

# Asheville Dancing Bear Toys

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**“Where Aptitude Meets Altitude”**

**The First Jewel of the Southeastern Triple Crown  
(Asheville, Lexington, Knoxville)**

**WHAT: 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual A-1 Asheville Tournament**  
**Sponsored again by Dancing Bear Toys so enjoy their fun website**  
<http://www.dancingbear toys.com> and shop their “tourney table” for gifts!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014**  
Sign-in at 8:30-8:55 AM Saturday then 8 games Saturday 9 AM, 6 games Sunday at 9 AM.

**WHERE: Eliada Home Recreation Center: 43 Compton Drive AVL, NC, 28806**  
**GREAT TOURNAMENT LOCATION: ROOMY! NEW! BRIGHT! CLEAN! SCENIC! FREE PARKING!**  
<http://www.eliada.org/about/virtual-tour> click on the large pink building to the right of Compton Drive and tour!

**FEES: \$110 expert, \$90 all other. (No refunds after November 5)**  
**\$10.00 discount** for payment postmarked by **October 31, 2014.**  
**100% return of fees** to prize money after posted bona-fide expenses. All players need to be current with NASPA:  
<http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/w/Membership>

**FORMAT: Modified Round Robin plus King of the Hill with the Gibson Rule**  
**TOURNEY QUESTIONS: Bill Snoddy (828-252-8154) [williamrsnoddy@gmail.com](mailto:williamrsnoddy@gmail.com)**

**REGISTRATION: Registration deadline is November 5, 2014. 90 player maximum.**  
Div. 1 for players rated approx. 1700 and above. Play up *possible* if within 100 points, likely, but not guaranteed.  
4 or 5 lower divisions with cutoffs at director's discretion. Final division cutoffs and placements based on NASPA rating as of 11/5/14. Final division cutoffs/pairings at director's discretion and subject to change.

**LODGING:** Strongly recommended: Sleep Inn Biltmore West <http://www.asheillesleepinn.com>  
Individuals (not couples/groups) can request one month in advance an attempt to find free lodging with locals.  
More info: <http://www.ashevillechamber.org> or <http://www.exploreasheville.com>

**AIR:** fly direct from Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, Orlando, Ft Lauderdale, NYC, Tampa, and Punta Gorda.  
Free pickup at Asheville Airport (AVL) with advance notice.

Please enjoy our Asheville Scrabble Club website <http://www.asheillescrabble.com>

Each division winner will get, in addition to the usual handsome certificate & prize money, a choice of a beautiful handcrafted clipboard or racks of exquisite woods. ALL players get a bookmark made of the same exquisite woods. Drawing for a substantial door prize if you stay until the end of the awards ceremony!



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Asheville Dancing Bear Toys A-1 Scrabble Tournament November 8-9, 2014

Name (exactly as NASPA has it) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other) \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional personal info for your nametag, something about yourself in 4-5 words:**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

\*Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Your correct email address is important, as it will be our main way to communicate with you*

**Emergency contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Current with NASPA membership? \_\_\_\_\_ First Tourney? Yes\_\_ No \_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ No, but I will definitely be current before the tourney

**\$110/90 (\$100/\$80 postmarked by 10/31/14) check to “Asheville Scrabble Club”**

\_\_\_\_ I desire to play up in the next higher division if possible if my rating as of 11/5/14 is within 100 points of the next division up (*playing up is not guaranteed, but likely*)

All players must bring your tiles, board, and clock all marked with your name.

**Mail form & check payable to Asheville Scrabble Club to:  
Bill Snoddy 725 Bear Left Asheville NC 28805**



OK, lucky us! The preferred hotel is the Sleep Inn Biltmore West on Haywood Road, located just a few miles from the tournament venue. Henry and Scott Patel and their staff will be your hosts, and despite the busy time of year, you can get great rates if you act soon. Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8 you can get the Asheville Scrabble Tournament rate of \$105.99 per night plus taxes. If you add the Thursday before and/or the Sunday afterwards, that rate for those extra nights will be \$89.99 per night plus taxes. These rooms, at this rate, will be released on October 13<sup>th</sup>, so again it is best to act soon.

