

TANK BUSTERS!

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SHIRECON - SAT 3 MAY

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Tank Busters! is a competitive (but friendly) single day, **Bolt Action Third Edition** tournament for armour-focused forces.

Shirecon : Saturday 3rd of May
Sylvania Heights Community & Youth Club
288 Box Rd, Sylvania NSW 2224

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Registration and set-up : 08:30am

Game 1 : 09:00-11:30

Game 2 : 12:00-14:30

Game 3 : 15:00-17:30

Event Registration:

Tickets for the event will be available at:

www.sutherlandshiregamers.org/shirecon/shirecon-tournaments

Cost: \$20 + \$20 Prize Pool = Total \$40.

Tournament Organiser:

Adrian Matthews : savvyprint@me.com



POINTS : 1500

Players are to build their forces using the platoon selectors as described in the **Bolt Action Third Edition Rulebook** (pages 182-189). For this event however, the force selection differs to the rule book in the following manner:

The compulsory platoon must be an Armoured Platoon, and for every non-armoured platoon you wish to take (Rife/Engineer/Heavy Weapons/Artillery/Recce) - there must be an armoured platoon.

For example: A force consisting of an Armoured Platoon and a Rifle Platoon would be legal - but if you wanted to add a second non-armoured platoon - you would need to also add a second Armoured Platoon to match.

Your force must be constructed using the Army lists from the **Bolt Action Third Edition Rulebook**, **Amies of Germany**, **Armies of the United States** or the **Minor Nation PDFs** that were released alongside the main rulebook.

The current available armies are:

'ARMIES OF' FORCES

Armies of Germany (Third Edition), Armies of the United States (Third Edition).

MAIN RULEBOOK FORCES

Great Britain, Imperial Japan, Soviet Union.

MINOR NATIONS PDF FORCES

**Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Norway
Partisans, Poland, Romania, The Netherlands**

Nations available in Second Edition, but not included in the above army lists **can still be played** at the event but **MUST** be run using the most appropriate **Third Edition** army list and **ONLY** use profiles contained in that list.

For example; **Commonwealth** forces should be run as **Great Britain, Late-War Free French** as **United States**, **Chinese forces** as **Partisans/Japanese** or whatever best fits the force thematically.

Nations that do not yet have access to a Military Police unit profile in their Third Edition 'Armies of' book may use the following basic profile to create one. (Use an existing profile of identical points in your army building app to proxy).

Military Police

Cost: 55 points (Regular)

Composition: 1 NCO and 4 men.

Weapons: Rifles.

Options: Add up to 5 men with rifles for 11 points each.

Special Rule: Traffic Direction: If a force includes a Military Police squad in reserve it does not suffer the -1 penalty for attempting to bring vehicles onto the table.

They gain NO other special rules that similar units may gain (eg, Motorcycles, Get Back In The Fight!).

Unlike previous Tank Busters!

- Infantry and artillery units DO NOT need to be mechanised. (Ie they do not require a transport or tow). Recce platoons however, must still adhere to their special rules (All recce infantry must have a transport).
- Crew Skills from the Tank Wars book are NOT in use.
- The Experimental Warplanes rules are NOT in use.

Best Coast Pairings

This tournament will using the **Best Coast Pairings (BCP)** app to track scores and determine pairings. Players will need to register with **BCP** and then register with the event once it is becomes available in the app.

This can be done via a mobile phone with the app loaded or via the a web browser. (www.bestcoastpairings.com). The App can be downloaded via Google Play or the Apple Store.

This will be a swiss-style tournament. The first round opponents will be chosen randomly but may be massaged to minimise family and regular gaming partners from playing each other - after that the draw will be on points/placings. Grudge matches are allowed for the first round where both parties agree.

Scenarios and scoring details will be released closer to the event.

It is expected that all competitors will walk away with a prize of some description.

Army lists are to be submitted to **Adrian Matthews** no later than **Saturday 11th May**
Contact via email (savvyprint@me.com) or facebook messenger.

I am active on both the **Australian Bolt Action** and **Western Front Gamers** Facebook groups.



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