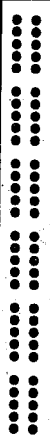


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American Cribbage Congress

Central Region Doubleheader

MGM: Scott Henderson St. Paul: Jim McManus

MGM Open, Green Bay

Scott Henderson, pegging out of Madison, WI, came away with the championship at the huge MGM Open in Green Bay. In besting the field of 430 peggers, Henderson came away with a sizeable purse (and a trophy clock) and a whopping 359 MRPs.

Jerome Fischer, Colby, WI grabbed 2nd...and also took home a bushel of MRPs. Jack Koeppler (WI) nailed 3rd, followed by Life Master Warren Sondericker (WI) and One Star Mick Michaelis (WI) in 4th and 5th.

Local Al Karr was tough on his home turf in the qualifying round, scoring a very nice 38.17 +207 in the 22-game match.

Another local playing tough on his home turf was Fran Froelich as he won the 216-pegger Consolation. Ken Rehm (WI) finished 2nd, followed by Life Master Phyllis Schmidt (MA) and local Vince Oettinger in 3rd and 4th.

Directors Tom Gallagher, Bob Miller and Jerry Lemke had a full slate of satellite events. The winners:

- High Roller: Chet Nowak (WI)
- Fri. Doubles: Irv Burger & Tom Sadowski (WI)
- Saturday: Tom Gonsior (WI)
- Sat. Doubles: Ron & Michalli Rivest (WI)
- Last Chance: Larry Steger (WI)

Green Bay is famous for their huge crowds playing doubles...and this time around was no exception as some 298 teams sat down for the Friday night game. And counting the 54 players who were playing the High Roller event, the total crowd Friday night came to a whopping 650 players!

Capital City Classic, St. Paul
Jim McManus, a recently crowned One-Star player from Milwaukee, WI nailed the 170-pegger Capital City Classic on March 9. With another 180 MRPs in the bag, McManus throws his hat into the ring for yet another try at national honors this cribbage year.

Three Minnesota players finished 2-3-4. Ray Kinnen nailed 2nd, followed by Larry Meath and Lyle Lund in 3rd and 4th.

Joy Jerdee, fresh from a hot run in Reno (finishing 2nd of 1,024 players) continued her streak by easily taking honors in the qualifying round. She scored an excellent 39.18 +300 and brought home \$500 Q money. This score contributed to a fine-over-all 61 GP All-Events score...and more prize money.

An even 100 players played the Consolation and Babe O'Gorman, Cannon Falls, MN, took home the marbles, edging Tom Beucier (MN)

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Tournament Play

I've noticed a growing trend lately, where some cribbage players are participating in the auxiliary tournaments and skipping the Main tournament.

With the Main tournament entry fees usually paying the freight for the entire weekend of play, this gives a free ride to those who just choose to play the other events, such as the "early bird," Consolation, Saturday Special, Last Chance or Cry-Baby.

Since these are usually 100% payback, they pay nothing to the ACC or to the tournament directors who underwrite the event.

And in some instances, a Consolation master point winner who does not play in the Main tournament contributes nothing, since the \$2 per entry sanction fee is based on the number of players in the Main event.

I agree with the comment made in last month's *Cribbage World* by Ken Cambell, a longtime Georgia Open tournament director: "The costs of a sanctioned tournament should be shared: 2/3 by the Main and 1/3 by the Consolation. This will result in a fair adjustment...the cash return of the Main event will increase and the cash return of the Consolation will decrease."

In all fairness, the overhead costs of a tournament weekend should probably be apportioned among all the satellite events, as well, perhaps by taking a fixed percentage from each pot to help pay for the playing cards, crib boards, scorecards, pens, coffee

and donuts, printing, postage, trophies, plaques, sanction fees and donations to charities...all of which are usually paid from proceeds of the Main event.

