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Hotel Negotiations 101

By Chris Cree

About a month before this year's Dallas Open (DO), I could tell that attendance and thus, room sales were going to be off considerably. As it turned out, our attendance was half off of its zenith and 30% off of its mean.

Increased airfare and the economy in general have strengthened the presence of the one day event, including three different cities in Texas. Our players want their officially rated games. Thus, what we have seen is attendance sharply off for multiday events while the total number of tournament games played has increased.

I had been talking with the Crowne Plaza – Park Central in Dallas for a while and had made decent acquaintances with the sales manager, events coordinator and food and beverage manager. We had been talking about moving the local one day events from a Golden Corral Buffet-style restaurant in a far north suburb called The Colony to the Crowne Plaza in Dallas proper. I told them I did not have much to offer but if their Chef Danny wants to prepare \$10 meals for lunch, that would work.

We still do not know if we are going to do the lunches, but they floored me with the response which was that they just wanted us there and that they would provide small (500–700 square feet) meeting space for no charge. I was shaking my head over that but figured that they figured they would get a room night or two from it as well as sell some food and I suppose there has not been that much demand for meeting space on any given Saturday morning or afternoon.

After the DO, they called me to discuss the future. I already had it in my mind to try to sell them on the fact the DO was an ever changing animal subject to the vagaries of the marketplace like any event, that we should be looked at as a four-year package in hindsight combined with a multi-year package in the future and to try to make judgment decisions based on those factors rather than myopically on a year to year basis. Well, they floored me by saying that they already had the contracts drawn up for 2012 and 2013 with free meeting space and hoped I would consider keeping the event there!

I said, "What the hell are you all thinking?" Then to clarify and respond to the startled look in their eyes that I would ask such



From left to right: NASPA Copresident and NSSC host John Chew, 2011 National School SCRABBLE Champions Alex Li and Jackson Smylie, Hasbro Director of Marketing Jay Bruns, and National SCRABBLE Association Executive Director John D. Williams, Jr.

a question, I asked, "What is it precisely that we bring to the table that would make you want to do this?"

They responded with what could only seem like surprise, "You all are great to work with. You let us do things to raise revenue and are always thinking of ways to help us. You can't believe some of the groups that come here and the kinds of things that they want."

This past year we had a seven-game second day ending at 5:00 P.M. with a Town Hall scheduled immediately thereafter. They had asked me four months ago if I wouldn't mind having the Town Hall in another room about a 30-yard walk from the playing room. "Of course I don't mind." Well, they sold the playing room that night to a wedding party. It lasted from 6:00 to midnight. They got \$2,000 for the room and sold a bunch of liquor and heavy hors d'œuvres. The labor involved was to take down our tables at 5:00, set up the room for the party, take down the setup for the party and then set our stuff back up at midnight. Probably three to four total hours of labor times three to four workers. So for somewhere between nine and sixteen hours of labor, they probably generated

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Canadians Win NSSC

by John Chew

A few years ago, I was having a drink with a Hasbro vice president and I managed to find the courage to ask the question "Why can't Canadian kids play in the National School SCRABBLE Championship (NSSC)?" The answer surprised me ("Make it happen."), but not as much as what happened on April 16th at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando.

This year's NSSC featured 98 two-player teams, ranging from Grade 5 to Grade 8, from across the United States and Canada, all competing for a \$10,000 top prize. The defending champions, the Windham Whip-tails, Bradley Robbins and Evan McCarthy (Windham, NH), were trying to become the first team to win two back-to-back titles. Robbins had been honing his skills at adult tournaments, most recently at the Boston Area Tournament, where he won a youth prize while raising his NASPA rating to 1577. Robbins and McCarthy were favored to win, but they faced tough competition from regional, state and city champions, especially from Texas, Washington D.C. and Toronto, as well as from 2009 winners Erik Salgado and Andy Hoang (Apex, NC).

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BATtle in Bean Town

By *Sherrie Saint John*

We celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Boston Area Tournament at the Westford Regency in Westford, MA, over the weekend of 7-9 April 2011. BAT, known for its 15-game main event, was actually a four-event bash this year. A noontime five-game Friday early bird tournament kicked things off. The main event was broken in 3 games Friday evening, 8 games Saturday, and 4 games on Sunday. The 6-game newcomers event was held on Saturday across the hall from the main event. A 5-game CSW late bird Sunday was the first of its kind to be held at BAT.

The early bird had an uneven number of entrants and though Rob Robinsky offered to sit out to keep us even, we were all delighted when John Luebke's flight came in early enough for him to join in the fun: we were a perfect 30. Five games flew by an before we knew it, the 8th seed and hometown hero, Michael Wolfberg (Westford, MA), had won the top spot with an undefeated record of 5-0 +521. Second place went to the also undefeated Steve Glass, 5-0 +416, third was Karl Higby, 4-1 +679, and fourth was Rob Robinsky, 4-1 +580. This early bird was a North American SCRABBLE Tour (NAST) satellite event. In addition to winning prizes and ratings points, each of the top four qualified to play in the 2011 NAST final, which will be held in Revere, MA, 4 June 2011. Class prizes went to 21st and 25th seeds: Barb Kester, 4-1 +296 and Larry Katz, 3-2 +158. Since she won another prize, Barb Kester received honorable mention for her play of ABOLISH for 108. The high play award went instead to Richard Buck for his play of OVERHAUL for 102.

Andrea Hatch made last year's BAT early bird her first tournament. She lost all five games, but promised she'd be back. This year, true to her word, she returned, and this time won 2.5 games. A definite improvement!

Every year, Eileen Johnson comes with a container of sweets for the crew (cookies, pies, bars) and I thought it would be great to share the joy with the players. So, I asked her to make an extra plate: she brought 6! So, on Friday, I pulled player names out of a hat and awarded containers of chocolate oatmeal cookies, lemon biscotti, and magic bars to the players. I hope everyone enjoyed theirs as much as the workers did!

The hotel pampered us this year and set up 8-foot tables throughout the room (save for Premier, who had only 6-foot tables, but with one game on each table, so it wasn't too much of a hardship). The players commented on how much they liked the space. I told them we'd use the 8-footers as long as the event didn't grow much more. This year, 151 players fit into our usual ballroom comfortably and spaciouly. Three games on Friday night were followed by eight games on

Saturday.

While the main event played rounds 4-12, a newcomers event was held across the hall from the ballroom. Twelve players took part this year. Seven players came in with ratings, including last year's winner, Aron Klopper. Six players made this event their debut into tournament play. These included Janice Vasquez, mother of Nick Vasquez (of School SCRABBLE fame; he was playing in the main event's division C), and Evan McCarthy, one half of the 2010 National School SCRABBLE championship team (his partner, Bradley Robbins, was playing in the main event's division A).

When the dust settled in the newcomers room, Morris Greenberg took top honors with an impressive 6-0 +485 finish. Aron Klopper came in 2nd and Evan McCarthy came in 3rd (winning the class prize). All three are current or former School SCRABBLE players. Marla Choslovsky, the 4th place finisher, is Morris' mother and she was taking his younger brother off to the National School SCRABBLE Championships in Orlando, FL, the following weekend!

In the main event, after round 11, the players went upstairs to the buffet dinner. Afterwards, more than half of the attendees filed into the Concord Room for Frank Tangredi's Hundredaire trivia show. Always refining his successful show, Frank wanted to move to visual questions. Jere Mead, unable to play this year, volunteered to come with an overhead projector that he offered to operate! This year's contest had four rounds of five players. The winner of each of the four rounds moved onto the final round as did the highest-scoring second place player. In the end, the finalists, Brian Cappelletto,

Chris Sinacola, Jason Keller, and Mark Przybyszewski lost to Judy Cole. She had a perfect score; missing no questions! For her smart efforts, Judy received \$100!

Sunday morning's rounds 12-14 went by in flash and then it was time for the king-of-the-hill round 15. The winners were division D's Joseph Waldbaum (13-2 +353), division C's Yvonne Lobo (12-3 +430), division B's Michael Ecsedy (12-3 +1116), division A's Chris Lipe (11-4 +1063), and Premier's John O'Laughlin (10.5-4.5 +538). Each division winner received a wooden plaque and by winning division A, Chris Lipe earns a berth into Premier 2012!

Nick Vasquez won the Robert Felt Star Student prize for having the best event record for an 18 or under player. Each division had high bingo, high nonbingo, high win, high loss, low win, best comeback, and tuff luck winners. For all the prizes awarded, click [HERE](#).

