

DROP IN



DRINK UP



PLAY ON

RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WITH A [toggle] REGULAR

THIS MONTH:
Andrew Nerger



WHAT COLOR DO YOU PLAY?

YELLOW, WHITE, OR WHATEVER BLENDS IN BEST

WHAT GAME WILL YOU ALWAYS PLAY?

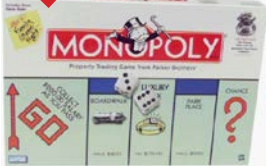
Every game has great decisions and is over in 20 minutes. Who wouldn't love that?



WHAT GAME WILL YOU NEVER PLAY!



WHAT GAME DO YOU REMEMBER PLAYING FIRST?



I'D LIKE TO BE: PEOPLE THINK I AM: BUT I AM REALLY:



IF YOU WERE A D&D CHARACTER, YOU WOULD BE...

BARD They turn invisible and play fight music!

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

- I broke up with a girl via text.
- I worked at a cemetery.
- I cough in my hands before I play games.



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UPCOMING [toggle] EVENTS



Tabletop Tuesdays

18 June, 25 June, 2 July, 9 July, 16 July
@ *Durty Nellie's*, 6pm-Midnight

Join us for our weekly game meetup in Palatine, chock-a-block full of fun games, great people, and tasty victuals. See Meetup or Facebook for more.



Signing Day! July 2 @ *Durty Nellie's*

While Independence Day is officially July 4th, the Declaration of Independence was actually signed on July 2nd. Make the most of this patriotic moment with red, white, blue attire and some games from our library. We suggest *Revolution!* or *Hanabi*. Or bring your own and join the fun.



THUNDERBIRDS, GOTW - July 9 @ *Durty Nellie's*

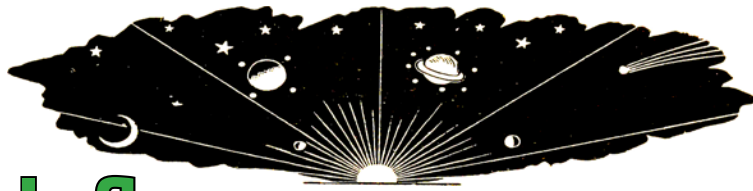
Thunderbirds follows the futuristic exploits of International Rescue, a secret organization committed to saving human life. Play the co-operative THUNDERBIRDS game on July 9th as our Game of the Week. 'Never give in, at any cost!'



SAVE THE DATE: [toggle]top Day

20 July 2019 @ *Durty Nellie's*, Times TBA
Join us for our twice-yearly all day tabletop event, where we have door prizes, tournaments, open gaming, and much more. See you there!

Have an event to add to the calendar?
Let us know: info@toggleGaming.com



Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



CANCER (June 21-July 22): If your path is blocked you can crash against its impediments like dice in *Roll for the Galaxy* against the table or you can course beyond them like the spheres of *Potion Explosion* slide past one another. Endeavor to flow-exist with that which stands in the path of your game life.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): The importance of the presence of Haba in the house of Gigamic cannot be overstated! The purchase or playing of games without wooden components is somewhere between ill advised and dangerous to you and all of those who share your game table.



LEO (July 23-August 22): The extreme proximity of Saturn will ignite your deepest gaming passions. There is no use in resisting Saturn's wise and powerful teaching hand. Play your favorite games and you will learn new lessons that will serve you well in your games for all the rest of the year.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): AQUARIANS BEWARE! The luminaries are void-of-course for you at this moment! I'm sure that I need say nothing more. Just organize your library, read some rule books, and wait to start new projects or make new purchases until Knizia has passed the meridian.



VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your need for everything to be 'just so' is your highest virtue and your deepest challenge. This is a month in which you should not push against this proclivity. While this will take some doing... and might ruffle some feathers, your rewards will be, well... rewarding.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): This is a time to embrace water in all of its aspects: swim, drink plenty of the vital element, and play water themed games. *Survive!! Escape from Atlantis, Waterworks, Forbidden Island* will slake your spiritual, intellectual, and social thirst if you do so this month.



LIBRA (September 23-October 22): This is a month of one-for-one. Play one German-style game, then play an Ameritrash dicefest. Buy a game, then sell a game. Win a game, then lose a game. Sometimes harmony can be a bit of a bummer, or it can provide a bracing, meditative quality: the choice is yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are not shy, you are not uncertain, make no pretence until the next new moon. They may say you're quarterbacking, they may say you're being bossy, they may say you are a pain in the neck, they may call you a big jerk... Wait! Why are you playing games with these people?!



SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): As the summer solstice draws nearer to you so too should you draw nearer to yourself your dearest friends to help you fare the seasonal transition. Consider hosting a game night with trusted friends and loved ones, starting a new legacy game, or both to assure a smooth passage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Many forget that the nature of the bull is to seek peace. They do so at the cost of their gaming success. As we enter Cancer you will become the ultimate partner for team, semi co-op, and full co-op games. Listen for seekers, seek partners, and find both success and inner peace.

