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2013

MID-ATLANTIC MADNESS

- **39 GAMES, 20 PLAYERS PER DIVISION**
- **DOUBLE CLUSTERED RR + KOH***
- **16 GAMES ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
- **7 GAMES ON LABOR DAY**
- **7:15 AM START TIME ON SAT & SUN!**
- **ENTRY FEE: \$150 (\$10 EARLY DISC.)**
- **1ST PLACE PRIZES: \$1,000****

Mid-Atlantic Mildness

- *21 games*
- *8 games Saturday & Sunday*
- *5 games on Labor Day*
- *Format TBD (likely RR + KOH)*
- *10 AM Start Time Each Morning*
- *Entry Fee: \$100 (\$10 early disc.)*
- *1st Place Prizes: \$700+***

August 31st – September 2nd 2013

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

100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713; (800) 348-3133 www.hiltonchristiana.com

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SPACE IN THE MADNESS TOURNAMENT MAY BE LIMITED! In order to make the tight schedule work optimally, each Madness division would have 20 players so that each player will play each opponent twice in a row with one KOH round at the end. We will initially open up ONE Madness division, and will then take a waitlist once we have 20 players. If we get at least 28 total players, we'll have 2 Madness division with the top division having 18-20 players and allowing unlimited play-ups (subject to size constraints), with the lower division(s) having 10-20 players. Depending on interest, there might only be one Madness 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, take a dip in the hotel pool, and/or spend some time at the casino, then Mid-Atlantic Mildness is the event for you! We'll start at 10 AM each morning and should finish by 7 PM on Saturday and Sunday and by 4 PM on Labor Day.

Early/Late Bird Events: There will be a 5 game early bird event on Friday, 8/30/13 at 6 PM, and as long as there is sufficient interest, there will also be a 5 game late bird on Labor Day at 5:30 PM. Entry fee/format for each event is \$30, RR groups of 6. These events will provide an opportunity for players in the Madness and Mildness tournaments to compete against each other.

Early Registration Discount: \$10 discount off the entry fee for either main event for all players that register and pay by July 31, 2013.

Prizes: Place prizes will be awarded to the top 25% of players in each division. A performance prize or two will also be awarded in 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.

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, the schedule and the registration form.

*Assuming 20 players per division. For divisions of 14-18, format will be adjusted at director's discretion.

** Prize amounts are contingent upon: 1) hotel room quota being met and 2) division sizes of 18+ players.

*** Dan's e-mail address is correct as written – if you put the “z” on the last name, messages will bounce back.

Additional Hotel Information: You can make your reservation online using the link located on the tournament's cross-tables.com page, or call 1-800-348-3133 to make reservations by phone, and be sure to mention that you are with the NASPA SCRABBLE® tournament. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel – Dan won't be collecting money for hotel rooms or putting together rooming lists, although if you are looking for a roommate, you can contact Dan and he'll do his 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 August 8, 2013, 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 major airport, although BWI would be an option as well. Also, Frontier Airlines offers VERY limited service at New Castle County Airport (5 minute drive from tournament venue). The hotel is located right off of I-95 and is a relatively easy drive from PA, NJ, NY, MD, VA, New England and the greater Mid-Atlantic Region. If you're looking to share a ride with other players, let Dan know and he'll 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 Nordstrom). The tournament hotel also has a restaurant, bar, fitness room and 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 Dan has a cell phone number for you and make sure that you will be able to answer your phone if he calls you late Friday night or VERY EARLY Saturday morning.**

Cancellations: 10% Penalty for cancellations after 8/8/13 (MAD)/8/25/13 (MILD). No MAD refunds after 8/28/13.

Labor Day Weekend 2013 Mid-Atlantic Madness/Mildness Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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

_____ Mid-Atlantic Madness \$150 _____ Mid-Atlantic 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 _____ \$10 Discount (if postmarked by 7/31/13)

_____ 8/30/13 Early Bird \$30 _____ 9/2/13 Late Bird \$30

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

S C H E D U L E

Friday, August 30th

Madness players MUST call, e-mail or text Dan by 10 PM to confirm they've arrived in DE.

6 PM: 5 Round Early Bird Tournament.

Saturday, Aug. 31st & Sunday, Sept. 1st

7 AM: MAD Welcome/Announcements

7:15 AM: MAD 2 games, then breakfast

9 AM: MILD check-in/setup (Sat. only)

9:15 AM: MAD 4 games, then lunch

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

7:30 PM: MAD 4 games

Monday, September 2nd

7:45 AM: MAD 2 rounds/breakfast

10 AM: 4 games, then lunch (everyone)

2:45 PM: Final round, then awards (all)

5:30 PM: 5 Round Late Bird Tournament