

# CRIBBAGE WORLD



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## Record Crowds In Reno

# TOC: Schiffman JPW/ACC: Kraft

Cribbage players from throughout the United States and Canada descended in record numbers on Reno the first weekend in February. The Sands Regency was awash with peggers from Friday through Sunday evening...and they were all on the prowl for record purses and bragging rights.

The gala weekend kicked off with the annual All-Star game on Thursday night (see story, this issue) with the Western squad taking home the win. Then on Friday morning some 512 peggers (a record) were on hand for the Annual Tournament of Champions, a meet by invite only. In a very competitive 16-game qualifying round, Darrell Miotke, a Grand Master from Sublimity, OR, scored the top card (31 15/16), taking home the top Q prize. But when the playoffs began, it was veteran Morris Schiffman, a Master pegger from Portland, OR, who held on to win the championship. The win came with a whopping \$8,000...one of the richest prizes in ACC history. No Master Points were awarded, however, as this match is by invite only.

Joe Angelo, pegging out of New York, nailed 2nd...and \$6,000! Mike Azevedo (MA) and Master John Syftestad (WI) took home 3-4. Azevedo took home a nice \$4,000 and Syftestad earned \$3,000.

A sizeable Consolation event saw Master Gaylord Matti (WI) take home the marbles (\$1,260), followed by Susan Turcotte (RI) in 2nd (\$1,150). Grand Master Paul Gallagher (MA) nailed 3rd, with Sue Schenck (MI) taking 4th (\$925).

On Saturday morning, the crowd doubled in size. With some 60 peggers on the waiting list, it appeared a certainty that a maximum 1,024 would play, but in the last confusing moments, many players failed to show, and standbys failed to materialize. Nevertheless, 1,014 players sat down to play in this granddaddy of all cribbage tournaments...the Joseph Petrus Wergin/American Cribbage Congress Open.

Wayne Steinmetz, a Grand Master from Milwaukee, roared out of the gate, scoring a whopping 41 18/22 +280 to capture qualifying honors...and a huge Q pool prize. He also took home 75 MRP's for this excellent card.

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Board of Directors Election  
CANDIDATES...see page 7.

## **The President's Column**

### **Everett "Ev" Bey**

### **20th Year**

The American Cribbage Congress has begun its 20th year, being organized and incorporated in North Carolina in 1980.

*Cribbage World* also started its 20th year of publication with the January, 1999 issue.

I don't know whether any of you have noticed the significance of the playing cards displayed in the front page flag of CW by our tricky editor, Delynn Colvert? In January, he used aces (representing month one); in February, he changed to deuces (the second month); and this month, March, is represented by a couple of treys on the front page, signifying the third month.

Jacks and queens will represent November and December, but we'll never get to kings (the 13th card).

Twenty-four founding directors were listed on the original ACC Articles of Incorporation. Half of them are still alive and active in cribbage affairs.

Thirteen-year President Emeritus Joseph Petrus Wergin, who conceived establishment of the organization, turned 89 on January 22 and is now living at the Hebron Oaks Health Care Center, 6201 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. Call (608) 238-1663.

Other founders still active in ACC events are: Air Force Major Bill Campbell (now a retired civilian and newspaper columnist in Florida); attorney Dick Graham of Englewood, CO; Tom Miller, Raleigh, NC; Dr. William Shoemaker, La Jolla, CA; John Chambers, Rhode Island; Ernie Driscoll, Raleigh, NC; Robert Read, Florida; Jeff Shimp, the Michigan kid now moved to Nashville, IN; Tats Tsuruda from sunny Hawaii; and two women: Marion Quackenbush, Lawrenceville, PA, and Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown, MA.

At least four have passed away: Nick Pond, formerly of Raleigh, NC; our original secretary, Jim Arblaster, of Florida; Allan Lichty, of Iowa; and Arnold Crews, also of Florida.

