

# The 2012 Delaware **SCRABBLE®** Festivus

**8 Game Early Bird: Saturday, December 22, 2012**

**5 Game Early Bird: Sunday, December 23, 2012**

**20 Game Main Event: December 23-25, 2012**

**If you can't join us for the main event, consider coming for the early birds - you can get in 13 games of SCRABBLE®, some last minute tax-free holiday shopping at Christiana Mall, a night at the hotel and free breakfast for only \$179 (\$124.50 if you share a room).**

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

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Saturday 12/22 (EB #1)	Sunday 12/23 (EB #2/ME)	Monday 12/24 (ME)	Tuesday 12/25 (ME)
8:00 AM: Estate Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)	8-8:45 AM: Early Bird #2 Check-in/Setup	8-8:45 AM: Estate Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)	8-8:45 AM: Estate Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)
9:00-9:45 AM: Early Bird #1 Check-in/Setup	Estate Breakfast Buffet (for hotel guests)	8:50 AM: Setup/Announcements	8:50 AM: Setup/Announcements
9:50-10 AM: Early Bird #1 Welcome/Announcements	8:50 AM: Welcome/Announcements	9 AM: Rounds 6-10	9 AM: Rounds 15-18
10:00 AM: Early Bird #1 Rounds 1-4	9 AM: Early Bird #2 Rounds 1-5, then awards	1:30-3 PM: Lunch Break	12:30 PM: Optional Lunch (Bamboo House Chinese)
1:30-2:30 PM: Lunch Break	1:30-2:45 PM: Lunch Break Main Event Check-in/setup	3:00 PM: Rounds 11-14	1:30 Rounds 19-20, then awards ceremony
2:30PM: Early Bird #1 Rounds 5-8	2:45 PM: Main Event Welcome/Announcements	Note: Delaware Park Casino will be open until midnight.	Note: I may offer a 4-5 round Late Bird on 12/25
Approximately 6:15 PM: Awards Ceremony	3:00 PM Main Event Rounds 1-5		Please let me know if you're interested in a 12/25 LB.

**Main Event Format:** Exact format to be determined based on number of entrants/division sizes, but will, at a minimum, feature at least 1 complete RR in each division. Playup requests will be granted at the Director's discretion (subject to division size considerations). Gibson rule will be used. The Director reserves the right to make adjustments to the details listed on this flyer.

**Entry Fees:** ME: \$110-\$125 (varies by division – see registration form on reverse), Commuter Fee: \$15 if you live within 20 miles of hotel, \$30 for all others. EB #1: \$50, EB #2: \$30 (no commuter fees). You must be a current NASPA member to participate. **Walk-ins will not be permitted.**

**Possible Late Bird:** The main event will end around 3:30 PM on 12/25 in order to give people that need to work on 12/26 enough time to drive home. If there is sufficient interest, I'll hold a Late Bird event that evening.

**Prizes:** The prize pool for each division will come from the entry fees received for that division, and prize structure will therefore vary by division based on both the amount of the entry fee and the number of players per division. If I meet the hotel quota and get at least 10 players per division, then the first place prize in each division will be at least \$500. **Bonus Prizes:** TBA, but will include 2 gift cards for a free night in the hotel.

**Hotel Information:** The Wilmington/Christiana Hilton is conveniently located near Delaware Park casino\*\*. The \$89/night room rate will include a hot buffet breakfast for two each morning, and free Internet access. See registration form for additional information. **Out of town players are strongly encouraged to stay at the Hilton, as that will help decrease the cost of the ballroom and increase the prize pool.**

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

\*\* Delaware Park will be closed from 12AM on 12/25 until 6AM on 12/26, but will be open 24/7 for the rest of the tournament.

## 2012 Delaware SCRABBLE® Festivus Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph. #: \_\_\_\_\_ NASPA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_ Want to play up? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Entry fees will vary by division. Please pay the entry fee for the division you think you'll be playing in, and I will collect/refund any difference between what you paid and what you owe at the tournament. **Note: we may end up having more or less than 4 divisions – that will be determined based on number of registrants – there will be no more than 20 players/division. Division sizes will not necessarily be equal.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Division 1 \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ Division 2 \$120

\_\_\_\_\_ Division 3 \$115

\_\_\_\_\_ Division 4 \$110

\_\_\_\_\_ 12/22 Early Bird \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ 12/23 Early Bird \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Commuter \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Commuters \$30

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in a 12/25 LB?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Daniel Horowitz

223 Waverly Rd.,

Wilmington, DE 19803

**Additional Hotel Information:** Our \$89 room rate is in effect for reservations made on or before December 16, 2012, and is valid for Friday, 12/21 through the morning of Wednesday, 12/26. To reserve your room, please call 1-800-348-3133, and be sure to mention that you are with the NASPA SCRABBLE® tournament. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel – I will not 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). For directions, put the hotel's address into either Mapquest or a GPS. **Limited shuttle service to/from the Amtrak/Greyhound stations will be available. See [www.crosstables.com](http://www.crosstables.com) or e-mail Dan for more information prior to purchasing your train or bus ticket.**

**Early Bird Format:** We will divide into RR groups of 8 (12/22)/6 (12/23) and play complete RR's (plus KOH on 12/22), with prizes for 1st and 2nd place (likely \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> and \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> for 12/22, \$90/\$45 for 12/23). If the number of entrants isn't divisible by 8/6, then division sizes/format/prizes will be at the Director's discretion.

**Restaurants/Entertainment/Shopping:** The hotel is located near a number of restaurants (including an Olive Garden, Red Lobster, 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 and restaurants). Unfortunately, all of this will be closed on Christmas. For this reason, I am arranging for lunch on 12/25. Since a few local players will be commuting and may prefer to bring their own food, I won't be including the 12/25 lunch in the entry fee, and I will collect money for take-out Chinese at check-in. For those that are looking for other food options on Christmas Eve and Christmas, there is a service area with a food court a few miles away on I-95 that will be open. I'll also provide a list of local restaurants that will be open on Christmas Eve/Christmas.

**Snow:** Since many participants will be staying at the tournament hotel, the tournaments will NOT be cancelled in the event of snow – regardless of how much snow we get. If you are commuting to the main tournament, you must commit to being able to finish the main event regardless of weather (i.e. be willing to spend a night in the hotel if necessary, and if that becomes necessary, your commuter fee will be refunded).

**Cancellation Policy:** 10% of entry fee will be non-refundable for non-weather related cancellations within 1 week of the main event and within 24 hours of the early and late bird events.