



CRIBBAGE WORLD

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ELECTION RESULTS

A total of 15,255 votes were cast on 1,661 ballots for 21 candidates seeking 12 seats on the Board of Directors for a 1-year term of office. Voting totalled 1,453 for the title of Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World.

The voting breakdown for the BOD and Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World is as follows:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (The top 12 were elected)

1. Bob Madsen	Niles, IL	1073
2. Syl Lulinski	LaGrange Pk, IL	1051
3. Scott Kooistra	Yankton, SD	952
4. Delynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	912
5. Dale Munroe	Unionville, CT	897
6. Joan Rein	Carver, MN	860
7. Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	802
8. Jeff Montge	Napa, CA	800
9. Bob McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	800
10. John Chambers	Providence, RI	737
11. Joe Seigle	Coventry, CT	663
12. Jim Fabian	Naperville, IL	654

13. Jerry Dickinson	Mt. Horeb, WI	640
14. Martha Fingleton	Milwaukee, WI	625
15. Jim Angell	Concord, CA	613
16. Dick Graham	Englewood, CO	593
17. John Ranne	Tucson, AZ	556
18. Mickey Griffin	Lincoln, NE	549
19. Larry Samet	Wellesley H., MA	510
20. Joe Ramos	W. Warwick, RI	497
21. Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	462

THE PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

Jim Landrum, a Portland, Oregon, member, reports that he is boosting the Congress by inserting a membership application in every packet that he distributes. His company, the Drurnski Enterprises, has developed the Grand Prix Cribbage Board Games and Jim reports that 500 were shipped out recently.

Director Bob Plourde writes that Dave Procter, a resident of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, developed a considerable interest in cribbage during the past school year within the school system of his home town. A club was started among the students, and it appears that it will be a big success. Dave is a member of Grass Roots Hartford Metro #26 and donated 25 long boards to the young people.

The cribbage classes conducted by Jim Love and the writer in the primary grades of five Madison schools were very interesting, especially at Shorewood Grade School. Here the children of professors and graduate students from the Orient, Africa and South America are enrolled along with kids of many professional people.

These students picked up cribbage in a

MR. & MRS. CRIBBAGE WORLD
(1 couple elected)

1. Ken & Betty Capper
2. Jeff & Jackie Shimp
3. Russ & Cathy Perkins
4. Frank & Roberta Schweig

Hermiston, OR
Allegan, MI
Bear Creek, NC
Carpentersville, IL

514
477
298
164

THE JUDGE'S EXAM

As of August 1, 1988, the cost of taking the judge's examination will be \$5. This is due to increased cost of printing, materials and postage. For those wanting to take the test, contact:

Frank Zabrowski
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breeze. One eight-year-old girl from Colombia stopped at our table and watched a few minutes and then said, "I play cribbage." So I invited her to play one game, and that little second grader did very well. Previous to that, Jim and I thought that we should start with fifth graders and top fourth graders. I learned something that day at Shorewood, which is known as the "crossroads" of the world.

Your scribe has often wondered how cribbage could be introduced on a large scale to the Japanese and Chinese. How wonderful that would be for millions of people! The best card game for all people is cribbage, and I am confident that someday this international move will take place.

The Public Relations Committee, which is conducting a drive for more Grass Roots Clubs, will go into the schools next fall with a program of forming grade, junior high and college clubs to enjoy tournament play as the adult community does. Schoolchildren like to be associated with clubs, and here is a great opportunity for both the Congress and the schools to reach their objectives. The sky is the limit with cribbage promotion!

YES, THERE ARE CRIBBAGE PLAYERS IN UTAH

In March I received a postcard from Garry Blake of Salt Lake City, Utah. Garry stated that his father in Oregon had sent him a CRIBBAGE WORLD and Garry asked, "Are there any ACC members in Utah?" and how can he and his wife join our organization.

replied that, to the best of my knowledge, we haven't any Utah members; but if he and his wife did join, he would be assured of a very low ACC number, plus he could get the ball rolling in Utah. There are three big Nevada tournaments each year (not very far away by Western standards) and if he joined, I'd write a feature article about him in our publication.

