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# President's Column

by David Campbell



*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. —Helen Keller*

**L**ast week I had the pleasure of helping run three tournaments in North Conway NH, the home of 2019's Grand National. During this time, I had the joy of watching what makes our organization so successful. Anyone who directs a tournament deserves praise from attendees. They do so not for an opportunity to make money (the ACC has a strict policy forbidding any director to profit from running a tournament). They run tournaments for the love of our great game and for the wonderful people they have met.

As any director knows, to have a successful tournament you need help. You need people to help set up, assist with seating, pass out cards, judge, cross-check cards, run satellite events, help clean up. Basically, you need help everywhere to be successful. We were lucky to have all of this and more at our recent tournaments, and I want to thank everyone who took the time to help in any way.

All of you reading this can also help in some way, whether you are at a sanctioned tourney or your weekly Grass Roots. Ask your club director if they need any help. At the end of the night help put cards and

boards away. This little task gets directors out of the building a few minutes earlier not having to do everything themselves.

For the ACC to be successful we all must also help. Last October in my first column I told you the things I envisioned happening over the next year or two. **New and improved website**—still in process, and we are hoping for an August 1 launch. **Automated reports**—a writable pdf of the tourney report is on the website. **Fully rewritten software**—hopefully complete in August. **28/29-pins**—now available, and many have received them. **Marketing**—still a top priority where we need everyone's help. **Full-color Cribbage World**—accomplished and from all indications loved by all. **Directors Handbook**—nearing completion after the definition of random seating was decided on in the BOD meeting in March.

All these items will help the ACC run much more smoothly and are great starts to getting us current, but we still need each and everyone of you. At the start of Grass Roots season in September, invite a friend to check us out; after four weeks hopefully they decide to join us. This step alone, if done by many of you, will change our membership numbers more than anything else we can do. **CW**

# Your Deal



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## CORRECTION

Tom Anderson and his daughter Sarah (La Grande OR) were pictured on the cover of the June *Cribbage World* in honor of Father's Day. Unfortunately, the young lady pictured with Tom was identified as Sue Anderson, who also lives in La Grande



OR and is also a member of the same club as Tom and Sarah, but is no relation. CW apologizes to Sarah for depriving her of a few seconds of her fifteen minutes of fame in the June issue, so we are paying it back here in the July CW!

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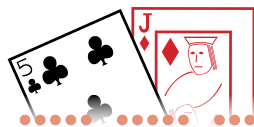
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# My Deal

by David Aiken



Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

I started publishing the ACC's membership tally in the August 2011 *Cribbage World*. This feature floated around for a few months but in the December issue it found a permanent home on page 5 of every issue. The first published number was 6,641, and our membership now stands at 6,142—a loss of 499 members in nearly seven years.

## Play with passion

While losing six members a month on average is not terrible, it is atrocious when you consider that we are playing the world's greatest card game.

This problem reminds me of a piece of dialog in the 2016 hit movie *La La Land*, where two jazz aficionados are discussing the impending demise of their beloved genre. Jazz great **John Legend** (in his role as Keith) says to Sebastian Wilder, the character played by **Ryan Gosling**:

You say you wanna save jazz. How are you gonna save jazz if no one is listen-

ing? Jazz is dying because of people like you. You're playing to 90-year-olds at The Lighthouse [a Los Angeles jazz club]. Where are the kids? Where are the young people? You're so obsessed with Kenny Clarke and Thelonious Monk. These guys were revolutionaries. How are you going to be a revolutionary if you're such a traditionalist? You're holdin' on to the past, but jazz is about the future.

The ACC has the same problem: cribbage is played by a bunch of old folks (present company included). While I admire, applaud, and buttress the efforts of **Dan Zeisler** and **Don "Grumpy" Howard** to build our Youth Program, that program is geared toward the long view. In the meantime, we have to find ways to make cribbage great again in the immediate future.

One solution to stagnation and decline (in any endeavor) is variety. Toward that end, I am happy to announce a new *Cribbage World* column entitled "Variations on a Theme." This occasional column (see

*continued on next page*

## TALE OF THE TAPE

Aiken	May	Medeiros
57.1% (168–126)	✗ batting average ✓	65.7% (94–49)
+61 against Scott Lilly (MI) @ Club 71	✓ biggest win ✗	+49 points Michael Becker (MA) @ Club 104
–58 by Eric Jensen (MI) in Grand Rapids	✗ worst loss ✓	–44 points by Richard Weston (NH) @ Connecticut Championship

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



This hand occurred in North Conway NH against the very tricky opponent **Lana Newhouse**. I was dealing needing 4, and Lana needed 6 with her first count. I had a pretty cut and dried discard: hold 3-4-5-10 and discard Q-K. The cut card was a Queen. Lana led a 9 into my 3-4-5-10. Normally when my opponent is six pegs or fewer from going out, I will play full out offense, especially if I am within five, but how am I going to peg four on this hand with a 9 lead? If I break up my 3-4-5 combination the cause might be lost, so I play my 10. It is quite possible Lana will score three or four points on this play, but I have to keep myself open to the possibility of trapping a 5 or 6 on the next pegging sequence. Much to my chagrin, Lana played a 6 to make it 25. So now I have a 3, 4, or 5 to play. I'll give you a whole month to think about how to navigate these choppy pegging waters; the conclusion of this hand will appear next month.

**Life Master (3★) Rob Medeiros regained his lead in the Eastern Region by playing smart. He be reached at mrob2199@aol.com.**

*Editor's column—continued from previous page*

page 22) will feature minor variations on the grand old game that you might try after you've memorized the values of all 12,994,800 distinct cribbage hands. These ideas are intended to be enjoyed at home or in a bar.

To provide some variety in sanctioned play, the BOD recently approved three modifications to consolations. See pages 18–19 for what you can expect next season.

But the best way to build the ACC is for each ACC member to become a “cribbage evangelist” (see a prime example in the April issue, page 5). Talk about the game with your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Leave literature (old *Cribbage Worlds*, “Cribbage Anyone?” pamphlets, ACC business cards) at doctors' offices, car-repair shops, grocery store bulletin

## Milestones!

Send info about member birthdays ending in a zero two months in advance to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org) or PO Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

*Happy Birthday in July!*  
80—Albert Perez (NV)

boards, the gym, or any place that potential members frequent. Be sure to include the ACC's website ([cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org)) or your phone number on the literature so people can follow up.

Near the end of *La La Land*, **Emma Stone** (in her character as Mia Dolan) tells Gosling/Wilder: “People will want to go to it [the jazz club] because you're passionate about it, and people love what other people are passionate about.”

That is what the ACC truly needs—players who are passionate about cribbage. **CW**

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Winter US Open (West Covina CA; Apr. 15)	Norm Nikodym	45 players HQ. Artland Kaai (40) 1. Cy Madrone (105) 2. Anthony Depinto (70) 3. Artland Kaai (42) 3. Jim McKnight (42)	26 players HQ. Roland Hall (15) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Elaine Jeché (24)		
Cascade Classic (Madras OR; Apr. 20–22)	Tammy Gibbons & Debra Lucas	45 players HQ. Richard Pierce (55) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Denny Van Orsow (70) 3. Melvin Chase (42) 3. Rebecca Adams (42)	28 players HQ. Debra Lucas (12) 1. Charlotte Springer (40) 2. Jeremy Krieger (24)		Early Bird: Dennis Misenar Doubles: Dennis Misenar & Don Dolezal
Alesia River Open (Walldport OR; Apr. 27–29)	Wayne Momsen & Carole Herron	80 players HQ. Gordy Wise (55) 1. Roland Hall (147) 2. Tom Langford (105) 3. Diana Webster (70) 3. Gordy Wise (70)	48 players HQ. Bill Klem (15) 1. Erik Locke (60) 2. Bill Klem (40) 3. Mike McCammon (24) 3. Rex Paddock (24)		Early Bird: Geno Baumann Doubles: Gordy Wise & Junko Larsen
Black River Country Classic (Black River Falls WI; Apr. 27–29)	Richard Frost	68 players HQ. Donald Flesch (45) 1. <b>Stephen Subera</b> (147) 2. Earl Fox (105) 3. John Syftestad (70) 3. Ellen Kutz (70)	41 players HQ. Gene Biegler (18) 1. <b>Robert Jackson</b> (60) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 3. Scott Fritz (24) 3. Tom Plash (24)	28-hands: Dan Taylor* William Carlstrom* Tony Ayriss* William Davy*	Friday: Richard Frost Saturday: Dennis Koehler All Events: Donald Flesch
Weir River (Ware MA; Apr. 28)	Mathew Piechota	55 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (50) 1. Terrance Cushman (105) 2. Peter Vangness (70) 3. Robert Medeiros (42) 3. Peter Setian (42)	30 players HQ. Barry Spadea (12) 1. Jerry Hardy (40) 2. Marty Duchow (24)		

# LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in a sanctioned event

highlighting = grand slam

highlighting = first win



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<b>Oregon Coast-in-Between (Newport OR; Apr. 30)</b>	Monica Newton & David Alken	64 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (45) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Don Allen (70) 3. Jerry Blackman (42) 3. James Langley (42)	40 players HQ. Monica Newton (12) 1. <b>Michael Wertz</b> (60) 2. William O'Malley (40) 3. Michael Meyer (24) 3. Dan Selke (24)	28-hands: Bob Bartosh* Linda Wilson*	
<b>Dean Bauman Memorial (Newport OR; May 1-2)</b>	Carole Herron & Wayne Momsen	68 players HQ. DeLynn Colvert (50) 1. Roland Hall (147) 2. Erik Locke (105) 3. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Dan Selke (70)	52 players HQ. Lloyd Boyd (12) 1. Gordy Wise (60) 2. Pete Larsen (40) 3. Fred White (24) 3. Liz Stockdale (24)	28-hands: Richard Simmons* Doug Page*	
<b>Oregon Coast Classic (Lincoln City OR; May 4-6)</b>	Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer & Bernie Nelson	175 players HQ. Terry Weber (65) 1. Gordy Wise (196) 2. Rollie Heath (147) 3. Mike McCammon (105) 3. Ron McKee (105) 5. David Campbell (70) 5. Andy Stireman (70) 5. S. J. Ferrigno (70) 5. Jason Hofbauer (70)	124 players HQ. Terry Ryckman (18) 1. Betty Brumley (84) 2. Phyllis Roderick (60) 3. Laurie Logan (40) 3. Dave Waller (40)	29-hand: Todd Malmgren 28-hands: Mike McCammon* Joanne Hampton* Lee Chambers* Mike Huffman* Terry Goatz*	Time Passer: Steven Macomber Canadian Doubles: Laurie & Ron Logan Friday: Terry Goatz Saturday: Frank Ornie
<b>River City Open (Fair Oaks CA; May 12)</b>	Nancy Rojas & Jennifer Bolles	82 players HQ. Richard Shea (50) 1. Dennis Morin (147) 2. Bob Bartosh (105) 3. Richard Hinrichs (70) 3. Mel Ashley (70)	33 players HQ. David Johnson (18) 1. Denny Moore (60) 2. Robert Cox (40) 3. Dearl McCullough (24) 3. Thelma Weber (24)	28-hand: Richard Hinrichs*	
<b>Mountain View Open – Saturday (Loveland CO; May 12)</b>	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha	46 players HQ. Roger Baxter (40) 1. David Bute (105) 2. Shirley Clinebell (70) 3. Sue Edwards (42) 3. Jeremy Krieger (42)	33 players HQ. Greg Ginocchio (15) 1. Robert Dearwester (60) 2. Greg Ginocchio (40) 3. Troy Thorson (24) 3. Bruce Sweetman (24)		

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<b>Mountain View Open – Sunday (Loveland CO; May 13)</b>	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocho	22 players HQ. Kathy Pacocha (40) 1. Jeremy Krieger (70) 2. Kathy Pacocha (42) 3. Mary Skole (21) 3. Thomas Bever (21)	17 players HQ. <b>Wayland Kuhn</b> (21) 1. Troy Thorson (40) 2. Wayland Kuhn (24)		
<b>Humboldt Bay Spring Classic (Eureka CA; May 18–20)</b>	Peggy & Rick Shea	39 players HQ. James Langley (70) 1. Trevor Poole (105) 2. Roland Hall (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Richard Hinrichs (42)	30 players HQ. Basil Rudnick (21) 1. Basil Rudnick (40) 2. Don Dolezal (24)		<i>Doubles: Tim Hutsell &amp; Jerald Cutsforth Saturday: Rusty Goodlive</i>
<b>May Flowers in Paradise (Honolulu HI; May 19)</b>	Fred White	17 players HQ. Ray Sakai (40) 1. Tsarkie (70) 2. Ray Sakai (42)	—		
<b>Washington State Open (Sunnyside WA; May 18–20)</b>	James Morrow	39 players HQ. Willie Evans (35) 1. Ken Cochlin (105) 2. James Morrow (70) 3. Kevin Mansfield (42) 3. Frank Hanson (42)	26 players HQ. Rick Baird (18) 1. Todd Malmgren (40) 2. Diego Alvarez (24)	28-hands: Diego Alvarez* Jon Bumstead* George Mackie	<i>Early Bird: Jan Blevins Doubles: <b>Dan Fergus &amp; Jack Moritzky</b> Saturday: Kevin Mansfield</i>
<b>Carlsbad Coastal Classic (Carlsbad CA; May 27)</b>	Kathryn Justyn	40 players HQ. Anthony Depinto (45) 1. Cynthia Wark (105) 2. Artland Kaai (70) 3. Carol Williams (42) 3. Christy Lens (42)	26 players HQ. <b>Pamela Pomeroy</b> (18) 1. David Aiken (40) 2. Beth Fleischer (24)		
<b>Memorial Midweek (North Conway NH; May 30–31)</b>	David Campbell	77 players HQ. Mary Burlington (40) 1. Robert Medeiros (147) 2. Charlene Cohen (105) 3. June Fordham (70) 3. Jerry Hardy (70)	64 players HQ. David Statz (21) 1. David Aiken (60) 2. William Shoemaker (40) 3. Doug Kelliher (24) 3. Susan Jaynes (24)		<i>Thursday: Rick Allen</i>

## Tourney Tidbits

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Crusty's Revenge (North Conway NH; June 2)	Lana Newhouse	86 players HQ, Donna LaFleur (60) 1. David Aiken (147) 2. Mark Soule (105) 3. Jere Huyck (70) 3. Lance Browne (70)	58 players HQ, Jerry Rowe (12) 1. Peter Legendre (60) 2. Fred Blanc (40) 3. Robert Medeiros (24) 3. Laurie Hardy (24)	28-hand: Michael O'Brien Mary Ann Kelliher	Early Bird: Charlene Cohen Saturday: Michael O'Brien Canadian Doubles: Jason Matheny and David Aiken

**What's in a name?** Both the main and consy finals at River City Open on May 12 featured Denny versus Bob, and Denny won both matches. **Dennis Morin** (Lincoln CA) bested Life Master (2★) **Bob Bartosh** (Sacramento CA) in the main finals, and Master **Denny Moore**

(Napa CA) took down **Bob Cox** (Santa Rosa CA) in the consy.

**All in the family** Both **Ian Symons** and **Marty Symons** (Madras OR) earned award levels at the Oregon Coast Classic in May: grandson Ian earned his Master rating and grandfather Marty earned his Life Master.

DONNA LAFLEUR

BRISTOL, CT

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5	2	04		EE	45
6	2	16		RM	43
7	2	17		OC	41
8	2	14		MM	39
9	2	16		SM	35
10	2	07		ZW	33
11	2	09		DD	31
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Games Won	14	NET POINTS (+/-)		Loss = 0	
		+102		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	

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## Scorecard of the Month

**Life Master (2★) Donna LaFleur (Bristol CT)** kinda set a new ACC record for a fourteen-game tourney. While she didn't establish a new high score (that is still held by the late, great Bill Medeiros, who turned in a 32/13 +284 scorecard at the 2007 Dennis Cousens Memorial in Portland ME), Donna had a **grand slam** in the fourteen-game Crusty's Revenge main in North Conway NH on June 2.

## COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

The Montana Cribbage Open was featured in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. To read the story go to [bozemandailychronicle.com](http://bozemandailychronicle.com) and type "cribbage" in the search box. Thanks to Sandy Sands (Helena MT) for the heads-up on this article.

# ACC *Awards*



**Marlene Lazachek**  
(Franklin WI)  
Life Master (★) #107

Marlene learned to play cribbage from her boyfriend's grandfather in the early 80s. She joined the ACC in the mid-80s and looks to the late, great Martha Fingleton as her cribbage mentor.

