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2015

Madness

- **39 Games, 10 players max**
- **18 Game Wrap Around Tourney + Mildness**
- **Separate Prizes for Wrap Around Tourney**
- **16 Games on Saturday & Sunday**
- **7 games on Labor Day**
- **7:00 AM Start time each morning!**
- **Total Entry fee: \$150 for all 39 games**

Mildness

- *21 games, 20 players max per division*
- *8 games Saturday & Sunday*
- *5 games on Labor Day*
- *Format TBD (likely RR + KOH)*
- *10 AM Start Sat., 9 AM Sun & Mon*
- *Entry Fee: \$100*
- *1st Place Prizes: \$700+**

September 5th – 7th 2015

Location: Crowne Plaza Wilmington North (I-95S Exit 11/I-495N Exit 6) - \$109/night room rate
630 Naamans Rd., Claymont, DE 19703; (302) 792-2700 www.cpwilmingtonnorth.com

Free Breakfast for 2, Wi-Fi and Parking! Director: Dan Horowitz

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Method to the Madness: Since we have fewer players interested in Madness than in prior years, I made the following change to the format: instead of playing all games against Madness players, everyone signed up for Madness will participate in the Mildness tournament plus a separate 18 game “wrap-around” tournament (which will be held before and after the Mildness event). Integrating with the Mildness tournament while having a separate 18 game wrap around tournament seemed to be the best way to avoid excessive games against each opponent, and offers the following benefits: 1) greater diversity of opponents (for both Madness and Mildness players), 2) opportunity for lower rated Madness players to hedge their bets by playing in the lower Mildness division and the open wrap around tournament (performance in one tournament will not impact prize eligibility in the other), and 3) more opportunities for players in the respective events to socialize with each other, as lunch and dinner breaks will be at the same time. If we have 10 Madness players, the format for the wrap around event will be a double round robin, with the format being adjusted if we have 6 or 8 players.

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 Mildness is the event for you! We’ll start at 10 AM on Saturday, and 9 AM Sunday & Monday. I expect the tournament to wrap up by 2:45 PM on Labor Day.

Early Bird: There will be a 5 game early bird on Friday, 9/4 at 6 PM. Entry fee: \$30, format: RR groups of 6.

Late Fee: There will be a \$10 late fee for players that register & pay after 8/29/15.

Prizes: Place prizes will be awarded to the top 25% of players in each division. 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.** Commuter Fee: \$15 if you live within 30 miles of hotel, \$30 for all others.

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

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

** Occasionally I have issues with my e-mail – if you don’t hear back from me in a day or two, please call or send me a Facebook message.

Additional Hotel Information: The easiest way to make your hotel reservations is to click on the following link:
<http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=CYMDE&PMID=99801505&GPC=SCR>.

Note: when you go to that page, you won't see anything identifying our group, but if you put in dates between 9/4/15 and 9/7/15 in the boxes in the "Make A Reservation" section on the left side of the page and click "Check Rates & Availability", the next page that comes up will list our \$109 group rate and you can then choose either a room with 2 queen beds, or a room with 1 king bed. You can also call (302) 792-2700 to make reservations by phone, and be sure to mention that you are with the NASPA group. Note: if there are going to be more than 2 people in a room, there will be a \$10/charge for each additional person. 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 hotel room block expires on Wednesday, August 26th, 2015, and the \$109 room rate will not be extended beyond 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. The hotel is located right off of I-95 and I-495 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 then take a SEPTA train to the Claymont, DE station and the hotel's shuttle can pick you up from there.

Restaurants/Entertainment/Shopping: The hotel has an in-house restaurant, and there is a Taco Bell/KFC across the street. There are numerous additional options within a 5-10 minute drive. If you're looking for a casino, the hotel is halfway between Harrah's Chester and Delaware Park Casino (both of which have table games, slots and horse racing), The Concord Mall is about a 10 minute drive away, and the Christiana Mall is about a 20 minute drive. The tournament hotel also has a restaurant, bar, fitness room and an outdoor pool available for your enjoyment. Commuters can purchase the breakfast buffet or purchase breakfast items a la carte.

Cancellations: 10% Penalty for cancellations after 8/15/15 (MAD)/9/3/15 (MILD). No MAD refunds after 9/3/15.

Late Registrations: If mailing your registration after 8/25/15, you MUST call and/or e-mail me to let me know you are signing up, as I'll be at the beach the week before the tournament and won't be able to check my mail.

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 4th

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, September 5th

6:45 AM: MAD Welcome/Announcements

7 AM: MAD 3 games/breakfast

9 AM: MILD check-in/setup

9:50 AM: MILD Welcome

10 AM: 4 games, then lunch (all)

3:15 PM: 4 games, then dinner (all)

8 PM: MAD 5 games

Sunday, September 6th

7 AM: MAD 2 games/breakfast

9 AM: 4 games, then lunch (all)

2:15 PM: 4 games, then dinner (all)

7 PM: MAD 6 games

Monday, September 7th

7 AM: MAD 2 rounds/breakfast

9 AM: 4 games, then pairings break (all)

1:30 PM: Final round, then awards (all)

Labor Day Weekend 2015 Madness/Mildness Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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

_____ Madness \$150 _____ Mildness \$100 _____ 9/4/15 Early Bird \$30

_____ Local Commuter \$15 _____ Other Commuters \$30

_____ \$10 late fee (if postmarked after 8/29/15)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I'd like to play up if possible _____ Yes _____ No

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