I've lost track of the other eight: pilot Bob Immel of Northfield, MN; Art Boulette, Alexandria, VA; Edna Boyd, Bluefield, WVA; George Haendle, Carson City, NV; Elbert

Hargesheimer, Hamburg, NY; Frank Wise, Orlando, FL; Dutch Klintworth, Greer, SC; and Marvin Kluck, Mystic, CT.

Arblaster introduced and published the first *Cribbage World*, followed by Bob Madson from Chicago, IL; Dale Munroe, Collinsville, CT; and the present editor, Delynn Colvert of Missoula, MT.

Multiple changes and growth have come and gone during these past two decades.

I'm proud to continue the legacy I inherited from previous Presidents: Wergin, Bob McCabe, interim Scott Kooistra and now EEB for the past five years.

However, I'm saddened when I have to report the failings of a friend whom I installed as Membership Secretary a dozen years ago.

A recent surprise audit of Jeff Monroe's accounts by Treasurer Fred McGibney and Auditor Roger Wilson, following two years of unanswered audit inquiries, revealed a substantial cash shortfall.

Other major discrepancies reported to the ACC Board of Directors at its recent Reno meeting included Monroe's failure to submit any dues remittances to the Treasurer from July 1, 1998 until January 30, 1999; failure to respond to Internal Control recommendations of the last two years; failure to make any serious attempt to explain possible reasons for the perceived shortage; and delay in sending the final fiscal 1998 (June) payment to the Treasurer until September 1998, claiming it was lost in the mail.

Numerous other alleged discrepancies were also revealed: members under 60 allowed to become Life Members; accepting dues at an older rate than currently charged; continuing *Cribbage World* subscriptions after memberships have ceased; processing delays in issuing current membership cards to members, etc.

At least we're solvent and continuing to do business as usual.

Needless to say, the ACC Executive Committee acted promptly, suspending Monroe and appointing Larry Hassett as new Membership Secretary to straighten out the whole mess. He'll be very busy for the next 60 days, so if anyone has any particular or peculiar membership problem, let me know about it at 10826 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351-2646. Call (602) 972-6848; Fax (702) 933-2378, or via e-mail: [evbey@starlink.com](mailto:evbey@starlink.com).

*Meanwhile, keep peggin'...Ev Bey*

## TOC: Schiffman

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But when the playoffs were winding down after two grueling days of playoff action, only Lloyd "Gabby" Kraft and Al Lindner were at the finals table. Kraft, a Grand Master from Seymour, WI, was down to his last hand (the match was tied at 3-3). The odds were long, indeed, at he needed 16 to win with first count. He held 10-Q-Q, and held his breath. Only a jack cut could save the match. And Lindner held a jack in his hand, giving "Gabby" only three chances to cut the winning card in the 40-card pack on the table. "Gabby" has paid his cribbage dues with many years of outstanding pegging, and the cribbage gods came through with the jack! Winning 4-3, Kraft took home the grand salami....\$10,000! And 315 MRP's to boot!

Alan Lindner's 2nd prize was a whooper....and his 252 MRP's will toss his hat in the annual MRP race as well. This Wisconsin pegger directs many tournaments, in addition to his prowess on the boards.

Frank Bodogh (NY & Canada) and Leo Rutledge (CA) came home 3-4. Each pegger earned huge prizes....and 196 MRP's.

Earning large prizes in the 5-8 bracket were: Jim Blough (MI), Grand Master Charley Rapoza (MA), Allen Bailey (MI), and Linda Swiontek (CA).

An unbelievable 814 peggers were on hand for the following Consolation. Grand Master Jim Gogolin (OR) came home the winner in this huge event (only the ACC Open will be larger this cribbage year). The win came with 135 MRP's, placing Gogolin among the nation's MRP leaders for this cribbage year. Alaskan Henry Carle nailed 2nd, with two Californians in 3-4....Len Wahlig and Grand Master Jones Hom.

