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178 Peggers In Massachusetts **Earle Remington Tops Tri-Valley Open**

Director Pat Llewellyn is stuck on 178! Last year's Tri-Valley Open played to 178 peggers, and this year's edition did likewise! And the player who showed the best improvement? Medford Smith, W. Roxbury, MA! Last year he finished 4th in the Consolation, and this time around he nailed 2nd in the Main Event.

But Earle Remington, Cumberland, RI brought home the roses as he took the championship...and 180 MRP's. He has topped the 400 mark for the year and will move into the Eastern Region's top 50 for this cribbage year. Remington's drive for the championship was aided by a rare 28-hand.

Following Smith's 2nd came Louis Caccia, Newtonville, MA finishing 3rd. Caccia is also having a fine year, and he has topped the 500 mark. He picked up some 215 MRP's after qualifying 2nd. Frank Corrado, E. Hartford, CT, nailed 4th (and qualified 13th).

Sherri Perelli, Framingham, MA, grabbed top honors in the qualifying round.

Emily Medeiros, Quincy, MA took home the bacon in the 116-pegger Consolation, and picked up 68 MRP's (after qualifying 10th). Husband, Rob, picked up 140 MRP's in the Main Event (qualifying 15th and finishing 8th) and is at the 600 MRP mark for the year.

Another player in the hunt for national honors is Peter Setian, Wilbraham, MA. This time around he finished 2nd in the Consolation, and the 59 MRP's earned vaults him over the 700 mark for the year. In 1996 Setian finished the year with 629 points.

Phil Martin, E. Hartford, CT, took 3rd. Martin, a member of the Eastern Region's All-Star team last season, is nearing the 400 mark for this season. Harry Meneely, Quincy, MA brought home 4th in this large Consolation event. Lillian Feinberg, Ashland, MA had the hot hand in the qualifying round and took honors.

In addition to Remington's 28-hand, four other peggers scored this gem: Sam Shwartz (MA), Mike Hutchko (MA), Jeanne Biadasz (MA), and Valerie Slavin (MA).

Director Llewellyn continues to host large events and reports she will schedule this Tri-Valley Open again next March 8, 1998. In addition, she reported the players donated \$356 to the Veteran's Hospital.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

It's a simple thing to qualify as a Certified ACC Judge. Send \$3.00 to Testing Examiner Al Miller at 12 Michael Avenue, Nashua, NH 03062-1418 and he'll send you the test papers which can be filled out by referring to the "open" Rules Book.

Volunteers Week

It was called to my attention that the last week of April saw the nationwide observance of Volunteers Week, a time to pay tribute to those who offer their free service for good causes.

We, in the ACC, are the recipients of many volunteer efforts, for which we should be duly grateful.

All of our tournaments and Grass Roots clubs depend on volunteer directors to coordinate those functions. Without them, our busy program of competition and social activity would be stifled.

As you all know, all of our 25 elected Board of Directors and 5 Executive Committee officers are non-paid functionaries. Only two...Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe and Crib World Editor DeLynn Colvert...are reimbursed for their efforts and use of equipment...piddling amounts that don't even make a blip on their annual income tax reports.

For all intents and purposes, the ACC is a 100% volunteer-operated entity.

Besides the very essential tournament directors and Grass Roots club leaders, we can't overlook an important function that keeps everything running smoothly and on-track: the ACC's Judges program.

We've all had a confusing situation occur in tournament play or during a club evening...only to call for a pair of judges to listen to the problem and come up with a solid "no favoritism" decision, based on our rules book. We couldn't run our tournaments without them.

There's nothing hidden or secret about it...we just want everybody to become familiar with the ACC rules and regulations.

Besides keeping up-to-date on the rules, Judges designated by a tournament must also be available at the drop of a hat to leave their own game and join a second judge in adjudicating a misunderstanding or card hassle. Players involved in the matter may also call for a third judge for a final decision if there is disagreement with the judgment made by the first pair of judges.

Other functioning volunteers that keep the ACC running smoothly include the statisticians, the tournament commissioners, even the scorecard checkers who work in a closed room after the tournament scores are turned in.