Refrigerator, microwave, free wireless internet, and free full, hot breakfast every morning! There is a small exercise/fitness center, and even a room near the lobby for an after-hours Scrabble playing area until 11 PM!

To offer these rates, the hotel has a one week cancellation policy, which really should affect hardly any of us. If you cancel your plans less than a week prior to your arrival, you will be charged one night.

Note that there have been two Sleep Inns in the Asheville area. This is NOT the one on Hendersonville road, but it IS the [http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-asheville-north\\_carolina-NC141](http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-asheville-north_carolina-NC141) at 1918 Old Haywood Road, Asheville, NC, 28806 with phone 828-670-7600. From Interstate 40, take exit 44 and turn left onto Smoky Park Highway (US 19/23.) Take a left at the traffic light (with the BP station on the left) onto Old Haywood Road, and look for the small sign for Sleep Inn on the right near the top of the hill.

**Relax, bingos are coming!**

# WELCOME TO THE 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Asheville SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Held in the Recreation Center on the campus of Eliada Home



Sponsored by **DANCING BEAR TOYS!**



## DIRECTIONS TO ELIADA HOME Recreation Center

**Address for GPS, Google Maps, Mapquest: 43 Compton Road, Asheville, NC 28806**

### Standard Directions

From whatever direction you choose to access Patton Avenue, once you turn onto Leicester Highway (NC 63), go exactly one mile and turn **RIGHT** on COMPTON DRIVE at the small green sign for Eliada Home. After the speed bump, you will be on the grounds of Eliada Home. Almost directly in front of you is the Recreation Center where your Scrabble tournament is being held. You will see a large American Flag, appropriate for Veterans Day Weekend! Additional parking beyond the Center and on the right.

### **Traveling on I-40 WEST**

(from Raleigh, Cary, Chapel Hill, Hickory, Winston-Salem)

There are two reasonable ways you can get to Leicester Highway.

The **EASIEST** is to take **I-40 WEST** to exit 44. When you take the exit ramp, it will wind around to the right and you will need to get in your **LEFT LANE**. At the traffic light, turn left onto Smokey Park Highway. Within a mile of turning, Smokey Park changes its name to Patton Avenue. Go a total of 2.8 miles and turn **LEFT** onto Leicester Highway (NC 63.) You should see a Burger King on the right and a Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care on the left. Go exactly one mile on Leicester Highway and follow standard directions above. {note: exit 44 is close to our recommended hotel, The Sleep Inn Biltmore West} **OR**

If you choose to take **I-240 WEST**, you will pass several Asheville exits. Stay in your left lane and take the exit for Highway 19/23 South to West Asheville. Go over the Jeff Bowen Bridge. Once you cross the bridge, go approximately 1.6 miles. Turn **RIGHT** on Leicester Highway. (You will see a Kentucky Fried Chicken on your left and the Ingle's Supermarket on your right.) There are signs indicating Leicester Highway and Eliada Home. Follow standard directions above.

### **Traveling on I-40 EAST**

(from Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, etc.)

Take **Exit #44**. Come off the exit ramp and turn **LEFT** at the light. This will put you on Smokey Park Hwy but within a mile of turning, the road name will change to Patton Avenue. Stay in your **LEFT** lane. Continue on Patton Ave. (Before you turn left on Leicester, you should see Burger King on the right and Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care on the left.) Turn **LEFT** on Leicester Highway and follow standard directions above.

### **FROM the Southeast on I-26 WEST**

(from Atlanta, Greenville, Spartanburg, Hendersonville, etc.)

Take **I-40 WEST** (towards Canton and Knoxville) then take **exit #44** and follow the **I-40 West** directions above. **OR**

Continue **STRAIGHT** on Future **I-26 WEST** and stay in your **LEFT** lane. Take **Exit 3A**. This exit will wind around and put you on Patton Avenue (19/23 South.) Once you get on Patton Avenue, you will travel approximately 1.6 miles before seeing a Kentucky Fried Chicken on your left and the Ingle's Supermarket on your right.) Then turn right onto Leicester Highway/NC 63 and follow standard directions above. **(DO NOT take the exit for Downtown Asheville or Westgate. If this happens, turn around and follow the directions for 240 West.)**

