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Jackie Doppelt Tops In Sacramento

Jackie Doppelt, a veteran Master pegger from Vacaville, CA, took home all the marbles at the recent River City Open in Sacramento, CA. In besting the field of 132, she took home a nice 196 MRP's, in addition to a sizeable first place check. Her last match was with the streaking George "Ras" Rasmussen (WA). With the score at 2-1 in her favor, the 4th game looked grim, but holding a 3-3-4-4 hand, a 5 turned for the match! Nevertheless, in taking home 2nd, "Ras" picked up 202 MRP's (combined with a 37GP qualifying card), and this Grand Master has zoomed into the thick of the national MRP race.

Marilyn Andersen (CA) had a fine tournament as she took home first in the doubles (teamed with Marilyn McGrew), and came home 3rd in the Main event. Master Rick Rickmyer (CA) copped 4th. Reno's Mike Galante took qualifying honors with a nifty 38 17/22 +232.

Tad Pilecki (CA) won the Consolation, with Angelo Torrisse (CA) taking home 2nd (he was 2nd in the Main Event last year). Boyde Horne (CA) and Master Rollie Heath (OR) finished 3-4.

Directors Bill Pope and Annett Eiffert hosted a bevy of satellite events, The winners:

Friday Singles: Richard Combie (CA)
Friday Doubles: Marilyn Andersen & Marilyn McGrew (CA)
Saturday Special: Roy Banducci (CA)
Last Chance: Jerry Montgomery (CA)
Team: Wardenburg, Hays, White and Mustain
All Events: Mike Galante (NV)

A highlight of the meet saw local Karen "Catfish" Shumizu plunk down a 29-hand in the Saturday night game. Oops, this gem was not in a sanctioned event, no \$100 from the ACC, but Bob Julian forked up a nickel for Karen. This was her first ever 29!

This event was extremely well run, complete with Tom Nohrden's first-class playoff boards (his calligraphy is top notch), an excellent bar-be-que lunch (beef and chicken over a red-oak fire), raffles, and a food drive for the poor. Directors Pope and Eiffert even had an extra nice coffee and pastry bar. This is a four-star event...mark your calendars.

Happy Christmas
and a 29 - New Year!

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Postal Service

When you ask cribbage players to do something, they respond!

Seeking to improve the US Postal Service's delivery of our "Periodical Class" monthly *Cribbage World*, I asked in October for members to fax, e-mail or snail mail me the date they received delivery of the October issue.

The response was overwhelming. I received 13 faxes, 48 e-mail messages and 97 letters...a total of 158 replies.

These were compiled by date and zip code. 5,921 copies were mailed on October 8 at the Minneapolis Business Main Entry Unit by our mailing service, and delivery ranged from October 10 to October 29.

I live in Sun City, AZ and my copy usually arrives the third week of the month. This time I received it on October 19, the same day Tats Tsuruda got his in Hawaii.

I sent the compilation to Paul Vogel, USPS Great Lakes area official at Bloomingdale, Illinois, requesting him to monitor our future mailings to determine whether delivery could be speeded up, be more prompt, hoping to discover where the roadblocks occurred.

If *Cribbage World* was given "first class mail" treatment as Postal regulations require, I figured delivery should have been accomplished within 7 to 10 days, at least by October 18th. Unfortunately, 66 of those 158 replies reported delivery after that date. This represented 42% of those responding.

If that percentage was true for the entire mailing, it indicates that some 2,400 *Cribbage World's* were received late...making much of the material obsolete and out-of-date.

This is unsatisfactory! Especially considering the \$1,300 monthly postal expense.

In mid-November I heard from Mike Stevens, a Minneapolis P. O. official, who said he would track our next *Cribbage World* mailing to determine that we get speedier delivery. We'll follow through!

Comments from ACCers was gratifying.

Randy Gregg, a resident of Chaska, MN, was surprised that CW was printed in Richfield, MN by Lightning Printing, only 40 miles from his home. Maybe that's why he received his CW first.

In Centralia, WA, Wesley Knuth's wife pencils the date received on each month's CW, ranging from the 6th to the 18th for the past five months.

