



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## BIRTH OF THE CRIBADIER GENERALS

It all started back in the days when dues were a toss-away two dollars; back when the treasury was scant and each two dollars collected was an answer to a prayer. It was during these precarious times we dared to consider promoting a junior tournament on the national level.

It was a "GO" the moment Frank and Pat O'Connor of Dedham, Massachusetts agreed to oversee the event. Frank and Patricia were the logical choice since they had signed up nearly fifty kids, mostly relatives and a few neighbors, as members of the Congress. It's for certain they have a special way with the youngsters.

Anyway, the O'Connors (Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World 1980) agreed to supervise the event and deliver the kids, while the treasurer agreed to provide the funds for a good tournament. After all, to a kid, a good tournament means hamburgers, hot-dogs, plenty of soda pop, and a few hands of that crazy old numbers game of cribbage, the eats being foremost in mind.

This is when our first "Booster Club" was born. Members were asked to remit an extra buck or two when sending in their dues. Soon we started to plead for a little bit more, and this is when the Cribadier General program was created. To have one's name entered on the scroll of the "Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals" one had to donate the hefty sum of \$25 or more. It was then the loyal following knew we really needed the money, and without hesitating they responded with open hearts and pocketbooks to wash away all our worries.

Needless to say, the inaugural national junior tournament was a huge success and the kids, all 36 of them, had a bath in soda pop. Their cheerleading parents, who happened to tag along, were also invited to partake in the feast.

Mr. Gordon Fisher of Madison, Wisconsin, has dibs on the bragging rights and the distinction of being #1 on the rolls of the Honorable Order. The last we heard, he was exercising his rights loud and clear. The reputed enrollment list has since grown to 120.

The Junior Tournament is now funded with direct help from the ACC (See last month's Cribbage World, page 13). Now another booster club has surfaced with the Hall of Fame Fund as its benefactor. Not too long ago President Joseph P. Wergin came up with a place where the proprietor agreed to house our "Hall of Fame."

Every hall of fame on the face of the earth began with donations or government grants. It's a safe bet the grand old game will not be blessed by a government grant. The ball is back in our court and if anything is to be done, we cribbers must do it ourselves. When considering "how much," just bear in mind that someday you or someone close may be afforded the opportunity to show your stuff and who knows, you or that someone close may be enshrined in the Hall. So when you're paying dues, or whenever the mood hits you, send in an extra buck or two and be sure to mark it for the HoF fund AND remember every buck counts. Anyone

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who donates the robust sum of \$25 or more will be commissioned a Cribadier General and will be issued a color-printed certificate, including gold seal and blue ribbon, to commemorate the occasion. Come join the Order of generous ladies and gents and get your name on the list of cribbage world biggies. Mail donations to the American Cribbage Congress, Hall of Fame Fund, P.O. Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741-0565. And in the words of Bartle and James, TV wine cooler boys, "Thank you for your support."

J. W. Arblaster

Editor's Note: President Wergin recently appointed Mr. Jim Arblaster, the Congress tub thumper, as treasurer of the Hall of Fame Fund.

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#### PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

Luis Lizarribar of Martinez, GA, poses the following problem:

You need eight points to go out and your opponent needs ten to go out. It is his deal; therefore your first count. You are dealt:

9 9 7 7 2 1

What do you keep?

ANSWER APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS PUBLICATION.

#### AND THEY BEGGED HER TO PLAY!

Director John Swett of the Crystal Lakers #3 Club spent most of the winter inviting Dorthy Mattson to join the Illinois Club and play in the tournaments twice a month.

Thursday evening, March 6, the elusive Dorthy showed up, paid her Grass Roots dues and proceeded to give every one of her opponents a lesson that will be remembered.

She carded a perfect score — nine consecutive deuces in the nine games for 18 points and First Place!

Director John, in giving her the cash award remarked: "Once I begged a fellow into a poker game. The same thing happened."

A young man and an avid cribbage player, Dennis Honeycutt of Fresno, CA, passed away on February 26, 1986. He began playing in tournaments about a year ago and was hoping to get a Grass Roots program going in the Fresno area. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Honeycutt of Beatty, OR.

#### ELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President Joe Wergin has appointed an election committee which includes Rich Merringer of Greendale, WI, Don Tofte of Madison, WI, and Dan Weir of Greendale, WI.

