

16'th Annual NASC™ update:

The biggest tournament of the year is just four weeks away. With registration running slightly ahead of last year, which set new prize money records for the NASC™, this will be another great year for the Tournament. The Sands will once again be donating personalized name tags for weights cases. In order to give them time to prepare them, please send in your registration by the early registration date, which is October 8th. Entries sent after that date are subject to a penalty of \$5 for registration and \$5 per event. 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.

We appreciate the strong turnout from Texas which helped get us off to such a good start. The East Coast has another good turnout and the heart and soul of the tournament, the West Coast and Arizona are well represented, as usual. In addition to many of our regulars, who attend every year, we also have a good number of first timers, as well as quite a few players who have not been to the NASC in a few years. Put it all together and this looks to be another record setting event in Reno.

The Tournament web site, www.2005nasc.com, has recently been updated. If you have not yet registered, you may do so online and pay for your events with a credit card by clicking [Online Registration](#). All of the tournament merchandise is now available for pre ordering. Place your order for [Short Sleeve T-Shirts](#), [Long Sleeve T-Shirts](#), [Pocket T-Shirts](#), [Golf Shirts](#), [Jackets](#), [Sweatshirts](#), [Hoodies](#) and [Co-Sponsor Shirts](#) online and you pick up your items when you arrive at the Tournament.

Just a reminder, if you want to play in the Four Person Team Event, but do not have a team, please check the box on the registration form that indicates you would like to be on a team. If you already have a team, and you are the team captain, please fill out the roster section with the names of your team mates.

This year's special guests include Sol Lipkin, who will be on hand to present the Sol Lipkin award to Al Salazar of Phoenix, Arizona. The presentation will take place on the evening of Friday, November 4, prior to the Tournament's 16th anniversary party. Festivities will include free food and a two hour open bar, compliments of the Sands Regency and The Shuffleboard Federation. Many of you who have attended the tournament before have seen Sol's famous pictures of the shuffleboard table which American Shuffleboard installed in the Polaris class submarine, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, in the early 1960's. I have been in contact with some of the sailors who were on the ship during that time, including a few who played in the famed underwater tournament. They have been invited to the NASC™ and will hopefully be in attendance to help Sol tell the story.

If you have not yet made your reservations, there are still lots of great room and airfare packages available. Despite rising fuel prices, airfare is not much higher than last year. Listed below are some examples of pricing on 10 night, 6 night and 4 night packages. If you need any help finding a good deal on a flight or a room and airfare package, please give us a call at 800-380-3033.

**Current Room & Airfare Packages
(per person, double occupancy)**

Origin	10 Nights	6 Nights	4 Nights
Austin	From \$410	From \$330	From \$280
Baltimore	From \$404	From \$326	From \$270
Dallas	From \$389	From \$328	From \$280
Denver	From \$403	From \$297	From \$259
Detroit	From \$408	From \$336	From \$315
Fort Wayne	From \$416	From \$338	From \$297
Houston	From \$405	From \$326	From \$276
Indianapolis	From \$408	From \$331	From \$299
Little Rock	From \$410	From \$333	From \$302
Los Angeles	From \$324	From \$256	From \$219
Oklahoma City	From \$408	From \$329	From \$279
Omaha	From \$413	From \$310	From \$276
Philadelphia	From \$445	From \$331	From \$280
Phoenix	From \$387	From \$297	From \$244
Portland	From \$331	From \$265	From \$217
Saint Louis	From \$368	From \$291	From \$258
San Antonio	From \$372	From \$307	From \$276
Seattle/Tacoma	From \$336	From \$241	From \$202
Spokane	From \$377	From \$293	From \$262
Tulsa	From \$367	From \$306	From \$274

The airline which has traditionally had the best packages is American Airlines. To get a quote, visit www.aavacations.com. America West has also had some great fares, their web site is www.americawest.com. Other recommended travel web sites are: Orbitz.com, Yahoo Travel, Expedia.com, Southwest Airlines.com and Hotwire.com, which is an outstanding place to find last minute deals.

Co-Sponsors are always an important part of the NASC. There are five Co-Sponsorship levels, [Bronze](#) (\$250), [Silver](#) (\$500), [Gold](#) (\$750), [Platinum](#) (\$1,000) and [Diamond](#) (\$2,000). All Co-Sponsors names will be prominently displayed in the tournament area. They will also receive a laser engraved appreciation plaque, similar to the ones given to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each event at the Tournament. Additionally, Bronze Level Co-Sponsors will receive a beautifully embroidered Co-Sponsor Shirt; Silver Level Co-Sponsors will receive an embroidered Co-Sponsor Jacket; Gold Level Co-Sponsors will receive a Co-Sponsor Shirt and Jacket. Platinum Level Co-Sponsors will receive a Co-Sponsor Shirt and Jacket, two seats at the head table for the awards ceremony on Friday night and will have their picture taken with Sol Lipkin, who will personally sign the photo. Diamond Level Co-Sponsors will receive everything that the Platinum Co-Sponsors receive, plus a second Co-Sponsor Shirt and Jacket. They will also receive complimentary dinner for two with tournament staff and Sol Lipkin and their room will be upgraded to a Jacuzzi Suite at no additional charge.

To print Tournament forms and information, please use the following links: [Registration Form](#), [Schedule of Events](#), and [General Information](#). 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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