Another thing vexes me...the inconsiderate souls who sign up for a tournament and then don't show up! In my recent Roadrunner Classic tournament I had 8 "no-shows," leaving us with an 80-player field. As required by ACC regulations, we had to reimburse each of the absentees the full amount of their entry. No problem there; but who paid for the 8 extra lunches and coffee and donuts we had ordered? The catering Elks ladies did their jobs as ordered 4 days prior to the tournament, but the Main tournament fund paid \$80 for the guaranteed meals...cutting into that prize fund, in effect costing every player in the Main tournament an extra \$1.00.

Somehow the rule for "no-shows" has got to be changed to allow tournament directors to deduct the cost of previously contracted expenses from the refunds...extra meals, additional tables and chairs, etc. Suggestions welcomed.

Those tournament directors who don't have to pay hall rent or bother with catered meals can consider themselves very lucky. Besides just turning the herd loose at noon if there are some restaurants in the vicinity, we could pay bigger cash prizes and not have to take the verbal guff about chintzing of the prize money.

It's a two-way street and our tournament directors need some consideration and sympathy, too.

Keep peggin'.....Ev Bey

Running For The Board of Directors?

The deadline for nominations for the ACC's Board of Directors is April 15. See page 8, March issue of *Cribbage World* for details.

Central Region Doubleheader

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in the final playoff match. Darlene Johnson (MN) was once again "in the money" with a 3rd place finish, followed by Clinton Olson (MN) in 4th.

Director Todd Schaefer, in his inaugural directorship, ran a first-class affair. He had able help from Joan Rein and a bevy of other volunteers. He also conducted the usual satellite events. The winners:

Friday: Troy Tolan (MN) 17 8 +98

Saturday: Charlie Parker (MN) 20 8 +160

All Events: Joy Jerdee (MN) 61 GP's

Last Chance: Murt Tennant (MN)

Bob McCabe Has Unusual Games

Bob McCabe, Cudahy, WI, is the ACC's Statistician...and he may start compiling statistics whenever he discards two hearts to his opponent's crib.

In the qualifying round at Green Bay, his opponents scored straight flushes in the crib in two successive games. The first was 4-5-6-7-8 of hearts, and then in the next game he was floored by a 6-7-8-9-10 of hearts.

Dispite these long-shot 14-point hands, McCabe won both games, and qualified for the playoffs.

Bill Medeiros Earn Life Master

Bill Medeiros, Shrewsbury, MA, fresh from winning the Holiday Classic in December, is continuing to pile up MRP's...and has recently earned the ACC's 26th Life Master (unofficial-not yet posted). Medeiros qualified at the huge MGM Open in Green Bay, and earned 48 MRP's in the 33-64 round to zip over the 6,000 mark lifetime...and Life Master.

March 6 Hot Day In Canada

On March 6 in Prince George, Canada, two 29-hands were scored! At around noon Wilford Thomas played a 29-hand at the Canadian Legton Club, and later that evening Arnold Schwarz scored a 29 at a Grass Roots meet.

Schwarz will receive \$100 from the local club and a trophy from the ACC's Grass Roots program for his gem. As for Thomas's 29-hand...well, he had better get into the ACC's programs if he wants any awards.

Both players were warming up for the upcoming Canadian Championship (April 5-6). See "Tournament Trail" for details.

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Dave Ritchey Virginia Champ

Master pegger Dave Ritchey, playing out of Orange city, Florida, came north to Richmond, VA and took home the 88-pegger Virginia championship.

In a field featuring six of the top 50 ACC players in the East, Ritchey qualified 9th, then edged Tom Wilson, Charlottesville, VA in the playoffs. Ritchey picked up 108 MRP's, but Wilson nailed down some 117 MRP's by qualifying 3rd, in addition to his 2nd place finish.

Local Ray Meinert took top qualifying honors, edging many stellar out-of-state players for the high score.

Frank and Ginny Danielski, a duo from Wisconsin, are on a tear in the southland. Travelling via their motor home, they are picking up MRP's and honors at every stop. Both players are in the MRP hunt this cribbage year, and they continue to pile up points. This time around they finished 3rd and 4th (Frank took 3rd).

