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- TWENTY-NINE HANDS -

Mr Richard K. Band of North Scituate, RI, a charter member of the Congress, did, on March 3rd, 1983, hold, play and score a 29-hand while a participant in the RI Cribbage Assn League.

After the applause, hand-shakes and back-slapping had settled down there was nobody in this solar system more happy than the man-of-the-hour. Our fair haired boy is so proud of the happening that he is planning a visit to the city council in an attempt to have city streets names after his eleven childred and two Irish Setters.

Mr Donald "Dogsled" Rhode, the Marinette Flash, was the second gentleman to hold, play and score a 29-hand. Don scored his once in a lifetime miracle on Marth 5th while playing in the Northern Illinois State Championship tournament at Crystal Lake.

When Don returned to hometown Marinette he was met by the city big-wigs as the 12 piece HS band played Dixie and Hail the Conquering Hero. The entire crowd, including his friends and admirer, showered him with an outpouring of tribute and affection normally reserved for a national hero. The last such occasion being the welcoming of Harry Houdini back in 1923.

Both the hands occurred during sanctioned play, therefore, both gentlemen will be awarded a hand-

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some engraved plaque to commemorate the occasion. And since both are card-carrying members of the Congress, they will receive an additional \$100.00 cash award.

These were the 3rd and 4th 29-hands in Congress history, but the first to occur since the BoD authorized the one hundred dollars to be paid to members only for this special happening. The BoD in its wisdom, included one other stipulation before the \$100.00 would be paid out, and that is the tournament must include in its rules that the cards MUST be cut prior to distribution.

No "must" cut in the tournament rules then NO award of \$100.00 for members who, during sanctioned play, hold and play (but not necessarily score) a 29-hand.

The first two 29-hands happened on the same day at Bob Immel's Minnesota Open in St Paul, during February 1981. The first two players were Dennis M. Backdahl of St Louis Park, MN and Robert J. Olson of Minneapolis.

The odds on being dealt and cut a 29-hand are an enormous 216,580 to 1. If this figure was in feet it would be ten times taller than Mt McKinley, the highest mountain in North America. How about them apples ?

A couple of our bright mathematicians, Dick Cornwell of Sunnyvale, CA and Mark Steinhauser of Wheeling, IL submitted the exact figure back in September 1981 - and during the same week yet.

Back to the issue at hand. Congratulations to Richard and Donald (clink) from all the Officers, Directors and members of the Congress..

Dagg Henderson (Groton, CT) tells us the odds on cutting the four aces (remember Marinette) in four cuts from the pack are: 270,725 to 1. Pro/Con anyone ????

WORLD LARGEST CRIBBAGE BOARD

The wooden pegs are at least one foot tall and the board, made of polished hickory, pine and cherry, is 25 feet long,

This gigantic board gets a workout only once a year and that is at the finals of the Robert O. Fletcher American Legion Post #4 annual cribbage tournament. Post #4 is located on Laurel Hill Avenue in Norwich, Connecticut.

"Cribbage Sunday," the 26th annual, took place the latter part of February and the only two players to score their games on the big board were Lee Faucher of the Plainfield VFW Post and Greg Topalis of Legion Post #4. Lee Faucher prevailed and a brass plaque bearing his name and the year will be affixed to the famous big board.

Two of our prominent Connecticut cribbadiers, Dag Henderson and Joe Seigle were there and furnished this report. Since there was no mention of how the twosome faired, we assume they took their lumps in the early stages of the meet.

The board was made by Bud Duerr and his three sons of Norwich's Colonial Handcrafters to commemorate the post's 25th anniversary in 1981.

Bill Sullivan, a past post commander, has directed the event since it was established back in 1957... Cmdr Bill claims no one has yet come forth with a bigger board, so he's going to attempt to enter his post's attraction in the Guinness Book of World Records. If the board doesn't make the famous Guinness Book at least it will be recorded in the records of the American Cribbage Congress.

If any of you members out there have seen anything bigger, be sure to let us know. We will pass the information onto Cmdr Bill Sullivan and his Post #4 cribbage buffs.

Wisconsin crashes another membership barrier. The Badger state was the first and only state to hit the marks of 200, 300, 400 and now it's the "500" barrier. The Badger state now has 540 members on the rolls (as of March 12th).

