

## 20th Annual NASC™

We are now just a little more than four weeks away from the start of the 2009 North American Shuffleboard Championships. 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](http://www.2009nasc.com).

The subject of late fees has come up in conversation recently and I would like to take a moment to discuss them. The purpose is to encourage pre-registration, which helps us to run a better tournament for the participants. Having a good idea of how many players will be attending helps us in a number of ways. One of them is for scheduling purposes. I have to submit information an hours of operation schedule to the Sands two weeks before the tournament. They use that information to schedule the bartenders for the tournament. A full house means we need to open the bar open at 8:00 a.m. With a smaller turnout that might change to 10:00. Pre-registration also helps us to start events on time, and to complete play at a reasonable hour. Nobody wants to play until 4:00 a.m. and come back at 8:00. Sitting through the auctions can be tedious for everyone. In a perfect world, everyone who is going to play in an event would be signed up in advance, and copies of all of the entry lists could be done the day before an event, saving an hour to two hours on the day an event begins. We also use pre-registration information to help us order an appropriate number of shirts, jackets, etc., and the Sands relies on that info to prepare for the Friday night anniversary party. Some of you may remember that the first year we had one of those parties they ran out of food before everyone had a chance to eat. So, the bottom line is that signing up in advance helps us to do a better job for you. I hope this clarifies the issue and, as always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

With regards to airfares Southwest has just come out with some great fares, which you can check out at [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com). You may also want to check out [www.bing.com/travel](http://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 usually be found at [www.aavacations.com](http://www.aavacations.com).

If you have been enjoying the "blast from the past", here is the next "Picture Of The Day", a collection of memorable photos from the NASC™. 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](http://eshuffleboard.com).



### Jim Nicoll, Pat Preymak and Gordie Smith

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](http://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 NASC™, there has never been a better time to find out why, over the past ten years, more players have attended the NASC™ 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.

John McDermott, Tournament Director