Bernard Whitfield (Raleigh, NC) and Sid Weinberg (Alexandria, VA) qualified one and two in the 52-pegger Consolation...and finished one and two in the playoffs! Robert Wenzel (Winston-Salem, NC) took 3rd, followed by Russ Perkins (Bear Creek, NC) in 4th.

The satellites:

Doubles: Ron & Bud Reese (VA)

Saturday Night: Mike Midgett (NC)

Last Hurrah: Jim Tanner (VA)

George Bickford (MA) accumulated the best total combined non-qualifying score in the Main and Consolation and received a special \$50 prize.

In the annual Grass Roots competition, the Richmond Cribbage Club won the hotly contested competition over the Cameron Cribbers and the Tidewater 29'ers. Each club now owns two wins in this spirited contest.

Director Rick Allen will host this event again next year. Mark January 10, 1998 on your calendars.

Bob Drukman Tops Cranberry Clash

Bob Drukman, a Grand Master from East Bridgewater, MA, nailed the annual Cape Cod Cranberry Clash on February 23.

Some 96 peggers were on hand for this peg fest, and Stan Babiec, N. Dartmouth, MA came away the bridesmaid (and picked up 102 MRP's). Dick West, Attleboro, MA finished 3rd, followed by Charles Menaik, Sag Harbor, NY.

Emil Chrabaszcz, a Grand Master from Ware, MA, took honors in the qualifying round.

56 peggers played the Consolation and Marc Cinelli (Mansfield, MA) won the event, followed by Zeke Veradt, a Master pegger from Taunton, MA, in 2nd. Paul Gallagher, another Master from Avon, MA took 3rd. Clare Marty, Hanover, MA took 4th.

Drukman scored a 28-hand to aid in his drive for the title. John Brennan, Milton, MA also nailed this gem...but no 29's showed.

Director Jim Clemmey will re-play this event again next February 22.

George Halterman Comes Close...But No Cigar!

Cribbage World is waiting for that first all-flush deal! All 13 cards of one suit come up...a flush in the hand and crib, and a flush in the opponent's hand. And all of the same suit.

George Halterman, Fairfield, CA, came close. He scored a 9-10-J-Q of clubs, then cut the 3 of clubs. His opponent held the A-2-4-6 of clubs. Another club was in the crib!

That makes 10! Getting those last three will be no easy trick!

The Old "Too Early" Trick Again
Ray Boudreau, New Port Ritchey, FL scored a 29-hand on Friday night while attending the Greater Orlando Open.

Oops...one day early, again! One day later in the Main event, this gem would have been worth \$100!

Tip of the Month for Tournament Directors:

If you have a long line of tables and have room at both ends (or one end), pull the tables apart as much as possible. You'll be amazed at how this alleviates crowding!

Hartung Cops Washington Open

Some 62 peggers showed via the cribbage grapevine for the recent Washington State Open...and Jim Hartung from nearby Richland copped the championship. Hartung is very close to his Grand Master rating with this win. Local Jack Moritzky took 2nd (and the High Roller event).

In other events, Spokane's Mike McDaniel won the Consolation. Jeanne Hofbauer & Toim Markum won the Doubles, George Rasmussen copped the Early Bird, Wayne Larson took the Cry Baby. Ken Cochlin was the high qualifier in the Main Event...and Ron Morgan was low qualifier in the Consolation with an 11-point card. He left the tournament thinking he had not qualified and this rarity caused a forfeit.

Linda Johnson and Toni Morrow keeps 'em pegging in Mabton, WA.

Cribbage...A Game For All Ages

On the recent Panama Canal cruise, the "Have Pegs, Will Travel" group sported players from all ages. Opal Tomlinson, a great sport from Bondurant, Iowa, was spotted pegging away with Bobby Grossman, a 10-year old pegger from Succasunna, New Jersey. Opalis 90-years old...and she can pick 'em up and lay 'em down with the best.

