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Think Big!

by

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We are thinking big for 1983. We are in contact with officials in Reno and Las Vegas for the purpose of staging the second annual Congress Convention and Tournament in one of those convention centers. They are anxious to have us. This writer and Dick Graham, our director from Denver, are in contact with the Nevada hotel people.

Attention Cribadier Generals: Let's have some kind of a get-together at the Congress gathering in Milwaukee come September. Generals, do you have any ideas ?

You cribbage and sports fans will enjoy the Marriott Hotel in Milwaukee as it is the hqs for visiting athletic teams, especially members of the NFL. The hotel officials have indicated that the Marriott is interested in housing the Cribbage Hall of Fame.

In the future, entry forms should include the membership number of tournament players so that Bob Read, our Master Point statistician, will have an easier time of recording rating points.

-- THINK BIG --

January and February are the stay-at-home and play-at-home months in northern states. This is the ideal time to teach members of your family as well as a neighbor or two how to play cribbage. When you have something special, share it with others.

If you are planning a tournament during 1982, please contact the Congress at Box 5584, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

No word from Bob Herkes of Hawaii. Bob is tournament director for that state tourney. Many of us have never been there and we are looking for an excuse to make the trip. When pray tell, is the tournament ?

Eighteen managers have declared their intentions of scheduling SANCTIONED tournaments. The first meet of the new year is the Rocky Mountain Championship at Denver with Dick Graham at the controls.

With all these approved tournaments available, members of the Congress will shy away from the non-sanctioned promotions. National Rating Points may be earned only in sanctioned events.

The City of Racine, Wisconsin, will produce more new members than any other city in the USA, according to Dick Kurz, our dedicated representative. Dick has been signing them up left & right and is only a couple away from reaching his goal of 100. The local VFW Post is the hqs for cribbage activities.

In Cribbage There Is No Free Hunch !

-- THINK BIG --

A closed tournament for the top 100 rated players of the 1980-81 season has been suggested. Such a tournament would probably be held in Wisconsin and would pit the best vs the best. Arnold C. Crews, the dean of Florida cribbage, is on top of that list.

It was noted that the California based International Assn returned about 90% of the entry fees in awards. The Florida Open this past November returned 102% as they secured donations which added rather significantly to the purse. In time the players will flock to these meets.

Would like to see a special match with the top ten rated ladies of 1980-81 playing the top ten men players. I would place my bet on Mary Cornwell and her All American Ladies team....

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- CONGRESS TOURNAMENT & BANQUET -

The General Chairman of the First Congress Championship Meet, Dan Weir, has become one of our big thinkers. Dan says, "We may not only have a banquet for that Saturday night but we are now planning a dance afterwards."

Enshrinement of our first Hall of Famers will be made at the banquet. Also, awards will be made to our 1981-82 honorees in the many and varied categories.

The tournament is for members only. Big Rich Maringer, the assistant chairman, says, "The site has been changed to the Marriott Hotel as it will better serve the needs of the players & people who accompany them."

There is a golf course in the area as well as a shopping mall of 126 stores which will help non-players occupy their time.

Playing space in this facility is limited to about 300 players which is good reason to make an early entry. The fee for the entire kit and caboodle will range between \$50.00 & \$60.00 for the combination, AND you can't have one without the other.

Dan Weir and his Milwaukee committee will be in charge of making all arrangements and providing the facilities while the Congress Executive Committee will conduct the tournament and handle the funds.

Please do not send in entries until the official entry form appears in this newsletter. And to be sure, it will be printed in sufficient time. That's a promise.

So come one, come all - to the cribbage players ball. September 18-19, 1982....

"THE CRIBBAGE BLUES"

It was a wet and rainy afternoon,
The sun could not be seen.
The kind of day for lounging
And watching the grass grow green.

Martin, apparently bored to death,
Stopped in to pass the time.
His pockets held what was needed on such a day,
- Three dollars and a dime.

We shuffled the cards, set the pegs
And "cut to see who deals."
With Waylon and Willie on the stereo,
I felt like hell on wheels.

I won the cut to start the game.
The cribbage gods gathered 'round.
We chatted and bantered to and fro,
It became a steady, humming sound.

We worked our way around the board.
I'd peg eight and he'd peh three.
Martin would score a nineteen.
A hand of twenty was quite common for me.

The afternoon passed by too quickly.
We had ourselves quite a time.
Oh !!! I must not fail to mention,
The three dollars and a dime were mine.

By -
Peter F. Cribbage
Lafayette, Colorado

"The LAST WORD"

My wife Agnes says, "Sure God created man
before woman - but then you always make a
rough draft before the final masterpiece."

MASTER POINT PARADE

Last month our over-anxious, over-eager, over-cooked but under-paid statistician did, when developing a list of the top 25 Master Point leaders, omit the results of the Beer City Consolation tournament. Can you believe them apples? It is most difficult to believe anyone from this office has fouled up. Anyway, we have it straight this month and we have extended the list to include the top fifty. This is in keeping with our New Year resolution to mention more names in our Award winning Cribbage World newsletter. Don't ask what awards we have accumulated during the past three yrs. We've won so many, especially for spelling & typing, we do not have space enough to mention them all.

