



# NEW YEAR'S 2013 SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT

December 27, 2012 – January 1, 2013

Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie (Albany), NY (518-869-8100)



Directors: John Robertson, Andy Saunders, Annette Tedesco

Join us at the Desmond Hotel for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Scrabble® tournament. This year, we will offer a grand total of **47 TWL games**, along with **34 Collins games**. We will also have an unrated 98-tile tournament, using no blanks, on New Year's Eve.

On December 30, the popular Team Trivia Contest will be hosted by John Robertson, which is a lot of fun for all. Then on December 31, the popular New Year's Eve dinner will again be hosted by Annette. Details of the dinner are on the back of the flyer.

<p align="center"><b><u>TWL MAIN EVENT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 NASPA-rated games in <b>3 Divisions</b> from December 29 to January 1 with the Gibson Rule in effect</li> <li>• Division cutoffs are at 1300 and 1700, with play-ups allowed within 100 points of division cutoffs</li> <li>• The <b>most current rating</b> will be used to seed divisions</li> <li>• <b>Entry Fees:</b> Division 1 (1700+) - \$98 Division 2 (1300-1699) - \$85 Division 3 (0-1299) - \$85</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b><u>TWL EARLY BIRDS</u></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> TWL Early Bird:</b> 8-game tournament on December 27 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> TWL Early Bird:</b> 8-game tournament on December 28</p> <p align="center">Formats for Early Birds determined by number of entries</p> <p align="center"><b>Entry Fees: \$45 for Each Early Bird (Pay at Door Only!)</b></p>
<p align="center"><b><u>TWL LATE BIRD</u></b></p> <p align="center">5-game, <b>OPEN</b> tournament on January 1</p> <p align="center"><b>Entry Fee: \$35 (Pay at Door Only!)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>98-TILE "BLANKLESS" TOURNAMENT</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Unrated</b> 4-game event on New Year's Eve using a 98-tile set <b>(NO BLANKS!)</b> <b>Entry Fee: \$20 (Pay at Door Only!)</b></p>
<p align="center"><b><u>COLLINS MAIN EVENT AND EARLY BIRD</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26-game Main Event from December 29 to January 1, and 8-game Early Bird on December 28 with the Gibson Rule in effect</li> <li>• Tournaments to be rated by NASPA Collins &amp; WESPA with participation fees included in the entry fees</li> <li>• NASPA rules will be used (<a href="http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/w/Rules">http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/w/Rules</a>) except that upon an unsuccessful challenge, the challengee adds 10 points per word challenged to his/her score</li> <li>• <b>Entry Fees: Main Event – \$125; Early Bird - \$50</b></li> </ul>	

**Entry Fees include NASPA Participation Fees: MUST be NASPA Member to Play in Rated Events**

## SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 27	Noon	TWL Early Bird #1	Monday, December 31	10am	Main Events Games 16-22
Friday, December 28	Noon	TWL Early Bird #2		7:30pm	New Year's Eve Dinner
		and Collins Early Bird		9pm	Blankless Tournament
Saturday, December 29	1pm	Main Events Games 1-7	Tuesday, January 1	9:30am	Main Events Games 23-26
Sunday, December 30	10am	Main Events Games 8-15		4pm	TWL Late Bird
	9pm	Team Trivia Contest			

Registration will begin **One Hour** before scheduled start time of each event

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**Mail entry form, along with check for all applicable fees by December 20 to:**  
**Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rating: \_\_\_\_\_      Attending New Year's Eve Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staying at Desmond: \_\_\_\_\_      Need Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### Events Entering

TWL Main Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Playing up for TWL Main Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
TWL Early Bird #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
TWL Early Bird #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
TWL Late Bird: \_\_\_\_\_  
Collins Main Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Collins Early Bird: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unrated Blankless Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## HOTEL INFORMATION

- Book reservations directly through the Desmond at **800-448-3500** from March 1 to December 20. Mention the Scrabble code 11W6AA when making reservations. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. **Players are responsible for making their own reservations.**
- There will also be free parking and free shuttle service from the Albany Airport. However, there is limited shuttle service from the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak Station.
- Room rate is \$94 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3 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).
- For more information on the Desmond, go to <http://www.desmondhotelsalbany.com>.
- There will be a New Year's Eve buffet dinner, which will cost \$35/person, tax and tips included. The menu will be announced at a later date. Let Annette know if you want to attend dinner.
- **Commuters not on the hotel package, pay an additional \$15 along with your entry.**

## DIRECTIONS TO DESMOND

### From the South (New York City, Connecticut), and the West (Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto)

- Take NYS Thruway (I-87 North/I-90 East) to Exit 24 (Albany/Montreal)
- From toll booth, take I-90 East to Exit 1N (Saratoga Springs/Montreal)
- From off-ramp, take I-87 North to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
- From off-ramp, turn Left onto Wolf Road, then take left at next traffic signal onto Albany-Shaker Road
- The Desmond will be immediately after the Northway overpass on your left

### From the North (Montreal, Vermont)

- Take I-87 South to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
- From off-ramp, turn Left onto Old Wolf Road
- At traffic signal, turn Right onto Albany-Shaker Road
- The Desmond will be immediately on your left

### From the East (Boston, Cape Cod)

- From Mass Pike, take NYS Thruway (Berkshire Spur, I-90 West) to Exit B1 (Albany/Hudson)
- From toll booth, take I-90 West to Exit 1N (Saratoga Springs/Montreal)
- From off-ramp, take I-87 North to Exit 4 (Wolf Road/Albany Airport)
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