

President's Column

by David Campbell



*The more things change, the
more they stay the same.*

—French novelist Alphonse Karr

On Friday evening, March 29, in Bowler WI an old tradition of Midwest tourneys was reborn. Throughout the years, Wisconsin has held many large tournaments at casinos. One of the largest yearly tournaments not in Reno or at a Grand National location was held each February in Green Bay at the Oneida Casino. Also, each year there were tourneys held at Potawatomi Carter Casino, and there were always a few tournaments held at the Turtle Lake Casino. A lot of these tournaments gave away money for 24/28/29-hands.

Earlier this year **Nicholas Barrett** contacted North Star Mohican Casino in Bowler and worked out a contract offering many of the same player advantages that had existed at most of the previously mentioned tournaments. Then the Barretts and the casino started promoting the tourney. When the tourney arrived, right around 200 seasoned ACC players and many first-time players showed up.

The result was the ACC gained twenty new members. BOD member **Keith Widener** offered to pay half of the membership fee for new members, and ten took him up on the offer. The other ten must not have heard the offer but enjoyed themselves so much they decided to join our great group.

For those of you who have never attended a tournament where you get rewards for hands, you should really try one. If you get a 24-hand (for example) you yell out “24” and **Linda Barrett** or **Taniesha Gukenberger** will search you out to verify the hand. This occurred over and over throughout the weekend. I would guess that each of the above mentioned walked many miles over the course of the weekend. Thank you, Linda and Taniesha, for all that you did over that weekend.

Thank you to all the Barrett clan for putting this wonderful tournament together. Hopefully, you all get a chance to attend one in the future. This event shows what can happen if word of a cribbage tournament coming to town is spread enough. **CW**