A longtime member of the club that made Milwaukee famous, Marlene has earned her Silver Award, been club champion a couple times, and also directed Club 6 for more than twenty years. Her first tournament win was in Elgin IL, and she has now won nine tourneys. Her favorite tournaments are all the Marinette tourneys and the JPW/ACC Open. Her favorite cribbage moment this year was pegging out against Wayne Steinmetz in The End is Here consy finals to win the tournament.

When not playing cribbage or dealing with official ACC business (she is the ACC's statistician and treasurer), Marlene enjoys traveling, reading, gardening, walking, and volunteering.

[Cindy's words] My father taught me to play cribbage when I was young. Decades later, after retiring from the United States Public Health Service as a Nurse Officer, I started playing cribbage once a week with a community group convened by Tom Brent on the eastern shore of Maryland. Tom would become my first mentor, introducing me to many of the tools I use today and inviting me

to a Grass Roots club in Bowie MD. He encouraged me to attend my first ACC-sanctioned tournament in Baltimore five years ago. I got my first 28-hand during that tournament while playing a game with Steve Sattler. Steve's brother Bruce and Jack Howsare would become additional mentors for me. I quickly joined the ACC and have enjoyed traveling around the country to play in weekend tournaments. I earned my Grand Master rating at the Napa CA tournament this year. I was high qualifier on that day and earned enough points to be a Grand Master while playing Bob Bartosh in the playoffs. I won my first tournament in Baltimore during 2013 and have won several around the country since that time. My favorite tournament is at the Rampart Casino in Las Vegas. There are so many tough opponents in the ACC, however my mother continues to be my toughest opponent. I became a grandmother in 2015 and moved to California. I now have two grandchildren and spend most of my time caring for them. Something most people don't know about me is that I began skydiving while attending nursing school at Duke University. I became a certified jumpmaster and instructor while owning and operating a skydiving business. Cribbage has many similarities to skydiving, It involves risk-taking, brings immense enjoyment, and requires intense concentration. I am thankful for all who have shared their knowledge with me and look forward to many more years of playing.



**Cynthia Wark**  
(Sunnyvale CA)  
Grand Master #416

## Better Than Joe!

*Noting the achievements of members who moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs.*

Charlene Cohen (FL)  
Joe Gates (CO)  
Greg Ginocchio (CO)

## *New Cribbage Grand Masters*

- 410. Esther Rolfe (Boynton Beach FL)
- 411. Patrick J. Healey (Ishpeming MI)
- 412. Basil M. Rudnick (Isleton CA)
- 413. Bill Mero (Camas WA)

## BIRTHDAY BOY BLITZ

by Mary Burlington

It's so hard to find the perfect birthday present—except, of course, if you are the cribbage fairy and the birthday honoree is a cribbage player. In that case, the choice is easy. How about winning a tournament? In fact, how about winning three?

We all know **David Aiken** from his work as editor of *Cribbage World* in which pages he often appears as a member of the Central Region All Star team. But a combination of cold cards and limited playing time due to the demands of his real-life non-cribbage job had left David with only 27 MRPs as of February 16. But all that was about to change as his birthday approached.

David decided to spend his birthday in the resort area of North Conway NH, future home of Grand National 38 in 2019. Not only was the venue itself appealing with great restaurants and lots of fun activities, but the Conway Cluster offered three sanctioned tournaments plus multiple satellite events spearheaded by **that other David in the ACC, our Prez Mr. Campbell.**

Some people celebrate a birth “day.” But the cribbage fairy noted that David had not won a tournament since June 2015 and decided that this three-year gap merited a birth “week” celebration. And so

the festivities began.

Traveling first to California, David won

the Carlsbad Coastal Challenge consy on May 27. Arriving in North Conway on May 30, David waited until his actual day of birth on May 31 to win the Memorial Midweek consy. The final component of the birthday trifecta fell into place on June 2 when David won Crusty's Revenge main tournament.

But these three sanctioned tournament wins came with a cherry on top for David as the 2018 Conway Cluster was also the site of the ACC's very first Canadian Doubles World Championship on June 1. Partnering with Grand National 34 champion **Jason Matheny**, the formidable team was high qualifier in the tournament, and Jason and David emerged from the play-offs as World Champions.

When all was said and done, or rather cross-checked and awarded, David Aiken earned 282 MRPs during his birthday week. These points, together with a second-place finish in the Michigan Cribbage Cup main and some miscellaneous qualifying points, increased David's MRPs from February's paltry 27 to a now impressive 526.

Happy birthday, David!

*Mary's birthday was on May 29, and the cribbage fairy granted her birthday wish the following day when she was high qualifier in the Memorial Midweek main.*



### *New Cribbage Masters*

- 958. Betsy Miller (Plymouth MN)
- 959. Liz Stockdale (Bonners Ferry ID)
- 960. Ian Symons (Madras OR)
- 961. Roger D. Baxter (Aurora CO)
- 962. David Bute (Brush CO)

**Australia**

Lorne Ferster (Stirling)

**Alaska**

Pi Lee Padgett (Fairbanks)

**Alberta**

Arnie Ferster (Cochrane)

**Arizona**

Cruz Wales (Queen Creek)

**California**

Tasha Bonsignore (El Cajon)

Margaret Harrell (Carmichael)

Danny Koran (Fallbrook)

Egor Leibel (El Cajon)

Jeff Merritt (King City)

Tabitha Powell (Huntington Beach)

Kyle Quinn (San Jose)

Catherine A. Reardon (Lompoc)

Jamie Smith (Magalia)

Jennifer Steelquist (Rescue)

Joanne Stine (Auburn)

Rae Teeter (Paradise)

Vivian Teeter (Paradise)

Jediah Tong (Paradise)

Kayla Tong (Paradise)

Autumn Vogelbacher (Paradise)

Kaelyn Vogelbacher (Paradise)

**Colorado**

Gary Nadel (Grand Junction)

**Connecticut**

Mitch Lucas (Vernon)

**Florida**

Dianne Brock (Saint Cloud)

# New Members

61 in May

**Iowa**

Ted Peer (Ankeny)

**Massachusetts**

Jim DeLuco (Hudson)

**Michigan**

Joni Pennington (Lake Ann)

**Minnesota**

Gary Hadrich (Avon)

**Nevada**

Cherie DeWilde (Las Vegas)

**New York**

Steve R. Haskell (Stockton)

**Oregon**

Serena Reddick (Hermiston)

**Virginia**

Jeremy Burge (Forest)

Mark O'Connor (Alexandria)

Thomas R. Walkinshaw (North

Chesterfield)

Moose Williams (Lynchburg)

**Washington**

T. J. Brennan (Suquamish)

Katie Brown (Poulsbo)

Fred Clark (Bainbridge Island)

Kelly Gurza (Bainbridge Island)

Jerry Hanrahan (Bainbridge Island)

Josh Hansell (Walla Walla)

Michele Hansell (Walla Walla)

Rayna Iverson (Lynnwood)

Brian Lott (Bainbridge Island)

Earl A. Minor (East Wenatchee)

Brandy Morris (Bainbridge Island)

Kacy C. Owen (Longview)

Sarah A. Owen (Longview)

Pam Robinson (Bainbridge Island)

Jim Sherrill (Centralia)

Katy Tomasulo (Bainbridge Island)

Allen Turnbull (Bainbridge Island)

Carolyn Turnbull (Bainbridge Island)

Rachele Turnbull (Bainbridge Island)

Greg Vogel (Puyallup)

Lassie Wittman (Rochester)

Jonathan Wood (Bainbridge Island)

**Wisconsin**

Georgiana Castellanos (Green Bay)

David De Ford (Eau Claire)

Ernie Lannigan (Eau Claire)

William Schmoll (Marshfield)

## Ruling Points . . .

Last month we put out a call and have spoken to several judges about a unique mistake recently at a Grass Roots club. Here is the scenario that followed the turn of the starter card: the pone leads, the dealer plays a card, the pone plays a second card, the dealer grabs the starter card and plays it as one of his cards, the pone plays a card, the dealer starts to play a second card when the pone notices, saying, "Hey, isn't that the starter card you played?"

After consideration, the simplest solution seems to be rule 6.1c: the nonoffender picks two cards blindly from the dealer's hand and chooses which will be the starter card, and there is a two-point penalty. We don't agree with the idea of rule 4.4 c seeming to apply, as there would be, in our opinion, too much incentive if a player had a bad hand to grab the starter card and stick it in their hand to enable a simple redeal. Fortunately, we have heard of this happening only once, so hopefully a specific rule covering it may not be necessary.

