

(REVISED AS OF APRIL 10, 2009)  
**NEW YEAR'S 2010 SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT**  
**DECEMBER 29, 2009 – JANUARY 3, 2010**  
**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ALBANY, NY (518-462-6611)**

**Directors: John Robertson, Allen Pengelly, Annette Tedesco**

Join us at the Crowne Plaza for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Scrabble® tournament, which this year will have **40 games**. The popular New Year's Eve party will again be hosted by Annette, which will include a buffet dinner.

**EVENTS**

	<u>Format</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Fees</u>
<b>Main Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 24 rated games in 3 divisions with the Gibson Rule in effect</li> <li>● Players within 100 points of division cutoffs may request to play up at the Director's discretion</li> <li>● The <b>most current rating</b> will be used to seed divisions</li> </ul>	1. 1700 and Above 2. 1300-1699 3. Below 1300	\$95 \$80 \$80
<b>Early Bird #1</b>	8 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries ( <b>Pay at door only</b> )		\$45
<b>Early Bird #2</b>	8 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries ( <b>Pay at door only</b> ) ( <b>Entry Fees include NASPA Participation Fees; MUST be NASPA member to play</b> )		\$45

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

- Book reservations directly through the Crowne Plaza at **800-227-6963** from July 1 to December 15. 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.rr.com](mailto:101ted@nycap.rr.com).
- There will be a buffet dinner on New Year's Eve that will cost approximately \$26-\$30. Let Annette know if you want to attend dinner.
- *Commuters not on the hotel package, pay an additional \$15 along with your entry.*

**SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, December 29, 2009	11:00am - Noon	Early Bird #1 Registration (8 games to follow)
Wednesday, December 30, 2009	11:00am - Noon	Early Bird #2 Registration (8 games to follow)
Thursday, December 31, 2009	Noon – 1:00pm 8:00pm	Main Event Registration (Games 1-6 to follow) Dinner and New Year's Eve Party
Friday, January 1, 2010	10:00am	Main Event Games 7-13
Saturday, January 2, 2010	9:30am	Main Event Games 14-20
Sunday, January 3, 2010	9:00am	Main Event Games 21-24 (Awards ceremony to follow)

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**Mail entry form, along with check for all applicable fees by December 15 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 New Year's Eve Dinner (\$26-\$30):	Yes	No	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