



IPP26 Boston Final Mailing

Boston's new Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge at sunset, with Museum of Science Tower in background -- photo: Chris Morgan

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- Please fill out and return the enclosed yellow form this week (or email to Harold Raizer at hraizer@exis.net), giving us your banquet menu choices for you and your guests, and your t-shirts orders, if any.
- Puzzle exchangers: Please fill out and return the enclosed blue form with your exchange puzzle information right away, or email Harold as noted above. This is required in order to take part in the exchange. Also, please send your exchange solutions asap to Chris Morgan at morgan@acm.org
- Please send any changes you need to make to your IPP activities **before** you arrive in Boston. Send changes to Harold Raizer at hraizer@exis.net. Thanks!

Please note: There is information printed on both sides of these pages!

Dear IPP26 attendee:

IPP26 is fast approaching, and this is the last mailing you will receive from us before you arrive in July at the Boston Airport Hilton Hotel. IPP26 runs from Thursday, July 27 to Sunday, July 30, 2006, but there are additional events both before and after, described in this mailing. We look forward to seeing all of you in Boston! **If you have questions, please email us at info@ipp26.org, or write to:**

Chris Morgan, 587 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02118 USA.
We look forward to seeing you in Boston later this year!

Sincerely,

– *Chris Morgan, Saul and Paulette Bobroff (co-hosts), and the entire IPP26 Planning Committee: Tom Cutroffello, Benji and Ginda Fisher, Rosemary Howbrigg, Harold Raizer, Henry and Jeanne Strout, Tim and Carol Udall*

Web Site

Please visit the IPP26 web site for the latest information about IPP26. Go to: www.ipp26.org. To log on, please use: User Name: "Solver" and Password: "Burr". (Note the capital letters – the User Name and Password are case-sensitive.) If you have trouble logging on, please email us at info@ipp26.org.

Registration and payment

When you arrive in Boston, you can register as early as Tuesday, July 27, from 1 – 3 PM, and pick up all your materials. (For other registration times, see the schedule inside). If you have a balance due at that time, it will be payable in US dollars only. If you make any changes that require printing a new badge, there will be a \$10 fee. The IPP registration fee includes the cost of your souvenir booklet, which will be mailed to you next year after IPP26 is over.

Puzzle Exchange Update

89 exchangers have signed up for the exchange as of June 3rd, so if you are taking part, please bring 89 puzzles with you. (88 to exchange and one for display during the exchange).

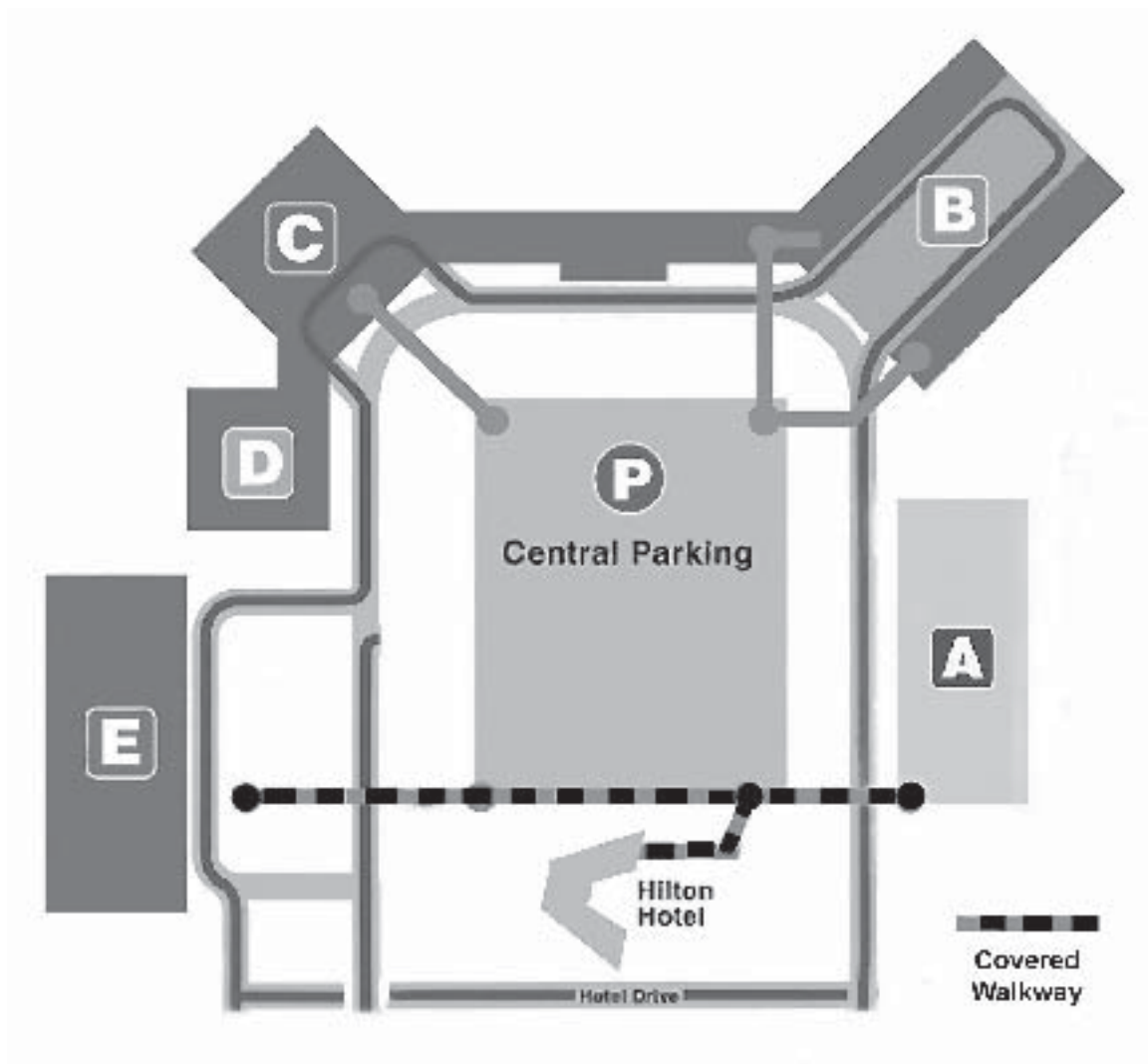
Special Stewart Coffin Puzzle Exhibit

We're very excited to announce that we will have a special exhibit of some of Stewart Coffin's greatest puzzle designs during IPP26, including some real rarities. Stewart will be in attendance, as well!