*Send questions about the rulebook to the Barrett boys at [barrettsauctions@gmail.com](mailto:barrettsauctions@gmail.com).*





# ACC Cribbage Code of Congeniality

## During a new player's trial period (four weeks or until they earn points—whichever is longer) . . .

- We pledge to welcome new players warmly and make them feel wanted.
- We pledge to not penalize new players for violating tournament rules. (We will, instead, gently tell them what the rule is and what the penalty would be.)
- We pledge to not let new players underpeg points or undercount hands. (We will, instead, explain errors and then allow new players to take all points they are entitled to.)
- We pledge to not make new players feel inferior if/when they miss points or make a bad play. (We will, instead, let them know that all cribbage players do this and that it is part of the learning process.)
- We pledge to not force new players to play a game in fifteen minutes. (We will, instead, be tolerant and not complain, remembering that we, too, started slow.)
- We pledge to allow new players to play for free or at the minimum cost of club expenses.

## After the trial period is up . . .

- We pledge to continue to make all players—new and existing—feel welcome and comfortable at our club.

## 52 Grass Roots clubs have adopted the “Play Nice Pledge”

*Here are latest clubs to sign up:*

Lewis & Clark Club 403 (Wentzville MO)  
Oakland Peggers Department Club 422 (Oakland CA)

*To add your club to this list, send email to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).*

CLUB 29

1. Edward Balcer (MN): Grand National 36 (Sept. 10)
2. Rodney Marshall (WA): Grand National 36 (Sept. 10)
3. David Smith (FL): Yooper Fall Classic (Sept. 23)
4. Norman Wood (MI): Yooper Fall Classic (Sept. 23)
5. William Schwendner (CT): George Bickford Memorial (Nov. 5)
6. Gary Pinkley (WA): Veterans Day Classic (Nov. 11)
7. Gary Pinkley (WA): Northern California Open (Feb. 25)
8. Craig Smith (OR): JPW Open (Mar. 3)
9. Glen Humbert (WA): Daffodil Express Open (Mar. 18)
10. Todd Malmgren (OR): Oregon Coast Classic (May 5)

September 21-23, 2018

# GRAND NATIONAL 37

location
<b>Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport</b> 6401 S 13th St Milwaukee WI 53221
♦ Cribbage rate is \$99/night for double. ♦ To make a reservation, call <b>414.764.5300</b> (use code "ACC Grand National") or go online to <a href="http://bit.ly/gn2018hotel">bit.ly/gn2018hotel</a> (enter group code "AGN"). ♦ Free parking. ♦ Free shuttle from airport.

director
<b>Terry Weber</b> email: <a href="mailto:tweb152@aol.com">tweb152@aol.com</a> phone: 608.225.8138
codirectors
<b>David Aiken</b> <b>Linda &amp; Patrick Barrett</b> <b>Dan Selke</b> <b>Jeff Shimp</b>



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## tournament details

- ♦ **Entries must be postmarked by September 8.**
- ♦ Games should be played in 15 minutes.
- ♦ Q-pools have 100% graduated payback to all qualifiers.
- ♦ \$10-\$20-\$50 side pools available onsite for all tourneys.
- ♦ Players must be present 20 minutes before announced start time.

Friday
<b>BOD meeting</b> (9a ♦ everyone welcome)
<b>Lake Winnebago</b> (9:30a ♦ \$20 ♦ 7 games)
<b>Lake Ontario</b> (1:30p ♦ \$25 ♦ 9 games)
<b>Cribbage Board Road Show</b> (4-6p ♦ bring your board for expert evaluation)
<b>GRTOC</b> (6:30p ♦ 12 games ♦ send entry fee to David Aiken)
<b>Lake Erie</b> (7p ♦ \$25 ♦ 9 games)
<b>Canadian Doubles</b> (7p ♦ \$50/team ♦ 9 games)
<b>Lake Michigan main</b> (8a ♦ \$80 + mandatory \$200 ♦ 22 games ♦ includes lunch)



for registration, orientation, seat assignments.

- ♦ Banquet choices: oven-roasted New York strip loin; stuffed chicken breast with whiskey apple-sauce; or salmon with dill sauce.

Saturday	Lake Michigan main entry (6p ♦ \$25 ♦ 9 games)
	Lake Huron (7p ♦ \$25 ♦ 9 games)
Sunday	Back to the '50s Awards Banquet (6p cocktail hour ♦ 7p banquet)
	main playoffs (7:30a ♦ best 3-of-5)
	Lake Superior consolation (9a ♦ \$30 + \$10Q ♦ 9 games)
	Lake Superior consolation playoffs (2p ♦ best 2-of-3)

Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress ♦ Master Rating Points (MRPs) & trophies awarded

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Lake Michigan main entry + Q-pool: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ steak ☐ chicken ☐ salmon

Lake Winnebago (Friday 9:30a): \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Ontario (Friday 1:30p): \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Erie (Friday 7p): \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Canadian Doubles: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Huron (Saturday 7p): \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

total remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSOLATION VARIATIONS

The Board of Directors has approved three variations to spice up consolations: (1) bad-beat scorecards, (2) minimum consy attendance, and (3) Consy Lite.

❶ The term “bad beat” entered common parlance from poker tournaments, and basically it means a strong hand that loses to an even stronger hand (for example, four Aces losing to a royal flush). Beginning on August 1, 2018, the ACC will pay \$100 to the two best consolation scorecards (one in eight-game consy and one in nine-game consy) that do *not* qualify for playoffs each cribbage season.

Eligible scorecards must be submitted to *Cribbage World* (cwed152@gmail.com) by the tournament director, who thereby certifies (a) that the scorecard was cross-checked according to ACC rules and (b) that the player did not qualify for playoffs. The frontrunners will be published in *Cribbage World* each month so that players will know what the target is.

This proposal was sponsored by **David Aiken** and passed on a 22–2 vote (one abstention).

❷ The minimum attendance for a con-

solation to qualify as a sanctioned tournament was reduced from 17 players to 12 (the minimum for sanctioned mains remains 17). Given that each season we lose several consolations (see nearby table) because attendance did not reach 17 players, the BOD voted to lower the minimum to 12 players, effective August 1, 2018.

This proposal was sponsored by **Paul Gregson** and passed on a 20–5 vote.

season	mains	canceled cons	% canceled
2014–15	206	9	4.4%
2015–16	198	8	4.0%
2016–17	182	14	7.7%

❸ The biggest change to the traditional consolation format is “Consy Lite” (see next page). This proposal was sponsored by **Paul Gregson** and passed on a 24–1 vote. It is effective on a one-year trial basis.

Between these three adjustments to the consolation format, the BOD hopes that both consy attendance and enjoyment will increase. **CW**

## Don't Overthink!

Here is note from Master **Richard Hinrichs** (Redding CA): “I am pone out 12; the dealer is out 10. My best keep is 2-5-8-X, looking for a 5-cut and then peg 2. The cut is a 7, so it looks like I am toast. I lead my 2, and the dealer puts an 8 on it. Now I have a choice: play the 5 for 15-2 or pair the 8. If I stop and think, it will be obvious that I had this choice. So, I quickly play the 5. The dealer thinks and thinks and is obviously counting the loser cards. Finally the dealer plays an 8, which I pair for 31-4 and giving me enough to win the game! The dealer's hand was 6-7-8-8 so my 5 “scared away” the 6 or 7. And since I didn't hesitate when the dealer played an 8, it looked like I didn't have an 8 to consider!”

## CONSY LITE – by Paul Gregson

In all forms of competition, organizations look for changes that inject excitement. Be it the wildcard round in baseball, moving back the extra point in football, or playing Canadian doubles cribbage, organizations always try new things, see how they are received, and keep the things that work well.

For the 2018–19 cribbage season (i.e., effective August 1), the ACC will be trialing a new consolation format at some one-day tournaments (tourneys where the main and consolation are played on the same day).

Originally proposed by ACC member **Terry Cushman** (Gray ME) on the ACC's Facebook group, this idea was refined and presented to the BOD by **Paul Gregson** (Antioch CA).

Rather than having a qualifying round followed by the playoffs, as is traditional, a one-day consolation may optionally use a playoff-only (lite) format, where all players signing up are placed directly into a single elimination (best two-of-three) bracket.

Why try something new? Several reasons:

1. The percentage of people who stay and play the consolation at one-day tournaments is declining.
2. Playing a second qualifying round after having just played a qualifying round can be a slog and may dissuade people from playing.
3. A playoff-only consolation lets new players experience playoff matches even if they don't qualify in the main.
4. It shortens a consolation and lets people get home more quickly, hopefully mak-

ing them more likely to stay and play in the first place.

