

RoboWar Fourth Tournament Results

The RoboWar Fourth Tournament results are complete. The winners are:

Individuals: **1st** Pacifist Penguin II
Doug Harris

2nd Beholder Jr.
Robert Hogg

3rd Orb of Doom Eric
Foley

3rd Lewis Robert
Hogg

Teams: Miracle Penguin &
Terminator II
 (by Tim Seufert and Doug
Harris)

Icon: Lewis Robert
Hogg

In addition, there are several other robots worthy of special recognition. Death, by Jesse

Barnum, wins the “Best Cheating Robot” award for taking advantage of a bug in older versions of RoboWar that allowed a robot to fire bullets of negative energy that decimate their targets. This bug was fixed so the robot no longer performs, but Jesse gets his money refunded for that entry. Biosphere I, by Robert Hogg, claims an honorable mention in the icon contest; the artwork is fantastic, though Lewis was considered too cute for words.

The tournament was run using RoboWar 2.2.1. It has a few small corrections over 2.2, most importantly the squashing of a bug which caused battles to occasionally end prematurely and patching the bug which allowed Death to cheat. Also note that the fastest processor speed in RoboWar 2.2 is 50, not 30. All the entries were adjusted to use the new faster processor speed if appropriate, but as the results turned out, none of the top six individuals were affected by the change.

Attached is a listing of the robots entered in

order of performance. Congratulations to the top entries. A total of \$103 was collected from eight contestants; less the refund for Death, each prize winner receives \$15. Note that the third place prize money was awarded to Eric Foley; Robert Hogg already claims two prizes as well as nearly sweeping the tournament last year.

The robots in this contest were of unprecedented quality. Even the poorest were quite good compared to the bottom end of previous tournaments; the best are truly impressive. Lewis and Pacifist Penguin exemplify a new generation of defensive robots. For the first time, we saw a number of teams that are quite effective. The Gemstone line has character, and many robots demonstrate excellent artwork. All of the robots will soon be available on the network for the world to see. Thanks to everyone who developed an entry!