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UGG NEWS

Hello and welcome to the November issue of the Unique Gifts and Games newsletter. The chill is definitely in the air, and there's never a better time to get in the store and do some gaming.

The Holidays are fast approaching, and that of course means gift buying. Unique Gifts and Games is here to help make it easier with our wish-list program. Simply stop in and fill out a wish list, and we will keep it on file to make things easy for your holiday shoppers.

There is a great upcoming event that all you gamers should know about, Legends in the Fall. Legends is a gaming convention held twice a year at Trinity University. The wargame day promises plenty of historical gaming, along with a healthy dose of sci-fi and fantasy. The event will be held Saturday Nov. 14th. For more information visit the website at www.legends-in-time.com.

As far as gaming releases go, November is sure to be an exciting month, with plenty of new items in store and as many gaming events as you can handle.

Games Workshop unleashes the Skaven army book this month, along with a spectacular miniature line to accompany it, including new metal characters and plastic war machines.

For all you Hordes players, November will see the release of the long awaited Mk II rules for Hordes. An inside tip points out that these rules will be fully usable in any tournament or league, so there is no need to worry about the beasts getting left behind.

The scheduled re-release of Starfarers of Catan should arrive in November. It has been out of print all summer, getting a facelift just in time for the holidays!

Wizards of the Coast is planning a holiday shopping special! They are packaging both the Player's Handbook and the Player's Handbook 2 together for one special low price! Stay tuned for more info!

Dungeon Twister 2 is another classic getting a revision. But don't worry, it is reported that

it will be fully compatible with all the old Dungeon Twister games.

Fantasy Flight Games will release a deluxe version of War of the Ring!! The game comes in a giant wood book-box that contains the entire War of the Ring game along with over 200 hand painted miniatures. MSRP will be in the \$350 to \$400 range.

The Doctor Who special episode, The Waters of Mars, is due to air around November. It was rumored to be released around the holidays, but is possible for a late November showing! Can't Wait!!

I just talked with Wil Shick over at Privateer Press. He tells me, in the November issue of No Quarter Magazine, there will be previews of Cygnar stuff from their upcoming faction book!! Unfortunately, due to time constraints, the remake of the Iron Kingdoms RPG may wait until 2011. The plan is for it's very own rules system this time.

FUN STARTS HERE!

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Champions' Corner- October's Winners

Oct. 7th Monsterpocalypse Tournament: Brian Keenan

Oct. 14th Magic the Gathering: Ken Wickes

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Magic the Gathering Tournament</i> 12-4pm	2	3	4 <i>Malifaux Demo Day</i> 2-9pm	5 <i>Board Game Night</i> 7-9pm	6	7 <i>Warmachine Hordes league</i> Week five
8 <i>Warmachine Hordes league</i> Week five	9 <i>Warmachine Hordes league</i> Week five	10	11	12 <i>Board Game Night</i> 7-9 pm	13	14 <i>Legends in the Fall convention</i> <i>Trinity College</i> <i>Warhammer 40k Tournament</i> 11-5pm
15 <i>Monsterpocalypse Tournament</i> 12-5pm	16	17 <i>Malifaux Tournament</i> 6-9pm	18	19 <i>Board Game Night</i> 7-9 pm	20	21 <i>Warhammer Fantasy Tournament</i> 11-6pm
22 <i>Magic the Gathering Tournament</i> 12-4pm	23	24	25	26 <i>Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	27 <i>Check Your Six!</i> 6:30-9 pm	28 <i>Monpoc tourney</i> 12-5pm <i>Magic the Gathering tourney</i> 6-10pm
29 <i>Arcane Legions Tournament</i> 12-5pm	30	<i>Open dates are available for open gaming!! Call ahead if any questions!</i>				

Dungeon Lords

Dungeon Lords, a new game by Vlaada Chvtíl (Through the Ages, Galaxy Trucker, Prophecy, Space Alert, etc.)

Think of the game as the computer game Dungeon Keeper: you are lord of a dungeon. You have minions tunneling rooms, building traps, hiring monsters - and of course you need to pay and feed them. Life would be easy but the humans don't understand your motives and send

out parties of fighters, wizards, priests and thieves to harass you. So you have to stop them from destroying the rooms in your dungeon.

It is a Euro style game of maintaining a dungeon while fending off attacks from parties of adventurers (and if you get too evil, a paladin will come visiting!)

We have no set date as of yet, only that it will arrive in November barring any hold ups in customs!

Z-Man Games



Magic the Gathering: Slivers Premium Deck



Unimaginable Destruction

Vicious, territorial, and able to share abilities, Slivers are nearly impossible to stop. This new and powerful, 60-card, **all foil** deck contains some of the greatest Sliver cards from throughout Magic history, including several that have never been released in foil before!

Contents include: 60-card premium foil deck, including 5 rare cards and 1 mythic rare.

Exclusive Spindown(tm) life counter, Foil Deck Box, Strategy

Insert, and a Magic "learn to play" guide.

Premium Deck Series: Slivers will be available world-wide in English only, and will have a limited print run. Each card will be a black bordered foil and tournament legal. This means that these cards are legal for use in any tournaments where the original printings are still legal.

Release date: November 20, 2009
MSRP: \$34.99

The Hammer of Thor!