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Getting to the Hilton Hotel

We recommend that you take the Hilton shuttle bus to get to the hotel, especially if you have a lot of luggage, but you can also walk (It's about a ten-minute walk).



BOSTON'S LOGAN AIRPORT

Getting to the hotel by Hilton shuttle bus:

After picking up your baggage at the baggage claim area of your terminal, go to the courtesy phones and press the button for Hilton. (You can also call the hotel's main number, 617-568-6700). Go out to the curbside area that says "courtesy buses" and look for the Hilton silver and blue shuttle, which arrives every 15 minutes.

Walking to the Hilton hotel (if arriving from outside the US):

If you are flying to IPP26 from outside the US, you will arrive in terminal E. After you pick up your baggage, go to the front of the terminal and take the elevator or escalators to the fourth floor. Follow the signs that say "bridge to central parking." (See dotted lines on map above). Follow this walkway until you reach the parking elevators. Take the elevator down to the second floor. You will see a covered skybridge going to the Hilton hotel. The entire walk takes about ten minutes, mostly on moving sidewalks.

Walking to the Hilton hotel (if arriving from within the US):

If you are flying to IPP26 from inside the US, you will arrive in Terminal A, B, C, D, or E (To find out which terminal you will arrive at, see <http://www.massport.com/logan/airli.html>) After you pick up your luggage, walk to terminal A or E, whichever is closer (see map). Take the elevator or escalators to the fourth floor. Follow the signs that say “bridge to central parking” or “pedestrian bridge.” (See dotted lines on map). Follow this walkway until you reach the parking elevators. Take the elevator down to the second floor. You will see a covered skybridge going to the Hilton hotel. The entire walk takes about ten minutes, mostly on moving sidewalks.

Driving to the Hilton Hotel:

From New York, Rhode Island, and Connecticut:

Take Route 95 North to Route 93 North to Route 90 East (exit 20). Follow route 90 East through the Ted Williams Tunnel. As you exit the tunnel, bear right toward Hotel Drive. After you exit the tunnel, you will see the hotel in front of you. Make a right. Then, take your first left onto Terminal Rd. This will loop you around to the hotel entrance.

From the North Shore of Massachusetts: (Gloucester, North Shore, New Hampshire and Maine)

Take Route 95 South to Route 1 South to Route 60 East to Route 1A south. Follow signs to Logan Airport. As you enter the Airport stay to your right. Bear right onto Harborside Drive. Go through two sets of lights. At the third set of lights, take a left onto Hotel Drive and take your next right onto Terminal Rd. This will loop you around to the hotel entrance.

From Northern Massachusetts: (Woburn, Burlington, New Hampshire)

Take Route 93 South to exit 24 (Callahan Tunnel). Go through the Callahan Tunnel in the right lane. As you exit the tunnel, take your second right to enter Logan Airport. Stay in the right lane. Take a right onto Harborside Drive and go through 2 sets of lights to a third, which will be “Hotel Drive”. Take a left onto Hotel Drive, and take the next right onto Terminal Rd. This will loop you around to the hotel entrance.

From Western Massachusetts:

Follow Route 90 East, getting in the right lane. Follow signs for exit 26 (Airport/Ted Williams Tunnel). As you exit the tunnel, bear right toward Hotel Drive. After you exit the tunnel, you will see the hotel in front of you. Make a right. Then, take your first left onto Terminal Rd. This will loop you around to the hotel entrance.

Hotel Reservations

We assume you have already made your hotel arrangements, but if not, hotel reservations must be handled directly with the Airport Hilton. Our special hotel rates are good through July 3, 2006. Keep in mind that you will receive the convention room rate only for the nights of July 27-30. Any additional nights will be charged at the regular hotel rates. **Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** For more information about our hotel, or to reserve rooms, please go to this special link:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/boslhhh_ipp/index.jhtml

This web page was created especially for IPP26, and features our special room rates. Alternatively, you can call the hotel's Online Reservation phone line. From within the U.S. and Canada, call toll-free at 1-800-774-1500. If you are outside the US, you can dial 00-1-800-774-1500, and your call will be charged at international direct dial rates. If you call to reserve accommodations, please mention that you are eligible for the special IPP26 room rates. Our web site also contains information about the hotel. See: <http://www.ipp26.org/hotel.php>

Some Facts about the Hotel

The Boston Airport Hilton, located just minutes from downtown Boston's tourist destinations, features a main restaurant, a spacious lobby ideal for informal IPP gatherings, a lounge, and a coffee shop that will remain open late for us during IPP26.

- Access to downtown Boston will be available by subway, taxi, and special free Hilton shuttle bus that will run twice a day to and from downtown Boston, beginning Thursday, July 27. Water taxis also run regularly to and from Logan airport and Boston. For more details, see: www.massport.com/logan/getti_typeo_water.html
- Free access to hotel pool and exercise room
- Foreign currency exchange services available at Logan airport (a ten minute covered walk from the hotel) and at the Hilton front desk.
- Parking: there will be a discount for IPP attendees, as well as a special offer available for off-site parking, with a free shuttle to and from the hotel.

Banking and Currency Exchange facilities at Logan Airport

Bank of America Full-Service Branch (Terminal C)

Bank of America ATM (Terminals A, B, C, and E)

Cardtronics ATM (Terminal B, C, and E)

Citizens Bank ATM (Terminals A, B, C, and E)

Travelex Foreign Exchange Booth (Terminals A, B, C, and E)

Travelex ATM (Terminals A and E)

Note that the Hilton hotel will also exchange currency. Keep in mind that you will usually get a better rate if you exchange money at home before coming to IPP26.

Airport restaurants and services

For a comprehensive listing of all Logan airport services, including restaurants, shops, news and gift shops, duty free shops, public internet access, salon and spa services, and other services, see: <http://www.massport.com/logan/insid.html>. All of these services are less than a ten-minute walk from the hotel. The hotel also has a business center with Internet access.

