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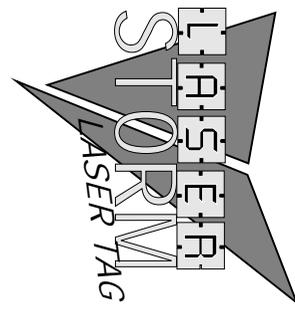
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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Hey members! Thanks to you Laser Storm Pittsburgh is more active than any other store in the country. Sure, there's the really crowded laser tags at the hot vacation spots, but most of those people never come back and they don't know each other either. Because of you we have more active members than anyone, we've had more league seasons, and more regional wins than any other Laser Storm. Considering more than half of the Laser Storms that opened around the same time as we did are now out of business, that's a really big accomplishment!

Our second 3 on 3 was successful in several ways. It brought together 30 people who wouldn't know each other if it wasn't for laser tag. It also demonstrated the difference between a round robin tournament and double elimination. More details on that inside.

If you would like to communicate with all of the other members at once, subscribe to the email group at www.yahogroups.com. Put in a request for the group titled "laserstormpgh". Then just wait for approval.

So have you and your friend put together a team to play the tournaments yet? Why not? Are you waiting for the end of time or something? No one is getting any younger, and YOU need to experience the competition!

WINTER LEAGUE

The current league season is now in the playoff stage. The end is nearing, and all of the teams have leveled the playing field. At one point any team could have taken first place in the regular season. Now we just have to wait and see who can wipe out the others. If you don't want to be left out, sign up for next season right now! There is limited availability, so don't wait.

Table with 4 columns: X Factor, Special Edition, Squirrels, The Monarchy. Lists team names like Dominator, EBayfreak, Lord of the Squirrel, etc.

LSP is more active than ever!

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Technique corner

For different players there are different styles of play. The majority of you hold your Phaser like Dan in figure A. This is 100% acceptable. You are not covering any of your sensors. Now while you are playing it is ok to adjust your stance like in figure B. The only difference is that now, in figure B, Dan is covering his headset sensor from the front AND the side. If you were looking at Dan from the vantage point of figure B, and you tried to fire at him, you would not be able to hit him. This is one of the most common methods of "covering sensors". It is a common problem that arises when a player needs to compensate for lack of skill. It is understood that in order for Dan to fire over this barrier he must raise his Phaser higher than his sensors. However, it is not necessary to cover the sensors during this style of play. It is up to him to be careful when someone is firing at him from the side. Lowering your arm immediately so that your sensors are exposed would be the proper action to take. Never keep your arm up for more than a few seconds at a time.



Upcoming events

Leagues!!

Signup Sheet On the Front counter Saturday April 16th @ Midnight
At Laser Storm!
League teams drafted by designated captains
registration \$10

Next 3 on 3!!

Laser Storm Pittsburgh
Top Gun And Double Elimination
Cost: \$26 Includes:
Tag, Food, Drink, Tokens

Regional Finals!!

Here In The 'Burgh!
Date To BE announced!

Do You Have What It Takes?

Tournament update

Team *Genocide* brought down the Ohio challengers once again in Austintown at the Skate Zone fun center. Finishing second was Ohio's *Anomaly*, followed by one of the other two attending Pittsburgh teams, *Version 2*. It is good to see that Pittsburgh still has enough quality players to form 3 traveling teams and have 2 of them place.

Our third team was formed shortly before the tournament because of indecision over who was going to be the 5th player. Team *Questionable Content* made their first appearance this tournament.

The first ever "Battle of The Systems" took place in Ohio at Jester's Court Laser Storm on the weekend of April 2nd. Pittsburgh sent 4 teams: *Hurricane*, *Questionable Content*, *Version 2*, and *Genocide*. Ohio had two teams, and Michigan had two as well. This definitely was the longest single-day tournament ever. Beginning at 10pm on Saturday night, it ended 10 hours later at 8:00 am. *Genocide* won first place on both systems, and Ohio's *Anomaly* took second on both. *Version 2* and *Questionable Content* each took third place, one in each system, which required them to play a tie-breaker at the end of the tournament on version 3.1 to decide who was really third place. After a really close match it was *Questionable Content* who won the final game and placed 3rd for the first time in a tournament.

As of yet the date for the regional final tournament has not been announced. It will most likely be in May, and it will be here in Pittsburgh. Call Laser Storm for any information you may require on the regional finals or the National Tournament in California.

3 on 3

The second monthly 3 on 3 "Rave Invitational", organized by Bill "Rave" Fox, took place on March 5th late at night. It's hard to believe that we get such a turnout for an event like this. The attitude of our players and their willingness to compete on a team that was randomly assigned says one thing: our players have fun no matter what. Rather than starting arguments or being spiteful when they lose, they just come right back for more!

The Top Gun tournament was one of the most interesting events ever. After several elimination rounds, 4 players remained. The significance of this is that never before have 2 female players made it to the semi-final round! (Ada "*Mas!*" Osthoff and Kelly "*Icy*" Rees) Good job ladies! The winner of the Top Gun challenge was Justin "*Phoenix*" Ragghianti, two-time National Tournament runner-up (2nd place). Justin is also on the region's #1 team, *Genocide*. His opponent for the final 1 on 1 game was Matt "*Red Dog*" Mator, and Matt sure gave Justin a run for his money! Matt is also a member of *Genocide*.

Red Dog had his moment though, when his team won the double elimination portion of the tournament. His team went completely undefeated! A really strong show of force was also witnessed when *Bigg's* team smashed through all the opposing teams in the loser's bracket, then defeated Phoenix's team (the team that they already lost to) and placed second!