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CRIBBAGE GAINS IN POPULARITY

Leaders predict a greater interest in Crib during the 1980-81 card playing season according to reports received from all sections of the United States.

Congress representatives in Chicago, Seattle, Des Moines, and the states of Tennessee, Maine, Virginia, Mississippi, Indiana, Wisconsin, and the province of Ontario report that their plans are all set to put into motion.

College Classes

The University of Wisconsin at Madison has scheduled a series of classes in "The Science of Card Playing" including a course in Cribbage For Beginners".

Milwaukee - More Than Beer!

The August issue of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE in a feature article about the City of Milwaukee stated that Cribbage and Sheepshead are the two favorite games being played at the bars. It was also mentioned that there are 1,595 taverns in the city.

It all adds up to the fact that there are thousands of Crib games being played daily in public places.

League Plans Available

If you want to organize a league or tournament, write to headquarters as there is on file several sets of plans being used by successful groups.

Report Tournament Dates NOW!

You are urged to report your 1981 schedules to the secretary so that conflicts may be eliminated. ****



Think Big!

By Joseph Petrus Wergin



Tell the world about Cribbage! Take every opportunity to publicize the Congress and our unique and fascinating game.

Anything that is newsworthy should be turned over to the media. Items of importance include holding a 29 hand, the schedule of tournaments and leagues, and, of course, the results.

When discarding to the crib, always remember that: "A sparrow in the hand is better than a pigeon on the roof."

This writer has secured a booth for the Congress at the exhibition, GAMES UNLIMITED, which is being staged at the Civic Center in Hartford, Connecticut, Oct. 23rd to 26th.

Cribbage information and literature will be distributed, memberships will be sold, and there will be lectures and demonstrations.

Enthusiasts from Massachusetts and Connecticut will be working the booth.

All evens do not a 15/2 make!

The Congress Convention adopted a set of rules which are the best ever. Included therein is an excellent solution to the difficult problem of "too few or too many cards" in the hand or crib.

Cribbage is one of the very few major games in which the memory does not play an important part.

Players in Des Moines, Iowa, are "thinking big". They have invited Midwest Cribbage officials to stage the 1981 Masters Classic there.

An educated player seems to be "luckier" than others.

The Congress was thinking big when it inaugurated its Youth Program. We need many volunteers to teach Cribbage to groups in all communities. How about your young people? ****

+ Pegging Pointers +

By Dan Barlow, 1980 National Open Champion

It may seem as if your opponent is the only one with hands full of 6's, 7's, 8's and 9's, but in fact, such hands are not that uncommon. The question is, what do you lead from hands like that? I hope you just don't choose any card at random.

From 6-7-8-9, lead the 6. If you lead the 7 or the 8, and your opponent makes the count 15, your best play is the 9; 24 for three. He can then play a 6; 30 for four, plus a go. He has gained a total of four holes. That sequence happens all the time. If you lead the 9, and your opponent makes it 15 for two, you must either give up a shot at a four card run, or pair up his 6, which not only gives up a shot at six holes, but also makes the total 21 - very bad. But if you lead the 6, & your opponent makes it 15 for two, you can play the 9; 24 for two, and usually the worst that happens is that he gets a 31 or a go. Total loss being one or two holes. Sure if your opponent held 9-A-2-3, he will pick up four holes after you play 24 for two, but then you get three of them back with the 7-8 you still hold. When holding a 9 and a 6, the 6 is the better lead.

From 7-7-8-9 or 7-8-8-9, lead the 8. If you lead the 9 and your opponent makes it 15, you could end up pegging nothing while he pegs a whopping total of seven holes on his first two cards. If you lead the 7 or 8, at least you get 24 for three if he makes it 15. Why choose the 8 over the 7? Because no matter which one you lead, he can get 30 for four with a six if you make it 24, but he may hold a 7, instead of a 6. In that case, he gets 31 for two if you lead the 8; he gets 31 for five if you lead the 7.

