

The 15th Almost Annual Asheville, NC

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

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sign-in @ 8:45 AM Saturday, then 8 games Saturday at 9 AM, 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 FOR ALL IN THE ACCESSIBLE GYM UPSTAIRS PLUS FREE PARKING.

FEES: \$125 ALL DIVISIONS. (No refunds after October 28)

No late fee, BUT deadline to **receive** registration and entry fee: October 28

100% return of fees to prize money after bona-fide expenses and NASPA fees.

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

No new entrants after the deadline or at the door unless needed to even a division

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

COLLINS? We wish, but the big Seattle Collins event the following week-end makes it too unlikely that we could attract enough Collins players to make it work

REGISTRATION: Registration deadline: “received by” October 28, 2023. Cap: 144 players

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

Division cut-offs to be decided one week prior to the tournament, one big happy group until then!

Gibson rule in effect for divisions not having a true complete round robin.

LODGING: Lodging of your choice, free parking at the venue, no commuter fee. Consider [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com)

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

<https://www.exploreasheville.com/travel-guide/digital-travel-guide/> and New York Times: [36 Hours in Asheville](#)

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

Please visit our [Asheville Scrabble website](#) as well as cross-tables.com (Thanks, Jacob & Seth!)

OUR VENUE!!



The A-1 Asheville Scrabble Tournament will again be at Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

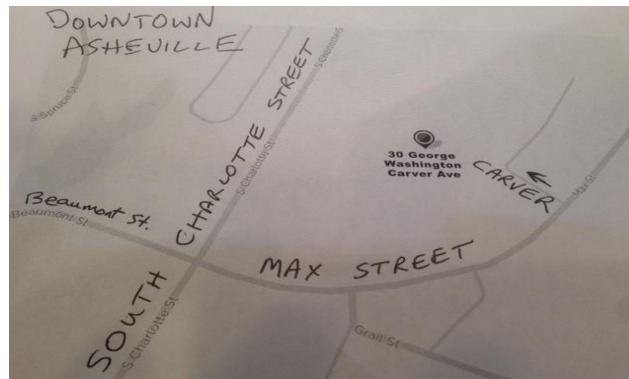
30 George Washington Carver Ave. Asheville, NC 28801

PLENTY of free parking! 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 works with the address and we will have A-1 signs to help!



Players and staff will abide by any current local municipal or facility regulations in place at the time of the event with regard to reducing risk of contagious disease. Directors strongly recommend, but do not require, full immunization to protect against Covid and influenza. Proof of immunization will not be required. As currently planned, masks will be optional, but again, this could change to “required” based on local policies at the time of the tournament. Hand sanitizer will be available, but you might want to bring your own. The gymnasium allows for less crowding than at most tournaments. Players having symptoms of infectious disease will be refunded registration and asked to return next year when well.

Players will acknowledge by the act of registration that, similar to going to the grocery, big box stores, concerts and sporting events, a Scrabble tournament is not risk-free.

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, while supplies last. Door prize drawing + cash if you stay until the end of the awards ceremony!



15th Almost Annual Asheville A-1 Autumn Leaves Scrabble Tournament November 4-5, 2023

Name (exactly as NASPA has it) _____ NASPA# _____

Street Address (mailing your prize \$ if you leave early) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

*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?

First Tourney ever? Yes__ No __

____ Yes

____ No, but I definitely will be current before the tourney

\$125 (deadline 10/28/2023 but don't wait!) make check to William Snoddy

OR use Bill's email or cell phone to pay using [PayPal](#) or [Venmo](#)

and please at least email the info asked of you on this registration sheet.

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 are not required to bring gear)

Mail form & check payable to **William Snoddy to:
William Snoddy 725 Bear Left Asheville, NC 28805**

OR use [PayPal](#) "send to a friend" or [Venmo](#) (828-713-1076) "send to a friend"
and then email all of your information for the form: williamrsnoddy@gmail.com

WELCOME to Your Almost Annual Asheville “A-1” Autumn Leaves Scrabble® Tournament

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 works! South Charlotte St, then Max St., then Carver! “A-1” signage will help guide you. ► 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. Doc Brown’s BarBQ food truck starting at 12:00 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. The “Lobster Dogs” 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 for most divisions this year which will streamline our way to the awards ceremony. A true & complete round-robin is a fine way to determine first place.

► 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 for only a half-day session at a time, just in case there are dropouts or revisions in pairings as we go along. **WE ARE CONSIDERING A Wi-Fi winner’s slip option!**

► 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.* You may have a favorite rack that you prefer to keep with you, but 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 might be glad to see a V on your rack! *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 williamrsnoddy@gmail.com



Have FUN!!



Dear Scrabblers,

It is our pleasure to present to you the following proposal from the Crowne Plaza Hotel near downtown Asheville, NC.

At the Crowne Plaza, you will find comfortable accommodations sitting on 125 acres while being only two miles from downtown Asheville. The on-site Overlook Restaurant, Lobby Bar and Lounge are a great match for the freshly-renovated guest rooms. In the afternoons, you could take advantage of the low-cost hotel round-trip shuttle to explore local art galleries, restaurants, boutiques, and renowned breweries.

Work out in the Fitness and Wellness Center, and enjoy the on-site running and walking trails. And if you dare, visit the Asheville Treetops Adventure Park. There is a 9-hole golf course as well as outdoor and indoor tennis courts. (Small fee for indoor courts.) Indoor pool is in a separate facility with some restricted hours.

If you can't get enough Scrabble play during the tournament, we will have an area in the bar after dinner for evening games with your friends.

Call one of the numbers below to make your reservations soon. Our original block of 15 rooms has filled as of August 25. The hotel consented to add 5 more rooms, still at a reduced rate! \$209 double queen, \$229 king. You may want to add Thursday night and/or Sunday night to your stay, to get more Asheville time.

Warmest regards and enjoy the Asheville Scrabble Tournament!

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- Desiree Williams, Reservations Coordinator

***Three ways to make those reservations for two queen beds, \$209 plus taxes/fees now:
(in order of preference)***

- 1) Call toll-free 1-844-330-0296 (available 24/7) and mention "Scrabble Tournament Block #2" OR***
- 2) Call the hotel directly 828-285-2603 and mention the group name above***
- 3) Go to www.ashevillecp.com, enter dates of stay, then enter the group code: SC2***

Only five additional rooms are available as of 8/30/2023 and these will likely go quickly prior to the release date of October 3, 2023