One highlight of the new format is how players are placed into the bracket. Scores during main qualifying will determine byes in the consolation bracket, so if you just miss qualifying in the main you will likely be rewarded with a bye in the consolation. This incentivizes people to continue trying in a main even after it looks like they have been eliminated from contention.

Master Rating Points will be awarded for the Consy Lite format on a similar scale to regular consolations, just with slightly fewer points awarded as slightly fewer games are played. To earn MRPs you must reach the third round of the lite playoffs. Full details may be found at [cribbage.org/about/consy\\_lite.asp](http://cribbage.org/about/consy_lite.asp).

We are looking for adventurous tournament directors from different parts of the country to volunteer to try out this Consy Lite format at their tournaments. For more information, contact your tournament commissioner or the VP of Competition **David Aiken** (cwed152@gmail.com or 616.401.8311).

Wanna play Consy Lite? The following one-day tourneys will feature the new format, and more will be added soon.

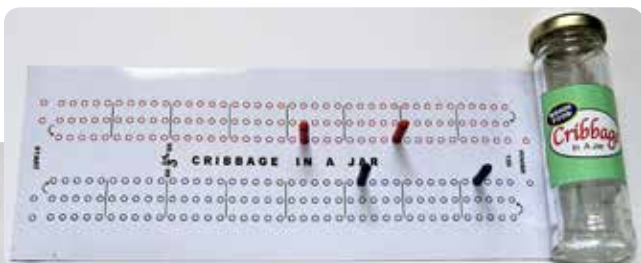
tourney	date	directors
Battle of the Bay (Antioch CA)	Sept. 9	Paul Gregson & Tad Pilecki
Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI)	Nov. 24	David Aiken & John Hazlett

# Cribbage Board of the Month

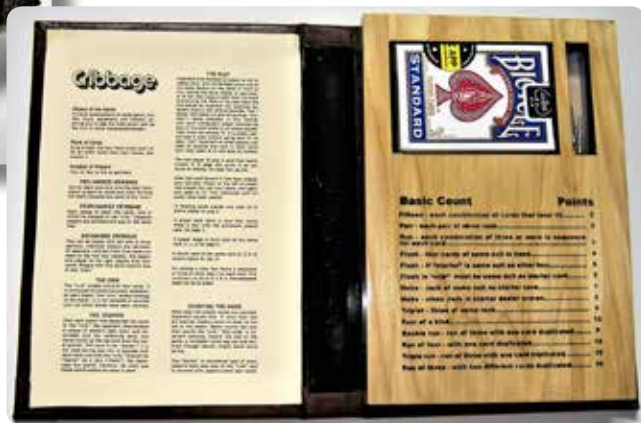
BY JAY FULWIDER

These two boards were made by **Jerry Hook** of Rapid City SD. Jerry plays Grass Roots cribbage with Black Hills Club 96. He made his first boards five years ago when he joined the ACC.

The first board is “Cribbage in a Jar.”



When reverse rolled, the board lies flat and has magnetic pegs. The pegs stick to the inside of the jar cap when stored. The back side of the jar (not in photo) lists “Nutrition Facts” (Calories=0, Fats=0) and “Ingredi-



ents”: Fun, intelligence, comradery, cussing, and luck.

The second board is a bookshelf/coffee-table board. The cribbage board and book is 9" x 6" x 11½", otherwise the photos speak for themselves. This board now sits on the coffee table in my living room (only the second board my wife has not sent down to my man cave).

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**Jay Fulwider** collects cribbage boards from his home in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: “Just keep your pegs moving.” Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to him at [budandotis@msn.com](mailto:budandotis@msn.com) (put “Cribbage Board” in the subject line).

**Grand National 37** is less than three months in the future by time you read this, so it is time to make your hotel reservation.

❶ Some nights at the host hotel—Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport—are sold out, so we have arranged for overflow at a nearby hotel. Comfort Suites—just across the street from Crowne Plaza—is offering rooms at \$99/night on September 18–23. Call 520.257.3117

and mention “Grand National Cribbage” to get the cribbage rate.

❷ One of the cool things about each Grand National

is the program booklet handed out to all GN attendees. This booklet lists all of the award winners from the previous year at sanctioned tourneys and Grass Roots clubs.

In addition, the booklet offers a special way to advertise your upcoming event or



to honor club members who have reached special milestones this past year. Ad rates are a very reasonable \$80 for full page, \$50 for half page, and \$35 for quarter page. If you would like to place an ad in the GN booklet, contact **Dan Selke** at [jazzselke@aol.com](mailto:jazzselke@aol.com) or 847.977.3875.

❸ The Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport offers free shuttle service from the

<b>host hotel</b>	Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport 6401 S 13th St Milwaukee WI 53221
<b>reservations</b>	<b>call</b> 414.764.5300 (use code “ACC Grand National”) <b>online</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/gn2018hotel">bit.ly/gn2018hotel</a> (enter code “AGN”)
<b>GN director</b>	<b>Terry Weber</b> ( <a href="mailto:tweb152@aol.com">tweb152@aol.com</a> or 608.225.8138)
<b>overflow hotel</b>	Comfort Suites (520.257.3117)

airport to the hotel. When you arrive at the Milwaukee airport, call 414.764.5300 ext. 0 to arrange a shuttle ride.

For more details about Grand National 37, go to **[cribbage.org/grandnational](http://cribbage.org/grandnational)**.

What you can't see in the photos is the wonderful design, art, and craftsmanship that make these boards so beautiful and unique. Jerry doesn't normally sell these boards, but gives or donates them. If you would like to contact him, you may email him at **[hookje@rushmore.com](mailto:hookje@rushmore.com)** and put “cribbage boards” in the subject line.

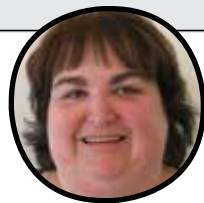


**internet.standings**

rank	IRPs	name
1	849	John Kern
2	841	Pat Liegl
3	709	William MacMillan
4	708	Monica Newton
5	646	Kurt Ocker
5	629	Daniel Crete
7	620	Sam Sinram
8	613	Rick Shea
9	578	George Lanning
10	561	Jim Correa

*Leader of the Pack*

John Kern

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*John Kern (*johninsd*)*New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)*Dennis Gelbmann (*dcut*)*May Player of the Month*Donald Olney (*olney47*)—128 IRPs

## Variations on a Theme

Since variety is the spice of life, CW will use this occasional column to introduce some variations to our grand old game. If you have a cribbage variation that you think the cribbage world should know about, send email to [cwedd152@gmail.com](mailto:cwedd152@gmail.com).

The two cribbage variants presented this month involve the cut card. Both of these variants follow all of the standard rules of cribbage—except one. In the first variant, after the six cards have been dealt but *before* you discard, turn the starter card. You'll probably find that knowing the starter card before you discard does not always influence how you hold the hand, but if it is your crib and you deal yourself 5-5-6-6-J-J, it's kind of a big deal to know if a 4 is going to cut!

In the second variant, submitted by **Jack Fiske** (Stayton OR), do not turn the starter card until the pegging is over. That is, you deal, discard, peg, and *only then* turn the starter card. Sometimes you'll be pleasantly surprised to learn that a four-point hand turned into twelve points!

As stated earlier, these variants are for entertainment only and should not be used in tournaments. But they can be used to spice up your cribbage life! **CW**



# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Youth Teaching Tip

It's one thing to teach a group of kids the great game of cribbage, it's another to get them hooked so they continue to play after taking your course. The best way to do this is end your class with a tournament in which everyone walks away feeling like a winner. Give raffle tickets for nobbs, heels, and hands that earn 16 or more points. Have a prize for the last 24-hand recorded during qualifying play. This keeps the participants engaged regardless if they are winning games or have a string of pearls. Prizes can include decks of cards, gift cards, candy bars, dollar store goodies. I present trophy boards and/or certificates to the top finishers. A tournament can be as simple as a four-game event (six games is better), with the top two playing a championship match (two out of three games). My classes play one game per class, so it takes a few weeks to complete the event. A picture and brief write-up to the local paper also adds great joy for the winners.