Mr. Tofte is employed by Monroe Business Machines and Messrs. Merringer and Weir are employed by the State of Wisconsin Credit Union.

The election committee will gather, tabulate and oversee the accuracy of the ballots in the upcoming election and report the results to the President and the A.C.C. membership.

#### NEWS FROM MESA, AZ

Charlie Fletchall, Director of the Mesa, AZ, club held a 29 hand but, unfortunately, it was not in Grass Roots competition. Charlie was involved in a match at home with his wife.

The Mesa season will be a short one this year, and most of the members are in Arizona for the winter months. However, an effort will be made to get local members to do some recruiting to carry on until the end of the season.

#### A MILESTONE IS REACHED

##### IN ALBANY, NY

Nelson Ira Pendergast reports as President of the Cribbage Association and Tournament Director at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany, NY, that the one-thousandth cribbage tournament for veterans was held on March 15, 1986, in Albany.

This is quite an accomplishment, and anyone who has ever played Nelson knows he plays the game well, and I doubt if he knows how many have learned how to play cribbage because of him.

## THE CRIBBAGE CORNER

By Dan Barlow

Even the best of cribbage players haven't a chance when their opponents get all of the cards. But in many games, the cards run even, and you will win more than your share of the close games by outpegging your opponent. This column will provide tips each month on how to do just that. Some may be things that have always been obvious to you; hopefully, a few will start you thinking.

You're early in a game against an excellent opponent. What would you lead from each of these hands:

- a. K-3-2-2
- b. Q-4-A-A?

Don't get in the habit of always leading from your pair. Good players will refuse to double up on your opening lead anyway, and if they do double up, you risk giving up 12 points if you triple. Ignore the fact that you have a pair.

We all know the advantage of leading from 3-2 or 4-A. If your opponent plays a ten-card, we get a safe 15-2. But are the 3 and the 2 interchangeable? No! The 3 is a better lead, because your opponent, in trying to avoid the play of a ten-card, has only three safe plays: a 7, 8 or 9. If you lead the 2, he has two additional safe plays: a 5 or 6. For instance, if he holds 4-5-6-J, and you lead the 2, he can play the 5 or the 6; if you lead the 3, his best play is the Jack. Thus, if you lead the 3, not the 2, from hand "a," your opponent will be forced to play the ten-card you are hoping for more often. In hand "b," the safe plays on your 4 would be a 7, 8 or 9; on an Ace, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are safe. The 4 is a slightly superior lead.

In conclusion, when holding two cards which add up to five, play the higher card. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how often your opponent concedes a nice, sweet 15-2....

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If you want to bring a smile to your opponent's face, lead a five.

Teach a kid how to play cribbage and perpetuate the game.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph Petrus Wergin

### The Secret Ballot

The Congress is relatively new, only in existence about seven years. As the membership grows, more problems arise and more regulations are necessary.

An ELECTIONS PROCEDURE has been issued covering the following subjects: Preparation of the Ballot, Mailing of the Ballot, Instructions to Voters, Duties of the Election Board, and Conducting a Requested Recount.

Copies of the ELECTIONS PROCEDURES are being mailed to all Directors and Election Officials. The voters shall receive instructions on voting and mailing their ballots.

All steps are being taken to have a SECRET BALLOT.

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The Great Games Company of Grand Rapids, MI, is hosting a workshop on the secrets of cribbage play and tournament competition and this writer, along with Syl Lulinsky, the new Commissioner of Tournaments, and Jeff Shimp, Michigan Director, have been invited to staff the event. Friday afternoon and evening, April 25, will be used to show mall patrons some of the skills of cribbage play and the patrons will have a chance to beat the experts. On Saturday, April 26, a tournament will be staged with donated prizes given by mall businesses.

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Do we have too many Board members? Is a Board of 30 unwieldy? Should members in Utah vote for directors in the North-eastern USA?

A Constitutional Amendment is being drawn up by one of our dedicated directors for consideration.

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Keep Pegging Along

## THE LETTERS ARE COMING

Six packets of Grass Roots information were mailed out this week to people who wrote in for information on the Growing Grass Roots Program.

