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Think Big!

by

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"THE STATE OF THE CONGRESS"

The Congress has come along way since its humble beginning over a breakfast table in Raleigh, NC, two years ago. Its purpose is to promote the general welfare of Cribbage and especially to help organize non-profit state and local groups.

It took six months to get something going. The first important move was the Executive Committee meeting in Cincinnati on January 12th and 13th, 1980 to work out a proposed Constitution and to formulate playing rules. The nine people in attendance paid their own travel and hotel expenses.

Outlined herewith are the accomplishments of the present administration:

MEMBERSHIP: At the close of FY 1980, there were 561 card carrying members. This year the count rose to 1319, an incredible 235 percent increase. Since the beginning dues has been \$2.00 and it will remain the same for the coming year. A increase will be necessary the following year since the dues hardly covers the cost of printing and distributing the magazine. We now have members in all but four states and with your help we should cover the United States with over 3000 members next year. Our secretary admonishes that we should bear in mind that we do not have members in Arkansas, Delaware, North & South Dakota.

CONSTITUTION: It was a year in the making. It was patterned after the American Bowling Congress, with their permission, and was approved and adopted last year at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. There are some changes which should be made.

PLAYING RULES AND TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES: Our rules and regulations governing competitive play were about 16 months in the making. The Official Rules Book is being published this month and it is to be distributed one copy to each member-family. This is the first time ever a separate book has been devoted to Cribbage rules. These rules may not suit everyone, but this is a grand beginning. Please support the advertisers who made this booklet possible. Extra copies are priced at \$2.00 plus 40¢ for mailing.

CRIBBAGE WORLD NEWSLETTER: Secretary Jim Arblaster edits and mails the monthly newsletter which carries interesting Cribbage articles and news. It also lists the schedule of sanctioned tournaments all around the country. As the membership increases and more funds become available, this publication will be improved and enlarged.

MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD: This promotional stunt generated a great deal of interest and actually increased membership. Frank & Pat O'Connor of Dedham, Massachusetts were the first couple to be honored. This year Eddie and Mary Bowes of Milton, Massachusetts received the most votes. A special Mr & Mrs Cribbage World display plaque will be making the rounds on the Tournament Trail starting with the National Open VIII.

CRIBADIER GENERALS: The Kentucky Colonels have nothing over our cribbage buffs. Jim's idea was well received and 27 boosters each contributed (\$25/\$20) one way or another, the sole criteria for being placed on the "Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals" a non-profit charitable fraternity affiliated with the American Cribbage Congress. Contributions are used chiefly to promote Cribbage among our junior members. Each General is issued a commission complete with gold seal, blue ribbon and signatures of Congress officials. CG membership is expected to increase to at least 100 this coming year. Major William P. Campbell III, our Director from Eglin AFB, has agreed to take over the reins of the program.

GO PLAY YOUR CABBAGE GAME



**By Nick Pond, Director
National Open Tournament**

It was a warm Monday morning in mid-May of 1974 while sitting at my kitchen table that the idea of a National Cribbage Tournament was germinated. The way this came about is as follows:

At the time I was writing and broadcasting three weekly 2-minute sports editorials on WRAL-TV and the North Carolina Radio News Network. For any of you who have done any editorial writing, you know that as often as not the "well runs dry." This particular Monday morning there was nothing going on in the sports world that even remotely could have been construed as controversial. As I sat at the table, and as the clock kept ticking away, I realized time was getting short. If I didn't come up with an idea, one television and approximately 65 radio stations were going to have a two-minute hole in their program schedules for that day. What to write about?

I thought back to what I'd done on Sunday, namely to play a friendly game of cribbage with some of my pals at our favorite hangout, Players Retreat. I got to thinking, "Gee, I wonder how the game of Cribbage got started." With this simple thought in mind, I rushed to the university library where I was able to dig up about three paragraphs in the Encyclopedia Britannica, and a copy of a little-known book entitled *ALL ABOUT CRIBBAGE* by G. Douglas Anderson of Halifax, Nova Scotia. I made some notes, rushed home, grabbed the typewriter, and wrote three two-minute commentaries on the derivation of Cribbage and its evolution since Sir John Suckling first concocted the idea of the game.

