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Colvert Earns ACC's First Two-Star **Bayard Literas Tops** **Vets Day In Reno**

Newly crowned Grand Master Bayard Literas is at it again! After winning Grand National XII (and topping some 406 peggers) in October, 1993, he has won yet another whopper. This time around he nailed the Veterans Day Classic in Reno! This event sported some 380 peggers and came with a nifty \$2,175 top prize. After qualifying 77th (of 95), Literas's cards warmed to the task, and he topped off the tournament by winning the final match 4-1.

Annett Eiffert, a pegger from Citrus Heights, CA, came close, but simply could not match Literas's hot run, and she settled for a nice 2nd...and \$1,625.

Jackie Doppelt, Vacaville, CA nailed 3rd (and a sizeable \$1,350), followed by local Dan Buraandt (\$1,075).

Cribbage World editor DeLynn Colvert earned the ACC's first Two-Star in grand style as he topped the huge field in the qualifying round with a 37 17 +298. He continued on to finish 10th...and earned a whopping 295 MRP's to easily wing it over the 15,000 mark.

Some 256 peggers played the Consolation, and Bill McCammon from nearby Incline Village, NV took home the top prize (\$850). Ormer Bolduc, Salinas, CA, Wayne Steinmetz, Milwaukee, WI, and Brenda Palmer, W. Springfield, MA, finished 2-3-4.

Friday night's action sported a huge doubles event, and two Californians took home the top prize...Clifford Clark and Mike Hayden. This pair split the \$880 winner's prize.

Saturday night had a High Roller event and Walt Christenbury, Gig Harbor, WA scored a nice 157 +50 to top a very tough field. He took home \$550. George Rasmussen, Chehalis, WA nailed 2nd (\$450)...and his mathematical analysis of cribbage continues to pay him dividends (see his "Tips" in recent *Cribbage World's*).

The Sands Casino hosted an unusual Sunday night game, and Alaskan Mike Rowe took honors with a 19 8 +211. 211 spread points in a 9-game match is very high, indeed!

And as usual, Reno continues to be a mecca for cribbage, attested by yet another huge crowd. Bill & Dorthalee Irons, with help from a bevy of volunteers ran another first class event...and the Veteran's Fund was enriched by some 15% of the entry fees. The Sands Regency provided the players with the usual pastries and coffee three days running...and there was Barbara Woodward, once again putting in a long weekend in support of this event.



The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Jerry Dickinson Resigns

In a very unselfish gesture, Jerry Dickinson of Mt. Horeb, WI has resigned as a member of the ACC Board of Directors so that the new Grass Roots Commissioner, Gene Mikulsky of Sobieski, WI, could be appointed in his stead.

Acting with the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee, I am most happy to make this appointment.

Jerry, longtime Grass Roots Commissioner, sincerely felt that his successor, Gene, should be an ACC Director, but the By-Laws limitation of no more than four from any one state precluded Mikulsky's appointment unless there was a Wisconsin vacancy. Jerry provided that opening, willingly, without hesitation.

Besides spearheading a very successful Grass Roots program for many years...since its inception by Founding President Joe Wergin...Dickinson capably handled the rewrite of the ACC's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as other important tasks handed to him by the Board of Directors.

We'll miss Jerry's thoughtful counsel on the BOD, but we know we can count on him for any other job that might fall his way.

I first met Jerry when I visited Joe in Madison some years ago and we drove out to Mt. Horeb to talk to Jerry about the Grass Roots program. After our discussions, we got into a

4-handed crib game, each player pegging on his own board. As luck would have it, my board was turned 180-degrees from the others and I wound up pegging backwards, losing \$\$\$\$. It'll always be Mt. Horrible to me!

At the last Board meeting, the Directors gave the Executive Committee permission to spend up to \$5,000 between meetings, if necessary. Realizing that we have long been at risk in possible litigation or court suits, the Executive Committee looked into the purchase of Directors', Trustees' and Officers' Liability Insurance.

We contacted several insurance brokers among our membership and obtained 4 or 5 bids, some ranging as high as \$2.650 per year.

We finally settled on Shimoff & Associate's \$1,100 low bid from Federal Insurance Company (Chubb) for \$1-million coverage each loss/aggregate with a \$1,000 deductible for each loss. This coverage offers non-profit organization liability which covers all Directors and Officers and employees of the American Cribbage Congress for their management and professional exposures, as well as their publishing exposures (i. e., libel, slander, defamation of character).

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New England Rolling

Heroux Tops Massachusetts Open

Alkas Cops Dante Club

New England continues to host sizeable cribbage tournaments as the recent Massachusetts Open drew some 132 peggers on September 15 and the Dante Club Open fielded 130 peggers on November 3.