Anyway here is a corrected list of the top 50 Master Point leaders:

1	Wendell Riherd	Forest City, IA	317.54
2	Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	247.54
3	Robert Beguin	Ottawa, IL	243.27
4	Jerome Knebel	Nashotah, WI	227.27
5	Ralph Madsen	Crystal Lake, IL	219.27
6	Dot Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	213.54
7	Fred Tilker	Madison, WI	210.27
8	Joe Bernard	Libertyville, IL	203.27
9	Jeff Clark	Antioch, IL	192.52
10	Jack Picard	Brown Deer, WI	189.54
11	Russ Flint	Palatine, IL	187.27
12	Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	186.27
13	Don Rhode	Marinette, WI	178.54
14	DuWayne Kastner	West Salem, WI	163.27
15	Steve Cox	LaCrosse, WI	155.27
16	Leo Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	146.27
17	Lois Tenge	Pewaukee, WI	139.27
18	Bill Christofferson	DeForest, WI	137.27
19	Peter Dukes	Madison, WI	137.27
20	Chris Martin	Green Bay, WI	135.52
21	Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay, WI	124.52
22	Gerd Henken	Garner, IA	124.25

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23	Pat Kufahl	Brokaw, WI	121.27
24	Vincent Meicher	Monona, WI	120.27
25	Robert McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	113.27
26	Allen Callstrom	Northfield, MN	111.52
27	Steve Haby	Romney, IN	104.27
28	Dave Brick	Jacksonville, FL	102.25
29	Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee, WI	100.75
30	Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI	93.25
31	Don V. Doyle	Madison, WI	89.27
32	Richard Ricke	Greenville, SC	86.25
33	Arnold C. Crews	Jacksonville, FL	85.25
34	Wilmer Gilles	Garner, IA	84.50
35	Haley Johnson	St Cloud, FL	83.25
36	Thomas Gallagher	Green Bay, WI	82.25
37	Albert LaRose	Providence, RI	81.70
38	Pete Kufahl	Brokaw, WI	81.27
39	Bob Immel	Northfield, MN	80.50
40	Paul J. Weir	Milwaukee, WI	75.27
41	Dick Graham	Denver, CO	74.27
42	Tom Button	Milwaukee, WI	73.27
43	Troy Haynie	Los Gatos, CA	69.30
44	Don Pfannerstill	Waukesha, WI	66.25
45	Bill Carder	Wilmington, NC	66.09
46	DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	65.74
47	Norbert Kniech	Brown Deer, WI	65.50
48	Jerry Partl	Milwaukee, WI	61.50
49	Don Tofte	Madison, WI	61.25
50	Bernice Christensen	Sunnyvale, CA	59.74

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- LADIES LEAD IN RACINE -

Latest standings of the Vic Christoffersen Cribbage Tournament (Racine VFW Post), after the first two sessions, shows the ladies are faring rather well. Of the top 50 places 18 are of the fair sex, for a cool 36 percent. Leading the pack of 100 are Marilyn Venne and Doris Donalies who earned a berth on the All American Ladies team last season:

1	Marilyn Venne	1083	&	1085	=	2168
2	Doris Donalies	1075	&	1052	=	2127
3	Ralph Weill	1089	&	1017	=	2106
4	Leonard Berchem	1082	&	1016	=	2098
5	Melvin Jung	1055	&	1042	=	2097
6	John Mitchell	1034	&	1062	=	2096
7	Fred Hermann	1053	&	1035	=	2088
8	John Robbins	1029	&	1057	=	2086
9	Chuch Zielesch	1046	&	1036	=	2082
10	Bill Weaver	1030	&	1052	=	2082

- RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE -

Latest standings of the RI State League were just received. At present we have only two sanctioned leagues, the RI biggie and a ten-player job out of Jesup, GA. The Orlando Elks league is not underway as yet - they're running late. Here is a look as the top ten Master Point (League) Leaders; they're all out of the RI State League:

1	Richard Ahearn	125.44
2	John Memzies	125.11
3	Henry Nelson	123.67
4	Burton Hicks	123.24
5	Jim Thurston	123.16
6	Harvey Walker	123.05
7	Armand St Pierre	121.91
8	Ed DeMarco	121.09
9	Fran Cruickshank	121.08
10	Al LaGreca	121.05



The Judge Rules

Dear Judge:

I was involved in a funny situation in a tournament using the racetrack type boards.

We were rounding the last turn heading for the homestretch with the pegs on my side of the board. My opponent was counting first, holding a ten-point hand.

She picked up my rear peg and placed it ten holes ahead of her foremost peg. This made it three pegs in her lane.

