

To: Shuffleboard Players

From: James and Darlene Cummings

Houston Holiday Open 2012

Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake

Dec 25th thru Dec 31st

Status: Jack Scott, founder of the Houston Holiday Open (HHO) has decided to resign from the Tournament and care for his ailing mother. After some deliberation, Dar and I have decided that it is best for the sport and the players to continue the tradition of the Houston Holiday Open as one of the 3 Top National Tournaments. We believe that without these National Meets providing the excitement, camaraderie and competition for experienced and new players alike, the sport we love will fade away.

We do not take this commitment lightly. We understand the resources, cost and effort it takes to provide a profitable tournament that players desire to return to each year. We know, especially in these hard times, that we must provide the best venue, location and tournament package for our players. We understand the cost of attendance is substantial and discretionary, and it is our duty to provide and continually improve this tournament to earn players' loyalty and attendance.

Invitation: We invite all players who have previously attended the HHO and those who have not, to join us in our new endeavor as we strive to make the HHO one of the best tournaments in the Nation. We would appreciate players passing this information on and inviting any players that may not be aware our tournament.

Venue: We will hold the tournament in Clear Lake City at the Hilton. The Hilton is in a great location and recent upgrades have made it a first class venue for lodging and the tournament. Area attractions including Houston, NASA, Kemah Boardwalk, Galveston Bay and the City of Galveston, offer players vacationing alternatives while not in the heat of competition. We have negotiated and the Hilton has generously agreed to provide Tournament room rates of \$69.95 before Dec. 15th and \$75.00 after which is about 50% below their normal rates. They have also agreed to provide beer and alcohol pricing well below their normal rates during the tournament. Be sure and use the Group Code HHO when making reservations.

Sponsorships: We believe a National Tournament should include incentives for our players. Our time is short but we will attempt to get sponsorships to provide added incentive for all level of players. In addition, Dar and I will commit to \$1000 Sponsorship from Triple Crown Sports Bar and invite other businesses who love this game to join in, sponsoring the Houston Holiday Open. If you would like to be a sponsor please contact us as soon as possible.

Tournament: At this late date, we will not make changes to the Event Schedule previously published. We do desire and will consider any ideas to improve in the future. Please note that early registration by Dec 15th will save you money on registration, entry fees and room rates as well as help us plan for the tournament. No other tournament crams so much action into only 6 days and then after 11 events, provides a New Year's Eve Party for all players on the final day. It is hectic and sometimes our timing gets a little off, but in the long run the total player expenses for an 11 event tournament are minimized and the time between events is non-existent. We have events for all level of players with our Premiere event being our \$500 Entry Pro Singles. The top players in the country, whether on their own or supported by backers, enter to engage in a fierce battle to determine who is the World Champion.

Equipment: We will use a combination of our own and vendors boards for the tournament. We are working at present to get the best boards possible lined up for the tournament. If any vendors would like to show off their equipment in our tournament please contact us. Our personal boards have had a rough go and seen many tournaments over the last 10 years. With our new commitment to this tournament, starting now and over the next year we will have all of our personal boards up to the quality that a National Tournament deserves.

Staffing: Any tournament is only as good as its staff. A tournament requires a lot of knowledgeable people's time and effort to run smooth. We have a very competent core staff and have been blessed with volunteers that make this tournament possible. From loading, unloading, board assembly and adjustment to daily board maintenance, it is our volunteers that allow our tournament to exist. If you are planning to attend the HHO and are interested in learning a little and doing a little work for your fellow shuffleboard player's benefit please contact us to volunteer.

Hope to see you at the Houston Holiday Open

Don't Miss the New Year's Eve Party

Flyer, Registration Form and Hotel Information can be found at www.shuffleboard.cc

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17TH ANNUAL HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN

