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## MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD

Nominations for Mr & Mrs Cribbage World have been coming in from all parts of the country. We even have a couple nominated who are not related. This couple, between them, have at least 135 years of cribbage experience under their belts. Arnold Crews, our man from Jacksonville who really gets around, made the nomination. He tells us he played against Herb Farwell in the Florida Open last year and he observed the play of Ruth Fagerstrom at the National Open in Raleigh. Mrs Ruth Fagerstrom, 91 years old, placed in the top 16 money winners in the 1979 National biggie while 82 year old Mr Farwell was the runner-up in the 1979 Florida Open. Mr Crews, one of the south's finest players, knows every crib player wants to be able to play the game forever and ever and as a tribute to these two fine senior players he makes the nomination.

Thus far ten couple have been nominated for Mr & Mrs Cribbage World, and they are:

Howard & Lynda Baum  
Everett & Faye Bey  
John & Gretchen Danielson  
Bert & Agnes Hargesheimer  
Alan & Esther Lichty  
Tim & Pat O'Connor  
R.E & Lillian Rasmussen  
Ed & Melanie Schotanus  
HerbFarwell (and)  
Ruth Fagerstrom

Fayetteville, NC  
Quincy, CA  
Manitowoc, WI  
Hamburg, NY  
Des Moines, IA  
Dedham, MA  
Marshalltown, IA  
Groton, CT  
Fern Park, FL  
Columbia, SC

The next edition of Cribbage World will include a complete list of all the nominees and a ballot for voting. (Continued)

The voting deadline will be midnight July 15, 1980. Ballots received in the office of the Congress secretary after the deadline will not be counted.

Keep those nominations coming in but do not dillydally. Everything is going to happen a lot sooner than most people realize. Things have a habit of sneaking up and jogging right on by. If you have in mind to nominate a nice or deserving couple, do it today.

The Mr & Mrs Cribbage World announcement will be made on the week end of July 26-27, 1980 at the National Open Tournament in Raleigh.. If by chance the winning couple are not there, they will receive their award thru the mail.

Vote - It's the democratic way !!!!

- MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE -

June 14 - KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL, Cupertino, CA. Prizes of \$1500. Entry fee \$37.50 includes luncheon & dinner banquet. For info: Lou Delu, 22273 Cupertino Road, Cupertino, CA 95014.

June 22 - PARADISE CRIBBAGE CLASSIC, Englewood, CO. Qualifying round at 10 AM, Lunch at 1:30 (included), top finishers play-off at 3 PM. First prize \$250 guaranteed, several trophy awards. For info: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 80110.

June 25 - STATE VFW CLASSIC, Wausau VFW Post. Entry fee \$15 in advance or \$20 at door. 1st prize is "Trip for Two" to Las Vegas. For Info: Tournament director, VFW Post #10301, PO Box 1264, Racine, WI 53405

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

July 26-27-28 - NATIONAL OPEN, Raleigh, NC.  
Entry fee \$35.00 includes a luncheon on Sat, Jul 26. \$7000.00 purse guaranteed. Double elimination with top 8 playing off on Monday, Jul 28. Consolation play on Sunday, Jul 27 with \$15.00 entry fee.... Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress. For info: Nick Pond, PO Box 12000, Raleigh North Carolina 27605.

September 13 - Washoe County Fair Grounds, Reno, NV. Entry fee \$35.00 includes a luncheon and dinner. Doubles in morning, singles in afternoon. For info: Tony Stempeck, PO Box 11731, Reno, NV 89520.

September 27-28 - M & M OPEN, Marinette, Wis  
Qualifying round of 21 games played Sat Sept 27. Top 32 will play-off single elimination matches, best of five games, on Sun, Sept 28. Entry fee \$25.00. Cost of buffet is \$4.00. Cut-off date for entries is Sept 13. For info: Peter Danielson, 49 Elder St, Marquette, MI 49855 or phone (906) 228-7321.

November 22-23 - FLORIDA OPEN, Elks Lodge in Orlando. Qual round (21 games) on Sat, Nov 22. Top 16 play-off on Sun, Nov 23. Entry fee \$22.50 includes morning coffee and luncheon for participants. For info: Jim Arblaster, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, Fla 32741.

### GEORGIA CRACKER OPEN

This is just a feeler for cribbage players in Georgia and neighboring states. Robert Read, our representative for the state of GA, has in mind to start a yearly cribbage tournament in SE Georgia during the month of Jan or Feb 1981. He'd like to know who and how many are interested. Write to Robert A Read PO Box 206, Jesup, GA 31545.

## IOWA STATE TRADITION

On a chilly Sunday April 13th, in the city of Marshalltown in mid-state Iowa, more than 400 cribbage enthusiasts gathered at the coliseum to play over 4000 games of cribbage to decide the Iowa State Championship. It was a tournament with tradition, having been staged for close to fifty years, first in Des Moines and for the last 29 years, in Marshalltown. The guiding spirit for those 29 years has been Mr R. E. "Rasty" Rasmussen who has been the only chairman since the tournament moved from Des Moines, in an effort to be more centrally located to make it a lot easier for players to drive over in the morning and return home at the end of the competition.

