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TringCon XVI Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth Nr. Tring Buckinghamshire 5 April 2008 www.fwtwr.com/tringcon	Beer and Pretzels Burton Town Hall Burton-upon-Trent Staffordshire 17-18 May 2008 www.spiritgames.co.uk/bnpd etails.php	UK Games Expo The Clarendon Suites 2 Stirling Road Edgbaston Birmingham 30 May-1 June 2008 www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk
ManorCon XXVI Stamford Hall, University of Leicester 25th-28th July 2008 www.manorcon.org.uk	TringCon XVII Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth Nr. Tring Buckinghamshire 4 October 2008 www.fwtwr.com/tringcon	MidCon XXX (Probably) Thistle Birmingham City Hotel (Probably) 14-16 November 2008

APOLOGIES TO OXCON for printing the wrong dates for OxCon 2008 on the front cover of the last QLA. The dates shown above, and in the body of this issue, are correct.

MidCon XXIX Chairman's Report (Jeremy Tullett)

Last year we boldly asserted that MidCon was the UK's fastest growing UK games convention, and it is again with numbers up once more, to 142 registrations during the course of the weekend. This is the largest the convention has been since we amateurs took over from SFCP, and quite possibly for some time before that – and without a Diplomacy board in sight.

At its busiest (early afternoon Saturday), the Ariel and Wroxton Suites were looking distinctly cosy, and we are looking into hiring a syndicate room for next year where the second hand games sale can be held.

The impression of the committee was that things went more smoothly this year than has sometimes been the case, and feedback from those present supported our perception. (More detail of the feedback follows below.)

The real ale was moderately well supported, although the hotel didn't go out of their way to advertise it. Labelling the taps would have made it more obvious, for example. We arranged for three 80pt barrels of Brains to be supplied. The beer drinkers amongst you didn't quite finish it, so the convention had to pay for the undrunk portion. You are not trying hard enough, ladies and gents: I want it finished by Sunday lunchtime next year!

Paul Oakes bravely arranged for some MidCon T-Shirts to be produced, and we sold about a half of them. They are not dated, and will reappear next year. They are also available by mail order in various sizes for £15, post inclusive. Please contact the editor if you are interested.

There were no formal competitions held, but there were two quizzes. The MidCon music quiz on the Friday night (John Harrington), and the General Knowledge quiz on Saturday night (Dan Lester).

The results were:

MidCon Quiz.							
	Connections	5/4/3/2/1	Link Round	Music and TV	General Knowledge	Pictures	Total
Joy Unconfined	9	10	11	10	8	10	58
Where has all the Whiskey Gone?	10	11	10	7	7	10	55
Arkham Investigators	9	11	11	7.5	7	9	54.5
John, Geoff, Steve and Dave	9	9	10	4.5	6	7	46.5
Ian, Steve and Mike	9	11	4	6	6	9	45
Jeremy's Jiants	9	9	7	8	4	2	39

Pop Quiz				
	Oldies	Newies	TV Themes	Total
Team with No Name	16.5	9.5	20	46
State Your Name	14	13	18	45
HEC	8	15	18	41
PC Harrington	16	7.5	16	40.5

Joy Unconfined was: Chris Boote, Lee Edwards, John Boocock and Fiona Bones.

Team with No Name was Pete Birks, Peter Berlin and Simon Hayes. Certificates will be posted to members of the winning teams.

There will probably only be one quiz next year – Friday evening does not seem to be an attractive time for you to participate in quizzes.

For the second year MidCon ran a Bring & Buy stall that opened for two sessions on the Saturday afternoon. The registration of games for sale was subject to some delay prior to the first session, thanks mainly to Chris Dawe placing 50 or so of his games up for sale. Though Chris did his bit by providing the bulk of the necessary details in advance, John Harrington (who was running the stall) did not have the time to do much preparatory work thanks to unforeseen problems preparing the pop quiz.

The registration process improved enormously once Nick Kinzett volunteered to help out, and the organisers are indebted to Nick for his help. As well as our approbation Nick received a free pint of Brains for helping out and, given that we had bucket loads of the stuff left over at the end of the con we may have to up the bribe to two pints of Brains next year to get a bit more help on the Bring & Buy Registration Desk. We're already working on the special T-shirt slogan: "Work on the Bring & Buy stall and get some Brains."

