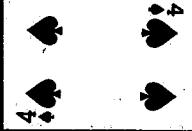


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Central Region Rolling!

Chase Nails Feb. St. Croix Julian Tops 348 At MGM Hamilton Wins In St. Paul

The late winter months in the Central Region is a mecca for America's cribbage players. Many outstanding events are scheduled every year, and this year was no exception. Beginning with the February edition of the St. Croix Classic in Turtle Lake, WI, the pegging action was on! Next came the huge MGM Open in Green Bay hosting a whopping 348 players. And this event was followed the next weekend by the Capital City Open in St. Paul, MN.

Turtle Lake, WI, Feb. 20: Master Robert Chase, Minneapolis, came home the winner at the huge 178-player St. Croix Classic. His final match pitted him vs. Doug Munneke (MN) and his cards remained hot. He took home the bacon...and 196 MRP's. Munneke garnered 147 MRP's and a nice purse for his high finish. One-Star Duane Toll (WI) vaults to the top of the Central Region's MRP list with a 3rd place finish, followed by Wes Fates (MN) in 4th.

Bonnie Jennie (MN) smoked the field in the qualifying round with a superlative 41 18/22 +315 to easily take qualifying honors. Don Ernst (MN) took qualifying honors in the Consolation with 18 8/9 +135.

Al Bailey (MN) won the -109-player Consolation, followed by Lyle Lund (MN), Grand Master Todd Schaefer (MN), and Diane Waite (MN) in 2-3-4. Schaefer's high finish keeps his All-American hopes alive, having topped 700 MRP's this cribbage season.

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

Friday: Chuck Reinke (WI)

Saturday: Tom Koncan (IL)

Friday Leastski: Karl Ascher (WI)

Saturday Leastski: Al Stanek (ND)

28's (\$250): Francis Pasluk, Darlene Althaus, David

Shaft, Wayne Steinmetz.

24's (\$25): 264 players

Director Lindner has St. Croix events scheduled for April, June, August and October. Check Tournament Trail, this issue, for details. These events always draw large crowds as Lindner's expertise and the St. Croix Casino's largesse in providing perks keep Turtle Lake buzzing.

Green Bay, WI, Feb. 27: Three-time National Champion Bob Julian (Milwaukee) once again throws his hat into the annual MRP

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race by winning the huge 348-player MGM Open. In besting the huge field, Julian took home 252 MRP's and vaults among the national MRP leaders. He stands at the 800 MRP mark for this cribbage year.

Mark Habighorst (WI) nailed down 2nd, and he garnered a bushel of MRP's as well...196! Daryl Halopka (WI) and Jerry DeMarse (MI) finished 3-4. Jim Porkorney (WI) won 17 of 22 games to take qualifying honors (38 GP's).

Newly-crowned Life Master Gene "Moose" Biegler (WI) won the 134-player Consolation. Jack L'Huilier (MI), Glen Gauthier (WI) and Chris Martin (MI) finished 2-3-4. Tim Salmen (WI) won 8 of 9 to take qualifying honors.

Directors Jerry Lenke, Bob Miller, and Tom Gallagher scheduled a full array of satellite events. Their doubles matches are the largest played in ACC action every year. The winners:

Fri. Doubles: Bob & Kevin McCabe (WI)

High Rollers: Randal Gries (WI)

Saturday: Larry Rowley (WI) 9/9 Grand Slam

Sat. Doubles: Jack Cervac & Mario Lenzini (IL)

Last Chance: Phyllis Schmidt (MA)

29: Dennis Pokorney (WI) (ACC's 14th)

28's: Bea Johnson, John Hill (2), Eimer Fox, Tim Krawford

The MGM Open continues to draw the largest crowd of the year (except for Grand Nationals) in the Central Region, and the Green Bay players just love their doubles, attested to by the huge Friday and Saturday night crowds.

St. Paul, MN, Mar. 5: Todd Schaefer's Capital City Open continues to draw large crowds, and this time around some 164 players were in action. When the smoke had cleared after two days of spirited pegging, only Grand Master Ron Hamilton, Topeka, KS emerged unbeaten in the playoff round. Hamilton took home 196 MRP's and the top prize...and is knocking on the door for his Life Master rating as well.