One of our members, a postal worker himself, says he "aggressively sees that they're all out as soon as possible, 'cracking the whip' on his fellow workers to get them out Top Priority."

Robert E. Todd, Sr., Yuma, AZ, said his 17th date "mailing time seems to be a little long." Lou Roso, Modesto, CA, receiving his on the same date, noted: "It seems to be arriving later each month...correct me if I'm wrong."

Edgar Haron of Paradise, CA applauded: "Good luck on speeding up delivery."

PHYLIZZIE, an e-mail identification for Phyllis Schmidt in Williamstown, MA, hoped we would get a lot of responses.

"Keep up the good work and thank you for all you do from cribbage players everywhere," was a sentiment echoed by many...Janet Viands, Reston, VA; Linda Brandt, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Bill Metcalf, West Covina, CA; Theresa Segal, Bedminster, NJ; William Wright, Novata, AZ; Jerry Tardif, Milford, IA, and Richard Kachure, somewhere in NJ.

Adrian Levy, Lafayette, CA, insisted; "Please do something about the snail mail's delivery of my *Cribbage World*. It takes so long to get me that an anthropologist doesn't need to read the date on the magazine...he could carbon date it. Also, thanks for your monthly comments, they're insightful to read."

Al Tenenbaum, Cranbury, NJ, said: "Keep up the good job you are doing, even though frequently thankless." Henry Joly, Hollidaysburg, PA echoed his remark, adding: "Thank you for all you do for the members of the ACC."

Finally, an anonymous comment: "Maybe we could take up a collection from the membership to fund the resurrection of the Pony Express!"

Thanks to everybody for their participation and kind remarks...Now let's hope for positive results.

Keep peegin'... Ev Bey

Great Paybacks! K. C. Finley Tops Charm City

With 106 peggers in attendance, K. C. Finley, pegging out of Enfield, CT, "charmed" his opponents into submission and came away with the championship at the recent Baltimore Charm City Classic. And the win was well earned as his last match was with Phyllis Schmidt (MA), the ACC's highest ranking player of the fair sex (One-Star with 10,416 MRP's).

Danny Bennett (VA) nailed 3rd, with Michael Crowe (VA) taking 4th. Nancy Roncetti (PA) set the pace in the qualifying rounds scoring a nifty 33 GP's in the 20-game round.

Dave Ritchey, a Master from Orange City, FL posted an excellent 20/9/9+196 Grand Slam in the Consolation qualifying round, but Larry Phifer (NC) prevailed in the playoffs to win the event. Life Master Rit Alkas (CT) took 2nd, followed by Henry Douglass (NC) and Joy Barnes (FL) in 3-4. Douglass and Barnes are both Masters. Alkas also had a qualifying-round Grand Slam (18 9/9 +103). However, Barnes topped his score with a 19 GP card, scoring three skunks.

The cards were cold in sanctioned play, as no 28 or 29's showed, but Rich Bryant scored a 28-hand in Friday's Early Bird.

Director Stephen Sattler reported great paybacks (over 100%) were realized through a sponsor and contributions by the Baltimore Cribbage Club. He also noted that some \$329 was raised by a raffle, the proceeds going to the "Supper Club"...an organization that feeds the poor and homeless.

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176 In Turtle Lake Myron Schmidt Cops Casino Action

Once again, Director Alan Lindner has attracted a full house to his St. Croix Casino cribbage matches in Turtle Lake, WI.

This time around, Myron Schmidt, Wykoff, MN came away the champion. In besting the huge field (176), Schmidt came away with 196 MRP's and a nice top prize. Larry Holtan (MN) nailed 2nd, and One-Star Duane Toll (WI) took home 3rd...and another 105 MRP's to add to his lofty 11,000+ lifetime mark. Al Batley (MN) took 4th...and Minnesota peggers very nearly took all four top spots.

Charlie Rosenberger (MN) took top qualifying honors with a 36 16/22 +174 card.