Later that day, while sitting at my office desk reviewing what I had written, a thought struck me, wouldn't it be fun to gather a few folks, get my company to put up a small amount of money, and have a tournament? Not a city tournament, not a state tournament, not a regional tournament, but a National Tournament. Never mind we'd probably not get anyone but folks from our surrounding area, we'd call it the national. I hurried to my boss' office and managed to intrude myself into his busy schedule. I briefly told him what I had in mind. He just shook his head, saying "I have a million momentous decisions to make this afternoon, and you come in here talking about a card tournament. Look Nick, I'm extremely busy, go ahead and have your cabbage tournament, or whatever you call it, just be sure its legal and that we copywrite it. Now get the hell out of here, I've got to get busy.

With that tremendous endorsement from my boss, it was just a matter of weeks before 165 players showed up for the first tournament. I was mildly surprised at the the number and by the fact, that not just the surroundiung area, but players from three states showed up. We invited Mr. Anderson down from Nova Scotia to be our judge and the first event was held at our television studios.

Some of you reading these words were probably at that first event, and I know for a fact that some of you have been at every one of the subsequent events. I don't mind saying that it's been a tremendous amount of work but at the same time a labor of love, for as each of you know, the game of cribbage is undoubtedly the best two-handed card game in the world, I don't care what all the gin rummy players in the world think.

I realize there were cribbage tournaments, cribbage leagues, and cribbage associations in isolated parts of the country before the National Open began, and obviously the interest was there before we held our first event. But I don't mind saying, somewhat paternalistically, its been most gratifying to see the burgeoning interest across the country in our game in recent years since that first National Open Tournament.

What lies ahead is a dream I've had for the past five or six years and one that I know many of you share. Simply put, it is to someday see state and regional tournaments throughout the nation in which the top players qualify for the National Open, much in the manner that the national tennis and golf opens are conducted. Don't laugh, one ot these days this dream will bear fruit.

MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD

Big Fast Eddie Bowes and his lovely wife Mary prove to be the most popular cribbage couple for 1981. AND this makes it two out of two for the Bay state.

The 395 ballots cast represented only 30 percent of the membership, a mere drop in the ol bucket when compared to last years 47 percent of 560 members. However, this election recorded the most votes cast in a Mr & Mrs Cribbage World contest.

Eddie and Mary are quite active during the summer months with the Marshfield Beach Cribbage Association. This is the outfit with its very own special cribbage flag, undoubtedly Mary's needlework. The flag is hoisted to signal league cribbage games/ matches are in progress.

At the seasons end, MBCA parade their champions thru the downtown streets to the town square where the coronation takes place under the watchful eye of the man who has the key to the local funny-farm. During the parade Eddie and his merry makers wear costumes mostly to hide their identity. Eddie has been dubbed leading Knight and elected parade-marshall-for-life. MBCA associates fear for Eddie's well being, they think that the man with the net may score big one of these parades. Pat O'Connor says not to sweat it, there isn't a net in the world near big enough.

Our hearty congratulations to Eddie and Mary. A fine choice without a doubt and the crowns are a perfect fit. By the way, this royal twosome hail from Milton, Massachusetts.

Congrats to the other runners-up. Every couple did rather well at the polls. Again the votes were counted by Jim and Marlyne Arblaster with the double check by assistant secretary Bob Read and his wife Beth. No recounts...

PEGGING POINTERS

By Dan Barlow, 1980 National Open Champion

Unlike our past articles, this one involves no discussion of strategy, but you may find it entertaining. As for how much of it is true, your guess is as good as mine.

Twenty years ago, a few months after my grandfather had taught me to play cribbage, I attempted to concede a game to him. He had two holes to go, I had twenty-eight, and it was his first count.

"Before you concede," he said, "let me tell you a little story. Back during World War I, my company held a cribbage tournament, and I made it to the finals. It was best of five, and with the score tied at two, I was twentysix holes from winning, while my opponent was in the dead hole with first count. I dealt myself 3-4-4-4-7-Q, and kept the 4-4-4-7, my only hope for a 24 hand. Before the cut, my opponent said, 'I've got a pair, in case you want to concede.'

" 'Let's play it out,' I told him. He shrugged, and cut the cards—a Jack instead of the 4 I needed. I took my two holes, and he led an 8. I played my 7 for 15, and he played a 4. So he had the other 4! No wonder it hadn't been cut! I paired him up to make the count 23, and he said 'Go!' He had a pair of 10's left! Of course I played 27 for 6, and 31 for 14, winning the game! Now, you can still concede this game if you want, but...."

"I don't believe a word of that," I told my grandfather, "but I get the point. Let's play it out." We did, and I actually kept him from pegging a single hole, before he laid down a 24 hand.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) Congress membership was a healthy 1319. That's a beautiful 235 percent increase over last year.

