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164 Players Jack Myers Nails New Hampshire Open

Jack Myers, pegging out of Lawrence, MA came to play at the recent New Hampshire Open. After qualifying 4th with a nice 21GP (12-game round) card, he roared on to win this large 164-player event. His combined MRP take? 231 MRPs! This win propels Myers into the thick of the national MRP race.

Robert Kaplan (MA) came close, but could not match Myers' run of cards in the playoffs. Kaplan had a fine run in the qualifying round, however, qualifying first with a 23 GP card, and he earned an aggregate 192 MRPs.

Emil Chrabaszcz (MA) is zeroing in on his Life Master with a 3rd place finish, scoring 135 MRPs, running his lifetime total to well over the 5,700 mark. Robert Sheehan (MA) also finished in a tie for 3rd.

Frank Corrado, an East Hartford pegger, nailed the 92-pegger Consolation, bringing home 63 MRPs...and Master no. 319. Fred Courchaine (MA), Joe Cotoia (MA), and Grace LaMontagne (ME) went 2-3-3. LaMontagne took honors in the qualifying round (14 GPs - 8 games). George Chase (NH) earned Master no. 318 with a 20 GP, 9th place finish in the Main Event qualifying round.

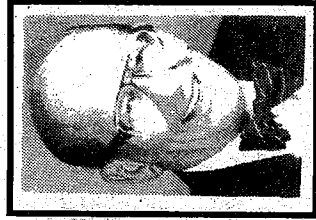
Director Al Miller reports that Leo and Paul Gentili won the Saturday Doubles...and none other than 1995 national champ Rit Alkas (CT) scored the only 28-hand of the weekend. Miller continues to host fine tournaments, attested to by yet another large crowd.

Merry Christmas and a 20-New Year!



Boise, Idaho pegger Don Kunz and the American Cribbage Congress wish all our members the best for the holidays!

Kunz is a professional Santa Claus working out of Boise...and for a small fee he will drop down your chimney with a load of cribbage boards. He is also an ACC pegger who loves the game (and when he takes off his Santa uniform, he becomes a fierce competitor on the boards. Cribbage fever, catch it!



The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Cribbage Hall of Fame

We all know the baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown, N. Y., the Pro Football Hall of Fame is in Canton, Ohio and the College Football Hall of Fame is in South Bend, Indiana.

Most klegers know the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame is located in St. Louis, Missouri, but where is the Domino Hall of Fame or the International Checker Hall of Fame? Dominoes at Hallettsville, Texas (about 75 miles south west of Houston) and Checkers at Petal, Mississippi.

And, where is the Cribbage Hall of Fame?

Right now, the American Cribbage Congress Hall of Fame floats around the country, the portraits and accompanying biographies of ACC's 18 so-honored elite being on display at major ACC events, most recently at the Grand National in Wisconsin Dells, WI, and annually at the Tournament of Champions and Joseph Petrus Wergin Tournament in Reno, Nevada.

Thanks to Barbara Woodward at the Sands Regency Hotel and Casino in Reno, the framed photos are stored at the Sands during the interim.

It has always been a dream of Joe Wergin, our founding president, that the ACC find a suitable location to display these portraits on a permanent basis, along with other archives,

records, and historical memorabilia pertinent to our organization. For the time being, all such historical data is kept in a fireproof safe by Ken Cambell, archivist and historian, at his home in Modoc, S. C.

A collection of cribbage boards would prove to be an interesting item at a proposed ACC Hall of Fame and Museum. We know many collectors of antique, weird, novel-shaped cribbage boards who would will them to such a display...some containing as many as 200 or more unique boards.

Ken Capper, the musical cribbage board maker of Hermiston, OR, recently suggested (in a letter to Ye President) that the ACC Hall of Fame be mounted in a trailer or mobile home and be moved around the U. S. to the sites of various tournaments (2 or 3 every weekend, you know!), so that our members out in the boonies can see it. He further opined that it could be moved to various county and state fairs to gain additional exposure and publicity for the ACC.

Anybody else got any ideas about this project? Where it should be located? What it should contain? How it can be financed? Drop a line to me and we'll take it up with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, keep peppin'....Ev Bey

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3rd Annual River City Open Bob Clark Wins Again

Bob Clark is on a roll! This Walnut Creek, CA, peger has won yet another main event and throws his hat into the ring for national honors this cribbage year. This time around he nailed the huge 3rd Annual River City Open in Orangevale, CA (a suburb of Sacramento). In besting the 162 peggers, Clark has vaulted to well over 500 MRP's for this year's pegging action.

Angelo Torrise (CA) had a fine showing and finished 2nd. He was simply unable to match Clark's hot run in their playoff match. Lainey Ross (CA) and Grand Master Sundae Webb (CA) finished 3-4.

Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) took top qualifying honors with a 3616+216...taking top qualifying honors in three of his last four tournaments.

One-Star Jesse Jarrell (CA) took the 80-pegger Consolation, besting Ratso Roderick (CA) in the final playoff match. Ross Njaa (CA) and Doug Bush (CA) finished 3-4.

The Satellites

Fri. Doubles: Al Libby & Bob Gillette (CA)
Saturday Night: DeLynn Colvert (MT)
All Events: DeLynn Colvert (CA)
Last Chance: Mary Gladish (CA)

Directors Annett Eiffert and Bill Pope ran a first-class tournament, attested to by yet another increase in attendance. Their first effort in 1995 had 118 players, in 1996 132 players showed...and this year a whopping 162! Their fair pay backs, and player amenities (coffee, donuts, juices) are part of the reason, and their contract with the Sheep Herder Inn for a bar-bequed beef and chicken lunch certainly helps! The meal was outstanding! And the Grange Hall had ample room for the large crowd.