Frank Danielski, a Grand Master from Little Chute, WI, very nearly earned his Life Master by running the table in the 108-player Consolation. He topped the qualifiers by winning 8 of 9, and then won the playoffs as well. Danielski now stands at 5,995 MRP's...needing but a scant 5 MRP's to earn Life Master. Director Alan Lindner took 2nd, followed by Master John Syftestad (WI) and Larry Phifer (NC) in 3-4.

Lindner's satellite events:

Friday: Doug Munneke (MN)

Saturday: Kevin Post (MN)

28's: Pat Kufahl, Jean Cervantes, James Parker

The three players scoring 28-hands were rewarded \$250 each, and 235 players scoring a 24-hand earned \$25 each. Munneke's Grand Slam in the Friday game earned \$100...for a total \$6,725 bonus paid by the St. Croix Casino.

Munneke had a weird weekend, as each match scored one less Game Point. Beginning with his nice 20 GP card, he scored 19, 18, and 17 on his next three cards. The 20, 18, and 17 cards were in 9-game matches, so his weekend was well rewarded.

Lindner is scheduling this event again next February...and the field is limited to the first 180 entries.

Grand Master John Chambers Tops Dante Club

With a sizeable 130 peggers on hand, Grand Master (and author) John Chambers, Providence, RI, came away with the win at the Dante Club Open in W. Springfield, MA on November 1. The win comes with 196 MRP's, in addition to a sizeable first place prize.

Veteran Grand Master Al Dinwoodie (RI) very nearly earned his Life Master by taking home 2nd. And Doris Perkins (MA) is knocking on the door for her Grand Master by taking 3rd. Donna LaFleur (CT) already has her Grand Master and by finishing 4th takes home yet another 105 MRP's. In addition LaFleur took honors in the qualifying round with a nice 22 GP card in the 12-game round.

A nice crowd of 66 players played the Consolation, and Grand Master Paul Gallagher (MA) came away the winner. Dudley Dumaine (MA), Larry Harmon (CT) and Master George Riley (MA) finished 2-3-4. Mike Aceuedo (MA) posted a very nice 14 GP card in the 7-game round to take qualifying honors.

Director Tom Fiorini reports that George Smith had the only 28-hand...and that this event continues to be one of the Eastern Region's most popular events (and one of the oldest).

November's Cribbage World Poxed
November's issue of *Cribbage World* really had a whammy! First, editor DeLynn Colvert was in Daytona Beach at the Grand National...and that put CW one week late. Then, with *Cribbage World's* stacked on the floor at the printers in Minnesota, a label could be found to stick on this issue to notify a Membership Chairman Jeff Monroe had mailed them via USPS and evidently they got lost in the mail. To compound the problem, Monroe's answering machine was inadvertently shut off and no message was received about the lost labels. To make a long story short, November's CW was finally mailed on November 24...some three weeks late. What next?

Post GNXVII Cruise Sails With 22 Peggers

Gene Biegler and Paul Barnes conducted a Post GNXVII Cruise out of Port Canaveral, FL to unwind from the hectic week of pegging in Daytona Beach. 22 peggers decided to do the same thing and they conducted a sanctioned event on board the cruise ship. Director Gene Beigler (WI) won the event, with Jack Brown (VA) in 2nd. Bob Julian (WI) and Roberta Schweig (IL) took 3-4. David O'Neil (GA) won the 16-player Consolation.

Stan Daniels Memorial

Sharlene Medeiros Cops Portside

Some 116 peggers showed for the Stan Daniels Memorial at Portsmouth, VA in early October and Sharlene Medeiros, a Grand Master from Shrewsbury, MA came away with the win. She also scored 35 GP's in the qualifying round (2nd) and came away with 192 MRP's for the weekend.

In an oddity, One-Star Joe Bernard (IL) qualified first, and finished 2nd (1-2), and Medeiros was 2-1, as this duo ran away with the event. Mike Crowe (VA) and Jack Brown (VA) finished 3-4.

88 players went at it in the Consolation, and Rick Bryant (MD) took the win, followed by Grand Master David Clemmey (MA), Grand Master Ginny Danielski (WI), and Grand Master Paul Gallagher (MA) in 2-3-4. Marvin Lewis (VA) took qualifying honors.