In all there were 139 games available to buy, of which 40 were sold. The total amount raised was £248.50.

The highest price paid was for "History of the World". MidCon committee member Paul Oakes and SorCon organiser Jonty Blackwell both sold copies of this game for £20 in a piece of blatant price collusion. Comedian Robert Newman is apparently bringing out a new version of this classic game but his version starts in the 20th century and works its way back to ancient Egypt. (Bit obscure, this, and about as funny as the series to which it refers - Ed.)

Other gems to change hands included Warhammer Fantasy Battle Rules and the Buck Rogers Role Playing Game ("You'll be lucky to sell those," said John Harrington).

Customers included Andy Bate's son Jake who, unbelievably, Nick Kinzett referred to in all seriousness as "Master Bate", plus a cool guy in a Blockheads T-shirt whose entry on the sale sheet simply reads "Neil Blockhead" and, talking of blockheads, at least three members of the MidCon committee.

As mentioned elsewhere, it is likely that the game sale will have its own room next year, which should free up a bit of space in the gaming area. Hiring of an additional room will cost the con money and depending on the cost of the extra room and how much use we get out of it the rest of the time there may be a need to introduce a small selling fee to offset costs. We'll keep you posted on this.

The registration process needs adjusting too. Next year people wanting to sell games on the Bring & Buy stall will probably be allocated a registration time slot based on the first letter of their surname, though given that 77.7% of the games registered this year were put up for sale by sellers whose names begin with either A,B, C or D this may not go as smoothly as expected. If you are looking to avoid queues when registering your game for sale then surnames beginning with either I, J, K, L or M are best, with just 1.4% of games being sold by people whose names fall into the I - M band.

This information will no doubt prompt Nick Kinzett to put 278 games up for sale next year.

We asked for feedback on the convention, and about half of the feedback forms were returned (but you can send comments to us at any time). In brief, of the 39 respondents:

26 thought there was enough playing space, and 12 thought it a little cramped.

Most thought the bar was OK, or better, although three found it 'poor', and a different three thought it overpriced.

- 15 found the coffee (sandwich) shop OK or better, and two thought rather less of it. 22 respondents didn't use it at all.
- 22 thought the bar food OK or better, 2 found it poor, and fifteen didn't use it.
- The accommodation gets a high approval rating.

In the general comments category, there were a number of remarks about bar service (positive and negative), and it looks like there are some basic housekeeping issues that need to be addressed.

Provision for the disabled was still a source of concern. The stairlift was not working in 2006, and still isn't. We have raised a complaint about this. However, more positively, a toilet for disabled persons is being installed alongside the Ladies and Gents in the restaurant.

Lack of formal baby-changing facilities is controversial. The hotel maintains that it offers use of a family room for these purposes, but there is not, so to speak, a door specifically marked for the purpose. The committee would like all of its registrants to be comfortable, and we'll tackle the subject again before MidCon 2008.

Your feedback is useful, and appreciated, and we do, so far as we are able, try to act on it. In order to encourage communication with our customers, we have now set up a Yahoo! Groups website to allow you to arrange games, advertise games for sale at the con, or whatever you want.

The URL is http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/midcon_info/

Alternatively, you can subscribe and unsubscribe by sending a blank email to:

midcon_info-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

midcon_info-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

We have not organized any tournaments since we stopped the Diplomacy competition. This is not because we have any particular aversion to them; we just don't think the demand is there. If you would like us to organize one, please let us know. Even better, let us know if you would like to run one, and we'll help you to arrange it.

I, being the Chairman, take it upon myself to do door duty for most of the weekend, although, by migrating into the Wroxton on Saturday morning, I am able to participate when kind souls bring games across to my table.

Being on the front desk at least enables me to meet everyone. Although I regret that I still fail to remember a number of your names from year to year, I get to speak to everyone, and get involved in a number of conversations, some of which are distinctly weird ...

I managed to startle Karen Howe by knowing exactly where Hetton-le-Hole is (not many people know that), and was in turn startled by a striking woman who announced that, although I didn't know her, she knew all about me.

This had me seriously worried for several minutes, until she revealed that she merely meant that she is an avid reader of QLA. Mrs Richard Barton tells me that she runs a very nice B&B in Maidenhead, and would welcome any gamers looking for accommodation in the area.