Richard W. Palmer of Tamworth, NH, wanted some material rushed to him while J. Paul Carlos of Lake Montezuma, AZ, sent a letter marked "important." That was too slow for Ralph Heslop of Mooresville, NC, who made a long distance call to get all the information available. The other three requests came from Wild Rose, Racine, and Stoughton, Wisconsin.

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### NEW CALIFORNIA CLUB ACTIVATED

Fifteen cribbage enthusiasts activated the Santa Margarita Mid-State Cribbage Club on January 19 and played their first tournament. Sharon Drake, Secretary, reported that the club membership could double in a short time, as there were several guests at the first two tournaments.

Sue Ann Windham won the first tournament with 18 points and Roy Banducci finished second. In the second meet, Banducci reached the pinnacle by scoring 22 game points to tie Hal Halverson of Mesa, AZ, for the season's high score. Lewis Killion placed second to Banducci with 21 points.

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### CRIBBAGE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE STATE OF MAINE

Peter Gribben (ME0001C), a charter member of the A.C.C. from Portland, ME, and a teacher of history at Portland High School, reports there is growing interest in cribbage in the Pine Tree State.

Peter was instrumental in conducting an annual tournament in Yarmouth for the benefit of a Maine scholarship fund. More than 200 enthusiastic cribbage players attended the most recent tournament, which was replete with skunk pins and rolls of toilet tissue. These "prizes" were presented to those suffering the indignity of losing by 31 or more points. All prizes, whether they were for winners or losers, were donated and the students from the state of Maine were the ultimate winners as a result of the grand old game of cribbage.

## FABIAN RESIGNS AS TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONER

Jim Fabian submitted his resignation during the month of March as tournament commissioner of the ACC. Jim is self-employed and the time requirements of his business increased substantially since he accepted the job in July 1985.

BOD member Syl Lulinski of 1429 Scotdale Road, La Grange Park, IL, (312) 352-4759, will assume the responsibilities of tournament commissioner immediately. All tournament directors are asked to contact Syl if they have any questions, and henceforth all requests for sanctioning and tournament results forms will be routed through him.

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## OREGON'S GRASS ROOTS DID IT!

Congress Secretary Bob Madsen has reported that Oregon has passed California in the number of members in our national organization.

Let's give a big round of applause to Director Jeanie Hill of the Hermiston Club along with husband Bill, to Dale and Liz Brandon of Bend #12 Club, to Bill and Audrey Dunn of the Prineville, (Crook County) #14 Club, to Congress Director Joe Nelson who resides in Prineville, and to all the Grass Rooters for their great efforts in signing up members for the Congress and in bringing the State of Oregon to second place, next to Wisconsin.

Grass Roots can rightfully claim all honors in this great accomplishment. It has also helped the Congress to reach it highest point in its membership total. Thanks, Oregon!

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Belle City Cribbage Classic at Kenosha, WI  
January 11-12, 1986  
Directors: Bill Harvey and Don Wrzesinske

### Main Tournament

1. C. Johnson
2. T. Marsh
3. M. Fingleton
4. K. Steward

# of Entries: 116

Kenosha, WI  
Kenosha, WI  
Milwaukee, WI  
Cambridge, WI

### Consolation

1. R. Kasprowicz
2. B. Julian
3. D. Zuben
4. D. Brown

# of Entries: 27

Union Grove, WI  
Milwaukee, WI  
Waukegan, IL  
St. Charles, IL

Masters Cribbage Championship, San Francisco, CA  
February 22, 1986  
Directors: Tom Thorndike and Jim Thatcher

### Main Tournament

1. Bill Carney
2. Harold Sontag
3. Frank Cataldo
4. Jesse Jarrell

# of Entries: 62

Hayward, CA  
San Jose, CA  
Hayward, CA  
Pittsburg, CA

### Consolation

None

Central New England Open, Marlboro, MA  
February 23, 1986  
Directors: Robert De Kennipp and Paul Cormier

### Main Tournament

1. P. O'Connor
2. D. Kiontke
3. R. Fitzsimmons
4. J. Chambers

# of Entries: 130

Dedham, MA  
Hampden, MA  
E. Greenwich, RI  
Esmond, RI

### Consolation

1. R. Watson
2. R. Ceratto
3. J. Darosa
4. D. Bucilley

# of Entries: 52

Beverly, MA  
Lexington, MA  
Lincoln, RI  
Randolph, MA

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Capitol City at Maplewood, MN  
March 1-2, 1986  
Director: Ike Rutherford

