



EU MASTERS Champions Tournament CON



21ST – 22ND MAY 2016





EVENT DESCRIPTION

The **EU Masters Champions Tournament Con** is the finale of the **EU Masters Series** that took place across Europe in 2015. The EU Masters Series involved 1,000 Warmachine/Hordes players playing in specific National Masters events. The winners are meeting in Brno to crown the **WARMACHINE CHAMPION OF EUROPE!**

Hosting what is probably the most competitive group of Warmachine players ever assembled in Europe makes for a prestigious event, but why not make it better?! Along with the Champions Tournament we have **Doug**

Hamilton flying over from the **Privateer Press** studio to demonstrate his art and to give attendees a "peak behind the curtain". There are additional gaming events and the Paint & Drink Challenge, as well as socializing at the Friday night Beers & Gears and the Sunday BBQ Pork Party.

Justin McAuley and **Ben Shaw** from **Beasts of War** will be on site providing their entertaining style of high-quality media coverage for those who can not attend the event.

GUEST OF HONOR

Doug HAMILTON



I've been a digital sculptor for Privateer Press since January of 2013 after interviewing with the company at WARMACHINE Weekend in my hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. I was immediately thrown into the fire and assigned to work on the upcoming release, Convergence of Cyriss, where my first WARMACHINE sculpt would be the warcaster Aurora, Numen of Aerogenesis. Since then, I've had the opportunity to work on numerous sculpts for a variety of our HORDES and WARMACHINE factions and to dramatically improve my skills by working with many of the finest names in the industry.

Working as a studio sculptor has allowed me to pour my love and passion for the Iron Kingdoms into the sculpts I develop, and I gain the added benefit of being able to use those sculpts when I play games at stores and conventions. Walking into a room full of gamers



using models that I worked on is an amazing feeling, and discussing models, painting, and epic battles with fellow gamers is always a great experience for me.

I have never been to Europe, so this opportunity to visit is very exciting for me, made even more so by attending an event such as the EU Masters Championship Tournament Con. The chance to meet and hang out with such a diverse group of people from places I've only read about or seen pictures of is humbling, especially knowing that the games we create at Privateer Press help bring them all together.

I look forward to learning more about the Czech Republic-its people, its culture, its history. I am very excited to experience all of this firsthand, and I've even already started a list of what I must see!

ALSO APPEARING



Bob WATTS

Privateer Press EU



Started working full-time in the miniatures industry 41 years ago. Starting at the age of 16 as a laborer in the Grenadier Models factory (Advanced Dungeon & Dragons, Bat Man, Star Wars, etc.), back when the industry leaders were Avalon Hill and Heritage Models, eventually working his way up to General Manager and overseeing the expansion into Europe and across the world. Since then there have been stints as the President of Games Workshop North America (40K, Warhammer FB), Founder and President of Heartbreaker/Target (Warzone, DoomTrooper CCG), President of Ral Partha (Battletech, D&D miniatures), Vice-President of Wizards of the Coast/Hasbro (Magic: the Gathering, Pokemon CCG), Founder and CEO of Sabertooth Games (40K CCG, Lord of the Rings Collectible Miniatures Game) and now the owner of Cerberus Entertainment Ltd. (Privateer Press EU). Although holding top positions at some of the most prolific companies the industry, his most enjoyable experience has come in his latest "part time" role of EU Quarter Master working with the Press Gang and getting to meet many players in the Warmachine community.

BEASTS OF WAR

Exclusive Media Coverage



Justin McAuley and Ben Shaw from BEASTS of WAR will be providing the exclusive media coverage of the EU Masters Champions Tournament. Fans can follow their live blogs and video coverage of the event at www.beastsofwar.com

Jason ENOS

Head Judge



Has been wargaming since the 80s and picked up Warmachine when it was first available in the UK. Competitively had a few creditable results in large UK Warmachine events and made the WTC team for England (as well as having world champion titles in other systems). For the last few years one of the Privateer Press Judges, having worked almost every large Event in England and a few other countries. More recently appointed to overseeing event support from Cerberus for Europe. Likes Jaffa Cakes, Strawberry Milkshakes and World Peace.

Vladimir KOKOLIA

Czech Community Desperado



One of Czech WM/H Community formers and first CZ PG. Created popular Combo Strike Event label with his gang and then evolved to first Gaming & Social Hub co-founder. He loves to connect people by food. So we hope you'll enjoy his products and BBQ on EUMC.