If you recall we had two membership goals last year; "1001 in 81" and "Members in every State." The first goal was smashed back in late winter but we fell short of the second goal by four states. We do not have members in ARKANSAS, DELAWARE, NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA. So we batted .500 as far as goals are concerned. We'll get em next year!!!!

During May and June, the last two months for 1980-81 membership, several members joined in the last-ditch drive where we picked up members in six states (ID, LA, MT, NE, NH, VT) which were previously on the books at a big fat zero. Nice going team - and we sincerely appreciate your help.

Goals for 1981-82 are going to be tougher than a 99¢ steak: "3002 in 82" and (again) "Members in every State." Again, we are asking that you get on the membership bandwagon for CY 82, talk it up and help out where and when you can. Get your state in the "top dozen."

FINAL LIST OF THE "TOP DOZEN"

Wisconsin	250
Connecticut	186
Massachusetts	107
Minnesota	107
Florida	73
Iowa	68
No. Carolina	65
California	61
New York	59
Colorado	55
Michigan	54
Maine	44

HELP "3002 in 82" HELP

LEAGUE PLAYER RATING SYSTEM

Guess what? The system we prematurely bragged about in April as being fresh off the drawing board and ready for presentation to the BoD, well it's fresh down the drain. That's right, out the window, down the tube. Say it how you want, but it has been *changed*.

Why? Because it wasn't fair to the players in leagues which played the minimum number of games. It had to do with the skunks, the part where the skunks won over the number of skunks lost (Skunk Difference) being worth one-tenth of a point each in the rating index.

Here is a couple of hypothetical instances to prove the point. League #1 plays seventy singles games and one could win let's say ten skunks while losing five. This player would pick-up one-tenth of a point for each skunk won over the five skunks lost. That would be .50 in the rating index. Now let's take a player in league #2 which schedules 120 singles games. It would be a good bet that he would win more than ten skunks. Let's say he wins 18 skunks while losing nine. He would have the same percentage of skunk wins & losses as the player in league #1 but he would pick up .90 in the rating index; four-tenths of a point more. The players in leagues with a greater number of games on the schedule would have the advantage. So the plug was pulled on system #1....

Do we have another system to replace what went down the drain? Yes, we have. Are skunks still considered? Yes, they are.

The new system maintains the average score (per game) as the basic element of the rating index. To this is added the sum of: the number of games won plus the skunk difference, divided by the actual number of singles games played, multiplied by ten... Got it? Look at it another way:

$$\text{Average Score} + \left(10 \times \frac{\text{GW} + \text{Sk Dif}}{\text{GP}} \right) =$$

Example:

	GW	GL	Pegs	GP	Ave	SkW	SkL	INDEX
#1-	18	9	3087	27	114.33	18	9	124.33
#2-	17	10	3081	27	114.11	9	0	123.74
#3-	17	10	3081	27	114.11	7	6	120.78

A form has been developed for furnishing the essential league data to the Congress statistician, on the reverse side of which are the complete instructions and other requirements. League secretaries interested in sanctioning their leagues - the fee is \$1.00 per player (per league)....

DETROIT AREA GETS THE NEWS

Thanks to a cribbage article in the Sunday edition of the Detroit News, back in mid-May, by staff writer Cynthia Lee, our ranks gained 16 new members from around the Detroit area. It was an interesting article, a big half page, telling about the renewed interest in cribbage around the country. It credited the Congress and its leaders as the rejuvenating force behind the movement. The article generated at least one hundred inquiries from prospective members, most of whom are more than likely waiting for the start of the next dues year which begins September 1st. Good News, there is no need to wait. Congress policy is that those who sign-up on or after July 1st (each year) are considered to be members for the next year (81-82). Thank you Cynthia Lee — we owe you one.

MASTER POINT PARADE

Five sanctioned tournaments (1 biggie, 2 mid size and 2 small size) have taken place since the last report back in late April. Attendance for the five events added up to 570 with the WCCT in Quincy, CA breaking all the records with 284 participants.

Rudy Hebein continues to head the list even though he earned only one dozen Master Points in the last two months. Bob Immel, Congress VP, was the stud who went charging around the far turn and is now readying for the stretch drive. Captain Bob picked up 42 Master points out on the west coast and his 3rd place finish in the Midwest Classic moved him up from a barely-hanging-on tenth place to a solid third place and an assured berth on the 1st All American Cribbage team. Also making big moves were John Danielson of Manitowoc winner of the ACC up in Marquette, Dick Cornwell of Sunnyvale, CA who finished high in the WCCT and Dottie Schwedersky of Lyndon Station, WI who made her bunch of points in the Des Moines event. Arnold Crews, the old experienced warhorse, picked up a few lengths, moving from 6th to 4th place, a good slot to be in at the head of the stretch. Wendell Riherd, Forest City, Iowa, advanced from 38th to 14th as the result of his big win at Des Moines in May.

