

WARGAMES

Mechwarrior: Dark Age Tournament

The Republic of the Sphere is crumbling, dozens of factions struggle to claim resources and worlds in a universe made deaf and blind by the communications blackout. Now is your chance to seize everything you have ever wanted. Running alongside its counterpart on the Saturday, Mechwarrior: Dark Age is a tournament for those who prefer the speed and fury of this Wizkids system.

Battletech Gunslinger Tournament

At the height of the Star League the Gunslingers were the best of the warrior elite, have you got what it takes to be numbered among them? A tournament that hasn't been seen for a while at Gaelcon is back with a vengeance and will be attended and run by Gaelcon Fury all day Saturday, full rules are listed on classiccattletech.com and the Celtic Fury website. Also, testing-outs for new members will be run all weekend and a big participation game on Monday.

Warhammer 40,000 Tournament

Are you an armchair general or the real McCoy? Do the other kids make fun of you or do they scurry for cover when you roll the dice. Full rules & scenarios to be published on www.gaelcon.com before/on July 31st, 1,000 point Armies

Heroclix Tournament

Ever wondered if the X-men could kick the hell out of the Justice League, or who'd win between Batman and Captain America? Well, here's your chance to find out in a 300 hundred point event to be run on Sunday, not quite standard Elimination tournament with each player getting one life, after that if you lose, you're out.

Warzone Tournament

A dying man stumbles across the wasteland that is mother Earth, carrying with him the location of an ancient artefact, one that could bring riches and power to the Corporation that possess it, safety from a millennium old threat for the Brotherhood or ultimate victory to the forces of the Dark Soul. 750 points forces from the basic 2nd Ed. Forces of War is all that is needed for this event on Sunday, a single day, single game, multi-player tournament, the person who captures the artefact wins.

Warhammer 40k Doubles Tournament

Teams of two, forty minutes, three games. Let the fun begin!

Participation/Demos

You know how it is, you've gotten your ass kicked in your favourite tournament (or not), spent ridiculous amounts of money and spent the last two days surviving on a mixture of caffeine, chocolate and adrenaline. Now, it's the last day and you want to play something silly and simple, so this year on Monday we're going with a series of participation games that are just that. We've got an Alamo style Battletech game, Secret Wars from the Marvel universe with Heroclix and a few others that should allow you to safely wind down.

DIRECTIONS

Bus

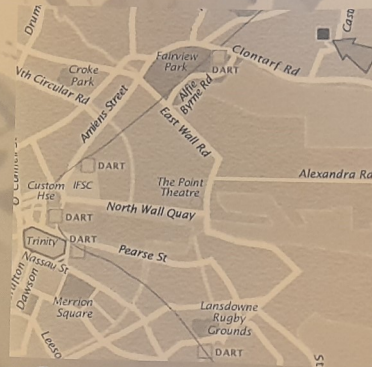
The 130 from Lower Abbey St. the last stop on the route is Castle Avenue. Other buses are 29A, 31, 31A, 31B, 32A, 32B, 42A. All of these buses go along the Howth Road.

Dart

Get off at Clontarf Dart Station, walk straight down Coast Road, past The Yacht pub. Take the second turn left after the Yacht on to Castle Avenue, and the Castle is at the top of the road.

Car

From the City Centre head North from Connolly Station towards North Strand and continue straight to Fairview Park. Drive straight down the Coast Road past the Yacht Pub and take the second turn left onto Castle Avenue. Drive straight up that road, around to the right and the Castle is at the roundabout.



PUB QUIZ

No convention would be complete without the traditional Pub Quiz, a game with a new gimmick each year. Answer questions on gaming trivia and have a laugh as the questions get stranger and stranger. The Gaelcon Pub Quiz is always something else. There's bound to be some kind of quirk or theme to the Pub Quiz as there is every year, but the main thing that goes on is a load of drinking. This is an over 18's event.

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introduction

Gaelcon is the Premier Games Convention presented by the Irish Games Association. Each year Gaelcon plays host to a wide range of role-playing games, figure games, collectible card games, board games, and every year Gaelcon continues to get bigger and better and has done so for the last 15 years. Gaelcon is also known for its unique special events, and helping to promote up and coming Irish Games Designers.