Brian Heroux topped the Massachusetts Open, and this two-time All-American from Woonsocket, RI is off and running in this year's early going. Donna Gavin, a local pegger, finished 2nd, followed by George Johnson (Fitchburg, MA) and Ford Jewer (Wakefield, RI) in 3rd and 4th.

Richard Kelliher (MA) topped the 76-pegger Consolation, with Dolores Rego (MA), John McReady (MA), and Dorothy Boreham (MA) in 2-3-4.

A highlight of this event was the ACC's 3rd 29-hand. This \$100 gem was scored by Bart Sargent, a pegger from Westwood, MA.

Director David Clemmey will play this event again next September 21, 1997. Clemmey also reported that the Heart Association benefited \$132 from the player's dollar donation.

Rit Alkas, Manchester, CT, begins the new season on a winning note as he captured the 130-pegger Dante Club event in West Springfield on November 3. Alkas won the National Championship in 1995 and continues his winning ways. Jack Gauthier, New Britain, CT took 2nd, followed by two newly crowned Masters...Cindy Veradt, Taunton, MA, and Frank Gallo, Cranston, RI...in 3rd and 4th.

Brenda Palmer, a 1996 All-American from W. Springfield, MA copped the 78-pegger Consolation. Richard Brault, Palmer, MA nailed 2nd, followed by John Cross, W. Springfield, MA, and Dudley Dumaine, Weston, MA, in 3rd and 4th.

Director George Bickford has scheduled this event again next November 2, 1997. He has directed this event 20 years and says "I think it is time to turn over the reins to someone else." Charley Finley, Jim Law and Tim Fiorini may do the directing next year.

Player Fogs Out

In Reno, a player turned his crib and held a 3-8-9-10, with an ace cut. The player quickly added all five cards to "31" and pegged his two points.

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Division 1 (club number in parenthesis)

- 1 102 Brian Heroux, Wonsocket RI (31)
- 2 79 Ronald Sargent, Red Bluff CA (159)
- 3 74 Thomas Nohrden, Sacramento CA (162)
- 4 75 Annett Eiffter, Citrus Heights CA (162)
- 5 72 Robert Cross, Santa Maria CA (173)
- 6 69 Albina Farrish, Riverside RI (31)
- 6 69 Ron Franco, Fall River MA (31)
- 8 67 Eleanor Bernstein, Baltimore MD (178)
- 8 67 Jack Barnett, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 8 67 Talbot Bailey Jr., Santa Rosa CA (55)
- 8 67 John Croce, Cranston RI (31)
- 12 65 David LeBoeuf, Sacramento CA (162)
- 13 64 John Maurer, Crystal Lake IL (3)
- 14 55 Avon Ray, Santa Rosa CA (55)
- 15 60 Albert Podevels, Colby WI (199)
- 16 59 Ernie Parker, Hawthorne CA (164)
- 16 59 Joseph Lusignan, W. Sacramento CA (162)
- 19 58 Carl Stone Jr., Arcata CA (194)
- 19 58 Jerold Brenner, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 19 58 Curt Shawkey, Madison WI (1)

Division 2

- 1 46 Garry Folz, Yreka CA (223)
- 1 46 Edward Kren, Sonora CA (86)
- 3 45 Joe Remlinger, Sonora CA (140)
- 4 44 Dennis McNurten, Grinnell IA (17)
- 4 44 Valerie Sumner, Sparks NV (11)
- 6 43 Verl Stromstedt, Sparks NV (11)
- 7 42 William Larson, Rapid City SD (96)
- 8 40 LeRoy Preszler, Rapid City SD (96)
- 9 37 Ralph Tropole, New Underwood SD (96)
- 10 36 David Stahlhut, Yreka CA (223)

Division 3

- 1 31 Richard Price, Camarillo CA (193)
- 2 28 Art Cox, Ventura CA (193)

1996-1997

Grass Roots 29 Hands

- 1- Bob Hemond, Grand Rapids MI, 9-24-96
- 2- Bob Lambert, Muskegon MI, 10-14-96
- 3- Shirley Carr, Chehalis WA, 10-24-96

Canadian Cribbage

Peter Chrosinski, a local pegger from Prince George, won the British Columbia Championship October 13, nipping Edward Hatch, Dryden, ON, in the final match. Director Linton Walker won the Consolation. Walker has two more Canadian matches on tap this coming year. See Tournament Trail for more information.

Polish Open

Froelich Pegs Backwards To Win Polish Open

Jim McManus Earns One Star Martha Fingleton Life Master

Fran Froelich from nearby Green Bay won the 148-pegger Polish Open on November 3. A rumor had it he pegged backwards all day and never got caught, getting away with 160 MRP's and a sizeable championship purse! He also qualified 2nd, picking up another 51 MRP's for a combined whopping 211!

