



## RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WITH A [toggle] REGULAR

THIS MONTH:  
**Sean Conroy**



WHAT COLOR DO YOU USUALLY PLAY?

**BLACK.**  
ALL DAY. EVERYTHING.

FIRST GAME YOU RECALL PLAYING?

MY GRANDMOTHER AND I BONDED OVER GAMES OF CHECKERS. WE PLAYED IN TOURNAMENTS AND SHE NEVER THREW THE GAME.

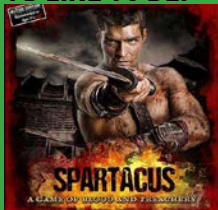
WHAT'S A GAME YOU WANT TO TRY?



If you were a D&D character, what would you be?

**DROW BARD**  
Nihilistic, Sarcastic, Charismatic, Lethal

I'D LIKE TO BE:



PEOPLE THINK I AM:



BUT I AM REALLY:



A GAME YOU NEVER WANT TO PLAY AGAIN?

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE



-I've been diagnosed with OCD  
-I've played 7 Wonders vs Antoine Bauza, Wil Wheaton, Rodney Smith  
-I have been a regular since the 2nd meeting of [toggle Gaming].

## A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

With the cold weather bringing Thor's hammer down on us, we are looking forward to some warm and toasty treats from Nellie's new kitchen. In the meantime, join us for a great Pot Luck at the Legion on the 19th, then for great games throughout the month.

We're also looking to amplify our welcome efforts, to build on our recent influx of new folks from Meetup, and to continue the momentum established at the Newcomer event on November 12th. If you see someone with that "new [toggler]" look on their face, say hello.

And if you'd like to help with this welcoming in a bit more formal way, reach out to [info@togglegaming.com](mailto:info@togglegaming.com). We'd love your help.

See you on Tuesday.

**And [toggle] your inner geek!**



Percy the Penguin's

## [toggle] Tips



Dear Percy,  
I like heavy euros, and most of my friends like medium-weight Ameritrash. Is it okay that I feel superior to them, or do I have to find a better class of friends?

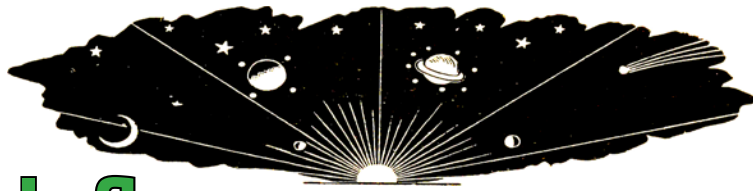
- Food Chain Magnate Fan

Dear Foodie,

Some of us are gluttons for punishment. We love the brain burn of unforgiving mechanisms and cruel economic engines. Other people get different kinds of pleasure from their games, occasionally enjoying stories or laughter from their gaming experiences. The fools.



But good friends are hard to find. Sure, they delight in rolling to resolve or using--shudder--*dexterity* mechanisms, but they also cheer when you arrive, fetch refills for you when they go to the bar, and look forward to next time they see you. So let go of your superiority complex and enjoy the ride. You already have the best class of friends.



# Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** Take the time you need to find the right moment. This is less simple than it seems, as first you need to know what it is that is right. You need truth, you need knowledge, you need community. So search the FAQ, read the rules, gather your pals and plan a game night.



**CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19):** Helping is the best way to be helped. Help a stranger and you might gain a friend, help a friend and your bond will be strengthened. You might inspire in others the help that you one day need. Just don't forget to get a second helping of mashed potatoes come the 28th!



**AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18):** An open heart is a gift to the world... your gift to the world. An open heart is also a risk, a risk of being betrayed. Guard your gift. Care for your heart. Let the wisdom gained from previous experience guide you. Don't fall for a known bluffer's bluff in social deduction games.



**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** Never let it be said that you are unable to move between two worlds while being fully grounded in both. You hunger for solitude and revel in company, you patiently wait then act in a flash, and you seamlessly play games with maximum aggression and mindful defence. Duality embodied.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keres are an ancient force, sisters The Fates. Malevolent cousins of the Valkyries. Only The Fates know what awaits us at the end of this life, the path of wisdom is leading a worthy life in the meantime. Grant this clarity to your opponents' pieces by ending their journey... often.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Signs of the zodiac are overseen by their Planetary Rulers--yours is Venus. As we bid farewell to another Autumn and usher in another Winter with its Solstice, your paths converge. Play tranquil games and games set on or about about Venus and reap her celestial blessing in reward.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Gamewright is ascendant at this moment and with Daviau in the House of Megableu this is an excellent time to lay the groundwork for the tranquility that Taurus desires above all else. Meditate, eat mindfully, focus your thoughts on the positive, and crush your foes into the dust.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It is a time of community and togetherness; friends and family come together to eat and make merry. Don't be afraid of joining in! Lift your fork, clink your glass, join the game, or lift your voice in song. At the same time, allow yourself to be alone if you need that.