TIMELINE & EVENT OVERVIEW

FRIDAY:

BEERS & GEARS

Pre-con party, casual games. No special challenges or games variants.

SATURDAY:

THE LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER

Open to non-Champions only, this will be a 16 player knock out event. Over 4 rounds one player will qualify to play in the finale of the EU Masters Champions Tournament on Sunday. This 50 points tournament will use the Masters pack with 2 lists and current ADR.

CHAMPIONS ARENA

We'll have 8 tables for Champions vs attendees (with 16 Champions we will rotate them at the tables). Attendees can sign in to play against the Champions, for rewards.

WARLOCK/WARCASTER ARENA

16 players – 4 rounds (choose 3 Casters/Warlocks and add models only from their WJ/WB points to form one big Battlegroup).

ACHIEVMENT HUNT

Players will hunt achievements in limited time (eg. 9 am - 6 pm). This hunt will include games against Champions, playing games of High Command, playing against a player from different county, etc... Prizes awarded to players with most points from challenges.

DOUG HAMILTON

Demo Workshop and Q&A #1

DRINK & PAINT CHALLENGE

Drink shot every time you clean your brush.

BBQ EVENING

nothing to say... just BBQ pork party.

SUNDAY:

DOUG HAMILTON

Demo Workshop and Q&A #2

EU MASTERS CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT

16 players – 4 rounds.

TWO 12 TO 16 PLAYER TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments will run alongside the EUMCT, head count will be determined by sign ups.

SCHEDULE FOR THE EUMCT & TWO TOURNAMENTS

08:45	Round 1 Draw announced
09:00	ROUND 1
11:15	ROUND 2
13:15	Lunch
14:00	ROUND 3
16:00	ROUND 4
18:00	Closing Ceremony

MORE FOOD & DRINKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY



NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONS

PANAGIOTIS IRONMANGR DEMIRIS

GREEK NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: About 2 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Winning the Greek Masters and the Quad Iron League.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Orestis Argiropoulos. Kasdovasilis Dimitris and Jeremy Lee.

What other games do you enjoy?: The Game of Thrones LCG.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am playing basketball and chilling with my wife.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: Play like you got a pair.

MATHIEU MOUSKAPET TAMAGNE

FRENCH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: 2 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Victory at French Masters.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Robin Maukisch in the final round at Iron Week 2016 in France, Emiliano Traversi (Team Captain WTC Italy1) and lots of French WTC Players each days.

What other games do you enjoy?: Magic.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am the Manager of board games shop.

CHRISTIAN H3M3 METZ

GERMAN NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Since the beginning, shortly after the first BattleGroup boxes arrived.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: German Masters 2014, where my Butcher 3 annihilated the entire almost Circle-Army in one round after losing his army completely for a close scenario win. And one of the OETCs, where my German team played the finals against an Australian team, which toured Warmachine-Europe for the first time, because for me it showed the beginning of a world full of Warmachine players getting closer.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: There are a lot of German players which make really tough opponents, but I really don't know and it really does not matter: I like to play everyone. But there is someone in my regular board game group who is playing really aggressive...

What other games do you enjoy?: Everything. I play alot P&P RPGs, tabletops and board games, normally all weekly. In tabletop, every game which I find entertaining/intriguing, like X-Wing, Guild Ball, Malifaux and others.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am studying or teaching Latin and Philosophy, or playing all the other things which are meant to be played.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: I will sound like an hypocrite, but have fun with the game ;)

ANDRZEJ ORKISH KASIEWICZ

POLISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Since MKI Apotheosis release, so it is almost 11 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Probably my biggest achievement was winning first at the WTC at 2013.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: On regular basis I clash with Tomek Tutaj and his mighty High Reclaimer, but one of the toughest opponent's I've met was Robin Maukisch from Germany. I've played against Robin at WTC 2014. It was one of the toughest and most rewarding game I could ever recall.

What other games do you enjoy?: MtG, Texas Hold'em, and Hearthstone.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am a sea and air freight specialist.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: I recommend other players try to treat their list as pair of Aces in Texas Hold'em (before a flop) and then apply the PP motto: "play like you've got a pair".

ALEXANDRE CHEVEU MAIFFRET

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: About 3 or 4 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Winning the Southern France Masters with Venethrax/Coven a couple years ago.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: ATP from Italy.

