

The 15th Almost Annual Asheville

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“Where Your Aptitude and Attitude Meet Our Altitude & Gratitude”

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sign-in at 8:45 AM Saturday, then 8 games Saturday, 7 games Sunday starting at 9 AM.

WHERE: Stephens-Lee Recreation Center 30 George Washington Carver Ave.

Easy access from South Charlotte Street, look for the “A-1” signs!

PLENTY OF ROOM IN THE ACCESSIBLE GYM UPSTAIRS. FREE PARKING.

FEES: \$100 ALL DIVISIONS. (No refunds after November 1)

No late fee, BUT meet the deadline to **receive** registration and entry fee by November 1st

95% return of fees to prize money after bona-fide expenses and NASPA fees.

All players need to be current with [NASPA Membership](#)

FORMAT: 16 players in most divisions, with a complete 15 game Round Robin.

Collins tournament: (10-point challenge penalty) no WESPA rating

REGISTRATION: Registration deadline is November 1, 2021.

Division 1 for 16 players rated *approximately* 1600 and above. We are aiming for equal lower divisions of 16 players each + 16 players in Collins. Seeded low? Better chance for improved rating! Seeded high? Better chance to win \$\$!

LODGING: Lodging of your choice, free parking at the venue, no commuter fee

Consider [airbnb.com](#)

More Asheville information: [Asheville Chamber of Commerce](#) or [Explore Asheville](#)

New York Times: [36 Hours in Asheville](#)

TOURNEY QUESTIONS: Bill Snoddy (828-713-1076) williamrsnoddy@gmail.com

Please visit our [Asheville Scrabble website](#) (Thanks, Jacob!)

OUR VENUE!!



The A-1 **Asheville Scrabble Tournament** will, one day, again be at

Stephens-Lee Recreation Center but not this year!

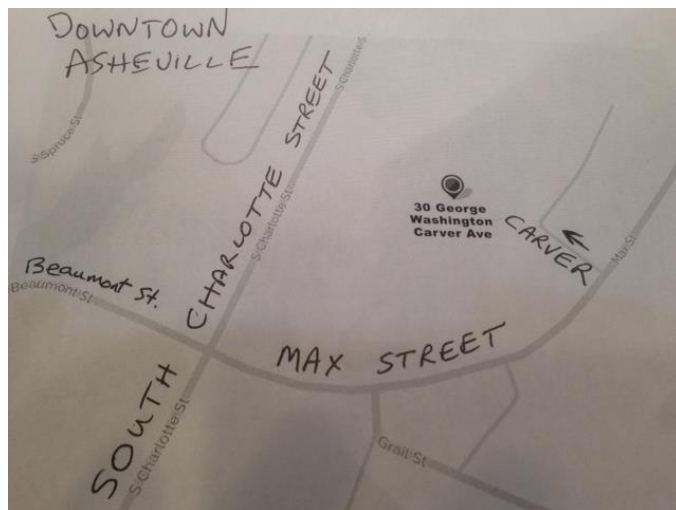
30 George Washington Carver Ave. Asheville, NC 28801

PLENTY of free parking! Immunized facility staff present to minimize problems.

We will be upstairs in the second-floor gymnasium, elevator available, use the stairs if you can!

The only "downside" is: the chairs are not well-padded, so consider bringing a cushion tagged with your name.

From South Charlotte Street, take Max St. going east, then turn left onto Carver Avenue!
GPS and [MapQuest](#) work with the address and we will have big signs to help!



[Google Maps Link](#)

NON-STOP FLIGHTS to Asheville

**Some players in the past have chosen to fly into Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP) or Charlotte (CLT)
(Then they rent a car with what they saved on the flight.)**

Each 1st place division winner will get, in addition to the usual handsome certificate & prize money, a choice of a clipboard perfect for scoresheets OR a set of racks crafted from exquisite woods by Jacob Cohen OR you may choose a hand-crafted Scrabble mug made by a local Asheville potter. Drawing for a door prize + cash if you stay until the end of the awards ceremony!



15th Almost Annual Asheville Autumn Leaves A-1 Scrabble Tournament
November 6-7, 2021



*Email address: _____

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

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone(s):** _____

___ Current with NASPA membership ___ No, but I definitely will be before Nov.

___ PLAYING COLLINS! Also \$100 ___ First Tourney ever? Yes___ No ___

All players must bring tiles, board, racks, and clock all marked with your name. Advised: an extra favorite rack.
(Exception: **New** players in the lowest division and players traveling by air do not **have** to bring gear)

\$100 (deadline 11/01/2021 but don't wait!)