**LEO (July 23-August 22):** Vengeance is rightfully yours. While your friends are dear to you, you have a less than perfect win/loss record against them and it is time for redress. Make a plan, host a game, and spring your trap. They need to see your eyes as you bring things back into balance.



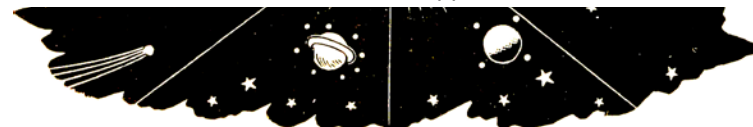
**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** If you are on the cusp of Libra you will be well served by avoiding those born under the signs of Cancer and Capricorn and strangers who have aquatic animals tattooed on their arms. They will lead you into exciting but fruitless distractions at best. The rest of Virgo, just chill.



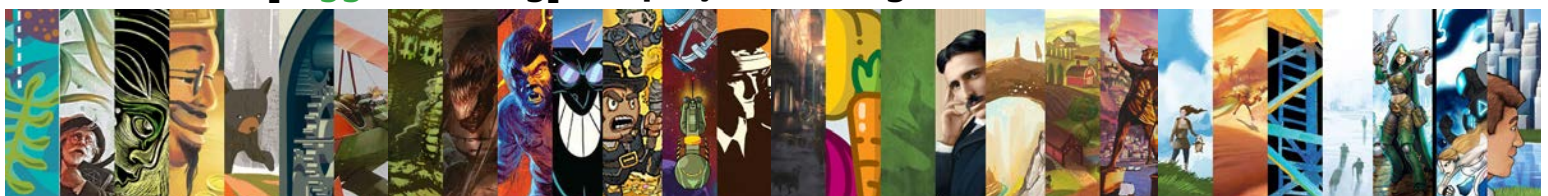
**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** New. New, is your keyword for this month Libra. Try things that you have been curious about but anxious to attempt, create something new that you can share with loved ones or set them aside to enjoy on a rainy day. Some of these new experiences will be added to your daily routine.



**SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):** Giving of thanks is the spirit of the season. Your power and passion can make the manifestation of thanks into a powerful tide. The things for which you are most grateful are delicate and need support and nurturance. Your wit and wile can make a ripple into a wave into a flood.



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



October Box Art Boogie: 1. Forbidden Desert; 2. Roll Player; 3. Clank!; 4. Five Tribes; 5. Century: Spice Road; 6. Camel Up!; 7. Splendor; 8. Tapestry



# Join the [toggle] Tour!

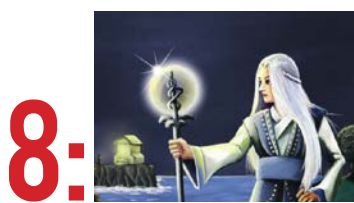
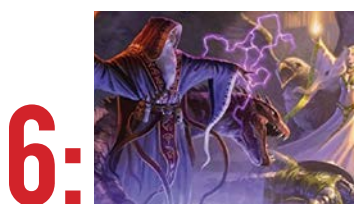
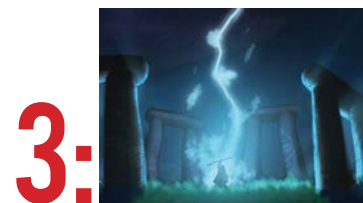
Taking a trip? Get a picture in your [toggle Gaming] gear! Post it online or send it to us at [info@togglegaming.com](mailto:info@togglegaming.com).



Clockwise from upper left: Alan Greenburg, Michael Inkmann, David Fish

## BOX ART BOOGIE:

Identify the games by a piece of their box art



# Library Spotlight

With over 400 titles in our game library, there are lots of amazing games to try. Here's one to check out!