By Sunday evening, it was snowing quite heavily in Birmingham – I hope that you all got home without difficulty.

The main ways for MidCon to publicise itself are word of mouth and the Internet. These are limited in their reach – there are lots of gamers out there who we've never met who don't look at games websites. In order to entice this group to our lovely convention we want to get a MidCon poster in every games shop in Britain.

If you live near a games shop, all we want you to do is take one of our posters there and ask them to put it up. Apart from Games Workshop no shop has ever refused, so this is something of little difficulty taking 5 minutes. Send an email to the address on the back cover of this booklet, and we'll send you a poster next summer. Thanks for any help you can give (and thank you if you have already volunteered some help).

MidCon 2008 is pencilled in for 14-16 November, once again at the Birmingham City Thistle, subject to confirmation of the contract by the hotel.

I look forward to seeing you there.

ManorCon XXVI (David Norman)

Stamford Hall, University of Leicester
25-28th July 2008

Following on from last year's successful move to Leicester, ManorCon XXVI will once again be held at Stamford Hall, University of Leicester, in 2008.

This year, we have four big pieces of news to bring you.

Firstly, we are now offering Internet Booking. The booking is handled by www.boardgamers.org.uk, and the payment is processed through PayPal (which can accept payment from a PayPal account or a credit card). A link to the booking system can be found from the ManorCon website, <http://www.manorcon.org.uk/book.htm>. Because we are now accepting bookings over the Internet, we will no longer accept foreign bookings without payment in advance. Foreign attendees should book using the Internet Booking system.

Secondly, at ManorCon this year, we will be accepting bookings for ManorCon XXVII in 2009 - so you can book your place for next year before you go home at the end of the convention.

Thirdly, we've changed the bank account name. After 26 years, you can now actually make your cheques out to "ManorCon".

And fourthly, from this year, ManorCon is the new home of the UK SpielChamps. Formerly known as Intergame, this is a tournament for teams of four players. The tournament consists of four rounds, each round being a different game, and each player competes against three different opponents in each round. The highest scoring team across the four rounds wins the tournament, and the top four teams are invited to represent the UK at the European Spielchamps in Essen, Germany in October. The games have not yet been chosen, but will be announced well in advance to allow plenty of time to practice. Players who wish to take part should indicate this on the booking form, and should try

and form teams of four in advance - the organisers will help people find team-mates, and if necessary, scratch teams may be formed on the day. There is a forum at <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/SpielchampsUK/> where the organisers can be contacted.

As well as the Spielchamps, there will be the usual tournaments, including Diplomacy, 18XX, Puerto Rico, Imperial, St Petersburg, Settlers, Acquire, Midnight Party. We will also have tournaments in any of the new games from Essen 2007 that prove to be popular - the two hot favourites right now are Agricola (if the English version is out before ManorCon) and Container.

Once again there will be a Croquet tournament, and as seen in 2007, nothing - not even the wettest ManorCon in history - will stop it.

Bishop Games will once again be running the games stall in 2008. As ever, they will be offering a 10% discount on all games, and if you have any special requests, they will try their hardest to bring them along. There will also be a Second Hand Games Stall that, as happened in the past, will be in a separate room, and will be open on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

The treasure hunt will once again be run on Sunday afternoon, by last year's winners - Three Phil's and Three Fillers.

Dan Lester will be setting the Pop Quiz on Saturday evening, and hopefully, unlike in 2007, he'll actually turn up to compete it too!

There is of course a bar. We were disappointed to find out that there was some Real Ale left at the end of the convention in 2007. We hope that people will try harder next year, and ensure that this situation isn't repeated!

Included with this issue of QLA, you should find a booking form. You can also download the booking form (and find lots of other ManorCon information) on the ManorCon website, www.manorcon.org.uk. Please note the booking deadline - 20th June, or 13th April if you require a twin room. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact us:

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OxCon 2008 President's Report (Rohan Loveland)

The Mitre Inn, High Street, Oxford 25-27 January 2008

Past the holiday hurdle, OxCon 2008 is fast approaching so here are the final details for anyone wishing to attend. The convention will be taking place over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of January, with some preliminary events on Friday the 25th. Events occurring during the weekend are as follows:

On Friday the 25th we will be going out for pizza, followed by an evening of gaming at the society's normal meeting place.

