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TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Karl's Hotel-Casino in Sparks, Nevada will host the Tournament of Champions which the American Cribbage Congress will be staging for its top rated players. The management has announced that they will add a purse of \$2,500 to the award list.

The tournament will be played on January 31, 1986 in order to give more players the opportunity to compete. Officials predict that upwards of 150 rated players will participate in this invitational event.

The hotel management has blocked off 100 rooms for the playoff and a special rate of \$22.00 will be charged the visitors. Contestants are urged to make reservations early since the Nevada Open, a two-day tournament, is to be run following the invitational. Be sure to mention the American Cribbage Congress when making your reservations.

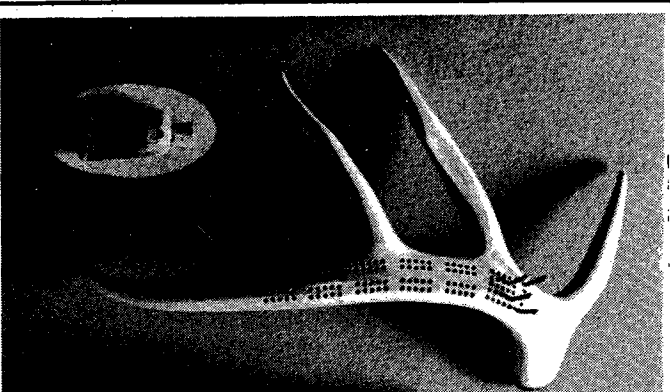
Congress President Joseph P. Wergin has announced that invitations will be mailed early in November and that the entry fee will be \$100.00 per player as it has been in the past. However, 100% of the entry fees will be returned in awards along with Karl's generous purse.

President Wergin recommends that players make their plans now and that they consider using Amtrak for transportation as the line runs through Sparks.

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS OPEN
AUG. 18, 1985 FITCHBURG, MA

The Eastwood Club was the site of this lively tournament attended by 70 players and hosted by tournament director, Arthur Fortier. Two Massachusetts competitors battled for first place with Dennis Cousens from Bupton besting Paul Cormier from Marlboro. Rachel Bryce of Fitchburg, MA was third over John Chambers from Esmond, RI. First place winner, Dennis Cousens held a 28 hand during the play. A much more unusual occurrence was the five consecutive hands held by John Chambers. He had five hearts in each of those five hands. Quite rare!!

A consolation event was held with 52 participants. First place went to Charles Infantino from Lancaster, MA over Russ Sydell of Framingham, MA. The third place finisher was A.W. Hammarstrom from Brockton, MA and fourth was Bernie Dignard.



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COLUMBINE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
AUG. 24, 1985 BOULDER, CO

Tournament director, Vaughn Trolinger reports that 52 players enjoyed this event held at the Elks Lodge #566 in Boulder. Top honors were captured by Bob Rollifson from Forest City, IA over Phillip Trolinger of Boulder. Larry Cornwell of Denver took third while Iris Fuller from Aurora, CO came in fourth.

The winner of the consolation tournament was Kevin Myhauer also from Denver over James Mohrden also from Aurora. The Aurorans should challenge those Denverites to a re-match. Mark Lane of Lakewood, CO was third and Kate Desilets also from Denver took fourth.

FAIRFIELD CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
AUG. 24, 1985 FAIRFIELD, CA

This tournament drew 62 players despite the late notice in the CW. Tournament director, George Halterman who finished first, credits much of the success of this tourney to the God-parents of California cribbage tournaments, Dick and Mary Cornwell who helped to make this event an enjoyable one. Following in second place was D.A. White of Modesto, CA. In an all-CA win, third place finisher was Bernice Christensen from Sunnyvale over Bill Ryan of Gilroy.

A consolation tournament was won by Lester Mills of Napa, CA with Phyllis Roderick of Vacaville, CA taking second. In third place was William Roderick of Vacaville and fourth was won by Beatrice Olyer from Fairfield, CA.

