

# The 34th Annual Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament

17-19 April 2015

| Division             | Ratings        | Entry Fee     |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| A/Premier**          | 1700 and up    | \$115*/\$130* |
| B                    | 1400-1699      | \$105*        |
| C                    | 1100-1399      | \$95*         |
| D                    | 1099 and below | \$85*         |
| Collins              | All rating     | \$115*        |
| Newcomers (Saturday) | 1099 and below | \$50*         |
| Early Birds (Friday) | All ratings    | \$50*         |

\* All online payments will incur service fees, check flyer back for details. Main event entries include Sat. lunch!

\*\* The top-rated 15 players from A will play in Premier with the 2014 division A winner, Jamie Ryan.

6 April 2015 ratings--those within 100 pts of cutoff may play up at their request & the directors' discretion.  
(Premier ONLY will use peak ratings from 4 May 2014--23 March 2015 to determine Premier qualification.)

## DIRECTORS

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## FORMAT

The 15-game multi-division twl main event will be computer-paired with tsh, a modified Fontes Swiss-style system.

The 5-game early birds, 6-game newcomers, and 15-game Collins division will be tsh-paired open divisions.

## SCHEDULE

### Friday

11:00 am EB registration  
12:00 pm\* EB games 1-5  
7:00 pm Main event registration  
8:00 pm\* games 1, 2, & 3

### Saturday

9:30 am\* games 4, 5, 6, & 7  
2:45 pm\* games 8, 9, 10, & 11  
8:30 pm Jeremy Cahnmann's  
Group Trivia

### Sunday

9-1:00 pm\* games 12, 13, 14, & 15

### Newcomers (Saturday only)

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

1:30 pm lunch (provided)  
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 Rd, Westford, MA 01886; toll free: 800.543.7801 phone: 978.692.8200 web: westfordregency.com

Rates per night--Single/Double \$104; Triple \$114 plus tax. Triple fee includes two beds only.

To be on time, tournament registrations must be postmarked by 30 March 2015. NO walk-ins.

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

*Registration form for the 2015 Boston Area SCRABBLE® Tournament*

- ☐ Div A \$130/\$115    ☐ Div B \$105    ☐ Div C \$95    ☐ Div D \$85    ☐ Collins \$115  
☐ Early Bird \$50    ☐ Collins Early Bird \$50    ☐ Newcomers \$50 (no comm. fee)    ☐ I'd like to play up  
☐ \$15 late fee (postmarked after 30 March)    ☐ help find me roommate (if possible/e-mail required)

**Please Check One (of these 3 boxes):**

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

name \_\_\_\_\_ phones \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## DIRECTIONS

The Westford Regency is centrally located off Exit 32, I-495, close to Routes 2, 3 and 93, with easy access from all major points. Use the BAT web site or call the hotel for better directions, including use of public transportation.

## WEB SITE

<http://sasj.com/bat2015>

The tournament's web site lists the flyer, an online registration form, directions, registrants, and a room/ride page.

## NOTES

- The North American *SCRABBLE*® Players Association requires that all participants be current members of NASPA. Please join NASPA prior to BAT 2015 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. Overnight rooms and hotel lobby offer free wifi.
- 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).
- Saturday lunch comes with entry fee. There is no room/dinner package at this year's BAT.
- BAT 2015 will present the annual "Robert Felt Memorial \*Star\* Student Award," a \$100 award to the student aged 18 or under 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/fees before 30 March 2015. Add \$15 late fee for entries postmarked after this date.
- Please send both registration form and fees to Sherrie before the event as no payments will be taken at the door.
- Mail me a check or pay via paypal. Go to <http://paypal.com> and send fees to [batfunds@gmail.com](mailto:batfunds@gmail.com) and e-mail the entry form information or fill out the online entry form. See "Changes from Past Years" for more details!
- Join in Saturday night's fun with Jeremy Cahnmann's Group Trivia!
- The Main Event Collins and both early birds are scheduled to be open divisions with top/class prizes awarded.
- The early birds will start at noon and all five games will be played consecutively. Get lunch before they start.
- CSW events will use the Collins *SCRABBLE* Words, (CSW2012) and the "5-point per word" challenge rule.
- The TWL tournaments will use the edition of the North American word source (TWL) endorsed by NASPA for tournament use on that date. \*\*
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**Tim Fukawa-Connelly** tim.fukawaconnelly@gmail.com

## \*\*\*\*\*OPTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ENTRY FEES\*\*\*\*\*

- If sending checks, pay the prices on front of flyer. If paying online (from bank account, PayPal account, or by credit card) via paypal (<http://paypal.com>) send payments to [batfunds@gmail.com](mailto:batfunds@gmail.com), please add \$4 for main event fees and \$2 for the Early Birds and Newcomer events: Premier \$134.00, A/Collins \$119.00, B \$109.00, C \$99.00, and D \$89.00. Newcomers and each of the early birds will be \$52.00. Use the "purchase" tab and consider BAT a goods/service.

**DO NOT SEND MONEY VIA THE PERSONAL TAB AS ALL PAYPAL PAYMENTS MUST PAY THE SERVICE CHARGE.**

I'll explain the need for these fees to anyone who asks! Write me: [saint@pobox.com](mailto:saint@pobox.com).

## 2015 PREMIER DETAILS

- For the purposes of BAT 2015, a qualifying peak rating is one attained at the end of a NASPA fully rated event (TWL or CSW, but not a Local Club Tournament) which ends during the qualification period, 4 May 2014 to 23 March 2015 inclusive. The 15 top-peak-rated registrants will play in the 16-player Premier division with Jamie Ryan, the winner of 2014 BAT's "A" Division.
- The Premier division will be closed to registration on 23 Mar 2015. Any players intending to play must register with all fees submitted *by this date*. No exceptions.

## TWL UPDATE

**\*\*On 7 February 2015 the NASPA web site announced: "The Advisory Board has established April 10, 2015 as the effective date of the OTCWL2014 lexicon for NASPA club and tournament play." Thus, at BAT 2015 we will use the NASPA-approved OTCWL2014 lexicon.**

**See the BAT web site for links to obtain paper and digital copies of the new lexicon.**