Saturday will feature a Puerto Rico tournament, which proved to be a big hit last year. This will be starting at 11.00, with players needing to be registered by 10.50 for the draw.

However, anyone who wishes to come along just to play casual games will definitely find plenty of takers for that as well. After the Puerto Rico we will again be running the traditional OxCon 15-to-1 style quiz and this will be followed by a visit to one of Oxford's curry houses.

NB. Both meals need to be pre-booked by the organizers. If you do not let us know beforehand that you wish to come we will not book a place for you.

Sunday will be as Saturday, but with the Settlers of Catan tournament being the main event, starting at the same time. This usually attracts a very good number of people - we had 8 tables going at OxCon 2007 and are hoping to improve on this. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for both tournaments.

Also, although we do have access to a decent number of copies of both Puerto Rico and Settlers, in the past we have occasionally experienced very slight shortages. Therefore it would be enormously helpful if people were to bring sets with them to provide extra capacity.

Entry fees to the convention will be as follows (half-price for students):

Convention only £4

Convention plus Puerto Rico tournament £7

Convention plus Settlers tournament £7

Comprehensive weekend entry (Puerto Rico and Settlers) £10

The Mitre Public House will again be the location for OxCon 2008. This pub, located on the high street in Oxford, has been an excellent venue for the past few years, providing a comfortable playing environment as well as good food at lunch and dinner times, with numerous other food places close by. The convention room is booked for the whole weekend so gaming can continue until closing time if people wish.

A map can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/2acta6>. The Mitre is a few minutes walking from the town centre and less than 15 from the train station. Parking in Oxford is challenging, at best, so if you're driving we recommend you use the Thornhill park and ride, on the East side of Oxford and easily accessible from junction 8 of the M40 and the Oxford ringroad. Parking is free, and the bus is £2.20 return. See <http://www.parkandride.net/> for more information. The "High Street" bus stop is just over the road from the Mitre, which will be on your right.

If you are coming by train then various busses, including the 5 and X3, leave from outside the main station entrance. You want to go to the "Queen Street" stop, and the Mitre is on the left a further 2 minutes slow walk in the direction the bus is going. Hopefully the driver will be able to tell you when you reach Queen Street.

Alternatively, it's less than 15 mins. on foot: Leaving the main station entrance, turn left down Botley Road and then veer right down Park End Street. Continue straight on to New Road, then Queen Street, and finally the High Street. The Mitre will be on your left.

If you want to make your own travel plans using online tools, then the postcode for the Mitre is OX1 4AG.

All of this information is available at <http://urchin.earth.li/~ian/board/oxcon/>, but if you have any queries please email rohan.loveland@new.ox.ac.uk for more information.

UK Games Expo 2008 (Richard Denning)

UK GAMES EXPO 2008

“Everything about games”

30th May to 1st June 2008

The Clarendon Suites
2 Stirling Road, Edgbaston,

Birmingham B16 9SB

www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk

UK Games Expo will be bigger in 2008. We are delighted to say we will have more board game companies than in 2007; there will be many more tables of games to play and lots of new releases hot off the press. UK Games Expo 2008 will attract a number of overseas Board Games companies from Germany, USA, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Here's the latest news!

Dates and Times

UK Games Expo dates are as follows:

Friday Night 30th May

NEW for 2008 we have added a Friday night Free Play room at the Thistle Strathallan Hotel, Edgbaston next door to the Clarendon Suites. This will be available from 6pm. There is no charge for this. You just turn up and play.

Saturday 31st May

Tournament entrant registration from 8.30 to 9am with tournaments beginning at 9.30am prompt.

Trade Hall Hours: 10am till 5pm.

Free Play room at the Thistle Strathallan Hotel, Edgbaston next door from 6pm.

Sunday 1st June

Tournament entrant registration from 8.30am to 8.50am with tournaments beginning at 9am prompt.

Trade Hall Hours: 10am till 4pm.

Charges

UK Games Expo Entry Ticket:

Ticket	Adult	Child	Family Ticket
One Day Ticket	£5	£3	£10
Weekend Ticket	£7	£5	£14

Family Tickets admit up to 2 adults and 3 children. Children are ages 6 to 11. (5 and under are free).