The seventh annual Cribbage Memorial Youth Tournament was held in El Dorado Hills CA on May 19. Kudos to tournament director **Don Howard** for conducting another exciting youth event that was enjoyed by all. Here are the results:

main	champ	Tim Shaw (11), Sacramento CA
	2nd	Nina Plowman (9), Paradise CA
consy	champ	Austin Gregson (14), Antioch CA
	2nd	Zack Gregson (11), Antioch CA

## Teaching Manuals

Recent requests for youth teaching manuals were received from the following people. Watch for a youth boom in these areas!

- **Shanda Rose** (Gresham OR)

**Dan Zeisler** is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.263.7468 or [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com).



# Grass Roots C o r n e r

Club 5 (Hamburg NY)—**William Kraatz** pulled the lucky 5 out of the deck to grab a 29-hand. The group suffered a nasty winter and managed only eighteen nights of play, yet champ **Paul Eichler** posted 183 points! Think of what he could have done if he had played thirty-six weeks at that rate!

Club 6 (Milwaukee WI) is the home of Hall of Famers and cribbage powerhouses. **Don Flesch** needed all the points he scored in both the GRRT and GRNT to stay ahead of **Wayne Steinmetz** and company. The club also congratulated Wayne this year on achieving both Gold status and a Hall of Fame election. They extend warm wishes and a welcome to anyone wishing to play in one of the toughest clubs out there.

At Club 54 in Antioch CA, **Austin Gregson** won his final game of the night on May 14 to finish in first place. This is the first time Austin has taken first place at club!

Club 130 (Henrietta NY) plays six-game tournaments. At tournament #15, **Judy Bielicki** won the first five games and lost the sixth. At tournament #16 she won all six games. At tournament #17 (the club's last of the year) she again won all six games. Winning seventeen of eighteen games is a great way to finish the season!

Club 261 (Edmonton AB)—**Eric Drazek** and **Suzanne Lamoureux** took it to their final week for a club championship, and

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## GrassRoots *Awards*

### SILVER

Rae J. Fedde (CA), 48  
Dianne M. Gurney (WI), 199  
Jeanne Jelke (CA), 205  
Paul G. Lajoie (MA), 72  
Jay Maloney (OR), 118  
Ronald L. Morgan (NV), 11  
Donald G. Niebauer (FL), 276

### BRONZE

Trilby Aki (HI), 110  
Mike Bailey (OR), 285  
Gerald Bender (MT), 391  
Terrance Cushman Jr. (ME), 431

Deborah M. Hannula (MI), 333

Terry Higgins (CA), 600

Jim Jones (CA), 419

Denise E. Kobuszewski (TX), 387

Peter Legendre (ME), 361

Larry McKinney (CO), 34

Toni Morrow (WA), 156

Trevor Poole (CA), 98

Ronald E. Segali (CA), 190

Donald M. Smith (CA), 142

Norma L. Spotts (CA), 207

Bino Villones (MN), 399

Linda C. Wilson (OR), 46





**Gerald Hahn Jr.**  
**(Winston OR)**  
**Gold #110**

Jerry learned to play cribbage at the pool hall in Brookings OR 1950s from Bill and Gayle Hagy. He joined the ACC in December 1991. His cribbage mentor is DeLynn Colvert. A longtime member of Club 62 in Roseburg, he has also been club director for eleven years. He has been club champion twice and runner-up several times. His toughest opponents at club are Frank Ormie and Duane Toll. Jerry earned his Gold Award on the very last week of club play this season when he beat his wife, Kathy, in game six. He then promptly lost the last three games of the night! He has won nine sanctioned tourneys,

with the first one coming at Medford in 2000. Jerry teaches youth cribbage at Fremont Middle School with fellow club members. When not playing or teaching cribbage, Jerry enjoys pinochle, canasta, fishing, yardwork, and rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Rams.

*Grass Roots Corner—continued from page 24*

Suzanne came out on top as the first female in that club's history to claim the top prize.

Club 356 (La Grande OR) welcomed visitor **Carl Heath** from Club 38 (Baker City OR) by helping him score a grand slam 18/9 +119!

**Cecile Minnoch** recently joined Club 161 (Bellingham MA) and celebrated a grand slam on May 17. Unfortunately her brother, **Marcel Brisson**, the reason she joined the cub, suffered a string of pearls that same night! Both returned the next week in good spirits!

## Springtime in Montana

*by Bob Stone*

On May 7—a dreary spring day—in Deer Lodge MT (Montana's first gated community), twenty-four club members and guests gathered for the thirty-fourth tournament of the cribbage season at Club 391. Deer Lodge, Helena, Butte, and Anaconda were all represented, and we settled in for our weekly tournament as we had done all through the cold long winter.

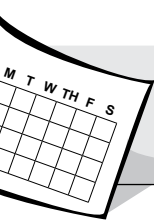
Little did we know that a malevolent cloud hung over the building and it was about to rain down the poorest luck to ever befall our merry club. The first victim was **Bob Byrd**. Bob was celebrating his birthday, but **Jim Lee** dou-

ble skunked him by 64 points! The next victim was **Jeff Johnson**, who was also double skunked by **Bob Martin**—by 62 points.

In the rarest of coincidences, it turns out that it was also Jeff's birthday! Bob and Jeff had to pull out their driver's licenses to verify to the crowd that they indeed shared their birthdays and apparently the same bad luck.

The id check had barely been verified when a third double skunk was announced. The final victim was **Walt Immonen**, who fell to **Jeanne Smith** (one of our newest members) by 62 points!

The lesson here is that old axiom: when it rains poor luck in cribbage, it sure does pour.



# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of June 7

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 1597 Roland Hall, CA	1 861 Emilio Perez, IL	1 1046 Robert Medeiros, MA
2 1399 Duane Toll, OR	2 766 Doug Page, WI	2 871 David Campbell, ME
3 1335 Erik Locke, OR	3 745 Donald Flesch, WI	3 711 Richard West, MA
4 1244 Gordy Wise, WA	4 734 Daniel Pluff, MN	4 710 Jerry Hardy, ME
5 1217 James Langley, CA	5 694 Gerald Gruber, MN	5 701 Peter Legendre, ME
6 1071 Bob Bartosh, CA	6 591 Allen Karr, WI	6 684 Donna LaFleur, CT
7 1033 Jeremy Krieger, OR	7 578 Terry Weber, WI	7 609 Mark Soule, ME
8 1002 Cy Madrone, CA	8 558 Andy Stireman, MI	8 604 David Statz, MA
9 909 Richard Hinrichs, CA	9 543 Haley Hintze, IL	9 596 Charlene Cohen, FL
10 907 Diana Webster, OR	10 532 Dan Selke, IL	10 581 Keith Widener, NC
11 896 Cynthia Wark, CA	11 531 Clay Collier, NE	11 496 Terrance Cushman, ME
12 828 Julie Pierce, OR	12 530 Jeff Shimp, MI	12 481 Jim Correa, NJ
13 821 Troy Thorson, CO	13 457 Stanley Primc, WI	13 466 Mary Burlington, MA
14 820 Rick Baird, OR	14 456 James Huser, WI	14 458 Jeff Raynes, NC
15 809 Mel Ashley, CA	14 456 Gene Biegler, WI	15 455 Larry Phifer, NC
16 777 Pamela Pomeroy, CA	16 453 Ann Trotter, WI	16 451 Jim Lunder, FL
17 775 Jeanne Jelke, CA	17 447 Rhynold Shave, WI	17 428 Susan Jaynes, ME
18 756 Herschel Mack, OR	18 444 John Syftestad, WI	18 394 Lee Dillon, MA
19 723 Richard Pierce, OR	19 437 David Aiken, MI	19 352 Carl Deyette, CT
20 720 DeLynn Colvert, MT	20 428 John Hazlett, MI	20 344 David Sniegowski, OH
21 704 Bob Prochnow, CA	21 417 Edward Balcer, MN	21 339 John Blowers, FL
22 674 Tom Langford, CA	22 358 Richard Frost, WI	22 338 Mathew Piechota, MA
23 669 Todd Malmgren, OR	23 341 Pete Severson, MN	23 336 Roger Bouchard, CT
24 646 Mike McCammon, OR	24 340 Wayne Steinmetz, WI	24 333 Jack Howsare, VA
25 634 Kevin Mansfield, ID	25 339 Tony Danihel, WI	25 312 Phyllis Schmidt, MA
26 604 James Clark, CA	26 338 Jerome Tork, WI	26 297 Barbara Barbour, CT
27 599 Cres Fernandez, CA	27 319 Daniel Betz, MI	27 295 Bill Richmond, CT
28 580 Margaret Fanucchi, CA	28 310 Al Pernicek, NE	28 290 Ethan Guyaz, ME
29 569 Margery Clark, OR	29 294 Dan Taylor, MN	28 290 David Clemmey, MA
30 551 Chresmon Ching, NV	30 290 Patrick Healey, MI	30 285 David Flaherty, MA
31 540 Kathy Pacocha, CO	31 288 Bob Joslin, MN	31 280 Roland Conner, NH
32 533 Jones Hom, CA	32 285 Larry Leidenheimer, MN	32 279 Janice Blanc, MA
33 522 Willie Evans, WA	33 275 Lana Newhouse, WI	33 278 Mike Fetchel, CT
34 515 Dennis Misenaar, WA	34 271 Don Thienel, NE	34 277 Charles Booker III, CT
35 481 Terry Higgins, CA	35 267 Donald Urban, IL	35 268 Fred Blanc, MA
36 472 William Eilers, NV	36 265 Bob Kiley, WI	36 265 Frank Reddy, MA
37 463 Audrey Hatto, AB	37 252 Michael Henze, IA	37 261 Laurie Schmitz, VA
38 452 James Morrow, WA	38 251 John Schafer, MI	38 258 Lance Browne, ME
39 449 Trevor Poole, CA	39 247 William Aho, MN	39 254 Bruce Sattler, MD
39 449 Fred White, HI	40 237 Henry Brandner, WI	39 254 June Fordham, MD
41 448 Richard Shea, CA	41 229 Dennis Ulberg, WI	41 242 Rick Allen, VA
42 446 William O'Malley, OR	42 218 Frank Danielski, WI	42 241 Phil Martin, CT
43 432 Tammy Gibbons, OR	43 215 Jeremy Wussow, WI	43 237 Raymond Cook, MA
44 421 David Johnson, CA	43 215 Dave Yaeger, MO	44 230 Robert Fitzgerald, CT
44 421 Roy Hofbauer, WA	45 198 Neal Matzke, WI	44 230 Albert Miller, NH
46 412 John Prehn, CA	45 198 Thomas Celske, WI	46 227 Paul Finazzo, FL
47 405 Peter Jackson, CA	47 196 Dianne Gurney, WI	47 219 Henry Bergeron, NH
48 404 Carol Williams, CA	48 195 Thomas Beucler, MN	47 219 Mary Ann Kelliher, FL
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# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
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#### FUTURE GRAND NATIONALS

