

Emerald City SCRABBLE® 2008

Memorial Day Weekend - Seattle - May 24, 25, & 26

Awesome Downtown Seattle Venue! Great Hotel! Pay entry fees Online!

Dates to Remember:

March 31st - Early entry deadline (\$10 rebate if payment received by this date)
April 30th - Hotel room block released
May 10th - Late entry deadline (\$15 late fee after this date)
May 22nd - the last day to register (and pay or cancel!)

How many games? **20** (8 games Saturday, 8 games Sunday, 4 games Monday)
How many divisions? **Five Divisions**, cutoffs at: **1700, 1450, 1200, and 950**
How much to play? \$110 for the top division, Div 2: \$90, Div 3: \$85, Div 4: \$80, Div 5: \$75
How much to stay? **\$110** per night

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, less expenses (last year we paid back 80%)

Schedule

Sat May 24	8:30 to 9:15	Check-in & game setup	Sun May 25	9:30 to 1:30	Games 9-12
	9:15 to 9:30	Announcements		1:30 to 2:30	Lunch break
	9:30 to 1:30	Games 1-4		2:30 to 6:30	Games 13-16
	1:30 to 2:30	Lunch break			
	2:30 to 6:30	Games 5-8	Mon May 26	9:30 to 1:30	Games 17-20
	7:30pm	Chinese Banquet		1:45	Awards

Tournament Information

There will be **five divisions**, determined by rating cutoffs (see table below). Players within 100 points of division minimum may request to play up. Director retains the right to move entrants to maintain balanced divisions. The entrant's published rating as of May 22, *or peak rating since March 1st*, will determine division placement. Unrated players will be placed at Director's discretion.

Pairing methods used will depend on division sizes. If a division has 20 or fewer players, it will have one complete Round Robin, (plus Swiss and/or KOH rounds), plus a final King-of-the-Hill. If a division has more than 20 players, pairings will be a mix of Round Robin, Swiss and/or KOH rounds.

Rated participants must be current members of the National SCRABBLE® Association to compete in this tournament. Non-rated players may delay joining the NSA until their second tournament. We strongly advise new players to play at a local SCRABBLE® Club before entering a tournament.

Division	Rating	Entry Fee
One	1700+	\$110
Two	1450-1699	\$90
Three	1200-1449	\$85
Four	950-1199	\$80
Five	0-949	\$75

Registration, payment, and cancellation deadline: Noon Pacific Time, May 22nd

* All participants are expected to know and follow the Official Tournament Rules.

Please remember to bring your own board, racks, tiles & clock, and your preferred score sheets. *

Prize Package

The prize package will return 100% of entry fees, after actual expenses (**last year we paid back 80%!.**)

Cash prizes for high play, high game, and high loss.

Bonus Prize: Free registration to **Emerald City SCRABBLE® 2009** to the person who raises his or her rating the most points as a result of this Tournament (worth up to \$110).

Scrabble Dinner

Due to popular demand, the Seattle Club will once again organize a **Chinese Banquet** on **Saturday, May 24** at Sun-Ya Restaurant in Seattle's International District. Cost is \$20 per person (includes tax & tip; you pay for any drinks).

☛ *More info, see who's already signed up, or register and PAY ONLINE at: www.seattlescrabble.org* ☛

Tournament Contact: Rebecca Slivka, 206-285-7188, slugbiker@comcast.net

Accommodations and Tournament Location

Grand Hyatt Seattle

721 Pine Street
 Seattle, Washington 98101
 Phone: (206) 774-1234
 Toll Free: (800) 233-1234
 Fax: (206) 774-6120

www.grandhyattseattle.com

Modern design highlights rooms: deluxe bath with soaking tub and walk-in shower, one king or two double Grand Beds with plush pillows, soft sheeting and thick down blankets piled upon pillow-top mattresses.

Special tournament double occupancy rates:

One King Deluxe: \$110
 Two Queen Deluxe \$110

Reserve your room by **April 30th, 2008**, to get these rates.

When making your reservation, please mention the SCRABBLE® tournament (our group code is: G-SCRA).

24 hour complimentary fitness center access, Morning newspaper, Robes, etc. High-speed wireless internet (for a fee).

Check-in is after 3 p.m. Check out by noon.

Our new venue is the fabulous **Grand Hyatt Seattle**. This beautiful hotel is in downtown Seattle, within easy walking distance to restaurants, theatres, movies, concert hall, shopping, Seattle Art Museum, Pike Place Market, etc. (and there is a Starbucks IN the hotel!). Our playing room is the elegant and spacious Princessa Ballroom, with access to the disabled and computerized word judging.

In order to get such a great deal at this beautiful hotel, we have a fairly large block of rooms we need to fill. The room block will be released April 30th—so please make your reservations early!

Transportation from Airport: \$2.00 bus ride from SeaTac airport takes you to 3 blocks from the hotel. At the Airport: Go to south end of sidewalk outside of Baggage Claim: take Metro Bus #194 Express (or #174 Local, but it takes longer). Get off at the Westlake Center in the bus tunnel; exit tunnel on Pine and walk 3 blocks east to the Grand Hyatt.

Transportation from Amtrak Train Station: Catch any bus heading North on 4th Avenue. Get off at Pine Street, walk 3 blocks east. Buses are FREE in downtown Seattle (\$1.25 after 7pm).

Parking: We suggest carpooling or taking public transportation, since there is a significant charge for parking at the hotel garage. Consult our club website for cheaper parking alternatives.

Tournament Registration: use the form below OR you can register (and PAY) online at: www.seattlescrabble.org

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M


Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____



Fees Enclosed:

- Entry Fee: Div 1 [1700+] \$110 _____ [] I would like to play up
- Entry Fee: Div 2 [1450-1699] \$90 _____ [] Use my peak rating since March 1st 2008
- Entry Fee: Div 3 [1200-1449] \$85 _____ [] I do not want to play up
- Entry Fee: Div 4 [950-1199] \$80 _____ [] This is my first tournament
- Entry Fee: Div 5 [0-949] \$75 _____
- Chinese Banquet (\$20 per person) _____
- Early Entry Discount (pay before March 31st) - \$10 _____ [Payment must be received by March 31st to qualify]
- Late Fee (payment received after May 10th) + \$15 _____ [\$15 handling fee for cancellations after May 10th]

Total Enclosed: _____

Mail this registration form (with payment) to  Rebecca Slivka
 Make your check or money order payable to: P.O. Box 9069
Seattle Scrabble® Club 253. Seattle, WA 98109

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FOTD: For each tally slip error both players will be charged \$1 each--fees collected will be awarded in a drawing.

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