCon X is planned for a hotel — if you all agree with us, it will be the PLAYBOY RESORT here! We have viewed the facilities available for a convention at Playboy, and they are superb. The convention proper and dealer exhibits would be in the spacious Convention and Exhibit Hall. GenCon would also have available a large banquet room so that the Annual Strategists Club Awards Banquet could be opened to far more persons. The Forum, seating approximately 50 persons, would be available for seminars and demonstrations. GenCon X is also bidding to host DipCon X, the Tenth Annual Diplomacy Convention. If DipCon X is held in conjunction with GenCon X a special room housing up to 100 players would be available for the DIPLOMACY tournament. The room rates at Playboy are about the same as at any better quality motel, and Playboy guests are issued a temporary Playboy membership card so that the full facilities of the resort are available to them — golf course, pool and lake, stables, evening entertainment, and so on. Finally, all you deserving folks will get the air conditioning you have so urgently requested, and a whole lot more! Please tell your hosts about what you'd like to see at the convention, or drop TSR a line right after GenCon IX.

GENCON X * FOUR DAYS! * 18-21 AUGUST 1977 * GENCON X

MAPS

In the rear section of this booklet you will find maps of the Horticultural Hall and Guild Hall. These maps will help you to find just where a game or dealer you wish to see are located (dealer space numbers are shown after the dealer's name in the appropriate listing). There are also maps of the main area of Lake Geneva and of the entire surrounding area. These are provided in order to help you to locate motels, restaurants, or entertainment spots.

YOUR HOSTS

TSR Personnel

Dave Arneson *Research Director (History) (Military History)*
Brian Blume *Starco Co. Chairman Board*
Mike Carr - *V.P.*
Ernie Gygas *clipping p-t*
Gary Gygas
Tim Kask - *ed. The Dragon*
Rob Kuntz *clipping; game design, development (write booklet)*
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Dave Sutherland *ARTIST, CO.*
Neil Topolnicki *incoming mail, orders*
Skip Williams *clipping overcoats sales p-t*

Dealer Listing

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| Cameo Foto-Grafix | Main Hall |
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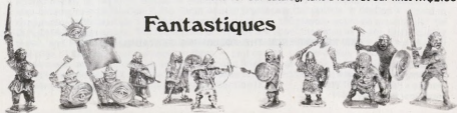


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FRIDAY 20 AUGUST: DOOR OPENS AT 9:00 A.M.

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | NUMBER OF PLAYERS | JUDGE & SPONSOR | PRIZE |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10:00 A.M. | AUCTION | Courtyard | — | — | — |
| 10:45 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 11:00 | TOURNAMENTS BEGIN | | | | |
| | Kingmaker*(AH) | East Wing | open | Neil Topolnicki/IGB | Plaque + 2 AH games |
| | ECW Miniatures | Main Hall | 12 | Bill Protz/MWA | \$10 Gift Certificate/MiniFigs |
| | AWI Naval Mins. (D.G.U.T.S.) | Main Hall | 12 | Dave Arneson | \$10 Gift Certificate/TSR |
| | AWI Miniatures** | Main Hall | 8 | Van Seigling | \$10 Gift Certificate/Custom-Cast |
| | Ancient Miniatures | Guild Hall | 16 | Tony Adams/MMHS | 2 Trophies — win & lose |
| | D&D Miniatures* | Guild Hall | 32 | Len Lakofka | Engraved Cup + TD sub to best loser |
| 11:30 | SEMINAR * FRITZ LEIBER ON SOS | Up. Guild Hall | open | — | — |
| 1:00 P.M. | LUNCH BREAK | | | | |
| 1:45 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 2:00 | TOURNAMENTS RESUME | | | | |
| | 1:2400 Naval Miniatures (Victory at Sea) | Guild Hall | 12 | Joe Fischer/SLWGA | \$10 Gift Certificate/Custom-Cast |
| | Lankhmar** (TSR) | Up. Guild Hall | 16 | Rob Kuntz/LGTSA | \$15 Gift Certificate/TSR |
| | EPT Adventures | Up. Guild Hall | 12 | Prof. M.A.R. Barker/Bill Hoyt | \$10 Gift Certificate/Old Guard |
| 3:30 | Ancient Miniatures | Main Hall | 12 | Dave Bednarek/MWA | \$10 Gift Certificate/MiniFigs |
| 6:00 | DINNER BREAK | | | | |
| 7:00 | TOURNAMENTS RESUME | | | | |
| | VISUAL D&D | Up. Guild Hall 6 + Spectators | — | Jim Erdman & Joe Fischer/SLWGA | SPI Game |
| 8:30 | MOVIES | Main Hall | — | Jeff Perren, Royal Hobby | — |
| 11:00 | CONVENTION CLOSES UNTIL SATURDAY | | | | |

* Additional game rounds will continue throughout convention

** Tournament has a second round that day

† Rules by L. Lakofka as published in THE DRAGON, June 1976.