Instead of packing up and heading home after the awards ceremony, we relocated to the other end of the room to commence the first annual BAT CSW (formerly known as SOWPODS) tournament. A total of twelve players broke into two divisions and played a round robin with each other. If a player had a WESPA international rating, we used it for seeding. If a player didn't, they were seeded by their NASPA ratings. Judy Steward, who had played at BAT for years, came back after taking a few years off. She told me she switched to Collins a few years ago and was delighted to finally see a "proper" event at BAT! She and Sam Kantimathi were the only attendees to attend only the 6-round CSW event.

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CSW Players, from left to right: Carl Durdan, Jason Keller, Chris Lipe, Judy Cole, Richard Buck, Puneet Sharma, Judy Steward, Prashanth Seetheram, John Chew, Marty Gabriel, and John O'Laughlin.

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John O’Laughlin won Division A, with a 5-1 +602, and Chris Lipe won Division B with a record of 5-1 +713.

John and I were assisted by Gregg Foster and Emma DiMuzio. We thank them for their hard work! Join us for the 31st next April!

NSSC Report

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I had been invited by our partner organization, the National SCRABBLE Association (NSA), to act as host of this year’s NSSC, and so I relinquished my comfortable data entry seat to Vince Castellano (Vienna, VA) to emcee the event and coordinate an all-star team of NASPA tournament directors — Joe Edley (Port Jefferson, NY), Ben Greenwood (Lexington, MA), Bryan Pepper (Bedford, TX) and Sherrie Saint John (Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA) — in making sure the event ran like clockwork. If you’re a tournament director, you can imagine what it’s like to run a high stakes seven-round event where a huge number of players are playing in their first tournament, but we managed fairly well. It helped that the event budget had permitted the use of two XGA LCD projectors paired with eight-foot screens to display an instantaneously updated electronic scoreboard: the technology drew the players quickly out into the hall after each round, and as soon as the last results came in, the pairings appeared and players came running back in even before the printer started running.

After the first day of play, 12 of the 98 teams remained undefeated in the Swiss format: the 2009 champions, two of their schoolmates, the Texas and Toronto champions, three teams from Massachusetts, and one team each from D.C., Indiana, New York, North Carolina and Oregon. Surprisingly, the defending champions had lost a second-round match to Toronto, 412-351. In the newly extended seven-round format, they were not eliminated from finals contention, though at 20th place they were now far from favored.

In the evening, everyone came out to the traditional luau (the Royal Pacific Resort is Hawaiian-themed) for the ice cream bar and selection of Hasbro games. About half the kids were playing SCRABBLE, and many took advantage of the chance to play with such NASPA luminaries as Joe Edley, Chris Cree and Stefan Fatsis. I overheard one kid grilling Chris before deciding it was worth playing him: “How many times have you won the NSC or WSC? Have you come second?” It was an unexpectedly tough crowd.

The next morning, as the kids played the next three games, the undefeated teams shrank from 12 to 6 to 3, and finally to just 1 going into the lunch break: the Texas Champions, Amanda Sass and Emily Ward

(Magnolia, TX). In second place, leading ten teams at 5-1 with an impressive +907 spread, were the Windham Whiptails, who had followed up their second-round loss with consecutive maximum wins (School SCRABBLE spread is capped in later rounds at 250 points per round), and a total of 2,239 points scored over four rounds. The top of the field would be paired 1-4 2-3 in Round 7. Texas had only a +446 spread, so they needed to beat Matthew O’Connor and Seth Tilliss (DeWitt, NY) to advance. The Whiptails had enough of a spread lead that beating Suhas Rao and Kenny Hoang (Apex, NC) would almost guarantee them seats in the finals. At the next two tables, Toronto faced 2009 NSSC runner-up Paolo Federico O’Murchu and his teammate Conor McGeehan (Montclair, NJ), and Vince’s son Josh Castellano and teammate Jackson Whitcup (Falls Church, VA) were paired with Sam Heinrich and Max Bohn (Carlisle, MA), and all needed to win fairly big to qualify, as did now long shots Sam Masling and Sam Radack (Washington, DC) and the 2009 Champions.

At Board 1, Texas finally met their match, losing 317-381 to O’Connor and Tilliss. Because of Texas’ low spread (they had won their last two games by a total of 11 points), they were out of contention. O’Connor and Tilliss ended 6-1 +726, which became the mark to beat to get into the finals. The Whiptails started the round +907, so their 447-261 win over Rao and Hoang was overkill but assured them of a finals berth. At Tables 3 and 4, any teams wanting to overtake O’Connor and Tilliss would need to outscore their opponents by anywhere from 68 points (Toronto, ON) to 202 points (Montclair, NJ), and because of the 250-point spread cap, the teams at Table 5 were mathematically eliminated.

After several tense minutes, the Toronto team reported a 76-point win, just eight points more than they needed. We then had to wait until all the rest of the results were in for data entry verification before officially announcing that the finals would pit the defending champions against the only team that had been able to defeat them.

The finalists were taken to the studio where their match would take place; the rest of the teams adjourned to the theater room to follow the finals on closed-circuit TV, hosted by Word Freak author Stefan Fatsis. They shook hands, then drew tiles and determined that Toronto would go first. Toronto opened with GAB, keeping CATE; Wyndham replied with BOX, keeping DJLR, both near-optimal plays. Toronto used the first blank in the phoney bingo CARNATE (it has an acceptable anagram). Windham did not hold but replied with a 22-point play, keeping the J. Toronto drew the other blank and used it to play dECAYING, one

of several playable bingos, to take a 166-49 lead. Windham made a 14-point J play rather than a 30-point one to hold onto their only vowel; Toronto missed PETROSAL to fish off the P to find another bingo. Windham played the phoney bingo ENTOLLED; Toronto let it go to play their own bingo, OLESTRA, now leading 250-137. Wyndham missed a difficult bingo in GORSTUY through an A, fished YO to draw EU, and for the next several turns had to keep fishing a few tiles at a time while Toronto kept scoring well. Eventually, after Toronto had started shutting down the board, Wyndham got down ATRESIA (63) to bring the score to 431-288, but with only three tiles left in the bag it was too late. The final score was 475-324 and the new champions were the boys from Toronto, Alex Li and Jackson Smylie.

John Williams congratulated everyone and it was time for the prize ceremony and the beginning of Alex and Jackson’s media tour, which will culminate next month in an appearance on the Jimmy Kimmel Show. I was delighted with the caliber of play, which gets significantly better every year as more and more school players play in NASPA tournaments at an earlier age, and can’t say I was disappointed by my hometown team winning our club’s first national championship!

Many thanks to the NSA team, headed by John and Jane Williams, for putting on yet another SCRABBLE spectacular.

Bulletin Back Issues

by the *Bulletin Committee*

Starting this month, we are going to simplify access to back issues of the NASPA Bulletin. Until now, we had been restricting access to the current issue to members only for the first week of publication. This led to some confusion about when exactly the issue would be released to the general public, given that the initial release takes place over a 24-hour period because of the time it takes us to email all of our members. From now on therefore, the current monthly issue will remain members-only until the next issue is published. As soon as it becomes a back issue, it joins the rest of our back issues in the public portion of our website. Thank you for your understanding, and your continued readership!

Committee Changes

by the *Web Committee*

The Web Committee is a NASPA working committee established to develop and maintain NASPA’s web presence and services. We welcome this month Juraj Pivovarov (Calgary, AB), the longtime technical whiz at the Calgary club, who joins John Chew, Rebecca Slivka (Seattle, WA), Ryan Fischer (Charlotte, NC) and Tapani Lindgren (Roseville, CA). The Web Committee can be reached by email at naspa-web@yahoo.com.

Know the Rules!

By Guest Columnist John Robertson

During the years I have been a director, one rule that surprisingly seems to puzzle players of all skill levels is the six-consecutive-zero rule. Perhaps this is because the rule has changed over the years, it is often misunderstood, or a combination of the two.

