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Record 456 in Wisconsin Dells **GN XVI: Pat Barrett**

456 peggers from 31 states and Canada descended on Wisconsin Dells, WI in late September for Grand National XVI. Wisconsin Dells is a small resort town, and in September just about the only action around was the huge cribbage meet at the Holiday Inn.

And the action was hot and heavy. With the record crowd adding excitement to the air, the Main Event went off to a fast start. In game two, Douglas Anderson, a pegger from Madison, WI scored a 29-hand (he will receive \$100 from the ACC for this gem), and the crowd was off. Clay Collier, a 1990 Grand National winner, appeared on track to repeat. This Nebraska pegger topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 37 18/22 +153 to take honors.

But when the long and arduous qualifying and playoff rounds were played to the finish, Director Patrick Barrett came away the grand winner! With all the distractions of managing this large crowd, winning the event is doubly amazing. The win was also doubly satisfying to Barrett, as he zipped to his Life Master rating (the ACC's 29th), in addition to leading the nation in MRP's in this year's early going.

Master Roy Banducci, Arroyo Grande, CA came close to grabbing all the marbles, but simply could not match Barrett's cards in the final match, falling 0-4. However, 2nd place in this large match garnered Banducci 196 MRP's and he is among the nation's leaders in the early going.

Grand Master Lloyd Kraft, Seymour, WI nailed 3rd, with Tony Sterzingea, Colby, WI in 4th.

A. whopping 294 peggers played the Consolation, and veteran Master Charlie Ball, Everett, WA came away the winner. He took home some 108 MRP's. Master Larry Hassett, an ACCBOD member from Roseburg, OR took home 2nd, followed by Master George Johnson, Fitchburg, MA and Life Master Rit Alkas, Manchester, CT in 3rd and 4th.

Director Barrett had the usual satellite events and huge crowds attended every match. The winners:

Friday \$20: Bob Sommer (MN) 20 9/9 +153

Friday \$50: Bill Wakeman (CA)

Saturday Night: Todd Malmgren (OR)

Last Chance: Annette Eiffert (CA) 16 7/7 +135

In addition to the satellites, co-director Mike Barrettran several side pools, and Clay Collier, Bob Sommer, Rob Medeiros (MA), Bill Wakeman, and Larry Samet (MA) scored quite well. Continued on page 3.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Kudos to GN XVI

Writing this freshly from the record-breaking 16th Annual Grand National tournament at Wisconsin Dells Holiday Inn.

My congratulations to Pat and Linda Barrett, and the whole Barrett clan, for a really "Sweet 16" event. Good location, good accommodations, good attendance (an all-time high of 456 players!)...no complaints.

They really set a pattern for Paul Barnes, John Groz & company to match in next year's 17th Annual Grand National scheduled at Ramada Resorts Oceanfront in Daytona Beach on October 22-25, 1998. Mark it down in your calendar now.

During its Semi-annual meeting, the new ACC Board of Directors voted the 18th Annual Grand National to be held at the Riviera Casino/Hotel in Las Vegas, NV on September 10-12, 1999. Bob Julian is director, assisted by Bob Gromek, and Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer. Larry Hassett submitted an unsuccessful bid for the '99 event in Roseburg, OR.

Three newly elected directors were welcomed to the ACC Board: Annett Eiffert of Citrus Heights, CA; Sundae Webb, Pittsburg, CA; and a retreat elected again, Lea Hornbeck, Washougal, WA.

"Sweet Ol' Bey" (S. O. B.) was elected President for the 5th year. Serving with me on the Executive Committee will be Syl Lulinski, executive vice-president; Paul Hatcher, vice president-policy; Joe Ramos, vice president-operations; and Jim Ready, executive member-at-large.

Chairmen of four standing committees were appointed by the Executive Committee: Rules, Syl Lulinski; Tournament Guidelines, George Bickford; Public Relations, Ev Bey; and Grass Roots Clubs, Gene Mikulsky, commissioner.