Our hat is off to all of them for their devoted and dedicated volunteer service.

At our recent Arizona Roadrunner tournament, we also imposed on the entire playing field, asking them to voluntarily arrange the cards by suit and in numerical order when they finished play. By golly, it worked...and saved my committee many hours of needless time to recreate "whole" decks. It's something each tournament director might want to try...it gets the job done with a minimum of effort,

Keep peggin'.....Ev Bey

ACC Internet Scores...

The ACC Home Page on the Internet has received very favorable response from the cribbage players around the world. The contents lists up-to-date statistics on MRP's, National Rating Points, Bronze Award winners, Tournament Trail, Tournament Results, club champions, club directory, and much, much more. There are also sections giving "Cribbage Tips," and a new department on cribbage board collecting with pictures of unique cribbage boards. Spread the word and check out the ACC's Home Page at: <http://www.cribbage.org>

Winnemucca II Jack Shumate III Strikes Nevada Gold

The 2nd Annual Winnemucca Classic more than doubled attendance from the first Classic played in this small Nevada town...and Jack Shumate III, Kings Beach, CA took home the "gold!" His prize was a sizeable \$1,100+ in this 110-pegger event. With the score at 3-3 and needing 21 points to win, Shumate stunned Charles Whittaker with the needed 21-point hand to take the championship.

Whittaker is from nearby Elko and his 2nd place finish paid a nice \$700. Darren Black, Portland, OR, is back into the action as this Master pegger took 3rd (after finishing 1996 in great fashion with a 5th place finish nationally...amassing some 1,484 MRP's). Bob St. Yves, Prineville, OR, continues his roll lately and this time around nailed 4th place.

Estill Elliot, Sparks, NV, had an excellent 42/20/22-+324 in the qualifying round to easily take honors. This is one of the highest scores reported this cribbage year.

70 players played the Consolation and Helen Davis from Quincy, CA took home the bacon. Bob Watkins (Portland, OR), Jack Moritzky (Mabton, WA), and Robert Gromek (Las Vegas, NV) took 2-3-4.

The Satellites:

Friday Time Passer: Bob Barth (NV)
Doubles: Marilyn Andersen (CA) & Marilyn McGrew (CA)
Cry Baby: Nicholas Maximov (CA)

The Winners Casino, in Winnemucca sponsored this event and Robyn Bullock of the Winner's staff ran out the red carpet for the players. The paybacks were exceptional, the room rates at the Winners were very reasonable, and the playing hall (Convention Center) was first class. Bullock kept the players well-supplied with coffee and pastries two-days running, in addition to other amenities. *Cribbage World* predicts this event will top 200 players in the near future, attested by the increase from 47 players in 1996 to 110 this year.

And as usual, Ralph and Marvis Reynolds kept all events on track and well organized.

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Wendell Arntzen

Cops Montana Open

Wendell Arntzen almost missed the playoffs at the recent 121-pegger Montana Open Championship. With daylight saving time going into effect on Sunday's playoff round, Arntzen was a tad late. However, when he entered the fray, this Richland, WA pegger wasted no time in walking to the title. His last match with 1992 winner Lynn Gillespie went 3-0. Gillespie, another Tri-Cities pegger (Kennewick), nevertheless had another fine showing, having qualified 4th. He took home a nice 158 MRP's. Arntzen, after qualifying 14th, took home 152.

George Rasmussen, a Chehalis, WA pegger in the thick of the annual MRP race finished 3rd...and the 122 MRP's keep him at the top of the leader board. Keith Forrest, a Master pegger from Stevensville, MT nailed 4th and has topped the 400 mark for this cribbage year.

Canadian Edgar Bastedo posted a fine 38 17 +148 to take honors in the qualifying round. Jim Hornbacher, Bothell, WA took 2nd and finished the playoffs in the 5-8 bracket. He has topped the 500 mark for the year, and throws his hat into the MRP race as well.

76 players stayed for the Consolation and a newly-signed ACC member took honors...Warren Scheater from Billings, MT Luanne Feistet, the ACC's "pistol-packing pegger" from Missoula, MT took 2nd (and another 2nd in the High Roller), Mike McDaniel, Spokane, very nearly ran the table after taking qualifying honors. He finished 3rd. Another Billings player...George Rodriguez...took 4th.

