





## The President's Column

**Everett "Ev" Bey**

### New Master Rating Point System

My compliments to the ACC Board of Directors for finally adopting a revised Master Rating Point System.

After 2 years of prodding by the late Ed Horigan who insisted on "equal points for equal difficulty" and the Board's insistence that total points being awarded in the future be consistent with historical precedent.

The new system goes into effect with the start of the new tournament year, August 1, 1997.

The simplified system polished by Paul Hatcher and DeLynn Colvert makes it easy for everyone to instantly figure their MRP's earned in any tournament. (See explanation and Qualifying, Playoff and Consolation tables elsewhere in this edition of *Cribbage World*.)

### Martha Fingleton Elected to Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Martha Fingleton, newly-elected member of the ACC Hall of Fame. Seven were nominated but Martha was the only one to get 75% of the votes cast by the Board.

She is the 18th member of the Hall of Fame, the second woman to be so honored. Her many years as National Tournament Commissioner, longtime Board member and consistent tournament player and director were well rewarded.

### Fire Hall Cribbage...

Cribbage is a game that is popular with firemen who are willing away some time waiting for a fire call.

However in Prineville, Oregon at the Oregon Championship match, director Bob St. Yves used the local fire hall, complete with all the

### Worldwide Internet

We're still pounding out our newspaper column and these missives for *Cribbage World* on our old reliable No. 5 Underwood...we haven't yet delved into the modern technology of computers, modems, bytes and bits...but the ACC is about to go on the Worldwide Internet.

Pat Barrett of Wisconsin Rapids and Steve Sattler of Baltimore are heading up the project. Over the past 4 months, they researched at least 10 companies who provide Internet services and recommended Erols, A Virginia-based company, as the ACC Internet Provider.

Concurring with their efforts, the ACC Board authorized the expenditure of \$1,000 over the next 2 years to put ACC "on line" with its own home page.

Watch for announcement about our Home Page sign-on. Meanwhile, those computer nuts out there in cribbagedom might be interested in contacting the Baltimore Cribbage Club at <http://www.erols.http/www.erols.com/>; spsbalto; Sattler at [spsbalto@erols.com](mailto:spsbalto@erols.com); or Paul Barnes and the Greater Orlando Cribbage Club at [pbarnes@juno.com](mailto:pbarnes@juno.com).

Also involved in the Internet project are Barnes, Jeff Monroe, Joe Bernard and Larry Samet.

*Keep peggin'.....Ev Bey*

engines and fire apparatus, to play a little cribbage. The Saturday night game was played in the fire hall...and the playoffs for the Main Event were also played there.

So what's new in a small town? Cribbage in the firehall? Nahhh...that's old stuff!

## FULL HOUSE

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Don Hilton, a Master peger from Hood River, OR nailed 2nd...and \$2,040. Another Oregon player...Harold Schmelzer...took 3rd and \$1,500. Dianne Loch, Appleton, WI finished 4th (\$1,100). Frank Leiter, Vadnais Heights, MN, posted a grand slam 9/9 21 +161 in the qualifying round to take honors...and \$530 in Q money.

## Tournament of Champions Russell Nelsen: \$8,600

Russell Nelsen, Scottsdale, AZ, is at home in Reno, having been top qualifier several times, and he usually goes home a winner. This time around in the 452-pepper Tournament of Champions (a meetby invite only), he came away the grand prize winner...\$8,600!

Bob Chase, Crystal, MN, was close, and his 2nd place finish paid a nice \$6,300. Duane Toll, a Life Master from Cudahy, WI nailed 3rd (\$4,500), but added no Master Points to his lofty 9,000+ lifetime total, as this meet, by invite only, awards no MRPs. Bob St. Yves, Prineville, OR, was the best "double-dipper" in the house as he took home 4th money (\$3,400) and grabbed top-qualifying honors with a very nice 32 15 +237 in this 16-game qualifying round...and another \$1,350 in Q prize money!