Mailing parcels to and from IPP26

You may send parcels before IPP26 by postal mail or by a parcel carrier (UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc.) to the following address:

Ginda and Benji Fisher

22 Linwood Road

Wellesley, MA 02481

USA

telephone: 00-1-781-237-3120 or (781)237-3120 within the US.

email: gb@FisherFam.org

Please arrange to have your packages arrive at least a week in advance (i.e., by July 20). For international shipments, you should probably allow at least thirty days for shipping and customs. When you mail your packages, please send an e-mail so that Ginda and Benji know what packages to expect. We will offer a complete parcel shipping service at IPP26, and will sell boxes, packing material, and tape.

Customs

As of 1995, all Puzzles (including parts and accessories) brought into the United States, for business or for personal collection, are DUTY FREE, under the U.S. Customs Service, Harmonized Tariff Schedule, #9503.60.20.00. The Harmonized System Tariff Classification code is also known as the Schedule B number in the U.S.

Most customs officials are not familiar with this particular exclusion, so it can help to provide them with this "Schedule B number." All International Puzzle Party attendees who will go through U.S. Customs may wish to carry a card with this information printed on it (or a copy of the text above) in their wallet. Present it politely to the U.S. Customs official or supervisor, only for informational purposes, if and when they begin to charge you customs duty on your puzzles. For a PDF version of this text in card layout form, see <http://www.ipp26.org/images/notmycard.pdf> on our web site.

Visas

IPP26 attendees who are not US citizens will need a valid passport to enter the country. Some may also need a visa. For more details about this, see http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html If you need a visa and have not already begun the process of getting one, we strongly suggest you do so as soon as possible.

The US government updated their Visa Waiver Program in 2005, enabling citizens from 27 countries to enter the US without a visa. But to take advantage of the program, you must have a machine-readable passport. Citizens of the following countries are eligible to participate: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. For more information about the Visa Waiver Program, and how to obtain a machine-readable passport, see: http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html

If you have questions about visas, please contact your nearest US consulate or embassy. For a list of US embassies and consulates, see: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/embassies/embassies_1214.html

Boston Climate

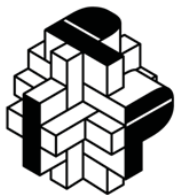
The climate in Boston during July and August is typically warm and sunny. You can expect temperatures during the day of 85 degrees or so (30 Celsius), and 60 degrees at night (15 C). There is always the possibility of rain, but it tends to be in the form of brief thunderstorms at that time of the year.

Special Needs

Please let us know if you have any special needs related to any IPP26 events, such as handicapped access, etc., and let the hotel know about any special needs when making your reservations. You can contact us regarding this by email at info@ipp26.org, or write to Chris Morgan, 587 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02118 USA.

Proprietary designs and privacy issues

All of the puzzles exchanged and shown at IPP are proprietary designs, and permission must be obtained from the designer before any puzzle can be copied for personal or commercial use. IPP26 attendance is by invitation only. We have had some problems in previous IPPs with people showing up without invitations and guests arriving without prior approval. Please do not tell anyone except your family and approved guests the location, city, hotel, or dates of future IPPs. Please do not put information about future IPPs on your web site or discuss future IPPs on Nobnet. Please do not bring any guests who are not pre-approved. Please do not show this document to non-IPPers or share the private logon information about our web site. We very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter. After IPP26, you may tell friends and post information on your web site about IPP26.



6th Annual Nob Yoshigahara Puzzle Design Competition

Renamed in 2004, the Nob Yoshigahara Puzzle Design Competition was established in 2001 to promote and recognize innovative new designs of mechanical puzzles, a cause that Nob personally championed for many years.

The 2005 competition included 57 participating designs. Shiro Tajima's W-O won the Puzzlers' Award, and Akio Yamamoto's Radix won the judging committee's Grand Prize. Details about all the prize winners and participating designs are available at the competition web site (see below).

The 2006 Nob Yoshigahara Puzzle Design Competition will be held in conjunction with IPP26 in Boston, USA. The competition is open to designs made public between July, 2004 and June, 2006. All types of mechanical puzzles are eligible for the competition.

Anyone may submit his or her own mechanical puzzle design, regardless of IPP affiliation. (The puzzle does not need to be part of an IPP Exchange, nor does being part of an Exchange qualify or disqualify an entry. Participation in the Design Competition does not entitle the designer to an IPP invitation.)

The following is a brief overview of the competition. Please visit the competition web site (see below) for the official rules and entry procedure.

Timetable

Entry Deadline: June 15, 2006

Judging at IPP: July 27 - July 29, 2006

Awards announced at IPP: July 30, 2006

Entries

Formal entry includes a complete written description and two copies of the puzzle (as described in the official rules). The entry fee is \$25 per design.

Judging & Awards

The Puzzlers' Award will be selected by the IPP26 attendees, who will be able to review the puzzles during IPP26. Additionally, one or more jury prizes will be awarded, as determined by a select group of judges.

All judges will be asked to consider the following criteria, balanced by their personal preferences: innovation, physical design, and the fun of solving the puzzle.

The awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet. The winning puzzles will also be featured in the IPP Souvenir Booklet. The competition web site will summarize the entire competition and include purchasing information for all available designs.

We look forward to another exciting and rewarding competition!

Design Competition Committee:

Nick Baxter, chair

Gary Foshee

Marcel Gillen

Jerry Slocum

Oskar van Deventer

Competition web site: <http://www.puzzleworld.org/DesignCompetition>

IPP26 SCHEDULE, JULY 25 -- AUGUST 2, 2005

Here is a detailed schedule of IPP26 events. You can also view this list at: <http://www.ipp26.org/schedule.php>
(Please note: IPP26 events are subject to change.)

Please note: We will announce the origami class times when you arrive in Boston for IPP26. To save space, we have not repeated the details about the excursions to Sturbridge Village and the Newport Mansions for Friday and Saturday. See our web site for trip descriptions, and the schedule below for bus departure times.

