

RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WITH A [toggle] REGULAR

**THIS MONTH:
Lori Kugler**



FIRST GAME YOU PLAYED AT [toggle]?



CHOOSE YOUR COLOR

RED!
It's bold, like me.

WHAT'S A GAME YOU ALWAYS WANT TO PLAY?



WHAT'S A GAME YOU WILL NEVER PLAY AGAIN?



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

BRAWLER
Anything big and burly, but lawful good because I'm a goody two shoes.

AMERITRASH, EURO, OR PARTY GAME?

PARTY!
(I WISH IT WERE EURO)

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

- 1) I'm a Tax analyst for a vehicle company.
- 2) I'm a beer drinker and love drinking IPAs.
- 3) I'm an OG toggle member.

A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

Coming at you from my home computer, bouncing across the Internet like Loopin' Chewie, it's the [toggle] TIMES newsletter!

As we all figure out how to game at home and keep in touch, your pals at [toggle Gaming] are right by your side. In this issue, we continue business as usual, highlight some of the ways you can game even when you can't get together to game, and generally enjoy this hobby we share.

For next month, send us your "tales from home," reflecting on how you play games right now and what games are hitting your tables (digital or real-life). Write about 100 words and send them to brendan@togglegaming.com

See you soon(ish)!
[toggle] your inner geek!



Percy the Penguin's [toggle] Tips



Dear Percy,
What plays better, painted minis or unpainted minis?

Sincerely, Brush Fiend



Dear Brush Fiend,

This is an apt question for these difficult times! As I dust off some of the more neglected games in my collection, I find myself scowling at the dull gray minis I've left unpainted all these years. They taunt me with their poor definition and themelessness. So at first blush, the answer must be that painted minis are the best to play with.

But we mustn't forget the emotional energy we invest in our minis. What happens when a clumsy pal chips your Blood Rage Berserker or a malicious kitty sends your Kingdom Death Monster White Lion flying off the table? Can we cling to our precious sanity in the face of such terrors?

It's a decision we must each make for ourselves. Happy gaiming!
-- Percy



Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is in the nature of the bull to seek tranquility. This is an ideal time to stay home and take solace in the warmth found playing games in the bosom of your family and the company of your friends. (Whether that warmth is conveyed in person or otherwise.)



GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your issue in life has usually been a lack of time. Now that time is in plentiful supply, you find that focus is what you are wanting. Your natural diversity of interest must be kept in check if you seek spiritual growth as you weather these times. (Or get better at that new euro.)



CANCER (June 21-July 22): With Daviau ascendant in Leacock now is the time to use your natural ability to intuit and adapt to new environments and situations to your greatest advantage! Take the games that you have and tweak them to work in your new gaming environment. You can do it!



LEO (July 23-August 22): You are willing to be the center of attention. While it is an unavoidable truth that attention has shifted... that doesn't mean that you deserve the focus any less. Host remote plays, stream your plays, perhaps consider creating a formal presence to which others may flock.



VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your methodical pursuit of refinement and improvement has been the lens through which you have seen the world as long as you can recall. Now you can settle in, collect your thoughts, get your mies all en place, and take on that big project and get it done... just so.



LIBRA (September 23-October 22): The voice in your head whispers, "Everything should be in its place." And in these times you could say that to some extent they, or we, are. Each in their own place. But... this has broken this world's sweet equilibrium. Allow yourself to mourn, then regroup and restore!



SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Your emotions are your paints, passion is your palate, and power your paintbrush. It is possible that your current situation could leave you inclined to paint a canvas in muted tones. But if you take a moment with a favorite game and gamers your outlook will become brighter.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Your passionate quest for knowledge has either brought a full stop for the time being or it has been put into overdrive. Remember that what this actually is is up to you to discover, determine, or decide. There are new games in new formats that are calling to you if you will listen.



CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You happily take it or leave it. You will merrily stay or you can just as merrily go. You are content to play or watch. This bodes well for you in these uncertain waters. Stay flexible and ready to play whatever with whoever... and you may prove to be a life preserver to others.



AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): You will often hear that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, not to be immodest, but you know that you disprove that. You draw energy from the giving of your energy. You may have to find new conduits for your energy, but don't mistake that for your energy not being needed!



PISCES (February 19-March 20): Your life is marked by duality. You have spent all of yours walking with one foot in reality and one in your dreams. Use your experience to help those who are adrift in this apparent monotony. Teach them how their minds are not confined by the same four walls that their bodies are.



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let these whiny babies use a little disruption as an excuse for not playing games. Don't let the sheep tug at your heartstrings seeking mercy just because things are a bit off kilter. Let the beatings that you deliver at the game table be their constant in a shifting world.