He sent back a check and said he could not refuse such an offer. I had planned to follow up and write a little feature but, lo and behold, I received the following letter from the Blakes. They both write so well, there isn't any point in my paraphrasing -- here's what they wrote the way I received it:

Remember when you wrote us a few months ago? You told us how to join the ACC, and you suggested a short write-up about the first members in Utah. We joined the Congress, and just as you promised, we're members UT0001 and UT0002.

For two reasons, we were intrigued when you suggested an article. First, we'd like to flush some other Utah players out of

the woodwork. Second, we wanted to surprise my father (a veteran cribbage player who doesn't know we've joined).

I was born in Idaho, but moved to Salt Lake City 17 years ago. I supervise a group of technical writers at a computer company. My wife Karen grew up in Salt Lake City. She's a photographer who works for a national advertising agency. I'm 35 and Karen is 28.

Card-playing is regarded with some suspicion by the more traditional families in Utah and Idaho, and cribbage is normally shunned in these parts. My father's family were Utah pioneers, too -- and from a pretty strict mold. Nevertheless, I remember their unusual keenness for cards. Great-Grandma Rose was a fierce double-solitaire competitor even in her nineties.

Like most of your readers, I learned to play cribbage almost as soon as I could add. I learned from my father, who recently retired to Oregon and joined the ACC. He's a card-playing master and a cribbage devotee.

Karen learned last summer. I taught her how to play cribbage soon after our marriage. (And judging by her passion for the game, I'm glad we waited until after the honeymoon!)

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Karen and I enjoy playing doubles whenever we see my folks. These are terrific games, and in our hearts it's clear: Erle and Shirley Blake are the "Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World."

My brother-in-law, Gary Fisher, is a keen player as well. (He and my father are likely to turn up together at tournaments in Oregon.) For Christmas last year, Gary and my sister Cheryl sent Karen and me two new decks of cards. In a game the first week after Christmas, I drew four fives and a Jack. Karen followed only a few days later with four fives and a Queen. (She was jealous of my Jack, of course, but I told her the Queen was a tribute to her beauty.) These were hot cards!

Now we're members UT0001 and UT0002. We hope other Utahns will, like us, read about ACC in a borrowed copy of CRIBBAGE WORLD. We hope they acknowledge their one small sin, send in a membership application, and join us in a Utah grass-roots movement.

Sincerely,

Garry Blake and Karen Winslow-Blake
Salt Lake City, UT

Editor's Note:

If you wish to contact the Blakes, send me your note and I'll forward it unopened.

The annual \$200 Gene Kozlowski Memorial Award for the top Nevada player went to Dick Murphy of Incline Village. It was presented by LaMerne Kozlowski of Reno, Gene's widow.

A \$100 Polio Plus prize was awarded to Rotarian Ben Long of Paradise for presentation in his name to the Rotary Club, his home club.

Placer Savings' \$19 prize for the "worst player" of the tournament went to Priscilla Staasulat of El Macero, California, winner of but two games. Three 28-hands were counted in tournament play by Ken Chaffee, Hillmar, California; Greg Schlausner, Truckee, California; and J.D. Blesse, Quincy.

Jim Wilson, a fire captain from Chico, California, was the winner of the 17th Annual World Championship Cribbage Tournament at Quincy, California, on Saturday, May 14, 1988.

The charity event, sponsored by the Quincy Rotary Club with Mike Taborski as director, attracted 284 players.

Wilson won \$1,200 for first place, with Dave Pritchett, Ontario, California, winning \$600 for second. \$10,900 in cash prizes and trophies were awarded to 74 players.

Plumas Stokes, Quincy, won the 120-player consolation tournament and \$300; with John Ryan, San Lorenzo, California, as runner-up, winning \$225.

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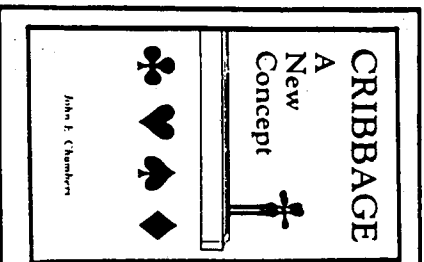
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DOWN THE ROAD