Tuesday, July 25, 2006:

Registration for early arrivals: 1 pm - 3 pm, Wellesley Room, 2nd floor of hotel.

See Harold Raizer or Rosemary Howbrigg.

Bits & Pieces Reception for Early Arrivals: buses will leave from the Hilton hotel at 3:30 PM

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Registration / Photo, 3 – 5:30 PM, Middlebury Room

Sightseeing and socializing on your own.

Thursday, July 27, 2006:

Continental Breakfast 7 am – 9 am, New England Ballroom

Registration / Photo 7 am – 9 am and 4 pm – 5:30 pm, Middlebury Room

Excursion to Museum of Science (with optional city tour), leaves 9 am, arrives back at hotel at 4 pm:

Founder's Reception and Dinner, 6 pm – 10:30 pm, Boston Harbor

Design Competition Room, 2 pm – 5 pm, Wellesley Room

Children's Game Room, 3 pm – 5 pm, Amherst Room

Stewart Coffin Puzzle Exhibit, 9 am – 5:30 pm, Brandeis Room

Friday, July 28, 2006:

Continental Breakfast, 7 am – 9 am, New England Ballroom

IPP Exchange, 9 am – 3 pm International Ballroom, w/box lunch

Design Competition Room, 9 am – 5 pm, Wellesley Room

Origami lessons throughout the day – schedule to be announced

Excursion to Sturbridge Village, leaves 9 am, arrives back at hotel at 5 pm

Lectures, 3 pm – 5 pm, New England Ballroom

Registration / Photo, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Middlebury Room

Children's Game Room, 9 am – 5 pm, Amherst Room

Stewart Coffin Puzzle Exhibit, 2 pm – 6 pm, Brandeis Room

Dinner Banquet, 6 pm – 11 pm, International Ballroom

Saturday, July 29, 2006:

Continental Breakfast, 7 am – 9 am, New England Ballroom

Registration / Photo, 8 am – 9 am and 5 pm – 6 pm, as needed, Middlebury Room

Puzzle Party, 9 am – 2 pm International Ballroom, w/ box lunch

Design Competition Room, 2 pm – 5 pm, Wellesley Room

Origami lessons throughout the day - schedule to be announced

Excursion to Newport Mansions, leaves 9 am, arrives back at hotel at 5:30 pm:

Lectures, 3 pm – 5 pm, New England Ballroom
Packing/Shipping Room, 3 pm – 6 pm, Dartmouth Room
Children's Game Room, 9 am – 5 pm, Amherst Room
Stewart Coffin Puzzle Exhibit, 2 pm – 6 pm, Brandeis Room
Dinner on your own

Sunday, July 30, 2006

Continental Breakfast, 7 am – 9 am, New England Ballroom
Excursion, leaves 8:30 am, arrives back at hotel at 4 PM: Day trip by bus to Peabody-Essex Museum in Peabody, MA, featuring special display of highlights from the Museum's puzzle collection, followed by an afternoon walking tour of Salem, Mass
Design Competition Room, 2 pm – 5 pm, Wellesley Room
Packing/Shipping Room, 4 pm – 6 pm, Dartmouth Room
Children's Game Room, 3 pm – 5 pm, Amherst Room
Stewart Coffin Puzzle Exhibit, 4 pm – 6 pm, Brandeis Room (last day)
Awards Dinner, 7 pm – 11 pm, International Ballroom

Monday, July 31, 2006

Continental Breakfast, 7 am – 9 am, New England Ballroom
Packing/Shipping Room, 8 am – 10 am, as needed, Dartmouth Room
Excursion to Davis Mega Maze (weather and corn crop permitting), leaves 9 am, arrives back at hotel at 3 pm
Gary Foshee's "Impossible Objects" seminar, 4:30 – 6 pm, location to be announced

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Those going on the Indiana trip will fly to the grand opening of the Slocum Puzzle Collection at the Lilly Library in Bloomington, Indiana.

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Unveiling of the Slocum Puzzle Collection at Lilly Library, Bloomington, Indiana, plus additional events, including presentation by Will Shortz.

Lecture Series

Our lectures, to be presented on Friday and Saturday from 3 pm - 5 pm, are as follows (subject to change):

Jerry Slocum on "Sam Loyd's Most Successful Hoax"
Lee Krasnow on "SolidWorks, a new software program for puzzle design"
Bathsheba Grossman on how she creates her jewelry
Norman Sandfield on "Gary Foshee's Tommy Gun puzzle"
Kagen Shaefer on "The relationships between modular origami and puzzle manufacturing/ designing"
Eric Demaine on "Origami and Puzzles"
Richard Alexander from Origamido on "Origami and Puzzles"
Daryl (the magician) on "Puzzles and Magic"
Jose Grant on "Puzzle rings: a personal view"
Peter Hajek on "HowCome? puzzles, or Objects Behaving Strangely"

EDWARD HORDERN PUZZLE EXCHANGE

The Edward Hordern Puzzle Exchange is available only to those who have attended at least one IPP in the past. If you take part, the exchange lists will be provided at IPP26. See also: <http://www.ipp26.org/exchange.php>.

For the IPP26 Edward Hordern Puzzle Exchange, the number of exchanges each participant makes is limited to 100. For IPP26, as of May 24, 89 exchangers have signed up for the exchange, so if you are taking part, please bring 90 puzzles with you. (One of these is for display during the exchange).

Edward Hordern Puzzle Exchange Rules

All serious puzzle collectors invited to Puzzle Parties are eligible to participate in the Edward Hordern Puzzle Exchange during their second and subsequent Puzzle Parties. This allows newcomers to see the types and quality of the exchange puzzles and learn how the exchange works before participating in exchanges. After attending at least one Puzzle Party, serious collectors may apply to participate in the Exchange.

All Puzzlers that sign up to participate in the Exchange must bring an Exchange puzzle for each participant. 89 puzzlers have signed up for the IPP26 puzzle exchange, so please bring 89 puzzles with you (88 to exchange, and one for display during the exchange). The puzzle on display should be reclaimed at the close of the Puzzle Party.

Each participant must attend in person and must have the required number of puzzles with him or her.

