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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet January 16-17 in Denver, Colorado.

The agenda is overloaded so there won't be too much time for cribbage playing. The Player Rating System is in for some overhauling and appears likely cribbage league players will become part of the current rating system. The new changes will become effective September 1, 1981

In all probability this will be the last meeting of the Executive Committee. After this the Board of Directors will take over. The Constitution calls for an election of Directors this summer. Ballots will be in the mail in sufficient time so they can be returned prior to election day (July 1st). The newly elected Directors are then scheduled to meet in early August in Raleigh, NC where they will, from among themselves, elect the Congress Officers. The newly elected Officers and Directors will take over effective September 1st, 1981 - the beginning of our third cribbage year.

Also on the agenda will be such topics as the how-when-why of appointing State Representatives and an outline of their responsibilities; setting up a Cribbage Calendar for 1982; publishing the Official Rules & Guidelines for operating Tournaments and Leagues; and another critical look at the Constitution. After that the meeting will be open for other business. Whew, no rest for the over-worked and underpaid... But it's all for the good of the grand ol game.

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THE BIG CHEESE CLASSIC

The Wisconsin State Classic, scheduled for March 21-22, 1981 is shaping up so says Joe Wergin, our "Think Big" president. It's all set to go off simultaneously in seven locations around big-cheese country: Marinette, Madison, Milwaukee, Racine, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac and Wausau. It will be the biggest cribbage Bonanza "in our time." These qualifying events will be the standard set-up; 21 games on Saturday with the top 16 or 32 playing single elimination, best of seven, on Sunday. Attendance could easily break the one-thousand mark barrier.

Joe still has hope of getting crews together in Green Bay and LaCrosse to join the action.

The Grand Finale is scheduled for April 4-5, 1981 in Madison. How many of the top qualifiers from each of the "trial" cities will depend largely on the attendance. Joe says, you can bet your bottom dollar it will be fair and square.

There will be a modest prize list at each of seven locations but the best part is that some of the money will be heading for the Grand Finale where it is expected the prize fund could also break a few barriers. The committee is undecided at this time whether to go for a big prize list or put some of the money into entry fees for the Grand Finale. Whichever way they go, it will be a dandy.

Take note all you Badgers, spread the word and be prepared to join in the fun yourself. Make it a good show for the Big Big Cheese Country.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - A better Cribbage Community starts with lifting a hand - not pointing a finger.

NATIONAL RATING POINTS

Another sanctioned tournament has come & gone and Mr Arnold Crews, the Jacksonville dynamo, increases his lead in the Master Points pegger's parade. AC picked up another 35 points last month whilst everyone else was standing still. Mr Crews, better known as the dean of Florida cribbage, admits he has cashed in the last ten tournaments in which he played. Whew, ten straight, appears more like he's going to be Dean of the World.

Here is the list, as complete as we can get it, of all those members who have earned over ten points. We have 106 players tied at ten points. AND our listings do not include our members who finished below 8th place in the Western New England Open which took place a couple of months ago. Our books show 161 rated players and this figure will clim when the Western NE officials come thru with the list of remaining players.

1	Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL	222.68
2	Ray Rodahl	Milwaukee, WI	164.50
3	Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	156.50
4	Rudy Hebain	Milwaukee, WI	148.50
5	Ed Schotanus	Groton, CT	140.62
6	Vern Hackbart	Poynette, WI	124.50
7	Rich Maringer	Greendale, WI	118.50
8	Dan Sokolowski	Milwaukee, WI	116.50
9	Vic Lyngaas	Middleton, WI	100.50
10	Ken Martin	Agawam, MA	92.62
11	W. Sondericker	Greenfield, WI	92.50
12	Dagg Henderson	Groton, CT	84.62
13	Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI	84.50
14	Gordon Zindler	Wankesha, WI	76.50
15	Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	74.50
16	James Z. Foley	Myrtle Bch, SC	73.18
17	Ed Kloeppel	St Paul, MN	68.50
18	Darrell Goodman	St Center, IA	60.50
19	Jim Kraus	Wilmington, NC	55.67
20	Frank O'Connor	Dedham, MA	55.18

NATIONAL RATING POINTS (Continued)