Rule V.C.2 states, "The game ends [when] there have been six successive scores of zero (passes, exchanges, or challenges)." That seems crystal clear. However, many players are under the wrong impression that this rule does not apply if no tiles are on the board. That used to be the rule before the latest revisions from the Rules Committee came into effect. In fact, the new rule is actually a resurrection of an old rule. At one time the six-consecutive-zero rule was as it is today. It was before my time, but I was told the rule was subsequently changed so it didn't apply with no tiles on the board based on the premise that a game shouldn't end with an empty board. Regardless of the rule's history, presently a game can indeed end on this rule with no tiles having been played. When this happens, each player simply subtracts the face value of the tiles on his/her rack. Thus, it is possible for negative scores to occur. I was the director of an event in Albany, NY in July 2010 when Marlon Hill won a game with a negative score.

Another facet of this rule that is widely misunderstood is that the six zeroes can occur in any way. I've talked to some intermediate and expert players who have wrongly thought the rule only applied to six consecutive passes. Nope. Any combination of six successful challenges, passes or exchanges (three by each player) will end a game. Savvy players will often use this rule to their advantage if they have a lead and the board is extremely tight. It's not unethical to do this; it's good strategic play.

The bottom line: Six consecutive scores of zero ends a game regardless of how they occur or when they occur.

NSC Update

by the Championship Committee

Registrations are coming in quickly for the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship, to be held on August 6-10, and preparations are continuing apace. Activity Director Robin Gates is researching after hours activities, we've finalized plans for Dan Horowitz to direct a first-ever rated five-round Lunch Bird, and Bennett Jacobstein will run a trivia contest one night. Stefan Fatsis is hoping to have advance copies of the new edition of Word Freak on site. Michael Thelen is donating Zyzzyva merchandise and might be demoing the iPhone app edition of Zyzzyva due out at the end of the summer. That's all in addition to the 31 rounds of SCRABBLE play against the best in the country and from around the world. Come join the party!

NASPA in the News

Compiled by the Bulletin Committee

The Ashland Daily Tidings reported on March 25th about an West Coast World Championship Wordlist Challenge, using the Collins Dictionary, that attracted six of the top 50 players in the world including: Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR), Nathan Benedict (Tucson, AZ), Carl Johnson (Hillsboro, OR), Stu Goldman (San Francisco, CA), and Travis Chaney (Ashland, OR).

On March 28, 2011, the Southern Oregon Mail Tribune reported on Dave Wiegand's win at the West Coast World Championship Wordlist Challenge. Mentioned also are Nathan Benedict, John Chew, Stu Goldman, and Travis Chaney.

A similar article is found in the Ashland Daily Tidings, March 28, 2011 edition, featuring Dave Wiegand, Rich Baker (Eureka, CA), Nathan Benedict, John Chew, and Stu Goldman.

The Baltimore Messenger, March 30, 2011, reported on a fundraiser for adult literacy at the Calvert School in Tuscany-Canterbury MD. NASPA members Tobey Roland and Dave Engelhardt (both of Baltimore, MD) are highlighted in the article.

On March 30th, BroadwayWorld.com presented information about the April 4th SCRABBLE with the Stars benefit in aid of Performing Arts Lodges, Toronto. Many Canadian radio and television stars will be attending. It's chaired by NASPA member Vivienne Muhling (Toronto, ON) and tabulated by John Chew.

Kevin Goldstein of the BP (baseball prospectus) Podcast interviewed Diane Firstman (Forest Hills, NY) about the world of competitive SCRABBLE on episode 43, March 31, 2011.

An event listing for a SCRABBLE FUNdraiser hosted by Joel Wapnick (Montreal, QC) and Dave Boys (Dorval, QC) at the Atwater Library, was printed in the Montreal Gazette on April 1, 2011.

Also on April 1st, InsideToronto.com had an article about the SCRABBLE with the Stars event. NASPA members Vivienne Muhling, John Chew, Joel Wapnick, and Robin Pollock Daniel (Toronto, ON) are all mentioned.

On April 3rd the TorontoSun.com had an article and a video featuring Robin Pollock Daniel assisting Canadian actor R.H. Thomson to beat the Quackle program, as part of the publicity for the SCRABBLE with the Stars benefit. Joel Wapnick and Tony Leah (Ajax, ON) are also featured.

An in-depth article about the Atwater Library fundraiser in Montreal featuring Joel Wapnick and Dave Boys was in the April 6, 2011 Westmount Examiner. For a \$5 donation they suggested plays to the more than twenty participants, and then later played simultaneous games with six opponents each.

The Cambridge Times had an article on April 6th detailing the happenings at the 29th Cambridge Open SCRABBLE tournament. Seventy-five players participated, and Gabriel Gauthier-Shalom (Montreal, QC) was the champion, winning six out of seven games. NASPA members Evan Berofsky (Thornhill, ON), Arie Sinke (Lyden, ON), Heather McColl (Toronto, ON), Sid Lashley (Mississauga, ON), John David (Mississauga, ON), and Joy Brown (Guelph, ON) were also mentioned in the article.

The next set of articles all have to do with the win for two Scarborough, ON Grade 8 students at the National School SCRABBLE Championship. The April 21st article from Yahoo!News Canada, gives details of Alex Li's (Scarborough, ON) and Jackson Smylie's (Scarborough, ON) win; their use of the unchallenged phony 'carnate' garnered them 87 points, and helped them to beat over 400 students from across North America.

From April 18th, parentcentral.ca (a division of the Toronto Star) has an article featuring Alex Li and Jackson Smylie and their win at the NSSC.

The Toronto Star, April 22nd, had a follow-up article regarding phony words, and how is a word determined to be a phony or not. Mention is made of Alex Li and Jackson Smylie, the winners of the National School SCRABBLE Championship, and of John Williams (Greenport, NY), Executive Director of the National SCRABBLE association.

InsideToronto.com, April 26th, had a nice summary article regarding Jackson Smylie and Alex Li and their win at the National School SCRABBLE Championship.

EyeWeekly.com (April 27th), presented an in-depth article about Jackson Smylie and Alex Li and their win at the National School SCRABBLE Championship, studying and memorizing for tournaments, and being guests on Jimmy Kimmel Live in California.

A Rented Mule

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\$4,000–5,000 of business that was just gravy for them.

Everybody is different. This particular manager loves the game of SCRABBLE. He wanted to play me a game, so I did. Then when I beat him like a rented mule, he took an iPhone photo of the board and started excitedly emailing his friends. He is starting official NASPA club play this week at Dallas/Richardson NASPA Club #319.

Work with these people and perhaps they will work with you.

Are you interested in becoming a NASPA Certified Director? Are you already a Certified Director with time to mentor an apprentice? Please Email Mary Rhoades, the Chair of the Club/Director Committee, at mrhoadestx@gmail.com

Top Active Players

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of April 1, 2011.

1. 2140 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2102 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2047 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
3. 2047 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
5. 2037 Logan, Adam (ON)
6. 2022 Swift, Orry (TX)
7. 2014 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2014 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
9. 2004 Johnson, Carl (OR)
10. 2002 Mallick, Joey (ME)
10. 2002 Sherman, Joel (NY)
12. 1999 Stern, Rafi (WA)
13. 1989 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
14. 1970 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
15. 1968 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
16. 1964 Edley, Joe (NY)
16. 1964 Koenig, David (MD)
18. 1961 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
19. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
20. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
21. 1938 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
22. 1934 Gabriel, Marty (IL)
23. 1929 Leong, James (BC)
24. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
24. 1928 Sujjayakorn, Panupol (THA)
26. 1926 Cree, Chris (TX)
27. 1922 Meyer, Nick (CA)
28. 1919 Macneil, Rod (MA)
29. 1916 Epstein, Paul (MI)
30. 1913 Tran, Eric (AB)
31. 1912 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
32. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
32. 1911 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
34. 1909 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
35. 1905 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
35. 1905 Frentz, Mike (WA)
35. 1905 Luebke, John (VA)
38. 1901 Leah, Tony (ON)
38. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
40. 1900 Day, Jesse (CA)
40. 1900 Walton, Noah (OR)
42. 1899 Rosin, Sam (NJ)
43. 1894 Glass, Steve (FL)
43. 1894 Le, Cecilia (MA)
43. 1894 Saldanha, Dean (BC)
43. 1894 Withers, Ben (TX)
47. 1891 Kramer, Jim (MN)
48. 1888 Sykes, Christopher (ON)
49. 1887 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
50. 1886 Berofsky, Evan (ON)

The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of April 1, 2011.

1. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
3. 2075 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
4. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
5. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
6. 2015 Logan, Adam (ON)

7. 2008 Johnson, Carl (OR)
8. 2007 Eldar, David (AUS)
9. 1986 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
10. 1968 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
11. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
12. 1943 Bowman, Brian (KY)
13. 1926 Boys, David (QC)
14. 1916 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
15. 1912 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
16. 1907 Leah, Tony (ON)
17. 1902 Macneil, Rod (MA)
18. 1901 Panitch, Max (ON)
19. 1895 Ball, Nick (BC)
20. 1891 Cree, Chris (TX)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists the players with the best results in March 2011.

Most Rated Wins

1. 45 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
2. 28 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
3. 25 Cree, Chris (TX)
4. 23 Glass, Steve (FL)
4. 23 Keller, Jason (NJ)

Most Games Played

1. 54 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
2. 42 Cole, Judy (MA)
2. 42 Creed, Connie (PA)
4. 40 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
4. 40 Cree, Chris (TX)

Most Games Undeclared

1. 7 Wolfberg, Michael (MA)
1. 7 Abbate, Elspeth (FL)
1. 7 Shuman, Adam (PA)
4. 6 Randolph, Jason (TX)
4. 6 Krook, Dave (ON)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +208 = 823 Incorvati, Tony (OH)
2. +197 = 1019 Malaby, Andrew (MA)
3. +174 = 1862 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
4. +172 = 672 Colasuonno, Jennifer (NC)
5. +161 = 1784 Chew, John (ON)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1015 Kroll, Adam (MD)
2. 976 Novinson, Daniel (GA)
2. 976 Ingram, Guy (GA)
4. 909 Price, John (NC)
5. 797 Stocker, Michelle (PA)

Recent Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists all players who finished in the top three places in their division in a rated tournament ending in March 2011, together with their wins, losses, cumulative spread, old and new ratings. Out-of-state winners are identified with their home state (or province).

Concord, MA: March 5

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
6-1	+504	1860	1905 OLaughlin, John
5-2	+439	1778	1816 Buck, Richard
5-2	-38	1875	1898 Mead, Jeremiah

Division B (8 PLAYERS)

7-0	+1086	1730	1806 Wolfberg, Michael
5-2	+206	1594	1627 Horn, Joel
4-3	+214	1527	1549 Becker, Bob

Division C (8 PLAYERS)

6-1	+614	1371	1416 Horn, Judy
5-2	+268	1426	1439 Gable, Sue (NY)
4-3	-36	1181	1204 Borenstein, Roberta (CT)

Division D (8 PLAYERS)

6-1	+205	946	1023 Kt, Trx
5-2	+189	995	1026 Conti, Jane
4-3	+584	1047	1051 Pearl, Elouise (VT)

Division E (8 PLAYERS)

7-0	+1138	822	934 Malaby, Andrew
4-3	-20	726	728 Marshall, Norma
4-3	-52	661	676 Kraus, Marvin

The Colony, TX: March 5

Division A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1	+547	1926	1937 Cree, Chris
4-2	+147	1569	1598 Holser, Paul
4-2	+33	1689	1705 Early, Michael

Division B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1	+762	1224	1248 Sjostrom, Craig
5-1	+253	1211	1236 Donegan, Michael
4-2	-61	853	877 Nees, Joy

Pittsburgh, PA: March 5

Division A (6 PLAYERS)

4-2	+182	1731	1729 Lum, Mark
4-2	+126	1545	1567 Steffy, Heather (OH)
4-2	-14	1346	1398 Perman, Gary

Division B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1	+345	1140	1197 Stone, Jamal (VA)
5-1	+150	1204	1245 Bassett, Michael (OH)
3-3	+152	1223	1214 Rizzo, James

Division C (6 PLAYERS)

4-1	+125	914	941 Vith, Ed
3-2	+361	940	948 Stock, Joyce (OH)
3-3	-131	1015	999 Thomas, Andrew C

Division D (6 PLAYERS)

4-2	+492	0	797 Stocker, Michelle
4-2	+102	563	612 Rupert, Matthew
4-2	-30	565	621 Smith, Jenny

Berkeley, CA: March 6

Division A (7 PLAYERS)

6-1	+427	1793	1819 Berahovich, Leesa
5-2	+257	1715	1733 Morgan, Chris Patrick
4-3	+181	1909	1892 Lerman, Jerry

Division B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1	+226	1357	1394 Unger, Dan
4-2	+218	1470	1473 Jacobstein, Bennett
4-2	+133	1402	1411 Whitman, Alan

Division C (8 PLAYERS)

4-1	+175	1035	1041 Morley, Maggie
4-2	+400	1031	1028 Smith, Peter
4-2	+356	765	797 White, Michael

Guelph, ON: March 6

Monthly One-Day

Division A (10 PLAYERS)

5-1	+464	1651	1709 Ubeika, Jason
4-2	+570	1724	1736 Gauthier-Shalom, Gabriel (QC)
4-2	+164	1806	1813 Panitch, Max

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DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)				
5-1	+202	1263	1331	Turner, Kevin
4-2	+284	1430	1441	Fernando, Priya
4-2	+173	1167	1210	Horowitz, Risa
DIVISION C (9 PLAYERS)				
7-0	+505	954	1040	Krook, Dave
5-2	+452	824	887	Spanier, Crayne
5-2	-3	728	784	Sawatzky, Peter

Laguna Woods, CA: March 6

(12 PLAYERS)				
6-1	+914	1825	1830	Del Solar, Cesar
6-1	+501	1353	1394	Slavin, David
5-2	+616	1698	1704	Knapp, Rachel

Philadelphia, PA: March 6

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)				
7-0	+645	2002	2019	Sherman, Joel (NY)
5-2	+139	1525	1569	Engelhardt, David (MD)
5-2	+113	1794	1806	Keller, Jason (NJ)
DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)				
5-1	+438	1283	1333	Zurav, Edward H (NJ)
5-1	+199	1337	1374	Milton, Daniel (VA)
5-2	+263	1378	1399	Roth, Edwin
DIVISION C (13 PLAYERS)				
7-0	+439	1130	1246	Shuman, Adam
6-1	+409	934	1019	Malaby, Andrew (MA)
5-2	+367	941	962	Brower, Ruth (DE)

Independence, OH: March 8 (LCT)

(8 PLAYERS)				
3-1	+328	1549	1553	Zeigler, Pete
3-1	+127	1687	1686	Stock, Daniel
3-1	-19	1567	1570	Steffy, Heather

Dallas, TX: March 11-13

<i>Dallas Open VI</i>				
(70 PLAYERS)				
16-4	+1484	1989	2018	Wiegand, Dave (OR)
16-4	+1420	2047	2068	Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
16-4	+1205	1970	2014	Thevenot, Geoff

Saratoga Springs, NY: March 11

<i>Early Bird</i>				
DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)				
3-2	+94	1414	1437	Keras, Lydia (QC)
3-2	+94	1419	1442	Sealy, Trevor (ON)
3-2	+92	1825	1815	Lipkin, Seth (MA)
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)				
5-0	+206	1175	1257	Durant, Olivia
2-3	+15	1142	1160	Kester, Barb (VT)
3-2	+138	1268	1254	Gindlesperger, Barbara (PA)
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)				
4-1	+267	1030	1050	Poulter, Maggie (ON)
3-2	+156	1051	1049	Pearl, Elouise (VT)
3-2	+70	923	933	Kamath, Shubha

Saratoga Springs, NY: March 11-13

<i>Main Event</i>				
DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)				
11-5	+586	1775	1812	Brown, Ross (ON)
11-5	+530	1619	1705	Avrin, Paul
10-6	+757	1921	1910	MacNeil, Rod (MA)

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)				
12-4	+1100	1515	1565	Tremblay, Sue (ON)
10-6	+668	1524	1534	Rackham, Anita (QC)
10-6	+624	1472	1496	Creed, Connie (PA)
DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)				
11-4	+740	1254	1314	Gindlesperger, Barbara (PA)
11-5	+468	1213	1272	Gauthier, Kevin
10-6	+506	1293	1312	Burton, Lorraine (MD)
DIVISION D (16 PLAYERS)				
12-4	+357	933	1006	Kamath, Shubha
11-5	+555	982	1023	Buckley, Bernadette (NJ)
11-5	+380	1050	1072	Poulter, Maggie (ON)

St. Augustine, FL: March 18 (EB, 8 Players)

4-1	+352	1159	1181	Hawkins, Ingrid
4-1	+128	1055	1096	Depospo, Conchita
3-2	+348	892	915	Gier, Marie