ATTENTION, CRIBADIER GENERALS

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

1988	
Great Plains Classic (NE)	Aug. 7
New England Championship	Aug. 26-28
(CT)	
ACC Grand National	Sept. 23-25
Tournament (WI)	Sept. 23-25
Utah City Classic (MT)	Oct. 2
New Hampshire Open	Oct. 7-9
Portside Open (VA)	
Niagara Falls Championship	Oct. 14-16
(NY)	Oct. 15
California Singles	Oct. 16
Vermont Tournament	
Oroville Round Board	Oct. 22
Tournament (OR)	Oct. 22-23
Colorado Championship	Oct. 29
Minnesota Valley Open	Nov. 4-5
Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 4-6
Fayetteville Classic (NC)	Nov. 4-6
Polish Open (WI)	Nov. 6
Dante's Tournament (MA)	Nov. 6
Great Plains Tournament (NE)	Nov. 6
Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 11-13
River City Classic (WI)	Nov. 12-13
Florida Open	Nov. 18-20
Jesse James Open (MN)	Nov. 19
Connecticut Yankee	Dec. 4
1989	
MGM Open (WI)	Feb. 24-26

THE CONNECTICUT CHAMPIONSHIP

The reigning champions of all three American Cribbage Congress sponsored tournaments vied for the Connecticut State Championship, but all three struck out. Grand National winner Bill Seymour of Warwick, Rhode Island, missed in both the main event and the consolation. Sturtonberg of West Springfield, Massachusetts, Invitational winner in Nevada, finished sixth in the championship event. Harry Palmer of West Springfield, Massachusetts, winner of the ACC Open, took fourth place in the consolation.

(See winners in Tournament Results)

I've just recently learned that those members who donated \$25 or more during fiscal year 1988 to the Cribadier General program have not been recognized. The money, about \$400, was banked and earmarked for the youth program. In fact, the Treasurer has recently distributed \$200 toward a couple of youth activities.

The donors are entitled to receive a beautiful piece of parchment, 10" x 15", printed in blue and red, adorned with blue ribbon and a gold seal, attesting to the honorable deed of contributing to the Congress youth program.

Those who contributed \$25 or more to the CG program within the last 9-10 months are asked to drop a line to the Cribadier Adjutant stating your name, approximate date and amount of the contribution. In return, the Adjutant will issue a commission certificate, a handsome item suitable for framing. Please address your correspondence to: The Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32742.

Other members who wish to contribute \$25 to the Congress youth program will have their names added to the roll of the Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals and will be issued a commission attesting to their generosity.

Dues statements along with an item displaying the CG logo are periodically sent out to the generals. Dues have never been over \$10, and items sent out in the past have been decals, bumper stickers, t-shirts and the newly developed colored commission. The roll now contains about 100 sustaining members. Those who fail to pay dues for three consecutive times are dropped from the rolls.

Thank you and I apologize for any inconvenience.

CG J. Wellington Arblaster
Cribadier Adjutant and
Keeper of the Seal

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

1988

July 30, Arrowhead Classic
Sawmill, Highway 53 at 13th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$38. Early Bird (7/29), G-Pools, Lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Carl Larson, 725 West 2nd Street, Duluth, MN 55806, 218-727-3551.

July 30, 31, August 1, National Open Tournament
North Raleigh Hilton, Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Entry fee: \$55. Coffee, hospitality room (optional), G-Pools, Saturday Luncheon, Consolation, Last Chance, Loser's Losers.
Contact: Nick Pond, PO Box 12800, Raleigh, NC 27605, 919-890-6064.

August 5-7, Bill Mitchell Memorial Tournament
VFW Hall, 810 H Street, Crescent City, California. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, G-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance, Sunday team tourney.
Contact: Dan Mitchell, 1833 Adams Avenue, Crescent City, CA 95531, 707-464-5319.

August 6, Fairfield Tournament
Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$42. Coffee, breakfast, Saturday a.m. doubles tournament, Lunch, Saturday p.m. singles tournament.
Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533.

August 7, Great Plains Classic
Airport Inn, I-80 and Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15.
Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-477-2900.

August 12-14, Belle City Classic
Inn on the Lake, 535 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, G-Pools, Lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Donald L. Wrzesinske, 8524 Westminster Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-6360.

August 19-21, Portland's Tournament
Holiday Inn-Portland South, I-5 at Stafford Road exit, Wilsonville, Oregon. Entry fee: \$38. Early Birds (2 events), G-Pools, Lunch, Saturday dinner and auction, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Pat Crozier, 14491 SE 172, Clackamas, OR 97015, 503-658-5595.