Paul Kilkelly, Waukegan, IL finished 2nd (after qualifying 22nd), and he, too, took home a sizeable 174 MRP's. Richard Kurz (WI) and Life Master Jim McManus, Milwaukee, took 4th.

McManus, with this lofty finish, topped the 10,000 MRP mark and becomes only the 6th player in the ACC's history to earn MRP's in the five-digit range...and his One Star!

Ginger Nelson, Madison, WI, topped the huge field in the qualifying round... and took home a nice 53 MRP's (and 5 more in the playoffs) for the effort.

The big news in the 86-pegger Consolation saw Martha Fingleton, Milwaukee, finish in the 5-8 bracket, and picked up the ACC's 23rd Life Master award.

Don Flesch, Brookfield, WI, won this event, topping Dan McCarthy, Berlin, WI, in the final playoff match. John Syftestad, Mt. Horeb, WI, nipped One Star Joe Bernard, Libertyville, IL, for 3rd place. Bernard, after qualifying 1st, earned yet another 54 MRP's.

Frank and Ginny Danielski, once again, had fun with their "Polish" motif...and, who knows, perhaps Fran Froelich, did, indeed, peg backwards all weekend!

Polish Open Sequel

After attending the Polish Open, Emil Tarczanin, an Polish immigrant from Warsaw, came home with a goose-egg. He challenged his wife to play a kitchen-table game of cribbage for a little practice.

Emil noted the game wasn't as friendly as usual, and he reported to his friend, Scott, at the next Grass Roots meet that his wife was out to get him....and he was afraid for his life.

Scott asked "Emil, how in the world did you come to that conclusion?"

Emil replied, "Well, I looked under the kitchen sink and I saw a bottle of "Polish Remover!"

Paul Hatcher & DeLynn Colvert Simplifying MRP System

Paul Hatcher and DeLynn Colvert were whiling away some time in Hatcher's motor home on the way to Napa, CA and GN XV. They were mulling over Horigan's new MRP system, and although in 99% agreement with the concept, they found two areas they felt needed improvement. Hatcher thought that the playoff rounds were skewed a little heavily in the final rounds, and Colvert didn't like the complicated Qualifying Round charts. They have presented the BOD with a proposal to, perhaps, improve both facets of Horigan's System. They have aptly named the modification, the Horigan Modification. Stay tuned for further BOD action!

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12th Portside Open/Stan Daniels Memorial Draws 130 Lee Norris Grabs Portside Open Title

Lee Norris, a Grand Master from North Kingstown, RI, came south and picked up the championship at the Portside Open/Stan Daniels Memorial, besting a sizeable field of 130 peggers in the process. After qualifying 8th, he took home a combined 167 MRP's in addition to a sizeable cash prize.

Diane Loch (WI), Master John Worley (NC), and Rosemary Glendon (VA) finished 2-3-4. Ginny Danielski, the travelling Master pegger from Wisconsin finished 5th, after qualifying 3rd, picking up another 145 MRP's in her quest for honors this cribbage year. She currently is the front-runner in the Central Region.

A Floridian was top qualifier...Jim Kunder from Cape Canaveral.

A sizeable 96 peggers played the Consolation and rookie Chuck Fiffield (a new player in the local GR club) took home the bacon, nipping Master Dave Ritchey (FL) in the final playoff match. Betty Schaeffer (FL) and Bob Moore (VA) took 3-4.

The Satellites:

Oct. Opener: Eric Davis (VA)
Saturday Night: Ford Jewer (RI)
Last Chance: Joyce Bryant (MD)

Stanley Bochinski and Danny Bennett score that 15,028 to 1 longshot 28-hand, but no 29's showed.

Director Richard McCormick ran this 12th annual in fine fashion, and plans on playing the 13th next October 10-12.

Carver Tops In Vermont

Robert Carver (VT) won the Vermont Championship October 20, besting some 32 peggers enroute to the crown. Roger Doenges (VT) took 2nd.

1995 National Champion Rit Alkas (CT) won the Consolation, with Dick Shillhammer (VT) in 2nd. Another National Champion...Phyllis Schmidt (MA) took 4th. She won the national crown in 1992.

Director Linda Iler keeps 'em pegging in Vermont!

Grand Master Henry DeLong Takes Tri-State Open

Grand Master Henry DeLong zipped over to Vermont from his Woburn, MA home and took home the top prize at the recent Tri-State Open in Brattleboro. In besting the 78 peggers, DeLong took home a nifty total 113 MRPs (after qualifying 2nd).