All participants must exchange with every puzzler on their Exchange “Check-Off” list and must NOT exchange with puzzlers that are not on their Exchange list. An individualized computer-generated list will be provided to each participant at the beginning of the Exchange and it will list the participants that each person must exchange with. If there are more than 100 participants (not the case this year), an additional second list will provide the names of participants that you will NOT exchange with during the Exchange. A handout titled, Puzzle Exchange Algorithm for IPP 23, is available and provides details of the computer algorithm that is used to randomly assign the exchanges.

Only the authorized Exchanges are allowed during the Exchange! All business discussions, including buying, selling and licensing puzzles, are not permitted during the hours of the Exchange.

The Exchange puzzle must be a high quality mechanical puzzle. The IPP definition of high quality is very broad, as in “Total Quality”, and includes: How innovative the design is; How well the puzzle is made; How well it is presented; and How much fun it is to solve. High quality does NOT mean high cost! The puzzle must be self-contained and not require any tools which are not a part of the puzzle. Impossible object puzzles are included as mechanical puzzles at IPPs and may be exchanged. Photocopies of puzzles, paper puzzles and gadgets are not acceptable. Check with the organizers if you have any doubts or questions.

Exchange puzzles must not be commercially available from normal puzzle sources prior to the IPP where they are exchanged. The goal is that no Puzzlers should already have the puzzle in their collection. If you have any doubt about a puzzle that you are considering for the Exchange, ask Jerry, Marcel or another puzzler with a large and comprehensive collection.

The Exchange puzzle and all related documents must be in a single closable (not shrink-wrapped) container which must be marked so the name of the puzzle and the name of the giver are visible from the outside of the package. The instructions or objective of the puzzle, and if possible the names of the designer and maker of the puzzle as well as background information, should be included in the container. The container should be small enough in all dimensions to easily fit into a standard small shipping box (18x10x7 inches; 46x25x18 cm).

One assistant will be allowed to support each participant at their table, but the assistant is not allowed to make any exchanges. Only Exchange participants, and a maximum of one assistant each, are allowed entry into the Puzzle Exchange. However, due to the large number of participants in the room, please consider your needs carefully before deciding to bring an assistant.

A complete solution, ready for photocopying, must be provided to the organizers before the Exchange. This will be included in a Souvenir booklet to be sent to all participating invitees.

-- Jerry Slocum, IPP Founder

Puzzle Party

The puzzle party itself is a one-day informal event where you can buy and sell puzzles and meet with other puzzle enthusiasts.

BOSTON TOURIST ATTRACTIONS YOU CAN VISIT ON YOUR OWN

Using the Boston Subway (or “T”)

One of the quickest and easiest ways to see the sites of Boston is by using the Boston Subway (or “T”). It’s the oldest subway in North America, beginning operation in 1897. The fare is \$1.25 each way, and it’s only three stops (less than a ten-minute ride) from the Airport T stop on the Blue line to State Street, in the heart of Boston. (Inquire about three-day tourist passes). The airport’s T station was completely rebuilt recently. You can reach it by taking the Hilton shuttle bus that leaves every fifteen minutes or so from the front of the hotel. Be sure to tell the driver to drop you off at the T station. **When arriving back at the airport T station, be sure to call the Hilton to request that the shuttle come to pick you up, because the shuttle doesn’t go there on a regular basis. The hotel number is 617-568-6800.** You can walk back to the hotel, but it’s much easier to take the shuttle (there’s quite a bit of heavy traffic if you try to walk back). As a fallback, you can take any of the regular airport shuttle buses to any of the terminals, then catch the Hilton shuttle there.

We will give you a subway map when you arrive at IPP26. The system is fairly easy to use. Just keep a few things in mind: There are four different Green lines that diverge as they leave the center of the city. Be sure you’re on the right one if you’re going to, say, the Museum of Fine Arts (which is at the “Museum” stop on the Arborway, or “E”, train). Also, the subway lines are identified not by direction, such as North and South, but by the names of the last stops at each end of the line. It pays to study the map so you’ll know which direction you’re headed in! For a listing of stops near many tourist destinations, see: <http://www.celebrateboston.com/maps/mbtaxref.htm> (Note: There will also be a special free Hilton shuttle bus running twice a day to and from downtown Boston during IPP26, starting Thursday, July 27. Inquire at the main desk for times).

Boston Museum of Fine Arts



The Museum of Fine Arts features over 450,000 works of art, including its justly famous Asian art collection, unrivaled in the Western world. From gilded icons of the Italian Renaissance to one of the largest collections of Monets outside of Paris, the MFA has artwork by some of the most celebrated artists in the history of art—Titian, Dürer, Rembrandt, van Gogh, Gauguin, and Renoir. You will also see one of the finest collections of mummies outside of Egypt, as well as ancient Greek pottery and portraits of America’s founding fathers. (The Museum of Fine Arts is easy to get to via the Green Line T (subway) Arborway “E” train. Get off at the “Museum” stop. (www.mfa.org).

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Rembrandt self portrait at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The museum courtyard is at right

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is just a few steps away from the Museum of Fine arts, and is a must-see for art lovers. This beautiful jewel of a museum is housed in a 15th-century Venetian-style palace with three stories of galleries surrounding a sun- and flower-filled courtyard. The museum contains more than 2,500 paintings, sculptures, tapestries, furniture, manuscripts, rare books and decorative arts, including works by some of the most recognized artists in the world, including Titian, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Manet, Degas, Whistler and Sargent. The collection can be seen in an hour or so if you don't have much time. (The Gardner is at the "Museum" stop on the Green Line T (subway) Arborway "E" train. (www.gardnermuseum.org))

Copley Square, Back Bay



Old John Hancock Building reflected in John Hancock Tower (designed by I. M. Pei) at Copley Square, Back Bay, Boston

Copley Square, in the Back Bay, is the site of the historic Boston Public Library, Trinity Church, the John Hancock building, the Prudential Tower (with an excellent observation deck), and the Prudential and Copley Place Malls (with over 300 stores) (Copley T stop on Green line, or Back Bay/South End stop on Orange line)

Freedom Trail and USS Constitution



USS Constitution, part of the Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail is a history-filled, self-guided walking tour featuring sites made famous during the American revolution and later historic periods, including Paul Revere's House, the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides"), Bunker Hill, and the Old North Church. The tour is several miles long, so bring comfortable shoes. Admission to the USS Constitution is free (worth the wait to get on). Begin at the Government Center T stop on the Blue or Green Lines. See the National Historical Park Visitor's Center on the Boston Common for maps and information.

