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## - LET'S GET THE BUGS OUT -

Bug #1 - It was a great idea to include the tournament payback percentage in the player rating system (Master Points) but at present its use is not realistic. A tournament operator who pays back less than 85 percent of the main event income which is generated by entry fees is falling down on the job and is thereby officially warned that it should not reoccur if continued sanctioning is desired. Falling to payback 85% is the only reason the sanction may be lifted or withheld....

An operator who fails to payback 85% is a bouncer, a first class gouger and whose ears should be filled with Bronx cheers forevermore. He should be drawn & quartered with the remains shipped to the Bermuda Triangle so says our made secretary. AND there are many who agree with him wholeheartedly....

Example: A tournament operator who pays back .841 is issued an official reprimand and is placed on probation. A tournament operator who pays back 104% (prize fund, sanction fee, luncheon, a couple of gallons of coffee with donuts, and solicited prizes all of a value greater than the income generated by the entry fee). This second guy has gone overboard and deservedly so is lauded by every citizen throughout cribbagedom...

Now when it comes to Master Points the players in our hero's tournament are awarded 10.40 points in the payback column while the players in the gouger's event are awarded 8.41 points in the same column. Two lousy points difference. Is it enough ? Hell NO !

The tournament "star rating" system should be brought into play. Each star earned by a tournament should be worth ten points in the Master Point payback column. Here is a look at the tournament star rating system which is based on the payback percentage:

100%	-	plus	=	Five Stars	{*****}
95%	-	99%	=	Four Stars	{****}
90%	-	94%	=	Three Stars	{***}
85%	-	89%	=	Two Stars	{**}
80%	-	84%	=	One Star	{*}

(Note: A One Star is allowed first time only).

So a tournament with 104% payback, under the Star Rating System, will register a hefty 50 points in the payback column while the event of the Gouger will earn only ten points per player. A difference of a well deserved 40 points.....

Bug #2 - Many members and a few tournament operators want to see Master Points awarded to one out of every eight entries and do away with the maximum of rating 32 players no matter the size of the tournament.

The Bod just may entertain such a proposal since the three largest tournaments are spread out geographically; National Open in the east, MGM in the midwest and the WCCF on the west coast.....

By the dozens Life Members have been complaining that they received the regular one-year membership card for Cribbage-Year 1983. The policy has not changed. Life Members will be issued a membership card each year until such time as a permanent-type card is adopted. This year the secretary neglected to place the capital "L" after the membership number and caused a panic. It won't happen again, that's a promise....

DUES: Dues for 1984 has been increased to \$5.00 per individual, \$7.00 for the married couple and \$25.00 for Life Membership. Only Jr dues remains unchanged (\$1.00). Starting next year the dues-year and the calendar year will be one and the same. Your dues still expires August 31, 1983. However, next year (1984) has been extended to include the four four months of 1 Sept thru 31 Dec 1983. The measure was passed by the BOD with only one dissenting vote.

PS: The Cribbage-Year (Sept 1 thru Aug 31), or the playing year, is still in effect for Master Points and Awards. Yes, you may call it the Awards Year.

PLAYER SUSPENDED: President Joseph Wergin recently suspended a player indefinitely, perhaps for life, for altering scorecards in two tournaments. The player has the opportunity of asking for a hearing. Tournament directors will be instructed to reject his applications for tournament play....

RULES BOOK: Supply of rule books exhausted. Rules Committee now dressing-up current rules and will add sections that were inadvertently omitted from present book. If anyone has a suggestion on how to improve the rules, please contact president Wergin. New book will be available by late winter.

REMINDER: Those players who hope to earn a berth on the 1983 All American team are reminded that to be eligible one must play in at least three sanctioned tournaments during this CY. The same ruling applies to the list of the top rated 100 players which is published at the end of the season (Aug 31st).

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: This invitational event is scheduled for Las Vegas, December 11 & 12, 1982, with \$100.00 entry fee, is restricted. To be eligible for an invite one must be rated in the end-of-the-season top 100 Master Point list for either 1981 or 82. Also eligible are those players who placed in the top "8" in any sanctioned tournament of 100 contestants or more, or in the top "4" in tournaments where the entries were less than 100. "If someone by his record believes that he should qualify for Las Vegas, please contact Joseph P. Wergin (608) 231-1626...

