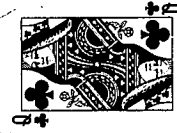
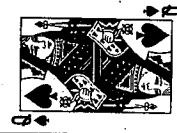


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Mary Ryan Nails Reno, Earns Grand Master

Mary Kathleen Ryan, pegging out of San Lorenzo, CA, made her annual sojourn to Reno's Veteran's Day Classic one to remember. With a huge field of 370 veteran players, she came home the winner! The MRP take? A whopping 252! Needing but a scant 49 or so to earn Grand Master, she easily vaults to the ACC's 131st GM.

Bill Krakauskas (CA) took home 2nd...and 196 MRP's, and he, too, will move up with the leaders in the Western Region as the season swings into the halfway mark. Canadian Harold Buckley is a Master pegget, and once again, finished high in the money, taking 3rd. Alan Gunderson (MN) took home 4th.

Oregonian Tom Pugh had the hot hand in the qualifying round, scoring a nice 38 18/22 +229 to take honors.

Life Master Paul Hatcher (OR) has been on a roll this cribbage year, and keeps his hat at the top of the heap by taking Consolation qualifying honors (256 players), but Master Ron Morgan (CA) came home the winner in the playoffs. Ruth Fraker (CA), Cha Beamer (OR), and Bill Hutchison (CO) finished 2-3-4.

Master Jack Moritzky (WA) teamed with Millie Wolf (MN) to win the doubles (and \$1,000). Master Nick Ayooob (CA) won the High Rollers, and George "Ras" Rasmussen (WA) took home the marbles in the Sunday night action.

As usual, the veterans benefitted from this event. They earned their commission by doing yeoman's duty collecting scorecards from the huge field.

Seven lucky peggers scored that elusive 28-hand, but that \$1,000 29-hand failed to show. The 28's: Deena Lowry, Robert Hansbery, Herschel Mack, Rose Marie Goff, Bill Krakauskas, David Gilkeson, and Jack Brown.

Bill and Dorthalee Irons, plus a great staff, once again put on an outstanding tournament, attested to by yet another huge crowd. Reno remains the favorite site of cribbage tournaments in America.



Maury Christmas

Eastern Region Rolling

Rob Medeiros Takes Dante Club Walt Peoples Wins in Baltimore Gene Bradshaw Tops in Florida Gregory Delaney Cops Yankee Classic

West Springfield, MA: Grand Master Robert Medeiros, Quincy, MA, came home the winner at the 124-player Dante Club Open on November 11. The win came with 147 MRP's as "Rob" continues to pile up points with his fine play. Another Grand Master...Dwight Christianson (CT)...came home 2nd. Two Masters finished 3-4....Joan Morrison (MA) and Joyce Vanelli (MA). And yet another Grand Master took qualifying honors... Phil Martin (CT) nailed a very fine 25 GP card in the 12 game round (55 MRP's). George Muzzy (CT) very nearly ran the table in the Consolation, taking qualifying honors and finishing 3rd in the playoffs. Dale Pawley (RI) won the 58-player event, with Dan Patris (CT) finishing 2nd. Paul DeDeurwaerder (MA) finished 4th. A highlight of the event saw Pat Frattalone (CT) score the ACC's 7th 29-hand this cribbage season. Director Tom Fiorini reported all events ran smoothly and on time, and plans a re-match again next November.

Baltimore, MD: Walt Peoples, pegging out of Richboro, PA took on 90 peggers at the Charm City Classic on November 6 and 7, and came away the winner. Sharon Deane (VA) nailed 2nd, followed by Bob Moore (VA) and Carolyn Neste (MD) in 3-4. Rick Bryant (MD) easily topped the field in the qualifying round, scoring a whopping 37 GP's in the 20-game event. Marvin Lewis (VA) capped the 66-player Consolation. Danny Bennett (VA), Ray Meinert (VA), and Hugh Berry (VA) finished 2-3-4. Bernard Whitfield (NC) topped the qualifiers with a nice 18 8/8 +124. Director Steve Sattler reported many satellite events were played. The winners: Early Bird: Frank Abernathy (NC); Doubles: Joyce Miller (MD) and Joyce Bryant (MD); High Rollers: Lucille Simpson (NY); Last Chance: David Smith (NC). Sattler will also re-play this event again next November.