The Sands Regency, once again, were great hosts to the ACC, with Barbara Woodward's expertise aiding immensely in the management of the tourney. Joan and Jim Rein (TOC), Scott Kooistra, Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer (ACC Open), and scores of helpers ran another first class event....and next year, the Sands promises more playing area, giving everyone a shot at winning the greatest cribbage match on earth!

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## *Wanted* from Reno

Players whiling away time from the pegging action did their share of playing the slot machines. Bob Drukman (MA) slipped a quarter in a machine (his first quarter) and bingo! \$240! Cindy Verardt (MA) hit a royal flush for \$1,385...and One-Star Harry Palmer (MA) nailed another for over \$2,000! Jim Rein (MN) also hit a \$2,000 jackpot. Bob Morganti (CA) did likewise to the tune of \$1,335. But the champ of the slots was Sandra Stroup (IL)...she hit three royal flushes in short order for a nifty \$4,700!

And how about Bill Medieros's shirts? His gambling shirts are outstanding. First a black one, then a nifty red one the next day! He hails from Massachusetts.

Ted Hokenson (MI) nailed the meet's only 29-hand early on Saturday morning. This gem is the ACC's 8th of this cribbage year...and nets Hokenson a nice \$100!

A woman was overheard telling her opponent that she had made her husband a millionaire by wagering on her cribbage games! She went on to elaborate..."and he used to be a billionaire!"

CW's editor was playing Brian McCoy (MA) and he couldn't resist tweaking his nose, "Hey, you know, I'm a Hatfield!" Quick as a wink, McCoy retorted, "No, I don't think so, there are none left!"

## *Memories of Mick*

It was sad to hear about "Mick" Michaelis passing. I really didn't think about it too much until I got my new membership card and I put it in my wallet. I had a dollar bill inside...that dollar bill is so special and will stay with my membership card forever. Several years ago I played a game with "Mick" for \$1. I was so proud to beat him that I made him sign the bill! That \$1-bill is so special, and I will keep it forever. "Mick" will live in my life forever.

Just thought I'd pass this on, that I have a lucky \$1-bill!

*Shirley Fitzpatrick  
Milwaukee, WI*

Willie Evans (WA) was playing Helen Railsback, and noted her long, spindly pistol pegs. He asked, "Do those ever fall out?" Helen, taken aback, took a quick look at her bosom, and stammered, "Uh, no, not lately!"

Bob and Shari Wikstrom (WA) were on hand and they were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mike Kuvaas (OR) was on a roll...he scored a 28-hand on Friday, and came back with another on Saturday!

Larry Samet had a neat peg sequence. Holding a 6-2-2-2, his opponent led a 9. The pegging: 9-6-J-2-2-2! for a nice 12 pegs! His opponent scored 1.

Dwight Christiansen (CT) and Mike Barrett (WI) took turns dealing the other an A-4-5-6 of spades (within 3 deals).

Charles Burgess, Jr (RI) and Dorothy Mickow (WA) both earned their Masters at this meet. And with the huge crowd, there may be several more players earning honors.

Donna LaFleur (CT) is at home in Nevada, as gambling is legal. She tallied up some 67 side bets on her qualifying card. Whew! Just running down all those players settling the wagers must be quite a chore!

28 hands? Vrigil Dulin (NC), Garry Peterson (CA), Jill Kraatz (CA), Dale Kochemburg (CA), Perry Stump (FL), Bryan Riches (NV), Mike Kuvaas (OR)(2), John Dawes (CA), and Ron Hamilton (KS).

*Shirley, yes indeed, Mick was a very special person! Not only was he a gifted cribbage player, but his sportsmanship was topnotch. We traded bills in our friendly games over the years...and now I wish I had one that was signed by him.*

*And along these lines, I have a special "friend" out in the Northwest. A gentleman by the name of Jim Sime (Kennewick, WA). We always play for \$5 a pop...and when he wins, he makes me sign the bill. After several years, he confessed he keeps a scrapbook with these bills...and it is overflowing! This\*\*\*&\*\*\* has a retirement plan based on my poor play! Ed.*

## **Pacific Coast Championship XII Kochenburg Cops Salinas Event**

Master pegger Dale Kochenburg from nearby San Jose nailed the 12th edition of the Pacific Coast Championship, held in Salinas, CA in mid-January. Barry Robson (CA) came close, but settled for 2nd in this 120-player event. Tony Ivelich (CA) and Richard Wardenburg (CA) took home 3-4.

