

CRIBBAGE WORLD

2 ♣



2 ♠

VOLUME XX - NUMBER 2 - FEBRUARY 1999

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS

146 In Woonsocket

Elinor Breen Wins Holiday Classic

Elinor Breen, Avon, MA, earned her Masters as the 1998 cribbage season rang down...and she begins the new season by winning the huge Holiday Classic in Woonsocket on December 13. Her final playoff match was a tough one, as she had to get by Grand Master Paul Gallagher (MA)...one of the Eastern Region's top players. Earle Sweet (RI) and Al Charlebois (RI) took home 3-4 in this 146-player match.

Breen was also the high qualifier (20 GPs in the 12-game round)...and she took home a whopping 226 MRPs, in addition to a nice top prize.

Paul Cormier (MA) took home the Consolation title, and he must have thought a conspiracy was in action against him. His last three playoff matches were all against players named Medeiros...Rob, Sharlene, and Emily! However, he prevailed in this 72-player match. Emily (MA) took 2nd, with Sharlene (MA) and Rit Alkas (CT) nailing 3-4. Peter Setian (MA) took qualifying honors with a nice 17 8/9 card.

A highlight of the meet saw Jeanne Biadasz (MA) score the ACC's 7th 29-hand of the 1999 season...and will receive \$100 from the ACC for this sanctioned gem. Bob Cunningham (MA) scored the meet's only 28-hand.

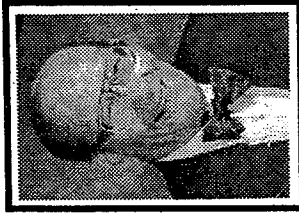
Brian McCoy (MA) will remember his 3rd, 4th and 5th game in the Consolation qualifying round...he lost all three in the stink hole (121-120).

Director Ann Somers, in her first tournament as a director, did a great job. She took over this event's reins after Gloria Dyncdur, the past director, passed away last year. This event was played as a memorial to Gloria.

Somers reported that the players donated \$292 to the Rhode Island Heart Transplant Fund...and she is scheduling a re-run of this event next November 30. Mark your calendars.

Tournament of Champions, ACC Open Update

Once again, the gathering of the cribbage clan will descend on Reno in record numbers to play their annual matches in early February. *Cribbage World* has gone to press before the results were in, but look for a complete report in March's issue. Some lucky pegger will win the ten grand...and get his or her name on CW's front page!



The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

The major tournaments (over 108.5) included: Ocean State and Portland Summer, each with 188; Chinook Winds, 186; Timber Capitol, 184; Portland Winter, Longest Beach and St. Croix Casino, 180 each; Menominee-MGM and Oregon Coast, 177 each; Wisconsin Dells, 174; Capital City (St. Paul), 172; Tri-Valley, 168; Lewis and Clark and St. Croix (June), 166 each; New Hampshire, 164; River City Open, 162; Mick Michaelis and Milwaukee Challenge, 157 each; Polish Open, 152; Greater Orlando, 147; Madison Masters, 146; New England Championship, 144; North Pole, 141; Holiday, 140; New England Inaugural, 138; W. L. Swett, 132; Portside Open, Minnesota Valley, Oregon State and Winnemucca, 126 each; Capital City (Summer) and Jim Arblaster, 125 each; Belle City (Summer), 124; Eau Claire and Lake Tahoe (April), 120 each; Hawkeye Classic, 117; San Ramon, 118; LaFayette, South Shore, Willows, and Montana Championship, 114 each, and the Cascade, 110.

Cribbage Action Calore!

According to figures supplied by chief statistician Bob McCabe, the American Cribbage Congress sanctioned 151 tournaments during the 1997-1998 year.

That figures out to just about 3 tournaments each weekend of the year, so if you're a devout cribber you can usually find a tournament somewhere in these United States.

Tournaments vary in size, from the humongous Joseph Petrus Wergin Open in Reno with a record-smashing 1,024 participants to the two Hawaii summer tourneys, June and July, with 17 players each...just one over the 16-person minimum to qualify as a sanctioned event.

All of this activity was enjoyed by 16,380 players...averaging 108.5 persons per tournament.

No. 2 in size to the JPW Open was the Grand National at Wisconsin Dells, WI with 456 entrants. Another Wisconsin tourney, the popular MGM at Green Bay was 3rd with an even-400 players, followed by two patriotic Reno tournaments: Veteran's Day with 388, and Independence Day at 348.