What other games do you enjoy?: Nothing tabletop wise, I've been playing Eve online for 10 years though.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am working :p

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: I'm happy to meet some players I don't know already and to check back with those I know. I can't wait ;)

ALASDAIR AL JOHNSTONE

U.K. NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: 5 years

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: My first Steamroller victory many moons ago and the ETC 2016.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Naming individuals is difficult as I've been fortunate enough to play a great number of excellent players from across the globe who have given me particularly close games. Three stupidly close games would be against Martin Hornacek, Matt Goligher and Will Pagani.

What other games do you enjoy?: Currently on a bit of an Infinity drive just now. Also looking into some game involving a gilded ball or something like that. Big board gamer as well.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am lamenting how proficiency with toy soldiers does not relate to financial success (if anything the opposite).

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: wubba lubba dub dub



NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONS

SASCHA MAISEL

NETHERLANDS NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: 2.5 years, by the time the EU Masters Champions Tournament will take place it might be 3 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Heavy Metal Dayz and Nordish Masters were huge. Winning NL Masters felt cool, because I did it with Legion, which I don't get to play too often :)

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Robin Maukisch, Martin Hornacek are in a league of their own.

Fraser McFettridge, Christian Metz, Daniel Hostert are always very hard to beat. Possibly Jakub Irzyk, though I have only played him once.

What other games do you enjoy?: Random assortment of board games and video games. Terra Mystica is great :)

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am: Actually, I don't get to compete in tournaments all that often, because my girlfriend is living about 3h-4h away from me. Taking weekends off is a tough ask, so most of my gaming time comes from playing in various clubs/stores on weekdays. I think the free VIP guest was a great offer to bring her along.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: No, not really. I like where the game is headed, everything's growing so fast. Lots of conventions/events all over the place, lot's of coverage, people streaming, podcasting, cultivating blogs etc. Some of the recent events I've been to (WTC in particular) almost felt like a major e-sports event, complete with fans and interviews and cameras.

CHRISTOFFER WEDDING

SWEDISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: About five years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Probably Danish and Swedish Masters (latter two years in a row). Biggest favorite is probably Swedish Masters 2014 that accidentally became 7 rounds and where I was list locked with pMorv vs eVayl in the final! Really cool game :D

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Excluding my Swedish sparring partners (which is wrong, but there are so many) I would like to point out Mikkel Ernst, Ben Leeper and Robin Maukisch as giving me very tough and exciting games.

What other games do you enjoy?: Except for WM/H I mostly enjoy board games, mostly ones with some depth. I have also dabbled in some Blood Bowl and Hearthstone.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am working as a civil engineer consultant. On my spare time, besides talking about games, I enjoy cooking and going out with friends to talk and grab some good beers.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: Keep enjoying the game and don't be afraid to experiment with out of the box lists.

BRYCE TOILET JOHNSTON

SCOTTISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Been playing Warmachine since about 2011

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: ETC 2014/2015.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Pat Dunford, Martin Hornacek, and Robin Maukisch.

What other games do you enjoy?: Guild Ball

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am generally drinking heavily. Course, I do that while competing in WM/H tournies too, so...

Anything else I'd like to say to the WM/H community?: Buy us a pint, eh? Cheers.

FLORIAN BREMSER, MR. HOTMAN HARTMAN

CZECH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Since about the release of Apotheosis.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: My favorite victory was at the Czech-Masters 2015 of course, followed by my two victories at the "Gramatneusieder Grab & Smash Invitational".

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: I had to call out so many names here because the European community is pretty awesome and I love to play against all of them!

What other games do you enjoy?: Destiny, Tarock and Resistance.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am not that grumpy ;)

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: Talk less, play more!

ROBIN ROBBY THE KID MAUKISCH

BELGIUM NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: 3 years in MK1 and 4 years in MK2, so 7 years combined.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: I would say German Masters 2012, because it was the first big event that I had won.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Haha, could be a long list but I will give you one name; Martin Hornacek.

What other games do you enjoy?: I like to play strategy games in general. I've played a lot of chess, but I also enjoy rts games like Starcraft for example.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am... Studying, hanging around with girls, sleeping, painting models, (in that order ;)

NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONS

ALESSANDRO MONTAGNANI

ITALIAN NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Since December 2013, so a bit more than 2 years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Italian Masters in 2015.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: The toughest was indeed Jakub Irzyk from Poland.

What other games do you enjoy?: I play Blood Bowl, board games and chess.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am a math student.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: I like very much team tournaments and hope I will win WTC with team Italy.

