

RoboWar Fourth Tournament Results

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

Individuals: **1st** Pacifist

Penquin II Doug Harris

2nd Beholder Jr.

 Robert Hogg

3rd Orb of Doom

 Eric Foley

3rd Lewis Robert

Hogg

Teams: Miracle Penquin &

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!