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LSP Members Event
January 25th 2014
Inverted U| War Games
Highlander | Much more

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Event

Storm Informer

The Quarterly Laser Storm Membership Newsletter

The weather outside might be cold, but there is no better way to get the blood flowing than playing laser tag! New regional open invitation tournament events have been held and leagues are very different with new game configurations and 4 base targets. The next regional tournament is just around the corner.

If you want the membership to pay for itself, remember to bring the coupon below to Laser Storm to receive your Storm Card today! Enjoy the free game of laser tag and all the free extra hours of Fire Til You Tire and Midnight Madness. These extra hours are very popular and easy to use! The next newsletter will be delivered to you using a different method. Details are inside.

Want to get into the exciting action of the leagues? Come down Monday evening to play with the league players. If you are interested in playing with players from other arenas then attend a regional tournament. Get your game to the next level by asking for tips and tricks! Before playing a tournament, be sure to get the tips from tournament players and practice using them!

New members!

Welcome to Storm. Members can get their individual player data from the website. Select your codename then bookmark the page.

<http://laserstorm.org/pitt/memdata.php>

Cheatin Tom
Whazzzzup403
Spik3rs
Red Baron
Soup
The Wayward
Apex Predator
Huntress
Banana Man
Black Cobra

Doodlers
Pittsburgh Taco
Cajun Pitt
Dark Destruction
Blue Dog
Cojo
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RayDome

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Present this Coupon to Receive your Storm Card
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Member's events

The past Member's Event was a blast! With the new arena layout and new configurations to play, the regular games in the arena were just as much fun as playing throughout the whole building.

The current layout supports 4 bases very well. Each base run is evenly difficult. One person cannot protect both bases very easily resulting in more team work and more action! Playing just a 6v6 proved to be a challenge. Switching your attention from one base to the other made for a very active playing style.

The Inverted U games were interesting as a player found a very unique spot to play. Most players would never think of playing off the top of the tables in the lobby since the exposure is so great. However, the table top made for a great barrier to keep the red team from exiting the Ready Room. This maneuver was game changing!

War Games were difficult to play as finding players in the arena was a challenge. Finding a player when they cross a small lane or hiding in a small corner proved to be a challenge to even the veteran players.

The next Member's Event has been scheduled for January 25th! That is after Midnight Madness on Saturday night! Only \$15 per player for the two hour special event!

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be delivered via email during April! Please make sure we have an updated email address for you if you want to continue to receive the newsletters and your Storm Card coupon.

You can unsubscribe from the list at anytime but you would no longer be able to receive your free discounts each quarter of the year. You will be receiving the next one in the month of April. Be sure to add your email to our list at

www.laserstorm.org/members. Having troubles receiving emails from us? Contact us at 412-364-3473. We will be glad to help.

League information

The 2014 Winter league has formed! The format has not been chosen. A unique format will be used as this arena is supporting the four bases very well. The defense is going to be required to communicate efficiently with each other as there will only be five players per team.

If you did not make it into this league season, the next season will be during the summer.

Regional Season UPDATE

The regional tournaments will begin in February. In the past few months, there have been regional open invitation tournament events. These tournaments pushed the limits of the Laser Storm system! We experimented with changing the cycle times for the bases, having larger points values, only allowing each player to tag the base once per game and making the base have hit points.

The event at LSP reduced the base delay down to zero! You could tag the base as fast as you could fire, but it was only worth one point. To make things even more interesting, the bases were linked together. This means when one base was being deactivated, the other base was firing. This only allowed one team to be able to hit the 1-point base at a time.

Another set of bases were added to allow the offense to help the defense get those players out of the 1-point base. These bases were on a 10 second delay and only on for 2 seconds, but worth 3 points. With the offensive players able to hit 2 bases, the defense had to communicate very well.

The event held out in Ohio was the first time the Storm system could do this kind of scenario. You had to take all the hit points from the base in order to earn points! The bases had 4 hit points. The base turned on every 5 seconds with a very short 2 second window to take one of the hit points down. For each hit point taken, the team would lose 2 points! It would also gain back hit points every 10 seconds! But once the base lost its last hit point, the team would earn 20 points! Gaining 14 points total! It was proven that taking hit points from the base could lose the game for your team if it was missed just a few times. Players adapted to not going for the base at all until you were sure you could destroy it before getting tagged out.

All of these events used a new and interesting drafting system to pick the teams. The captains picked their teams by bidding on players with a fixed amount to spend! Captains had to plan and think about how much to spend on a single player or how to drive up the cost of a player to drain the resources of other captains. This added a whole new dimension to the events! This drafting system was fun to watch as the captains outbid each other and it allowed players to play with players they do not play with normally.

If you have any ideas for unique scenarios that you would like to be played for a tournament event, suggest one! It could happen at the next one! Don't know what can be changed within the system, talk to some members. They will point you in the right direction.

The next regional tournament has not been scheduled yet, but keep your eyes and ears open for when the date is chosen. Interested in playing these tournaments? Come down on Monday nights during leagues. Ask some of the other members what it is all about. Many league players also play the regional tournaments.