

# The 29th Annual Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament

16-18 April 2010

Division	Ratings	Entry Fee
A/Premier*	1700 and up	\$85/\$100
B	1400-1699	\$75
C	1100-1399	\$65
D	1099 and below	\$55
Newcomers (Sat only)	1099 and below	\$30

\* The top-rated 15 players from A will play in Premier with the 2009 division A winner, Rod MacNeil.

8 **April 10** ratings--those within 100 pts of cutoff may play up at their request & the directors' discretion. (Premier ONLY will use peak ratings from 22 Apr 2009--17 Mar 2010 to determine Premier qualification.)

## DIRECTORS

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## FORMAT

The **15-game** main event will be computer-paired with TSH, a modified Fontes Swiss-style system. The **5-game** NAST early bird will be an open division.

## SCHEDULE

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:00 am EB registration	<b>9:30 am*</b> games 4, 5, 6, & 7	<b>9-1:00 pm*</b> games 12, 13, 14, & 15
<b>12:00 pm*</b> EB games 1-5	1:30-3 pm lunch (on own)	2:00 pm Awards Ceremony
2:00 pm hotel check in	<b>3:00 pm*</b> games 8, 9, 10, & 11	
7:00 pm Main event registration	7:30 pm dinner (private dining room)	
<b>8:00 pm*</b> games 1, 2, & 3	8:30 pm Bruce Adams Hundredaire	

### Newcomers (Saturday only)

10:00 am registration in Salem Room  
**10:30 am\*** games 1, 2, and 3

1:30 pm lunch on own  
**3:00 pm\*** games 4, 5, 6  
 6:00 pm Awards ceremony

**\*clocks may be started to keep the tournament running on time, please be prompt**

## HOTEL

Attendees are asked to make hotel reservations directly with the hotel:  
 Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center, 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886  
**toll free:** 800.543.7801 **phone:** 978.692.8200 **fax:** 978.692.7403 **web:** westfordregency.com  
 Rates--Double \$144.30; Single \$252.90; Triple \$115.41--include two overnights in a deluxe guest room, buffet dinner on Saturday night, and all associated room and meal taxes and gratuities.  
 Hotel guests also have free access to the hotel's exquisite Regency Health Club and pool.  
 Rollaway beds available for a fee to be paid at registration; triple fee includes two beds only.

**(NOTE: hotel will honor room rate only until March 26<sup>th</sup>; will charge rack rate past this date.)**

**To be on time, tournament registrations must be postmarked by 5 April 2010. NO walk-ins.**

**MAIL TO:** Sherrie Saint John, 2 Tanglewood Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

*Registration form for the 2010 Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament.*

- Div A \$100/\$85     Div B \$75     Div C \$65     Div D \$55     Newcomers \$30 (no comm. fee.)  
 NAST Early Bird \$50     I'd like to play up (within 100 points of division break)  
 \$15 late fee (postmarked *after* 5 April)     help find me roommate (if possible/e-mail required)  
 I'm not staying at the hotel but would like to attend Saturday's dinner (\$36.00 including tax/tip)

### Please Check One:

- I am commuting & including the \$15 commuter fee.  
 I have made a reservation at the Westford Regency. My roommate is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I'm playing in the Newcomers' event.

**name** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**address** \_\_\_\_\_ **NASPA #** \_\_\_\_\_

**city/state/zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**•PLEASE ENSURE YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (think zip code)•**

## DIRECTIONS

The Westford Regency Centrally located off Exit 32, I-495, close to Routes 2, 3 and 93, with easy access from all major points. More detailed directions, including those by public transportation, can be obtained at the web site or by contacting the hotel.

## WEB SITE

<http://sasj.com/bat2010>

The tournament's web site lists the flyer, a registration form, detailed directions, a list of who is registered (updated with every entry received), Rotisserie, and names of attendees looking for roommates.

Check it out often!

## NOTES

- The North American *SCRABBLE*® Players Association requires that all participants be current members of NASPA. Please join NASPA prior to BAT 2010 at <http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/cgi-bin/join.pl>
- Please bring deluxe boards, Protiles, and game timers.
- All playing facilities are handicapped accessible. During room registration, please mention handicap needs.
- All hotel guests can use the hotel's pool and exquisite Regency Health Club for free.
- To defray the cost of the playing facilities, all playing attendees who are not staying at the hotel on the *SCRABBLE*® package are required to pay a \$15 commuter fee (one-day Newcomers exempt from this fee).
- The first 25 entries will be eligible for an early-bird prize.
- BAT 2010 will present the annual "Robert Felt Memorial \*Star\* Student Award," a \$100 award to the student under 18 who places the highest in the tournament.
- Players unsure about Premier eligibility are asked to send the higher entry fee and \$15 will be reimbursed during registration if necessary. Please monitor web site for registration status.
- Please mail registration and fees before 5 April 2010. Entries postmarked after this date will be assessed a \$15 late fee.
- Please send both registration form and fees to Sherrie before the event as no payments will be taken at the door.
- Save a stamp and pay via paypal. Go to <http://paypal.com> and send fees to [saint@pobox.com](mailto:saint@pobox.com) and e-mail the entry form information. Please no credit card payments, only personal accounts.
- Join Bruce Adams as he hosts his Who Wants to be a Hundredaire trivia extravaganza (made famous at the annual Green Mountain Challenge tournament! Thanks to Jane Whitmore for letting us have Bruce at BAT this year, too!).

## 2010 PREMIER DETAILS

Qualification for the Premier division is based on standard NSA peak ratings from 22 April 2009 to 22 March 2010 with a space reserved for Rod MacNeil, the winner of the 2009 BAT "A" Division.

The Premier division will be closed to registration on 17 March 2010. Any players intending to play must register with all fees submitted *by this date*. No exceptions.