



NEW YEAR'S 2012 SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 29, 2011 – JANUARY 2, 2012

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ALBANY, NY (518-462-6611)



Directors: John Robertson, Annette Tedesco, and Others To Be Announced

Join us at the Crowne Plaza for our 7th annual New Year's Scrabble® tournament, which this year will have **35 TWL games**, along with **22 Collins games**. The popular New Year's Eve party will again be hosted by Annette, which will include a buffet dinner.

EVENTS

	<u>Format</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Fees</u>
TWL Main Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 22 rated games in 3 divisions with the Gibson Rule in effect ● Players within 100 points of division cutoffs may request to play up at the Director's discretion ● The most current rating will be used to seed divisions 	A. 1700 and Above B. 1300-1699 C. Below 1300	\$95 \$80 \$80
Collins Main Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 22 rated games in with the Gibson Rule in effect ● Tournament will be rated by NASPA Collins and WESPA, with the participation fees included in the entry fees. ● NASPA rules will be used http://www.scrabbleplayers.org/w/Rules except that upon an unsuccessful challenge, the challengee adds 10 points per word challenged to his/her score ● For more information on the Collins events, contact either Sam Kantimathi at sam@samtimer.com, or Annette Tedesco at 518-664-1619 or 101ted@nycap.rr.com. 		\$125
TWL Early Bird #1	8 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only)		\$45
TWL Early Bird #2	5 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only)		\$35

(Entry Fees include NASPA Participation Fees; MUST be NASPA member to play)

SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 29, 2011	11:00am - Noon	TWL Early Bird #1 Registration (8 games to follow)
Friday, December 30, 2011	11:00am - Noon 7:00pm – 8:00pm	TWL Early Bird #2 Registration (5 games to follow) Main Events Registration (Games 1-3 to follow)
Saturday, December 31, 2011	9:30am 8:00pm	Main Events Games 4-11 Dinner and New Year's Eve Party (Details TBA)
Sunday, January 1, 2012	10:00am	Main Events Games 12-18
Monday, January 2, 2012	9:30am	Main Events Games 19-22 (Awards ceremony to follow)

Mail entry form, along with check for all applicable fees by December 17 to:
Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350

Name: _____ Rating: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ e-mail: _____

Events Entering: TWL Main Event _____ Collins Main Event _____ TWL Early Bird 1 _____ TWL Early Bird 2 _____

Playing Up for TWL Main Event? _____ Staying at Crowne Plaza _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

- Book reservations directly through the Crowne Plaza at **877-227-6963** from September 1 to December 17. Ask for the Scrabble group rate when making reservations. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. **Players are responsible for making their own reservations. There will also be free shuttle service and free parking.**
- Room rate is \$89 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3-4 occupants per room. The rate is good from December 28, 2011 to January 3, 2012
- If you need a roommate, contact Annette at 518-664-1619 or e-mail her at 101ted@nycap.rr.com.
- There will be a buffet dinner on New Year's Eve, with additional details and prices to be announced at a later date. Let Annette know if you want to attend dinner.
- *Commuters not on the hotel package, pay an additional \$15 along with your entry.*

DIRECTIONS TO CROWNE PLAZA

From the South (New York City, Connecticut)

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-87) North to Exit 23
- Take I-787 North and take Exit 4 (Route 20 West)
- From off-ramp, Turn right onto Broadway
- Take a left onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the North (Montreal, Vermont)

- Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) South to Exit 7 (Troy-Cohoes)
- From off-ramp, take NYS Route 7 East and get off at I-787 Exit (Albany-Cohoes)
- Take I-787 South and get off at Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue) (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
- Take a right onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the West (Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto)

- Take NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Exit 24
- From toll plaza, take I-90 East and get off at Exit 6A (I-787)
- Take I-787 South and get off at Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue) (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
- Take a right onto State Street, then a right on Lodge

From the East (Boston, Cape Cod)

- From Mass Pike, take NYS Thruway (Berkshire Spur) West to Exit B1
- Take I-90 West and get off at Exit 6A (I-787)
- Take I-787 South and get off at Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue) (Palace Theatre will be at end of off-ramp)
- From off-ramp, turn left onto North Pearl Street
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