Calling muggins, I claimed the ten points. She immediately called a judge. I objected to his decision. He ruled that I should receive two penalty points for her moving my peg. She was allowed to score the 10 points. What is the correct ruling?

Bob Gottcent
Pompton Plains, NJ

Dear Bob:

You received the correct ruling. This column agrees 100% with it.

The Judge

Bob Madsen, our Chicago director, was the first to pass our Officials Examination. He came through the written exam with flying colors. He took the test while in Orlando at the Florida Open back in November.

It behooves everyone to read and study the laws of cribbage. Remember, "Knowledge is Power."

- BOX SCORE -

CUPERTINO, CA: A small 1st annual tournament out of Cupertino, California earned five big stars with a pay-back of 105 percent.. In the finals they had a couple of boys from San Jose banging heads where Denis Leyva beat out Larry Katzenmeyer by a whisker. Henry Prehal of Santa Clara and Nancy Eastman of Los Gatos finished 3rd and 4th respectively. A good event, five (*****) stars.

SANFORD, FL: The cribbage tournament, one of the multitude of events conducted during the 7th Annual Golden Age Games, went off rather smoothly and was quite a success, as was everything else connected with the Games. Congress directors Jim Arblaster, Arnold Crews & Dave McGuire were there helping out. In the finals it was a couple of youngsters going-at-it with Van B. Thompson (78) of Altamonte Springs edging out hometown favorite L. P. Payton (76) by a thin margin. Dewey Dumont, another Sanfordite, finished third while Jack Harper of Oshawa, Ontario was fourth.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA: No results in from the Western New England Open.

MARYSVILLE, CA: No results in from the US Cerebral Palsy Championship tournament.

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(All Sanctioned Events)

JANUARY 16-17: Rocky Mountain Championship at Denver, Colorado. For information or entry form write to: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Ave., Englewood, Colo 80110.

JANUARY 16: Kalamazoo Open at Ramada Inn, Kalamazoo, Michigan. For information or entry form write to: Scott Kooistra, 1815 Bloomfield, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

FEBRUARY 6-7: Minnesota Open at Ramada Inn of St. Paul, Minnesota as part of the gala Winter Carnival. For information or entry form write to: Cribbage Tournament, PO Box 17271, St. Paul, MN 55117.

FEBRUARY 20-21: Gateway to the Worlds Classic at Elks Lodge in downtown Kissimmee, FL. For information or entry form write to: Florida Cribbage Assn., PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

FEBRUARY 20-21: 2nd Annual Oregon State Championship at the Cary Foster Hall in Prineville which is located at the Crook County Fairgrounds. For info or entry form write to: Oregon Cribbage Assn., PO Box 706, Prineville, OR 97754.

MARCH 13: American Legion Championship at Post #178, Crystal Lake, IL. For details or entry form write to: Warren Swett, 24 Paddock St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

MARCH 20-21: Western New York Open at Regency Motor Hotel in Hamburg, NY. For details or entry form write to: E. Hargesheimer, Jr., 40 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075.

MARCH 27-28: Wilmington Open at YMCA in downtown Wilmington, NC. For details or entry form write to: Maxine Maddox, 3235 Chalmers Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403.

APRIL 24-25: The Corn Belt Open at Des Moines, Iowa. For details or entry form write to: Allan Lichty, 3216 7th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50313.

MAY 8-9: Tri Cities Open at Marinette, Wisc. Bob Michaelis, Director. More information later.

MAY 15: The 11th Annual World Championship at Quincy, CA., booked as the largest tournament in the USA. For information or entry form write to: Address furnished later.

MAY 22-23: Midwest Masters Classic at Holiday Inn #2 in Madison, WI. For details or entry form write to: Midwest Cribbage Assn., Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705.

JUNE 26-27: Beer City Open at Milwaukee Marriott Inn, Milwaukee, WI. For details or entry form write to: Dan Weir, 5041 W. Sycamore St., Greendale, WI 53129.

JULY 31 AUG 1-2: The 9th Annual National Open at Raleigh, NC. Nick Pond, Director. More information later.

AUGUST 28-29: Illinois State Championship; better known as the Last Shot Classic. Somewhere in Chicago. Bob Madsen, Director. More information later.

SEPTEMBER 18-19: 1st Annual American Cribbage Congress Championship tournament and Awards Banquet (& maybe Dance) at the Marriott Inn of Milwaukee, WI. Daniel P. Weir, General Chairman. More later.

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT -

As of this printing membership was up to 1550 for a gain of 150 since our last report of November 30th. It's a slow-down in the rapid pace set in the earlier part of the crib-year. The biggest gains were made in Wisconsin (25), California (20), Minnesota (20) & Florida (19).

Recruitment roses to Bob Julian of Milwaukee and Gene Lindgren of St Paul.

The top 12 states are as follows:

WI	-	352	MN	-	62
MA	-	147	NC	-	60
CA	-	132	IL	-	58
FL	-	110	VA	-	51
IA	-	74	RI	-	50
CO	-	62	MI	-	46

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