

## LURE X – COOL PLAY TOURNAMENT REPORT

Greetings fellow *Lure* addicts. It's me Alexander presenting you the *Cool Play Tournament* Report from the *Lure X*.

This year the *Cool Play Tournament* was Hero only (cause to some balancing troubles with the Minion *Cool Plays* from *Lure IX* it was not possible to fix those issue yet).



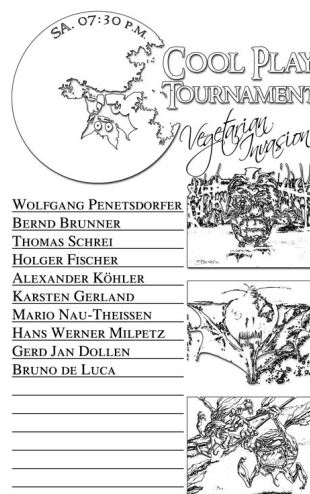
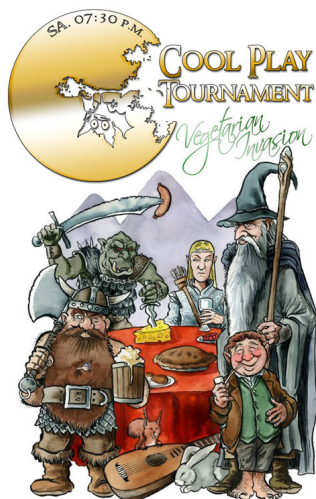
Wolfgang had to play special cards in his deck. Because he is vegetarian he had to play a vegetarian Wizard (*Brokkoliebeard*) and vegetarian hazard creatures (*Awakened Plants*). Due to this fact the subtitle for this years *Cool Play Tournament* was “*Vegetarian Invasion*”.

Below you will see the hazards he had to use in his deck:



You might use the zoom-function or look into the *Fun-Edition 2010* to see the details of the cards. It was the first time in the history of *Cool Play Tournament*, that you could use *Cool Play Challenge Decks*. There were 6 different decks available. So the tournament was a mix of constructed decks and *Cool Play Challenge Decks*.

To gather some players for the tournament format there was made a bit of commercial on the main *MECCG* forums and also at the *Lure X* itself. Maybe you notice some of the following images on top of the next page.



Friday evening we were the *Cool Play Champion 2009* Hans Werner Milpetz missing. Patrick called him asking if he is well and what happened. Hans Werner was really busy at work and could not manage to participate this time *Lure* at all.

Patrick was willing to take Hans Werner's place in the tournament playing Hans Werner's *Cool Play Challenge Deck*.

Saturday evening approached and all was set up for the *Cool Play Tournament* to get started. But before the tournament even started we got a "Lost in Cool-domains" blasting all plans away. The *Cool Players* had many questions and the tournament leader (me) had no time. And I mean no time by word, because I had no watch to measure starting time nor end time. Well at least I could answer the questions concerning the *Cool Play Rules*. So we got started about ca. 19:30 o'clock. Only one out of the fourteen participants had a watch who was frequently asked about how much time is left for the current round. Of course I had told some players a round would last one hour. What a pity Wolfgang told me later it's one hour twenty minutes. Missunderstandings were for-programmed. The pairs were randomly chosen and I was the first fool playing against that Veggis-hazards. My Wizard got *Celery-Slayed* within the first rounds. I simply blame the Sbaffi brothers for the pairing!

**1<sup>st</sup> round** was horrible, after the character draft I was missing *Thrain II*, *Thranduil* and *Thorin II*. Most frustrating, because that meant Wolfgang and me were playing the same *Cool Play Scenario*. Of course none of us managed to fulfill the scenario in the end at all. It was a very close game with a lot of fun and ended with 4:4 in a draw.

**2<sup>nd</sup> round** was versus Markus Wähler who was playing the *Women Power Challenge Deck*. This challenge deck is the weakest among all six challenge decks. I did build it and tested it the last two *Lure* events myself. I knew all its weaknesses and all about the strategy. It was a horrible massacre and I did lose the game. I can not explain how it was even possible to lose this game.

**3<sup>rd</sup> round** my opponent was one of the Sbaffi brothers. Luigi "Indy" Sbaffi was drafting *Thrain II* and *Thorin II* away (Déjà vu). But he wasn't playing my scenario. So I had good chances on playing *Thrain II* and *Thorin II* before he draws them. Well, I did both draw and play them first. *Thorin II* was killed in his first movement hazard phase and *Thrain II* got wounded in his first and kept in wounded status till end of game. I managed to pull out all my factions that got doubled at end of game resulting in a win.

All in all it was a rather cool tournament with *Cool Play Challenge Decks* taking the places 1, 2 and 4. Best constructed deck was on place number 3 played by Karsten Gerland.