Badgers continue to dominate the top 50 list with a total of 28 players. That's a whopping 56 percent. Following Wisconsin comes Minnesota with seven spots and Iowa with four. Eleven states are represented on the Blue-ribbon list which includes 45 men and five ladies.

The end of the rating-year is sneaking up fast. It's melting away faster than ice cream on the 4th of July. There are only two stops remaining on the 1980-81 Cribbage Tour - and up pops the finish line.

Next up is the National Open VIII at Raleigh, NC and the finale will be the Illinois State Championship on August 29-30 at Antioch, IL. The National Open was filled early, earlier than most players realized. It is expected the Illinois event will be at capacity also, 248 players that is. He who hesitates is lost-lost-lost.

MASTER POINT RACE

1	Rudy Hebein.....	Mukwanago, WI	544.30
2	Vern Hackbart	Poynette, WI	430.36
3	Robert Immel	Northfield, MN	388.78
4	Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL	326.76
5	Rich Maringer	Greendale, WI	309.67
6	Edward Green	Madison, WI	308.21
7	Mike Burke	Waukesha, WI	297.86
8	John Mitchell	Racine, WI	279.33
9	Dick Cornwell	Sunnyvale, CA	260.78
10	Major Laskowski	Libertyville, IL	241.86
11	Roger Cable	St Paul, MN	238.97
12	Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	236.97
13	Dwight VanCleve	Denver, CO	236.03
14	Wendell Riherd	Forest City, IA	231.50
15	Bob McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	227.86
16	Rosalee Bradley	Janesville, CA	216.78
17	Gene Lindgren	St Paul, MN	212.62
18	Leo Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	203.86
19	Ken Gross	Northfield, MN	200.62
20	John Danielson	Manitowoc, WI	197.17
21	Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	186.50
22	Ray Rodahl	Milwaukee, WI	174.50
23	Donald V. Rhode	Pound, WI	165.15
24	Nicky Kniech	Brown Deer, WI	164.41
25	Dot Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	157.66
26	Mondharma Coss	San Jose, CA	148.78
27	Ed Schotanus	Groton, CT	140.62
28	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta, WI	140.35
29	Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI	137.41
30	Dan Sokolowski	Milwaukee, WI	136.50
31	Bob Julian	Milwaukee, WI	134.57
32	James Z. Foley	Myrtle Beach, SC	134.54
33	Pete Cerniglia	Madison, WI	132.49
34	Earl Winch	Minneapolis, MN	130.62
35	Dick Goelz	Milwaukee, WI	127.86
36	Scott Kooistra	Kalamazoo, WI	127.86
37	Bob Maichaelis	Marinette, WI	127.34
38	James Winch	Minneapolis, MN	122.37
39	Vic Lyngaas	Middleton, WI	120.50
40	Jerry Bechler	Garner, IA	117.86
41	Clayton Brotski	Green Bay, WI	117.86
42	Craig Hessell	Madison, WI	117.86
43	Fred Tilker	Madison, WI	117.86
44	Gerry White	Bondurant, IA	115.64
45	W. Sondericker	Greenfield, WI	112.50
46	Ray Wileman	Edgerton, WI	110.49
47	John Hurd	Edgerton, WI	107.86
48	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	107.11
49	Frank O'Connor	Dedham, MA	105.08
50	Lester VanHorn	St Paul, MN	102.62

ALL AMERICANS

There has been a few changes in the standings of the lady's All American Team (top 10) since the list was published in the May edition. From the World Championship Cribbage Tournament comes the top lady in the country, Rosalee Bradley of Janesville, California. Rosalee finished high in that monster of a tournament they had out there in Quincy. Mondharma Coss also finished well in that west coast biggie & she starts off on the 4th rung of the rickety ladder. Dottie Schwedrsky, the Lyndon Station flash, picked up a nice bundle of Master Points at the Midwest Classic in Des Moines and moved herself up into 3rd place. Virginia Taylor, the lady with an overgrown funny bone who hails from Greensboro, NC, played in Des Moines and in Wilmington where she garnered only 20 points which has her hanging on in the lower portion of the pack... Virginia tells us, come hell or high water, she's out to make that All American team.. So she will be seeing y'all in Raleigh at National Open VIII and (last chance) Antioch, Illinois.