December 24-31, 2012

Hilton NASA Clear Lake Houston, Texas

11 EVENTS - ALL LEVELS - 21 BOARDS

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Date	Event	Registration Start End	Sale Start	Format Description	Bracket	Event Fees After Dec 15th
Mon 24th		5 PM		Practice and side games		
Tue 25th		7 PM	No Sale	\$50 Blind Draw (-1 thru 2's) Single Elim \$20 Blind Draw Handicapped (All) Single Elim Robins after 5:00PM	-1,0,1,2 All	\$50 \$20
Wed 26th	1	2:00PM	3:00PM	A-B Draw – Div. I	-1, 0, 1	\$50
	2	2:45pM		A-B Draw – Div. II	2, 3, 4	\$30
Thu 27th		9:00AM 9:45AM	10:00AM	*** 2011 World Championship		
	3			Open Singles 2 of 3 winners and losers	-1, 0, 1, 2, 3	-1 \$300 0 \$250 1,2,3 \$200
	4			Div. I Singles Handicap Max 1 Pt	1 2	\$75 \$50
	5			Div. II Singles Handicap Max 1 Pt	3 4	\$40 \$30
Fri 28th	6	12:00PM	1:00PM	4 Person Bring Team - Add to 3 or more 2 of 3 Double elimination * See Note	-1, 0, 1, 2	\$200/Team
	7	12:45PM		4 Person Bring Team Add to 9 or more 2 of 3 Double elimination	2, 3, 4	\$120/Team
Sat 29th	8	11:00AM 11:45AM Roll Call 12:00PM Draft 12:15	1:30PM	6 Person Draft Team. 4 of 7 Dbl Elim. 3 boards. Mark 3 and play to 15. Top rated players must be captains **NOTE: If 1s are required for captains they will have first draft picks**	All	\$50/Player
Sun 30th	9	1:00PM 1:45PM	2:00PM	Pro Bring Partner – Add to 0,1,2 2 of 3 winners and losers	-1, 0, 1	\$250/Team
	10			Div. II – Add to 3 or 4 Handicapped 2 of 3 Winners 15 Point Losers	1, 2	\$150/Team
	11			Div. III – Add to 5 ,6, 7 Handicapped 2 of 3 Winners 15 Point Losers	2, 3, 4	\$60/Team
Mon 31st				Completion of events 9 - 12 \$50 & \$20 Draws followed by New Years Eve Party and Dance at 9pm. Free New Year's Eve Party	ALL	Open play until 9 pm

Event #6 Note: Any player active in Singles event after 12:45 must be replaced on 4 Person Bring Team prior to Sponsor Sale
Handicap s are Positive - "No Poker" during Sponsor Sales

- Early Registration Fee. - \$25. After Dec. 15th - \$30.
Event Fees– Add \$5 after Dec. 15th
- Includes free practice time in Ballroom (NO pin gates).
- Free New Years Eve Party Food, Dance
- 2012 Bowers Ratings in effect.
- Director
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Hotel Info

Group Code HHO

<http://www.hilton.com>

search Clear Lake , Texas

\$69.95 before Dec15th \$75.00 after

Check www.shuffleboard.cc
for updates to flyer and Hotel Information

17th Annual Houston Holiday Open

December 24-31, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM: (Pre-Registration deadline is December 15th, 2012)

You must send in all of your entry monies and the registration fee for Events 1-5 & 8-12 to Tournament Director James Cummings at the address below before December 15th. There is a \$5 late fee per person for registration and all entered events except 6 and 7 paid after to 15th December. Entries are accepted until an event is full or the posted deadline is reached.

Only team captains may submit entries for Events 6 and 7 (4 person bring team). **Do NOT prepay these events.**

Name _____ Decimal Rating _____ Whole Rating _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

EVENTS

6(\$200/Team), 7(\$120/Team) Division I, II 4 Person Bring Team. To be filled out by Captains **ONLY** with complete team information (Players names & ratings)

	Name	Rating
Team Captain	_____	_____
Player 2	_____	_____
Player 3	_____	_____
Player 4	_____	_____

DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR THESE EVENTS.

If you are not on a team but would like to be on a waiting list check here _____

	Before 15 th Dec.	After 15 th Dec	
1. Division I A-B Draw Partner	(\$45/player)	(\$50)	\$ _____
2. Division II A-B Draw Partner	(\$25/player)	(\$30)	\$ _____
3. Pro Division Singles: HC Entry	(-1 \$295; 0 \$245; 1&up \$195)	(\$300, \$250, 200)	\$ _____
4. Division I Singles	(1 \$70, 2 \$45)	(\$75, \$50)	\$ _____
5. Division II Singles	(3 \$35, 4 \$25)	(\$40, \$30)	\$ _____
8. 6-Person Draft Team	(\$45/Player)	(\$50)	\$ _____
	Partner's Name		
9. Pro Division Bring Partner(add to 0,1,2)	(\$240/Team) _____	(\$250)	\$ _____
10. Division II Bring Partner(add to 3,4)	(\$140/Team) _____	(\$150)	\$ _____
11. Division III Bring Partner(add to 5,6,7)	(\$50/Team) _____	(\$60)	\$ _____
12. Division IV Bring Partner(add to 8 or more)	(\$30/Team) _____	(\$40)	\$ _____
One time registration fee	(\$25)	(\$30)	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Make registration checks payable to Cummings Shuffleboard and mail to:

James Cummings, Tournament Director, 15907 Ferncliff Lane Houston, TX 77095

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