___ **Check made out to William Snoddy** & mail with this page to 725 Bear Left, Asheville, NC 28805

___ **PayPal** or **Venmo** then email all of the information on the above form: williamrsnoddy@gmail.com

(To find Bill on PayPal or Venmo, you can use his cell# 828-713-1076 or email address above)

Asheville's Almost Annual A-1 Autumn Leaves Tournament **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Please **read in advance**, but do **not** check off and do not sign until November 6 at the tournament.

I meet all of the following conditions for playing under **NASPA's** COVID-19 Safety rules:

X	It has been at least two weeks since I completed a government-recommended course of vaccination against COVID-19 <i>and I have my record with me.</i>
X	I do not have a probable or confirmed case of an infectious disease.
X	I have not had a positive COVID-19 test result in the last 10 days.
X	I have not recently developed any new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, unrelated to known causes or pre-existing conditions, such as: fever or chills, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, runny nose, stuffy nose, decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell, pink eye, headache, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhea, feeling unwell, feeling extremely tired, sore muscles.
X	I am in compliance with all government guidance pertaining to my travel to and participation in this event.

Every box above must be checked to qualify, & do bring that immunization card. Tournament registration refunds available if you do not qualify.

Waiver: In consideration of my participation in this sanctioned NASPA event, I hereby release and forever discharge, and hold harmless, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the North American Word Game Players Association, d/b/a the North American SCRABBLE Players Association (NASPA), Hasbro, Inc., their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents, and all other persons, firms, corporations or entities, known or unknown, alleged to be liable or who might be claimed liable, from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, losses, injuries, costs and/or expenses of whatever nature, resulting from or relating to this event and my participation in this event, including, but not limited to: transportation or travel to and from this event, lodging and meals, prizes, time spent at this event, the cancellation of this event, and any activities and entertainment associated with this event or any free time personal activities. It is understood and agreed that this is a full and final release of all claims, known and unknown, of every nature and kind whatsoever relating to this event, and my participation in this event.

PRINT NAME _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Even with all of these precautions, we felt that the risks for having a non-essential gathering at close quarters for 16 hours over two days was too great.

**The Almost Annual Asheville “A-1” Autumn Leaves Scrabble® Tournament has been
CANCELLED.**

Minimum announcements during the tournament so consider printing this or looking it over carefully. Confirmation of registrants is Sat. morning 8:45 AM at the Stephens-Lee Rec Center near downtown Asheville, at 30 George Washington Carver Avenue. GPS and [MapQuest](#) work! South Charlotte St, then Max St., then Carver! “A-1” signage will help guide you. **Covid safety & waiver forms will require your signature.** ▶ Write your **player number** on your **scorecard** and on your **nametag!**

▶ 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 2:00 PM**. Most of you will have at least 1 hour for lunch. Food truck starting at 12:15 PM Saturday! Plus, 10% discount (alcohol excluded) at nearby [White Labs Restaurant](#) (show nametag.) After your last game late Saturday afternoon, reconcile your scorecard with the posted results at least through the 1st seven games, if not all eight. Keep the scorecard, but do report discrepancies to the data manager.

▶ **Daylight savings time ends** early Sunday morning. Set those clocks back an hour on Saturday night. Fall back in the fall!

▶ There will be a total of 7 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 9 AM, then a shorter lunch break. Another great food truck at lunch! Still a 10% discount at nearby [White Labs Restaurant](#) (show nametag.) The last three games **start at 1:45 PM**. No “king of the hill” games this year which will streamline our way to the awards ceremony.

▶ Winners turn in your tally slips after each game with a “victory walk” to the data management area. **Be sure to 1) record the ROUND NUMBER on the tally slip and 2) double check the spread**, vital information to the data manager. 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 which means you can start your next game at any location as soon as you find your next opponent. We will have an extra set-up or two 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 day.* 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.

▶ 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. One \$50 prize for highest scoring play using all four letters L-I-V-E (contained in AshEVILle.) *You must be present to win* the door prize and cash at the end of the awards ceremony, so stick around and we will try to make it fun!

▶ Your first tournament ever? Please request an additional information sheet to be emailed in advance.

Urgent problems or snafus: Bill Snoddy (c) 828-713-1076 williamsnoddy@gmail.com

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Let’s hope that life gets better and that we can gather for a great tournament in 2022!!