TATU PURHONEN

FINNISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: Since 2006, just as Apotheosis came out.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: WTC/OETC ones, as there is some special quality with team play, especially one for your country.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Many far and wide, there has been A LOT of nice and enjoyable opponents over the years, but I think I must elevate Mr. Minion, Rickard Nilsson for my nemesis nr.1. There's just something special between Swedes and the Finns, and they bring a good hard game along too. It has also been nice to get my butt beaten silly at times, it keeps a man humble, maybe some of my opponents someday will turn out to be winnable...

What other games do you enjoy?: Infinity mostly, for great miniatures and awesome terrain, it brings out some aspects that just don't exist in WM/H, but at the expense of game play. Having a pause from WM/H really made me appreciate the game more, with rules, game design and balance. There are always other small games too (Guildball, X-Wing etc.) that are nice distractions, but in the end WM/H is where my heart lies.

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I'm probably asleep or working, or trying to paint my 10,000 different projects...

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: Not really, us Finns aren't known for our talent at speaking. Just looking forward to some good quality gaming ahead.

MARTIN KING OF IRELAND HORNACEK

IRISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: A bit at the end of MK 1, then once the Hordes field test was done.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: All the victories are tied to some great memories making each special in its own way.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Dice.

What other games do you enjoy?: A bit of M:tG

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am being busy with that annoying thing called real life.

Anything else you would like to say to the WM/H community: Just keep underestimating Skorne. ;)

MIKKEL EGERN ERNST

DANISH NATIONAL MASTERS



How long have you been playing WM/H?: 2-3 Years.

What are your favorite WM/H tournament victories?: Won Nordisch Masters (64 ppl Masters in Northern Germany) after starting with the game / Khador 3 weeks in advance. With Zerkova in the pairing :) I had however played Mercenaries for about a year then - but quit the game for some months before I got a random invite to the tournament and decided to give it a go again.

Who have been some of your toughest opponents?: Of the people attending this tourney I think only Christoffer Wedding & Sascha Maisel.

What other games do you enjoy?: Had a history of WHFB and then I play computer games (rarely now though).

When I am not competing in WM/H tournaments, ... I am an Engineer (refrigeration plants for marine).



Unfortunately, due to their personal schedules, two Champions from the EU Masters Series were unable to compete in the Finals this year. **Enrique Lopez**, the winner of the Spanish Masters and **Matt Goligher**, the winner of the Welsh Masters are both fierce competitors and worthy champions, and their presense will be missed. **We hope to see both of them competing for the title in the future!**

VENUE



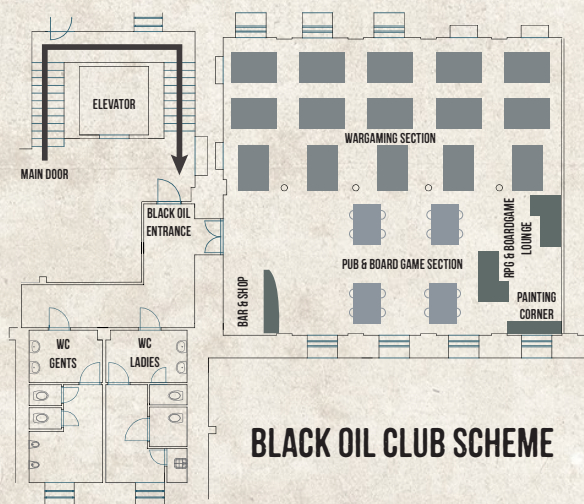
BLACK OIL

GAMING & SOCIAL HUB | CZECH REPUBLIC | BRNO

Black Oil was founded by Vladimír Kokolia, the original Czech Press Ganger, as a way to serve the existing Warmachine community with not only Privateer Press games and miniatures, but to also deliver great food and drink in a comfortable and social atmosphere.

With 15 permanent full sized tables complete with terrain, lockers, a pub and a retail section, Black Oil serves the entire gaming community, hosting tournaments and casual playing for ALL systems. On any given night there is also vibrant board game activity in the pub where guests enjoy a meal or drink, while playing one of the 70+ board games from Black Oil's free library.

Still only in its first year of business, players from across Europe have attended events at Black Oil, with many asking about the possibility of having a Black Oil Gaming & Social Hub in their area. Anyone interested in having an event at Black Oil should contact Vladimír.



BLACK OIL CLUB SCHEME