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Think Big!

by
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We are thinking big for 1983. We are in contact with officials in Reno and Las Vegas for the purpose of staging the second annual Congress Convention and Tournament in one of those convention centers. They are anxious to have us. This writer and Dick Graham, our director from Denver, are in contact with the Nevada hotel people.

Attention Cribadier Generals! Let's have some kind of a get-together at the Congress gathering in Milwaukee come September. Generals, do you have any ideas ?

You cribbage and sports fans will enjoy the Marriott Hotel in Milwaukee as it is the hqs for visiting athletic teams, especially members of the NFL. The hotel officials have indicated that the Marriott is interested in housing the Cribbage Hall of Fame.

In the future, entry forms should include the membership number of tournament players so that Bob Read, our Master Point statistician, will have an easier time of recording rating points.

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January and February are the stay-at-home and play-at-home months in northern states. This is the ideal time to teach members of your family as well as a neighbor or two how to play cribbage. When you have something special, share it with others.

If you are planning a tournament during 1982, please contact the Congress at Box 5584, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

No word from Bob Herkes of Hawaii. Bob is tournament director for that state tourney. Many of us have never been there and we are looking for an excuse to make the trip. When pray tell, is the tournament ?

Eighteen managers have declared their intentions of scheduling SANCTIONED tournaments. The first meet of the new year is the Rocky Mountain Championship at Denver with Dick Graham at the controls.

With all these approved tournaments available, members of the Congress will shy away from the non-sanctioned promotions. National Rating Points may be earned only in sanctioned events.

The City of Racine, Wisconsin, will produce more new members than any other city in the USA, according to Dick Kurz, our dedicated representative. Dick has been signing them up left & right and is only a couple away from reaching his goal of 100. The local VFW Post is the hqs for cribbage activities.

In Cribbage There Is No Free Hunch !

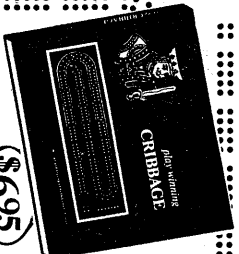
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A closed tournament for the top 100 rated players of the 1980-81 season has been suggested. Such a tournament would probably be held in Wisconsin and would pit the best vs the best. Arnold C. Crews, the dean of FIA cribbage, is on top of that list.

It was noted that the California based International Assn returned about 90% of the entry fees in awards. The Florida Open this past November returned 102% as they secured donations which added rather significantly to the purse. In time the players will flock to these meets.

Would like to see a special match with the top ten rated ladies of 1980-81 playing the top ten men players. I would place my bet on Mary Cornwell and her All American Ladies team....

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- CONGRESS TOURNAMENT & BANQUET -

The General Chairman of the First Congress Championship Meet, Dan Weir, has become one of our big thinkers. Dan says, "We may not only have a banquet for that Saturday night but we are now planning a dance afterwards."

Enshrinement of our first Hall of Famers will be made at the banquet. Also, awards will be made to our 1981-82 honorees in the many and varied categories.

The tournament is for members only. Big Rich Maringer, the assistant chairman, says, "The site has been changed to the Marriott Hotel as it will better serve the needs of the players & people who accompany them."

There is a golf course in the area as well as a shopping mall of 126 stores which will help non-players occupy their time.

Playing space in this facility is limited to about 300 players which is good reason to make an early entry. The fee for the entire kit and caboodle will range between \$50.00 & \$60.00 for the combination, AND you can't have have one without the other.

Dan Weir and his Milwaukee committee will be in charge of making all arrangements and providing the facilities while the Congress Executive Committee will conduct the tournament and handle the funds.

Please do not send in entries until the official entry form appears in this newsletter. And to be sure, it will be printed in sufficient time. That's a promise.

So come one, come all - to the cribbage players ball. September 18-19, 1982....

"THE CRIBBAGE BLUES"

It was a wet and rainy afternoon,
The sun could not be seen.
The kind of day for lounging
And watching the grass grow green.

Martin, apparently bored to death,
Stopped in to pass the time.
His pockets held what was needed on such a day,
- Three dollars and a dime.

We shuffled the cards, set the pegs
And "cut to see who deals."
With Waylon and Willie on the stereo,
I felt like hell on wheels.

I won the cut to start the game.
The cribbage gods gathered 'round.
We chatted and bantered to and fro,
It became a steady, humming sound.

We worked our way around the board.
I'd peg eight and he'd peh three.
Martin would score a nineteen.
A hand of twenty was quite common for me.

The afternoon passed by too quickly.
We had ourselves quite a time.
Oh !!! I must not fail to mention,
The three dollars and a dime were mine.

By -
Peter F. Cribbage
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"The LAST WORD"

My wife Agnes says, "Sure God created man
before woman - but then you always make a
rough draft before the final masterpiece."