## PATCHWORK

Design: Uwe Rosenberg; Art: Klemens Franz; 2014

Autumn is here, and with it comes chilly weather. It's the time of chilled noses and falling leaves. Now you really need to cuddle up beneath a nice blanket and sip some hot cocoa. And you want a game to go with that cuddly attitude.



*Patchwork* is that game.

In *Patchwork*, you and a friend make quilts using pieces you take from a shared market. This two-player strategy game stitches a few simple rules into a game that isn't too hard but has a decent amount of depth. On your turn, you choose one of a couple polyomino tiles (like the shapes in TETRIS) and add it to your quilt. You might collect some buttons as you do so, and you will fill your quilt board with lovely patterns and earn lots of points.

If these tiles seem familiar, it might be because *Patchwork* is the first of several games legendary designer Uwe Rosenberg has released that experiment with polyomino tiles as a core part of their gameplay. If you want to try more, consider his polyomino trilogy, *Cottage Garden*, *Indian Summer*, and *Spring Meadow*. Or if you want something even meatier, you can get your fill with the amazing *A Feast for Odin*.

The whole thing takes about 30 minutes to play, and gives a satisfying experience. It's great as a quick filler before your longer game session begins, or as an apartif at the end of the night. Either way, you can't go wrong with this puzzly little delight.

Which game in the [toggle Gaming] library do you think needs more love? Be the change you want to see! Send us a 300-word piece telling others why it's so great, and we will likely run it in a future edition of THE [tOGGLE] TIMES. Send it to [brendan@togglegaming.com](mailto:brendan@togglegaming.com)

Paul Luri wasn't on the PRICE IS RIGHT. Neal's last name is STACK, not SLACK.

# November-December calendar

## UPCOMING at [toggle Gaming]



### Potluck at Tabletop Tuesday

19 November @ American Legion 690, 6pm-11pm

We are at the Legion tonight, so bring games and food to share! Give thanks for friends, comradery, and the food fellow [toggler] brought.



**FEATURED GAME OF THE WEEK:** Expanscity



### Turkeytop Tuesday

26 November @ Durty Nellie's, 6pm - Midnight

Give thanks for your [toggle] friends! Take a moment to thank our bartenders and hosts for all they do for us all year.



### Tabletop Tuesday

3 December @ Durty Nellie's, 6pm - Midnight

Join us for the usual shenanigans at your favorite game night. Start off the holiday season with games, food, drink, and friends.



**FEATURED GAME OF THE WEEK:** Flapjacks & Sasquatches



### Tabletop Tuesday

10 December @ Durty Nellie's, 6pm - Midnight

When the cold wind blows, it's time to come to Nellie's for game night! Bring your warm personality to the table for some good gaming.



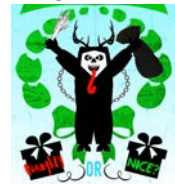
**FEATURED GAME OF THE WEEK:** The Networks



### [toggle] Winter Holiday party

17 December @ Durty Nellie's, 6pm - Midnight

Celebrate the winter holidays with [toggle]! Join us for a gift swap, holiday-themed games, and more. Time to eat, drink, and be merry!



## Mark Your Calendars!



### No Tabletop Tuesday 24 Dec or 31 Dec

Because of the holiday season, [toggle Gaming] will be taking 2 weeks off. See you on January 7th!

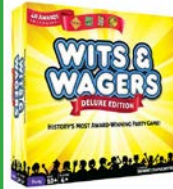


## [toggle Game Day]

Saturday, 18 January 2020

Join us at Nellie's for our annual winter gaming extravaganza.

Suggest events for the calendar to us: [andrewn@toggleGaming.com](mailto:andrewn@toggleGaming.com)



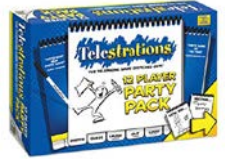
## NEED SOME GAMES TO PLAY AT THANKSGIVING WITH CASUAL GAMERS? TRY THESE!

**WITS AND WAGERS:** Fun trivia game where it doesn't matter how much you know! (6 teams)

**POINT SALAD:** Set collection made easy. Great appetizer. (2-6)

**INCAN GOLD:** Accessible, easy push your luck game. (2-8)

**TELESTRATIONS PARTY:** Board game version of telephone. Laughter in a box. (3-12)



## FLGS SHOUT OUT

(FRIENDLY LOCAL GAME STORE)

## FAIR GAME - LA GRANGE

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