St. Augustine, FL: March 18-20 (Main Event)

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)				
10-5	+515	1739	1716	Jones, Vernon
9-6	+278	1492	1511	Bottorff, Timothy
8-7	+297	1266	1325	White, Charlene (NJ)
8-7	+297	1519	1511	Heffner, Jill
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)				
12-3	+1040	1277	1337	Moore, Arthur
10-5	+52	1277	1297	Miller, Brian
8-7	+179	1096	1122	Depospo, Conchita
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)				
14-1	+1117	989	1059	Thompson, Cedia Dayrit (NJ)
11-4	+990	915	943	Gier, Marie
8-7	+509	817	810	Cook, Maryjane

Decatur, GA: March 19

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)				
6-1	+755	1774	1800	Fischer, Ryan (NC)
5-2	+235	1703	1717	Krafchick, Joey
4-3	+185	1622	1625	Leifer, Dave
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)				
6-1	+193	1092	1217	Graham, Kate
4-3	+138	1174	1179	Ushry, Yolanda
4-3	-2	1179	1184	Swanson, Margaret
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)				
6-1	+541	932	1004	Scruggs, Julia
5-2	+126	1049	1069	Hollman, David
4-3	+69	976	989	Ryder, Kimberly (TN)
DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)				
5-2	+357	0	976	Ingram, Guy
5-2	+233	0	976	Novinson, Daniel
4-3	+286	690	714	Gardner, Andrew

Arcata, CA: March 19-20

DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)				
11-3	+687	1900	1931	Day, Jesse
10-4	+594	1900	1915	Walton, Noah (OR)
9-5	+462	1733	1757	Morgan, Chris Patrick
DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)				
12-2	+1536	1228	1283	Kruley, Leah
10-4	+255	1010	1063	Machi, Michael
9-5	+394	1181	1183	Villena, Marina A

Bethesda, MD: March 19-20 (CSW)

(8 PLAYERS)				
11-3	+967	1880	1918	OLaughlin, John (MA)
10-4	+779	1822	1872	Buck, Richard (MA)
7-7	+85	1834	1817	Linn, Robert

Bethesda, MD: March 19-20

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)				
12-2	+705	1712	1832	Bednarz, Jason
10-4	+823	1643	1719	Keith, Barry (VA)
9-5	+757	1899	1892	Rosin, Sam (NJ)
DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)				
11-3	+847	1398	1463	Stewart, Edward
9-4	+598	1312	1393	Burton, Lorraine
8-6	+269	1374	1392	Milton, Daniel (VA)
DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)				
10-3	+775	1233	1281	Stewart, Gwen
10-4	+620	1070	1207	Castellano, Joshua (VA)
9-4	+281	1181	1225	Ensey, Thomas
DIVISION D (20 PLAYERS)				
10-4	+1166	0	1015	Kroll, Adam
9-5	+452	899	905	Horowitz, Dan (DE)
9-5	+402	771	829	Bowen, Nancy (VA)

Can-Am Challenge, AB: March 19-20

<i>Invitational Team Tournament</i>				
(14 PLAYERS)				
12-2	+926	2018	2053	Wiegand, Dave (OR)
11-3	+328	2037	2059	Logan, Adam (ON)
9-5	+332	1883	1914	Gabriel, Marty (IL)

Elyria, OH: March 19-20

DIVISION A (20 PLAYERS)				
12-1	+1394	1860	1898	Cornelis, Lou (ON)
10-3	+952	1492	1598	South, Joe
9-4	+689	1565	1625	Alexander, Dorcas (PA)
DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)				
9-4	+764	1214	1235	Smith, Karen (PA)
9-4	+339	1180	1207	Gray, Janet (MI)
8-5	+260	1094	1120	Blake, Daniel (NY)

Princeton, NJ: March 25

<i>Early Bird</i>				
(6 PLAYERS)				
4-1	+155	1806	1803	Keller, Jason
3-2	+149	1426	1430	Creed, Connie (PA)
3-2	+25	1358	1368	Cole, Judy (MA)

Ashland, OR: March 25-27

<i>CSW-Rated Event</i>				
(18 PLAYERS)				
17-3	+1636	1968	2019	Wiegand, Dave
14-6	+1610	2075	2072	Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
13-7	-407	1623	1784	Chew, John (ON)

Princeton, NJ: March 25-27

<i>Local Club Tournament</i>				
(8 PLAYERS)				
14-2	+1721	1803	1811	Keller, Jason
13-3	+1384	1837	1838	Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
11-5	+145	1168	1192	Vasquez, Nicholas (NY)

Norwalk, CT: March 26

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)				
7-1	+230	1682	1792	Friedman, Andrew (NY)
6-2	+655	1860	1886	Lipe, Chris (NY)
5-3	-30	1705	1741	Avrin, Paul (NY)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)				
6-2	+408	1486	1582	Meller, Mack (NY)
5-3	+304	1543	1563	Barkman, Peter (NY)
5-3	-103	1503	1529	Carlson, David B

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DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)
 6-2 +446 1411 1447 Gable, Sue (NY)
 5-3 +276 1451 1460 Kapernaros, Michael
 5-3 +232 1480 1483 Jokubaitis, Joseph

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)
 6-2 +461 1230 1252 Schneider, Frederick (NY)
 5-3 +321 1222 1224 Wancel, Linda (NY)
 5-3 +189 1204 1210 Borenstein, Roberta

DIVISION E (9 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +1162 859 879 Morese, Scott
 6-2 +692 696 721 Guo, DeeAnn (NY)
 6-2 +611 589 645 Rowland, Amy

Austin, TX: March 26

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +526 1818 1829 Barrett, Patricia
 4-2 -164 1571 1598 Leeds, Kevin
 3-3 +216 1626 1618 Dyer, Becky

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 6-0 +238 1377 1415 Randolph, Jason
 3-3 +232 1007 1024 Pywar, Peg
 3-3 +175 1342 1313 Solis, Ruben

Durham, NC: March 26

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +578 1611 1649 Bernardina, Matthew
 6-2 +299 1800 1798 Fischer, Ryan
 5-3 -84 1302 1347 Shuman, Bruce

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 6-2 +490 1029 1071 Pomeroy, Marilyn
 5-3 +169 1026 1051 Grant, Peggy (SC)
 5-3 -180 906 982 Bowerman, Kevin

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)
 6-2 +105 500 672 Colasuonno, Jennifer
 6-2 +53 879 900 Hopfensperger, Liam
 5-3 +558 857 864 Salgado, Erik

Cambridge, ON: March 26

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +521 1736 1782 Gauthier-Shalom, Gabriel (QC)
 5-2 +197 1886 1893 Berofsky, Evan
 5-2 +151 1673 1709 Sinke, Arie

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +342 1367 1443 McCall, Heather
 5-2 +611 1472 1493 Saunders, Andy
 5-2 +470 1421 1446 Ozorio, Steve

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +567 1209 1276 Lashley, Sid
 6-1 +153 1226 1290 Oh, Hans
 5-2 +82 1241 1267 Soubliere, Lorraine

DIVISION D (16 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +255 1071 1107 David, John
 5-2 +219 939 972 Stewart, Lynette
 5-2 +107 1049 1070 Ozorio, Sophia

DIVISION E (10 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +231 831 879 Brown, Joy
 5-2 +347 835 852 Elwood, Ann
 5-2 +58 784 811 Janssen, Sharon

Pinellas Park, FL: March 26

(9 PLAYERS)
 8-0 +595 1452 1502 Abbate, Elspeth
 6-2 +233 1125 1170 Garner, Michael (MI)
 5-3 +395 1288 1302 Boyda, Marlene (MI)

Calgary, AB: March 26-27

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)
 12-2 +1361 1938 1945 Tran, Eric
 11-3 +347 1650 1692 Pivovarov, Juraj
 9-5 +499 1551 1574 Clifford, Wayne

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)
 12-2 +565 942 1024 King, Sylvia
 10-4 +450 1071 1081 Morigeau, Terri
 9-5 +550 1050 1037 Settle, Ben

Fort Lauderdale, FL: March 26-27

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)
 12-4 +576 1961 1989 Weinstein, Ian
 10-6 +266 1830 1858 Greenspan, Randy
 9-6 +760 1885 1882 Glass, Steve

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)
 12-4 +1146 1304 1356 Gooley, Mark
 12-4 +641 1172 1261 Resnick, Marshall (NJ)
 9-7 +349 1332 1315 Vacianna, Michael

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)
 11-5 +536 995 1017 Brown, Mitchell
 10-6 +335 852 920 Shaw, Maxine
 10-6 +145 923 944 Weinstein, Shereen E

Upcoming Tournaments

by the *Tournament Committee*

This condensed calendar is made automatically from the database of sanctioned tournaments. Please check the online calendar for updates after press time, and always confirm details with your tournament director.