Most of the credit must go to Mr Think BIG, Congress President, Joseph Petrus Wergin himself. Ol Joe is everywhere and recruiting everywhere he goes. He is constantly pep-talking and pushing recruiters every chance he gets. He attends all midwest tournaments, plus a few others, and his creation of the monthly mini tournaments in and around the Madison area have proven to be the final boost in climbing over the "500" obstacle.

In true Badger tradition, Joe is sending an auto-graphed copy of his book, "How to Win at Cribbage" to the 500th on the rolls of the Badger state, who happens to be Judy Davis of Milwaukee.

Joe's homestate has been the top state in our annual membership drive each year except the first year. But since then no state has come close to the recruiting efforts of Joe and his Badgers.

Nice going Joe. Here's to you and all your Badger recruiters (clink). We're proud to be on your team.

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- FIVE STAR TOURNAMENTS -

Five star tournaments were as rare as finding cheap beef in a supermarket. They are more prevalent this season. We have had eight such events where the pay-back has been 100 percent or more. The less greedy the operator, the happier the players and that's the way we like it tooo.

We have had sixteen tournaments reported this year and half of them with a pay-back greater than 100 percent. Hard to believe. They all check out.

Oregon State Championship director Joe Nelson is leading the pack with a whopping 121.4 percent: Dick Graham who directed the Tournament of Champions for the Congress last December in Las Vegas is right up there with 107.3 percent:

Oregon State Championship	(OR)	121.4
Gateway to the Worlds	(FL)	112.5
Tournament of Champions	(ACC)	107.3
Florida Open	(FL)	106.6
Riverfest Classic	(NC)	106.0
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Variety Club of Milwaukee	(WI)	101.6

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- MASTER POINT PARADE -

Six tournaments were reported since the last Master Point centerfold (January 1983). That's for a total of 18 sanctioned tournaments.

Jim McManus, the current leader, picked up a pile of points as the result of his third place finish in the Milwaukee Variety Club annual event. Big Bob McCabe garnered about 90 points which was good enough to maintain the runner-up spot. Norm Wright, who slipped into third place, could only muster a scant 45 points.

The participants who placed in the River City Classic will note a few additional decimal points in their total, 0.68 to be exact, because of a correction in the payback percentage.

Recently the Congress Board of Directors voted to award Master Points to those contestants who participated in the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, December 11-12, 1982, at the rate of twenty points for participation with an additional ten points each for those who finished in the top 16. Those who participated in the ToC consolation tournament were awarded ten points for participation and an additional five points for those finishing in the top eight positions. The top 16 are automatically qualified to enter the tournament next year.

If you ever have a question regarding the Master Point scores, please do not hesitate to ask.

1	Jim Mcmanus	Milwaukee, WI	(5)	403.29
2	Bob McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	(6)	402.97
3	Norm Wright	Madison, WI	(5)	361.24
4	Syl Lulinski	LaGrange Pk, IL	(5)	315.91
5	Jim Pershing	Milwaukee, WI	(4)	279.82
6	Mary Cornwell	Sunnyvale, CA	(5)	264.65
7	Doris Donalies	Union Grove, WI	(4)	257.73
8	Peter Dukes	Madison, WI	(5)	253.32
9	Leo Schwedrsky	Lyndon Sta, WI	(6)	249.91