Besides Lulinski, the Rules Committee included Joe Bernard, Jeanne Hofbauer, Aggie Mikulsky and Cathy Perkins. They presented some 30 proposed rules changes (mostly language clarifications) which were adopted. The most important saw elimination of the controversial "pegging out" rule (Paragraph VII, Section 10), replacing it with three actions which shall be considered equivalent to pegging out, winning the game: recording the game outcome on a scorecard; placing his/her peg in one of the game/record holes; or advancing a game/record peg.

These new rules will not go into effect until a revised Rules Book is published and distributed to the membership; expected about January 1, 1998. Meanwhile, the present Rules Book and the current "pegging out" requirements are still in effect.

George Bickford, National and Eastern Region Tournament Commissioner, heads the Tournament Guidelines committee, assisted by two other Tournament Commissioners, Joe Bernard, Central Region; and Roy Hofbauer, Western Region. Their proposed new compilation of Tournament Rules and Guidelines was approved, with changes, and will be distributed to all Tournament Directors.

My P. R. committee includes Bob Julian, Bill Campbell, Phil Babcock and has been expanded to add Steve Sattler, publisher of the ACC's new web site home page on the World Wide Internet.

Paul Hatcher was re-elected chairman of the Ethics committee, which includes the 3 Tournament Commissioners, George Bickford, Joe Bernard and Roy Hofbauer, as well as Jim Ready, Martha Fingleton and Sundae Webb, two each from the Eastern and Central Regions and three representing the majority membership of the Western Region.

Keep peggin'..... Ev Bey

GN XVI: Pat Barrett

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The American Cribbage Congress's annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday night and well over 100 ACC members and their families were in attendance. Martha Fingleton was inducted into the Cribbage Hall of Fame, in addition to receiving her Life Master award. Two-Star, One-Star, Life master, Grand Master, and Master awards were presented, as well as 18 29-hand awards. President Ev Bey presented the President's Award to Ron Hamilton and National Grass Roots awards were also on tap. The closing ceremonies presented the top ten players from the 1997 season with their All-American awards. And, as usual, Martha Fingleton and Scott Kooistra were expert in their Master of Ceremony duties and the program ran smoothly.

Grand National XVI, under the expert guidance of Patrick Barrett and a bevy of helpers ran a first-class event. Next year's Grand National will be played in Daytona Beach, Florida, with Paul Barnes heading up the program. Barnes has a long history of running fine tournaments, and GN XVII should be a winner! The event will be played in October, instead of the usual September dates. Mark your calendars.

New MRP System

Several players have asked for the new Master Rating System forms. In lieu of these forms, perhaps the following simplified numbers will be adequate. You may want to clip these numbers and keep them in your wallet or purse, for your information. CW wagers that once the basic numbers are memorized, no further lists will be needed to figure your MRP's

Qualifying Round (Top 1/8 ONLY)

MAIN EVENT (+5)

- 22 games: 27 GP's-5 MRP's, 28-10, etc.
 - 20 games: 26-5; 27-10, etc.
 - 20 games: 25-5; 26-10, etc.
 - 18 games: 22-5; 23-10, etc.
 - 16 games: 20-5; 21-10, etc.
 - 14 games: 17-5; 18-10, etc.
 - 12 games: 15-5; 16-10, etc.
- #### CONSOLATION (+3)

- 10 games: 13 GP's-3 MRP's, 14-6, etc.
- 9 games: 12-3; 13-6, etc.
- 8 games: 11-3; 12-6, etc.
- 7 games: 9-3; 10-6, etc.

PLAYOFFS

MAIN: 7-21-42-70-105-147-196-252-315
CONSOLATION: 3-9-18-30-45-63-84-108-135

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Unique Wine & Cheese Tasting Event Roger Wilson Tops 182 In Napa

Grand Master Roger Wilson zipped among the leaders in the National MRP race by winning the huge 16th Annual Wine Valley Open in Napa, CA, September 20. This Colorado pegger scored 897 MRP's last year, narrowly missing a top ten spot, and is off and winging in the new year.