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST: DOOR OPENS AT 7:15 A.M.

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | NUMBER OF PLAYERS | JUDGE & SPONSOR | PRIZE |
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| 7:15 A.M. | F.I.T.S. "Dawn Patrol" Sign-Up | Door | — | — | — |
| 7:30 | "Dawn Patrol" Game | Main Hall | 16 | Harry Hohman/F.I.T.S. Society | \$10 Gift Certificate + 1 yr. sub. to LITTLE WARS/TSR |
| 8:30 | AUCTION | Courtyard | — | Tom Wham, Auctioneer | — |
| 9:15 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 9:30 | TOURNAMENTS BEGIN Kingmaker* D&D Adventures* | East Wing & Courtyard | 100 | Bob Blake | Five \$10 Gift Certificates/TSR |
| | WW II Miniatures (Modified WRG) | Main Hall | 12 | Mike Reese | \$10 Gift Certificate/Royal Guardsmen |
| | Napoleonics (Modified FRAPPE) | Main Hall | 20 | Ray Johnson | Trophy + loser |
| | AWI Miniatures | Main Hall | 10 | Dick Zimmermann/MWA | \$10 Gift Certificate/Custom Cast |
| | WW II Naval Miniatures** (Fletcher Pratt) | Guild Hall | 16 | Dan Dorsey/CANWA | \$15 Gift Certificate from Dorsey Models |
| 9 10:00 | SEMINAR * Professor M.A.R. BARKER ON EPT/TEKUMEL | Up. Guild Hall | open | /TSR | — |
| NOON | LUNCH BREAK | | | | |
| 12:45 P.M. | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 1:00 | TOURNAMENTS RESUME | | | | |
| | 7 Years War | Main Hall | 12 | Ken Bunger | \$10 Gift Certificate/MiniFigs |
| | AWI Miniatures — Bunker Hill | Main Hall | 12 | Jim Lurvey | \$10 Gift Certificate/MiniFigs |
| | WW II Air Miniatures (Air Power) | Guild Hall | 12 | Tony Adams/MMHS | \$10 Gift Certificate/TSR |
| | EPT Miniatures | Up. Guild Hall | 8 | Gary Rudolph & M.A.R. Barker | 1 yr. sub. to THE DRAGON |
| 3:15 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 3:30 | TOURNAMENTS BEGIN | | | | |
| | WW II Miniatures (Modified WRG) | Main Hall | 12 | Mike Reese | \$10 Gift Certificate/TSR |
| | Medieval Miniatures, Vikings-Saxons (Modified CHAINMAIL) | Guild Hall | 12 | Tim Kask/TSR | 1 yr. sub. to LITTLE WARS |
| | AWI Miniatures** | Main Hall | 8 | Van Seigling | 1 yr. sub. to LITTLE WARS |

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| 6:00 | DINNER BREAK | | | | |
| 6:45 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 7:00 | TOURNAMENTS BEGIN | | | | |
| | Auto Racing — The | Guild Hall | 36 | Mike Carr & | \$15 Gift Certificate |
| | 4 Hours of Le Mans | | | Jim Barber | /TSR |
| | Dungeon! (TSR) | Up. Guild Hall | 36 | Dave Meggary/TSR | Engraved cup + |
| | | | | | TD sub. |
| | D&D Adventure | Up. Guild Hall | 12 | Gary Gygax/LGTSA | SPI Game |
| 8:30 | MOVIES | Main Hall | — | Jeff Perren, | |
| | | | | Royal Hobby | |

MIDNIGHT CONVENTION CLOSSES UNTIL SUNDAY

#A limited number of additional 1st round games will be started while later rounds are played by earlier entrants.

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST: DOOR OPENS AT 8:30 P.M.

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | NO. OF PLAYERS | JUDGE & SPONSOR | PRIZE |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9:00 A.M. | AUCTION | Courtyard | — | Tom Wham, Auctioneer | |
| 9:45 | TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| 10:00 | TOURNAMENTS BEGIN | | | | |
| | Zulu Skirmish | East Wing | 6 | Bill Protz/MWA | \$5 Gift Cert. |
| | Miniatures | | | | /Royal Guardsman |
| | Napoleonics | Main Hall | 20 | Ray Johnson | \$20 Gift Cert./TSR |
| | (Modified Frappe) | | | | |
| | WW II Naval Mins. | Main Hall | 12 | Randy Hoffa/C-in-C | Gift Certs from C-in-C |
| | ACW Miniatures | Main Hall | 12 | Ed Pauley | \$10 Gift Cert./Mini Figs |
| | (Blue-Light Manual) | | | | |
| | WW II Miniatures | Main Hall | 12 | Tom Conczal/M-WWA | \$10 Gift Cert./TSR |
| | (Tactics) | | | | |
| | WW II Air Minia- | Main Hall | 12 | Tony Adams | \$10 Gift Cert./TSR |
| | tures (Air Power) | | | | |