Lake Worth, FL: Directors Ken Johnson and Joe Daesch got the 1st Annual South Florida Open off and winging in grand style, as 106 players showed for this inaugural event. Gene Bradshaw (GA) out-pegged the field and claimed the win, followed by Don Prill (IL), Arnie Schill (FL), and Daniel Kerzner (FL) in 2-3-4. Schill recently moved to Florida from Montana. He was one of the better Northwest players and continues his fine play in the Sunshine State. Cal Stormont (FL) scored 36 GP's in the 20-game qualifying round to take honors. Co-director Joe Daesch took qualifying honors in the 70-player Consolation, but Tom Azevedo (FL) won the playoffs. Harry Maiden (FL), Michael Black (FL) and Russ Fisher (FL) finished 2-3-4. The Satellites: Friday: Lee Jackson; Saturday: Robert McAnelly; Last Chance: Paul Barnes. Directors Johnson and Daesch are tentatively planning on a re-match next November.

Manchester, CT: Greg Delaney, Vernon, CT, came home the winner at the recent 106-player Yankee Classic. His final playoff match pitted him vs. One-Star Phyllis Schmidt (MA), making the win the hard way. Mike Azevedo (MA) and Robert Van Gorder (CT) nailed down 3-4. Van Gorder also topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 22 GP card in the 12-game match. Life Master Larry Samet (MA) scored an 8 for 8 Grand Slam in the Consolation qualifying round to take honors, and came home 3rd in the playoffs and carted home 51 aggregate MRP's. Daniel Patris (CT) won the playoffs, with Roger Bouchard (CT) finishing 2nd. Frank Sigda (MA) took home 4th. Director Phil Martin reported that the Dudzinski's won the doubles event. He also reported a distinct home field advantage, as the home field GR club (26) fielded 27 players and 18 qualified. They carted home 44% of the Master Points awarded, and won the Main and Consolation to boot! Martin is planning on a re-match next November. He may have trouble getting out-of-townners to participate.

Mayor Finishes 3rd Tom Mintner Cop's Moose's WB Classic

In a rare one-day event in the Central Region Tom Mintner from nearby Milwaukee came away the winner at Moose's WB Classic in West Bend, WI on October 10. In besting the sizeable field of 94-peggers, Mintner took home the marbles...and a nice bundle of MRPs (147).

But Harry Langman had an unforgettable tournament. Not only did he take qualifying honors (26 GPs in the 14-game round), but came home 2nd in the playoffs, and picked up an aggregate 155 MRPs...and his Grand Master!

The mayor of West Bend entered his first tournament ever, and would you believe he came home in a tie for 3rd? His name: Mike Miller! Ken Rehm (WI) also finished 3-4.

Karen Bouffiou, Milwaukee, scored a nice 14 GP card (8-game match) in the 66-player Consolation to take honors, but Tom Kooncan (IL) came home the winner in the playoffs. Life Master Frank Danielski (WI), Master Ron Hirschman (WI) and Grand Master Lloyd Kraft (WI) finished 2-3-4.

Director Moose Biegler reported four 28-hands were scored as the cards ran hot. The lucky peggers: Bob Lueck, Jr., William Erickson, Deb Kvien, and Roberta Schweig.

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10th All-Star Game Slated February 3 Tie-Breaker (3-3-3)

Last year saw the Western Region All-Stars nail down 69 wins in the 128-game match to narrowly win the 9th All-Star game, and even the series at 3-3-3.

This year's match, scheduled to be played on Thursday, February 3, at 6:30 PM (Sands, Reno), will be the tie-breaker, giving the winners at least one year of bragging rights.

And as usual, all three squads boast seasoned, highly-ranked players, making the match a toss-up. However, the Eastern Region has eight veteran All-Stars, while the Central and Western squads have several first-timers playing in this prestigious event. The format has each region fielding an 8-

person squad, playing one game each vs. the other two region's squads, for a 16-game event.

This year's match will have the same format as last year. The event will be strictly a team event, and with a \$100 entry, the winning team members will win \$300 (100% payback). For those players wishing to compete by individual scores, an optional \$20 Q-Pool will be offered. The top four will split the pot (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%).

The top eight players from each region are listed below, with three alternates. Each player should contact his/her captain to insure all players will be present (say "yes" or "no.")

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Ras's Tips

Western Region All-Star member George "Ras" Rasmussen is one of the ACC's most dedicated statisticians. He does his homework on cribbage numbers the old-fashioned way...he marks them down and tallies the odds. He graciously furnished *Cribbage World* his numbers on **discarding pairs to your own crib (offensive discarding)**. The results:

PAIR	AVG.	TESTED
5-5	8.876	500
3-3	6.075	1,100
7-7	5.873	1,372
2-2	5.821	1,444
6-6	5.762	980
4-4	5.535	869
1-1	5.507	1,209
8-8	5.495	1,501
J-J	5.212	1,148
Q-Q	4.929	1,236
10-10	4.720	780
K-K	4.298	1,054

Strange 28's

At the recent Treasure Island Open in Red Wing, MN, the casino paid \$100 for every 28-hand scored. In the Main Event, two were scored, and both were oddities.