Three 28 hands were reported. They were held by D.A. White; Gwyneth Burgess, Zenia, CA and Ken Johnson, Santa Maria, CA.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP
AUG. 23-24, 1985 VERNON, CT

From a field of 78 participants, Al Tenenbaum of Woodbridge, NJ scored an astonishing 40 game points in a 21 game qualifying round and wound up playing 2nd place qualifier, Jack DaRosa in the final championship round match. DaRosa of Lincoln, RI won 4 to 3 and walked off with the highest payoff ever in a Northeast tournament. Donna Doolittle of Bristol, CT finished in third place over Jim Arblaster from Kissimmee, FL.

A consolation tournament attracted 25 players and was won by Brian Cyr of Bristol, CT with Richard Clukey placing second. The third place winner was Al Dinwoodie from Slocum, RI with Bob Quackenbush settling for fourth. Dale Munroe of Unionville, CT, one of the directors of the event had the rare distinction of being the final person to score master points in both the main and the consolation events.

There were five 28 hands reported. They were held by Jacques Briskie, Amsterdam, NY; Jack Gauthier, New Britain, CT; Dick Fitzsimmons, E.Greenwich, RI; Paul Woytovich, Hickory, NC and Stuart Stromberg, W.Springfield, MA.



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ILLINOIS LAST CHANCE TOURNAMENT
AUG. 24-25, 1985 NAPERVILLE, IL

As its name indicates this was the last midwestern tournament to be held in the 84-85 cribbage year. Despite a somewhat disappointing turn-out of 116, tournament directors Jim Fabian and Bob Madsen were happy to conduct this event. It was Bob's return to the tournament arena and Jim was delighted at the results since the first place winner was his mother Anne Fabian from S. Holland, IL. Second place was taken by Marcus Hadley of Wheaton IL. In third place was Larry Rowley from Madison, WI over Ken Capodagli of Bensenville, IL who was the top Master Point achiever in Illinois for the 84-85 cribbage year and was tied for third on the All America team.

The consolation contest was won by Lynn Niklasch Sr. over fellow Milwaukeean Norm Thompson. Third place winner was Pres. Joe Vergin and fourth place was won by Jim's dad Lou Fabian from S. Holland.

ALASKA OPEN CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
AUG. 31-SEPT. 1, 1985 SKAGWAY, AK

The first tournament scheduled for the 1984-85 season was reported to us by Joe Nelson who travelled a good distance from home, Prineville, OR up to Skagway to conduct this event. He welcomed 40 eager participants to the tournament world of cribbage. He tells us that they thoroughly enjoyed two full days of cribbage in our northern-most state.

Emerging victorious was Peg Parsons from Juneau AK followed by Susy Immel from Skagway. In third place was Chris Nelson also from Skagway over Marvin Ohlhauser from Anchorage in fourth.

The consolation tournament was taken by Frank Wiggins of Skagway over Carrie Randall from Whitehorse, Canada. Camille Dextraze from Carcross Yukon placed third.

PACIFIC COAST CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPT. 7, 1985 MONTEREY, CA

Tournament director Frank Zabrowski had to be pleased with the excellent turn-out of 120 players for this first-time event at the Monterey fairgrounds. The final championship round was reported to have been a "heated and exciting contest that went to the final game, final street and final peg." Top winner was Dick Murphy from Incline Village, NV over Nick Ayooob of Quincy, CA. Third place finisher was Joe Instigman from Salinas, CA who defeated Bob Wilson from Burlingame, CA.

One 28-hand was reported in the play. It was held by R. A. Ozanich from Rancho Cordova, CA.

Arrangements are already being made for next years tourney. Make plans early to take advantage of the overnight parking for R.V.s and trailers or reserve at least six months in advance at the Monterey Motel 6 which is walking distance to the fairgrounds.

YANKEE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

SEPT. 8, 1985 NEW BRITAIN, CT

Tournament director, Alan Victor reports that 67 players took part in this event at the St. Andrews Parish Hall. Leonard Packard came from Fayville, MA to defeat Donna Doolittle of Bristol, CT in the championship round to capture top honors. Battling for third place were Paul Cormier from Marlboro, MA and Dave Clukey from Thomaston, CT. Paul was the winner with Dave taking fourth place.

In the consolation contest Corrine Moore from Westminister, MA bested Dale Munroe of Unionville, CT for first place. In an all-Connecticut contest for third and fourth, William Shoemaker of W. Hartford was victorious over Brian Cyr from Bristol.