George Costanzo (MN), Derald Fedra (MN), and Tom Larson (MN) finished 2-3-4.

National front-runner One-Star Jesse Jarrell (CA) won the 134-player Consolation, edging Mark Wenzel (MN) in the final playoff match. Jack Dockter (MN) and Dick Neunsinger (MN) finished 3-4.

Director Schaefer always has cribbage on tap, Friday through Sunday. The winners:

Friday: Don Fleisch (WI) 21 9/1!

Saturday: Marlene Lazachek (WI)

All-Events: Don Fleisch (WI)

Last Chance: Tim Krawford (KS)

28's: Ralph Forrest, Gene Mikulsky, Lori Johnson

Director Schaefer reported a balmy 70 degrees in St. Paul on game day. This unprecedented heat-wave for Minnesota in early March can only be attributed to California's Jesse Jarrell opening his suitcase and letting the hot air out! Cribbage fever, catch it...and warm up!

Jacobs Tops Willows

The Willows (CA) Elks Charity event was won by Dennis Jacobs, Chico, CA. In topping the large field (110 players), Jacobs copped the top prize and 147 MRP's. Charles Hakenson (CA) took home 2nd, followed by Herb Hollander (CA) and Craig Ross (CA) in 3-4.

Director Carl Martens reported that Grand Master Bill Wakeman (CA) scored a 34 GP card (21 games) to take qualifying honors...and Les Kovach (CA) scored the only 28-hand of the event. No Consolation was scheduled.

Bussert Tops Port Orchard

In a rare one-day event in the Northwest, Lonnie Bussert, Everett, WA came home the winner at the recent Port Orchard Open. With over 80 players in action, Bussert garnered 147 MRP's for the day's play. Ron Balmer (WA) is a newcomer to ACC play, and he is off to a great start, finishing 2nd, after a fine showing at the Washington Championship in January. Hazel Weichseldorfer (WA) and Grand Master Jim Hornbacher (WA) finished 3-4...and picked up 70 MRP's for the day's pegging.

Co-director Jim Merriman (WA) scored a nice 21 9/12 +159 to take qualifying honors.

Don Keuter (WA) won the Consolation, with the streaking Jim Waldorf (OR) in 2nd. Waldorf is a Master pegger and is in the hunt for honors this cribbage year. Master Roger Lueschow (WA) and Vonita Gill (WA) finished 3-4.

Director Barbara Merriman reported she was very pleased with the turnout. She signed on two new players for ACC action, and expressed sympathy for George Stanton (WA) for his 0-9 card in the Consolation. She also reported that Bob Witzdam (WA) scored the meet's only 28-hand.

Willie Thull Cops Sunnyside

Non-ACC members rarely win a sanctioned event but Willie Thull topped the recent Washington State Open, played at Sunnyside, WA on March 3-5. He copped the \$1,000 first place award, but passed up the 147 MRP's for the win, as he is not an ACC member. But Patricia Rice from Greenacres, WA is a member and she took home 105 MRP's for finishing 2nd...and a nifty \$600 to boot. Walt Sweanigen (WA) and Master Betty Capper (OR) came away 3-4.

The Main Event played to a record crowd of 106 players, as co-directors Linda Johnson and Toni Morrow pull out all stops to reward players for their play...and the word is getting around about their great paybacks and extra amenities. A well-stocked 24-hand table had ample prizes, as well as their raffle.

Jeanne Hofbauer (WA) is moving in on her Life Master by taking top-qualifying honors...a very nice 35 16/22 +224.

A sizeable Consolation saw Master Roger Lueschow (WA) take home the bacon, with Master Mike Rowe (AK) taking home 2nd.

The satellites:

Time Passer: Sherri Albrecht (WA)
Doubles: Roger Lueschow (WA) & Gene Sissel (OR)
High Roller: Paul Hatcher (OR)
Saturday: Tom Wilson (OR)
Team: R.Hofbauer, J.Hofbauer, M.McDaniel, T.Malmgren

Correction

The back-page Sands advertisement has been listing the wrong dates for the upcoming Independence Day Open and Veteran's Day Classic.