Main Tournament

1. Mike Wickard
2. Grace Cummings
3. Steve Jacobson
4. Frank Schweig

# of Entries: 206

No address given  
Madison, WI  
No address given  
Carpentersville, IL

Consolation

1. Syl Lulinski
2. Bob Gilbert
3. Don Nadeau
4. Dick Ogden

# of Entries: 65

La Grange Park, IL  
No address given  
No address given  
Des Moines, IA

Super Bowl of Cribbage, Santa Maria, CA  
March 1, 1986  
Director: Butch Reynolds

Main Tournament

1. Omer Boldue
2. Jesse Nickell
3. Vinnie Pastore
4. Walt Rogers

# of Entries: 68

Salinas, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Buellton, CA

Consolation

None

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount remitted \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### April 11-12-13, Montana Open Cribbage Championship

Amvets Club, Missoula MT. Entry fee: \$30 includes pig roast, early bird doubles Friday, Saturday night special, Sunday night last chance.

Contact: DeLynn Colvert, Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806 or call Amvets (406) 728-3137.

### April 18-19-20, 8th Annual World Masters Cribbage Classic

Karakahl Inn, Mt. Horeb, WI. Entry fee: \$44. Friday night early bird, Saturday night special-Saturday night banquet (included in entry fee).

Contact: Charles Steinhauer, 111 North Grove Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 (608) 437-5506 or (608) 437-8983.

### April 19-20, Palmetto Cribbage Classic

Quality Inn, Columbia, SC. Entry fee: \$35.

Contact: Al Odom, 1042 Indigo, Cayce, SC 29033.

### April 25-26-27, The Greater Hermiston Open

Elks Lodge, Hermiston, OR. Entry fee: \$31 (A.C.C. members) or \$36 (Non-members). Early bird Friday night singles and doubles. Tournament hosted by Oregon's First Grass Roots Cribbage Club.

Contact: Jeanie Hill, 1290 West Poplar, Hermiston, OR 97838

### April 26-27, Sertoma Cribbage Classic, Littleton, CO

Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden, Englewood, CO 80110, (303) 781-7854.

### April 27, The Rhode Island Cribbage Open

Valley Country Club, Warwick, RI. Entry fee: \$29 including coffee, pastries and lunch.

Contact: John Chambers, 34 Homestead Avenue, Esmond, RI 02917.

Call: (401) 232-1638.

### April 27, 2nd Annual Albany Open

V.F.W., 8444 Central Avenue, Albany, NY.

Contact: Nelson Ira Pendergast, P.O. Box 82, Albany, NY 12201

### May 2-3-4, 5th Annual Cornbelt Classic

Best Western Airport Inn, 1810 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA (515) 287-6464. Entry fee: \$36, includes Saturday noon buffet, early bird special Friday night, Saturday night special.

Contact: John Crouch, 508 Madison Place, Indianola, IA 50125.

### May 3, 15th Annual World Championship Cribbage Tournament

Plumas County Fairgrounds, Quincy, CA. Entry fee: \$60, includes coffee, doughnuts, drink, lunch and dinner. Friday night special W.C.C.T. Doubles Tournament (for those entered in Saturday tournament only) \$40 per team.

Entry deadline: April 18, 1986.

Sponsored by Quincy Rotary Club.

Contact: Dan Smith, P.O. Box 1515, Quincy, CA 95971 (916) 283-3292.

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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### May 4, Great Plains Open

Airport Inn, Lincoln, NE. Entry fee: \$11.

Contact Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503.

### May 17, 3rd Annual Windjammer Challenge

VFW Post 4551 (1/4 mile east of Illinois Rt. 83) at 75 North Avenue, Antioch, IL.

Entry fee: \$100.

Contact: Jeff and Sarah Clarice, 26547 West Brown Avenue, Antioch, IL 60002 (312) 395-7815 or Judy Mueller (414) 728-9284.

### May 17-18, Mission Valley Cribbage Classic

Bob's Place, Ronan, MT. Entry fee: \$20. (limit 48 players)

Contact: Bob Starkle, (406) 676-9481.