Bernard's streak was aided by the ACC's 4th 29-hand of the season in the first game of the playoffs with Medeiros.

Director Richard McCormick conducted a variety of satellite events. the winners:

Friday: Lucille Simpson (NY)

Sat. Doubles: Rick Bryant & Carolyn Neste (MD)

Last Chance: Danny Bennett (Grand Slam)

28's: Joe Ramos, Tom Jacobs, Bernard Whitfield

This event was a memorial to Stan Daniels, a colorful pegger well known in cribbage circles. His widow, Gean, supplied her usual excellent pumpkin bread for breakfast both days. Director McCormick reports that he cajoled his 16-year old daughter Megan to play in her first tournament...and he reports that she played well!

William Kraatz Finally Wins!

William Kraatz has been playing in the Niagara Falls Open for 17 years...and he finally won! Kraatz lives in Niagara Falls and maintained bragging rights for the locals. Utah Walton (VA) nailed 2nd in the 61-player event. Two New Yorkers took home 3-4...Fred Schauf and Jack Marchand. Veteran Shamus O'Connor (NY) posted a very nice 39 GP card (22 games) to take qualifying honors.

38 players played the Consolation and Kathy Blough (MI) took qualifying honors (18 GP's in the 9-game match), but Harold Belles (NY) won the playoffs. Cindy Toussaint (NY) took home 2nd, followed by Maynard King (PA) and Peter Lerch (NC) in 3-4.

Karl Frey (NY) won the Friday Early Bird, and Cal Brown (NY) teamed with Bill Poole (NY) to win the Doubles. Director Nelson Wheaton keeps em pegging in New York.

12th Jesse James Open Tom Larson Cops Minnesota Meet

Tom Larson, pegging out of Minnetonka, MN won the 12th Annual Jesse James Open in Northfield, MN on November 22. Darlene Johnson (MN) took home 2nd, followed by Dorothy Schaefer (MN) and Al Greenlee (MN) in 3-4. Greenlee really smoked the qualifying round, posting an extra nuce 41 19/22 +262 card. This is one of the highest cards this cribbage year.

The Consolation played to 62 peggers...and the top finishers are all highly ranked by the ACC. First, the top qualifier was Russell Adams (MN), a 13th-ranked ACC player and Life Master, winning 8 of 9 to take honors. Veteran Knicky Kniech (WI) won the playoffs. The streaking Helen Railsback (NE) took 2nd...and is a Grand Master. Charley Parker (MN) is a Master and took 3rd. Tournament Director Alan Lindner (WI) copped 4th.

The Satellites:

Friday: Lyle Lund (MN)

Saturday: Larry Loupee (IA)

All Events: Emilio Perez (IL) (60 GP)

An unusual run of cards followed Dick Frost (WI) in the Main Event playoffs. He was involved in 8 straight skunk games. He won 1-3-5-6 by a skunk, and got skunked in games 2-4-7-8. And he very nearly got skunked in game 9, but a 24-hand saved his bacon.

Director Jerry Gruber reports that only Brett Fairbanks could score a 28-hand...and that in the Consolation event. And he was well-satisfied with the number of players that showed...114!

Jim Huser Cops W. B. Classic

Jim Huser, one of Wisconsin's most decorated peggers, came away with the win at the 66-player W. B. Classic in Slinger, WI. Les Kvien (IL) took home 2nd, but the hot hand belonged to Grand Master Deb Schisel (IL). She took 3rd in the playoffs...and topped the qualifiers with a nice 26 GP card (14 game match). Life Master Bob McCabe (WI) nailed 4th. Larry LaGassie (WI) won the 40-player Consolation. Ethel Sherwan took home 2nd, with Kevin Bremmer (WI) and Sharon Schaefer (WI) in 3-4.