Ron Graham won 17 of 22 (35 GP's) in the qualifying round to take honors.

74 peggers played the Consolation, with Jack Shumate III (CA) winning the event. Anne Sheeran (CA), Mel Ashley (CA), and Bruce Fein (CA) came home 2-3-4.

Director H. Ross Njaa had a full slate of satellite events. The winners:

Friday: Sheldon Njaa (CA)

Saturday: John Mock (CA)

Early Bird: Jim Langley (CA)

All-Events: Fred Drena (CA)

Team: B. Julian, M. Herrmann, B. Wakeman, J. Jarrell

28's: B. Snyder, R. Njaa, T. Haag

Director Njaa's son Sheldon played his first tournament on Friday night...and came away the winner! Njaa sported yet another large crowd, attesting to a well-run event.

## **Ike Endicott Runs Table At Kah-Ne-Ta**

Ike Endicott, Bend, OR, was on a roll at the Kah-Ne-Ta resort in central Oregon on January 23-24. Not only did he post a great 35 15/22 +213 qualifying score to take honors, he came out on top winning the playoffs as well. Ray Rangila (OR) was the last victim of Endicott's run, and finished 2nd. Master Phil True (WA) and Master Mickey Griffin (NE) finished 3-4 in this 66-player event.

Director Jim Waldorf won 8 of 9 in the Consolation qualifying round, but Graeme Gossett (OR) came home the winner in the playoffs. David Frantz (OR), Waldorf (OR), and Master Todd Malmgren (OR) finished 2-3-4.

*The satellites:*

Friday: Leslie Hein (OR)

Doubles: Bob & Sandy St. Yves (OR)

High Roller: Rod Marshall (WA)

28's: P. Hatcher, T. Neilson, D. Shadley

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# **NORTHERN POLE**

## **Life Master Jeff Shimp Tops In Appleton**

Life Master Jeff Shimp, Nashville, IN won his 6th sanctioned main event in Appleton, WI on January 24. The event is called the North Pole Open, and with snow, ice, rain, and sleet outside the playing hall, the event is appropriately named.

But inside the hall, Shimp's cards were hot as he ran for the title. One-Star Duane Toll (WI) was tying for his 11th win, but fell short and took home 2nd in this 110-player event. Tony Danihel (WI) and Bob Brown (WI) came home 3-4.

Mark Habighorst (WI) is on a roll this cribbage year, and with his top-qualifying score (37 17/22 +185) earning 55 MRPs, has zipped well over the 400 MRP mark.

Life Master Martha Fingleton (WI) was hot in the Consolation qualifying round, winning 8 of 9, but when the playoffs were finished, Fran Froelich (WI) came out on top. Carol Habighorst (WI) nailed down 2nd, followed by Tom Button (WI) and Jeff Lui (WI) in 3-4.

Director Gene Mikulsky had a full array of satellites. The winners:

Friday: Lyle Roberts (WI)

Saturday: Wayne Owen (WI)

28's: E. Perez, J. Wussow

## **Jones Hom Horror Story**

Jones Hom lives in sunny California (Fairfield) and he left home at 8 AM for the Kah-Ne-Ta event in central Oregon. At noon his car dies, and a tow truck replaced the fluids in his radiator. No lunch, as two hours were lost. 2 PM: Dunsmuir, CA, starting to snow heavily. Reach Klamath Falls, OR, and spun out...spun out again 10 miles later. Fellow motorists help him get back on the road. 6 PM: blizzard, can't see signs, drive 50 miles on wrong road. 9 PM: arrive back at proper junction, road blocked by overturned truck. 11 PM: on his way again at 25 MPH. 3:15 AM: after missing breakfast, lunch and dinner, arrive at Kah-Ne-Ta...some 19 hours after leaving home on a 450 mile trip.