The correct dates:

Independence Day: June 30, July 1-2
Veteran's Day Classic: November 10-12

Grand National Date Firm

Director Alan Lindner has firmed up the date of the upcoming Grand National XIX. This event will be played in Eau Claire, WI on September 22-24. See Tournament Trail, this issue, for details.

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170 At Tri-Valley Annual Tom Clark Tops In Massachusetts

Tom Clark, pegging out of Candia, New Hampshire came away the winner at the huge Tri-Valley Annual in Medway, MA on March 12. With 170 peggers in action, Clark came away with 196 MRPs...and the top prize. Laurie Owen (ME) took home 2nd, and 147 MRPs. Two New Hampshire peggers nailed down 3-4...Henry Bergeron and Louis Streeter.

Veteran Al Dinwoodie, a Life Master from Coventry, RI, scored a nifty 22 GP card in the 12-game qualifying round to take honors, and tacked on yet another 40 MRP's to his lofty lifetime total.

Master Jack Gauthier (CT) very nearly ran the table in the 94-player Consolation. He topped the field with a superlative 18 GP card (8 games), and came home 2nd in the playoffs. This combined effort netted Gauthier 69 MRPs. Clovis Prendergast (MA) prevailed to win the event, however, and netted 63 MRPs. Mike Hutchko (MA) and Ray Tondorf finished 3-4.

Director Pat Llewellyn reported that Sue and Dennis Cousins (ME) won the satellite doubles event. She also reported four 28-hands: John Brodeur, Emil Chrabaszcz, John Heald, and J. I. Rooney. Llewellyn complimented members of GR 161 for their volunteered help...making this event a great success.

Kudos From A Veteran

My name is Drake Jones and I found this site through the MSN Game Zone. I was pleased to find the link because I have needed to thank the American Cribbage Congress for about a decade now. In 1990, I was in the Army and deployed to the Persian Gulf when I found the game of cribbage. Guys in my unit played and I picked up the game from them. One of the fellows...I think his name was Dennis...had a connection to the ACC through his father and your organization provided us with cribbage boards. I still have the board that the Congress made up and sent over for us and it is one of my prize possessions from that period of my life. Those boards really helped morale, giving us something to do when we had a down time. I even won a prize or two while playing in tournaments and that really helped my morale!

I just want to thank your organization for the kind act and tell you how much I appreciated the support of the ACC back then. Please pass this letter of thanks on to your officers and members and especially to anyone who had a role providing these boards. Thanks again.

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Hofbauer Takes Timber Classic

Life Master Roy Hofbauer, the ACC's Western Region Tournament Commissioner, came to play at the Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, OR on March 19. He topped a huge field of 238 peggers and added some 196 MRP's to his lofty lifetime total, in addition to a four-figure top prize. Master Mary Herrmann (CA) survived hitting her head on Delynn Colvert's mini-wagon, and went on to score a nifty 2nd place finish...and 147 MRP's. She is knocking on the door for her Grand Master rating, as well. Joe Cover (OR) and Don Allen (OR) nailed down 3-4.

Glenna Little (WA) smoked the field in the qualifying round with a nice 36 16/22 +253 to take honors.

146 players stayed for the Consolation, and Two-Star Delynn Colvert (MT) snapped a slump in taking the event. His final match pitted him with the streaking George "Ras" Rasmussen (WA), but Colvert's cards remained hot for the win. James Seuffert (OR) nailed down 3rd.

A highlight of this event saw veteran pegger Anne Haller (OR) score the ACC's 15th 29 hand of this cribbage season, giving this Master pegger a nice \$100 bonus from the ACC.

Directors John Thiems, Larry and Donna Hassett had a full slate of satellite events. The winners:

Time Passer: Roger Lueschow (WA) 7/7 15 GP

High Roller: Mac McNeil (OR)

Doubles: Harold & Helen Sontag (CA)

Saturday: Bob Wikstrom (WA)

All Events: Jackie Doppelt 61 GP

Team: Jarrell, Colvert, Hatcher, O'Malley, and Heath
29: Anne Haller (OR)

The Seven Feathers is one of the premier playing halls in sanctioned play, with quality elbow room to spare. With each passing event, more and more players are flocking to this facility. Don't miss the upcoming Thanksgiving Classic next November!