November sees the resurrection of both HeroClix and its parent company Wizkids. Hitting the ground running, Wizkids will release the Hammer of Thor, an all new expansion for HeroClix. The set allows players to harness the power of the gods of Asgard, along with plenty of other popular Marvel characters. Previews have included Thor and his devious brother Loki,

Captain America, Daredevil, Gertrude and Old Lace of the Runaways, and Rocket Raccoon, member of the Guardians of the Galaxy.

As a special release promotion, players who buy a brick of boosters for the new set will receive an exclusive model of the dread fire demon Surtur!

Also available for the set is the massive Thor's Mighty Chariot figure, sure to be a hit with gamers.

Do you have what it takes to wield the power of the god of thunder? Find out when Marvel HeroClix: The Hammer of Thor releases November 18th.

Game Spotlight– Endeavor by Z-Man Games

It is a time when the maps of the world are still being filled in. Seagoing empires expand their frontiers by sending ships to the farthest reaches of the globe in search of new lands, new alliances, and new conquests. The wealth of the newly-discovered worlds abroad is a tempting prize for those with the strength and the cunning to seize it... and to hold it!

You represent a growing empire engaged in a glorious endeavor to expand your influence and status at home and across the great oceans of the world. Through exploration and shipping, colonization and war, you

will struggle with the other great powers to control the resources and the regions that unfold before you. You must strike a balance between cultural, political, industrial and financial gains, making all of the right decisions to ensure your empire's eventual dominance. The paths you take, the battles you wage, and the choices you make will determine the ultimate shape of the new world...



- 1 Game Board
- 48 Cards
- 45 Building Tiles
- 5 Player Mats
- 104 Tokens
- 136 Wooden Discs
- 1 Rule Booklet

Game Review– Malifaux

Take a typical skirmish game, infuse it with a western/Victorian/horror/steampunk flavor, add in some outstanding miniatures, and a card dynamic that replaces dice, and you have Wyrd games new, highly popular game Malifaux.

As said, Malifaux is a true skirmish game only requiring a handful of models. It is a you go I go activation and uses a familiar to hit-to wound system. The thing that will set Malifaux apart from other games of it's type is the fate deck dynamic.

Instead of dice, Malifaux uses a fate deck. Basically a modified deck of cards, players flip cards from their deck for everything from casting spells to deciding who will go first. Both the cards value and it's suite are important,

as spells or triggers will often times require a certain suite to be played. The real treat in this dynamic comes in with the ability to cheat fate. Each player receives a "control hand," which they can use, in most instances, to replace the card they have pulled from their deck. This gives players more control over how their game is played, as opposed to a dice driven one.

Another part of the game I thought was great was the soulstone system. Basically, each force is led by a master. Each master is free toward your points value, and most of them have a soulstone cache. Each player then agrees on a points value. The nice thing is that if one player has less points than another, they are not

wasted, but rather converted into soulstones and added to their masters pool. Soulstones can be used to add a card to a flip or re-flip a starting card, among other things.

The game is, in a word, great. It plays very fast and fun, and the fate deck is a breath of fresh air. Most games will only require the use of a starter crew and a fate deck, so the startup fee is comparatively light. Anyone interested should visit malifaux.com, and should stop in for our demo day Nov. 4th. We will also be having a tournament on Nov. 17th.

Rating-5 out of 5

New this Month

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Be sure to visit the *City of Gamers* forum, link in our resource section.

Just a few of the new releases you can find in store this month... Pre-Orders Welcome!!

- Continued releases for the Retribution Warmachine Faction, as well as the final releases for Hordes: Metamorphosis.
- Games Workshop Skaven army book and miniature line.
- D&D 4.0 Dragonomicon: Metallic Dragons and Monster Manual: Savage Encounters.
- The Hammer of Thor, the first new set for the renewed HeroClix.
- Magic the Gathering: Sliver decks!
- Talisman board game: Frostmarch expansion.
- Dungeon Twister 2

In Case You Missed It...

Just in case you missed it, here's a recap of October...

- Wizards of the Coast released the Zendikar expansion for Magic the Gathering.
- AEG released the long awaited Adventurers board game.
- Grind, a game of steam powered sport set in the Iron Kingdoms, was released by Privateer Press.
- Wells Expeditions put out their mass combat miniatures game, Arcane Legions.
- The Monsterpocalypse continued with the release of *Monsterpocalypse Now*, which introduced six new factions to the game.
- The Sons of Russ returned with Games Workshop release of the new Codex: Space Wolves and it's accompanying line of great miniatures.
- Fantasy Flight, in partnership with Game Workshop, released the massive RPG book Rogue Trader, set in the dark future of Warhammer 40,000.
- Warhammer Invasion, a living card game in the vein of Call of Cthulu, was also released by Fantasy Flight.
- 'Voices from the Chicago Grave' Event. Author Scott Markus and Lake County Ghost Hunter Justin Villarreal discussed local ghost stories and various ghost hunting techniques. Look for more of these events in the coming months. You can see more from them at their websites: www.myspace.com/lakecountyghosthunters and www.slimpictures.com
- Don't forget about our annual Halloween Party on Oct. 31st from 6pm until midnight! Games, prizes, snacks, costumes, and more!