THE LATEST STANDINGS:

1	Rosalee Bradley	Janesville,CA	216.78
2	Nicky Kniech	Brown Deer,WI	164.41
3	Don Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta,WI	157.66
4	Mondharma Coss	St Jose,CA	148.78
5	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta,WI	140.35
6	Patricai Kufahl	Brokaw,WI	102.35
7	Virginia Taylor	Greensboro,NC	85.41
8	Jean Root	Sturtevant,WI	81.10
9	Doris Donalies	Union Grove,WI	50.00
10	Karen Wood	Madison,WI	44.35
11	Mary Cornwell	Sunnyvale,CA	42.52
12	Peggy Pritchett	Cupertino,CA	42.35

HONORABLE ORDER OF CRIBADIER GENERALS

Plans are in the making to keep the Order alive and flourishing. It's going to be more than a one-time-pay program. Annual dues has been mentioned and the amount of \$10.00 keeps popping up - But for your money a member will receive a token of appreciation which will include the CG logo (decal, patch, plate, car-tag, cup, cap, tie, etc). There are those who believe the Order should maintain & support the Junior Program. Our newly appointed Cribadier Adjutant, William P. Campbell III, will be making all the big command decisions. When is the Military Ball?

Here is the roll of Cribbage World's finest:

001	Gordon Fisher	Madison, WI
002	Donald J. Leonard	Sanford, NC
003	Lisa Feder	New York, NY
004	William F. Tuttle	Cincinnati, OH
005	John Luckman	Las Vegas, NV
006	Everett E. Bey	Quincy, CA
007	Dagg Henderson	Groton, CT
008	James W. Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL
009	Allen Lichty	Des Moines, IA
010	Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI
011	Robert L. Immel	Northfield, MN
012	Richard Haby	Lafayette, IN
013	James G. Hodgskin	Orlando, FL
014	Herb Farwell	Fern Park, FL
015	Robert A. Read	Winter Garden, FL
016	Harry Palmer	Springfield, MA
017	Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC
018	Frank O'Connor	Dedham, MA
019	Patricia O'Connor	Dedham, MA
020	Arnold C. Crews	Jacksonville, FL
021	Lynn Schultz	Madison, WI
022	Elbert Hargesheimer, Jr.	Hamburg, NY
023	William P. Campbell III	Eglin AFB, FL
024	Guy Pence	Northfield, MN
025	Joanne K. Dickson	Arcata, CA
026	DeLynn C. Colvert	Missoula, MT
027	Allen Lee Anderson	Ankeny, IA

CG William Pierce Campbell III
Cribadier Adjutant and
Keeper of the Seal

YOUTH PROGRAM DONATIONS

Good members are still donating to the youth program and we are thankful that they are. In the last two months \$119.00 was donated, bringing the grand total for 1980-81 to an unbelievable heap of \$592.00. That's great! Those who donate \$20.00 or more are automatically commissioned a CG and added to the Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals. All members of this elite organization are furnished a 10x15" fancy commission parchment, including gold seal and blue ribbon and signed by Congress officials. It would be a great waste if they were not framed.

Recent Donors (May & June):

Joanne K. Dickson	Arcata, CA	\$25.00
Guy Pence	Northfield, MN	25.00
Bill Campbell	Eglin AFB, FL	20.00
Elbert Hargesheimer	Hamburg, NY	20.00
Denis Leyva	San Jose, CA	10.00
Tom Opalewski	Milwaukee, WI	5.00
Jack Reynolds	Carson City, NV	5.00
Lindsey Shears	Cupertino, CA	5.00
Ralph Bigelow	Placentia, CA	3.00
Others	Somewhere US	1.00
Totals		\$119.00

BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club program is merely taking out an ad in Cribbage World. The price-tags are about the same as they were last year — again, in there fighting inflation all the way!!! There is one slight difference this coming year, and that is the ads will be approximately 1½x4½ inches in size as compared to showing ones business or calling card.

Ad Price-tags:

One-Time Full-page ad	\$25.00*
1½x4½ (per issue)	2.50
1½x4½ (every issue)	25.00*

* Will be commissioned a Cribadier General.