In previous years, Gaelcon has been honoured to have as guests Steve Jackson, Richard Garfield, Dave Allsop, James Wallis, Mike Pondsmith, Jake Thornton, Jervis Johnson, Phil Masters, Graham McNeill, Will Simpson, and many more. Gaelcon also runs a charity auction, which last years raised in excess of €24,000. For more information, please visit our website at www.gaelcon.com

charity auction

The Charity Auction is really the most special event we have at Gaelcon. Every year loads of our traders, guests and con attendees offer valuable and sometimes unusual items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Last year Gaelcon raised in excess of 24,000. All the money we raise at the Charity Auction goes to various different children's charities to buy games and equipment. Anyone who's been to one of our auctions before knows that anything can happen. Bring loads of money, have fun and remember 'It's For The Kids'. This is an over 18's event.

help wanted

We can't run Gaelcon alone. Every year there are more and more games to be run, people to sort out general stuff to be done. We rely on the people who give up their weekends to Staff and GM games for us. We are interested in hearing from anyone who wants to help. Maybe you'd like to run a game for us? Perhaps you want to become a fully-fledged Staff member?

GMs

If you want to GM please e-mail us at gms@gaelcon.com or alternatively you can write to us at **Gaelcon 2003, PO Box 4345, Dublin 1, Ireland** stating what games you want to GM, please include your name, phone number and a e-mail address if you have one.

Staff

If you want to Staff then you need to let us know pretty soon. Staffing is one of the hardest jobs during the weekend but it doesn't go unnoticed or un-rewarded. So if you feel like Staffing please e-mail as soon as possible at staff@gaelcon.com or write to us at **Gaelcon 2003, PO Box 4345, Dublin 1, Ireland.**

children tickets

Gaelcon this year have introduced Children Tickets and Parental/Guardian Tickets. The Children Tickets cost €15 for the weekend and €7 for a day. The Children's Ticket only applies to children aged 12 and younger, in conjunction to this we have also introduced Parental/Guardian Tickets for parents and guardians who are not participating in the gaming festivities. Parental/Guardian tickets are free.

con information

1. No replica weapons allowed.
2. The management and staff of Clontarf Castle, Gaelcon, and the IGA reserve the right to refuse admission.
3. Gaelcon and the IGA and all other associated bodies accept no responsibility for the loss/damage of property while attending the convention and convention-associated events.
4. Gaelcon's and IGA's website can be found at www.gaelcon.com. For more information please e-mail us at info@gaelcon.com.
5. Gaelcon's Timetable and Events are subject to change without prior notice.

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The Irish Games Association (IGA) is a small group of volunteers who work to promote gaming of all kinds in Ireland. We work with conventions, societies, groups or individuals to raise the profile of gaming in Ireland and to help out where we can with financial aid and/or advice for those who wish it. We also run a number of distinct events ourselves as well as working on some large and small scale ongoing projects. Yes, it really is that simple. We do what we can to help out where we can and where we're wanted and leave everyone else to get on with their gaming in peace.

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special events

Surrogate

Alan Smithee

'Arm yourself. Your mobile phone is your weapon, your its and your social skills are your only defense in the battle to defeat your enemies. They could be anyone - anywhere. Your allies have the same mission and common enemies, but how to tell one from the other?'

Dark Winter Projects - "Changeling"

Dark Winter Publications

'An Attack on an office block in Hamburg, Germany left 27 dead.' Read the morning headlines, as you sipped on your coffee. The images of the dead and the twisted are etched in your memory, those visions will forever haunt you. You feel that you experienced enough for a life in a matter of a few hours. Oh how your views have changed.

Come visit our 6 foot building in the main hall of Gaelcon 2003 and partake in the participations games all weekend long. This is an over 18's game. RPG/Larp/Wargame cross over.

Ura Pobieda

Eamon Honan

Russia 1941 - 1945 The Fascist Vipers roll across the vast spaces of the Moderland, only to be checked at Moscow, Leningrad and Stalingrad and then driven back to Berlin. Refight the battles of the largest conflict in human history. Forward to Victory!

ccgs

Card games will as always take a lead role in the events run at Gaelcon. Hidden away in the basement, players of Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic: The Gathering, Legend of the Five Rings, Lord of the Rings and many others can spend the day trading and playing. The highlight of the card games weekend is once again a Magic: the Gathering Pro-Tour Qualifier. This time around the invitation is for Pro Tour - Amsterdam, and also offers a substantial cash prize to cover flights and accommodation. Introductory games will of course be available for interested or beginning players, and other games will be run according to demand over the weekend.

contact

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role playing games

A/State - 'Gone To The Dogs'

Something untoward is occurring at Holly Hills dog track. Unfenced nags are winning races. Competitive dogs are going to the pot. Punters are disappearing thick and fast. Something is casting a shadow over the once thriving bustle of the dog track...

If the track goes down, hundreds of families will be thrown into poverty, their children left to starve or sell their souls on the hard streets of Holly Hills and Mile End. With time running out, creditors clamouring for payment, the PCs must race to find out what's going on and save not only their own reputations, but the people of Holly Hills.

