Round 72 - The Plague Retreateth

Audio recording:

https://zerohour-productions.net/recordings/insertcredits/R72%2011%20Oct%202019.mp3 Multimedia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKhsMH-YvoM

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Adam

Music

- Eliott Tordo Essence of the Four Elements Golden Sun (OC ReMix)
- DusK A Shark Hunter's Tale Sea of Thieves (OC ReMix)

Topics

Valve / Steam to tackle "local multiplayer, but online" w/ "Remote Play Together"; host streams to remotes and accepts input as if other players were local; any game tagged w/ "local co-op", "local multiplayer", or "split-screen" will work out-of-the-box; only one copy of the game (host) required; in beta 15 Oct

(<u>https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2019/10/steams-next-big-feature-will-make-any-local-multiplaye</u> <u>r-game-work-online/</u>)

(play fanfare here)

Jamestown receives long-overdue patch to fix grayscale bullets, invulnerable enemies; *Jamestown*+ gets PC release later this year (!!)

Personal gaming

- Fight'N Rage (now in progress)
- Assault Android Cactus (for S3-2019 and...well, duh?)
- ALttP rando (for S3-2019, first v31 randomized crystal counts seed)
- DoDonPachi DaiFukkastu (for S3-2019)

Ad-hoc design

- S3-2019 postmortem
 - + fewer problems/mistakes w/ audio and transitions
 - + much better performance of during-marathon incentives
 - + new 16:9 split screen tech went very well
 - + excellent balance of content, both game- and person-wise
 - some setup times too long
 - some control setup issues

Shane

Music

- RebeccaETripp Font of Life Chrono Cross (OC ReMix)
- Arceace Knowing Your Roots Pokemon Diamond/Pearl/Platinum (OC ReMix)

Topics

- Blizzard bans pro Hearthstone player from tournament and removes his winnings for expressing solidarity with Hong Kong protestors; a team from American University was NOT banned for something similar, though they forfeited their match and season, citing that Blizzard was being hypocritical; employees staged a walkout; protestors are boycotting Blizzard by not streaming or purchasing their games, including cancelling subscriptions to *World of Warcraft*

- Untitled Goose Game released on 20 September to roaring success and popularity
- Nintendo's new 'Switch Lite' console fails to meet sales expectations, causing Nintendo's stock to fall

Personal gaming

- Pathfinder

- Tetris: The Grand Master

Ad-hoc design

TITLE: GENRE: PLAYERS: INPUT METHOD: GRAPHIC STYLE: AUDIO STYLE: POV: STORY: HOOK: INVENTORY: MECHANICS: OBJECTIVE:

Tony

Music

- Proto-dome Mah Boi The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening (OC ReMix)
- Reuben6, Earth Kid, sleffy OSHA Violation (OC ReMix)

Topics

Blizzard bans BlitzChung, winner of an official Hearthstone tournament, rescinding his \$10k winnings, for making a political statement during an interview - two interviewers who were on air were also fired
Intel announces specs on 10th gen X-series processors, also announces 9th gen price cut - just days after announcing said 10th gen processors were getting a price cut up to 50%, possibly in order to preempt AMD's November release

Personal gaming

- World of Warcraft Classic
- Dance Dance Revolution
- Pump It Up XX
- Legacy of the Ancients
- Legend of Blacksilver
- Uridium

Ad-hoc design

N/A