date	city/state	TD
September 18–23, 2018	Milwaukee WI	Terry Weber
October 22–27, 2019	North Conway NH	David Campbell

#### FUTURE TOCS & ACC OPENS

##### @ Sands Regency in Reno NV

March 1–3, 2019	March 2021
March 6–8, 2020	March 2022

#### NV ♦ July 2–4, Topaz Summer Extravaganza

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89510 TD: Les & Val Sumner (775.342.2532)

#### CA ♦ July 7, Run for the Gold

Alta Fire Department, 3390 Alta Bonnybrook Rd, Alta CA 95701. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432)

#### NH ♦ July 8, Cribbage Ho'olaulea

Brookline Event Ctr, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: Fred White & Marilyn Dyer (808.351.1296)

#### CO ♦ LOVELAND DOUBLEHEADER

American Legion/VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686)

#### July 7, Mountain View Classic Saturday

#### July 8, Mountain View Classic Sunday

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#### IL ♦ July 13–15, Marv Lang Memorial

Cherry Bowl, 7171 Cherryvale Blvd, Rockford IL 61112. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875)

#### CA ♦ July 13–15, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Ctr, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Tad Pilecki (925.378.0132) & Paul Gregson

#### ME ♦ July 13–15, Lobster Pegoff

Seasons Grill, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joe Bowen (207.848.8050) & Dave Leissner

#### WI ♦ WAUSAU DOUBLEHEADER

Quality Inn, 2901 Hummingbird Ln, Wausau WI 54401

#### July 19–20, Midwest Prefinal

TD: Joan Rein (952.448.2459)

#### July 20–22, Midwest Final

TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)

#### OR ♦ July 20–22, Portland Summer Open

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey, Portland OR 97230. TD: Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141) & Jeanne Hofbauer

#### WA ♦ SUNNYSIDE TRIPLEHEADER

VFW, 615 N Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: Cher & James Morrow (509.830.2318)

#### July 26–27, Weekday Challenge

#### July 28, Summer Classic

#### July 29, Washington State Pro/Am

#### NC ♦ NOCT TRIPLEHEADER

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North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Old Wake Forest Rd,  
Raleigh NC 27609

**July 26–27, Open Opener**

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), David Campbell,  
& John Hazlett

**July 27–30, National Open**

TD: John Morch (919.906.6555) & Jerry Gooden

**July 30, Come Monday**

TD: Fran Ward (919.377.2470)

**CA ♦ July 27–29, Montgomery Memorial**

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96002. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & James Langley

**CA ♦ SOCIAL DOUBLEHEADER**

**July 28, Oceanside High Roller**

San Luis Rey Homes Clubhouse, 300 Academy Rd, Oceanside CA 92057. TD: Carol Williams (760.525.2945) & Don Brown

**July 29, Surf City Season Ender**

Lamppost Pizza, 7071 Warner Ave, Huntington Beach CA 92647. TD: J. J. Stansfield (714.337.7819) & Don Brown

**CA ♦ SACRAMENTO TRIPLEHEADER**

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95883. TD: Tom Cookman (707.599.6747) & Motley Crew

**Aug. 2–3, Sacramento Season Starter #1**

**Aug. 4, Sacramento Season Starter #2**

**Aug. 5, Sacramento Season Starter #3**

**WY ♦ Aug. 3–5, Charlie Douthit Memorial**

American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: William MacMillan (307.638.2398) & William Barnes

**CT ♦ Aug. 5, Patriot Kickoff Classic**

J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St, Hartford CT 06106. TD: Carl Deyette (860.568.7418) & Walter Brideaux

**OR ♦ Aug. 10–12, Blue Mountain Open**

American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3176) & Sue Anderson

**MI ♦ Aug 10–12, Cereal City Classic**

Quality Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289)

**GA ♦ Aug. 17–19, Peach State Classic**

La Quinta Inn, 6262 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE,

Atlanta GA 30021. TD: David O'Neil (404.296.4689) & Kelley Adams

**WI ♦ Aug. 17–19, Madison Masters**

Howard Johnson, 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

**NV ♦ Aug. 17–19, Pahrump Nevada Open**

Nugget Casino, 681 S Hwy 160, Pahrump NV 89048. TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444)

**CA ♦ Aug. 17–19, Humboldt Bay Classic**

Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**MA ♦ Aug. 18–19, Northeast Peer Tournament**

Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St, Sturbridge MA 01566. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712)

**WI ♦ Aug. 24–26, Brat Stop Open**

Brat Stop, Hwy 50, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Donald Urban (815.568.0494)

**WA ♦ Aug. 24–26, Mount Rainier Open**

Amvets, 5717 Tyler St, Tacoma WA 98409. TD: Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623) & Hal Lamon

**MT ♦ Aug. 28–30, Territorial Prison Classic**

Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Jeff Johnson (702.717.3578) & Bob Stone

**OR ♦ Aug. 31–Sep. 2, Donna's Game**

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Larry Hassett (541.672.1474)

**FL ♦ Aug. 31–Sep. 2, Labor Day Open**

Travelodge, 2295 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Paul & Susan Finazzo (407.973.4620) & Charlene Cohen

**MT ♦ Aug. 31–Sep. 2, Montana Capital Classic**

Moose Lodge, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59601. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

**NH ♦ Sept. 9, Daniel Webster Open**

Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Rd (Rte 130), Brookline NH 03033. TD: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633)

**MN ♦ Sept. 7–9, Minnesota Open**

Moose, 1946 English St, Maplewood MN 55109. TD: Gerald Gruber (612.723.2183)

**MT ♦ Sept. 7–9, Copper City Classic**

Eastside Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Phil Cammack

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FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**

**Cascade Classic: \$150 to Jefferson County Senior Center**

**ID ♦ Sep. 14–16, Gem State Classic**

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.493.2224)

**WI ♦ GRAND NATIONAL 37 CLUSTER**

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**Sept. 14–16, Foundry Open**

Lucky Dogz, 157 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah WI 54956. TD: Lana Newhouse & David Campbell (920.585.7718) & David Aiken

**Sept. 17–18, Lucky Dog Open**

Lucky Dogz, 157 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah WI 54956. TD: Lana Newhouse & David Campbell (920.585.7718) & David Aiken

**Sept. 18–20, GN Midweek**

Crowne Plaza, 6401 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

**Sept. 21–23, GN 37**

Crowne Plaza, 6401 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138), David Aiken, Linda & Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, Jeff Shimp. *See flyer at centerfold.*

**CA ♦ Oct. 5–6, River City Fall Classic**

VFW, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks CA 95628. TD: Marlo Maher (916.834.2726) & Jennifer Bolles

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**

In order to finalize end-of-year stats in a timely fashion, reports for all July tourneys must be submitted to the regional tournament commissioners by August 5.