### **FROM the Northwest traveling on Future I-26 EAST**

(Kingsport, TN, Johnson City, TN)

Take Future **I-26 East** towards Asheville. Once you pass the Elk Mountain Road exit, get in your **RIGHT** lane. As soon as you see the **UNC Asheville** signs, you will also see signs for **I-240 East**, **Downtown**, **Patton Avenue**. **(DO NOT take any of the exits to Downtown, I-240 East or Patton Avenue. If this happens, turn around and follow the I-240-West directions.)** Stay in your **RIGHT** lane so that you will be on **19/23 (South)** going towards West Asheville. Make your way over to the left lane to avoid merging traffic. As you go across the Jeff Bowen Bridge, note that in 1.6 miles, you will be turning **RIGHT** onto Leicester Highway. Before the turn, you will see Kentucky Fried Chicken on your left, and Ingle's Supermarket on your right. You will see signs for Leicester Highway/NC 63 and Eliada Home. Turn **RIGHT**. Follow standard directions above.

**WELCOME to Your Annual Asheville "A-1" Autumn Leaves Scrabble® Tournament  
Brought to YOU by DANCING BEAR TOYS!**

We're going to keep announcements to a minimum during the tournament so consider looking this over carefully. Confirmation of registrants is Saturday morning 8:30-9:00 AM at the Recreation Center of Eliada Home at 43 Compton Drive in Asheville, NC 28806. Detailed directions to the venue are available. The Sleep Inn Biltmore West is less than four miles away, ask for the Scrabble rates!

▶ There will be a total of 8 games played on **Saturday**. 4 games will be played starting at **9 AM**. There will be a lunch break and the last 4 games will be played **starting at 2:30 PM**. Most of you will have at least 1½ hours for lunch. We will have some recommendations, particularly with regard to interesting restaurants in West Asheville. After your last game Saturday afternoon, reconcile your scorecard with the posted results at least through the first seven games, if not all eight. Keep your scorecard, but report any discrepancies to the data manager.

▶ There will be a total of 6 games played on **Sunday**. Wear that nametag again! We will not have assigned tables and your opponent will be looking for you, and might need to see your nametag. 4 games starting at 9AM, then a shorter lunch break and 65 of you will have bought a \$12 ticket to a superb on-site meal, with roast beef carving station, vegetables, drink and dessert, plus veggie option. Eliada has a culinary school, and they do take pride in it! Don't miss this!

The last two games on Sunday will be played **starting at 2:00 PM**. Before the last game (around 3 PM) take a very short break while we determine the King of the Hill pairings for some divisions. Gibson rule applies.

▶ Winners turn in your tally slips after each game with a "victory walk" to the data management area. **Be sure to record the ROUND NUMBER on the tally slip**. Please keep your own contestant scorecards up-to-date with legible and accurate data. Opponents' signatures not required on contestant scorecards. You will ultimately keep your scorecards, but you will need to reconcile them periodically with the posted results. If there are big computer problems (yikes!) we would rely on the scorecards! You may want to write in your opponents only for a half-day session at a time, just in case there are dropouts or revisions in pairings as we go along.

▶ Please try to keep the noise level down and we'll try to keep "shushing" (good word!) to a minimum. Make sure your name is somewhere on your clock, board and racks that you kindly brought to the tourney as requested. We will not assign table locations for each game, so you and your next opponent can simply find an available spot within your division area to play. We will have several extra set-ups for each division, so there should be minimal waiting once you find your next opponent. Do not move any gear once it has been set up for that "session." If you have a favorite rack that you prefer to keep with you, please do leave a pair of racks with your gear that you have set up. We are assigning which player goes first by computer, possibly drawing for first in some situations for the last game or two.

▶ Cash prizes for high turn (high word), high game, high loss and best performance improvement in each division! Ties for best performance will go to the lower seeded player. *You must be present to win* the door prize at the end of the awards ceremony, a beautiful tile bag from Carolyn and Debbie @ <http://www.incredibletilebags.com> filled with brand new double injected protiles from Bob and Andi @ <http://www.protiles.net>

▶ Those who are new to tournament play will receive an additional information sheet. Urgent problems or snafus:

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Have fun!!



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