Other Boston Sightseeing Highlights (see www.ipp26.org/Boston.php for more sightseeing ideas)

- Fanueil Hall—Boston's most popular shopping mall, located in a series of historic buildings—a good place to shop for souvenirs. (State Street T stop on Orange or Blue lines, or Haymarket stop on Orange and Green Lines)
- Boston Common/Public Garden—the oldest parks in America, and home to Boston's famous swan boats. You can also begin the Freedom trail from here (see above). (Government Center T stop on Blue or Green Lines)
- South End—the largest Victorian neighborhood in the US, featuring dozens of high-quality restaurants (Back Bay/South End T stop on Orange line)
- Newbury Street, Back Bay—Boston's premiere shopping street (Arlington or Copley T stops on Green line, or Back Bay/South End T stop on Orange line)
- Italian North End—wonderful Italian restaurants in an old-world setting (Haymarket T-stop on Orange or Green line)
- Harvard Square, Cambridge— stroll through Harvard Yard, visit Harvard's museums, and explore the many local bookstores and shops (Harvard Square T stop on T Red Line) See also next entry.
- Harvard Museums—Great art and great natural history exhibits, including the famous mineral and glass flower collections at the Peabody Museum of Natural History (See <http://www.hmn.harvard.edu/>). For more about the other Harvard museums, see: <http://www.harvard.edu/museums/> (Harvard Square T-stop on Red line)
- MIT Museum—A great, offbeat museum in Cambridge featuring a permanent collection of Arthur Ganson's remarkable kinetic sculptures (web.mit.edu/museum and web.mit.edu/museum/exhibitions/ganson.html) (Kendall or Central Square T stops on Red line) At 265 Mass. Ave., Cambridge Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. - Sun. noon - 4 p.m. There are plenty of affordable restaurants in Central Square for lunch.
- Chinatown—Boston's compact Chinatown offers both good food and good shopping (Chinatown T stop on Orange line)

SIDE TRIP TO THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SLOCUM PUZZLE COLLECTION AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 1 - 3, 2006

Following IPP26 in Boston, those who have signed up will join Jerry Slocum for the official opening of the Slocum Puzzle Room at the Lilly Library, on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

This special occasion will celebrate a new stage in the cultural history of mechanical puzzles: for the first time a major research-oriented rare book library will house and make available to scholars, for hands-on use and study, a world-class collection of mechanical puzzles and books about puzzles. The university is deeply grateful to Jerry Slocum for making this possible. A broad range of Jerry's puzzles will be beautifully displayed in new cases especially constructed for them with the help of generous donors who will also be recognized at the ceremony.

Latest Information

The following pages contain the latest agenda and a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) about the trip. Please keep in mind that you should make your own travel arrangements to fly to Indianapolis.

Festivities will include:

- A champagne reception and puzzle exhibition to dedicate the new Slocum Puzzle Room from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Lilly Library, Wednesday, August 2, 2006
- A gala banquet at the Indiana Memorial Union, following the reception.

Program and Tours included:

- A special program by Will Shortz on the afternoon of August 2.
- A tour of the Lilly Library, where treasures from the Lilly vault, including the Gutenberg Bible, the first folio of William Shakespeare, and Thomas Jefferson's own copy of the Bill of Rights, will be available for private viewing by guests attending the dedication. Learn more about the Lilly Library at: www.indiana.edu/~liblilly
- A private tour of The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, recently featured in the film, Kinsey, starring Liam Neeson and Laura Linney. This is the leading institute for sex research in the world, with a collection that ranges from books to films to artifacts. Visit their web-site at: www.kinseyinstitute.org
- A private tour of the Indiana University Cyclotron, a world-class multidisciplinary laboratory doing cutting edge research in accelerator physics, nuclear physics, materials science and medical application (Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute—one of only four facilities in the nation that offers proton radiation therapy). Learn more at: www.mpri.org

Other Places of Interest on the Bloomington campus, rated one of the ten most beautiful in America (take a virtual campus tour at www.iub.edu/tour)

- IU Art Museum: designed by I. M. Pei, the museum, directly across from the Lilly Library, houses internationally acclaimed collections ranging from ancient gold jewelry to African masks to paintings by Jackson Pollock and Pablo Picasso. www.indiana.edu/~iuam/iuam_home.php
- Mathers Museum of World Cultures: contains an outstanding collection of artifacts and photographs from all ages and cultures. www.indiana.edu/~mathers
- IU Auditorium, directly to the right of the Lilly, contains a series of large murals by Thomas Hart Benton depicting the history of Indiana, originally commissioned for the Chicago World's Fair and now adorning the lobby.

SLOCUM PUZZLE ROOM GRAND OPENING

LILLY LIBRARY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL PUZZLE PARTY 26

Tentative Agenda
Revised on 19 May, 2006

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Time	Event	Location
11:00 a.m.	Bus from Indianapolis Airport to Bloomington ¹	Ground Transportation Center
1-8:00 p.m.	Registration	IMU Conference Lounge
1:45 p.m.	Bus from Indianapolis Airport to Bloomington	Ground Transportation Center
1:45 p.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
2:30 p.m.	Bus from IMU to Cyclotron Facility	IMU Circle Drive
2:45-4:15 p.m.	Cyclotron Facility tours	2401 Milo B. Sampson Lane
3:45-4:45 p.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
4:15 p.m.	Bus from Cyclotron Facility to IMU	
4:30 p.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
4:45 p.m.	Bus from Indianapolis Airport to Bloomington	Ground Transportation Center
5-6:00 p.m.	Cocktails	IMU Frangipani Room
6-8:30 p.m.	Reception & dinner	IMU Frangipani Room
8:30 p.m.	Buses from IMU to Courtyard Marriott	IMU Circle Drive