Russell Nelsen, another Grand Master pegging out of Scottsdale, AZ, slugged it out with Wilson in the final playoff match, but Wilson prevailed. Nevertheless, Nelsen's 147 MRP's also places him among the leaders this fledgling cribbage year.

Bod Bodine and Mike Wiley both hail from Antioch, CA...and they tied for the 3rd spot. The MRP take? 105 MRP's each.

Jay Sorensen (CA) topped the field of 182 peggers in the qualifying round to take honors.

Scott Milo, (CA) was smoking in the Consolation event as he scored 18 GP's in the 8-game event. Dave Thorne, Bill Pope, and Raitso Roderick (all California peggers) finished 2-3-4. Due to time limitations caused by the wine and cheese tasting, this event had no playoffs, and, as a consequence, was not sanctioned.

Richard Flatto (CA) teamed with Randal Blair (NM) to win the doubles event on Friday night.

Director Jack Monroe reported that this popular event hosted players from 8 states and continues to draw a large crowd! This year's event did not conflict with the Grand National, giving players a chance to play both events.

Rex Paddock Wins Montana Championship
Co-Director Rex Paddock stunned Bernie Saueressig (WA) with three come-from-behind wins on fourth street in the final match to cop the 114-pegger Montana Championship October 5th. Paddock has been a long-time co-director of this annual match, and finally came home with the roses. He had won two Consolation titles in the past, but the main event had eluded his grasp.

1989 champ Ron Whyde (Helena) took 3rd, and a rare North Dakota player (Allan Stanek) captured 4th. Stanek also was high qualifier (38 GP's), bringing home an aggregate 150 MRP's.

Mike McDaniel (WA) continues to win the Consolation, having finished in the top four for four consecutive years. Betty Johnson (WA) took 2nd, with Jim Keeling (WA) and Jim Gogolin (OR) in 3rd and 4th.

The Satellites:

Friday Time Passer: Todd Malmgren (OR)
Friday Special: Sue Edwards (CO) 9/9 20 GP's
Saturday Special: Jason Hofbauer (WA) 9/9 19 GP's
All-Events: Sue Edwards (CO) 58 GP's
Cry baby: Arlene Carle (AK)

John Haller Nails Blue Mountain Open

John Haller zipped south down I-84 to LaGrande, OR from his Hermiston, OR home and when he arrived back home, he was the proud owner of the champion's trophy...and more than enough gas money, as he won the long-running Blue Mountain Open. Haller was also the event's top qualifier (35 GP's) and carted home an aggregate 192 MRP's.

Dick Clark zipped north on I-84 from his Boise, Idaho home, but he had to settle for 2nd in this 80-pegger event.

Local Danella Royal nailed 3rd, and Eileen Shime (Bend, OR) took 4th.

Idaho's Ozzie Osborne won the 54-player Consolation, and Irving Busby (WA) came away 2nd.

The Satellites:

Doubles: Doug Brown & Gary Rose
High Rollers: Darren Black (OR)
Saturday: James Seufert (OR)
Last Chance: Frank Lake (WA)

A highlight of this event saw Gene Sissel, Baker City, OR qualify 7th in the Consolation and finish 9-16 and earned Grand Master.

Director Charlotte Springer reported that she was grateful for all that volunteered their help...and is proud to report that this event had a 100% payback!

Betty Nolz... Stay in Sequence!

Betty Nolz, Redmond, OR, was playing much too fast at the recent Blue Mountain Open Consolation. With time to spare, she asked Dorothy Westertund (OR) if she would like to play a "practice" game to kill some time.

Oops...up popped that 29-hand! No \$100 for this unsanctioned gem. Westertund wasn't even registered to play the Consolation, but, by chance, was in the area.