Board Game Tournament Fee

If you decide to enter any of our tournaments you buy a UK Games Expo Entry Ticket and also pay a Tournament Fee. The Tournament fee is as follows:

Per Half day Tournament	£2
Per Full day Tournament	£4

So if you came for both days and played am and pm tournaments both days the costs would be Entry Ticket (£7) + 2 x Full days Tournament (£8) for a total of £15 for the weekend. There is no charge for the Friday Evening Two player tournament in the Thistle Strathallan Hotel.

Board Game Tournaments

Competitors will be glad to know that the board game tournaments will be accommodated in more spacious air-conditioned rooms than was the case in 2007. The Grand board game tournament will occupy a first floor lodge room with the Battle-lore event in the adjacent anteroom. The Children's tournaments will take place in the balcony above the Warwick room on the Mezzanine level. This will all provide more space and more pleasant and airy surroundings than in 2007.

There are a number of different board game tournaments available:

A) Friday Night Two Player tournament.

David Norman is organizing a two-player games tournament on Friday night 30th May. This will consist of Gipf, Lost Cities, Quinamid, Fjords, Hive. It will be held in the Free Play Games Room in the Thistle Strathallan Hotel Edgbaston next door to the Clarendon Suite, and will take around 2.5 hours for the entire tournament. This will run from 9pm-11.30 pm approximately. There is no charge for this tournament. There will be a small prize for the winner.

B) Grand board game Championship

David Norman and Mark Stretch are organising a mixed board game tournament. Expanding on the event we ran in 2007 this consists of am and pm sessions each day and full day tournaments. You choose which event to enter for each half day or instead you can enter a full day tournament. There will be individual winners for each different board game tournament and a Grand Tournament winner with prizes of games and vouchers to spend on more games! The overall Championship will be based on your results in the individual tournaments you play in. Exact timetables still to be finalised but the basic plan is:

Saturday 31st May:

All day tournament: Imperial

Sat am half day tournament: Phoenicia/ Container

Sat pm half day tournament: Settlers / On the Underground

Sunday 1st June:

All day tournament: Powergrid

Sun am: Carcassonne / St Petersburg

Sun pm: Puerto Rico / Acquire

We will schedule a long lunch interval so even players entering every event still have the chance to look round the rest of the Expo.

UK Carcassonne Championship. Win a Flight to Essen Spiel!

In agreement with Spielzentrum, the UK Games Expo Grand Board games Carcassonne Tournament on Sunday morning will be a qualifying event for the World Carcassonne Championship to be held at Essen Spiel in October 2008. The winning player will also have their travel costs to and from Essen paid for.

A request from David: Please bring along copies of any games you own that are part of the tournament and make sure you bring them to the Tournament Room. More details on this and other tournament rules can be found on the website and in the next QLA.

C) Memoir 44/ Battle-Lore Tournament

Barry Ingram is organising a Days of Wonder Tournament to feature Memoir 44 and/or a Battlelore Tournament dependant on demand. This will be a full day tournament. More details on the web site and in the next QLA.

D) Heroscape Tournament

Still in development is a proposed Heroscape Tournament, which Richard Dewsbury may run.

E) Children's Board Game Tournament

We believe that many games have educational value and improve social, literacy, mathematical and decision making skills. They are also fun! UK Games Expo is actively promoting the use and development of games in schools and encourages schools to start up games clubs.

With this in mind we encourage Primary schools to enter teams of 4 players ages 8-11 (Approximately years 5 and 6) in two fun but challenging events on the same day at UK Games Expo on 31st May 2008. (Other children's organisations will be considered).

Saturday 31st May am: The UK Games Expo School's championship.

We will supply a set of three games to each school entering a team in this event. Schools enter teams of 4 children from year 5 or 6 who compete individually and as a team to win the tournament. A hamper of games is available as the prize for the best team along with individual prizes.

Saturday 31st May pm: The Alphabet Runner UK Championship.

Children enter this and compete individually through a knockout tournament.

Exact timetables still to be finalised at this stage but we will have a Children's tournament pack on the website early in 2008.

UK Games Expo Awards

The UK Games Expo awards were introduced in 2007 at the first UK Games Expo. They were developed to recognize the achievement of games companies in a variety of games genres.