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Time	Event	Location
7:45 a.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
8-9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Breakfast	IMU Frangipani Room
10:00 a.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
10:15-11 a.m.	Lilly Library tours	Main Gallery
10:45-11:45 a.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
11-11:45 a.m.	Lilly Library tours	Main Gallery
Noon-2 p.m.	Buffet lunch & Will Shortz presentation	IMU Frangipani Room
2:15 p.m.	Bus from IMU to Courtyard Marriott	IMU Circle Drive

2:30-3:15 p.m.	Lilly Library tours	Main Gallery
2:30 p.m.	Bus from IMU to Cyclotron Facility	IMU Circle Drive
2:45-4:45 p.m.	Cyclotron Facility tours	2401 Milo B. Sampson Lane
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
3:15-4 p.m.	Lilly Library tours	Main Gallery
3:45-4:45 p.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
4:45 p.m.	Bus from Cyclotron Facility to IMU	
5:00 p.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Jerry Slocum Puzzle Room Grand Opening and Champagne reception	Lilly Library Main Gallery
7-9:00 p.m.	Gala banquet	IMU Tudor Room
9:00 p.m.	Buses from IMU to Courtyard Marriott	IMU Circle Drive

Thursday, August 3, 2006

Time	Event	Location
6:15 a.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
6:30 a.m.	Charter bus to Indianapolis International Airport	IMU Circle Drive
6:30-8 a.m.	Breakfast	IMU Frangipani Room
9:30 a.m.	Bus from Courtyard Marriott to IMU	
9:45 a.m.	Bus to Indianapolis International Airport	IMU Circle Drive
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Kinsey Institute tour	Meet at IMU Hotel Check-In / Lobby
2:30 p.m.	Bus to Indianapolis International Airport	IMU Circle Drive

The times and locations of events on this agenda may be subject to change. A final version will be provided with your registration packet when you arrive in Bloomington. Please contact Jillian Hinchliffe at jhinchli@indiana.edu with any questions.

(Endnotes)

1. Please note that airport charter buses are available to those persons who have already paid for transportation with their IPP registration. Bloomington Shuttle also operates regular airport shuttles to and from Bloomington. Schedules and ticketing information are available at www.bloomingtonshuttle.com/airport.html.

SLOCUM PUZZLE ROOM GRAND OPENING

LILLY LIBRARY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL PUZZLE PARTY 26

AUGUST 1-3, 2006

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **I paid for airport bus service with my registration. What should I expect?**

Buses from Indianapolis International Airport to Bloomington are scheduled to run on August 1 at 11:00 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. The buses, operated by Bloomington Shuttle Company, will be identified for the Slocum Party and will pick up passengers at the Ground Transportation Center. The Ground Transportation Center is located on the lower level of the airport, across from baggage claim. Return buses from Bloomington to Indianapolis International Airport pick up passengers at the Indiana Memorial Union at 6:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. on August 3.

- **Are other buses available?**
- **I have already paid through IPP for airport bus service, but I will be arriving on August 2. Will airport bus service still be available to me?**

Bloomington Shuttle Company offers a regular shuttle service between Indianapolis International Airport and Bloomington at two-hour intervals. Bloomington stops include both the Indiana Memorial Union and the Courtyard Marriott. You will need to purchase a ticket in advance for each way, for which you will be fully reimbursed upon your registration if you have already paid an airport bus service fee. For more information on scheduling and ticketing, please visit www.bloomingtonshuttle.com.

- **Upon my arrival, when and where do I register for the events?**

Registration tables will be open from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Indiana Memorial Union Conference Lounge on August 1. If you will be arriving on August 2, please contact Jillian Hinchliffe at jhinchli@indiana.edu for information on registration.

- **I will not have a car in Bloomington. Will I be able to travel around town?**

Charter bus service between the Courtyard Marriott and the Indiana Memorial Union will be provided for campus events.

For independent sightseeing around campus, you may want to take the campus bus service at 75 cents per ride. Bloomington also has an excellent public transit system, with stops convenient to campus and downtown

attractions. Complete route maps are available at www.iubus.indiana.edu and at www.bloomingtontransit.com/Bloomington-front-8.9.05.pdf. Yellow Cab Company (812-339-9744) operates from a depot less than half a mile from the Courtyard Marriott. A fun option is to rent bicycles from The Bicycle Garage on East Kirkwood Avenue (www.bikegarage.com/rentals.html). And, of course, Bloomington is a wonderful town to explore on foot!

- **I have to check out of the Courtyard Marriott on Thursday morning, but I want to see some campus and local attractions before I take the shuttle to the airport. Where can I put my luggage?**

The Indiana Memorial Union may be able to hold your luggage for up to 4 hours, but guests registered at the IMU will have the first priority for this limited space. More information will be available by the time of the event.

- **I want to book a non-smoking room at the Indiana Memorial Union, but only smoking rooms are still available. What can I do?**

Eighty percent of the rooms reserved at the IMU are non-smoking. If all of these are booked, you can reserve a smoking room and, at your request, IMU reservations staff will do their utmost to exchange it for a non-smoking room upon your arrival. All of the rooms reserved at the Courtyard Marriott for this event are non-smoking.

- **I am a vegetarian. Will there be menu items that fit my needs at the events?**

Meatless choices are available at the buffet breakfasts and at the buffet lunch. If you would like to be served a vegetarian meal at the reception dinner on August 1 or at the Gala Banquet dinner on August 2, or should you have any other dietary needs, please contact Jillian Hinchliffe at jhinchli@indiana.edu.

- **Will I have time to see both the Kinsey Institute and the Cyclotron Facility?**

If you arrive in Bloomington on August 1 and depart on August 3, you will have time to tour the Cyclotron Facility, the Kinsey Institute, and the Lilly Library. Several tours of each site have been scheduled, with each tour limited to groups of fifteen. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration.

- **What other attractions are on campus and in town?**

Bloomington is an exciting town that offers many possibilities for shopping, dining, and entertainment. One resource to explore for more information on campus and local attractions is the Bloomington, Indiana Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.visitbloomington.com.

Special Assistance: If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Please contact Jillian Hinchliffe at jhinchli@indiana.edu.