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



March Box Art Boogie: 1. Twilight Struggle; 2. Twilight Imperium; 3. Terraforming Mars; 4. Great Western Trail; 5. Through the Ages; 6. Brass: Birmingham; 7. Gloomhaven; 8. Star Wars Rebellion

The Stalker

Highlights from [toggle Gaming] on Facebook



Jeff Nansen
@jessie_kaynansen · April 2 at 9:26 AM
How family made game has a home. Costa hoop day.



Artemy Shal
· April 4 at 11:17 AM
During these slow times I have continued to do more steps of getting...
Completed early with new step but new game almost done. Written game with...
Morgan and I have also had to do final game piece. Also had a chance...
to make and play the Techno Republic with the necessary which was a...
little.



Wesley Johnny Bunkers & with Lori Wagner
· April 11 at 10:53 PM
Trying out the chess speaker expansion



Chris...
· April 6 at 10:10 PM
Dinner...
Dinner...
Dinner...



Blake Harvey
· April 22 at 1:11 PM
As I finish with the Zombi... the game should say sorry for me.



Wylie Zom World's End
· Admin · April 19 at 7:16 AM
Hi everyone! Come watch Rob and I be weird-as and support our...
COMMUNITY
zombikittie - Twitch
NO TALK TO POSTER WITH SCRAPPLY GAMES!



BOX ART BOOGIE:

Identify the games by a piece of their box art

1:



2:



3:



4:



5:



6:



7:



8:



Library Spotlight

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

THE ARCHIVE ARCHIVE

In lieu of a library spotlight this month, we present to you a brief history of the [toggle Gaming] game library.



When Andrew and Kevin, the founders of [toggle Gaming], started the club, they seeded the library with games from their collections. When the group settled into meeting at Durty Nellie's every week, they also made an arrangement to keep the collection at the restaurant.

In those early years, Andrew, Kevin (and often Scott) would bring the games out and display them on tables each week. A couple years ago, the founders made a big leap forward when they presented the club with the custom-built rolling game cabinets we use today.

When Durty Nellie's caught fire in early 2018, things were scary. Fortunately, all our friends working at Nellie's escaped injury, and the library emerged unscathed. During the reconstruction period, our members created a weekly ad-hoc library for our Legion meetups. The offerings were a bit more lean, but we always had enough games to play.

Since returning to Nellie's, we have continued to grow and expand our outreach, developing relationships with local stores and national publishers (like XYZ Game Labs). Andrew and Kevin have retrieved many of their games and we've filled in those gaps with games belonging to the club. This process has accelerated in the last few years due to our ongoing fundraiser and donation requests, many organized by Alan Greenberg.

Today, the [toggle Gaming] library rests patiently in the basement at Durty Nellie's just as it did after the fire. The games, like your friends, can't wait to see you again.

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@toglegaming.com

Scott Totzke has not been kicked out of Disney World... yet.

Keep gaming with your [toggle] pals!

Just because we aren't meeting in person doesn't mean we can't game together! Here are some tips and tools your fellow [toggle] gamers have been using to keep in prime gaming form.



- **[toggle Gaming] Online LIVE** - each Tuesday, we've been hosting live plays through online services like FACEBOOK LIVE and ZOOM. (See below)
- **[toggle Gaming] Discord** - Discord is an online chat system that makes it easy to arrange games and chat while you play. <http://tiny.cc/togglediscord>
- **Online play** - Several platforms for online play are cheap or free to use. Check out Tabletop Simulator, Tabletopia, and standalone apps for your favorite games. Combined with Discord, it's almost like being at Nellie's (loaded tater tots not included).
- **Remote play** - Using an online chat service like Zoom or Google Hangouts, set up a play with family and friends. It takes planning, but it's fun!

Need more ideas? Our Facebook "community" members have been sharing lots of great approaches.

TABLETOP TUESDAY... ONLINE?!

Missing our usual Tuesday night meetups? Join us online for live plays each week. We start at 7pm and go for about an hour. Details available on the Facebook community page, on our website, or through our email list. Visit togglegaming.com for more details.



DID YOU KNOW?

[toggle Gaming] has a website?

We post pictures and announcements and keep records of our shenanigans at togglegaming.com

[toggle Gaming] has an email list?

Sign up at Tabletop Tuesday or on our website.

[toggle Gaming] is volunteer led?

We operate on donations and volunteer power. To get involved, email info@togglegaming.com or ask at Tabletop Tuesday. Many hands make light work!



This quarantine has been pretty hard on local game stores, but they're persevering. Some are running online D&D sessions, doing home delivery or curbside pickup, and finding other ways to deliver games and gaming to you. If your local store is still providing services, consider reaching out to see what you can do to help them. Of course, stay safe and within the rules. (We all know how to follow rules, eh?)

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