Grossman won the Consolation event on this cruise and has qualified for the Tournament of Champions. Alas, he must be 21 to play in this prestigious event. However, the ACC has a contingency plan for those too young to play. Their invite is put on hold until they turn 21...and Bobby will be able to play in the year 2007 (he turned 11 a day or so after winning this event).

Phyllis Roderick In Thick of Things

Marietta Elliott Scores 9th 29 Hand
Phyllis Roderick, fresh from a great 3rd place finish at the recent JPW/ACC Open, is still on a roll (or sorts). She dealt Marietta Elliott (Paradise, CA) a 29-hand in the qualifying round of the recent Willows Open (CA). Roderick won \$4,400 in Reno, so she didn't begrudge Elliott a measly \$100 for this sanctioned 29-hand.

However, she did envy Elliott scoring this gem. So, a few hours later, playing in a non-sanctioned Consolation event, she scored a 29 for herself! **Russell Adams: figure the odds of this happening!**

Do you suppose she informed director Carl Martens that, in the future, he should sanction his Consolation event, as she will **NOT** receive \$100 for her once-in-a-lifetime 216,580 to 1 gem!

(With \$4,400 in the bank for her February's pegging action, perhaps this loss will be a little easier to take! Ed.)

Rare Double-Double Sam Shwartz Peter Poulin, Jr.

At the recent Shawn's Saturday Special in Woonsocket, RI, an "Old Wives Tale" that if you are the top qualifier, you are doomed to lose that first playoff round match, was put to the torch!

Sam Shwartz, Foxboro, MA, qualified first, and zipped to the championship in the playoffs as well. Shwartz picked up a nifty 121 MRP's in this 84-pegger inaugural match.

Not to be outdone, Peter Poulin, Jr., Lebanon, CT, repeated his performance in the 41-pegger Consolation as he took qualifying honors and the playoff championship.

In the Main, Bob Boultris (MA) finished 2nd, Al Miller (NH), 3rd, and Raymond Schleicher (RI) 4th.

Phil Martin (CT), Harry Meneely (MA), and Bob Cunningham (MA) finished 2-3-4.

Director Shawn Jordan is planning another Saturday Special later this year...watch "Tournament Trail" for this pegging action.

Win With Class!

I would like to add my voice to the letter by Mac McGuigan regarding the "peg-out" rule. It seems to me to favor experienced players and give them an extra chance to gain a game from newer, less experienced, players who are the future blood of the ACC. I think that we, as experienced players, should be encouraging and helping new players instead of taking advantage of them.

I think the rule should be removed, we all know when we have lost a game, let's do it with some class.

*Dale Kochenburg
San Jose, CA*

Grass Roots Corner Standings as of March 14, 1997

Division 1 (club number in parenthesis)

- 1 202 Brian Heroux, Woonsocket RI (31)
- 2 192 Gene Goodell; Portland OR (118)
- 3 169 Wm McDonald; Fresno, CA (45)
- 4 167 David Leboeuf, Sacramento CA (162)
- 5 166 Jerome Fischer, Colby WI (199)
- 6 164 Tom Nohrden, Sacramento CA (162)
- 6 164 Geo. Rasmussen, Chehalis WA (232)
- 8 159 Ron Sargent, Red Bluff CA (159)
- 9 158 Billie Cole, W. Sacramento CA (162)
- 9 158 Anne Haller, Bend OR (12)
- 11 157 Duane Toll, Cudahy WI (6)
- 12 155 Patrick Barrett, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 13 153 Charles Douthit, Cheyenne WY (211)
- 14 151 Wayne Rummels, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 15 149 John Mohler, Seaside CA (82)
- 16 145 Albert Podevels, Colby WI (199)
- 16 145 Lorraine Stockney, Santa Rosa CA (55)
- 16 145 Albina Farris, Riverside RI (31)
- 19 144 Jim Strickling, Arlington TX (106)
- 20 143 Alfred Petrin Jr, Bowdoinham ME (214)
- 20 143 Edwin Fringer, Woodstock IL (213)
- 20 143 Carl Stone Jr, Arcata CA (194)
- 20 143 Bruce Sattler, Baltimore MD (178)
- 20 143 Jerold Bremmer, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 20 143 Joe Lusignan, Salinas CA (82)