First, Bob Cuiver (WI) scored his in the crib on the last hand, and could not count it. Bob Julian (WI) had already pegged out to claim the game.

The second 28 in the Main Event saw Bill Morson (MN) score his on the very last hand in game 22 (last game). This gem was dealt by Ron Ralston (IA).

Hendricks...Again!

On Friday and Saturday the recent Prineville Lions Open in Prineville, OR should have been re-named the "Rollie Heath Benefit" as this Lincoln City, OR pegger ripped through the crowd with gusto. Beginning with a High Roller win, he then zipped to high-qualifying honors on Saturday (37 GP's), and banged home 2nd in the Saturday Night Special (and took home the winner-take-all Super Q to boot). This extraordinary run netted Heath four-figure prize money...and his Grand Master as well!

But on Sunday, it was Rosemary Hendrick's time to shine as this Rochester, WA pegger zipped to the title in the playoff round in this 72-player event. Only a second-year ACC player, Hendricks has picked up her 2nd sanctioned win (Boise's Les Bois Classic in August). Her van attests to her zeal for the game, as it's adorned with numerous cribbage bumper stickers.

Ike Endicott (OR) came close and took home 2nd, followed by Life Master Paul Hatcher (OR) and Bill Sword (OR) in 3-4. Hatcher picked up yet another 95 MRP's in this event and has zipped to the national MRP lead in the early going this cribbage year (500+ MRP's).

A high-percentage 52 players played the Consolation, and Lowell Bailey (WA) nailed down the win. Betty Nolz (OR), Carroll Evans (OR) and Grand Master Bernie Sauteressig (WA) took home 2-3-4.

Directors Marvis and Ralph Reynolds had a full array of satellite events. The winners: Time Passer: Paul Nolz (OR)
High Roller: Rollie Heath (OR)
Doubles: Ann Haller & Ike Endicott (OR)
Saturday: Ed Corradi (WA)
Last Chance: Harvey Honeycutt (OR)
28: Bryant Gilkeson (NV)
29: Jack Moritzky (WA) (practice game)

Caccia On The Mend

Master Louis Caccia, Newton, MA, was on his way home from Las Vegas's GN XVIII, and suffered a heart attack at Chicago's airport. Excellent medical aid was available, and Caccia made it home and immediately had heart by-pass surgery.

Cribbage World is happy to report that Caccia is on the mend, and that this former Grand National Champion (GN XIV, Plymouth, MA) will be up and at 'em in the near future.

Bill Hill Cops Ghosts & Goblins

With decorated pumpkins, and players in halloween costumes as a backdrop, Grand Master Bill Hill kept honors at home in Herrmiston, OR by winning his 4th sanctioned Main Event on October 17.

This "Ghosts and Goblins" event drew 88 players from throughout the Northwest.

Locals were tough all weekend, as Bill Jones took home the Consolation win. Grand Master Rollie Heath (OR) won the High Rollers, with Betty Capper and Al Whitsett (OR) winning the doubles.

Director Jim Seifert conducted the usual Calcutta in the Main Event, and had many halloween-motif contests...Iris Sundquist won the costume event, and Jeanne Hofbauer had the best decorated pumpkin. A sidelight saw every player scoring a 24-hand earning a bag of potatoes. And Ken Capper fried hamburgers galore at his home on Friday night for the players. According to director Seifert, "We had a fun three days!"

28's Dominate Thanksgiving Bird Brain

Arlene Carle (AK) scored a 28-hand to help her win a playoff match at the recent Thanksgiving Bird Brain event in Anchorage, AK. But it was Darlene Stier (AK) taking home the championship Husband, and director, Henry (Carle) scored a 28-hand in the Consolation but Master Mike Rowe (AK) came home the winner in the playoffs.

In Memoriam

Gil Johnson

Spokane, Washington
Grand Master Gil Johnson passed away on Sunday, October 31 at the age of 77. He fought a valiant battle with cancer, just as he had battled on the boards throughout his years of cribbage-play in the Northwest. A regular in that region, he posted many high finishes in his travels with spouse, Betty. Both Gil and Betty recently earned Grand Master. Gil received his Grand Master award just a few days before he passed away.

Charles Gallant

Port Charlotte, Florida

Charlie died suddenly on October 29 at 66 years of age. He loved the game of cribbage and would extend the cribbage day by staying late with other players for additional games of fun. He made many friends at GR 29 (Englewood, FL) and all that knew him will miss him very much.