Terry Boylan (VT), Frank Sigda (MA), and Al Miller, a Life Master from Nashua, NH took 2-3-4. Miller is the ACC's 13th ranked player (lifetime).

Lee Norris, another highly ranked player from RI (Grand Master) took qualifying honors.

Mike Azevedo (MA) won the 54-pegger Consolation, edging Ken Vetterline, a Grand Master from Maine, in the final playoff match. Sue Turcotte (RI) and Zeke Veradt (MA) finished 3-4.

Phyllis Schmidt and Richard Williams both scored 28-hands.

Director George Cote reported the players donated \$156 to the Bedlow Falls Senior Center...and that he plans on renewing this event again next year. Stay tuned for dates that will be announced later.

Remember The Celtic Cribbage Clash?

Last March 2, the Celtic Cribbage Clash was played in San Jose, CA. The report finally showed, as "Murphy's Law" came into play once again.

78 peggers were on hand last March and Rae Fedde, Santa Clara, CA came up with the roses (a little faded by now). Linda Swiontek (CA) finished 2nd, followed by Master Mary Ryan (CA) in 3rd. Local Tony Montooth took 4th.

Mary Herrmann (CA) warming up for her 1997 MRP run, took the 36-pegger Consolation. Jack Shumate (CA) nailed 2nd.

Late Report?

Your editor received a phone call recently and a ladies voice wanted to know when her write-up about winning a tournament would appear in CW. Asked which tournament and the dates, she replied, "Well it was back about 1986 or 87, in Iowa. We had about 15 players..."

Your editor didn't know whether to laugh...or cry! He began editing in 1990. Not guilty!

Moose Hosts 118 **Larry Steger Nails** **W. B. Classic**

Some 118 peggers descended on Fond du Lac, WI on October 13...and the 13th proved to be lucky for Larry Steger, a pegger from Oshkosh, WI. After qualifying 14th, Steger came on and won the championship, 125 MRP's, and a nice cash prize.

BOD member (and Grand Master) Pat Barrett, Wisconsin Rapids, finished 2nd and has zipped over the 300 MRP mark in the early going this cribbage year. Stuart Lawnt (Berlin, WI) had a fine weekend, qualifying 2nd and finishing 3rd, picking up a nice 135 MRP's. Dale Vincent, Green Bay, nailed 4th (after qualifying 9th).

Jean Cervantes, Green Bay, had the top score in the qualifying round.

The Consolation finish was a "Who's Who" in the Central Region as four top-ranked Wisconsin players nailed honors: Ray Schenk, Life Master Duane Toll, Grand Master John Hilland, and Life Master Bob McCabe finished 1-2-3-4. Former All-American Deb Schusel finished 5th in this tough match.

Larry Zimmerman scored the 5th 29-hand of this cribbage season, netting a nice \$100 from the ACC for this sanctioned gem.

Director Gene "Moose" Biegler had the Traveler's Inn buzzing on the 13th...but he will play it again next October 12!

Jerry Jaeger Takes **Homestead Inaugural**

Director Steve Leech kicked off cribbage action in Beatrice, Nebraska on October 20, with the Inaugural Homestead Open.

Jerry Jaeger from nearby Lincoln, NE won this 22-pegger event, followed by Grand Master Ron Hamilton, Topeka, KS, in 2nd.

The Railsback clan from Syracuse, NE finished 3rd and 4th (Buzz finished 3rd, and Helen nailed 4th...but in the qualifying round, Helen was 1st and Buzz 2nd).

The Consolation was not sanctioned. Director Leech will hold the 2nd Annual next October 19, giving the Nebraska players time to round up some more peggers.

Grand Master Lee Norris' First Win?
Grand Master Lee Norris, North Kingstown, RI, recently won the 130-pegger, Portside Open/Stan Daniels Memorial.

Rumor has it that despite rolling up some 4,500 MRP's and a lifetime ranking of 47th in the ACC, that this was his first sanctioned win. Is this true, Lee?



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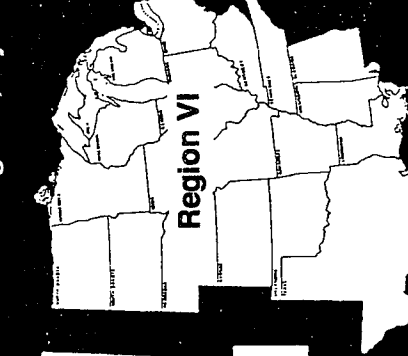
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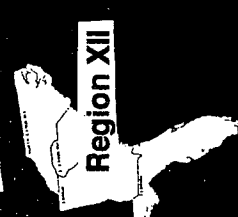
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