GURPS Horror

Cal Tobin

Missing persons cases, while rarely especially interesting in themselves, do make up the bread and butter of the professional detective, and often contain their own challenges of diplomacy. A classic example of this is the bereaved mother. Who cares what kind of man would abandon his wife so soon after the tragic death of their only son? Your sole objective is to find your client's husband without getting dragged into the domestics.

Dungeons and Dragons - 'The Fugitives'

Glen Moran

Training your mind to be an unbreakable steel cage of willpower seemed like a good idea at the time, no mage would be able to control your actions, no monster could intimidate you into running away and no bully could sway you from your choice of actions. It never once occurred to you that someone would use to imprison a demon and carry it to an extradimensional prison. No siree.

In Nomine

Adam Kelly

A university campus is rocked by a series of murders, and the local angels of Fire struggle to find the culprits. It seems clear that some diabolical force is behind these horrible events and those responsible must pay for what they have done. A team of angels of Judgement is supposed to be helping, or more likely interfering.

Vesta the Vampire Slayer - 'When the Flame Turns Blue'

Mary Kilgarriff

Let me guess there is a dark power rising in Rome. Bodies are turning up with weird teeth marks and the goddess Vesta has turned blue. We have to save the city again. I understand all that. Just explain one more time why that means I can't have any smoochies.

'Silver Age Sentinels'

Paul Anthony Short

Greed. Hatred. Fear. They bring the world to its knees. Soon the shadow will fall. There are those who would stop the shadows entirely, by destroying the light from which they hide. In the battle between good and evil, what is the ultimate price, and is the end worth it?

Riddle of Steel - 'Not to see the sun'

Steve Meaney

Even protected by the sun reign each day, only the bravest of the tribe dare to leave the caves to hunt and forage. As supplies dwindle, the tribe becomes more desperate, and the hunters stray further each day. With the days shortening and the situation worsening there is little time for cowardice if the tribe is to survive.

Call of Cthulhu

Nick Huggins

Zombies in a small English hamlet? Sounds like it couldn't possibly be true. And for the newspaper crew that's assigned to the story it sounds like ample opportunity to kick back and relax over a long weekend in the countryside. But there's more than meets the eye here in this sleepy village. Why does the farming community hate the rest of the villagers? Why is there nobody on the streets after dark? And what does the man who lives alone in a tiny hovel with only a crow for a pet have to do with it?

Legend of the Five Rings - 'Shinkage'

Robert Feeney

Bushido demands a sacrifice. Revenge demands a plan.

SLA Industries - 'Blessed are the children'

Glen Moran

If anything, Mort offers the agent a chance to experience any kind of insanity the human or alien mind can cook up, serial killers and cannibal cults are almost a daily fact of the city but every so often you end up with something a bit too different.

Marvel Super Heroes - 'the Greater Good'

JP Chapleau

Congress has passed a law that gives temporary full powers to a team of superheroes. Capturing Master Menace' Re-Education machine, they used the machine to remove people will to do evil. They stole a bit of their freedom. But do the end justifies the means?

GURPS - 'Demon In The Freezer'

Charles Dunne

The Greatest Killer man has ever known has resurfaced. Now the world will be held to ransom. You have five days before everybody dies. Failure is not an option.

'Addams Family Weirdness'

Cillian Doyle

Internationally famous horror relatives the Addams Family finally decide they want to move to a nice new house. They expect to scare the locals and be the unchallenged freaks of the area, however the local wraths aren't too happy with the idea. They start off with a few pranks here and there, but as the whole situation escalates, how long will it be before the entire area becomes the spiritual equivalent of a nuclear wasteland?

'Blood and Tears'

Loughlin Deegan

London, 1483. The child-king Edward and his brother Richard have been murdered. The deaths have ended hopes of reconciliation and reopened the wounds of civil war. Today several questions must be answered: Who killed the boys? Who will succeed as King? And can England be saved from further bloody conflict?

'Meet the Neighbours'

Camarilla Ireland

The city is in chaos. Between the fires, the werewolves, the fae-blooded and the ghosts, there's hardly any normal people left for you to nibble on. And now the Camarilla are joining in the fun. They invited you to Elysium to meet the Prince. There's a Prince? Not in your city, damn it.

'Guns, Germs and Steel'

Cathal Murphy

Montreal 1701. An historic treaty just might end the French/Indian wars that have waged for years. The French want peace, the Iroquois want to regroup, the British want trading rights, but the Mohawk are just out for blood... Just as well they don't seem to have turned up yet...

'The Shoal'

Nick Huggins

The war has lasted for decades. It seems that the Terran Dominion is doomed to lose - The Enemy have too many starships, too much power. Could a discovery on the very edge of the Galaxy hold the solution? Or will the Dominion end up fighting on two fronts?