21	Guy Pence	Northfield, MN	52.50
22	Haley Johnson	St Cloud, FL	41.18
23	Dave McGuire	Kissimmee, FL	39.18
24	Frank Wise	Orlando, FL	38.85
25	Larry Brown	Wilmington, NC	30.00
25	Maxine Maddox	Wilmington, NC	30.00
25	Jack Morris	Wilmington, NC	30.00
28	Del Taylor	Greensboro, NC	23.18
29	George Heunisch	Orlando, FL	20.85
30	Dan Barlow	Chapel Hill, NC	20.00
30	Walt Chowanec	Milwaukee, WI	20.00
30	Tom Comstock	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Richard Dacey	Bear Creek, NC	20.00
30	Doris Donalies	Union Grove, WI	20.00
30	Hugh Fantone	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Jerry Gagnon	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Jim Hodgskin	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Robert Immel	North field MN	20.00
30	M. O. Mattisen	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Tony Pesce	Orlando, FL	20.00
30	Myron Roseland	Winter Park, FL	20.00
30	Dan Weir	Greendale, WI	20.00
43	Ann Knoll	Wilmington, NC	19.00
44	Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee, WI	13.47
44	Roger DeGroot	Peshtigo, WI	13.47
44	Bob Dettman	West Allis, WI	13.47
44	Jerry Doughty	Racine, WI	13.47
44	Bob Julian	Milwaukee, WI	13.47
44	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	13.47
44	John Mitchell	Racine, WI	13.47
44	Dana Rogers	Truro, IA	13.47
44	Jim Schneider	Menominee Fls, WI	13.47
44	Rich Sjolander	West Salem, WI	13.47
44	Ethel M. Teepe	Menominee, WI	13.47
44	Lois Tenge	Pewaukee, WI	13.47
56	106 Players	Everywhere, US	10.00

Check the "Tournament Trail" (pages 6 and 7) and you will see all the biggies are coming up and it is for sure our listings will more than double in the next few months. The National Open will tell the story.....

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

February 7-8: Minnesota Open at Ramada Inn St Paul as part of Winter Carnival. Qual rds of 21 games on Sat; top 32 will play single elim (3/5) on Sunday. Entry fee \$25.00. Conso tmt on Sun \$10.00 with all money being retrained to prize fund. For info: Minn Open Cribbage Tmt, Box 17271, St Paul, MN 55117. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

February 21-22: Kissimmee-St Cloud (Gateway to the Worlds) Cribbage Meet, Elks Lodge downtown Kissimmee, FL. Entry fee \$6.00 incl morning coffee & sandwich buffet on Sat. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 16 playing single elim (4/7) on Sun. This meet geared for intermediate players seeking tournament experience. Info: write to Fla Cribbage Assn, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

Feb 28-March 1: MGM Open at Ramada Inn Green Bay, WI. Entry fee \$25.00. Qual rds of 21 games on Sat with top 32 playing single elim (3/5) on Sunday. Loser's Tournament on Sunday. Buffet lunch on Sat only \$4; sandwiches available on Sun. For info: MGM Cribbage Tmt, PO Box 552, Green Bay, WI 54305. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress; previously listed as not sanctioned.

March 14-15: Western NY State Open at West End Hotel, 340 Union St, Hamburg, NY. The entry fee is \$25.00. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 16 playing double elim on Sunday. Meals available on site. Info: E. Hargesheimer Jr, 40 Main St, Hamburg, NY 14075. Sanctioned by The American Cribbage Congress.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL (Continued)

March 21-22: Wisconsin State Classic. See write-up on page 3. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

March 27-28: 12th Annual Wilmington Cribbage Assn Tmt at the YMCA. Doubles, \$10. per team, Fri evening at 7:00. Singles, \$6. per indiv, on Sat. Coffee & Doughnuts served at both sessions. For Info: YMCA 2710 Market St, Wilmington, NC 28403.... Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

April 4-5: Wisconsin State Grand Finale. See write-up on page 3. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

May 9: 10th Annual World Championship at Quincy, CA. Entry fee \$40. incl singles, doubles & Awards Banquet. Entries limited to first 224 paid-up singles contestants. Info: Plumas County Chamber of Commerce, Box 1018, Quincy, CA 95971. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

May 16-17: American Cribbage Championship at Marquette, MI. Entry fee \$26.00. Qual rds (21 games) on Sat with top 32 playing (3/5) single elim on Sun. Consolation Tmt on Sunday. Buffet lunch on Sat \$4.00; sandwiches available on Sunday. Info: write Pete Danielson, 49 Elder Dr, Marquette, MI 49855. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

May 23-24: Midwest Masters Classic for 1981 in Des Moines, Iowa. Qual rds (21 games) on Sat with top 32 playing single elim (3/5) on Sun. Entry \$31.00. Qual Pool \$10.00 with all money returned to prize fund. Consol tmt on Sun only \$10.00. Info: Midwest Cribbage Assn, Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

- CRIBBAGE RESULTS -

The 12th Annual Y Cribbage Tournament took place last month at the local YMCA in downtown Wilmington, NC. The winner and still champion - Arnold Crews of Jacksonville, FL. Jim Kraus, Wilmington's own sharpie, was the runner-up while Ann Knoll also from the port city collected third place money.

Brenda Dew, the area 14 year old whiz, finished fourth. Brenda, one of the better junior players in the south, will be heading for the National Junior Championships in the Boston area sometime this spring.

The Doubles competition played on Friday evening had a better turn-out than the Singles. The winning Doubles team were none other than Arnold Crews & Jim Arblaster, the traveling buddies from Florida, who played doubles together for the first time. Beginners Luck ?

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