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LOCAL SCRABBLE CLUB SCHEDULES TOURNAMENTS IN MARCH, JUNE 2004 IN COLUMBUS, OH

COLUMBUS, OH — Based on the success of its first Columbus-area tournament, National SCRABBLE® Association (NSA) Club #494 – Columbus, OH has scheduled two tournaments for the first half of 2004. The first is a two-day event on Saturday and Sunday March 6-7, 2004. Another single-day tournament will be held on Saturday June 12, 2004. Both events will take place at the Best Western East on Brice Road in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Beginning Saturday March 6 at 9:30 AM, players will compete head-to-head for 8 rounds of their favorite board game, and play another 6 rounds on Sunday March 7 starting again at 9:30 AM. Players will be divided into three divisions using the current National SCRABBLE® Association (NSA) rating list. Entry fee for this event is \$75.00. **Players must pre-register by 3/3/04.**

On Saturday June 12, players will again have the opportunity to play 7 rounds of SCRABBLE®. Players will be divided into groups of 8 using the current NSA rating list. Play begins at 9:30 AM. Entry fee for this event is \$40.00. **Players must pre-register by 6/9/04.**

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Rated players **must be** current National SCRABBLE® Association members. At registration, players must rejoin, renew or present proof of membership in the form of a membership card or current issue of the SCRABBLE® News with mailing label showing future expiration. Unrated or first-time players do not have to be members. Players should bring boards, tiles and chess clocks and are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the first round. The official word authority for all sanctioned events is the *Official Tournament and Club Word List* book, published by Merriam-Webster.

Sanctioned by the NSA, this event is one of over 300 tournaments held throughout the US and Canada each year. Annual membership (\$18/US; \$20/ Canadian; \$25/ outside North America) includes a membership card, 8 issues of the SCRABBLE® News, special word lists and certification to expert players. Contact: NSA, PO Box 700, Greenport, NY 11944, 631- 477-0033 or online at www.scrabble-assoc.com.

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