

# President's Column

by David Campbell



What could be better than getting sick two days before the start of your Grand National? That was how I started GN. I want to take the time and thank lots of people.

The week in New Hampshire started with the two midweek tourneys run by **Pat Llewellyn** and **Carl Deyette** and by **Marilyn Dyer** and **Fred White**. Both tournaments were well attended, and my thanks to the directors for running these and helping throughout! All throughout the week many satellites were available, so there was always cribbage available from the start of the day till late at night all week.

Thank you to all my GN co-directors for helping all week and long before anyone arrived in NH. Many of us averaged four or five hours of sleep per night getting ready for the following day after most of the players went to bed. **Lana Newhouse**, **Vicki Soule**, **Mark Soule**, **Julie Pierce**, **Rick Pierce**, **David Aiken**, **Bruce Sattler**, and **David Clemmey**—thank you for helping throughout.

The GN booklet was designed by **Jeff Gardner**, and he did an incredible job on it. The cribbage boards were made by **Rick Pierce** and were beautifully created and loved by all! At the end of the week-end 190 people left New Hampshire with a playing board made by Rick.

I want to thank some people who helped whenever asked: **Patrick and Linda Barrett**, **Rick and Peggy Shea**,

the Sands crew (**Barbara Rainey**), **John Hazlett**, **Mary Burlington** and **David Statz**, **Erik Locke**, and **Marlene Lazachek**.

A cookout on Friday afternoon run by **Lana Newhouse** and **Steve Fierro** offered free chips, hamburgers, and hot dogs; the free beer was supplied by Shipyard and Gritty's. A special thanks to **Lance Browne** for making this happen.

Most of the beautiful mugs given as prizes were supplied by **Jerome Kelliher**.

A few special memories of the week included **Charlie Finley** being inducted into the HOF and represented by his daughter **Dawn Finley Smolenski** and son **K. C. Finley**. It was also great to see **Brian Heroux** after his long absence away from us, and he proved cribbage is much like riding a bike. He is still one of the best players in the country even after being away for twelve years.

I want to personally thank **Mark Soule** and **Lana Newhouse** for doing a wonderful job with my HOF induction speeches! Also special thanks for my beautiful, wonderful girlfriend for placing one of the best ads ever in a GN booklet.

I am positive I omitted some people, and I apologize in advance for doing so but thank you to everyone who helped.

Finally, thank you to all who attended Grand National. The hotel loved you all. But Dunkin Donuts wanted you to all go away because you kept making them run

out of donuts daily! All the restaurants praised each and every one of you who ate out. Thank you all again for making this even more special because you were there!

Congrats to the Central and Western Regions for coming east and dominating

the week. Of the eight main and consolation tournaments, six were won by the West, and two were won by the Central. Congrats to **Betsy Miller** for winning both GN 38 and the best award ever offered to a winner! **CW**