How the awards Work:

Games products being demonstrated at UK Games Expo are eligible for entry into the awards. Games Companies may define which category their product falls within. Here are the categories:

Categories for Expo Awards 2008

1. Début Boardgame Award
2. Boardgame of the year
3. Family Game Award
4. Children's Game Award
5. Role-playing Game Award
6. Miniatures Game Award
7. Abstract/Puzzle Game Award
8. Card Game Award

Début Boardgame

UK Games Expo attracts many board game companies and we wish to encourage the best and hottest new releases to occur at it. The category "Début Boardgame" applies to Board Games that are released at or immediately before the Expo. This means they are available for sale at UK Games Expo.

All other Awards

Apart from “Début Boardgame” all other games must have been released in the 12 months since and including the last UK Games Expo (June 2nd and 3rd 2007) and the awards reflect the best of the last years games.

Who decides on the Awards?

The awards will be determined by a system that will involve both voting by the public over the weekend and from the opinion of a Panel of Judges appointed by the organizers. The judges will look for games that are original, engaging, attractive and exciting. The Awards will be announced at 3pm on Sunday 1st June.

Other Events / tournaments

- Alongside the board game tournaments we offer many other tournaments:
- Miniatures Tournaments: Warmachines/Hordes, Flames of War, Warhammer 40K and new in 2008 a Fields of Glory Tournament with the new FOG rules.
- Collectible Card Game Tournaments in WOW CCG / Yu-gi-oh and two grand prix tournaments in Magic.
- RPG sessions in Warhammer FRPG , Dark Heresy, Shadow Run and call of Cthulu. UK Games Expo should be the first chance to play the much heralded Dungeons and Dragons 4th edition.

Board Game Companies

We are delighted to announce that following a successful first year these great board game companies are planning a return in 2008:

- **JKLM** – On the Underground which we are using in our tournament, Space Dealer, 1861 Russia, Junkyard Races, Kings Progress and many others. Released Phoenicia at UK games Expo 2007, which is also being used in the tournament. Aiming for a new game for UK games Expo in 2008.
- **Surprised Stare Games** – Tara Seat of Kings, Coppertwaddle, Blood Legacy and Scandaroon and a new game for UK Games Expo 2008 - Confucius
- **Ragnar Brothers** - Where there’s a will, Kings and Castles, Blooming Gardens and many others. Promise a new game for 2008: Monastery.
- **Burley games** - Take it easy, Take it to the limit and Treasure Island.
- **Games for the World** – the World Cup game and many expansions.
- **Alphabet Runner** – an award winning children’s boardgame and one of our children’s tournament games. A new word game will be released in 2008.
- **Ludorum Games** - Winners of the Best New Board Game Award in 2007 with Fagin’s gang will release their new game Ice Flow in 2008 at UK Games Expo.
- **Warfrog Games** - Brass, Mordred, Pericles and others.

And many others - more news in the next QLA along with news of companies making their first appearance including overseas board game companies.

Other Traders

UK Games Expo is not just about board games but also features many other games genres such as Miniatures, Role-playing, card games and computer gaming and will have dozens of other exhibitors will a full range of the latest games in these genres.

Accommodation

The Clarendon Suites are a conference venue and not a hotel so you will not stay in the hall itself. However, do not let that put you off because within 50 to 200 yards there are many hotels.

The **Thistle Strathallan Hotel Edgbaston** is recommended as it is closest and is also where the Friday and Saturday Evening gaming room is available for you to play in.

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For accommodation: Mention you are a **UK Game Expo** delegate when booking. Single room B&B £45; Twin/ Double on B&B for sole use: £55 for double occupancy B&B £65; Executive rooms on sole use will be at £85 and double occupancy will be £95 B&B

For alternative accommodation please see our website.

Free-play Rooms

We are glad to provide expanded Free Play space at the adjacent Thistle Hotel on not just the Saturday evening as in 2007 but also Friday night 30th May from 6pm till late both nights. So you can arrive on the Friday night and play some old favourite games or enter the tournament and then pick up some new releases at UK Games Expo on Saturday and retire to the Thistle to play these on Saturday night. A fully licensed bar and a restaurant is available at the Thistle Hotel.

More Information

More Information will appear in the next QLA and will also will be available on our website www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk early in 2008. This is being updated and it is possible that when QLA comes out that you will have to wait a week or two for the 2008 version so check back!

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