Mr R had all sorts of volunteer help with his tournament & the 400 contestants slipped thru the competition with an ease that was surprising, considering the extremely large field.

The basic battle was for the singles championship, based on total scores recorded in ten games against ten different opponents. The best possible score was 1210 points, which could only be scored by winning all ten games. When a game was lost, it was important to lose by as few points as possible. About the only rule establishing the routine of play was for contestants from Des Moines & Marshalltown to sit on the south side of the long tables set up on the coliseum floor & for all others to sit on the north side. After the first five games the north side players moved one place to the left, then the last five games the south-siders moved.

Before the games began, another element was introduced; by pairing off into teams of two and teams of five, with a small contribution for each such pairing, with the total of such contributions being shared by the teams with

the best combined scores. Most everyone was involved in several teams of two and two or three teams of five.

Every imaginable type cribbage board was in use & all sorts of items were used as pegs. Several of the card decks were dog-eared & twice the normal thickness from many years of use. Another traditional feature was the "grocery store." Every player scoring a 24 hand was rewarded by a trip to the grocery counter to select an item of his/her choice. My first trip to the store I selected a five pound bag of sugar and for my second 24 hand I picked up a package of petunia seeds, the last item on the shelf.

When play was over there was a couple of hrs book work to determine the winners & runners-up in the three categories. Finally the winning purses were distributed, in Susan B. Anthony one dollar coins, going to at least 50 in the singles division and to nearly as many in the doubles and team events.

I have deliberately not attempted to list the names of the winners in any of the three areas, because it appeared to me everyone was a winner. New friendships were made, old friendships renewed, families reunited; eight year olds participated, 91 year oldsters enjoyed the afternoon. My wife and I, from Florida, found some folks we had met at Raleigh over the years, and we were made to feel at home from the first moment we arrived. It was a delightful experience, and one more big plus in the area of what the game of cribbage has meant to us both. It is a grand old game, & a day like this one spent in central Iowa is a bonus to be held close and cherished.

By

Arnold Crews - Jacksonville, Florida

## - AWARDS PROGRAM -

Each year many cribbage players distinguish themselves with outstanding performances. The American Cribbage Congress awards program is designed to recognize these achievements by its members while competing in sanctioned events, achievements that are possible by every member whether a star or average player. The Awards Committee agreed to present plaques & framed certificates of lasting value rather than to make cash awards.

A special plaque will be designed for the 29-hand and a framed certificate will be awarded for either of the 28-hands. The winner & runner-up in each sanctioned tournament or league will also be awarded a framed certificate. In this connection only the singles competition will be recognized except of course when the league or tournament is primarily staged as a doubles event.

The outstanding Officer or Director each year will be presented with the Theodore Blackney Memorial Award, however, it has not been decided whether this be a plaque or certificate.

Finally "The Golden Crib" award will be presented annually to the member who does the best job of recruiting new members.

Oh yes, let us not forget the Mr & Mrs Cribbage World contest. It is going over rather well and is expected to become an annual affair. Framed certificates will be awarded each year to the winning couple. Other couples who are nominated and accepted by the committee will also receive "Nomination Certificates."

Your awards committee is asking for other award suggestions. We want to make an awards program that would be hard for a good & honest director to turn down. The sanction fee for tournaments & leagues is \$1.00 per entry, \$16.00 minimum..

- LEAGUE CRIBBAGE -

The Orlando Elks League is made up of eight individual players who play a schedule of five round-robins. A match consists of 3 games. Standings are determined on a point basis with one point being awarded to the winner of each game and one point for the participant scoring the highest three game total per match. Each match is worth four points in the standings.

Matches are scheduled for Thursday evening of each week but may be played anytime for the sake of convenience. Starting time is immaterial but all players are usually there for the happy hour. Thursday evening also happens to be when the old time musicians come in from miles around for their weekly jam session. It's a great night all round, cheap drinks, good cribbage & good music.

The league secretary maintains a standing sheet which includes the average score per game for each player. The top prize is the High Average award which undoubtedly goes to the league winner ninety-nine times out of one hundred.

The first fall-winter league concluded not too long ago. Tony Pesce, card player extraordinaire, was the winner, he led from the start to the finish. Tony won himself three major prizes including the most coveted high average award. Tony ended up with a tremendous average of 115.7 in ninety games - and that is playing cribbage.

Tony has been playing cards for over fifty years, since he was a kid in New York, but it was only last year that he took up cribbage. All the other leaguers believe it was just beginners luck.

- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE -

Membership applications are still coming in from all parts of the USA. Rhode Island is still out in front, boasting the most members but next in line and closing fast are Wisconsin and North Carolina. Then comes Florida, New York and California in that order.

We are most proud that we now have members in 38 states. One of our membership goals is to have members in every state.

- AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS -  
Charter Member Application

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

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