Abbreviations: BreKfast, COMMuter, ConTact, DIVision, Early Bird, Entry Fee, Handicapped-Accessible, Hotel Package, LUNch, Main Event, RounDs, Room.

MAY 1, BERKELEY, CA: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley CA 94704. CT. Bennett Jacobstein, 408-506-0407, <bjacobstein@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 1, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes: 1st \$90; 2nd \$50 in every group of 8.** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 1, LCT - LAKE OSWEGO, OR: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$20. **pay at the door.** 346 Country Commons Lane, Lake Oswego. CT. Mike Baker, 503-775-2987, <mikebob@pacifier.com>. HA.

MAY 1, VICTORIA, BC, CAN: Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$40 (CAN)/\$40 (US). **Maximum of 32 players. DIVS. of 8. Registration deadline is April 29, 2011 - No refunds once play begins.** James Bay New Horizons Community Center, 234 Menzies Street, Victoria (James Bay), B.C. CT. Marc Levesque, 1003-435 Michigan St, Victoria BC Canada V8V 1R9, 250-381-0569, <marc.levesque@telus.net>. HA.

MAY 7, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM,

6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Round robin groups (with director discretion predicated upon mix of field). LUN. after 2 games. Walk-ins o.k.** Crowne Plaza Suites - Dallas Park Centra, 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. CT. Chris Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <chris.cree@yahoo.com> or Carla Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4680, <cc.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

MAY 7, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **Reduced entry fee of \$40 for first-time players.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (restricted to players under 18 as of January 1, 2011).** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (restricted to players under 18 as of January 1, 2011).** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT, 06850, 203-644-3037. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 7, TWIN CITIES, MN: Twin Cities, MN NAST Satellite. Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$50. **One DIV., NAST Pairings.** Byerly's Grocery Store Community Room, 3777 Park Center Drive, St. Louis Park, MN. CT. Steve Pellinen, 4330 Vernon Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55436, 612-275-1240, <steve@pellpro.com>. HA.

MAY 7, UTICA, NY: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$70, Div. 2 and lower: \$50. **Due to space limitations, entry will be limited to 32 players. LUN. is incl. in the entry fee. DIVS. in groups of 8 by ratings.** Whitesboro Presbyterian Church, Elm and Main Streets, Whitesboro, NY. CT. Chris Lipe, <chris.lipe@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 7, YORK, PA: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. **Entry fee: \$60 (\$25 for neophyte DIV.). LUN. incl. in Registration fee.** Elks Club - B P O No. 213, 223 N. George Street, York, PA 17401. CT. Don Hake, 18 S. George Street #44, York, PA 17401, (717) 764-0792, <donhake@comcast.net>. HA.

MAY 7-8, LCT - CALGARY, AB, CAN: colocated with CNSC WQT. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Two equal divs. based on the latest ratings. No play ups. EF: \$50 (CAN). **Registration deadline: Sat. April 30, 2010. After that, entries will be accepted only to make numbers even.** St. Andrews Heights Community Centre, 2504 13 Ave. NW, Calgary AB. CT. Siri Tillekeratne, 16 Cedarwood Pl. SW, Calgary, AB, T2W 3G6, (403) 281 2459, <sirit@shaw.ca>. HA.

MAY 7-8, TCC - CALGARY, AB, CAN: CNSC Western Qualifying Tournament. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$60 (CAN). St. Andrews Heights Community Centre, 2504-13 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB. CT. Siri Tillekeratne, (403) 281 2459, <sirit@shaw.ca>. HA.

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MAY 8, GUELPH, ON, CAN: Sun: 2:30 PM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30 (CAN). **DIVS. of 6-11 players set at director's discretion. Register by 11:30 AM on day of tournament. Food purchase strongly encouraged.** Squirrel Tooth Alice's, 649 Scottsdale Drive, Unit 5, Guelph, ON. CT. Andy Saunders, 82 Clairfields Drive West, Guelph, ON, N1G 5H8, (416) 668-7500, <andy@andysthoughts.com>. HA.

MAY 10, LCT - INDEPENDENCE, OH: Tue: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$4. **Sponsored by NASPA Club #164 (Independence, OH). Pay at the door.** Angie's Pizza, 6932 Hillside Road, Independence, OH 44131. CT. Christopher Sheppard, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

MAY 13, LCT - PORTSMOUTH, NH: Fri: 1:00 PM, 5 RDS. NAST format. EF: \$50. **register by May 11, 2011.** Roundabout Diner, 520 US Highway 1 Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801, 877-Chill-75. CT. Chris Lipe, <chris.lipe@gmail.com> or Kate Fukawa-Connelly, 301-466-2955, <katefc@gmail.com>. HA. See also ORT Portsmouth May 14-15.

MAY 13-15, PORTLAND, OR: Oregon Tile. Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$50. **1 Open DIV. Registration closes 10 minutes before game time.** Main Event: Fri: 6:30 PM, 4 RDS. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. **Pre-registration required; no walk-ins. Late fee of \$20 applies after 5/1/11. 2 DIVS.: TILE (open / unlimited play) and LITE (under 1300 only).** Entry fees: **TILE \$130; LITE \$80. Student discount (players under 21): \$90 (TILE) or \$60 (LITE).** Late Bird: Sun: 3:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **1 open DIV. Registration closes 10 minutes before game time. Chew pairings.** Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland OR, 503-256-5000. HP: RM.rate \$89/night - use code OTS. CT. Dave Wiegand, 3104 NE Fremont St, Portland OR 97212, 971-404-5205, <davewiegand@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 14, BAYSIDE, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$64. **Entry fee incl. player participation fee, deli LUN., coffee & tea all day, RM.rental & prizes.** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, 631-399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

MAY 14, TCC - VALENS, ON, CAN: Eastern Qualifying Tourney for 2011 CNSC. EF: \$30 (CAN). **LUN. and snacks are incl. Format depends on # of entrants. 6-9 games. Players may pay the \$30 entry fee at the door, but must pre-register by contacting John Robertson at 519-621-6432 or jgrobertson@sympatico.ca.** Valens Community Centre, 1818 Valens Road, Valens, Ontario. CT. John Robertson,

519-621-6432, <jgrobertson@sympatico.ca>. HA.

MAY 14-15, HUDSON, OH: Sat: Noon, 7 RDS. Sun: 12:30 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$55. **Pay \$5 more at door (cash) or \$15 more at door (check).** Clarion Inn, 240 Hines Hill Rd., Hudson, OH 44236. CT. Christopher Sheppard, 2237 Fairway Blvd., Hudson, OH 44236, (330) 656-2476, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

MAY 14-15, PORTSMOUTH, NH: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 4 RDS. Div A: 1500+; Div B: 1000-1499; Div C: Under 1000. Unlimited play ups. Chew pairings + 1 round KOTH. EF: Div. 1: \$125, Div. 2 and lower: \$95. **Main event Entry fee incl. two catered LUN. and optional brewery tour. \$10 discount to players under 18 and newcomers. Register by 5/7.** Redhook Brewery, 1 Redhook Way, Portsmouth, NH, 603-430-8600. CT. Tim Fukawa-Connelly, <mthgeek@yahoo.com> or Kate Fukawa-Connelly, 301-466-2955, <katefc@gmail.com>. HA. see also LCT Portsmouth May 13th NAST tournament.

