

Hotel Deal Secured for the 3rd Annual Greater Detroit Open Confirmed Participants from 5 States

Madison Height, MI – April 9, 2007 – After 2 weeks of negotiation, I am pleased to announce that we have made a deal with the Days Hotel in Hazel Park. The hotel is located one mile from Madison Park Bar & Grill and offers a full service restaurant, smoking & non-smoking rooms, cocktail lounge, banquet facility, and a free continental breakfast to all guests. I have personally toured the property and I was very impressed. I was told by Donna Vance, the General Manager, that the new owner has invested over \$2 million to date.

I have purchased 60 room nights, from Thursday through Sunday, in order to secure a rate of \$40 per night. The normal rate is \$69 weekday and \$89 weekend, so this is a very generous offer, and one that I couldn't turn down. In addition, Madison Park Bar & Grill will offer free shuttle service to and from the hotel at specific times throughout the day and night. We are offering this service to all tournament participants and guests so everyone can have as much fun as they want, without the fear of drunk driving. In order to secure this great rate, I had to purchase the rooms up front, so any players coming into town that want to take advantage of this opportunity must book through Madison Park Bar & Grill...not the hotel. To book a room, call Jason at 248-541-9305 or Jason's Cell 760-445-0793. You may also contact Frank Blade at 586-872-4984 or Jessica Williams at 248-943-6207 or Rob Kern at 248-462-3288 to book your room.

I have received confirmation that the following players are planning to attend: Jim Payne, Mike Pope, and Tony Pope from Nebraska, Jimmy Martin from California, Bill Melton, Pam Dowell, and Ronnie Gamble from Oklahoma, Jim Long, Glen & Jeri Ingram, Larry & Mary Brown, Bobbie & Deb Voorhis, Brian Collins & Taya Kessling, Gary Anglin, and Ann Harrell from Indiana. In addition to these and other out of town players, locals Frank Blade, John McDermott, Steve Auten, John Tischler, Roland Metivier, Bill and Brenda Kane, Jessica Williams, Lacho Barradas, James Sanchez, Sandy Blade, Tom & Jackie Meagher, Alonzo Cottrell and many more are planning to attend. If I neglected to mention your name here, please don't be offended...just email or call me and I will add you to our roster and reserve you a hotel room in needed.

As we enter the final 4 weeks before the tournament, we are really gaining a lot of momentum, and I look forward to hearing from more local and out of town players that plan to attend the 3rd Annual Greater Detroit Open.

Jason Papa
Madison Park Bowl, Bar & Grill

March 30, 2007

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 3rd 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 26th 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 1st & 2nd place in all of the events, and 3rd 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 { [HYPERLINK "mailto: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.

Jason Papa
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