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## LEAGUE CRIBBAGE

From all indications there are three, maybe four, cribbage leagues in the country. That is quite surprising, especially to those who engage in league play. They know it to be real exciting more often than not.

There are a few ol die-hards who honestly believe many more cribbage leagues would spring up if we were to mention here how the different leagues are set-up. So here goes with our first short shot.

Up in Rhode Island there is a 26 team league which operates eight months out of the year, September through May. The league gets together the first and third Thursday evenings of the month in centrally located Pawtucket where they meet in the Church of the Advent rec-hall. They come from all over that state, in fair or foul weather the schedule goes on.

A team consists of two players. The schedule calls for each team to play two matches per evening. A match consists of five games where each player on a team plays each player of the opposing team one game. The final game of the match is a doubles contest.

The winners of each match (three out of five) gains only one point in the wins column of the standings.

The league is split into two divisions with a play-off system leading to the big Super Bowl finale. At the end of the season, the player who has won the most individual games is then crowned "King" or "Queen" of the league.

The league is made up of people from all walks of life, from young to old, and one-third of the players are women. That's a pretty good percentage of the fair gender which is probably attributed to the selection of a playing site.

They love it up in little Rhode Island, they think it is the greatest and they say it is getting better each year. They've been at it for eight years up in Little Rhody.

The whole ball of wax is evenly molded together by RICA, that's the Rhode Island Cribbage Association, an organization which has been working for the betterment of cribbage for many years.

In the next issue we will tell you how they operate a men's league down in Orlando, Fla. After that you may learn how they do it in Jesup, Georgia and Arlington, Massachusetts...

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#### EVERETT BEY JOINS BOARD

Everett E. Bey has been named to the Board of Directors as the representative for northern California. Ev is the founder and all around grand daddy of the World Championship Cribbage Tournament which is played every springtime in Quincy, California. Ev has nurtured the WCCT, the 9th annual coming up, until it has become one of the most popular tournaments in the country. Only the National Open, played in Raleigh, North Carolina, draws more contestants.

The Congress Constitution, which is almost finished, authorizes the President to make five such appointments at his discretion.

AND as usual ol Joseph Petrus Wergin, our president, has made another of his wise decisions.

Welcome aboard Ev....

## MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

May 10 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Fairgrounds at Quincy, CA. Registration fee is \$40.00 which includes singles, doubles & awards banquet. Send entries to Plumas County Chamber of Commerce PO Box 1018, Quincy, California 95971.

June 22 - PARADISE CRIBBAGE CLASSIC, Englewood, Colorado. Qualifying rounds begin at 10:00 AM, stop at 1:30 for lunch (included), top finishers start play-off at 3:00 PM. First prize \$250.00 guaranteed with several trophies. For information write to: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Ave Englewood, Colorado 80110.

August 2-3-4 - NATIONAL OPEN, Raleigh, NC.. Entry fee \$35.00 includes a luncheon on Sat, Aug 2. \$7,000.00 purse guaranteed. Double elimination with top 8 playing-off on Monday, Aug 4. Consolation play on Sunday, August 3 with \$15.00 entry. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress. For info write to: Nick Pond, PO Box 12000, Raleigh, NC 27605.

September 27-28 - THE M & M OPEN, Menominee, Michigan. Details in later edition.

November 22-23 - FLORIDA OPEN, Elks Lodge in Orlando. Qualifying rounds (21 games) on Sat, Nov 22. Top 16 play-off on Sun, Nov 23, 1980. Entry fee \$22.50 will include morning coffee and luncheon for participants. For info write to Jim Arblaster, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

Send tournament announcements and results to Cribbage World, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, Florida 32741.

## MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD

Congress President, Joseph P. Wergin, writing a column in the Midwest Cribbage League Newsletter, a little while ago, started the ball rolling on an idea. We think his idea will catch on in the Cribbage World so we're going to pick up the ball & run with it. Hopefully we will come out of the fracas in one piece.. The idea is to crown a Mr & Mrs Cribbage World for the playing year 1979-80. Incidentally, the cribbage year comes to a close August 31st. In his column, Thinking Big, Joe nominated Tim and Pat O'Connor of Dedham, Massachusetts. This couple competes regularly in the National Open as well as other major tournaments in the east. The O'Connors are fine people, excellent cribbage players and members of the Congress with membership cards #018 and 019.

