

NASC™ Registration up 15% over 2007

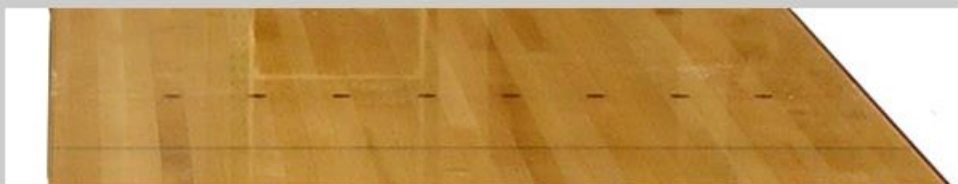
Shuffleboard's premier tournament, the North American Shuffleboard Championships™, is just three weeks away. As promised at last year's tournament, all of the tournament boards have been refinished. They arrived in Reno earlier this week and are in storage at the Sands in a temperature and humidity controlled room.

Pre-registration continues to be very strong. With more than 120 paid players already signed up, we are on pace for a turnout of well over 200 players. Airfares have continued to fall in many markets so, if you have not already signed up, it is not too late. Early registration deadline, which was tomorrow, has been extended a few days until Tuesday, October 7. So, if you have yet registered, just mail your Registration Form, or sign up online, by Tuesday to avoid late fees.

In recognition of the many contributions of our longtime partner to the success of this event, the Sands Regency logo has been added to the playfields, along with The Shuffleboard Federation and NASC™ logos.



We added three sets of dots, one near each foul line, and one at the center of the table on the boards. This concept has been used for years in bowling as a way to help players line up their shots. The boards which were used at the 10th annual Wandering Women's Tournament last week had this feature and the feedback was very positive .



I am adding some more music to the tournament playlist am am open to suggestions. If anyone has specific requests, please email me (johnmcd@shuffleboardfederation.com) the name of the album and the artist and I will do my best to include it. I especially need help on with some County/Western suggestions as I am mostly a classic rock guy and not very knowledgeable (so I have been told) with regards to selecting good Country/Western songs for the tournament.

The Sands has recently finished installing a wireless network and now offers wireless internet service (for a fee) in all rooms. Live entertainment is also back at the Sands in the Third Street Bar, formerly known as the Tequila Bar. The Sands is also working on expanding the smoker friendly area near the tournament by adding more slot machines. As many of you know, it became a Nevada state law last year that smoking was only allowed in gaming areas. If they are successful in adding those additional machines, the smokers will a little more space than last year.

If you have not yet booked a flight, we recommend www.travelocity.com, which has had prices that are \$10 to \$50 less than what the airlines are offering on their own web sites. I am seeing similar discounts on Travelocity's Room & Airfare packages. Another great site is www.orbitz.com, which has a pricing guarantee that is very attractive. After you book your ticket on Orbitz, they will automatically monitor pricing on a daily basis until you travel. If fares for the same itinerary drop after you book your flight, they will send you a refund for the difference. For room and airfare packages, the best deals have traditionally been found at the American Airlines web site, www.aavacations.com, but Travelocity has consistently been cheaper over the past week. If you need help with your travel plans, please give us a call at 800-380-3033.

Just a reminder, if you are planning on attending the tournament, but have not yet have not yet signed up, the early registration deadline has been extended from October 4th to October 7th. If you would like to use a credit card or PayPal for your registration and entry fees, you can register online by clicking www.2008nasc.com, or over the phone by calling 800-380-3033.

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.



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