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- BOOSTER CLUB -

No one likes to be the bearer of bad tidings, BUT - the Congress Booster Club program has been rushed to the intensive care ward. It's condition is listed as critical and unstable. It's pulse is weak, it's breathing shallow. The family has been called in and embalmers are submitting bids. However, Daniel Pewa Weir, general chairman of our super extravaganza, is not about to sign the death certificate....

Who'd have thought our Booster Club idea would become a prime candidate for the endangered species list ?

The response for the first week was very good. Since then it's been simply horrible - like a cracked-up toboggin ride. The actual total is up to \$290.00 from 21 donors. That is nearly one-tenth of our \$3000. goal. At the moment it appears like nobody in the solar system cares about our Inaugural Tournament & Awards Banquet, except a handful of loyal cribdier do-gooders. The same old bunch who dig in when we need it most.....

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Booster Club (from page 1)

We expected our Booster Club pages to be a who's who of Cribbage World personalities, while our ads would be the CW Yellow Pages.

The fund is growing with the speed of a glacier. At this rate we will reach our goal by Mother-Inlaw Day 1986....

Come on you guys, let's GO. All we're asking is \$10.00 to get your name entered on the Booster Club pages; \$15.00 for a couple or a (one line) business. Anyone who contributes \$25.00 toward the cause will become a member of the "Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals" and will be issued a certificate (10x15) complete with blue ribbon and gold seal.

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Good member Pat Cooper of Lafayette, Indiana taught a friend, Jim Hamilton, the game of cribbage. During the 25 month period of Nov 79 - Dec 81, they played a total of 1478 games. During this short span beginner Jim scored two perfect 29 hands - a remarkable feat considering the odds of coming up with the 29 hand being dealt and cut are 216,580 to 1.....

Rich Maringer, one of our solid guys in the Milwaukee area, was one of the members who sent in paid memberships for players in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. We actually received a couple of other applications for Mississippi members. Here we were thinking we finally did it - members in all 50 states. Things were a little jubilant down at 191 London Drive in Kissimmee, secretary Jim popped the cork off an ice cold bottle of ripple.... But three or four days later it backfired. The newsletter and membership card was "Return to Sender, Moved, No Forwarding Address." How about them dirty apples ? So we're out beating the bushes again. If you know a cribbage player down in the Bayou, how about sending us a name & address. Good ol Rich has already paid the dues....

IN MEMORIAM

Warren Swett Crystal Lake, IL

Warren Swett, an avid cribbadier, from Crystal Lake, Illinois, died very suddenly. It was only last month that he directed and hosted the American Legion Championship tournament in his hometown. Warren was well known and liked by all. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Sylvia.

Another 200 rules booklets were shipped out to our newest members on April 15th. This shipment just about exhausted the original supply of 5000 booklets. Just recently the BOD OK'd the purchase of another 1000 booklets. An amendment will be published in the near future and it will be mailed out to all 1981-82 members.

The Guy Pence trophy, awarded annually, to the "Recruiter of the Year" will be furnished by Congress members of the Northfield (MN) community. A very nice gesture indeed.

BOD OK's patches for All American Cribbage team. That's patches for an outer garment & for a shirt. Patches are in the making and will be mailed out to our 1981 All American teams - to include the Ladies team.

Speaking of patches, it has been recommended that patches be awarded for the once-in-a-life-time 29 hand and for the 28 hand. This motion from the Wisconsin delegates will be on the next agenda of the BOD.

Membership Report: We receive many, many letters during the course of business where the writer will refer to his hometown of so many Congress members. The arbitrary figure most used is "50" or thereabout. The backpage report is the result of a little research aimed at those who are too loose with membership figures; and hopefully it will ignite recruitment efforts.

Master Points: Recently the BOD, all thirty of them, were canvassed regarding the award of Master Points for the participants in the M&M tournament which was conducted last September. Awarding of the points was voted down (YES-10; NO-13; PASS-3; ABSTAIN-4). Believe it or not, someone wants another vote !!!!