- MASTER POINT PARADE -

10	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	(4)	234.01
11	Clayton Brotski	Green Bay, WI	(4)	233.73
12	Bob Immel	Northfield, MN	(5)	223.91
13	Scott Kozistra	Brooklyn Pk, MN	(5)	216.45
14	Patrick Flannick	Franklin, WI	(2)	204.73
15	Vince Meicher	Madison, WI	(5)	204.15
16	Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay, WI	(4)	200.38
17	Rob Palmer	Baker, OR	(3)	198.64
18	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta, WI	(6)	195.90
19	Jim Fabian	Naperville, IL	(5)	189.18
20	Al Wianecki	Milwaukee, WI	(4)	185.18
21	Joe Bernard	Libertyville, IL	(4)	181.67
22	Don Rhode	Marinette, WI	(5)	181.28
23	Jack Miller	Northfield, MN	(2)	180.73
24	Jim Hartley	Raleigh, NC	(2)	178.26
25	Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	(4)	178.03
26	Jim Arblastar	Kissimmee, FL	(5)	168.25
27	Dave Bartlett	Greenfield, WI	(3)	166.23
28	Phyllis Schmidt	Williamstown, MA	(3)	165.73
29	DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	(6)	165.23
30	John Orten	Grafton, WI	(2)	164.73
31	Joe Brown	St Charles, IL	(5)	163.38
32	Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI	(6)	158.38
33	Fred Tilker	Madison, WI	(6)	157.73
34	Gordy Zindler	Waukesha, WI	(1)	153.38
35	Lee Franklin	Aurora, CO	(3)	152.92
36	Bruce Neviasser	Madison, WI	(2)	148.73
37	Judy Mueller	Milwaukee, WI	(2)	144.38
38	Mike Heffernan	Waukesha, WI	(3)	135.38
39	Warren Sondericker	Greenfield, WI	(3)	133.38
40	Norby Kniech	Brown Deer, WI	(4)	130.85
41	Ulysse Fournier	Hartford, CT	(1)	129.93
43	Ervin Patrin	St Paul, MN	(5)	123.85
44	William Cameron	Grayslake, IL	(1)	121.38
42	Modesto Hernandez	Yountville, CA	(1)	123.92
45	Barbara Buntrock	Cedarburg, WI	(5)	119.50
46	Frank Abernathy	Clayton, NC	(3)	118.39
47	Jack Gauthier	New Britain, CT	(1)	117.93
48	Lloyd Seidel	Racine, WI	(1)	117.85
49	Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC	(1)	117.73
50	John Chambers	Providence, RI	(2)	116.93

- ELECTIONS -

According to the Constitution & Bylaws an election of Directors is scheduled for July 1, 1983. Nominations are open until April 15th and ballots will be mailed out during May with a return deadline of July 1st, Election Day in Cribbage World.

The top 12 Directors who were elected at the first election in 1981 are up for reelection for a two-year term. This is the slate of the nominating committee plus Bob Julian of Milwaukee who was elected last year but could not take office because of a Bylaw ruling, "a maximum of four from any one state may be in office at the same time."

If others are to be placed on the ballot they will have to be nominated from the membership. To nominate someone to be placed on the ballot would require a written notice, letter or postcard, over the signatures of two members in good standing.... Only members of the Congress may nominate or be nominated.

The slate is open and nominations are encouraged but please have them in by April 15th, 1983.

The slate of the nominating committee follows:

Everett E. Bey	Quincy, CA
William P. Campbell III	Shalimar, FL
Arnold C. Crews	Jacksonville, FL
Elbert Hargesheimer Jr	Hamburg, NY
Robert L. Immel	Northfield, MN
Robert Julian	Milwaukee, WI
Gene Lindgren	St Paul, MN
Maxine Maddox	Wilmington, NC
Frank T. O'Connor	Dedham, MA
Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC
Daniel P. Weir	Greendale, WI
Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI

(Note: Allan Lichty of Des Moines was originally elected but later resigned).

- MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD -

The annual election of Mr & Mrs Cribbage World is scheduled for July 1, 1983. The royal cribbage couple will be crowned and first recognized at the 2nd annual Awards Banquet which is scheduled for October 1, 1983 at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Nominations are open and certainly encouraged. Nominations may be mailed-in either by letter or postcard, or you may call them in to the secretary at (305) 396-8615. The nominating committee decided a couple of years ago that only couples who are members of the Congress would be entered on the ballot.

Special Cribbage World protocol requires that the currently reigning and former royal couples would be recognized at each and every sanctioned cribbage function. And why not ? Cribbologists are as fun-loving as any group on the face of the earth, so why not live it up !

Former cribbage royalty were treated with great respect and devotion. The Florida Cribbage Assn used to send a bushel of citrus, a Wisconsin group used to send a brick of cheese, the up-state New Yorkers sent wine. This show of respect and devotion took place at a special time of the year, Christmas. It was only a buck each for a gathering of cribbage buffs. But it soon got to be old hat. The same guys were always chipping-in. Their ranks were expected to grow and thereby lighten the load. That didn't happen so naturally a good thing vanished down the ol tube.

The election of Mr & Mrs Cribbage World is becoming more popular each year. Votes are increasing and more members find themselves on the ballot.

