

## Free Online Games - Part Two

(This is one of a series of articles provided by the Oakmont Technology Learning Center on the use of technology by seniors.)

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The last article on 7/9/2022 covered card games, word games, puzzles, and geography, but did not cover board games. Oakmont's Just For Fun Games Club has been playing games in person since its inception, and began playing games online soon after Covid began. Now that things are getting better, they play in-person most of the time, but still play games online once a month.

The club uses the website Board Game Arena ([boardgamearena.com](http://boardgamearena.com)), which may be the greatest website for playing games on the internet. When they began using the BGA website, which had some of the club's usual games, BGA had nearly 200 games available to play. There were lots of games that the club had never heard of before, but many were familiar games too. And now, a little over two years later, there are well over 500 game titles on the website. The game types, styles, and genres range all over the map. As a matter of fact, the website usually adds one or two new games a week, sometimes more.

To use the games, an account needs to be created with an e-mail address, username, and password. Then the user selects what game they want to play and who they want to play with: either random players who are logged onto the web site or friends who are logged in. An invitation to play a game can be sent to friends or accepted from a friend.

The Board Game Arena site has games you know, games you've never heard of, games for 2 players, and games for up to 10 players. These include: board games; card games; dice games; tile games; and more. There are easy games and hard games, games of many genres, classic games, family games, short games, long games, games for core gamers, and more.

A few examples of the games are: Catan, Agricola, Yahtzee, Can't Stop, Hearts, Spades, Carcassonne, Backgammon, Lost Cities, Hand and Foot, Pandemic, Lucky Numbers, Chess, Race For the Galaxy, Copenhagen, L.L.A.M.A., Cribbage, Marrakesh, For Sale, Parks, Incan Gold, No Merci (no thanks), Connect Four, Santorini, Reversi, Railways of the World, Draftosaurus, Codex, Eruption, and many more.

Give these games a try! There is a learning curve with using the web site and how the games operate, so take some time before you intend to play to familiarize yourself with how it works. For more information about the Just For Fun Games Club, see the club articles in Oakmont News or on the OVA website or contact the Club by sending an email to: [Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net](mailto:Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net).

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