20th Annual NASCTM

Five weeks from today, players from all over the U.S. and Canada will be arriving in Reno. It will be a great night as everyone is practicing the boards and enjoying the company of old friends, as well as meeting some new ones. There will also be the big rematch between myself and crowd favorite Jay Thiel, Vice President and General Manager. Those of you who were there last year probably remember that Jay and I played a game, with the loser buying a round of drinks for the everyone in the room. I was extremely fortunate to win that game, but Jay promises he will be ready for me this time.

Registration continues to be very strong and up more than 20% over last year. The early registration deadline is just a couple of weeks away (October 12). Don't wait until the last minute and end up paying late fees. Send in your registration form today, or register online at www.2009nasc.com.

There are still some great airfares out there, but prices are going up, and the number of seats available at the lower fares are dwindling. You may want to check out www.bing.com/travel to find the best airfare. I used it to book all of the airline tickets for the tournament staff and have found it to be a great site. If you are looking for a room and airfare package, the best deals can be found at www.aavacations.com.

If you have been enjoying the "blast from the past", here is the next "Picture Of The Day" (there are actually two of them this time), a collection of memorable photos from the NASCTM. Thanks to Ann Harrell, who has posted previous editions on the newsletters section of her web site, which you can visit by clicking eshuffleboard.com.





Grant Manning, Eddie Brayman & The Bucket at the 19th Anniversary Party

If you are planning on attending the tournament, but have not signed up yet, you can register online with a credit card or PayPal by clicking www.2009nasc.com.

To print Tournament forms and information, please use the following links: Registration Form, Schedule of Events, and General Information. If you have never been to the NASCTM, there has never been a better time to find out why, over the past ten years, more players have attended the NASCTM than any other tournament.

If you need help making air or hotel reservations, or have any questions about the tournament, please call The Shuffleboard Federation at 800-380-3033.

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