MAY 14-15, SASKATOON, SK, CAN: Sat: 8 RDS. Sun: 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$60 (CAN). **Deadline for entries: May 11th, 2011. Cheques/checks to be made to the Saskatoon SCRABBLE Club.** Heritage Inn Hotel, 102 Cardinal Cr. (Corner of Airport Dr.), Saskatoon, Sk. S7L 6h6, (306) 665-8121. HP: Special hotel rate of \$99. (cdn) for participants. CT. George MacAulay, 106 Smith Road, Saskatoon, Saskatoon, (306) 683-0771, <g.macaulay@shaw.ca> or Wanda Drury, 714 29th Street W., Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7L 0N1, (306) 244-9924, <wldrury@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 21, AUSTIN, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM. EF: \$20. **In addition to TWL DIVS.(s), a Collins DIV. will be offered provided that there are at least 4 players in the Collins DIV. 10 point challenge penalty will be used in Collins DIV.** Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 1001 Cumberland Road, Austin TX 78704, 512-442-3212. CT. Geoff Thevenot, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

MAY 21, PINELLAS PARK, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$30. **Registration 08:40-08:55; eight games start at 09:00; DIVS. of 6-8.** The Auditorium, 7690 59th St N, Pinellas Park FL 33781. CT. JC Green, (727) 278-2030, <jcgreen00@tampabay.rr.com>. HA.

MAY 21, TUCSON, AZ: The Teeny Tiny Tournaments #11. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$35. **Entries limited to the first 48 PAID players. ALL entries must be PAID and received by May 18, 2011. No entries accepted at the door. cancelled entries are subject to a \$5.00 cancellation fee. NO REFUNDS for cancellations made after 9:00 PM on 5/19/11.** The Highlands Community Clubhouse,

10700 N. Highlands Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85737. CT. Ed Saunders, 223 W. Weisshorn St., Oro Valley, AZ 85737, (520) 575-6734, <ed@tucsonscrabble.com>. HA.

MAY 21-22, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: 21st Annual Orange County SCRABBLE Tournament. Sat: 7 RDS. Sun: 6 RDS. EF: \$75. **Modified Round Robin pairings. DIVS. of 14, when appropriate (no KOTH in DIVS. of 14).** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 21-23, KELOWNA, BC, CAN: Sat: 8 RDS. Sun: 8 RDS. Mon: 4 RDS. EF: \$100. Commuter fee: \$25. **Entry fees postmarked after April 25 incur a \$20 late fee, all entry fees must be received by May 2. Maximum 100 players.** TBA. CT. Jesse Matthews, 250-575-7396, <jesse@jessematthews.com>. HA.

MAY 28-29, COTE ST. LUC, - MONTREAL, QC, CAN: 30th Annual Montreal SCRABBLE Tournament. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. **Div A: 1500+ (\$75); Div B: 1000-1499 (\$65); Div C: Under 1000 (\$65); Collins Word List DIV.: 1 Open DIV. (\$75). Collins DIV. will be offered if a minimum of 4 players enter that DIV., and will be NASPA/WESPA rated.** Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park - Chalet #1, 6975 Mackle Road, Cote St. Luc - Montreal - (buses #161, 162 & 103). CT. SaryKaranofsky, <skaranofofsky@jpps.ca>. HA.

MAY 28-30, COLLEGE PARK (ATLANTA), GA: Atlanta Memorial Tournament. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$85. **Three DIVS. divided at 1600 and 1100. Play up within 100 points allowed at Director's discretion.** Hyatt Place Atlanta Airport South, 1899 Sullivan Road, College Park, GA 30337, 888-492-8847. HP: Group rate of \$75.00/ night (sngl or dbl). Reserve by April 27. CT. Cynthia Seales, 4456 Heavitree Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, D 404-639-4648, N 404-936-0854, <cseales@comcast.net>. HA.

MAY 28-30, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM. Sun: 9:00 AM. Mon: 9:00 AM. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2-4: \$80. **\$25 late fee after May 14, 2011. Entry due May 14, 2011. 20 games. 4 DIVS.** Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. CT. Tim Wise, P. O. Box 11533 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1533, 954-942-6319, <wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 28-30, HOUSTON, TX: Bayou Bash SCRABBLE Tournament. Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$100/\$90/\$80/\$75. **Div 1: 1600+; Div 2: 1300-1599; Div 3: 1000-1299; Div 4: Under 1000** *CALENDAR CONTINUED continued on p. 9*

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from *UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS*, p. 8 (unlimited play-ups). Entries must be received or postmarked by 5/25/11 - **NO WALK-INS! Mandatory Check-in from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on SAT. Door prize drawing at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.** Houston Marriott North, Greenspoint, 255 N. Sam Houston Parkway E, Houston, TX 77060. CT. Judy Newhouse, 8007 Sunset Falls Ct., Spring, TX 77379, 281-379-1601, <jnhouse@aol.com>. HA.

MAY 28-30, SKOKIE, IL: 10th Annual ArdenCup Memorial SCRABBLE Tournament. Sat: 8 RDS. Sun: 8 RDS. Mon: 4 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$115, Div. 2 and lower: \$105, Div. C: \$125. **Five standard DIVS. divided at 1800, 1550, 1300, 1000 (entry fee of \$115 for top DIV. and \$105 for DIVS. 2 - 5) and 1 rated Collins DIV. (entry fee of \$125).** Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60076, 847-674-1500. HP: Holiday Inn 5300 W. Touhy Ave. Skokie, IL 60077 847-679-8900 or 866-750-3369. \$99+tax s/d/t/q - Mention "ArdenCup SCRABBLE" incl. complimentary transportation to/from tournament site. CT. Jason Brooks, 847-445-7183, <scrabbleclub340@aol.com>. HA.

MAY 29, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$50. **3 place prizes per DIV. A Collins DIV. will be offered, if at least 4 players register for the DIV.** Hyatt Penns Landing - Grand Ballroom A, 201 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA. CT. Connie Creed, 215-238-1880, <parttygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

JUNE 1-15, LCT - TORONTO, ON, CAN: Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. EF: \$10 (CAN). PRZ: \$70%. **9-round Local Club Tournament - 3 rounds each on June 1, 8 and 15. Players must attend all three sessions.** Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St, Toronto. CT. John Chew, 416-876-7675, <poslfit@gmail.com>. HA.

JUNE 2, LCT - AKRON, OH: Thu: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. **Free event. Typically paired with 3 rounds of modified Swiss and 1 round of KOTH, minimizing repeats as much as possible.** CT. Dallas Johnson, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscrabble.com>. HA.

JUNE 4, LANSING, MI: Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$27. **Checks should be made payable to Delta Township District Library and sent to: Delta Township District Library; 5130 Davenport; Lansing, Michigan 48917; Attention: Tom Moore.** CT. Joanne Grow, (517) 323-7414 or (517) 648-1882, <jgrow48@comcast.net>, Jeff Clark, <bgsrabbble@aim.com> or Tom Moore, (517) 321-4014 ext. 603, <tmoore@dtddl.org>. HA.

JUNE 4, MISSISSAUGA, ON, CAN: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$45 (CAN)/\$45 (US). **LUN. incl. in entry fee. Parking \$5.**

Entries must be received by June 2, 2011, but late registrations will be considered at discretion of the director. U of T Student Centre, 3359 Mississauga Road North, Mississauga, L5L 1C6. CT. Shan Abbasi, 416-305-4736, <tournament@mississaugascrabble.com> or Jean Barinque, 3291 Alpaca Avenue, Mississauga, ON L5M 7V4. HA.

JUNE 4, NAST CHAMPIONSHIP - REVERE, MA: NAST Championship. Sat: 6 RDS. **One DIV. Open (6 games). NAST pairing using tsh. Players win regional events to qualify for the NAST. Buy-in berths can be purchased for \$180.** Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway, Revere, MA 02151, 781-485-3600. HP: Overnight rooms: \$109 per night, plus tax, incl. a hot BK. This rate for single or double (additional people \$10 each per day). Overnight guests contact hotel on own and ask for NAST rate. CT. Steve Pellinen, <steve@pellpro.com> or Sherrie Saint John, 978-526-7876, <saint@pobox.com>. HA.

JUNE 4-5, CALGARY, AB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$60 (CAN)/\$60 (US), Div. 2: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). **2 DIVS. divided @ 1200 rating; unlimited playups.** Sierras of Heritage, 8535 Bonaventure Dr. SE, Calgary, AB, Canada. CT. Betty Bergeron, 140 Sunlake Circle SE, Calgary, AB, T2X 3H9, Canada, (403) 201 2206, <bettyb140@shaw.ca>. HA.

JUNE 4-5, CHARLOTTE, NC: Sat: 9:30 AM, 9 RDS. EF: \$55/\$50/\$45. **3 divs divided at 1200 and 800, subject to change at director's discretion.** Main Event 2: Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$45. **At home of Katya Lezin. LUN. incl. Please specify allergies upon registration. Directions provided week prior to tournament.** Park Road Park & Lezin/Lieberman Home, Charlotte, NC. CT. Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlottescrabble.com>. HA.