Nifty Shirt, Nifty Hat

At the Seven Feathers Casino, Ed Peterson (OR) was spotted wearing a shirt with words of wisdom emblazoned on the back. The shirt read:

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And then there was Barrett Mace (CA) wearing a baseball cap with "Grin and Barrett" lettered on the front.

Ken Capper Repeats

Grand Master Ken Capper (OR) is the first two-time winner of the long-running Oregon Championship in Prineville, OR. With 114 players on hand this time around, Capper nipped local Dick Tooley in the final playoff match to take home \$1,000...and yet another 147 MRP's to add to his lifetime total. George "Ras" Rasmussen (WA) is on the move by taking 3rd and is now among the national MRP leaders this cribbage year. Al Whitsett (OR) nailed down 4th.

David Isaacson (OR) won 17 of 22, 37 GP's +151 to take qualifying honors.

A sizeable Consolation saw Joe Cover (OR) win going away, with Paul Nolz (OR) taking 2nd. Nolz also scored a fine 19 8/9 +161 to take qualifying honors. Virgil Hamilton (OR) and Grand Master Todd Malmgren (OR) took home 3-4. Malmgren's 30 MRP's keep him in the hunt for national honors this cribbage year.

The satellites:

Friday: DeLynn Colvert (MT) 7/7 17GP

High Roller: Larry Antijuntti (OR)

Doubles: Jeanne Hofbauer & Jan Scott

Saturday: Jeanne Hofbauer (WA) 7/7

Last Chance: Betty Nolz (OR)

29: John Simac (MT)

28: Jesse Jarrell (CA)

John Simac (MT) scored the ACC's 16th 29-hand for this cribbage year, and he took home \$100 for this gem. Jesse Jarrell (CA) scored the meet's only 28-hand.

96-year old Ray Rasmussen (OR) was on hand for the Saturday night game...and he can still pick 'em up and lay 'em down.

In an oddity, Marlene Stack inadvertently falsely claimed the game and had a 15-point penalty assessed. Now it was opponent David Isaacson's turn to peg...and he, too, falsely claimed the game and moved back 15 points. However, with first count the next deal, Isaacson won the game. This error kept Stack from qualifying, making the play doubly tough!

Directors Marvis and Ralph Reynolds keep 'em pegging in one of the longest running events in the Northwest.

Brad Stevens Cops 4th Colorado Winter Open

Coloradans came through with flying colors and won all the top four spots at the recent 4th Colorado Winter Open. Brad Stevens, Lakewood, took home the bacon in this 68-player match, nipping Master Jim Nohrden in the final playoff match. Bill Shirland and Frank Price took home 3-4. Shirland is nearing his Grand Master with this high finish. Nohrden also took qualifying honors with a nice 36 16/22 +192.

Master Iris Fletcher (CO) won the 34-player Consolation, edging Larry Shuel (CO) in the final playoff match. Ira Deutsch (CA) and Betty Davis (CO) finished 3-4. Deutsch won 7 of 9 to take qualifying honors.

The satellites:

Friday: Roland Beutenmuller (CO)
Saturday: Tamie Hopp (SD)
28's: Larry Shuel, Bernie Nowogrocki

Director Roger Wilson had all events on time, and prize-money boards were on the wall and clearly spelled out in a timely manner.

Shimp's Pay For Ski Trip In Arizona

Jeff and Joy Shimp decided to take in the Roadrunner Classic enroute to a skiing vacation...and the pegging paid off big time! Life Master Jeff won the Main Event (84 players) and spouse Joy won the 44-player Consolation (in addition to being high qualifier). The double win netted over \$1,400...and the skiing was on the house for this Indiana duo!

Peggy Cuningham, a co-director, took home 2nd place, followed by Darlene Carr (CA) and Harold Paulson (AZ) in 3-4. Bruce Goff (WA) took qualifying honors with a very nice 39 GP card.

In the Consolation, Pam Pomeroy (CA) finished 2nd, with Joy Shimp winning the final playoff match. John Simac (MT) and Helen Burley (AZ) finished 3-4.

Directors Laurie and Ron Logan had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Friday: Joy Shimp (IN) (again!)
Saturday: Darlene Carr (CA)
28: Sue Halvorsen (AZ)

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