Test Examiner, Don Tofte, tells us 13 members received a passing grade on the examination based on the playing rules of the Congress. The exam consists of 50 different situations which could possibly surface during tournament play. Don also sez, several members have not completed and returned the papers. Anyone who desires to take the exam should send the request along with \$2.00 for postage and printing to: Test Examiner, American Cribbage Congress, Box 5584, Madison, Wisc, 53705. Certificates and ID cards are in the making. The bright students of the grand old game are:

Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL
Rosalene Bradley	Janesville, CA
Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL
Doris Donalies	Racine, WI
Peter Dukes	Madison, WI
Dick Kurz	Racine, WI
Bob Immel	Northfield, MN
Bob Madsen	Chicago, IL
Cathy Perkins	Bear Creek, NC
Walter Rogers	Buelltton, CA
Severino Stafanon	Mechanicsburg, PA
Don Tofte	Madison, WI
Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI

JUDGE SAYS: Hole Number 121 is important! Every player wants to arrive at this spot as soon as possible. When your count entitles you to place your (rear) peg in the "GAME HOLE," do so IMMEDIATELY, especially if muggins is in effect. Get in the habit of placing your rear peg in that hole when you win. This action will prevent arguments and a headache or two....

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The 1982 National Junior Tournament II is all set to GO for May 16th at the Monhills VFW Post #5592 in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. There will be plenty of free parking.

Players will compete in the ten age-groups, 8 thru 17. Anyone who turned 18 years old prior to May 1, 1982 is not eligible to participate - no waivers on this - so please do not ask.

An orientation meeting will begin at 8:30 AM where contestants will learn the in-outs of tournaments play and the rules will be covered. Tournament play will commence at 9:00 AM sharp. Judges will be authorized to assist younger players in order to speed-up the play.

Plaques, twenty-one of them to be exact, will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and to the over-all tournament champion. Certificates of participation will be awarded to all others. The Congress is not a bit stingy when it comes to the prize fund for our youngsters.

The entry fee will be \$5.00 per junior which includes plenty of free refreshments. Last year the kids ate enough chow to sink the biggest battleship afloat. One dollar of the entry fee will cover next year's dues.

This is the second year the tournament has been held in Massachusetts. Why ? Because that's where the majority of the junior members are from and therefore a good turnout is just about guaranteed. The Bay State has 53 junior members which is 58 percent of the total Jr membership. The next nearest state in membership is Wisconsin with eight kids enrolled. (Continued)

If there happens to be a group interested in sponsoring a future National Junior Tournament, all you have to do is sign-up a lot of junior members under 18 years old & show a desire to operate the tournament. The Congress will pick it up from there. The Congress picks-up the tab toooo.

Actually the tournament is paid for by donations from the members. And believe me, we have been most fortunate in this respect... This year \$648.96 has been donated in only nine months time, which surpasses last years 12 month effort of \$592.00... To all the members who tossed in a buck or two for the kids - our deepest thanks and God bless.

It has been suggested that after the tournament, the balance of the junior activities fund be turned over to the committee for the Congress Inaugural Tournament & Awards Banquet, and that all donations for the remainder of the cribbage-year also be added to the same fund, with junior activity donations picking up again at the beginning of Cribbage-year 1982-83. This idea will be submitted to the BoD for approval.

Send application along with \$5.00 check to:
Mr Frank O'Connor, 25 Hillside Road, Dedham,
Mass 02026 (617) 326-9078 by May 1, 1982.

NATIONAL JUNIOR CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
Jamaica Plain, Mass 16 May 1982

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth:	_____
Telephone Number:	_____

M-G-M Tournament, the Green Bay biggie, will be moving to larger facilities for next season. Next year the M-G-M, the largest and fastest growing tournament in the country, will be sanctioned by the Congress.....

Hampton Roads Open has been cancelled. It was scheduled for June 11-12 but the State Attorney General's office will not allow gaming activities in establishments where alcoholic beverages are sold. Lousy law, besides who says cribbage comes under gaming activities anyway? This first year event cannot afford to hire a hall, so - SPLUNK - down the tube it goes.

Winona Luther of Cape Coral, Florida was the 2000th person to sign-up with the Congress this cribbage-year. In appreciation, author president, Joseph P. Wergin sent a copy of his book, "How to Win at Cribbage," Not to be out-done, our director from Montana, Mr Delym Colvert, who also happens to be an author, is mailing a copy of his book, "Play Winning Cribbage." After reading the experts, Winona is expected to show the way - on the tournament trail....

What is a Non-Profit Corporation? We've been asked this question several times and finally we have the answer: The federal and states governments define a non-profit corporation as one in which THE MONEY ACCUMULATED IS USED SOLELY TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF THE CORPORATION. Our Congress is registered as non-profit under the Laws of the State of North Carolina, the state in which we organized a few years back. Leagues and tournaments associated with and sanctioned by the Congress must keep records and follow restrictions as set forth by the Articles incorporating a non-profit corporation.