Two longtime tournaments were in 6th and 7th place: The World Championship at Quincy, CA with 290 players, and the National Open at Raleigh, NC, with 234 players.

The Feather River tournament in Oroville, CA, the Maine Open and the Nipomo came closest in size to the average tournament, each registering 108, 109 and 108 players, respectively.

Forty-two other tournaments had participation above the 108.5 average, the top one-third taking up the slack for the 100 smaller tournaments (those below the 108.5 average).

With all this participation, what has the new Master Rating Point system done to the awards?

Again, according to McCabe, there is a 9% overall reduction in the number of points awarded. However, the changes are two-fold. The points awarded for qualifying have increased while the points earned in playoffs have decreased.

As far as we're concerned, I feel that the points are awarded more equally now. Obviously, there are more people qualifying than those winding up high in the playoffs.

The smaller tournaments have the edge when it comes to earning points. It's when you get to the tournaments with 126-159 players that the percentages change and fewer points are awarded in the playoff brackets.

I've come to one conclusion: I don't believe we can ever find a 100% fair way to resolve Master Points...but I think this new system is as close to "fair" as we can make it.

Keep peppin'... Ev Bey

Eastern Region Long Match
George Johnson, Rob Medeiros, and Brian Heroux have reached the quarter finals of the on-going Eastern Region Long Match. The results to date:

P. Aronoff	Martin	Martin	
B. Packard	Lewellyn		
P. Llewellyn			
L. Samet	Caccia	Medeiros	
E. Medeiros	Medeiros		
J. Ready			
B. Palmer	Clenney		
K. C. Finley			
B. Drukman	Clenney		Johnson
D. Clenney			
M. Cinnell	Johnson		
G. Johnson			Johnson
D. Christiansen	Corrado		
F. Corrado			
B. Brown	LaFleur	LaFleur	
D. LaFleur			
J. Clenney	Alkas		Medeiros
R. Alkas			
A. Miller	Miller		
D. West	Medeiros		
M. Samet	Medeiros		
R. Medeiros			
B. Heroux	Heroux		Heroux
P. Schmidt			
Z. Yeradi	Finley		
C. Finley			
B. Shoemaker	Shoemaker		
C. Repozza			
J. Bladacz	Medeiros		Medeiros
B. Medeiros			

**Change of Address?
Membership Information?**

Call 1-888-PEGGING

American Cribbage Congress Web Page
www.cribbage.org

Cribbage World email
cribwrd@bigsky.net

ACC Memberships & Address Changes
1-888-PEGGING or
PEGGING@Prodigy.COM
Membership:

\$10 Single, \$12 Married Couple

New Third Edition!
play winning
CRIBBAGE

Written, illustrated by Life Master (Two Star)

DeLynn Colvert

\$10.95 (postpaid)

or 2 for \$19.95

Money-back guarantee

White Formica Long Boards

with your custom logo: \$12 (postpaid)

\$8 for 10 or more, plus shipping

Peg holder and knurled metal pegs included

Wooden Pegs 9 cents (postpaid)

fits 1/8" holes (standard) 1 1/4" X 1/4",

Minimum order \$2. (22 pegs)

8 cents each, 100 or more (postpaid)

New Hoyle Playing Cards

\$7 dozen (.58 each), add \$3 postage

\$78 gross (144) (.54 each) plus shipping

*Approved for sanctioned play, shrink-wrapped,
not boxed, slightly irregular.*

Pinochle Decks: SOLD OUT

Money-back guarantee

Order from:

STARR STUDIOS - Box 5604

Missoula, MT 59806

(406) 543-6855 (FAX same)

CRIBBAGE WORLD

Cribbage World (ISSN: 1056-7772) is published monthly for \$8 per year by *Cribbage World*, 4086 Byway East, Napa, CA 94556; Periodical postage paid at Napa, CA, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: send address changes to: **Cribbage World, PO Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581.**

For news and advertising, contact the editor:

De Lynn Colvert

PO Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806

Telephone and FAX: (406) 543-6855.

e-mail: cribwrd@bigsky.net

Ad rates: 1/3 column: \$20, \$200 year (12x)

2/3 column: \$35, \$300 year (12x)

Full column: \$50, \$400 year (12x)

1/3 page: \$35, \$300 year (12x)

2/3 page: \$60, \$600 year (12x)

Full page: \$85, \$850 year (12x)

Deadline for copy: 15th of month before next month's issue. Checks payable to American Cribbage Congress

Lee Tesch Nails Eau Claire Classic

With 138 peggers in attendance, Lee Tesch came home the winner at the recent Eau Claire Classic (WI). This Green Bay, WI pegger took home a nice winner's check, and 196 MRPs for the win. His last match was a tough one as he had to get by Life Master Jerry Gruber (MN). Gruber took home 147 MRPs for 2nd, and is among the leaders nationwide (nearing the 500 mark).