Division 2

- 1 158 Tony Montooth, Palo Alto CA (48)
- 2 130 Bill Jensen, Los Altos CA (48)
- 3 124 Wendy Lysyk, San Jose CA (48)
- 4 119 Al Wigger, Cupertino CA (48)
- 5 116 Roger King, Santa Clara CA (48)
- 6 115 Sue Wheaton, Olympia WA (148)
- 7 108 Huston Kitts, Midlothian VA (225)
- 7 108 John Williams, Brooklyn Park MN (67)
- 9 103 Frank Lake, Everett WA (108)
- 10 99 Valerie Sumner, Sparks NV (11)
- 10 99 Allan McDonald, Mtn View CA (48)
- 12 97 Tom Smith, Colebrook NH (219)
- 12 97 Bruce Forbes, Chico CA (142)
- 14 96 Elmer Morlock, Minneapolis MN (67)
- 15 94 Bernice Snyder, San Leandro CA (43)

Division 3

- 1 106 Mike McDaniel, Fairfield WA (216)
- 2 94 Gordon Oberst, Spokane WA (216)
- 3 73 Joyce Keeling, Spokane WA (216)
- 4 62 Gary Sand, Wellpinit WA (216)
- 5 59 Russell Neisen, Scottsdale AZ (24)
- 6 57 Dick Partee, Mesa AZ (24)
- 7 56 Edgar Bastedo, Lethbridge AB (24)
- 8 47 Wm. Hoffman, Haddonfield NJ (115)
- 9 44 Jerry Mittelstaedt, Gold Canyon AZ (24)
- 10 43 Tim Clemenson, Spokane WA (216)
- 10 43 Walter Peoples, Richboro PA (115)

Grass Roots

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For compiling 1,000 Grass Roots Rating Points, the following are awarded the

BRONZE AWARD

- 194- Russell E. Cook, Punta Gorda, FL
- 195- Robert J. Drukman, E. Bridgewater, MA
- 196- David R. Clemmey, Mansfield, MA
- 197- Richard Van Bragt, Hundoonville, MI
- 198- Phil Martin, E. Hartford, CT
- 199- Jerome Tork, WI Rapids, WI
- 200- Rick Rickmyer, Concord CA
- 201- Richard Munro, Marinette, WI
- 202- Verne Nielsen, Portland, OR
- 203- Karen Bouschor, Juneau, AK
- 204- Jim Bouschor, Juneau, AK
- 205- Dennis Moore, Napa, CA
- 206- Francis Lake, Everett, WA
- 207- Joyce Vanelli, Quincy, MA
- 208- Michael Barrett, WI Rapids, WI
- 209- Syd Lampke, Medway, MA

Grass Roots 29 Hands

1996-1997 Season

- 1 Bob Hemond, Grand Rapids MI 9-24-96
- 2 Judy Bucheger, Greenwood WI 10-9-96
- 3 Bob Lambert, Muskegon MI 10-14-96
- 4 Shirley Carr, Chehalis WA 10-24-96
- 5 Leo Labadini; Braintree MA 10-30-96
- 6 Walter Howell, Newport OR 11-23-96
- 7 Elizabeth Schaeffer, Kissimmee FL 11-14-96
- 8 Tom Marr, Port Charlotte FL 12-24-96
- 9 Lee Franklin, Aurora CO 1-4-97
- 10 Lee Galbraith, Herriston; ORE 1-9-97

Statistics Not Complete

Due to a electronic transmission error, Division 1, 2, and 3 are not up to date. The statistics **DO NOT include Region XII.** Next month's list will be updated.

Joe Ramos Has New Address

Joe Ramos, National Grass Roots Statistician, has a new address: **565 Quaker Lane, Unit 40 West Warwick, RI 02093.** His phone number remains the same: (401) 822-0681.