GRAND NATIONAL: The 2nd annual Grand National Tournament is slated for Springfield, Mass with tentative dates of 1 & 2 October 1983. Cribadier Harry Palmer, a life long resident in that area, has agreed to act a General Chairman. Mark you calendar and start on your plans.. In 1984 the event will move to the southeast or to the west-coast.....

SOUVENIR GLASSES: Joe Wergin still has a few 12½ oz old fashion liquor glasses left over from the Grand National Championship held in Milwaukee back in September. Price: \$3.50 each or \$6.50 per pair plus postage. Start your collection. Joe Wergin, Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705.....

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JR DONATIONS: Donations which support the National Junior Tournament have slowed to a trickle. FY-83 donations total a scant \$44.60... So when you send in your dues it would be appreciated, especially by the kids, if you'd add a buck or two. Anyone who donates \$25.00 or more will be commissioned a Griberdier General and will be issued a Certificate along with gold seal & blue ribbon. By the way, the 3rd annual Jr Tournament is a short six months away....

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP: This project is not dead. We need more petitions loaded with signatures. Our grapevine source tells us the 1983 Commemorate Stamp program is full, so we're shooting for 1984, the year cribbage will be 350 years old. Write to your Congressman and ask that he support our project. Write to president Wergin for blank petitions (Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705)....

ATTENTION REPS & DIRECTORS: When distribution was made of the present rules book, extra copies were sent to Directors and State Keps. Please return any excess that you have immediately to either the President or Secretary.

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- MASTER POINT PARADE -

Would you believe we have had eleven sanctioned tournaments since the beginning of the Gribbage Year? AND would you believe they are all included in the following ratings report. This is unusual and we want to offer our appreciation to the tournament operators for being on the ball.

Mary Cornwell of Sunnyvale, California picked up the most points and she jumped from 15th place up to the runner-up spot. Bob McGabe, another Gribadier from Brown Deer, picked up a good hunk of points in the last three tournaments he played in. Old Pro Jim Hartley of Raleigh did just about the same. We still have two ladies listed in the top ten and probably like last year, they'll hand in there all the way.

Here are the top fifty (50) rated players:

1	Jim Pershing	Milwaukee, WI	230.73
2	Mary Cornwell	Sunnyvale, CA	224.65
3	Bob McGabe	Brown Deer, WI	203.41
4	Doris Donaldies	Union Grove, WI	197.73
5	Jim McManus	Milwaukee, WI	191.73
6	Pat Flannick	Franklin, WI	189.73
7	Clayton Brotski	Green Bay, WI	188.73
8	Syl Lulinski	LaGrange Pk, IL	182.73
9	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	180.92
10	Jim Harley	Raleigh, NC	178.26
11	Jack Miller	Northfield, MN	165.73
12	Jon Orten	Grafton, WI	164.73
13	Norm Wright	Madison, WI	158.06
14	Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	139.85
15	Peter Dukes	Madison, WI	136.14
16	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta, WI	135.90
17	Phyllis Schmidt	Williamstown, MA	135.73
18	Leo Schedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	134.73
19	Bruce Neviaser	Madison, WI	133.73
20	Scott Koolstra	Kalamazoo, MI	132.36