Another Life Master took 3rd...and is on track to win his third national championship. Bob Julian, Milwaukee, WI earned 105 MRPs for this high finish, and maintains his national lead this cribbage year, having scored well over the 700 mark. Elmer Morlock (MN) nailed down 4th...and another 105 MRPs.

Bob Chase (MN) scored an exceptional 39 17/22 +328 to easily take qualifying honors.

96 peggers played the Consolation and Master Charlie Parker (MN) took home the top prize.

Another Master...Ed Heinowski (WI)...finished 2nd (and qualified first with a nice 18 8/9 +120), followed by Steve Post (MN) and Life Master Russell Adams (MN) in 3-4.

Director Alan Lindner had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Friday: Marvin Lang (IL)

Saturday: Georgana Cruse (WI)

Last Chance: Richard Dane (WI)

All-Events: Elmer Morlock (MN)

Single Elimination (16): Arlene Barrett, Ken Rehm, Dave Elliott, Ray Schenk, Arlene Barrett (2), Joan Kolby

Lindner reported only a single 28-hand...scored by Darryl Maresch.

Lindner will host Grand National XIX in the year 2000 in Eau Claire, and he is warming to the task with yet another fine tournament.

Wedding Bells In Illinois

Les Kviien and Deb Schisel Tie Knot

Les Kviien and Deb Schisel, Vernon Hills, IL, have recently been married. These highly-skilled veteran ACC members are regulars in the Central Region. Deb has earned her Grand Master rating, having scored well over 5,300 MRPs, and Les is a threat to win any event. Cribbage fever, catch it...and catch a mate!

16th Annual

MONTANA OPEN

April 2-3-4

Missoula, Montana

Joker's Wild

Reserve Street Exit 101, I-90

Restaurant-Lounge-Casino

Excellent, well-lighted playing area

1-\$1100, 2-\$800, 3-\$600, 4-\$400

5-8-\$250 ea., 9-16-\$150 ea., 17-32-\$50 ea.
(based on 128 players, otherwise prorated)

Mail entries to: MONTANA CRIBBAGE
PO Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806

- \$10 Time Passer 3PM Fri 7 games
- \$40 Doubles 7PM Fri. 9 games
- \$50 High Roller 7PM Fri (high card) \$50Q
- \$50 Main Event 9 AM Sat, 22 games
- \$10 Q Main event
- \$20 Saturday Special 7 PM 9 games
- \$1- 28-29 Pool: \$25 first 2 28's, \$300 29

We guarantee 96% (or more) CASH paybacks
All Q-pools 100%, Team event 100%
The best cash paybacks in the west!

Motel Sponsor: 1-800-272-9500
"Say Cribbage"

Info: Delynn Colvert (406) 543-6855
Rex Paddock (406) 251-3379

Name _____ ACC# _____

City _____ State _____

Washington Championship Draws 166 Donna Hassett Smoking In Washington

George "Ras" Rasmussen, the king of cribbage promotion, got his Washington State Championship off the ground in fine style, as 166 peggers descended on Centralia for a weekend of pegging and camaraderie. "Ras" worked overtime getting sponsors, custom boards, raffles, and 24-hand gifts for the players...and went all-out to sponsor a first-class event. He even offered the players \$1,000 added prize money...and kicked in an extra \$100 for the Last Chance as well.

And who took the most advantage of this largess? None other than the streaking Donna Hassett. This Roseburg, OR, Master pegger blistered the boards in the qualifying round, winning 16 of 22, 37 GP's +270, to easily take honors. She then continued her streak by roaring through the playoffs to take the championship. This action netted Hassett a cool \$1,500! And her MRP take was a nifty 251 MRP's, placing her among the leaders nationwide with over 600 MRP's earned this cribbage year.

Michael Rowe (AK) came down to the lower 48 for the 2nd week in a row from his Anchorage home...and once again, took home a sizeable piece of the pie. A week earlier he won the High Roller in Portland, OR, and cajoled by "Ras" to take in another large event, flew back and took home his expenses, plus! He qualified 2nd...and finished 2nd. His take? \$1,170 (including the Super Q) and 200 MRP's (over 500 for this cribbage year). Bruce Wridge (OR) is nearing his

Grand Master by finishing 3rd, followed by Jerry Hearsom (OR) in 4th. Hearsom stated this was his highest finish ever, and he took home 105 MRP's plus a nice check.