CONGRESS HAPPENINGS

JUNIOR AWARDS DONATIONS: Another \$77.00 has been added to the Jr Awards Program which now brings the total up to \$161.00, only \$339.00 short of our goal. Our thinking big president Joe Wergin, let's everyone know he is behind the Congress youth movement 100 percent:

Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI	\$50.00
Edna Boyd	Bluefield, WV	6.00
Reg Harris	Alma, GA	6.00
Robert A. Read	Jesup, GA	4.00
Russ Cummings	Portsmouth, VA	3.00
Others (5)	Everywhere, USA	8.00

BOOSTER'S CLUB: For \$2.00 your business or calling card will appear in one issue of this newsletter. For \$25.00 your card will appear in as many issues as you desire during the cribbage year 1980-81. In addition, those who sign up for a one year hitch will be commissioned a Cribadier General in the Pegging Forces of the free Cribbage World, and will be issued an official commission certificate with gold seal and blue ribbon....

Four members are currently on the rolls of the Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals. General Gordon Fisher of Madison, WI has been issued commission #001...

HONORABLE ORDER OF CRIBADIER GENERALS

001 - CG Gordon Fisher	Madison, WI
002 - CG Donald J. Leonard	Sanford, NC
003 - CG Lisa Feder	New York, NY
004 - CG William F. Tuttle	Cincinnati, OH

RATING SYSTEM: From all indications there are several members who are going to make a stab at the Top Rated Platers awards. Good news for those in the northeast, the tournament trail will be widening. John Chambers of RI is starting up a tourney. Our guys in CT & ME are also on the bandwagon & hope to have something this spring/summer.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

October 11 - 3rd Annual International Cribbage Championship at Knights Restaurant in San Francisco. Free parking. Entry fee \$42.50 includes luncheon and dinner. Prize list of \$1500 guaranteed, many trophies and other prizes, one of which is four 49er box seat tickets. Entry deadline is October 2, 1980 so send entry in immediately to: San Francisco Cribbage Assn, PO Box 26658, San Francisco, CA 94111. Sanctioned by The American Cribbage Congress.

November 1-2 - Wisconsin State Classic, 2nd Annual at Milwaukee, WI. Qualifying rounds (21 games) on Sat. Top 32 play-off single elimination on Sunday. Entry fee \$27.00.. For info or application write to: Mr Russ Berget, 2107 20th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

November 1 - 1st Annual Cerebral Palsey Cribbage Tournament, Elks Lodge #783, Marysville, Calif. Doubles & Singles play. The entry fee includes lunch and Awards Banquet. For more info write to: Charles E. Walters, PO Box 1110, Marysville, CA 95901. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

November 1 - Ocean State Classic, Pawtucket, RI. Entry fee \$15.00 includes coffee and doughnuts. Starts at 9:00 AM, single elimination (3 out of 5). For more info write to John Chambers, 34 Homestead Ave, Esmond, RI 02917. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

November 2 -Western New England Open, West Springfield, MA. Double elimination open to first 128 entries. For info contact Mr George Bickford, 35 Elbert Rd, Agawam, MA 01001. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

November 22-23 - 2nd Annual Florida State at Elks Lodge in Orlando. Qualifying rounds (21 games) on Sat. Top 16 play in single elimination (4 out of 7) on Sunday. Entry fee \$25.00 was formally \$23.50 includes luncheon. For info or send entry: Florida Cribbage Assn, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, Fla, 32741. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

January 17-18 - Rocky Mountain Championship, Denver, Colo. Singles and Doubles play... Entry fee \$30.00 for Singles and \$40.00 a pair for Doubles. Luncheon included on Sat. For info write to: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 90110. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

LEAGUE PLAY

The Rhode Island State League IX is about to get underway. These leaguers get together the first & third Thursday evenings each month, in centrally located Pawtucket. Best of luck for the 1980-81 season. This league sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

Orlando Elks Cribbage League III gets underway October 9th. The group meets every Thursday evening at the lodge and plays a schedule lasting through the winter months. League is sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

The Vic Christoffersen Cribbage Tourney is on tap for October 2, 1980. This is a group of VFW members in Racine, Wisconsin who get together the first Thursday evening of each month, October through May. The first night players drink for free - paid for out of the funds in the Skunk Bank, last year they recorded 222 skunks and the skunkees contributed to the big bank (or is that skunkers)....

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The new cribbage year began the first day of this month and already we have 278 members on the rolls. Membership cards are being held up until our order of foil labels (Charter Member) is received. We hope to have the new cards in the mail before the end of the month. NC leads all the states with 38 members, followed by Fla, Wis, Iowa & Calif in that order. We finally have a couple of members from neighboring Canada. This year our goal is 1000 members - we're going to be needing HELP !!!!

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