So many nominations came in last year so this year the nominating committee came up with a blank slate. Come on members get with the program !

- RESULTS -

Variety Club Classic (* * * * *) Milwaukee, WI:

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| 1 - Gordon Zindler | Waukesha, WI |
| 2 - Ken Lessmiller | Green Bay, WI |
| 3 - Jim McManus | Milwaukee, WI |
| 4 - Judy Mueller | Milwaukee, WI |

Great Plains Winter Tournament (* * * * *) Lincoln, Nebraska:

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| 1 - Alex Toye | Lincoln, NE |
| 2 - Elmer Elmshauser | Lincoln, NE |
| 3 - Myron Miller | Lincoln, NE |
| 4 - Jack Shaw | Lincoln, NE |

St Valentine Open (* * * * *) San Jose, CA:

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| 1 - Warren Bush | Santa Clara, CA |
| 2 - Harold Sontag | San Jose, CA |
| 3 - Dalice Christensen | Sunnyvale, CA |
| 4 - Mary Cornwell | Sunnyvale, CA |

Oregon State Championship (* * * * *) Prineville, Oregon:

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| 1 - Denny Van Orsow | Madras, OR |
| 2 - Greg Hetrick | Madras, OR |
| 3 - Rob Palmer | Baker, OR |
| 4 - Otto Bartholow | Baker, OR |

Gateway to the Worlds (* * * * *) Kissimmee, FL:

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| 1 - Jim Arblaster | Kissimmee, FL |
| 2 - Russ Perkins | Bear Creek, NC |
| 3 - Larry Hoover | Orlando, FL |
| 4 - Marion Quackenbush | Lawrenceville, PA |

8-Hands: Jack Lewis, Sarasota; E. J. Walsh, Etowah, NC; Bob Rollefson, Forest City, Iowa.

- TOURNAMENT TRAIL -

APRIL 9-10: Tri-Cities Open at Dome Cafe in Marinette, WI. Entry fee \$31.00. For info: Robert Michaels, 1120 Pierce Ave, Marinette, WI 54143.

* APRIL 23-24: Sertoma Classic at Elks Lodge in Littleton, CO. Entry fee \$20.00. For info: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 80110.

* APRIL 23-24: NC Open at Sheraton Inn, Fayetteville NC. Entry fee \$31.00. For info: Howard Baum, 3003 Ft Bragg Blvd, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

APRIL 24: Rhode Island Open at Providence, RI.. Double elim with \$31.00 entry fee. For info: John Chambers, 34 Homestead Ave, Esmond, RI 02917.

* APRIL 24: Windjammer Spring Open at Windjammer Restaurant in Antioch, IL. Entry fee \$26.00. For info: Ron Akins, PO Box 534, Antioch, IL 60002.

APRIL 30-MAY 1: Cornbelt Classic at Midtown Motor Inn, Des Moines. Entry \$26.00. Info: John Crouch, 508 Madison Pl, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

* MAY 1: Great Plains Spring Tmt, Airport Best Western, Lincoln, NE. Entry fee \$11.00. Info: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P St, Lincoln, NE 68503.

MAY 7-8: Alaska State Championship at Skagway, AK, Entry fee \$31.00. Info: Joe Nelson, PO Box 760, Prineville, OR 97754.

MAY 14: World Championship Cribbage Tournament at Plumas County Fairgrounds in Quincy, CA. Entry fee \$50.00 includes lunch & steak dinner. Info: Quincy Rotary Club, PO Box 1018, Quincy, CA 95971.

* MAY 20: Viking Cribbage Turnering, Karakahl Inn, Mt Horeb, WI. Entry fee \$16.00. Info: Charles Steinhauser, Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705.

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MAY 21-22: Masters' Classic V, Karakahl Inn in
Mt Horeb, WI. Entry fee \$36.00. For informa-
tion: Masters Classic, Box 5584, Madison, Wisc
53705.

MAY 22: Connecticut State Championship at North
Windham, CT. Entry fee \$21.00. Info: Joseph
Seigle, Box 133, Mansfield Depot, CT 06251.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Please submit the follow-
ing data for entry in newsletter: Name of tour-
nament, place, dates, entry fee and who to con-
tact for entry form and further information.

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