'The Booklovers Club'

Mary Kilgarriff and Claire Bradley

The Booklovers regular monthly meeting will take place this weekend. But this month there is more at stake than finding romance at the local bookshop. Sometimes literary discussion is more than it seems. Sometimes you have to fight for your happy ending.

Vampire - 'The Dark Ages'

Hilary Sklar

Greenada 1492. A Lasombra/Ventrue coalition has expelled the Moors from Spain, the marriage of Ferdinand to Isabella has unified the country. Many Kindred hope this heralds the establishment of a New Carthage. It should be a joyful time. Your Elder however seems perturbed. Something, it seems is rotten and he expects you to root out the corruption.

d20 Modern/D&D Crossover - 'Door Into Gaslight'

Drew Shiel

Six weeks ago, the world of 2003 was thrown into disarray when a magical portal opened in Greenwich, London, allowing access to another place - a world where magic works, where gaslight, clockwork and steam are the highest technology, and where dinosaurs are the livestock of choice. Negotiations and exchanges are ongoing between Downing Street and the Gamadar Empire, but Intelligence is convinced that something important is being kept back. You are a part of a special operations team, drawn from the SAS, Intelligence services, and History departments of universities across the UK, being sent covertly into the Gamadar Empire, to find the truth.

booking form

In order to book your place at Gaelcon, simply fill out this form, and send it to us with your payment, details of payment can be found below. Tick the events that you want to enter in the box next to the event, on the previous page. Please read the timetable carefully to ensure that the events you book does not overlap or clash with each other.

Pricing

- Event Tickets (€150 per event unless otherwise)
- Regular Ticket (€25)
- Gold Ticket (€35 inc. 4 free Events and T-shirt)
- Children's Weekend Ticket (€15 under 12 years of age)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

To prebook, simply tick the events that you would like to participate in and mail in the form to Gaelcon 2003, PO Box 4345, Dublin 1, Ireland. All events are €150, unless otherwise stated. Please do not send cash. Money orders, postal orders and cheques are accepted. Gaelcon and the IGA accept no responsibility for monies lost in transit. Please check the times of the events you would like to participate in to avoid overlapping games. For booking information please provide a stamped addressed envelope or e-mail address. For any questions or correspondence please contact us any of the following means.

timetable

Saturday Morning

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- GURPS Horror
- 'Henchmen Anonymous'
- 'The Court of Hearts'
- Magic: the Gathering Pro-Tour Qualifier (€25)
- Mechwarrior: Dark Age Tournament
- Battletech Gunslinger Tournament
- Warhammer 40,000 Tournament (€5)

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- 'The People Vs. Almighty, The'

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- 'Shaydes of Grey'
- 'The Hyperion Agenda'
- HeroClix Tournament
- Warhammer 40,000 Tournament (continued)

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'Henchmen Anonymous'

Nick Huggins

You're tired of being 'Henchman Number Twelve.' Surely you can take a day off, and is there a better Health Plan than this? After all, you have a wife and kids! It's not easy being a disgruntled henchman. Until the boss dies and there's a chance of promotion...

'The Court of Hearts'

Oli Bird

It is a dark time in the kingdom of Hearts. The king lies dead, the victim of foul murder, and the court of hearts are gathered to elect his successor. However, negotiation is tricky in the complex social circles of the Hearts. But, with the correct help, even a deuce may be a king yet.

Vampire: Dark Ages - 'The Gates of Constantinople'

Ashley Perryman

Constantinople stands isolated, without trade, with the Ottoman army at the gates. The fate of the city lies in the hands of a select army of the gates. Now few, great Kindred who have guided the city for centuries. Now few, great Kindred who have guided the city for centuries. It will be they gather to hear the demands of the Ottoman Empire. It will be a long night.

'The People Vs. Almighty, The'

Baz Nugent & Jack Gallagher

War Room Check List:
Doors Locked (Check). Religious Advisors Present (Check). Military Advisors (Check). End of the World (Check). Authorisation of Nuclear Attack on Heaven (Pending). Join the fight. Be a part of the war cabinet. And remember there is no fighting in the war room.

'Shaydes of Grey'

Kevin Naughton

I thought being alive was hell, but it appears that being in hell is just confusing, which made life worse than hell. My straight jacket seems untied but not quite off yet, but soon I'll convince myself to talk to that guys evil twin and maybe the front door will be where it is suppose to be again... maybe.

Cyberpunk - 'The Hyperion Agenda'

Moxie & Bren

You have been formally invited to a cocktail party at the request of Dr. Justin Bailey on the 14th March, 2023. The function will be held in Arasaka Towers, Night City and will commence at 20:00 sharp, formal wear only please. The subject to be discussed is which corporation shall have the unique and unparalleled opportunity of buying the patent on Dr. Bailey's revolutionary new Hyperion super-soldier treatment. Thank you. Kind Regards, Arasaka.