### May 17-18, Portside Cribbage Tournament

Holiday Inn, Waterfront, Portsmouth, VA. Entry fee: \$36 including coffee and Saturday lunch. Early bird Friday night special.

Contact Stan Daniels or Russ Cummings, P.O. Box 2095, Portsmouth, VA 23702, (804) 485-2857.

### May 18, Connecticut Cribbage Championship Tournament

North Windham, CT. Entry fee: \$31, includes coffee, doughnuts and lunch.

Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238 (203) 742-7234.

### May 31-June 1, Minnesota Open Cribbage Tournament

Sheraton Park Place Hotel, Golden Valley, MN. Entry fee: \$41 including Saturday lunch.

Contact: Minnesota Open, P.O. Box 3202, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Call Joy (612) 588-5122 or George (612) 890-2106.

### May 31-June 1, Sertoma Cribbage Classic

Littleton, CO.

Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110 (303) 781-7854.

### June 21-22, Cascade Cribbage Classic

VFW Hall, Redmond, OR.

Contact: Dale Brandon, 64795 Wood Avenue, Bend, OR 97701.

### June 21-22, Milwaukee Challenge Cribbage Tournament

Midway Motor Lodge, Airport. Entry fee: \$49 including Saturday lunch (\$5 of entry fee will benefit the Leukemia Society of Wisconsin). Friday and Saturday night specials.

Contact: Martha Fingleton (414) 374-0082.

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There are 79 ways to hold no count in six cards.

# MASTER POINT PARADE



## HOW MASTER POINTS ARE EARNED:

TOURNAMENT MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS.

Qualifying Round: Top 1/8 earns one-quarter points, i.e., 100 players, top qualifier earns 25 points, 2nd earns 23, etc.

Main Tournament: Top 1/8 earns full points, i.e., 100 players, champion earns 100 points, 2nd earns 92, 3rd earns 84, etc. If 40 or more players, BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 40 bonus points, 2nd earns 20, 3rd earns 10 and 4th earns 5. In this example, No. 1 earns 140 points (100 + 40).

Consolation Tournament: Top 1/8 earns one-half points, i.e., 64 players, 1st earns 32 points, 2nd earns 28 points, 3rd earns 24 points, etc. BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 20 bonus points, 2nd earns 10 points, 3rd earns 5 points and 4th earns 3 points. In this example, No. 1 earns 52 points (32 + 20).

## EASTERN REGION

| RANK | NAME                    | CITY               | POINTS<br>YEAR |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1    | DEVEREAUX, LELIA        | SOMERVILLE, MA     | 210            |
| 2    | MILLER, ALBERT          | NASHUA, NH         | 188            |
| 3    | FRIETS, NEAL            | KEENE, NH          | 168            |
| 4    | PICCIANDRA, ROMOLO      | MANSFIELD, MA      | 163            |
| 5    | BERHAUPT, ED            | SCHENECTADY, NY    | 150            |
| 6    | GILLIS, FRAN            | MILLIS, MA         | 146            |
| 7    | MOLLOY, HARRY           | MILFORD, MA        | 140            |
| 8    | BICKFORD, GEORGE        | AGAWAM, MA         | 136            |
| 9    | O'CONNOR, FRANK         | DEDHAM, MA         | 132            |
|      | PALMER, HARRY           | W. SPRINGFIELD, MA | 132            |
| 11   | LEPAGE, ROCH            | WILTON, CT         | 130            |
|      | RYAN, JOE               | COLUMBIA, SC       | 130            |
| 13   | MONROE, BABE            | HONEA PATH, SC     | 124            |
| 14   | SEIGLE, JOE             | COVENTRY, CT       | 119            |
| 15   | PACKARD, LEON           | FAYVILLE, MA       | 114            |
| 16   | DINWOODIE, AL           | SLOCUM, RI         | 112            |
| 17   | CORBETT, FAYDENE        | WILMINGTON, NC     | 111            |
| 18   | AMATO, MARCO            | W. SPRINGFIELD, MA | 102            |
| 19   | MOORE, CORINNE          | WESTMINSTER, MA    | 99             |
| 20   | BUCHANON, LEROY         | PORTSMOUTH, VA     | 98             |
| 21   | LAFFERRIERE, RICHARD D. | WINOSKI, VT        | 96             |
| 22   | LANIER, LUTHER          | JACKSONVILLE, NC   | 95             |
| 23   | WOYTOVICH, PAUL         | HICKORY, NC        | 94             |
| 24   | STROMBERG, STUART       | W. SPRINGFIELD, MA | 88             |
| 25   | BELLEMARE, MAURICE      | SPRINGFIELD, MA    | 86             |