The satellites:

Friday Time Passer: Marty Lorea (MT)
High Roller: Sharon Hejmanek (MT)
Doubles: G. Rose (WA) & T. Brown (MT)
Saturday: Hazel Croft (AB)
Cry Baby: Teresa Zahn (WA)

Hazel Croft from Edmonton, AB, joined the ACC before play, and this rookie pegger fared quite well, finishing 5-8 in the Main and taking the Saturday Night game.

Directors DeLynn Colvert, Rex Paddock & Sharon Hejmanek had a full array of raffle and 24-hand prizes (some 50 were given away). They plan on renewing this match again next April.

Jo Kirby Scores 10th 29-Hand

Phil True Wins Northwest Open

The Northwest Open is the longest running tournament in that area, and the 20th annual was won by veteran pegger Phil True, a Master pegger from Richland, WA. True edged Flo Dixon, a new member from Halfway, OR...and she was halfway to the championship, but fell one match short in her first tourney.

Danella Royal, LaGrande, OR and local Gene Sissel took 3rd and 4th in this 74-pegger meet. Sissel is moving in on his Grand Master with the 79 MRP's earned.

Clifford Allen, Spokane, took honors in the qualifying round.

The Tri-Cities area sports tough peggers and another won the 46-pegger Consolation. Doug Brown, a newly crowned Grand Master from Pasco, won this event. Two peggers from Everett, WA took 2nd and 3rd: Mary Lou Trnka and Frank Lake. Kathy Slater, Boise, took 4th.

A highlight of this event saw Jo Kirby, Richland, WA score the ACC's 10th 29-hand of the 1997 season...and she takes home \$100 for this gem!

Director Rob Palmer has been heading up this event since day one...and he gets a 20-year pin! He'll play number 21 next March 13-15, 1998.

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Gene Miller Gnaws His Way Around The Board

Gene Miller is from Stanfield, OR, and he has come up with a way to improve his game.

He recently had his gold-capped molar teeth extracted and he hired peg-maker Ken Capper (Hermiston, OR) to mount these teeth onto his cribbage pegs. Needless to say, this is, at the very least, a great conversation piece. Miller claims that since he has begun using these unique pegs his winning average has soared. He finished 5-8 at the Winnemucca II event...and this more than paid for Capper's peg making bill.

Incidentally, Miller reported that Capper was laughing all the while he fiendishly made these pegs!

Omaha Open Scheduled August 8-10

The Omaha Open (Aug. 8-10) request arrived too late for Tournament Trail, this issue. Full details next month.

Jim Hartung Cops Washington State Open

Jim Hartung, Richland, WA is moving in on his Grand Master with a win at the recent Washington State Open (played at Mabton, WA March 1 & 2). After qualifying 8th, Hartung took home 80 MRP's in this 62-pegger event.

Local favorite Jack Moritzky took 2nd, followed by Jim Gogolin, a Master pegger from Idlewylld Park, OR, and John Haller, Hermiston Or, in 3rd and 4th. Grand Master Ken Cochlin, Kennewick, WA took honors in the qualifying round.

Mike McDaniel, Fairfield, WA edged Grand Master Bill Hill, Hermiston, OR for the Consolation title.

Director Linda Johnson had great paybacks, and with this first tournament under her belt, will play number two next March 1-2.

COLORADO WINNER OPEN

Barbara Jochum from nearby Golden, CO, won the 62-pegger Colorado Winter Open February 16. Jochum qualified 7th and took home some 83 MRP's in addition to a nice winner's purse. Royal Franklin (Littleton, CO), Butch Ehrlich (Denver), and Betty Hoskins (Denver) finished 2-3-4.

Jim Matthes, a new ACC member from Lakewood, CO took home the 32-pegger Consolation title. Jack Fargher (CO), Buzz Railsback (NE), and Richard Graham (CO) finished 2-3-4.

Director Roger Wilson is off and running with this Colorado Winter Open, and plans on renewing again next year.



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