Nominations are wide open and we hope members will join in. There isn't anything too difficult that has to be done. Just send in the names of your favorite or a deserving cribbage playing couple, along with a short write-up indicating why you think they should be crowned Mr & Mrs Cribbage World. A write-up is not absolutely necessary but it certainly would be of great assistance to the voters. Do not be shy - get in the act. Do not be lazy - do it today.

A future edition of Cribbage World will be dedicated to the couples nominated and will include a ballot to be used by the members.

Mr & Mrs Cribbage World will be crowned on the weekend of August 2-3, 1980, at the National Open Tournament at Raleigh, NC. If by chance they are not there, they will receive their award through the mail.

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## WHOSE ON FIRST BASE

The first organization to join the Congress did it in record style. The Rhode Island Cribbage League, fifty two strong, signed-up 100 percent of its members. RICA is the backbone of the RI state cribbage league which has been in operation for the past eight yrs. John Chambers, founder and past president of RICA, is one of the principals who breathed life into the American Cribbage Congress.

Charles Messina of Lynn, Massachusetts has had his name entered in the history pages of the Congress. Charlie was the first individual to mail in his \$2.00 membership dues.

The first tournament sanctioned by the Congress was the Florida Open which was played back in September 1979. Jim Arblaster, Arno Crews and Frank Wise, members of the Board, were the kingpins behind the tournament. The second annual has been scheduled for the week-end of November 22-23, 1980, in Orlando, Fla. The date has been moved back two months to take advantage of the snowbird migration to the warmer clime. By the way, Arnold Crews was the winner of the first Florida Open...

The Northfield City Tournament, this is up in Minnesota where they play lots of cards in the winter, was the first tournament sanctioned in 1980. This year, the 2nd annual, was won by Dave Redfield of Nersestrand, MN. The runner-up was Bob Wrobel of Northfield. Bob Immel, the tournament director, is first vice president of the Congress. Bob tells us next year they plan to expand the tournament, it will become known as the Minnesota Open.

Elks Lodge #1079 of Orlando, Florida conducted the first cribbage league which was sanctioned by the Congress. It just concluded its inaugural winter-fall league I.



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## WE GET LETTERS

Charlie Messina, holder of membership card number 001, is looking forward with hope that as the Congress grows so will the newsletter; to include stories about unique cribbage hands, boards and situations, and finally tips from the experts. Charlie Messina of Lynn, MA.

Lew Nicoletta, the 1976 National Open champ, tells us we should consider issuing Life Memberships with the price tag varying according to age. Nick says he'll be one of the first to sign up. Lew Nicoletta, Jacksonville, NC.

Dick Kurz, one of the first to remit his dues, says he wants in on the ground floor, he wants to be a charter member. A fast call to Joe P. Wergin, our president, and we find out that Charter Memberships are open until July 1st. Dick Kurz of Racine, Wisconsin.

One gentleman writes he wants the name and address of our Connecticut director, so he can get things going in the Nutmeg State. Joe Seigle of Mansfield Depot, CT.

A gentleman joins the Congress one day and the next day he sends in five additional membership applications. Our goodwill Ambassadors from the Empire State wants us to send him a pad of applications, he says he knows lots of cribbage enthusiasts. Jonathan W. Brown of Clarence Center, NY.

I like your style. Keep it up. Ron Logan of Qunicy, California.

Herb Farwell, the 81 year old runner-up in the Florida Open last year, sent in \$5.00 for his dues. He writes it is worth at least that much. Herb Farwell of Fern Park, FL.

New member sends in \$10.00 for three years dues plus a little extra to help with expenses. Ray Stroller of Colorado Springs, CO.

\* MEMBERSHIP DRIVE \*

Since the publication of our first newsletter about one month ago membership has increased from the 26 Board of Directors up to 244 members. Applications are coming in every day, anywhere from six to a dozen or more. Hopefully this trend will continue for a few more months. Applications are coming in from across the land, from the New England states to the coast of California. Little Rhode Island leads all the states in membership. Next in line comes Florida, New York and Wisconsin....

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