



### Geocaching Board Game – Prototype

A Geocacher is a participant in an online gaming community who hunt for “caches” hidden in outdoor locations by means of global positioning coordinates and a GPS receiver. The coordinates are provided by the cache owner through the game website. A close friend of mine was at this time an avid geocacher. Unfortunately, he was going to be home-bound for two months following surgery so I thought a good gift to him would be to devise a way for him to geocache at home.

So, I developed a board game, which I called *First Finders*, to emulate the geocaching experience. It is a dice and card game which directed players to be the first-to-find indicated caches. Being the first to find a newly hidden cache is one aspect of geocaching that some players take very seriously. At the end of the game the player with the most “first finds” is the winner.

Also included were common geocaching pitfalls like running out of batteries,

forgetting your mosquito repellent, and inputting the wrong coordinates into your GPS receiver.

The board and cards were hand-made and though it is a simple game, my friend was very appreciative and played it several times during his recuperation.