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GOLD COAST CLASSIC

SEPT. 14-15, 1985 BOCA RATON, FL

Tournament director Gil Fox reported that the Florida Cribbage Association sponsored this event which drew 42 players to the Best Western Univ. Inn where Art Boulette took first place over Robert Gunn from Jacksonville, FL. Third place was won by Howard Burman from Hollywood, FL who defeated Arnold Crews, also from Jacksonville.

A consolation tourney was held for 16 contestants and all four winners were Floridians. In first place was Sally Stokes of Ellenton, second was Jerry Gagnon of Orlando, third was Haley Johnson from St. Cloud and fourth was Frank Burkett from Hialeah.

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PALMETTO CRIBBAGE CLASSIC
SEPT. 14-15, 1985 COLUMBIA, SC

Al Odom, director of this tournament held at the Quality Motel was happy to welcome 64 competitors for the main event. Scrapping for first place honor were Joe Ryan from Columbia and Ted Monroe of Honea Path, SC with Joe coming out on top. The opponents for third and fourth were Paul McClanahan of Irmo, SC and Earl Luton from Elizabeth City, NC and Paul was the victor.

The consolation tournament was won by Jay DeJaynes from Fayetteville, NC over Larry Bickum from Philadelphia, PA. G. H. Wallwork of Charlotte, NC came in third over Charles Bowzer also from Fayetteville.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Over the last few months we have had reports from people regarding the lose of materials or items at cribbage tournaments. We mentioned the loss of personalized license plates at the National Open in Raleigh and now we have had two reports of items that were taken from other tournaments.

During the Illinois State Tournament at Naperville, IL, the first place trophy, which was on display, was taken from the table. Why anyone would take a trophy that was not earned is hard to understand.

At the Grand National Tournament in Denver, Mick Michaelis had 4 of his cribbage boards sitting on a table. These boards were for sale and someone decided to take them for a souvenir. This should not happen.

Tournament directors have more than enough to keep themselves busy running a tournament. They need your help in keeping an eye on what's going on. Cribbage boards have been disappearing at an alarming rate. We know that 99.999% of the people that come to tournaments are honest people and you are the people whose help we need. We thank you for your consideration of this matter and hope we will have no reason to bring this up again.

GRASS ROOTS GAINS SPATURE

The American Cribbage Congress Board of Directors, in their meeting in Denver Sept. 20, 1985 gave recognition to the Grass Roots Program which provides tournament competition in local areas. The Board adopted a motion to make the top 25 rated players in each division eligible to compete in the Tournament of Champions each year. Accordingly, the leaders in Grass Roots play as of June 30, 1985 will receive a Presidential invitation to participate.

Conversion Plan Loses

The backers of the move to have the Congress convert the Red Grass Roots points to Master points lost as directors felt that the two rating systems and tournaments are like "apples and oranges". They just can't be mixed.

Rooters Look To The Planets

Officials of the program have been searching for names for the divisions of competition. Previously, the classification has been known as the "X", "Y" and "Z" groups. The youthful Donald Schwedrsky of Lyndon Station, WI, Leo's son, suggested naming the divisions after the planets. So now, clubs playing once a week will be known as the Jupiter Division; those playing twice a month will be the Saturn Division; and Mercury was selected as the name for clubs competing only once a month.

Records To Be On A Computer

A design and program for records is on the drafting board and should be available within the next month to six weeks. It will be helpful and will save time in making reports.

More Clubs Wanted

It is believed that the future of the Congress lies in the local clubs. There is still plenty of time for groups to join the program as missed sessions may be made up. The Grass Roots season extends from Sept. 1 to June 30. Get your group together. For information and assistance call Joe Wergin at (608) 231-1626 daytimes or write to Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705

THE MIGHTY CASEY LEADS THE JUPITER DIVISION

Madison's mighty Casey Kingery, the jolly harmonica player and entertainer, did not strike out in the first two times the Metro Club played.

In the first gathering Casey hit one over the fence with a score of 17 and he recorded 42 Red points with the high turnout. The next time out the Mighty One carded a score of 16 in a three-way tie. Casey is off and running as he leads the pack with 69 match points.