August 26-28, Illinois Open
Sheraton Naperville, I-88 and Naperville Road, Naperville, Illinois. Entry fee: \$42. Junior Tournament, Early Bird, G-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Bob Wadsen, 7441 North Osceola, Niles, IL 60648, 312-774-3813.

August 26-28, New England Championship
Howard Johnson Conference Center, Center Street at I-91, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Entry fee: \$42. Early Bird, coffee, G-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238, 203-742-7234.

August 26-28, Koocanusa Open
VFW Club, 108 West 2nd, Libby, Montana. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird Doubles, coffee, rolls, G-Pools, Saturday Night Special.
Contact: Pat McNulty, 626 West 2nd Street, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7496.

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

1988

September 9-11, Wisconsin Dells Classic
Holiday Inn, Highway 13 at I-90, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$48.
Early Bird, G-Pools, Lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Leo Schweditsky, Box 251, Lyndon Station, WI 53944, 608-666-2602.

September 11, Albany Open Tournament
American Legion Zaloga Post 1520, 388 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York.
Entry fee: \$39, Coffee, doughnuts, G-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Nelson Pendergast, 325 Hamilton Street, Apt. 215, Albany, NY
2210, 518-434-0367.

September 16-18, Gold Coast Classic
Pompano Beach Moose Lodge, 3321 N.E. 6th Terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida.
Entry fee: \$37, Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, G-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night
Special, Consolation.
Contact: Raymond J. Poirier, 1811 West 79th Street, Hialeah, FL 33014, 305-
822-4801.

September 23-25, ACC-Grand National Tournament
Red Carpet Inn, across from the airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Entry fee:
\$40 (\$47 non-ACC members). Early Bird, G-Pools, Saturday Night Awards
Banquet (\$30), Consolation, East Chance.
Contact: Bob McCabe, 9393 N. 60th, Brown Deer, WI 53223, 414-354-0103.

September 23-25, Blue Mountain Open
Eagles Lodge, 1212 Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. Entry fee: \$27.
Early Bird Doubles, G-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Ron Lesley, 2508 N. 4th, La Grande, OR 97850, 503-963-7887.

September 23-25, Capital City Classic
Moose Lodge, 4750 North Montana Avenue, Helena, Montana. Entry fee:
\$31.50, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Vivian Carter, 415 Leslie, Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-8376.

September 24, Wine Valley Tournament
Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third Street, Napa, California. Entry
fee: \$58, Friday Night Doubles, coffee, doughnuts, G-Pools, lunch, Consola-
tion, wine tasting, dinner.
Contact: Jack Monroe, 811 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2020.

October 2, New Hampshire Open
Holiday Inn, Northeastern Boulevard, Exit 4, Route 3, Nashua, New Hampshire.
Entry fee: \$37, Saturday Night Doubles, G-Pool, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Al Miller, 12 Michael Avenue, Nashua, NH 03062, 603-882-7204.

October 7-9, Portside Open
Holiday Inn, 8 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth, Virginia. Entry fee: \$40.
Early Bird, G-Pools, coffee, Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Night Special,
Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Stan Daniels, 604 Cornwall Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701, 804-488-
0651.

October 9, West Bend Classic
West Bend Royal, West Washington Street, West Bend, Wisconsin. Entry fee:
\$37, Early-Bird, G-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Gene Biegler, PO Box 862, West Bend, WI 53095.

**"CARRY ME BACK
TO OLD VIRGINNY" AND
TO THE PORTSIDE OPEN IN '88**

James A. Bland wrote the nationally familiar song "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" in 1878, and it became Virginia's official state song in 1940.

For those of you who haven't made your October vacation plans, and even for those who have, it's not too late to include a visit to the great Commonwealth of Virginia. First and foremost, Virginia is a beautiful state north to south and east to west. It's steeped in history; from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Civil War battlefields preserved as if the War ended yesterday; so serene that the pull of these places is overwhelming. It's the home of Presidents - Monticello (Jefferson), Ashlawn (Monroe), Mt. Vernon (Washington) and Montpelier (Madison). It offers the ocean on the east to the Shenandoah National Park with the awesome Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway in the west. To top all this off, Virginia is for lovers and if you don't feel like a lover, you will once you arrive and start breathing mountain air or the ocean's salty breezes. Now, last but not least, there is on October 7-9 the Portside Open in Portsmouth.