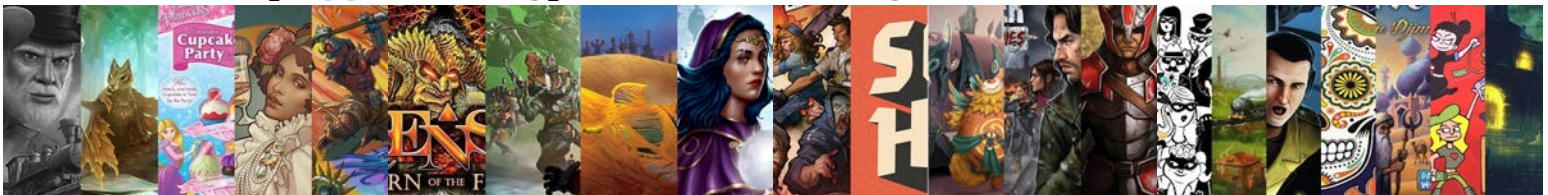


SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): If the orb of Neptune is on your natal chart Saturn's presence in the night sky means that the wise Sagittarians will avoid games created by European designers in the first half of this month as the conjunction invites confusion and frustration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Much of life seems like unfounded, baseless, untested, repetitive nonsense, let your chart be your guide! The stars implore you to seek Cancers and Capricorns who are looking to teach unfamiliar games and let them guide you to new pastures that could prove to be quite fertile.



Last month at [toggle Gaming], we played these games and more!



A [toggle] Tale

Stories from our community

I found toggle in March of 2015. A few months before I had lost a job I loved just weeks after getting it. This, combined with my depression and a small social circle, left me in a pretty bad place.

I came across Wil Wheaton's *Table Top* and loved the show. I decided there must be people in the Chicago area that play these games, so I Googled it. I first found a couple groups that said they met at people homes or at small places which I did not feel comfortable going to. Then I came across [toggle] and decided to go.

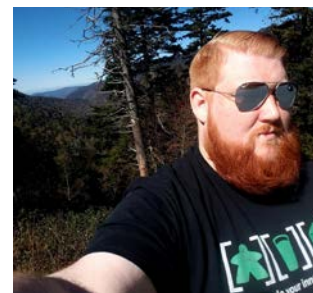
I drove over and sat in my car, working up the courage to go in. I found my way through the band room at Nellie's and to the old Smith Street Station area where [toggle] was that week. I awkwardly stood by a pillar, pretending to look at my phone, too scared to approach anyone.

However it didn't take long for a kind lady named Jackie to ask if I wanted to join her and some others in a game.

Since that night [toggle] has absolutely changed my life and I truly believe it saved my life. I now have a social circle of friends, and a community that accepts me.

I am very grateful that I now get to help make [toggle] continue to be a open, welcoming environment for all. I love being able to give back to the community that has given me so much.

-Scott Totzke



Join the [toggle] Tour!

Taking a trip this summer? Get a picture in your [toggle Gaming] gear! Then share it on social media or send it to us at info@toggleGaming.com.



Alan Greenberg is at Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun. Visual Storyteller · March 8 · Playa del Carmen, Mexico

[Toggle] tour reporting in from Mexico. One of the reasons we chose THIS resort was they advertised Board Games as an activity. Here's what I found!



Mar 8,

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Library Spotlight

Skelit's Revenge is the most feared ship on the high seas. The deadly Captain Fromm and his skeleton crew have amassed a massive treasure, and now is your chance to take it all. Players take on the role of pirates boarding Skelit's Revenge to take the loot. They must battle the flames, the skeleton crew, and their own fatigue if they hope to make it out alive!



In *Dead Men Tell No Tales* from prolific designer Kane Klenko (*Covert*, *Flipships*, *FUSE*), you and the other scurvy dogs leap aboard the ill-fated ship, fighting your way through the undead with flames licking at your heels. The game uses an unique action-sharing cooperative system and several novel mechanisms. Its modular board makes each play different.

After the recent, untimely passing of Minion Games' founder, James Mathe, it seems like a perfect time to pull out the [toggle] library's copy of *Dead Men Tell No Tales*. Why not set it up next week?

THE RIDDLE BOX

LINKEE PUZZLE

In a Linkee puzzle, you start by answering four questions. These answers "link" to one another through a category. Find the category and you've found the answer to the puzzle!

QUESTION 1:

In this hobby board game classic, players are colonial governors, taking turns selecting roles that provide goods, accumulate money, and trade with Europe.

QUESTION 2:

In the silly competitive card game *Get Bit*, players work hard to stay ahead of their friends, lest they lose a limb to one of these creatures, chasing them menacingly.

QUESTION 3:

Find a synonym for the second game in AEG's transportation trilogy. (The first and third games are *Trains* and *Automobiles*).

QUESTION 4:

After Richard Garfield made his family-weight Kaiju game set in Japan, he made a more complex sequel set in this U.S. city.

Email the answer to info@toggleGaming.com

SHOUT OUT!



Movie and television tie-in board games have long been a poor bet. But the last decade or so has seen the quality of such games rising. When you see a tie-in game coming out, like this month's *JAWS* game from Ravensburger, how do you judge whether it's worth your time?

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A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

The Nellie's kitchen is open for business and the food is great! We hope you'll be able to make it out to Tabletop Tuesday, and that you've set your calendar for [toggle] top Day on July 20th. We have some great stuff in store for you -- keep an eye on the Facebook group and on our webpage.

These summer months take many of us outside, and that means all-weather gaming. From the plastic cards of Happy Salmon to the bakelite tiles of Hive, to the sturdy wood pieces of Quarto, some games are just made to be played outdoors. Which favorites will you bring out in this lovely weather?

Let us know by emailing info@toggleGaming.com or speaking to one of the organizers next time you attend an event. In the meantime, **Drop in, Drink up, and Play on!**

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