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Would you believe it is that time again ???  
Just about one year has trickled under the bridge since Joseph P. "Think Big" Wergin came up with the idea for the Mr & Mrs Cribbage World program. Forty-seven percent of the membership cast votes last year. That is a good many, so there is no denying it, it was a good idea. We can't allow a good thing to fade away so we will just pick-up on it and get it going again. Who will be wearing the royal Cribbage World crowns for 1980-81 ?

Nominations are open between now and May 15th. That gives you plenty of time should you care to nominate a well deserving cribbage couple. For the nomination to accepted, the only requirement is that it include a lady & gent who are both card-carrying members of the Congress. This was not the case last year as a beautiful plaque was awarded to a non-member cribbage playing couple. Hence the new ruling. Any couple may be nominated with the exception of the currently reigning King and Queen, Frank & Patricia O'Connor of Dedham, Mass. King Frank and Queen Patricia are the first in a long line of Cribbage World's royal family. Long live the King and Queen.

Last year ten couples were nominated and 242 ballots were returned from every nook and cranny throughout the cribbage kingdom. The majority of them coming in from the Plymouth colony area.

Frank & Pat are both avid cribbers and just plain all-round do-gooders when it comes to

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the grand old game. Because of their involvement with youth activities (they have seven of their own) Frank was appointed a Director of the Congress and he and the missus are in charge of operating our first National Junior Tournament. See Junior Tournament article beginning on page 4.

Last season Frank and Patricia were presented a beautiful engraved plaque to commemorate the occasion. The presentation was made at the annual Board of Directors meeting held in Raleigh, NC in conjunction with the National Open Tournament. A representative of the U.S. Playing Card Company was also on hand to present a gift box made up of the company's finest products.

Other gifts were delivered during the yuletide season which included a box of premium citrus from the Florida Cribbage Assn; some of the world's finest cheese from the Wisconsin Cribbage Assn; and the New York Cribbage Assn promised a couple of bottles of their state's finest wines - or a load of snow from Buffalo. Small items, but indicative of the efforts to make the Mr & Mrs Cribbage World program top drawer in every detail.

Should other state associations care to join in the act of honoring future Cribbage World couples, please do not hesitate to let us know. It's a case of wanting the best for the best from the best. And why not ?

The final word is - get your nominations in on or before May 15th. Ballots will be out in the mail to all members during late May or early June. Ballots must be retruned by midnight July 1st, 1981. Be a good Cribbage World citizen and do your share. But most of all - VOTE..... It's the democratic thing to do - so do it....

## CONGRESS MEETS MEMBERSHIP GOAL

During the MGM Open at Green Bay president Joseph Petrus Wergin signed up our 1000th member. Since the meeting of the founding fathers back in early August 1979, ol Joe P. has been signing em up left and right. The Congress membership goal for 80-81 was surpassed only because we had Joe on our team. He led the way to Hartford to a Games Exhibition where he and his volunteers signed-up 175 new members in just a couple of days.. For the longest while Connecticut led the membership parade with 177, which happened to be 85 more members than in Joe's state of Wisconsin. Needless to say, Tiger Joe went after them and it was just last month that Wisconsin took over the lead and now has 212 members. That's moving out real smart...

The 1000th member was Leonard Allard of Green Bay. Lenny was mailed a copy of "How to Win at Cribbage" authored by Joseph P. Wergin, our hard working prez...

We still have 11 states with zero membership; Ark, Del, Idaho, La, Mont, Neb, NH, ND, Ore, SD and Vt. If you happen to have an ol cribbage buddy in one of the 11 states, how about sending in his/her name & address along with a check for two dollars. Your friend will say thank you, the Congress will say thank you & everyone will appreciate it.

Total membership as of this writing is up to a whopping 1121. The top states are:

Wisconsin	212	North Carolina	64
Connecticut	178	New York	50
Massachusetts	99	Iowa	45
Minnesota	78	Michigan	44
Florida	68	Colorado	44

## NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The junior tournament is finally set to go. If you are interested you had better pay close attention to what is written here because this is probably the only time it will appear. The junior tournament is scheduled for Sunday, May 10, 1981, at the Monuhills VFW Post in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.. The registration and briefing period will be between 8:00 and 9:00 am, with play beginning immediately afterward.

Where in the world is Jamaica Plain ? It is about 10 miles southwest of Boston. Highway I-95 circles the greater Boston area. Jamaica Plain is inside the I-95 ring. It is between US Highway 1 and SR 28.

The entry fee is only \$5.00 which includes dues for one year and a couple of meals. We got a big break on some handsome plaques out of Springfield, so winner & runner-up awards will be made in all ten age groups between 8 and 17. Each entrant will also be awarded a certificate indicating participation in the first National Junior Tournament sponsored by the Congress. There is no doubt about it, it's a real good deal for junior members.