Master Jack Moritzky nailed the 94-player Consolation. John Furler (OR) took home 2nd, followed by Tom Markham WA) and Master Roger Lueschow (WA) in 3-4. This event had the unusual occur. Three 1-1-GP cards made the playoffs, and all three peggers left the hall and forfeited their first playoff match, not realizing they had a chance to qualify. They will be surprised by a first-round losers check they will receive in the mail.

"Ras" and crew had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Friday Time Passer: Don Blanford (WA)
High Rollers: Rollie Heath (OR)
Doubles: Jerry Hahn & Ken Schuidt (OR)
Saturday: George Stanton (WA)
Last Chance: Carla Clark (WA)
28's: K. Blackman, Kahn, Kelly, Markham, Rowe, Windstow

"Ras" reported some 22 trophies were awarded, and the Roseburg, OR, contingent took home 7 of them. And he also reported that players from age 14 to 92 played, making cribbage a game of universal appeal. His next year's action will undoubtedly be another winner. Mark your calendars!

Furler Stunned In Washington

John Furler, a stellar pegger from the Portland, OR area, was stunned at the recent Washington championship. *Cribbage World* overheard Furler muttering to himself that "There is only five people in this crowd I can't beat...and I had to play all five of them in a row!"

Score 11 GP's in Consolation? Hang Around!

In Centralia, WA and Augusta, GA, players have qualified with an 11-GP card in the Consolation event...and left the hall, thinking they have NOT qualified. And their 11-GP cards did, indeed, make the grade. Hang around the hall if you score an 11-GP card...it may make your gas money home!

Barnes' Motor Home Peggers Paradise

Paul and Joy Barnes have a motor home...and they live in Florida...a favorite stop for "snowbirds." Four of these "snowbirds" (Frank and Ginny Dantelski, Doug Page, and Ethel Sherwan) joined the Barnes' on a cribbage sojourn to Richmond, VA, and Augusta, GA for some cribbage action. And, of course, on the journey, much cribbage is played aboard the motor home. In fact, on the trip to Virginia, each player played 150 games (whew!) on the 13-hour trip. The trip to Georgia was only 8 hours, so fewer games were played. An oddity of the two trips had Doug Page win the Consolation in Virginia, and Ginny Dantelski winning the Consolation in Georgia. This vehicle is a lucky one, in more ways than one!

Portland Winter Open... 172 Players! Braukmann Tops Ray Van Orsow Memorial

Last year the Portland Winter Open was aptly named as a snow storm ravaged the area, closing roads, and causing cribbage players much grief with their travel. But in this year's edition, it was spring like weather... and with the weather warming up the cards, young Mike Braukmann, Cornelius, OR, came home the winner. He bested veteran pecker Dean Bauman (OR) in the final playoff match. Braukmann took home a whopping \$1,500, and Bauman won \$1,000.

Roger Lueschow, a Master pegger from Maple Valley, WA, nipped Sharon Hejmanek, Missoula, MT for the 3rd spot. Don Bakko (WA) took qualifying honors with a nice 36 17/22 +192.

Next year (2000) Jason, Hobauer, (WA) will be eligible to play in the Tournament of Champions as he will be 21 years old, and has won a sanctioned event in the past to qualify. He is warming to the task as he nailed the 116-pegger Consolation. He topped veteran Mené, Mulkey (OR) in the final playoff match. Nancy Lorenz (OR) and Master Larry Hassett (OR) finished 3-4.

Directors Dorothy Mickow and Ken Julkowski had a full array of satellite events. The winners:
Friday EB: Jerry Rice (OR)
High Roller: Michael Rowe (AK) & Jay Maloney (OR)
Doubles: Lea Hornbeck (WA) & Jay Maloney (OR)
Saturday: George Rasmussen (WA)
Last Chance: Rob Wintersteen (OR)
28's: O'Malley, Hampton, Logan, Slack, Glenn, Wikstrom, Horn

This event was a memorial for the late Ray Van Orsow, a Grand Master on/off the boards. His son, Bruce, was in attendance, keeping the Van Orsow winning tradition alive. Clarence and Denny Van Orsow were on hand, as well.