The players were outstanding, too, as they donated a mountain of food stuffs for the needy...and when some scoundrel lifted the raffle money (some \$500), the players all chipped in to replace the missing money.

The Cribbage Grapevine is working...*Cribbage World* recommends that our membership take note of this event...and mark your calendars for next year.

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Huge Crowd In Reno Mark Flatto Tops Veteran's Day Classic

Mark Flatto, pegging out of Everett, WA, took on a huge field of well over 300 peggers, and came away the winner at the recent Veteran's Day Classic in Reno November 9. The win came with a nifty \$2,175...and 252 MRP's.

Dave Scott (not an ACC member) took 2nd, followed by Grand Master Jeff Monroe (CA) in 3rd, and Joe Cover (OR) in 4th. Monroe is the ACC's membership chairman...and lately he has been rough on the membership as he is on a roll and is among the national leaders. This cribbage year he has scored well over 500 MRPs.

Lowaine Prueti (OR) loves Reno's action, and she once again scored a great card...a 39 18 +246 to take qualifying honors.

Another streaking player is Sue Edwards, Denver, CO. This time around she nailed the 260-pegger Consolation. Darlene Carr (CA), Norman Mikodym, and Master Bernie Saueressig (WA) finished 2-3-4. Saueressig is knocking on the door for his Grand Master...and this event may well have put him over the 4,000 MRP mark (lifetime).

A huge contingent of doubles players kicked off action on Friday night, and Life Master Duane Toll (WI), the ACC's 8th ranked player (lifetime) teamed with Mike Beauvais (CA) to take the top prize (\$890).

The Saturday night High Rollers event was won by Ratsco Roderick (CA) (\$600) and the Saturday Special winner was Roy Boyles (CA).

Bill and Dorthalce Irons, Roberta Huff, Barbara Woodward, and a host of veterans in full uniform ran the usual first-class event, attested to by yet another huge crowd. The host Sands Casino supplied the players with coffee and sweets and a great buffet lunch two-days running. This event, once again, donated 15% to the Veteran's Family Relief Fund. The Sands donated \$1,300 to the prize fund...and offered a \$1,000 bonus for a 29-hand in the 22-game qualifying round on Saturday. Alas, no one scored this gem.

Missing Members, Where Are You?

The following members are missing. If you are on this list, or have information as to their current address, notify Jeff Monore at 1-888-PEGGING. His address is P. O. Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581.

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Steve Sears, Boise, ID

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Dale Weiler, Spokane, WA

Peg Queen

Sandy Warner pegs out of Fremont, CA, and she is the Peg Queen of America.

How can that be? Well, she carries a walnut box (with inlaid wood) that is chock full of exotic and expensive pegs. She plays whatever pegs she wishes, according to her whims...and which sets is "hot!"

Most of the pegs were made by John Mock, a peg maker from Morro Bay, CA (PO Box 122, zip 93443). His phone number is (805) 722-2835.

Your Cribbage World editor played Warner in Sacramento, and ran across the "jewel box" of pegs...and can attest that they do, indeed, do the job! Two players later in the rotation, Jones Hom (CA) showed off his collection of Mock pegs.

Cribbage fever...catch it!

Moose's W. B. Classic One-Star Joe Bernard Scores Again!

One-Star Joe Bernard, Libertyville, IL, has won yet another tournament. He nailed the W. B. Classic in Fond du Lac, WI on October 12. This win vaults Bernard into the national MRP lead for this cribbage year...and solidifies his 4th all-time ranking in the ACC.

Ray Schenk (WI) finished 2nd, and simply could not match Bernard's cards in the final playoff match. William Dayton (WI) and Larry Zimmerman (WI) finished 3-4. Zimmerman also had the top qualifying round score...a nice 24 GP card in the 14-game match.

Life Master Russell Adams (MN) won the 54 pegger Consolation...and this 15th all-time ACC player continues to earn MRP's. Gary Haelefrisch (WI), Dale Rohm (WI), and Grand Master Deb Schisel (IL) finished 2-3-4.

A highlight of this event saw Jim Huser (WI) score the ACC's 4th 29 hand of the season...and he lost the game! However, the \$100 from the ACC for this gem helped ease the pain!

A lowlight of the event had the motel taken into receivership on Friday night...and no lights were on for many. On Saturday night, players had to find other accommodations. Director Moose Biegler never has a dull moment!

Cheryl Mussell Takes Feather River Open

Cheryl Mussell, pegging out of Sparks, NV, won the recent Feather River Open in Oroville, CA. With 108 players, she copped some 147 MRP's and a sizeable cash prize. Roger King (CA) is moving in on his Grand Master with a 2nd place finish. Chris Quigley (CA) and Jackie Doppelt (CA) finished 3-4. Bill Wakeman (CA) took qualifying honors.

46 players stayed for the Consolation and Jack Shumate III (CA) took honors. Dick Stone (CA), Joe Schalich (CA), and Don Mankers (CA) finished 2-3-4.

Director John Mathews had a unique award for the low overall score in the qualifying round...a toilet-seat and \$5. Who won this prize? None other than One-Star Jesse Jarrell!

Now, The Full Story!

Last month's CW had Betty Nolz playing a practice game...and scoring a 29-hand when playing out of sequence in the rotation.. Dorothy Westerlund dealt the hand (both players had time to kill). Dorothy writes CW that the game was in the Cry Baby event, and the game had a \$.1 wager. Alas, the game could not be completed as the rotation of scheduled play caught them in mid-stream. Westerlund and Nolz were in the same car pool home...so the debate continued over who would have won that unique game!



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