Helen Railsback Tops 372 In Reno

Helen Railsback, a veteran Grand Master from Syracuse, Nebraska, won the huge Veteran's Day Classic in Reno on November 15. The win came with 252 MRP's and Railsback's lifetime totals are now well over 5,000. As usual, she was wearing a gleaming outfit on Sunday and she bedazzled the playoff crowd as she pegged for the title. Marcus Hadley (IL) was her last victim, but 2nd paid handsomely and awarded some 196 MRP's. Mike Galante (NV) has been hot lately, and finished 3rd, followed by Kenneth Mitchell (CA) in 4th.

Robert Gromek (NV) has always scored well in Reno, and, once again, came home with the top qualifying score...38 17/22 +233. Gromek will be directing the upcoming Grand National XVIII in Las Vegas next September.

A whopping 256 peggers played the Consolation, and Annett Eiffert, a Master from Citrus Heights, CA, came away with the win. Wayne Steinmetz (WI) took home 2nd, and this Grand Master has zipped to the 5,600 MRP mark (lifetime). Gene Usselman (ID) and Gerald Hahn (OR) took home 3-4. James Nohrden (CO) took qualifying honors with an extra nice 22 9/10 +173.

The nation's MRP leaders were in attendance, but only Jason Shumate (CA) could take advantage of the MRP's offered. He finished 9-16 (70 MRP's) and has zipped among the leaders, standing at 500+ for this cribbage year.

The satellite events saw Deena and Michael Lowry (CA) winning the doubles (\$1,100) and Steve Harding (CA) winning the High Rollers (\$650).

Once again, the Sands had the red carpet out for the players, and directors Bill and Dorthalee Irons and crew ran a first class event, attested by yet another huge crowd. Reno, indeed, is the cribbage player's mecca! The veterans were rewarded by 15% of the entries, and this deduction was partially offset by the Sand's donating \$1,000 to the prize fund...and yet another \$1,000 for any 29-hand in the qualifying round. This time around, Angela French, Santa Ana, CA took home the \$1,000, plus another \$100 from the ACC for this gem. Four sanctioned 28's were scored: Michael Rowe (AK); Vernon Ward (CA); Edward Deveau (AK); and Deena Lowry (CA).

140 In Nashua, NH Frank Corrado Tops In New Hampshire

Frank Corrado, pegging out of East Hartford, came away the winner at the large New Hampshire Open on October 4. In besting this sizeable field, Corrado came away with 196 MRP's...and throws his hat into the national MRP race (standing at over 300 for the year). Jerry Bernier (MA) took home 2nd, followed by Master Fred McGibney (VT) and Master Paul Cormier (MA) in 3-4.

Yet another Master took qualifying honors...George Chase (RI). He scored a nice 20 10/12 +109.

Dick West, Attleboro, MA, is nearing his Grand Master by winning the 70-player Consolation. Joe Lasorsa (NH) had the hot hand in this event, taking home 2nd after qualifying first, winning 7 of 8 in the qualifying round. John Matthews (ME) and Grand Master Bob Drukman (MA) took home 3-4.

Director Al Miller conducted a doubles match on Saturday, and Stuart Levy teamed with Josh Dengen for the win. Earle Sweet scored the meet's only 28-hand.

Dave Gustafson On The Nose!
Minnetonka's (MN) Dave Gustafson has been knocking on the door for some time for his Master rating. He stood at 1,991. But at the recent Jesse James Open in Northfield, MN, he entered the Sunday's Consolation...and scored exactly nine MRP's...and his Master rating (2,000 MRP's). National Statistician Bob McCabe will confirm his numbers in next month's CW.

Joe Lusignan at 4,000+

Joe Lusignan, Salinas, CA qualified high and went two rounds in the playoffs at the Veteran's Day Classic in Reno to easily wing it over the 4,000 MRP mark...and his Grand Master. McCabe will also confirm his numbers in next month's CW.

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- 2- Sam Shwartz, NE Inaugural, Aug 9
- 3- Beverlee Honeycutt, Redmond Sr., Aug 23
- 4- Joe Bernard, Portside Open, Oct. 11
- 5- Betty Schaeffer, GNXXII, Oct 18
- 6- Angela French, Veteran's Day, Nov. 14