

*Thursday 7/18*

# *Pre-Con Picnic*



PLAAY Gamers (along with spouses, kids) gather for food and fun at Redstone Park in our annual pre-convention get-together. It was HOT, around 100 degrees--good thing we had a covered shelter!





# Friday 7/19

# PLAY-Around

# Demos

Chad McEvoy (right) explains his “History Maker” tennis game idea as (L-R) David Santistevan, Jason Retallack, Jim Surprenant, Chris Day and Dale Buckingham listen intently. Steve Tower (below left) explains FACE TO THE MAT to Judah Williams, while Scot Long (below right) shows Glenn Oberhauser the nuances of ROLLER RUMBLE.







More “PLAAY Around” demos: Al Wilson (top left) explains RWBR to Grant Fines and Jay Williams; Joseph Dowell (center left) shows Silas Williams how to play SOCCER BLAST; Brien Aronov (lower left) gives Brian Preece and Bob Surprenant the low-down on HISTORY MAKER GOLF; Bob Hansen (above right) explains LACROSSE BLAST to Andy and Luke McEvoy, and Cooper Gilbert.





**FACE TO THE MAT**  
**Three-For-All**  
**Throwdown**

OH yeah. It's ON, "no holds barred!"  
A dominating day by The Mortician  
earned David Kauffman the 2019  
Three-For-All Throw-Down Title Belt!





# SECOND SEASON EXPRESS



Our new fast-play football game variant was a big hit at the convention! Everyone got a free copy of the game in their “swag bag,” and we dished out All-Time Franchise Great football teams for all...



Four teams advanced to the Sunday “Dawn of Champions!” Denver (David Santistevan), Green Bay (Travis Jansen), Kansas City (Andy McEvoy) and New England (Bob Hansen). Kansas City was our convention champion, defeating Green Bay 35-27.



Noted game designer Mike Fitzgerald (below) shows off his bona-fide title belt, given him by the WCW for creating the “Nitro” wrestling card game in the late 1990s!



# Game Design Panel

PLAAY Games' Keith Avallone (below, at left) gives convention-goers a “peek behind the curtain” of how sports games are put together, with an hour of insights from a panel of guest game designers: Grant Fines, Gary Brown and Mike Fitzgerald.







***Group Photo!***





# ***“Cooperstown Kids” Tournament***

While our guest designers were entertaining the grown-ups, the kids had their own event! Each kid was made an honorary “Cooperstown Legend” with their very own HISTORY MAKER BASEBALL card! They then picked teams, chose line-ups, and matched up in a true “Field of Dreams” baseball experience, playing alongside Ted Williams, Sandy Koufax, Willie Mays and dozens of other baseball greats!







*Saturday, 7/20*

*HISTORY MAKER BASEBALL*  
***Time Machine***  
***Tournament***





# *HOCKEY BLAST All-Time Franchise Greats*



We had a great mix of kids and adults for this tournament, which featured the HOCKEY BLAST All-Time Franchise Great Teams cards. Interestingly, of the eight opening-round games, only two used the grid method of card placement, everyone else “stacked ‘em!”





# *Fury Football Tournament*

Just, WOW! We had 28 teams for this tournament, with final scores ranging from 4-0 (Nashville vs. Miami) to 84-21 (New York over LA)!





*Sunday 7/21*

# **HISTORY MAKER BASEBALL TRADING CARD TOURNAMENT**

Playing HMB the way it was originally designed! Grab a fist-ful of baseball trading cards and let 'er rip!





# *Final Match “Moments”...*

Tournament championships were settled with Sunday’s action. Silas Williams (below) accepts congrats from Brian Preece and Chad McEvoy after edging them both by a single stroke in the HMG tournament. Lenny Williams (right) gets a handshake from Bob Hansen after the final out of the 2019 Time Machine Tournament. Lenny became our first two-time champion (he won the 2015 event in San Francisco), managing the 1919 White Sox past Bob’s ‘97 Indians.







# *Tournament Champions*







# *See you next year!*

Ah, the joy of WINNING! Luke McEvoy breaks out into a huge grin after his name was drawn in the PLAAAY-Dot-Con Raffle: Luke's prize was 99 packs of unopened, un-searched vintage baseball cards, 1980-2019!

**THANKS** to everyone who was a part of PLAAAY-Dot-CON 2019! We'll never forget how much fun we had!