MASTER POINT PARADE

Last month our over-anxious, over-eager, over-cooked but under-paid statistician did, when developing a list of the top 25 Master Point leaders, omit the results of the Beer City Consolation tournament. Can you believe them apples? It is most difficult to believe anyone from this office has fouled up. Anyway, we have it straight this month and we have extended the list to include the top fifty. This is in keeping with our New Year resolution to mention more names in our Award winning Cribbage World newsletter. Don't ask what awards we have accumulated during the past three yrs. We've won so many, especially for spelling & typing, we do not have space enough to mention them all.

Anyway here is a corrected list of the top 50 Master Point leaders:

1 Wendell Riherd	Forest City, IA	317.54
2 Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	247.54
3 Robert Beguin	Ottawa, IL	243.27
4 Jerome Knebel	Nashotah, WI	227.27
5 Ralph Madsen	Crystal Lake, IL	219.27
6 Dot Schwedersky	Lyndon Sta, WI	213.54
7 Fred Tilkner	Madison, WI	210.27
8 Joe Bernard	Libertyville, IL	203.27
9 Jeff Clark	Antioch, IL	192.52
10 Jack Picard	Brown Deer, WI	189.54
11 Russ Flint	Palatine, IL	187.27
12 Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	186.27
13 Don Rhode	Marinette, WI	178.54
14 DuWayne Kastner	West Salem, WI	163.27
15 Steve Cox	LaCrosse, WI	155.27
16 Leo Schwedersky	Lyndon Sta, WI	146.27
17 Lois Tenge	Pewaukee, WI	139.27
18 Bill Christoferson	DeForest, WI	137.27
19 Peter Dukes	Madison, WI	137.27
20 Chris Martin	Green Bay, WI	135.52
21 Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay, WI	124.52
22 Gerd Henken	Garner, IA	124.25

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23	Pat Kufahl		Brokaw, WI	121.27
24	Vincent Meicher		Monona, WI	120.27
25	Robert McCabe		Brown Deer, WI	113.27
26	Allen Callstrom		Northfield, MN	111.52
27	Steve Haby		Romney, IN	104.27
28	Dave Brick		Jacksonville, FL	102.25
29	Harvey Gohen		Milwaukee, WI	100.75
30	Joseph P. Wergin		Madison, WI	93.25
31	Don V. Doyle		Madison, WI	89.27
32	Richard Ricke		Greenville, SC	86.25
33	Arnold C. Crews		Jacksonville, FL	85.25
34	Wilmer Gillis		Garnier, IA	84.50
35	Haley Johnson		St Cloud, FL	83.25
36	Thomas Gallagher		Green Bay, WI	82.25
37	Albert LaRose		Providence, RI	81.70
38	Pete Kufahl		Brokaw, WI	81.27
39	Bob Immel		Northfield, MN	80.50
40	Paul J. Weir		Milwaukee, WI	75.27
41	Dick Graham		Denver, CO	74.27
42	Tom Button		Milwaukee, WI	73.27
43	Troy Haynie		Los Gatos, CA	69.30
44	Don Pfannerstill		Waukesha, WI	66.25
45	Bill Garder		Wilmington, NC	66.09
46	Delynn Colvert		Missoula, MT	65.74
47	Norbert Kniech		Brown Deer, WI	65.50
48	Jerry Partl		Milwaukee, WI	61.50
49	Don Tofte		Madison, WI	61.25
50	Bernice Christensen		Sunnyvale, CA	59.74

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- LADIES LEAD IN RACINE -

Latest standings of the Vic Christoffersen Cribbage Tournament (Racine VFW Post), after the first two sessions, shows the ladies are faring rather well. Of the top 50 places 18 are of the fair sex, for a cool 36 percent. Leading the pack of 100 are Marilynn Venne and Doris Donalies who earned a berth on the All American Ladies team last season:

1	Marilynn Venne	1083	&	1085	=	2168
2	Doris Donalies	1075	&	1052	=	2127
3	Ralph Weill	1089	&	1017	=	2106
4	Leonard Berchem	1082	&	1016	=	2098
5	Melvin Jung	1055	&	1042	=	2097
6	John Mitchell	1034	&	1062	=	2096
7	Fred Hermann	1053	&	1035	=	2088
8	John Robbins	1029	&	1057	=	2086
9	Chuch Zielesch	1046	&	1036	=	2082
10	Bill Weaver	1030	&	1052	=	2082

- RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE -

Latest standings of the RI State League were just received. At present we have only two sanctioned leagues, the RI biggie and a ten-player job out of Jesup, GA. The Orlando Elks League is not underway as yet - they're running late. Here is a look as the top ten Master Point (League) Leaders; they're all out of the RI State League:

1	Richard Ahearn	125.44
2	John Memzies	125.11
3	Henry Nelson	123.67
4	Burton Hicks	123.24
5	Jim Thurston	123.16
6	Harvey Walker	123.05
7	Armand St Pierre	121.91
8	Ed DeMarco	121.09
9	Fran Cruickshank	121.08
10	Al Lagreca	121.05