**WA ♦ Oct. 7, Daffodil Express Open**

Fruitland Grange, 86th Ave & 112 St, Puyallup WA 98372. TD: Don Zeuschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Abedyell

**CA ♦ Oct. 12–14, Crescent City Open**

Lighthouse Inn, 681 US Hwy 101S, Crescent City CA 95531. TD: Kai Lemrise (707.954.9735) & Jim Waldvogel

**CO ♦ Oct. 12–14, Colorado Fall Classic**

Green Mountain clubhouse, 650 S Youngfield Ct, Lakewood CO 80228. TD: Katey Mayo (720.934.6656)

**FL ♦ Oct. 12–14, Emerald Coast Showdown**

VFW, 2136 Sherman Ave, Panama City FL 32405. TD: James Hearon (805.866.7866)

**WA ♦ Oct. 12–14, Walla Walla Fall Classic**

Eagles, 350 S 2nd Ave, Walla Walla WA 99362. TD: Tom Varnell (514.980.9341) & Marianne Allesio

**CA ♦ Oct. 13, Gold Coast Classic**

Marie Callender's, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. TD: Cy Madrone (805.455.6079) & Kerry O'Connell

**CA ♦ Oct. 14, Gold Coast**

Poinsettia Gardens Mobile Park, 11370 Darling Rd, Ventura CA 93009. TD: Cy Madrone (805.647.4338) & Judith Beay

**OR ♦ Oct. 19–21, Salem Classic**

Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97302. TD: Kim & Rick Simmons (503.364.1510)

**VA ♦ Oct. 19–21, Williamsburg Scream**

Wyndham Garden Hotel, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. TD: Scott Noble (434.806.7286) & Mark Noble

**HI ♦ Oct. 19–21, Abe Kealoha Extravaganza**

Honblue, 501 Sumner St #3B1, Honolulu HI 96817. TD: Fred White & Marilyn Dyer (808.351.1296)

**CT ♦ Oct. 21, Nutmeg Open**

J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St, Hartford CT 06106. TD: Bob Fitzgerald (860.810.2607) & Joan Fletcher

**WI ♦ Oct. 26–28, North Pole Open**

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Jeanne Wauters (920.863.3703)

**WA ♦ Oct. 26–28, World Championship**

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th Ave, Long Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Jason Hofbauer

**CA ♦ Oct. 27, Napa Wine Country Fall Open**

Pelusi Bldg, 2296 Streblov Dr, Napa CA 94559. TD: Denny Moore (717.224.2345)

**MA ♦ Oct. 28, Boston Regional**

Malden Irish-American Club, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Bev Gobiel (781.771.1715)

**CA ♦ Oct. 28, Fall US Open**

Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. TD: Norman Nickodym (909.319.6488)

**NV ♦ Nov. 2–4, Gold Dust West Fall Festival**

Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

**FL ♦ Nov. 2–4, Lee Bailey Salute**

Travelodge, 2295 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Charlene Cohen (321.431.0950) & Michael D'Elena

**MA ♦ Nov. 4, George Bickford Memorial**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. TD: Catherine Spadoni (413.348.8524) & Joan Fletcher

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**Atlantic Ocean ♦ Nov. 6-18, Quintupleheader**

Five tourneys aboard the Norwegian *Star*. TD: Roger Wilson (303.254.4670) & Marlene Lazachek

**WI ♦ Nov. 9-11, Steinmetz/Frosty Special**

Comfort Inn, W10170 State Hwy 54, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

**MD ♦ Nov. 9-11, Baltimore Charm City Classic**

Comfort Inn, 6921 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Baltimore MD 21225. TD: Michael O'Brien (301.367.3643) & Bruce Sattler

**NV ♦ Nov. 12-14, Topaz Winter Classic**

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89510. TD: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532) & Leslie Sumner

**VA ♦ Nov. 16-18, Pre-Turkey Shootout**

Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA

23451. TD: Sandy Shrum (757.714.1623) & Laurie Schmitz

**OR ♦ OREGON FALL CLUSTER**

**Nov. 23-25, Thanksgiving Classic**

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Larry Hassett (541.672.1474)

**Nov. 27-28, Depoe Bay Challenge**

Community Hall, 220 Bayview, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Stephen Lewis

**Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Chinook Winds Open**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Rick Baird & Pete Larsen

**WI ♦ Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Jingle Bell Open**

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Leon Lada

Leon Lada passed away on April 27 at home in Castle Rock CO at the age of 76. His thirty-year career was in the Air Force, where he was known as "Chief"; he retired as Chief Master Sergeant. Besides career and family, Leon was an avid cribbage player; he learned the game from his father at age fourteen and passed his love for the game to his three daughters and three grandchildren. Leon was

a charter member of Sandia Peggers Club 271 in Albuquerque NM, formed in 2000. Career, family, and eventual retirement in Castle Rock prevented his attendance on a regular basis, but when he did show up it was always a special day for the club. One of our club members said it well: "A fine gentleman and great cribbage player—a genuine gentle-man at all times." We miss him dearly—there is no better tribute.

## 25 Years Ago in the ACC

The cover of the July 1993 *Cribbage World* announced that **Robert Boulris** (Bellingham MA) won the 234-player Rhode Island Open, defeating 1992 National Champion **Phyllis Schmidt** (then of Williamstown MA, now of North Adams MA) in the finals.

Elsewhere in this issue we read that **Frank Trojan** (then of New Brighton MN, now of Mounds View MN) won the fifteenth annual Madison Classic and that **Greg Schleusner** (Truckee CA) won the Nugget Classic in Paradise CA.





# Oh, the People You'll Meet!

by **Tammy Gibbons**

This month I'm going to talk about me! Okay, not exactly me, but the experiences I've been lucky enough to have traveling the country and meeting so many wonderful people.

I had never played a tournament in the Eastern Region until recently. After hearing all last year about the amazing North Conway cluster, I vowed to experience it myself. I had never even set foot in New England before, so this was an adventure on many levels. Arriving at PDX, I began seeing familiar faces, as **Rick and Julie Pierce** were on my flight. Upon arrival in Boston **Jason Matheny** and **Rob Medeiros** picked me up, and the cribbage adventure began!

**David Campbell**, **Lana Newhouse**, and **Mark and Vicki Soule** have found a great location for these tourneys [*editor's note: also the site of the 2019 Grand National*] and people from all over New England come to play. Between the redeye flight and the time change and all the new and very friendly faces, much of my trip was a blur. I crashed and burned in virtually every tournament (doing well in the first half, then making *lots* of new friends in the second half). The thing that never fades though is the friendships

I make and strengthen. No matter how much the game frustrates me, I am in this organization for life because of the wonderful people I've met.

**Frank Reddy** drove up from Boston to play, just because I was there (that's his story and he's sticking to it!). I met **Jimmy Maffa**, **Phil Beauregard**, and **Lance Browne**. I hung out with friends from the Central Region—**Terry Weber**, **Dan Selke**, **Kevin Harris**, **John Hazlett**, and **David Aiken**. **Sam Browne**, the lovely girlfriend of **Terry Cushman**, made some amazing cupcakes that were eagerly gobbled up by the masses. **Laurie Schmitz** and I got to get to know each other much better, and the best part of this is that I'm also going to Raleigh for the first time this year, so there are more friendships to be established and others to be strengthened.

The bottom line is—this organization is built around a very fun and sometimes frustrating card game. Some play for money, others play for fun, but the number one reason I play is for the friendships. It is good to remind ourselves to focus on the important parts and let the other parts go.

Thank you, New England, you have a new friend and fan from the Western Region, and I cannot wait to come back!

## Batting Average Contest

A nationwide batting average contest will be held during the 2018–19 season. If you would like to participate, contact **Kevin Harris** ([accbavg@gmail.com](mailto:accbavg@gmail.com)) for more details.

**RENO, NEVADA**  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

*Contact Don 'Grumpy' Howard or  
Dan Zeisler for more information on YGN 2*



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