



15 ABSP rated games 25 minutes p/p 2-3 Divisions by numbers & ratings B&C- Free challenge A- 5PP

Where: Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas IM1 2RW, Isle of Man

When: 9 -10 May 2020 PLUS optional informal Scrabble activities/workshop on Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

Prizes: A range of cash (not less than £2500 total) and non-cash prizes will be offered in all divisions

Timings: Registration will be from 9.30 Saturday morning. To allow for Saturday flight arrivals, play will begin at 11am. 2 games before lunch, 5 games before the evening meal followed by 1 game after, finish at 9.15pm. Sunday play will begin at 9.00am with 4 games before lunch and 3 games after lunch, Prize giving will be 5.00-5.30pm

Equipment: Please bring a rotating board and clock if you can. An advantage of coming by ferry is no luggage limit plus you can have a few games on the way.

Catering: Tea, coffee and finger lunches (Chef's Selection of sandwiches & chips) plus Saturday's evening meal, are included in the entry fee*. On Saturday evening, players will have a choice of lasagne or fish pie with garlic bread and salads. Please provide allergy advice. Within reason, attempts will be made to cater for all. Breakfast is included if you stay at the Sefton. Elsewhere, check whether breakfast is included as some are "B & no B"s. For self-catering, Marks and Spencers Food Hall is open till 6pm, Co-op is open till 10pm Friday and Saturday (6pm Sunday) and there are plenty of restaurants and take-away options. On Friday and Sunday evenings please make your own catering arrangements.

Entry Fee: Thanks to support from visitisleofman.com, entry fees are reduced from £95 to *£75 pp (including meals listed) - Non-ABSP members** pay a levy of £2 - A discount of £5 will be given to anyone who brings a rotating board and clock.

Cancellations: The tournament entry fee is refundable up to 14 days before the tournament. After that an admin fee of £10 will be deducted from the refund. Expenses relating to travel and accommodation are your responsibility. Travel insurance is encouraged.

**ABSP Membership: Membership for 2019 is £15 (cheques payable to ABSP). If you would like to join, or to receive further information, please write to the Membership Secretary, Nuala O'Rourke, 22 Kestrel Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6BU or contact by email via orourke114@btinternet.com

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Name:		Phone:	
Address:		Club:	
		Equipment (board & clock):	Yes No
		ABSP member:	Yes No (add £2)
	Postcode:		
Dietary requirements:			
Email (for entry confirmation and any further information about this tournament):			
Direct Debit - Account: 33461432 Sort code: 202674. Account Name: Manx Scrabble		OR I enclose a cheque for:	
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GENERAL INFORMATION

I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to have an extra few days here and explore this beautiful Island with its many quirks – and perhaps give a Scrabble-deprived Islander a few more games too. For the best prices I advise you to book early.



Travel to the Island by sea or air: There are usually 2 ferries a day from both Liverpool and Heysham. There's no limit for luggage on the ferries and they are a great way to ease into that Scrabble holiday spirit with plenty of room to play a few practice games. Look up **Steam Packet Company** for times and more details. Cars can be brought on the ferries; deals vary according to the number of passengers. For a short visit, it is easy to get around without a car and the Sefton Hotel is very central for everything you should need. Direct flights are available from various cities in England and Ireland and are cheapest if booked well in advance.

Transport on the Island: The ferry terminal is about a ten-minute walk along the seafront to the Sefton Hotel, or you can catch Bus Vannin along the prom every 15-20 minutes. Buses from Ronaldsway airport to Douglas (every 15 minutes, 20 minutes on Sundays) take about 30 minutes to get to the Sefton Hotel on Harris Promenade and cost about £3 each way. Other transport includes a steam train to the South of the Island, a horse tram and a 120-year-old tram that goes to the North of the Island and up Snaefell Mountain. A 3, 5 or 7 day Go-card, available from the airport and sea terminal, will give you access to all of these, or you can pay per trip. For more detail look up Isle of Man transport. There are also a few taxi companies.

Accommodation: Please make your own arrangements. The Sefton Hotel, where the event is being held, is offering a good deal for people attending the tournament, especially if you are sharing a room: £85 per room per night for up to 3 nights for 1 or 2 people includes breakfast. For the special rate, call +441624697070 during office hours and mention that you are coming for the Scrabble Tournament. There are also plenty of options available nearby including self-catering and guesthouses. For self-catering I have had good reports of the Cunard Apartments on Loch Promenade, less than a 5-minute walk from the Sefton. There are also cheaper B&Bs around that may suit those on a budget who don't want to share a room. Anything on Broadway, Loch Promenade, Harris Promenade or Central Promenade is an easy walk to the Sefton.

Telephones and Wi-Fi: Please note that with or without Brexit, the Isle of Man is not part of the European Union and is not bound by the same laws. Some UK phone companies charge roaming rates here and some don't. Please check with your phone company before you leave if coming from the UK. There are two phone companies (Manx Telecom and Sure) on the Island if you wish to get an Isle of Man sim card while you are here. The Sefton Hotel has free Wi-Fi for guests. Free Wi-Fi is also available at the Sea Terminal and airport, as well as many cafes.

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