

B O S W O R D S

Boswords organizes and runs in-person and online crossword puzzle tournaments. Below is a brief history of our work and a description of the events we run during the course of the year.

In the summers of 2017-2019, Andrew Kingsley and John Lieb organized a one-day, in-person crossword puzzle tournament at The Roxbury Latin School in West Roxbury, MA. We had 150-180 solvers at each of these three events.

Starting in the summer of 2020, we started organizing online crossword tournaments in which we streamed live broadcasts on Twitch and created a website where solvers could solve our crossword puzzles. Our website is www.boswords.org. Amuse Labs (<https://amuselabs.com/>) provides the online solving software that our solvers use.

Over the last several years, we have established a schedule of having crossword tournament events in all four seasons. The events we run are as follows. Note that in all our events that solvers can compete as an Individual or as part of a Pair.

Starting in the Fall of 2020, Brad Wilber joined us as our primary Puzzle Editor.

Boswords Winter Wondersolve – online

- One-day event (1:00-4:30 pm ET) in which solvers solve four crossword puzzles online.
- At our 2023 Winter Wondersolve, we had **443** Individual solvers and **135** Pairs.
- In addition, **117** solvers ordered the puzzles from the tournament.
- Date for the 2025 Winter Wondersolve is **Sunday, February 2**

Boswords Spring Themeless League – online

- 9-week event in which solvers solve one themeless puzzle per week during March and April.
- We have a live broadcast every Monday night on Twitch that runs from 9:00-10:00 pm ET. Each week's puzzle is released to solve at 9:15.
- Solvers have all week to solve the puzzle.
- Each week's puzzle has three levels of clues that vary in difficulty so that as many solvers as possible can participate.
- In our 2023 Spring League, we had **827** Individual solvers and **188** Pairs.

Boswords Summer Tournament – in-person & online

- One-day event in which solvers solve six crossword puzzles either in-person or online.
- At our 2023 Summer Tournament, we had **84** Individual solvers and **18** Pairs solving in-person, and we had **272** Individuals solvers and **71** Pairs solving online.
- In addition, **102** solvers ordered the puzzles from the tournament.
- Date for the 2024 Summer Tournament is **Sunday, July 21**

Boswords Fall Themeless League – online

- 9-week event in which solvers solve one themeless puzzle per week during October and November.
- Identical in format to the Spring Themeless League
- In our 2023 Fall League, we had **790** Individual solvers and **179** Pairs.

Other Notes

- Link to our Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/boswords>