There is something very relaxing about sitting in the Holiday Inn lounge and

having the drink of your choice right next to the water and watching the sternwheeler ferries, ocean-going ships and tugs playing the harbor between Norfolk and Portsmouth. If you haven't been to Tidewater Virginia in a while, you're going to be pleasantly surprised at how the old seaports have dressed themselves up with restoration of the waterfronts, ships and harbors.

Tournament Director Stan Daniels (CPO-USN-Retired) and Gean, his wonderful bride of many years, treat every player as a personal guest. If something goes wrong, Stan is right there to fix it and he devotes, along with his family, the entire weekend to making sure you have the best time possible.

Don't do Stan Daniels any favors; give yourself a treat and see if the Portside Open in old Virginia isn't one of the nicest places around to have a pleasant time, meet new and old friends and have a great cribbage tournament. Hope to see you there - don't miss it!!

(See the Tournament Trail
for more info)

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The Grass Roots II national tournament conducted on June 5 at the Western New York Cribbage Club, Charter #5, produced a most unusual sequence in scored perhaps even a Guinness record. In one game, three CONSECUTIVE hands provided the following count for Don Shaw:

First

A double run of four cards consisting of aces, deuces and treys - the starter card producing a double, double run - 16 points

Second

A double run of four cards consisting again of aces, deuces and treys - the starter card producing a second double, double run - 16 points

Third

A double run of four cards consisting yet again of aces, deuces and treys - the starter card producing for the third time a double, double run - 16 points.

Can you top this? The three hands were not only consecutive, but all of the 15 cards involved were combinations of aces, deuces and treys.

Donald C. Shaw
Hamburg, NY

I enjoyed Joe Seigle's article "The Deck is Stacked Against the Average Player" in the May issue.

It was stated that one of our goals was to retain more of our members. You might consider the following:

In the qualifying round, you may want to have all non-winners for the year, several months, etc., begin tournaments playing each other, while all winners play against winners. This would allow more of the average non-winners to make the qualifying list and playoffs since they would be playing players more on their own levels before reaching the finals against the "better players." In the finals, as all know, anyone has a chance for a few games regardless of skill.

All non-winners appreciate players on their own level to compete against from time to time; it works in our bowling tournaments.

Lauren Fries
(non-winner)
2-year member
Milwaukie, OR

Editor's note:

Joe Seigle has been a strong advocate of just such a position, as outlined above, for several years.

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THE BUILDING OF A HOME

I received almost 400 nice letters following the announcement a few months ago of my resignation as Editor of CRIBBAGE WORLD. A couple said "good riddance," but most took the time to express kind comments. The reason for the resignation was because I had planned to spend the summer and fall building a house, and I knew time would be at a premium. Weeks went by and the phone was mighty quiet; there were no volunteers. "Necessity is the mother of invention," and finally, with some streamlining here and there, we found someone who would apply labels (8 hours per month), run 8 cartons from the printer to the labeler to the Post Office in a timely fashion, and Gene Gorlewski of Grass Roots, Hartford Metro #26, said he'd do the "paste ups" (another 6 hours) each month. Now all I have to do is answer correspondence, do a little writing, set the pages up for typing and delegate -- not too tough. Henceforth, CRIBBAGE WORLD will be a committee-type project and we'll have to see how it goes; where we once had 2 people involved, we now have around 8 -- we'll

keep our fingers crossed.

The house project is coming along fine, although slowly. We spent February and March clearing 2 acres to expose a nice view of the Farmington River. We then surveyed the house site, staked it out, excavated, set forms, poured footings and a few days later the basement walls. The last week of May we backfilled and next come the framers. After weeks of rain and cold temperatures, we're only a month behind schedule and wallowing in a sea of mud. For you would-be general contractors, if you don't have 25-30 hours a week to spend telephoning subs, lumber yards, the bank, building inspectors, utility companies plus on-site time -- don't do it. It's all fun and the adrenalin flows, but a little frustrating -- and there's a long way to go yet.

Thanks again to all of you for your kind letters of support. Cribbage folks are good people!

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