Puzzle, Game, and Magic stores to visit during your trip to Boston

Puzzle Stores

The Games People Play

1100 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 492-0711
Mon to Sat 10am to 6pm
Thurs until 8pm, Sun Noon to 5pm

One of the best collections of mechanical puzzles for sale in the Boston area, and accessible by public transportation. (Take the Red Line to the Harvard Square stop and walk south on Mass. Ave. The store is a few blocks down on your right.) Their web site is currently under construction, but see their entry in the City Insights directory.

Eureka Puzzles

1354A Beacon Street
Brookline, MA 02446
(617) 738-7352; www.eurekapuzzles.com
Mon - Wed, 9:30am - 7pm;
Thurs - Fri, 9:30am - 8pm
Sat, 10am - 8pm; Sun., 10:30 - 5:30

The newest puzzle store in town. Features an impressive inventory, including Tavern puzzles, Japanese puzzle boxes, Hanayama cast puzzles, Costa Rican wood carved boxes, jigsaw puzzles from many manufacturers, etc. (Note: Eureka is not directly on Beacon Street. Take the Green Line Cleveland Circle ("C") train to the Coolidge Corner stop in Brookline. Go to the North side of Beacon Street and walk west, crossing Harvard Street. When you reach the Bowl and Board store, take a right. Eureka is two thirds of the way down on the right side of the walkway.)

Game Stores

Museum of Science Shop

Science Park
Boston, MA 02114

(617) 589-0320
Mon 10am to 5pm
Tue, Wed, Thur, Sun 10am to 7:30 pm
Fri, Sat 10am to 9:30pm

The Museum of Science gift shop offers a great selection of games, puzzles, and trinkets with an emphasis on science. You'll be able to visit this shop during our Thursday museum excursion, or you can get a preview by getting off at the Science Park Stop on the Green Line "C" train (heading towards Lechmere).

Compleat Gamester

350 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02453
(www.compleatgamester.com)
(800) 698-9505
Mon to Sat 10am to 7pm
Sun 1pm to 5pm

Located about ten miles west of Boston, this is a fun place to shop, with a wide selection of board games, game tables, juggling equipment, and a few puzzles. It will take you about an hour to get there from Boston. The store is a short walk from the Waltham stop on the Fitchburg line of the commuter rail, which leaves from North Station, on the Green and Orange T lines. The store is about twenty minutes by car. See their web site for directions. Check the schedule if you plan to take the train. Schedules are at: www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_commuter_linedetail.asp?line=fitchburg) The store is a few blocks from The Construction Site (see below).

The Construction Site

200 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02453
(781) 899-7900
Mon to Thur 10am to 8pm
Fri and Sat 10am to 10pm
Sun 12 noon to 6pm

No puzzles. They have blocks, Lego, KNex, Zome, and more. A few blocks from the Compleat Gamester, in the direction of the train station. (See above for train information.)

Magic Stores

Hank Lee's Magic Factory

112 South Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 482-8749; www.magicfact.com

Hank Lee's is one of the best magic stores in the USA, says IPP26 co-host Chris Morgan. Hank has been a fixture in the magic world for many years. The store has something for everyone, and is easy to get to from the Airport Hilton: take the Red Line to the South Station stop. Come out of the stop on Atlantic Ave. Take a right onto Essex Street. Walk one block on Essex, then take a left onto South St. They are on the left at number 112. An alternate, sometimes faster, way to get to Hank Lee's from the Hilton is to take the Hilton shuttle to any of the airport terminals and take the new Silver Line Bus, which goes directly to South Station.

Please return this form to us with your choices before June 30th by mail or (preferably) by email to Harold Raizer at hraizer@exis.net!

Send form to: Harold Raizer, 1323 Glyndon Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 USA

Banquet Menu and T-shirt Choices:

The Friday and Sunday night banquets will be sit-down dinners. You will be served at your table rather than going to a buffet. Because of this, we need your entree choices as soon as possible so we can notify the hotel caterers. Please indicate below which entrees you and your guests would like (Each dinner includes a salad and dessert) Please disregard if you have already emailed us with your choices.

Note: Only one entree per person, please :

Your name(s): _____

Friday Banquet

# Servings	Description
[]	Seared sirloin and gulf shrimp combo
[]	Pan seared fillet of salmon with sherried lobster cream sauce & wild mushroom risotto cake
[]	Vegetarian plate
[]	Children's menu

Sunday Banquet

# Servings	Description
[]	Lemon herbed seared breast of chicken w/saffron basmati rice & tomato port wine sauce
[]	Mushroom crusted Alaskan halibut, lobster & wasabi buerre blanc, gorgonzola & scallion potato pancake
[]	Vegetarian plate
[]	Children's menu

Special food requests (allergies, etc): _____

I would like to order the following IPP26 T-shirt(s):

Quantity	Size	Quantity	Size
[]	Adult Small (34 - 36)	[]	Youth Small (6 - 8)
[]	Adult Medium (38 - 40)	[]	Youth Medium (10 - 12)
[]	Adult Large (42 - 44)	[]	Youth Large (14 - 16)
[]	Adult XL (46 - 48)	[]	Youth XL (18 - 20)
[]	Adult 2XL (50 - 52)		
[]	Adult 3XL (54 - 56)		

T-shirts are \$10 each. You may pay for them at IPP26

Puzzle Exchangers: Please send this form back to us right away!

Send to: Harold Raizer
1323 Glyndon Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
USA

You may also email this information to hraizer@exis.net

(Please disregard this if you have already sent us your exchange puzzle information)

We need your exchange puzzle information as soon as possible! You must send this information to us before June 30th, 2006 in order to take part in the exchange. If you're not sure what category your puzzle fits into, please see the web links below).

We must also receive your puzzle solution on or before July 27th (any electronic format is acceptable and preferable to a paper version).

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Puzzle Name: _____

Puzzle Designer: _____

Puzzle Maker/Manufacturer: _____

Puzzle Type : _____
(Dalgety Hordern classification. See www.puzzlemuseum.com/class/pzcla99a.htm for details)

Puzzle Type : _____
(Slocum Classification. See: taxonomy section at www.slocumpuzzles.com)