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SANDS REGENT HOTEL TO HOST ACC/WESTERN OPEN & TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Hundreds of cribbage players will compete in Reno, Nevada, at the Sands Regent Hotel & Casino on January 31 and February 1, 1987, in the ACC/Western Open.

Tournament Director Syl Lulinski of La Grange Park, Illinois, has been working closely with the personnel of the Sands to make this an event to remember.

The Sands Regent is a 670-room casino just 10 minutes from the Reno airport. It has 2 restaurants open "around the clock," 3 casinos, 5 cocktail lounges, beauty and barber shops, a health club and a poker room--in other words, something for everyone.

For those who will be flying in, be sure to make your flight reservations early enough to gain the benefit of any early reservations savings available. Plan ahead and have a great time. (For more detailed information, see enclosed tournament insert.)

THE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS...

is being directed by Bob Madsen and will be held on Friday, January 30, 1987, in

conjunction with the ACC/Western Open. The concept of the invitational is to bring together in a spirit of competition and good "sportsmanship" those players who have been fortunate enough to do well on the tournament trail. Invitations were mailed during the latter part of November, and the criteria for being invited are as follows:

Placing in the top 100 of the Master Point Parade during the past 3 years; placing in the top 50 of a region in the past 3 years; winning any sanctioned tournament during ACC year 1985-86; top 25 in either of the Saturn or Jupiter divisions of the Grass Roots; or the top 25 of the RICA during the current year.

If, by the time you read this article, you have not received an invitation and you feel you should have and wish to go to Nevada for the Invitational, please contact Bob Madsen, 7441 North Osceola Avenue, Chicago, IL 60648, 313-774-3813.

Let's get behind Bob Madsen and Syl Lulinski to make this the best ACC/Western Open and Tournament of Champions ever. These two individuals are working extremely hard to make this a pleasurable winter weekend for all.

THE PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Joseph Petrus Wergin

THE ODDS

In the July issue this Column requested the mathematicians to come forward with the correct odds on holding 28- and 29-point hands.

Dick Cornwell of Sunnyvale, California, who is an authority on many aspects of cribbage, came forward with the solution. Dick said that the figure of 649,740 that had appeared in several source books was not actually incorrect. It simply applied to the five-card game which was popular for several centuries before the revolutionary six-card game took over. Here is Cornwell's chart, which should end the controversy.

# of Cards Dealt	28 Hand	Odds Against 29 Hand	649,740
5	39,505.5		

6 15,028.0 216,580

Of course, these figures are based upon the assumption that the hands are always discarded so as to retain the possibility of holding the 28- or the 29-point hand.

The ratio of the 29-odds for the five- and six-card deals is exactly three-to-one. This ratio arises because there are three times as many combinations of four cards possible among six cards as there are among five.

For those interested in trivia, the odds against receiving a 28-hand with three fives held in the hand are 20,801.6886; while against getting 28 with four fives in the hand are 54,145.

EDITORIAL

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is the time of year when we should take stock and count our blessings for the many things we do have and temporarily forget the many things we don't possess.

During Christmas and Hanukkah people seem friendlier, kinder, more considerate, accommodating and giving. We set aside our complaints and dislikes long enough to see the best in another person rather than the worst.

Despite one's faith, life is material for most of us, and somehow December magnifies that human failing more than any other time of year. Yet materialism

is more often than not offset by the spirit of giving, and the net result has a positive effect on all of us.

CRIBBAGE WORLD would like to thank, on behalf of all of the ACC membership, those individuals who devote their time and energy throughout the year to making life a little more pleasant for all of us through their volunteer efforts. All tournament and Grass Roots directors; President Joe Wergin; Secretary-Treasurer Bob Madsen; Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski; Statistician Bob McCabe; Grass Roots Director Jerry Dickinson; Associate Editor Bob Plourde; and the entire Board of Directors.

DBM

Tournaments cannot be scheduled within 250 miles or 2 weeks of one another and approved by the ACC unless previously agreed upon by the tournament directors involved.

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS BIGGER AND BETTER

The American Cribbage Congress continues to grow and improve every year as individuals recognize and appreciate the value of our organization. The following are only a few of the indicators of our progress:

- * More American Cribbage Congress members (3,800+) this year than ever before!
- * More members at the end of 2 months of membership this year than we had total 2 years ago!
- * A projected 60+% increase in clubs participating in the Grass Roots Program!
- * Last season we conducted the greatest number (75) of sanctioned tournaments in our history!
- * First 3 months of this season represent 29 sanctioned tournaments versus the 23 for the same period last season!

* A few months ago we had the largest attendance ever (258) for our Grand National!