JUNE 4-5, KENNER (NEW ORLEANS), LA: Sat: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$80/\$70/\$60/\$50. **LUN. and snacks are provided Sat and Sun by Club #541. Three or Four DIVS. divided at <1400 <1200 <1000 approx. Director reserves the right to arrange DIVS. based on the number of entries.** Days Inn New Orleans Airport, 1021 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062, 504-464-1544 or 1-800-333-8278. HP: A RM. rate of \$50/night has been negotiated. Ask for the SCRABBLE block. . The \$50 rate is also available for 3 days before and 3 days after the tourney. CT. Lila Crotty, 3957 Haddon Street, Metairie, LA 70002, 504-885-1616, <liliuokalani_q@yahoo.com>. HA.

JUNE 4-5, PITTSBURGH, PA: Sat: 7 RDS. Sun: 6 RDS. EF: \$90/\$75/\$60. **3 DIVS.: cutoffs at 1400 and 1000. Maximum of 64 players. Format to be determined by # of players.** Pittsburgh Airport

Marriott, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, 1-800-328-9297. CT. M.W. Schroeder, <msch@nauticom.net> or Stan Angrist, <sangrist@verizon.net>. HA.

JUNE 5, BERKELEY, CA: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley CA 94704. CT. Bennett Jacobstein, 408-506-0407, <bjacobstein@gmail.com>. HA.

JUNE 5, GUELPH, ON, CAN: Sun: 2:30 PM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30 (CAN). **DIVS. of 6-11 players set at director's discretion. Register by 11:30 AM on day of tournament. Food purchase strongly encouraged.** Squirrel Tooth Alice's, 649 Scottsdale Drive, Unit 5, Guelph, ON. CT. Andy Saunders, 82 Clairfields Drive West, Guelph, ON, N1G 5H8, (416) 668-7500, <andy@andysthoughts.com>. HA.

JUNE 5, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes: 1st \$90; 2nd \$50 in every group of 8.** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

JUNE 5, REVERE, MA: Sun: 6 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. EF: \$40. **Register with Sherrie Saint John by 22 May 2011.** Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Hwy, Revere, MA 02151, 781-485-3600. HP: Overnight rooms: \$109 per night, plus tax, incl. a hot BK. This rate for single/double (additional people \$10 each per day). Overnight guests contact hotel on own and ask for NAST rate. Reserve by May 19 for spec. rate. CT. Sherrie Saint John, 978.526.7876, <saint@pobox.com>. HA.

JUNE 10-13, CANADIAN NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP: Main event is invitational to top 52 Canadians, see website. EB: Fri, **open to all and not a qualifier.** ME: Fri: 7:30 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Late Bird: Mon: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. **Best-of-five Finals for top two ME players.** Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas Street East, Toronto, ON. CT. John Chew, 9 Fulton Avenue, Toronto ON, Canada M4K 1X6, (416) 876-7675, <info@scrabbleplayers.org>. HA.

JUNE 11, BAYSIDE, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$64. **Entry fee incl. player participation fee, deli LUN., coffee & tea all day, RM. rental & prizes.** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, 631-399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

JUNE 11-12, CORRALES, NM: 2011 SWILLLNS Tournament. Sat: 9:30 AM, 11 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$150. **LIMITED TO FIRST 24 WHO PRE-REGISTER, based on postmark. (Checks CALENDAR CONTINUED continued on p. 10**

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will not be cashed until 6/1/11.) Pairings:
Day 1: 24 players, split-half round-robin;
Day 2: 3-game RR, then 1-4, 1-3, 1-2. Patricia Deutsch & Mike Baron's place, 696 Mission Valley Road, in Corrales, New Mexico, 87048. CT. Steve Pellinen or Mike Barron, P.O. Box 2848, Corrales, NM 87048, <mbaron1949@aol.com>.

JUNE 11-12, KANSAS CITY, MO: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. Three DIVS. (1500+/1000-1499/<1000) (potentially adjusted at director's discretion). EF: \$80. **Entry fee increases to \$90 if received 6/1/2011 or later - no checks accepted after 6/6/2011.** Airport Inn & Suites, 11130 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153, (816) 891-9111. HP: \$89.99/night - mention the SCRABBLE group to obtain this pricing. Note Hotel name/ownership change (was called Holiday Inn Express KCI). CT. John Merlau, P.O. Box 480252, Kansas City, MO 64148, (816) 686-3839, <jmerlau@kc.rr.com>. HA.

JUNE 11-12, OLDSMAR, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$70. **Must pre-register no later than June 7, 2011. No refunds after June 10, 2011. Limited to 80 players.** The Nielsen Company's Cafeteria, 501 Brooker Creek Boulevard, Oldsmar, FL 34677 (Please park in the guest parking lot.). CT. Stefan Huber, 4618 South Datura Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611, 813-389-3192, <stfnhbr@gmail.com>, JC Green, Art Moore or Justin Bailey. HA.

JUNE 12, WILMINGTON, DE: Sun: 10:30 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$50. **Pairings - round robin groups of 8 (for groups of more than 8, 5 game RR, followed by two KOTH rounds).** Bridge Studio of Delaware, 1409 Foulk Road, Suite 101, Wilmington, DE 19803, 302-479-5431 (day of event only). CT. Richard Popper, 302-764-3208, <rjapopper@verizon.net>. HA.

JUNE 16-19, HANCOCK, MA: SCRABBLE Tournament at the Peak. EB: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. **Registration from 11 a.m. to noon. \$45 entry fee - pay at the door only. Format determined by # of entries.** EB 2: Fri: 11:00 AM, 6 RDS. **Registration from 10:30-11 A.M. \$40 EF - pay at door only. Format determined by # of entries.** ME: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$90/\$80/\$80. **DIVS.: 1. 1600 and above; 2. 1200-1599; 3. < 1200. The most current rating will be used to seed DIVS. Unlimited play-ups allowed.** Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, 57 Corey Rd, Hancock, Mass 01237, 800-882-8859. HP: Book 12/1/10 - 6/1/11. Mention "SCRABBLE". RM.rate is \$109.57 plus tax per night with max 4 occupants per suite. CT. Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350, 518-664-1619, <101ted@nycap.rr.com>

Challenge Contest 4

by the *Bulletin Committee*

This month's challenge is to use all triple letter bonus squares while scoring as few points as possible. As usual, every play must be acceptable in the usual OTCWL+LL lexicon. In the sample solution, twelve words are played for a total of 262 points.



To enter the contest, enter your game into Quackle (assigning alternate moves to each player), and save and upload a .gcg file through Member Services at the NASPA website, before midnight EDT on the evening of May 15th. The winning solution will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin, and the winner will receive a year's membership renewal. Ties will be broken in favour of the solution which is received first.

We asked last month for the highest score legally playing from racks that were either all vowels or all consonants. In a hotly contested battle, Noah Walton (Portland, OR) scored 586, edging out Rachel Knapp (Tustin, CA) by a single point (see diagram below) to win a year's extension to his NASPA membership. Both players started with RHYTHMS, as did about half of the entries, and both played FLYSPECK and SCHMALTZ. Vail Palmer (Albany, OR) came close with 574 points, using neither of those two words but setting up WHIZBANGS for a 383-point triple-triple.



A Plea for Submissions

by the *Bulletin Committee*

Greetings to all! Do you have a great photograph from a tournament, an interesting SCRABBLE-related story, an unbelievable phoney, a mind-boggling bingo, a cartoon, a photograph, or a really great scoring combination that you would like to share? Email us at the Bulletin at info@scrabbleplayers.org, and you may find yourself front and center of the next issue! We want to hear from you!

Game Position

by the *Bulletin Committee*

In the first round at this year's Can-Am SCRABBLE Challenge in Calgary, AB where the best seven American players faced off against the best seven Canadian players, Team U.S.A.'s Marty Gabriel (Charleston, IL) was playing Team Canada's Robin Pollock Daniel (Toronto, ON).

Robin had just pulled ahead to a 148-86 lead with the word POUF in the position shown, when Marty found himself with the great rack ?EEILST, one tile off from Robin's earlier GENTILES rack, after a lucky draw to EILS with ANOA. What would be the first word you would think of playing? Can you find the highest-scoring bingo that Marty played? (Last month's answer: EURYBATH through the R and T, keeping the Q.)



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