DUES CHANGE

The dues picture will change again for the coming cribbage year 1981-82 which starts September 1st. Again, the change will benefit the members, or it should be said, a certain class of the membership that is. Dues for a married couple, making application simultaneously, will be only \$3.00 per year. Some old gripers will say its only a lousy buck, but realistically it's a fifty percent savings and our way of joining the fight against inflation. By the way, those signing up after July 1st will receive the newsletter for the remainder of this year and all of 81-82 cribbage year which runs thru August 31, 82. A couple of recent suggestions mentioned lifetime memberships should be open to all with various price-tags according to ones age at application. Simple solution: lets say you are 45 years old and want a life membership. Pay \$2.00 per year between present age & age 59, then add \$25.00 like all other 60 year olds and you've got it. That figures out to \$55.00 or thereabouts.

DUES PICTURE FOR 1981-82:

Individual Member	\$2.00
Married Couple	3.00
Junior (under 18 yr)	1.00
Life (must be 60 or over)	25.00

C—A—R—D—S: Cribbage Association of Raleigh, Durham and Suburbs have a nice team league going every Monday evening in the ACC Steakmaster Lounge. They're looking for another strong team or two — that's a four-man team. If you can hustle up a team fine. If your interested as an individual that's fine too. Call Larry Dann at 828-6810....

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q:** How much dues does the wife of a Life Member pay?
- A:** The wife would be signing up as an individual member, therefore, dues would be \$2.00 per annum.
- Q:** If the postal rates increase again next year, from 18¢ to 20¢, would Congress dues be increased?
- A:** This would be a decision of the Board of Directors, but off-hand I would say YES. The increase would be minimal.
- Q:** The new ruling regarding the cards *must* be cut, have you received any flak from tournament operators or players?
- A:** There have been six sanctioned tournaments since the ruling was placed in effect and from all reports the cutting rule has been well accepted. No complaints whatsoever.
- Q:** I have heard the Congress has established a percentage of the tournaments income that must be payed back to the players. Is that true?
- A:** Yes. The Congress has established that tournament operators must pay back 85% of the entry fee income, however, for the first year only, a tournament may pay-back only 80%.
- Q:** I heard the Congress just conducted its first election. Is this true?
- A:** Even though the Congress will be two years old, in Aug., the first election of the Directors was just completed July 1, 1981. Those elected will take office effective September 1, 1981, which is the beginning of the Cribbage Year.

—IN MEMORIAM—

Carl Biltoft

Tucson, AZ

Guy Pence

Northfield, MN

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 1981-82

Tournament Rating System — tournaments will be rated based on percentage of pay back.. Five Star (★★★★★) is top rating and will be earned by tournaments which pay-back 100 percent or more. One Star rating is allowed for the first year only (80%). The Congress feels this system is needed for the protection of its members.

National Master Points will be awarded for consolation (singles) tournament on a 50% basis with no increase in sanction fee.

National Master Point system for tournament players has been changed and will use the pay-back percentage in place of the prize-fund ratio.

National Master Point system for league players goes into effect September 1st, 1981. Any league interested in signing up contact the Secretary.

All sanctioned events must adopt the new rule of *CUTTING THE CARDS* before the deal.

Dues for married couples only \$3.00 providing they sign-up together.

Anyone signing-up on or after July 1st will be a member for the remainder of that year and all of the following year.

Congress Rules Book to be mailed out one to each member-family for 1980-81. If approved by the Board of Directors at annual meeting this month, one copy will be mailed to each new family for 1981-82. Additional rule books sell for \$2.00 plus 40¢ postage.

Director Robert A. Read of Winter Garden, FL has been appointed as assistant Secretary with his primary function being official statistician. Mr. Read will be in charge of the rating systems and his word on any rating matter will be final.

Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals has a newly appointed Cribadier Adjutant in the name of Major William P. Campbell III who is our director from Eglin, AFB in the panhandle of Florida. Sir William plans to develop a program which will give the order a purpose.

NOTICE

In March 1981 the American Cribbage Congress changed a rule. Congress officers and directors, by a vote of 27 to 3, decreed that:

*THE CARDS MUST BE CUT
AFTER THE SHUFFLE*

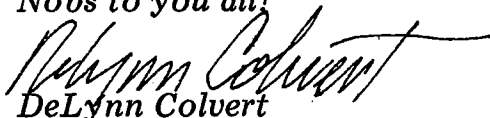
This rule change was made primarily to protect tournament players who play strangers of unknown integrity.

Cribbage Congress Members,

We feel our book "Play Winning Cribbage" and our proven winning theory will give you a new perspective about this great game of Cribbage.

And as a bonus to American Cribbage Congress members, we will pay the postage! Just tell us you're a member.

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