

(REVISED AS OF APRIL 10, 2009)
14th ANNUAL NOR'EASTER SCRABBLE[®] TOURNAMENT
 (In Memory of Steve Pfeiffer)
 JULY 1-5, 2009, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ALBANY, NY (518-462-6611)

Directors: John Robertson, Annette Tedesco, and Others To Be Announced

Join us as we celebrate the 4th of July and the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson-Champlain Region for our 14th annual 4th of July Nor'easter Scrabble[®] tournament, which this year will have a grand total of **33 games**. Again, the popular barbeque party, along with fireworks, will be held at Annette's riverfront home in Stillwater.

EVENTS

	<u>Format</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Main Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 rated games in 3 divisions with the Gibson Rule in effect • Players within 100 points of division cutoffs may request to play up at the Director's discretion • The most current rating will be used to seed divisions 	1. 1700 and Above 2. 1300-1699 3. Below 1300	\$95 \$80 \$80
Early Bird #1	8 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only)		\$45
Early Bird #2	5 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only) (Entry Fees include NASPA Participation Fees; MUST be NASPA member to play)		\$35

HOTEL INFORMATION

- Book reservations directly through the Crowne Plaza at **800-227-6963** from February 1 to June 17. Mention the group name "NSO" when making reservations. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. **Players are responsible for making their own reservations. There will also be free shuttle service and free parking.**
- Room rate is \$89 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3-4 occupants per room.
- If you need a roommate, contact Annette at 518-664-1619 or e-mail her at 101ted@nycap.r.com.
- *Commuters not on the hotel package, pay an additional \$15 along with your entry.*

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 1	11:00am – 12 noon	Early Bird #1 Registration (8 games to follow)
Thursday, July 2	11:00am – 12 noon 7:00 – 8:00pm	Early Bird #2 Registration (5 games to follow) Main Event Registration (Games 1-3 to follow)
Friday, July 3	10:00am	Games 4-10
Saturday, July 4	9:30am Approx. 5:00pm	Games 11-16 Barbeque at Annette's home in Stillwater
Sunday, July 5	9:30am	Games 17-20 (Awards ceremony to follow)

Mail entry form, along with check for all applicable fees by June 17 to:
Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350

Name: _____	Playing Main Event:	Yes	No
Address: _____	Playing up for Main Event:	Yes	No
_____	Playing Early Bird #1:	Yes	No
Phone #: _____	Playing Early Bird #2:	Yes	No
e-mail: _____	Staying at Crowne Plaza:	Yes	No
Rating: _____	<i>(\$15 commuter fee if not staying at Crowne Plaza)</i>		
Attending Barbeque: Yes No Maybe	Need Roommate:	Yes	No

DIRECTIONS TO CROWNE PLAZA

From the South (New York City, Connecticut)

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-87) North to Exit 23
- Take I-787 North and take Exit 4 (Route 20 West)
- From off-ramp, Turn right onto Broadway
- Take a left onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the North (Montreal, Vermont)

- Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) South to Exit 7 (Troy-Cohoes)
- From off-ramp, take NYS Route 7 East and get off at I-787 exit to Albany
- Take I-787 South and get off at the Clinton Avenue exit (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
- Take a right onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the West (Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto)

- Take NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Exit 24
- From toll plaza, take I-90 East and get off at I-787 exit to Albany
- Take I-787 South and get off at the Clinton Avenue exit (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
- Take a right onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the East (Boston, Cape Cod)

- From Mass Pike, take NYS Thruway (Berkshire Spur) West to Exit B1
- Take I-90 West and get off at I-787 exit to Albany
- Take I-787 South and get off at the Clinton Avenue exit (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
- Take a right onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

DIRECTIONS TO ANNETTE'S HOME IN STILLWATER

- From Crowne Plaza, turn Right on Pine Street, then Left on North Pearl Street
- From North Pearl, turn Right to on-ramp to Route 787 North, and follow Route 787 9.3 miles to the end
- At the end of 787, turn Right onto Route 32 North
- Follow Route 32 North 13.6 miles to Stillwater
- Turn Right onto Ferry Lane past "Admiral's Marina" and follow Ferry to #41, which will be on your left