Donald Tofte (WI), I. V. Graham (AZ), Doug Brown (WA), and Ron Sather (MN) all carted home sizeable prizes with 5-8 finishes.

The TOC sported 272 players in a unique Consolation match. This event had a 12-game high-card format (since the event is not sanctioned, head-to-head playoffs are not required) and Andrew Hulcher, Richmond, VA, came away the winner by scoring a grand slam 12/12 26 +241. Hulcher's card was very rare, indeed! His take? \$2,050! Master Jim Hornbacher (WA), Aaron Geroux (NC), and Richard Neunsinger (MN), all topped \$1,000 in finishing 2-3-4.

The inanimate playing cards, sensing that these two matches (Main Event and Consolation) were among the nation's toughest players, awarded nary a single 28-hand! Another rarity, as several should have been scored according to the old law of averages!

Directors Joan & Jim Rein, Scott Kooistra, Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer, and a host of

volunteers kept the huge crowd on track for the entire weekend...and they expressed amazement at how smooth both events were played! The Sands...with Barbara Woodward's expert guidance...again proved excellent hosts for this mammoth crowd. The Board of Directors voted once again, to play next year's match at the Sands. Mark your calendars...as this year's match was a sellout!

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# Wignettes FROM RENO

Duane Toll, the cribbage whiz from Wisconsin, claims he was too busy pegging to play the machines. He started he managed to play but a single quarter-all week-end...but nevertheless, brought home some \$5,000! Cribbage is very kind to Toll!

Players had not even settled in to their Sands surroundings prior to Friday's TOC match before several had scored big on the machines. Emil Lubinski (MN) nailed \$1,474 for a royal flush on a quarter machine late Thursday afternoon. Not to be outdone, Roy Hofbauer (WA) picked up \$1,349 for the same feat. Darrel Miotke (OR) took home \$780...and all this transpired before a single cribbage card was dealt.

Andy Hucher's great TOC Consolation card (12/12 26+241) was aided by witchcraft! He was wearing a tall red and white striped hat (a Sam the Cat hat in Dr. Suess's book) while doing his pegging...and he simply couldn't lose!

Emily Medeiros (MA) began play in the JPW/ACC open with a bang! Her very first hand was a 28! With this glorious start she anticipated a great day. Wrong! She ended the day with cold cards and scored a 15 GP score. Meanwhile, husband Rob began the day scoring a 16-hand on his first deal. He managed to hang tough all day...but missed qualifying by having too few spread points (he needed 23 more to make the cut!).

Sylvia Sutton (CA) came the closest to qualifying, finishing 257th. 256 peggers made the cut! Her luck came back later that evening as she won a 35" color TV in the Sand's drawing. She opted for \$599 cash...as the set was simply too large to carry home.

Roy Hofbauer (WA) had the best luck in pulling a game out of the fire. He needed 24 points to win, with his opponent needing but a scant 3 to win (with the deal). Roy held 3-4-4-5, and cut a 3. Needing 4 pegs to win, his opponent held a 10-10-J-Q. Oops! Roy scored a 31 for 2, then a 15-2 for the necessary 4 pegs. 4 + 20 = 24...and game!

Lee Norris (RI) had the saddest story of the day (among many hundreds offered to CW). Norris had a 24 GP card with 6 games to go. He lost 5 of these remaining games, 2 in the stinkhole, and failed to qualify by a whisker!

Tim Krawford (KS) was the most crushed by the cut for deal rule. He lost 16 of 22 cuts...and was so mortified by this "unfairness" that he wrote CW a 2-page letter singing the blues. He noted that your editor was "crabby" when he was complaining about this format... (hey, you listen to hundreds of sad stories and I'll guarantee you'll be a little crabby, too!)

The lights went out in Reno at 8:20 AM, with 1,024 players all set to begin pegging action. The directors all breathed a sigh of relief. Suppose play had begun with a game in progress. No loudspeaker to inform the players what to do in the dark...and when the lights came back on, half the field (those losing the game at that point) would all loudly demand to begin again. The other half would loudly proclaim the game continue. Can you imagine the mess?