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21	Ulysse Fournier	Hartford,	CT	129.93
22	Bob Immel	Northfield,	MN	126.73
23	Modersto Hernandez	Yountville,	CA	123.92
24	Lee Franklin	Aurora,	CO	122.92
25	Vince Melcher	Madison,	WI	122.06
26	Delynn Colvert	Missoula,	MT	120.23
27	Frank Abernathy	Clayton,	NC	118.39
28	Jack Gauthier	New Britain,	CT	117.93
29	Lloyd Seidel	Racine,	WI	117.85
30	Nick Pond	Raleigh,	NC	117.73
31	John Chambers	Providence,	RI	116.93
32	Russ Flint	Palatine,	IL	116.85
33	Norbert Kniech	Brown Deer,	WI	115.85
34	Fred Tilkner	Madison,	WI	102.73
35	Don Rhode	Marinette,	WI	100.90
36	John Beatty	American Canyon,	CA	99.92
37	Bob Mueller	Orlando,	FL	97.16
38	Tom Gleason Sr	Milwaukee,	WI	92.29
39	Barbara Buntrock	Cedarburg,	WI	89.50
40	Doris Connor	Milwaukee,	WI	89.29
41	Dan Barlow	Chapel Hill,	NC	88.10
42	John Crouch	Indianola,	IA	85.73
43	Pat Kufahl	Brokaw,	WI	85.04
44	Dave Bartlett	Greenfield,	WI	84.85
45	Jim Ringenberg	Neenah,	WI	83.07
46	Gilbert Fox	Ft Lauderdale,	FL	81.16
47	Richard Dacey	Bear Creek,	NC	81.10
48	Robert A. Read	Winter Garden,	FL	80.92
49	Ervin Patrln	St Paul,	MN	78.85
50	Maurice Bellmare	Springfield,	MA	77.93

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- MEMBERSHIP REPORT -

The Congress gained only 253 members in the past 30-day period. Latest membership count is up to 1781 with the largest gains in the states of Wisconsin (60), California (33) and Florida (20).

We are only three months into CY-83 so we're not doing too badly. We should surpass last years total of 2293 members. But we need all the help we can muster if we are to continue exceeding our strength figures from year to year.

Our "Goal" for CY-83 is "Ten Members in Every State," and that's not an easy nut to crack. Last year when things were looking down in the dumps we gave a reverse order strength report and it helped tremendously. The fact is - we met our Goal last year. Well one of them anyway. So here goes again:

DE	0	AK	2	MD	5
KY	0	NM	2	TN	5
LA	0	VT	2	OK	6
MS	0	WV	2	SD	6
ND	0	WY	2	NH	7
AL	1	AZ	4	TX	7
AR	1	MO	4	OH	8
VT	1	KS	5	ID	9

Twenty-four states under ten members. Now we at least know where to start !

Membership = 1781 (25 Nov 82)

TO ESCAPE CRITICISM: Do nothing, Say nothing, Be nothing....

- RESULTS -

Denver: Mike Houdak of Lovelace won the 2nd annual Colorado State Championship which was played in Denver last month. Mike beat out G. A. Barber of Littleton while Steve Haby of Northglenn and Roger Leidy of Denver finished 3rd and 4th respectively. Jack Larson of Littleton played & scored a 28-hand & was awarded a special framed certificate.

Oshkosh: In the Valley Cribbage Classic it was Big-Bad Bob McCabe beating out Scott Koolstra in a close finals match. Jim Ringenberg and Alvina Smith finished 3rd & 4th. Nicky Kniech, who hasn't been heard from is some time, did her thing in the Consolation, she beat out Vince Weicher of Madison. D. M. Peterson of Pound & Barbara Buntrock of Cedarburg finished in 3rd & 4th places.

West Bend: They crowned Norm Wright (Madison) the champ of the West Bend Cribbage Classic. Norm beat out one of Iowa's finest, in Allan Lichty of Des Moines. Lloyd Seidel & Tiny Biegler were 3rd & 4th. In the Consolation it was Bob McCabe scoring some points again. Big Bob beat Sandy Lendway the Mundelein (IL) champ. Harvey Cohan (Milwaukee) and Alvina Smith (Lyndon Sta) finished 3rd & 4th....

San Jose: Troy Haynie, the cribadier from Los Gatos, was declared California State Champion as he beat out the Montana champ, Delynn Colvert, who ended up in the stink-hole. Nona Danner (Santa Clara) & Dave Burns (Concord) ended up in 3rd & 4th places. There were two 28-hands, Delynn Colvert of Missoula and Tom Thorndike of San Francisco..

Napa: Venerable Molly Stanhope of Paradise crushes them all at the Wine Valley Classic in Napa, Calif. Jack Petterson was the runner-up while Modesto Hernandez & Mary Cornell finished 3rd & 4th respectively.