



Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis (7 miles from venue)

2012 WGPO Word Cup August 3 – 8, 2012 Bloomington, Minnesota

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington –
Minneapolis South
7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington MN 55439
(free airport shuttle – see lodging info below)

Early Bird – 7 games Potpourri (Open, Clabbers, Pairs, Speed – choose one event)
Main Event – 31 games, three divisions (unlimited play-up with performance prizes)
Please note that we are hosting a catered reception for players and their guests on Saturday night

We have a block of 40 rooms: book early for the best rate (\$103 + tax, dbl occupancy, 3 days before/after). If the block fills, please contact Bobbi Hendrickson (rhendri369@aol.com 612-822-3069) for options. Lodging fee \$50 for nonlocals staying elsewhere (refunded if block fills). To book reservations: call the hotel at 952-835-7800, group code WGP, or use the Word Cup online reservation link: <http://tinyurl.com/WordCup2012>

Tournament directors are Steve Pellinen (steve@pellpro.com 612-275-1240) and Sue Hoehn (sue.hoehn@gmail.com 651-238-0495). Register by using the form below or equivalent.

General Schedule (Other events and times will be posted when available – updates at WGPO website)

- Aug 3, Fri 7 game Early Bird Potpourri 10:00 am – 6:00 pm with lunch break
Playing room open until midnight for after hours play
- Aug 4, Sat Rounds 1 – 7, Main Event 10:00 – 6:00 pm with lunch break
Catered reception for all players and their guests 8:00 pm
- Aug 5, Sun Rounds 8 – 14, Main Event 10:00 – 6:00 pm with lunch break
Playing room open until midnight for after hours play
Trivia contest hosted by Bennett Jacobstein
- Aug 6, Mon Rounds 15 – 21, Main Event 10:00 – 6:00 pm with lunch break
General membership meeting, 8:00 – 9:30 pm, playing room open until midnight
- Aug 7, Tue Rounds 22 – 28, Main Event 10:00 – 6:00 pm with lunch break
Playing room open until midnight for after hours play
- Aug 8, Wed Rounds 29 – 31, Main Event 10:00 – 1:00 pm with awards immediately following
Awards done by 2:00 pm

Enclose check, payable to WGPO Word Cup, c/o Sue Hoehn, 2184 Scheffer Ave, St Paul MN 55116.
sue.hoehn@gmail.com 651-699-0793, 651-238-0495 (cell). **Postmarked by July 1, 2012** or add \$20 late fee.
Must register before July 31. No cancellation refunds after that date.

Name _____ \$50 Early Bird
 Address _____ \$130 Main Event, div choice below
 _____ I will attend Sat reception
 Email _____ I will bring one guest to the reception
 Phone _____ \$50 I will stay elsewhere

Circle your Main Event Division: Div 1 1500+ Div 2 1250-1499 Div 3 under 1249
 You may play in any higher division than your rating qualification – there will be performance prizes
 Circle your Early Bird choice: Open (one division) Clabbers Pairs Speed (all subject to sufficient interest)

Word Cup 2012 Early Bird Potpourri – Description of Events

Each event will require a minimum of four players, or four teams for the Pairs and Tag-Team. WGPO rates all of these variations.

Open

Seven games beginning at 10 a.m. with lunch break. Standard rules, one division.

Clabbers

Seven games beginning at 10 a.m. with lunch break. One or two divisions, depending on number of players. Standard rules except for letter order, and 30 minutes on timer.

Clabbers is played like regular Scrabble, except that the letters in all words formed may be placed in any order. This leads to higher scores and longer words, since you typically see many more overlapping words, as well as extensions and optimal placement of high scoring letters. You must still make sure that you are forming scrambled words in all directions, or your opponent may challenge, at which point you must identify the challenged word. As in regular Scrabble, one of you will lose your turn.

Pairs

Seven games beginning at 10 a.m. with lunch break. Two-player collaborative teams, 30 minutes on timer. Standard rules, one or two divisions depending on number of teams. Maximum combined rating for any team is 3600 points. Team names are encouraged, but not required.

Speed

12 games beginning at 10 a.m. with lunch break. One or two divisions, depending on number of players. Standard rules, except for 15 minutes on timer.

Tag-Team (8:00 pm start, 3 games)

Registration on site only from 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Brief game demo followed by 3 games starting at 8:00 pm.

\$20 per team. 100% returned as prizes.

Divisions of 4 teams each (bottom division may have 6 teams). No rating restrictions for players/teams. Show up with a partner, or find a partner at the tournament.

Tag-Team is similar to pairs except that each player has his/her own rack of tiles. On each team's turn, either player can make an initial play from their rack, followed immediately by a play by their partner from their rack. This dynamic allows for exciting setups and interesting strategies.