Once again, parity seems to have overtaken the ACC. Many, many top ranked players failed to qualify for the playoffs, and players singing the blues was all too common.

## President Emeritus Joe Wergin Celebrates 87th Birthday

President Emeritus Joe Wergin recently celebrated his 87th birthday...and he says he would love to hear from our membership. His address:

Hebron Hall, Room 110  
6201 Mineral Point Road  
Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 238-1663

## Biggest Bargain?

Is the Consolation the biggest bargain in a weekend of pegging? Think about it! The Consolation has a free financial ride of the back of the Main Event. The Main Event pays all the bills: playing cards, boards, scorecards, pens, coffee and doughnuts, publicity, postage, sanctioning fees, charities, trophies and more.

The cash return of a Consolation event is usually 100%...or at least more than the percentage paid back by the Main Event.

Ken Cambell writes that "The costs of a sanctioned tournament should be shared: 2/3 by the Main Event 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."

# Holy Cow! It's Mickow!

## Portland Winter Draws Huge Crowd

Director Dorothy Mickow has been faithfully managing a long-running Portland Winter and Summer event...and this time around, enough was enough! She copped the championship and the \$1,000 prize in this huge 164-pegger match.

The satellites:

Time Passer: Fabian Nelson (OR)

Doubles: Chris Kim & Ryan Kimura (OR)

High Rollers: George Rasmussen (WA)

Saturday Night: Bruce Wridge (OR)

Cry Baby: Rod Schott (WA)

And the win came the hard way, as she had to get by perennial winner and newly crowned Life Master Paul Hatcher (Salem, OR) in the final match.

New member Eugene Whipkey (OR) began his pegging career with a nice 28-hand, and Ruby McElroy (OR) also nailed this gem...but no 29's showed.

George Butz, Tillamook, OR nailed 3rd followed by another pegger on a roll...Bruce Wridge, the \$10,000 winner from last year's ACC Open in Reno, in 4th.

Director Mickow, rubbing her hands in glee, announces that she will again schedule a Summer Open this July. See Tournament Trail, this issue, for details.

Sundae Webb flew in from California and nailed a super 39 18 +283 card to easily take qualifying honors...and even helped Jesse Jarrell's 10 GP card win two spots in team event play.

### Tiger Woods of Cribbage?

Jason Hofbauer, the teen-age son of Jeanne and Roy Hofbauer, sat down for the final match in the 122-pegger Consolation at Portland's Winter Open. His opponent was Life-Master Two Star DeLynn Colvert.

Jason Hofbauer (WA) of the pegging Hofbauer clan took the 122-pegger Consolation, waxing Life Master Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) in the final playoffs 2-0. Paul Hirschmann (OR) and Roger Wilson (CO) tied for 3rd.

Hofbauer confidently announced to Colvert that he is the Tiger Woods of Cribbage! Colvert replied, "Bah humbug, we'll see about that!"

Well, Colvert did see about that...Jason won two quick games by a rout and the championship! Colvert was last seen mumbling about this new Tiger Woods...



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## Grass Roots Corner

### Standings as of February 7, 1997

#### Division 1 (club number in parenthesis)

- 1 188 Brian Heroux, Woonsocket RI (31)
- 2 149 Gene Goodell, Portland OR (118)
- 3 145 Albert Podelvs, Colby WI (199)
- 4 143 Edwin Fringer, Woodstock IL (213)
- 4 143 Bruce Sattler, Baltimore MD (178)
- 6 140 William McDonald, Fresno CA (45)
- 6 140 Norm Wright, Madison WI (1)
- 8 139 Marvin Lang, Woodstock IL (3)
- 9 132 Anne Haller, Bend OR (12)
- 10 131 Ronald Sargent, Red Bluff CA (159)
- 11 129 Lyle Lund, Carver MN (215)
- 11 129 John Maurer, Crystal Lake IL (3)
- 13 128 David Strahl, Elgin IL (116)
- 13 128 Paul Arvello, Schaumburg IL (116)
- 13 128 Jerold Bremmer, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 16 127 Carl Stone Jr., Arcata CA (194)
- 16 127 David LeBoeuf, Sacramento CA (162)
- 16 127 Joyce Bryant, Jarrettsville MD (178)
- 19 126 Richard Larson, Toppenish WA (156)
- 19 126 Albina Farris, Riverside RI (31)
- 21 125 Duane Toll, Cudahy WI (6)
- 22 122 Francis Froelich, Green Bay WI (61)
- 22 122 Willard Peters, Green Bay WI (61)
- 24 121 Billie Cole, W. Sacramento CA (162)
- 24 121 Sharon Deane, Fairfax VA (89)