76 Ways To Get 28!

I disagree with Joe Wergin, George Rasmussen, and *Cribbage World* on the number of ways to get a 28-hand, as reported in October CW (page 22).

I believe there are 76 ways to get a 28 hand.

There are 16 ways for each of the 10's, jacks, queens, and kings. when one holds 3 5's and cuts another 5 (say, 5 of diamonds). That equals 4 ways, replace 5 of diamonds with 5 of hearts, 5 of spades, and 5 of clubs gives 12 more for a total of 16 ways with the 10 alone. Then replace the 10's with jack's, queens, and kings for 48 more = 64. But when the cut 5 is same suit as the held jack, a 29-hand results; therefore 64-4 =

60. When 4 5's are held, one can cut 4 10's, 4 jacks, 4 queens, or 4 kings for 16 additional ways. Therefore, 60+16=76 ways to have a 28-hand.

*Varick Cutler
Herrndon, VA*

Varick, technically, you have a point, but a 5-5-5-5-10 clubs; 5-5-5-5-10 hearts; 5-5-5-5-10 diamonds; and a 5-5-5-5-10 spades are only four ways with a ten card, not 16. The exact position of the cards before cutting do not alter the five cards finally scored. Rasmussen's claim of 20 ways, in my opinion should be pared back to 16, if the jack is cut when holding 4 5's, and you do not count the many possible arrangements of cuts, but simply look at the final count of 5 cards, regardless of the cut card. Any other opinions in cribbage land? Ed.

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Cribbage Players Smarter Than Bridge Players?

Three bridge players and three cribbage players are traveling by train to a multi-tournament site. At the station, the three bridge players each buy a ticket and watch as the three cribbage players buy only a single ticket. "How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the bridge players.

"Watch and you'll see," answers a cribbage player. They all board the train and the bridge players take their seats. The three cribbage players cram into a restroom and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train departs, the conductor comes around taking tickets. He knocks on the restroom door, "Ticket please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The bridge players watch this scam and agree that it is a clever idea.

On the way home, the bridge players decide to save a few bucks and pull the restroom scam. They buy one ticket. To their astonishment, the cribbage players **don't buy a ticket at all.** "How are you three peggers going to travel without a ticket?," asks a perplexed bridge player.

"Watch and we'll show you!" When they board the train the three bridge players cram into a restroom, and the three peggers do likewise across the aisle. The train departs, and a cribbage player leaves his restroom and walks over to the restroom where the three bridge players are hiding.

He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please!"

CW thanks Harry Kantas for this revelation.

Jackie Doppelt Wins Teeny Tiny

Ed Bloom directs one of the more unusual sanctioned tournaments in America...the entry fee is under \$10, with \$5 going towards a player's lunch. Nevertheless, he draws a crowd. This time around some 84 players showed for this fun-event.

Master Jackie Doppelt, Vacaville, CA, added some 147 MRP's to her lifetime list, but little else, as she nailed the win. Bob Sibert (CA) came home 2nd (and 105 MRP's), followed by director Ed Bloom and Bob Styczynski (CA) in 3-4.

Last year's ACC runnerup, Master Wes Summers II (CA), took home the 62-player Consolation win (and yet another 45 MRP's). Grand Master Jones Hom (CA) finished 2nd, with Master R. M. Robson (CA) and Master Bill Jensen (CA) in 3-4.

Bloom enforced cribbage rules in a unique way. You had a choice of a one-point penalty or wearing a silly hat. Other novelties were blowing bubbles for making a boo-boo.

Napa Address Obsolete

Larry Hassett has been receiving membership applications that have been mailed to Napa, CA (to our ex-Membership Secretary). The USPS will soon stop forwarding these applications. Most of these come from an obsolete pamphlet "Cribbage Anyone?"

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CW Editor's Outlook

"I love deadlines! I especially love the gushing sound they make as they go flying by!"

"Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it!"

"And somedays I'm the pigeon, and other days I'm the statue!"

CW thanks Paul Barnes for these vignettes

Cribbage Cupid At work?

Arlene Carle (AK) e-mailed *Cribbage World* a vignette that perhaps "The cribbage cupid has been working overtime bringing together in marriage Paulette Gagnon, Manitoba, Canada, and Mike Rowe, Alaska. The tied the knot on a trip to Reno for the November cribbage tournament there."

Bette Bemis Authors Book

Bette Bemis, Carolina, RI, is in the process of publishing a book about cribbage boards. The book is titled, "Cribbage Boards - 1863-1998."

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