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MIDSUMMER MADNESS

- **39 GAMES, 20 PLAYERS PER DIVISION**
- **DOUBLE CLUSTERED RR + KOH**
- **16 GAMES ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY**
- **7 GAMES ON SUNDAY**
- **6:45 AM START TIME ON FRI & SAT!**
- **ENTRY FEE: \$140**
- **1ST PLACE PRIZES COULD BE \$1,000**

Midsummer Mildness

- *21 games*
- *8 games on Friday & Saturday*
- *5 games on Sunday*
- *Format TBD (likely RR + KOH)*
- *10 AM Start Time Each Morning*
- *Entry Fee: \$100*

July 6th – July 8th 2012

Hilton Wilmington/Christiana (I-95 Exit 4B) - \$89/night room rate! (Includes breakfast for 2)

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SPACE IN THE MADNESS TOURNAMENT MAY BE VERY LIMITED! In order to make the tight schedule work, each Madness division will have 20 players and each player will play each opponent twice in a row. I will initially open up ONE Madness division, and will then take a waitlist. Once the waitlist has 20 players on it, I'll register those players for the Madness tournament (and split the group based on ratings), create a new waitlist and repeat the process each time I hit 20 players. So, depending on interest, there might only be one Madness division (and in that case, it would be an open division), so if you want to guarantee yourself a spot, please register and pay ASAP. Waitlisted players can register for the Mildness tournament, and will be moved over to the Madness event if space becomes available.

Take a walk on the mild side: If you'd like to sleep in a little, do some tax free shopping at the mall, take a dip in the hotel pool, and/or spend some time at the casino, then Midsummer Mildness is the event for you! We'll start at 10 AM each morning and should finish by 7 PM on Friday and Saturday and by 4 PM on Sunday.

Early/Late Bird Events: There will be a 5 game early bird event on Thursday, 7/5 at 6 PM. \$30 entry fee, RR groups of 6. As long as there is sufficient interest, there will also be a 4 game late bird on Sunday 7/8 at 6 PM – entry fee for the late bird is \$25. These events will provide an opportunity for players in the Madness and Mildness tournaments to compete against each other.

Collins anyone? If there's enough interest, I'm open to having a Collins division at either tournament.

Prizes: I'll award place prizes to the top 25% of players in each division. I will likely also award a performance prize or two if we have any open divisions, so that all players have a realistic shot at winning something regardless of their rating. We'll also award some bonus prizes (Including 2 \$100 gift cards for the hotel).

Additional Tournament Details: Clocks will start **PROMPTLY** at the scheduled start time of each session. The Gibson rule will be used. **Walk-ins will not be permitted, and all participants in the Madness event must be paid in full for their spot to be guaranteed.** Commuter Fee: \$15 if you live within 20 miles of hotel, \$30 for all others.

Flip this flyer over for additional details, a tentative schedule and the registration form.

* All information on this flyer is tentative and subject to change until further notice.

** My e-mail address is correct as written – if you put the “z” on my last name, your message will bounce back.

Additional Hotel Information: Call 1-800-348-3133 for hotel reservations, and be sure to mention that you are with the NASPA SCRABBLE® tournament. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel – I won't be collecting money for hotel rooms or putting together rooming lists, although if you are looking for a roommate, you can contact me and I will do my best to match you up with someone. The number for the hotel front desk is 302-454-1500 (but you must call the 800 number to make your reservation). **The hotel room block expires on June 15, 2012, and the \$89 room rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.** For directions, put the hotel's address into either MapQuest or a GPS.

Transportation: Philadelphia is the nearest airport, although BWI would be an option as well. The hotel is located right off of I-95 and is a relatively easy drive from New England, upstate New York, and the Mid-Atlantic Region. If you're looking to share a ride with other players, let me know and I can try and match you up. You can also take Amtrak or Greyhound to the Wilmington, DE station, and limited shuttle service to/from the Amtrak/Greyhound stations will be available - see www.cross-tables.com or e-mail Dan for more information prior to purchasing your train or bus ticket.

Restaurants/Entertainment/Shopping: The hotel is located near a number of restaurants (including an Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Cheeseburger in Paradise, bagel place and pizzeria across the street), Delaware Park Casino (which has table games, slots and horse racing), and Christina Mall on the opposite side of I-95 (the largest tax-free shopping mall, which also features a food court, Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, other sit-down restaurants, and a brand new Nordstrom). The tournament hotel also has an outdoor pool available for your enjoyment.

Waitlisted Players for Madness Tournament: You can either pay the Mildness entry fee, and pay the difference later if a spot in the Madness tournament opens up, or vice-versa. **Since someone could end up dropping out of the Madness tournament at the last minute, if you're coming for the Mildness event and want to be considered for any last minute Madness vacancies, PLEASE make sure I have a cell phone number for you and make sure that you will be able to answer your phone if I call you late Thursday night or VERY EARLY Friday morning.**

Cancellations: 10% Penalty for cancellations after 6/15 (MAD)/7/1 (MILD). No MAD refunds after 7/4.

July 2012 Midsummer Madness/Mildness Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

NASPA Rating: _____ Cell Ph. #: _____ NASPA ID: _____

_____ Midsummer Madness \$140 _____ Midsummer Mildness \$100 _____ Local Commuter \$15

_____ I'll play in the Mildness tournament if there's no space left in Madness _____ Other Commuters \$30

_____ I'm only interested in playing the Madness event

_____ 7/5 Early Bird \$30 _____ 7/8 Late Bird \$25

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ I'd like to play up if possible _____ Yes _____ No

Make checks payable to: Daniel Horowitz, 223 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803

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Thursday, July 5th						
Madness players MUST call or e-mail Dan (no text messages please) by 10 PM to confirm they've arrived in DE.						
6 PM: 5 Round Early Bird Tournament.						
Friday, July 6th & Saturday, July 7th						
6:30 AM: MAD Welcome/Announcements						
6:45 AM: MAD 2 games, then breakfast						
9 AM: MAD 4 games, then lunch						
9 AM: MILD check-in/setup (Friday only)						
9:50 AM: MILD Welcome/Announcements						
10 AM: MILD 4 games, then lunch						
1:30 PM: MAD 6 games, then dinner						
3 PM: MILD 4 games						
8 PM: MAD 4 games						
Sunday, July 8th						
7:45 AM: MAD 2 rounds/breakfast						
10 AM: 4 games, then lunch (everyone)						
2:45 PM: Final round, then awards (all)						
6 PM: 4 Round Late Bird Tournament						