# 3-3-3!

## Western Region All-Stars Even Match

The recent 9th Annual All-Star game kicked off the gala weekend of pegging action in Reno on February 4th.

With the Western Region trailing in this series 3-3-2, they came prepared to even the series...and they did! This 8-man team, pegged with consistency and came through with a narrow win over a star-studded Central Region squad. Each team played 128 games (a game each with the other two regional teams, 8 players vs. 16 = 128). The Western squad posted a 69-59 score, the Central team had 64-64, and the Eastern team scored 59-69.

Russell Adams, a Life Master from Minnesota posted the top score, winning 11 of 16 with 2 skunks, closely followed by Duane Toll (WI) and Delynn Colvert (MT). They posted 11 wins with 1 skunk. Roger Wilson (CO) aided the Western win with 10 wins, with Paul Hatcher (OR) and Bob Clark (CA) adding 9 wins. No one "bombed" on the Western squad...and the score is now 3-3-3!

## Oops! 0 for 16!

Betty Schaeffer is one of Florida's leading peggers. She was stunned at the recent Tournament of Champions when her cards went "south." She posted an 0 for 16!

## Never Give Up!

Steven Post (MN) had a dismal morning round at the Eau Claire Classic. He had 10 GP's after 14 games. He figured he had to win the remaining 8 games with two skunks...and that is exactly what he did! His 28 GP card qualified!

## Correction

### Charley Finley!

Last month's *Cribbage World* made a gross mistake...and in bold headlines on the front cover!

It read:

### Elinor Breen Wins Holiday Classic

It should have read:

### Charley Finley Wins Holiday Classic

And not only that, George Webb, a Life Master from Avon, MA took 2nd, followed by Life Master Bill Medeiros (MA) and Al Grenon, Jr (RI) in 3-4!

Evidentially, CW was reading the qualifying round form, and not the playoff form. What next? CW apologizes to these players (Finley is a Grand Master and not to be trifled with)...and Master Elinor Breen can frame the February issue or use it to collect bar bets!

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As 1999 is an odd numbered year, it is election time again for your Board of Directors.

Directors of the BOD are elected for a two-year term beginning September 1 of each odd numbered year (1997, 1999, etc.) and ending August 31. The BOD meets twice each year at the rotating Grand National location and in Reno, Nevada before the TOC. The meetings are normally held the day before each of these tournaments.

Any bona fide member of the ACC can be nominated by himself/ herself, or by another bona fide member. The nomination must be in writing and acknowledged by the prospective nominee. (See example to the right).

Nominees should include a short biography on themselves for publication in *Cribbage World*, and include how they would like to have their name published on the official election ballot.

Completed nomination papers and biographies must be sent to:

Ron Hamilton  
ACC Nominations  
7318 SW Cannock Chase Rd.  
Topeka, KS 66614-1534  
Phone: (913) 478-3668

Nominations must be received by April 10, 1999.

Ballots and biographies will be mailed to each member and must be returned by June 5, 1999. Elected directors will be notified as soon as the ballots are tabulated. The official results will be published in the July *Cribbage World*.

## Nomination for Election to the ACC Board of Directors

I would like to nominate the following individual for election to the ACC Board of Directors for the two-year term starting September 1, 1999:

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a bona fide member of the ACC and herewith endorse the above individual for nomination for election to the ACC Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

ACC Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

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### NOMINEE ACCEPTANCE

I herewith accept nomination for election to the ACC Board of Directors for the two-year term starting September 1, 1999. If elected, I agree to serve, by appointment, to at least two standing or ad hoc committees during this term of service.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Deadline for Nominees:  
April 10, 1999