We have 66 junior members on the books & our energetic tournament director, Frank O'Connor and his lovely wife Patricia, tell us there will be youngsters lined up waiting to pay dues and get in the tournament. Frank plans on mailing out 200/300 applications. So if you know any junior players who are interested, have them write to: Frank O'Connor, 25 Hillside Road, Dedham, Mass 02026. Or call (617) 326-9078 during early evening hours.

If you can't wait for the application, then send in name and address of junior player, to

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include birth date & a check or money order in the amount of \$5.00. Please make check out to National Junior Cribbage Tournament.

Frank & Pat have lined up plenty of helpers, on top of the long list are Eddie and Mary Bowes of Milton, Harry Palmer & George Bickford of Springfield and a slew of members of the O'Connor clan. George will be bringing the cribbage boards he uses for the Western New England Open every November....

Volunteer help & generosity of our members have made all this possible. The total contributed at this writing is \$473.00. That is nothing less than fantastic. There should be some left over for the second annual Junior Meet, next year.

Those members who contributed \$20.00 or more for the Junior cause and those who participated in the \$25.00 Cribbage World Booster Club, are commissioned Cribadier General in the white-hat forces of the United Cribbage World. They are issued a commission signed by Congress officials with the appropriately affixed gold seal and royal blue ribbon. Commissions are issued in sequence and #001 was issued to General Gordon Fisher of Madison, WI. On the "Honor Roll" of the elite there are listed 21 Generals, and the roll is far from being closed.

Here is a list of those members who donated anywhere from \$5.00 and up. These are the members who made it possible. Thanks to each and everyone of them. The kids thank you too and this definitely proves cribbage players are the best people in the World. It is only fitting & proper that their names be printed here, in the initial announcement....

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Jim Arblaster II	Kissimmee, FL
Jim Arblaster III	Vidalia, GA
Dan Barlow	Chapel Hill, NC
Eddie Bowes	Milton, MA
Edna Boyd	Bluefield, WV
Bill Campbell	Andrews AFB, MD
Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL
Richard Dacey	Bear Creek, NC
Herb Farwell	Fern Park, FL
Jerry Gagnon	Orlando, FL
John Grygo	Alden, NY
Richard Haby	Lafayette, IN
George Haendle	Carson City, NV
Reginald Harris	Alma, GA
Dagg Henderson	Groton, CT
Jim Hodgskin	Orlando, FL
Bob Immel	Northfield, MN
Joe Jones	Arlington, VA
Marvin Kluck	Mystic, CT
Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA
Frank O'Connor	Dedham, MA
Patricia O'Connor	Dedham, MA
Harry Palmer	W Springfield, MA
Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC
Robert A. Read	Winter Garden, FL
Lynn Schultz	Madison, WI
Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI

## FIRST ANNUAL

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MAY 10, 1981 - 9:00 AM UNTIL ?

Monuhills VFW Post  
168 South Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA

Entry Fee       .       .       \$5.00

## CRIBBAGE

A Game for Ladies & Gentlemen

## PEGGING POINTERS

By Dan Barlow, 1980 National Open Champion

Watching your opponent's cards during the play is good strategy. Often you can base a key decision on an educated guess about his holding. For instance, he plays two Kings and a four-spot, and you must lead either a 7 or an Ace. You obviously choose the seven-spot... He is more likely to be holding an Ace than a seven or eight. Don't get carried away with this strategy. Your decision is seldom so clear-cut. In fact, in most cases, when trying to determine your opponent's remaining card or cards, there will be several strong possibilities and even more not-so-strong possibilities. If he has shown up with a 5, 6, & 7, his 4th card could easily be any card in the deck, with the exception of an Ace.

In short, figuring out what your opponent has is strictly guesswork. But there is a closely related strategy which involves very little guesswork; figuring out what your opponent DOESN'T have. Say you hold 5-9-10-J. You lead the 10 and your opponent plays a 7. You should now play your nine, making the count 26. Why? Because if your opponent had the five he needs for 31, he presumably would have used it earlier to score a 15-2.

Here's another example. Holding 3-8-10-10, you lead the 8. Your opponent plays a King, you play a 10 for 28 and he plays a 2 for 30 and a go. You note that he's played a King and a 2. It looks like he might have a 3 to go along with those two cards, so you start to lead your ten. But wait. If he had a 3 surely he would have played it back when the count was 28. So the 3 is your safest lead. Whenever your opponent fails to peg, make a mental note of the card he obviously does not have & use this info to your advantage.

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS MAY 1981

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

10 MAY 1981

Plumas County Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 1018 Quincy, CA 95971

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

16-17 MAY 1981

Pete Danielson 49 Elder Drive  
Marquette, MI 49855

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23-24 MAY 1981

Midwest Cribbage League Box 5584  
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