

Greetings to all Shuffleboard Players across North America!!

I will send a memo out every Monday from now until April 26, 2007 to keep everyone up to speed on the progress at Madison Park Bar & Grill as we prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greater Detroit Open. My name is Jason Papa, and I am the proprietor of the bar.

We have 3 in-house shuffleboards that will be used in the event. I recently purchased another shuffleboard that needs a new top. The cradle is in great condition considering it is almost 60 years old. I have ordered two brand new tops from Venture, and John McDermott has assured me that they will be delivered in the next 10-12 days. One top will go into the cradle that I recently purchased, the other will go into a cradle that I am borrowing from The Stop Spot. The owner, Jim Earl Madary, is a great friend and has graciously offered his shuffleboard for the tournament. In addition, I am working on some other sources for more tables...the plan is to have a minimum of 6 shuffleboards, and as many as 8. Cleaner, polish, silicone spray and wax will be provided by the Shuffleboard Federation.

We plan to have all the tables installed and playable by Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> so we can have some \$10 & \$20 round robins and action games. Anyone coming into town early can plan on having all the action they can handle.

I am currently working with a local hotel (approx. 1 mile in distance from the bar) to be the official Host Hotel for the Greater Detroit Open. The goal is to provide affordable room nights for all tournament participants and free transportation to and from the bar and hotel. More information will follow as it is available.

Also, as part of your \$15 registration fee, we will award trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all of the events, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies in the Singles and 3 Person Bring Team events. A total of 23 trophies will be awarded and they will be nothing short of spectacular. I am very excited about the response I have received from local and out of state players, and look forward to seeing all of you next month. Also, I would like to thank Rob & Debbie Kern and Coco & Cindy Brown for all their hard work in running ALL of the tournaments at Madison Park Bar & Grill. Without them, none of this would be possible. And finally, I would like to thank Frank Blade, Jessica Williams, and John McDermott for making the phone calls and contacts to many of our out of state friends. If you have not heard from us, please give us a call and let us know if you can make it to the tournament. Frank Blade's phone number is 586-872-4984, and Jessica Williams' number is 248-943-6207. You can also call me at the bar 248-541-9305 or email [madisonparkbowl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:madisonparkbowl@sbcglobal.net)

Next week, I will post a roster of players that are planning to attend the event, and I will update it weekly. If you let me know you are coming, I will be sure to add your name to the list.

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