In second position with a score of 50 is Doug Aavang from the Norwegian community of Mt. Horeb, WI. The Madison Metro Club #1 got off to an auspicious start attracting 42, 32, and 36 entries for a 110 total in just three outings. The leaders are:

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| 1. Casey Kingery, Madison Metro #1 | 69 |
| 2. Doug Aavang, | 50 |
| 3. Bud Houge, | 42 |
| 4. Len Davy, | 36 |
| 5. Marguerite Williams, Bend, OR #12 | 33 |
| 6. Terry Hollie, | 32 |
| 7. Vince Capaul, Madison Metro #1 | 30 |
| 8. Ralph Hofman, Columbia, SC #7 | 30 |
| 9. Larry Lowery, Bend, OR #12 | 28 |

SATURN RACE TO BE EXCITING

Oregon's First, Charter #2, got off to a slow start with 12 players the first night but came back with 28 as Jim Cain carded 18 game points to take the lead in the Saturn Division. The leaders are:

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| 1. Jim Cain, Hermiston #2 | 28 |
| 2. Tom Long, | 23 |
| 3. Joe Van Drosek, Des Moines #17 | 22 |
| 4. Bob Young, | 22 |
| 5. Audrey Dunn, Prineville #14 | 20 |
| 6. Ray Sanburg, Hermiston #2 | 20 |
| 7. Donald Heider, Western NY #5 | 18 |
| 8. Jeanie Hill, Hermiston #2 | 17 |
| 9. Charlie Fletcher, Des Moines #17 | 15 |
| Bob Hanes, | 15 |
| Rocky Ogden, | 15 |
| Dorothy McCormick, Western NY #5 | 15 |

LIFETIME MASTER POINT ACHIEVERS

As reported in the March '85 Cribbage World, the American Cribbage Congress has awarded master points to its' members since the 1980-81 cribbage year. The following members are the leaders for total master points from the 1980-81 until the end of 1984-85. The title of "Master" is awarded to those accumulating 2,000 master pts, the title "Grand Master" for 4000 master pts, and the title "Life Master" for 6,000 master points!!! All you members, keep on peggin'!!

1. MICK MICHAELIS.....Marinette, WI.....2276
2. SCOTT KOOSTRA.....Brooklyn Center, MN..2190
3. JOE BERNARD.....Libertyville, IL.....1892
4. DON RHODE.....Marinette, WI.....1863
5. WARREN SONDERICKER.....Greenfield, WI.....1819
6. JIM FABIAN.....Naperville, IL.....1727
7. BOB MCCABE.....Brown Deer, WI.....1652
8. JEFF SHIMP.....Allegan, MI.....1441
9. DICK GRAHAM.....Englewood, CO.....1291
10. LARRY ROWLEY.....Madison, WI.....1286
11. NORM WRIGHT.....Madison, WI.....1237
12. RAY BOESEL.....Glenbeulah, WI.....1189
- LEO SCHWEDRSKY.....Lyndon Station, WI..1189
14. BOB IMMEL.....Northfield, MN.....1152
15. TOM GREEN.....Milwaukee, WI.....1129
16. RUDY HEBEIN.....Mukwanago, WI.....1094
17. SYL LULINSKI.....LaGrange Park, IL...1088
18. JOE BROWN.....St. Charles, IL.....1067
19. ARNOLD CREWS.....Jacksonville, FL.....1041
20. DELYNN COLVERT.....Missoula, MT.....1016
21. ALIAN LICHTY.....Des Moines, IA.....955
22. MEL KASTNER.....Menominee, MI.....929
23. BOB MADSEN.....Chicago, IL.....882
24. DAN BARLOW.....Chapel Hill, NC.....877
25. GORDY ZINDLER.....Waukesha, WI.....868
26. LEO LAWRENCE.....West Allis, WI.....867
27. JOE SEIGLE.....Coventry, CP.....851
28. JOHN DANIELSON.....Manitowoc, WI.....847
29. GARY HANSEN.....Depere, WI.....842
30. JIM MCMANUS.....Milwaukee, WI.....835
31. NORB KNIECH.....Brown Deer, WI.....833
32. DOTLIE SCHWEDRSKY.....Lyndon Station, WI....820
33. PETE KUPFAHL.....Merrill, WI.....816