#### Division 2

- 1 112 Tony Montooth, Palo Alto CA (48)
- 2 108 Huston Kitts, Midlothian VA (225)
- 2 108 John Williams, Brooklyn Park MN
- 4 93 Carl Garner, Grand Junction CO (224)
- 5 91 Ed Maslansky, Silver Springs MD (149)
- 6 90 Merritt Schumann II, G. Jct'n CO (224)
- 7 86 Dennis McNurlen, Grinnell IA (17)
- 7 86 Sue Wheaton, Olympia WA (148)
- 7 86 Valerie Sumner, Sparks NV (11)
- 7 86 Roger King, Santa Clara CA (48)
- 11 85 Thomas Smith, Colebrook NH (219)
- 12 84 Bill Jensen, Los Altos CA (48)
- 13 82 Elmer Morlock, Minneapolis MN (67)
- 13 82 Bruce Forbes, Chico CA (142)
- 15 79 Harold Davis, Colebrook NH (219)
- 15 79 Joy Jerdee, Brooklyn Park MN (67)

#### Division 3

- 1 64 Mike McDaniel, Fairfield WA (216)
- 2 56 Edgar Bastedo, Lethbridge AB (24)
- 3 53 Gordon Oberst, Spokane WA (216)
- 4 48 Gary Sand, Wellpinit WA (216)
- 5 43 Walter Peoples, Richboro PA (115)
- 5 43 Russell Nelsen, Scottsdale AZ (24)
- 7 41 Juanita Mater, Portland OR (135)
- 7 41 Joyce Keelling, Spokane WA (216)
- 9 33 William Hoffman, Haddonfield NJ (115)
- 10 32 Charles Fletchall, Grimes IA (24)

## Grass Roots Bronze Level

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

### BRONZE AWARD

- 174- Lee Chambers, Corvallis, OR
- 175- John Marshall, N. Providence, RI
- 176- Robert Hayman, Walpole, MA
- 177- Julie Tuckett, El Cajon, CA
- 178- Maurice Ramsay, Avon, MA
- 179- Bruce Wridge, Portland, OR
- 180- Ralph Destefano, Medford, MA
- 181- Paul Gallagher, Avon, MA
- 182- Doris Perkins, Quincy, MA
- 183- Mary Gladfish, Concord, CA
- 184- David Guyse, WI Rapids, WI
- 185- Red Alter, Aurora, CO
- 186- Avon Ray, Santa Rosa, CA
- 187- James Gogolin, Idlewild Park, OR
- 188- Harold Belles, Albany, NY
- 189- Dave Stratford, Napa, CA
- 190- Phyllis Daily, Punta Gorda, FL
- 191- John Dawes, Lakewood, CA
- 192- Dale Pawley, Warwick RI
- 193- Ford Jewer, Wakefield, RI

## 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 Lanbert, 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 11-29-96
- 7 Elizabeth Schaeffer, Kissimmee FL 11-14-96

## GR Tidbits...

Frank Danielski (GR 90) nailed a 9/9 Grand Slam for a Christmas present (12-23).

Patrick Barrett (GR 120) is playing at a heady 66.1% win mark!

Congratulations to Al & Sharon Schaefer (GR 6) on their recent marriage...