These positive signs of continued growth belie the occasional nattering of negativism that has appeared in this publication. Those destructive comments are self-serving, unfounded, and unhealthy. The best that can be said about them is that they appear infrequently.

I am proud to be a member of the Board of Directors of the American Cribbage Congress, and I will continue to attend and participate in its meetings, utilizing those meetings as the proper forum for discussing our continued improvement. I am certain that the majority of my dedicated colleagues on the Board share similar beliefs and intentions.

We've made some mistakes, but we have learned and improved. The American Cribbage Congress is a great organization that's getting bigger and better.

Syl Lulinski
La Grange Park, IL

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CRIBBAGE CORNER

PEGGING POINTERS

Dan Barlow

As we all know, strategy can change drastically as we come down 4th street; and the closer we get to home, the more our play is governed by the position of the pegs.

One situation we often encounter is that in which we have enough points to go out, and it is our first count; but we must first keep our opponent from pegging out. It takes a lot of luck to keep someone from pegging two or three holes in such a situation, but let's say he or she needs 5 or 6 holes.

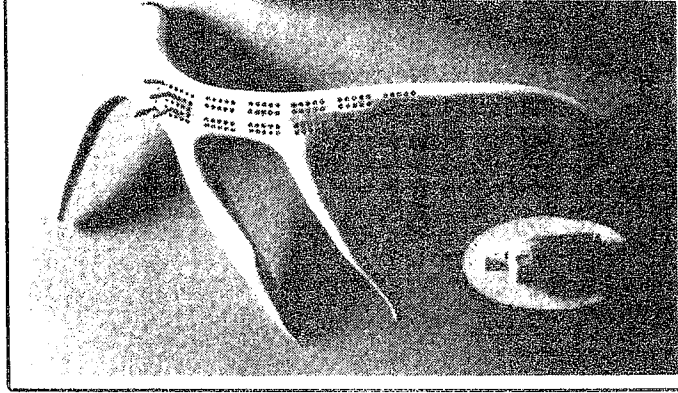
The most obvious play in holding an opponent's pegging down is to lead a card below a 5, preventing a 15-2. But is it always right to lead a low card? Say you hold A-J-Q-K. A four-spot has been cut and you have enough to go out, but your opponent is six holes away. If you lead the Ace and he or she plays a J, Q or K,

you are in deep trouble. You risk giving up at least five holes no matter what you do, and your opponent still has a "go" coming. This danger is much greater than that of leading a high card.

If you lead the deuce from 2-5-6-7 and your opponent plays a 5, 6 or 7, you will probably get involved in a disastrous run and he or she will peg out. By leading the six from this hand (or the Q from the earlier hand), you leave yourself with a diversity of cards, which should help you prevent a run. In short, when you do not need to peg and your opponent must peg a lot, and you hold a sequence of cards, unload the middle card of the sequence as early as possible.

Editors' Note

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IS AN ACC HISTORIAN NEEDED?

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE IS WELL DESERVED

With each passing year, it's becoming more and more difficult to recapture the origins of the founding of the American Cribbage Congress. As time goes on, memories naturally begin to fade as to who said what to whom and who suggested this or that. A number of individuals have stated they were in Raleigh when the ACC became a spark of reality, and they were part of one or several discussions; but it is unclear who sat in on the initial group meeting and just what transpired after that.

Before the accuracy of the past is lost forever, an historian should be appointed; and that individual should reconstruct the events that transpired by interviewing or communicating with the known founding members and gleaning from the the historic roots of the ACC. Naturally, not everyone is interested or cares, but there are several ACC members who might like to learn about the past; future members won't have that chance if we wait too long.

Scott Kooistra and all of the terrific staff who helped make the Grand National Tournament a huge success deserve a huge "Thank You" from all those who attended.

The team effort needed to operate a tournament of this size requires teamwork and leadership, plus blood, sweat and tears.

Players, numbering 256, converged upon Minneapolis in late September to find everything operating like clockwork. Scott appeared to be everywhere at once, and he never appeared to lose his composure. The competent staff, including Scott's wife Linda, acted as guides, answered questions and fielded problems as if they did this sort of thing every day. It was obvious to those of us who were visitors that this was teamwork of the highest order. Thank you all for a job beautifully done.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE
ACC/WESTERN OPEN
January 31-February 1, 1987
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MONTANA CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIP
Missoula, Montana
October 10, 11 & 12
Director: DeLynn Colvert
Number of Entries: 92/36

Main Tournament

1. Bud Clark, Missoula, MT
2. Milo Roinstad, Missoula, MT
3. Rex Paddock, Missoula, MT
4. DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT

