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SWORDS & SANDALS IV DELIVERS 24 GAMES-IN-ONE FOR ULTIMATE FUN!

3RD Sense, Australia's Largest Independent Producer of Online Games, launches the fourth instalment of world's most popular online gladiator game

– Over a Million people turn to Fizzy.com for their entertainment every month –

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[3RD Sense](#), which operates the successful play platform [Fizzy.com](#), and develops games and online apps for consumers and innovative brands worldwide, today announced the release of *Swords & Sandals IV : Tavern Quest*, the latest instalment in the world's most popular online [gladiator](#) game.

Swords & Sandals IV: Tavern Quest introduces a new twist on the original role playing game series. Instead of players building a gladiator from the ground up and battling online to become the ultimate champion in the arena, the gameplay has now been shifted to a series of board game conflicts in a tavern.

Oliver Joyce, Creative Director for *Swords & Sandals IV* said, "The idea came to me while at my local pub, watching people playing games in their downtime. And it occurred to me that maybe the gladiators of old did the same after a long day of fighting.

"It seemed like the perfect way to have a little fun with the *Swords & Sandals* franchise and turn it on its head. It's a bit of postmodern fun really, to find the game within the game. We have taken the best bits of Fizzy's vibrant collection of games collection and reinvented the *Swords & Sandals* experience through the inclusion of mini games."

The mini games are a new and key addition to *Swords & Sandals IV: Tavern Quest*. There are 23 mini games to play in the full version of the game, and gladiators' skills will be tested in everything from racing beasts to sailing boats down raging rivers. The variety of games is broad and the games are fast. Gladiators who perform well in these mini games earn gold to spend at the end of the game.

Also new to *Swords & Sandals IV: Tavern Quest* is the "hot-seat" multiplayer aspect of the game, reminiscent of the old 'tabletop' gaming of old. Up to four people can play the game on one computer using their favourite gladiator. Taking turns to roll the dice and progress through the game.

Swords & Sandals IV: Tavern Quest has been released hot on the heels of the previous instalment which has 3 Million plays already recorded on Fizzy.com as well as attracting accolades from industry sites [Newgrounds.com](#) and [kongregate.com](#)

Colin Cardwell, CEO at 3RD Sense said, "This latest game is like the Spartacus of gladiators, it is our biggest, fastest and most furious fun yet. We really think that newcomers to the series will enjoy this as much as the fans because the game is very accessible and very addictive.

"We have also responded to calls for more multi-player games and the ability for four people to play at once means that families and friends can all join in the fun. *Swords & Sandals IV: Tavern Quest* really takes the 'bored' out of 'board' games, so grab a gladiator and start battling to your Maximus!"

Fizzy.com now has over 490 casual games available including the Swords & Sandals series, classic puzzle games and sporting favourites. The site now attracts over a million casual visitors and continues to grow at 53% year on year.

MULTIMEDIA ELEMENTS:

Game screenshots and spokesperson photographs supporting the story are available for download here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/spectrum261/SwordsSandalsIIIMultiplaeUltratus#ISS1>

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ABOUT 3RD SENSE:

3RD Sense creates casual games for its Fizzy.com website which is aimed at consumers, advertisers and game developers. The success of the site is reflected in the numbers with over 1 million visitors and 35 million ads served each month, plus a growing member base of over 245,000. Advertisers and game developers are drawn to Fizzy.com because of the large and growing audience, their high levels of engagement with the site and their wide demographic range.

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