Mickow and Julkowski kept all events on time, with well posted results. The lucky raffle winner was Donna Hassett... she took home an extra nice blanket for her lucky number. And if this event can guarantee the same weather next year, a record crowd may very well be on hand.

Gene Goodell Helps ACC

Gene Goodell, the ACC's top Grass Roots player, is also top notch when it comes to helping the ACC. He has donated many envelopes to the ACC's Awards Program.

Joe Ramos Wins LaFayette II

Grand Master Joe Ramos, the ACC's hard-working GR National Statistician, came home the winner at the December edition of LaFayette II in Taunton, MA. In besting the large field (432 players), Ramos came away with a sizeable first-place prize... and 167 aggregate Master Rating Points (after qualifying 13th). Ramos edged another Grand Master in the final playoff round... Dwight Christiansen (CT).

Maurice Ramsey (MA) came home 3rd, with Grand Master David Clemmey (MA) taking 4th. Bruno Gray, yet another Grand Master, came home with the top qualifying score. Peter Setian (MA) posted a 21 GP card in the 12-game round (35 MRPs).

60 players played the Consolation, and Margaret Torrey (MA) took honors, edging Dudley Dumaine (MA) in the final playoff match. One-Star Phyllis Schmidt (MA) and Grand Master Rob Medeiros (MA) finished 3-4.

Aldinwoodie (RI) unofficially earned his Life Master by finishing in the 9-16 round in the Main Event. Directors Zeke and Cindy Verdu reported that Medford Smith (MA) and Valerie Slavin (MA) scored 28-28's. They also reported this event increased in size by a full 20% over last year. This year's 95% payback may explain the increase. This duo are planning a re-match next December 5... mark your calendars.

Join the

American Cribbage Congress

\$10 Single- \$12 Couple
ACC - PO Box 10486
Napa, CA 94581

Beverly Halstead Hot In Oroville
Beverly Halstead (CA) was hot on her home turf in Oroville on October 10. She scored a 28-hand in the Consolation qualifying round enroute to a whopping 20 GP card. She lost one game by a single point in easily taking honors.

Annamarie Walker Tough On Internet
Annamarie Walker, Prince George, BC, was playing on the Internet on December 11. Her first hand gave her a 3-4-4-5-6-6. She discarded the 3-6, cut a 6, and scored a double 24 (her opponent had discarded 6-6). Needless to say, this was a very short game! And this is one of the few advantages of playing computer cribbage...a player being waxed in this manner doesn't have to suffer the humiliation face to face.

Cribbage Good For Your Brain?
Paul Yellon (Laguna Hills, CA) mailed CW an article from Reader's Digest concerning Games For Your Brain. Gene Cohen, genetic psychiatrist and former director of the National Institute of Mental Health's Center on Aging, suggests that game playing is the mental counterpart of physical exertion. Tests show that game-players out-perform non-players on reading tests (one-year study of chess players and non-players, control group). A study with rats given toys developed significantly thicker cerebral brain cortex...the part concerned with thought.

Cohen plays cribbage with his father, and, in addition to exercising his brain, he says: "Only much later did I realize those games represented a whole lot more. For the time it took to play the game, I had my father all to myself!"

ALBERT LEA OPEN

March 19-20-21, 1999

**Albert Lea Inn/Best Western Motel
2301 East Main St., Albert Lea, Minnesota**

Cribbage Room Rates:

Call (800) 528-1234 or (507) 373-8291

The Schedule:

Friday, Mar. 19 8 PM, Singles, \$20, 9 games (standard & duplicate)
Saturday, Mar. 20 7 AM, Registration & Orientation
9 AM, Main Event, \$50, \$20 Q (1-6); 22 games
7 PM, Singles, \$20, 9 games
(*Buzz & Helen Rallsback 50th Anniversary Special*)
Sunday, Mar. 21 7:30 AM, Main Event playoffs, best 3 of 5
8 AM, Consolation registration
8:45 AM, Consolation, \$30 (incl. Q pool), pay 1 in 6

An All-Events will also be played. Your combined Friday, Main, and Saturday night score (40 games). \$20 entry pays the best 1 in 6.

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be no advance registration. We will have lovely people to serve you at the registration table.

For Information:

Director: Arnold Groskreutz

188 1st Ave. SE, Wells, MN 56097-1605. Call (507) 553-5782

Co-Director: Myron Schmidt

RR#1, Box 117, Wykoff, MN 55990. Call (507) 352-4765

Sanctioned By
**AMERICAN
CRIBBAGE
CONGRESS**