Program

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|--------------------|--|----------------|------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 10:15 | "Masters Tournament," Fight in the Skies | Courtyard | *** | F.I.T.S. Society | Trophy Cup/TSR |
| 12:15 P.M. 1:00 | LUNCH BREAK TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP | Door | — | — | — |
| | WW II Miniatures | East Wing | 12 | Dave Myers/MWA | \$10 Gift Cert. /Royal Guardsman |
| | "Boot Hill" Game (Boot Hill) | Guild Hall | 12 | Brian Blume/TSR | \$10 Gift Cert./Mini Figs |
| | Science Fiction Miniatures (Star Guard) | Guild Hall | 12 | John McEwan /McEwan Miniatures | \$20 in Gift Certificates from McEwan |
| | WW II Miniatures, 15mm Scale | Guild Hall | 12 | George Freeman /Custom Cast, Inc. | \$20 in Gift Certificates from Custom-Cast |
| | "Robin Hood" Game | Guild Hall | 12 | Terry Kuntz/TSR | \$10 Gift Cert. from TSR |
| 1:30 | SEMINAR * D&D — Arneson, Gygax & R. Kuntz | Up. Guild Hall | open | /TSR | |
| 3:30 | D&D "Blackmoor" Adventure | Up. Guild Hall | 12 | Dave Arneson/TSR | 1 Year Subscription to THE DRAGON |
| 4:45 | Award For Best Organized Unit | Main Hall | — | — | **** |
| 5:00 | Door Prize Drawing | Main Hall | — | Gene McCoy, Wargamer's Digest | \$25 Gift Certificate /Wargamers Digest |
| 6:00 | BEGIN CONVENTION TAKE- DOWN & CLEAN-UP | | | | |
| 7:00 | CONVENTION CLOSES FOR A ONE YEAR BREAK | | | | |

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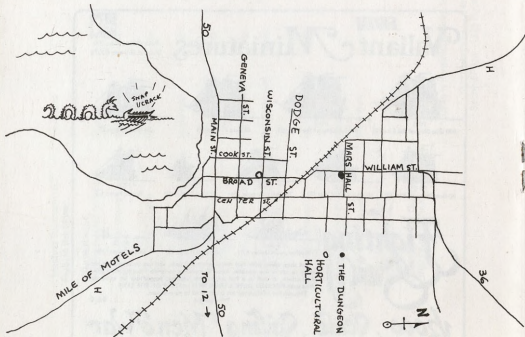
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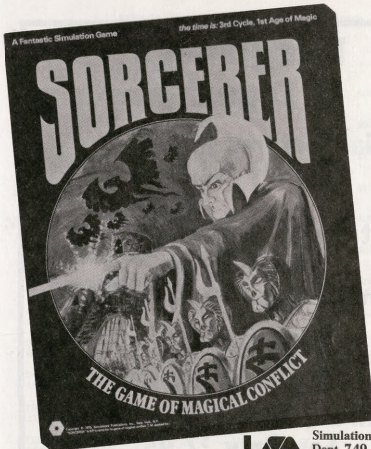


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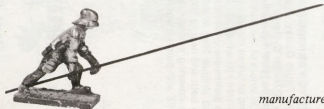


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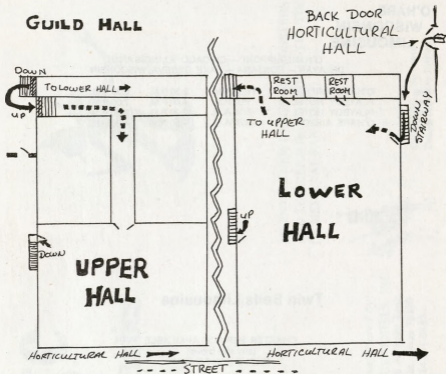
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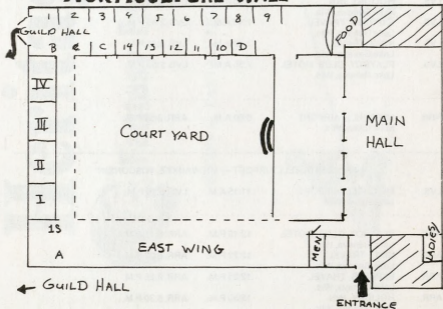
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