MP Main Tournament

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| 132 | 1. Al Musard, Lincoln, RI | MP |
| 104 | 2. Stu Stromberg, W. Spfld., MA | 130 |
| 86 | 3. L. LeBlanc, S. Burlington, VT | 102 |
| 73 | 4. Bob Dekennip, Shirley, MA | 84 |
| | | 71 |

Consolation

1. Greg Van Metre, LaGrande, OR
2. Clay Dunbar, Missoula, MT
3. Al Langel, Missoula, MT
4. Judy Branson, Ronan, MT

MP Consolation

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| 18 | 1. Joe Wergin, Madison, WI | MP |
| 14 | 2. F. McGibney, S. Burlington, VT | 54 |
| 10 | 3. Carl Palmer, W. Spfld., MA | 40 |
| 6 | 4. John Lefebvre, Burlington, VT | 31 |
| | | 25 |

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TOURNAMENT
Kahaku, Hawaii
October 11 & 12
Director: Wilbur S. Lummis
Number of Entries: 28

CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT
San Jose, California
October 19
Director: Mary K. Cornwell
Number of Entries: 134

Main Tournament

1. Cynthia Pa, Honolulu, HI
2. Yorio Shigamura, Honolulu, HI
3. Tats Tsuruda, Honolulu, HI
4. Harry Sawyer, Honolulu, HI

MP

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| 28 | 1. Vince Catalano, Santa Cruz, CA | MP |
| 20 | 2. Jim Anzell, Concord, CA | 174 |
| 12 | 3. Bill Jensen, Los Altos, CA | 146 |
| 4 | 4. Al Eames, Isleton, CA | 128 |
| | | 115 |

WEST BEND CLASSIC
West Bend, Wisconsin
October 12

Director: Gene Biegler
Number of Entries: 142/78

MINNESOTA VALLEY OPEN
Chaska, Minnesota
October 25

Directors: Joan & Jim Rein
Number of Entries: 114/56

Main Tournament

1. Glen Krueger, Madison, WI
2. Betty LaGassie, Marinette, WI
3. Syl Lulinski, LaGrange Park, IL
4. Jim Lepow, Racine, WI

MP

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| 182 | 1. Gordon Gray, Minnetonka, MN | MP |
| 154 | 2. Carl Larson, Duluth, MN | 154 |
| 136 | 3. Jim Rein, Carver, MN | 126 |
| 118 | 4. Roger Frank, Mound, MN | 108 |
| | | 95 |

Consolation

1. Pam Stewart, Minneapolis, MN
2. Sue Nuelk, Milwaukee, WI
3. William Cook, Rhinelander, WI
4. Don Tofte, Madison, WI

MP Consolation

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| 59 | 1. Jim Morelan, Little Canada, MN | MP |
| 45 | 2. Greg Goskeson, Albert Lea, MN | 48 |
| 36 | 3. Sandra Dawson, Codena, MN | 34 |
| 30 | 4. Roger Packer, Waseca, MN | 25 |
| | | 19 |

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ATTENTION: POTENTIAL ADVERTISERS

In order to give our readers as much cribbage news as possible, it has been our policy to limit advertising to approximately 2½ pages per month. In August we resumed adding inserts for tournament directors who wished to have a flyer.

We've had more requests for ads than we have space to give and, as a result, we have a waiting list of potential advertisers; we've always given space preference to those who have advertised in the past.

In January, to help defray our costs and to allow space for those who have requested it, we're going to have a "one-shot," four-page advertising supplement in addition to our normal 16 pages. This will be just like the big guys do. The cost of a camera-ready 4" high by 4½" wide ad will be \$45. We have space for only 8 ads, and we're trying this to see if there is any interest and/or response. If all works out well, we'll try it again in the future whenever there is available space.

For those interested and for more information, call Dale Munroe (203) 673-4007. We'll reserve space on a first-come, first-served basis. We have a December 26 deadline for our January issue, so don't delay!!

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWPOINT

It has not been an easy task to follow in the footsteps of Jim Arblaster and Bob Madsen as the third editor of CRIBBAGE WORLD. Each of these men has played an important role in shaping the policy of the ACC and, in fact, still does. Starting last February I began, with the help of Bob Plourde, to make changes wherever I thought I could make our publication more informative and more appealing to all our members. I'm not saying that has been accomplished, but rather it has been the intent to pack as much info received from as many sources as possible into the limited space available.

Plourde and I invite everyone, once again, to share your point of view. No one has a lock on any page we print. If someone out there wants to write a guest editorial, feel free to do so and we'll print it; Cribbage Corner is open to everyone. In summary, the more you write, the less we have to; let's hear from more of you.

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