| RANK | NAME                | MIDWESTERN REGION | CITY                | POINTS |
|------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
|      |                     |                   |                     | YEAR   |
| 1    | MICHAELIS, BOB      |                   | MARINETTE, WI       | 304    |
| 2    | LIPINSKI, MIKE      |                   | MUNDELEIN, IL       | 300    |
| 3    | BOOTH, AL           |                   | COL. HTS., MN       | 253    |
| 4    | ATKINSON, BUD       |                   | NORTH CHICAGO, IL   | 228    |
| 5    | SONDERICKER, WARREN |                   | GREENFIELD, WI      | 208    |
| 6    | MADSEN, BOB         |                   | CHICAGO, IL         | 203    |
|      | HANNA, DENNIS       |                   | ALBERT LEA, MN      | 203    |
| 8    | LOUPEE, LARRY       |                   | NEWTON, IA          | 201    |
| 9    | SCHWEIG, FRANK      |                   | CARPENTERSVILLE, IL | 197    |
|      | BOYCE, ARTHUR       |                   | MADISON, WI         | 197    |
| 11   | BUNTROCK, BARBARA   |                   | CEDARBURG, WI       | 190    |
| 12   | KLIORA, TED         |                   | NORTH CHICAGO, IL   | 182    |
| 13   | COSSACK, DICK       |                   | LITTLE CANADA, MN   | 172    |
| 14   | JONES, RAY          |                   | PRESCOTT, WI        | 166    |
| 15   | LULINSKI, SYL       |                   | LAGRANGE PARK, IL   | 151    |
| 16   | CHOWANEC, WALT      |                   | MILWAUKEE, WI       | 148    |
| 17   | CUMMINGS, GRACE     |                   | MADISON, WI         | 146    |
| 18   | LARKIN, RUSS        |                   | MAHTOMEDI, MN       | 145    |
| 19   | LICHTY, ALLAN       |                   | DES MOINES, IA      | 139    |
| 20   | KATZUNG, FRED       |                   | MILWAUKEE, WI       | 138    |
| 21   | REIN, JIM           |                   | CARVER, MN          | 132    |
| 22   | BIEGLER, GENE       |                   | WEST BEND, WI       | 130    |
| 23   | STATZ, RAPHAEL      |                   | CROSS PLAINS, WI    | 127    |
| 24   | GRUBER, JERRY       |                   | MINNEAPOLIS, MN     | 125    |
| 25   | REIN, JOAN          |                   | CARVER, MN          | 122    |

| RANK | NAME                 | WESTERN REGION | CITY                | POINTS |
|------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
|      |                      |                |                     | YEAR   |
| 1    | LUSIGNAN, JOSEPH     |                | SALINAS, CA         | 485    |
| 2    | MILLER, GENE         |                | FLORENCE, MT        | 291    |
| 3    | JARRELL, JESSE       |                | PITTSBURG, CA       | 278    |
| 4    | KOOISTRA, SCOTT      |                | YANKTON, SD         | 196    |
| 5    | REYNOLDS, BUTCH      |                | SANTA MARIA, CA     | 191    |
|      | HARRIS, NANCY        |                | VACAVILLE, CA       | 191    |
| 7    | CORNWELL, MARY       |                | SUNNYVALE, CA       | 189    |
| 8    | GILLISPIE, LOUIE     |                | LINCOLN, NE         | 175    |
| 9    | COLVERT, DELYNN      |                | MISSOULA, MT        | 172    |
| 10   | MILLS, LESTER        |                | NAPA, CA            | 168    |
| 11   | MURPHY, DICK         |                | INCLINE VILLAGE, NV | 166    |
| 12   | HONEYCUTT, HARVEY    |                | BEATTY, OR          | 162    |
| 13   | THOMAS, JUDY         |                | SUNNYVALE, CA       | 160    |
| 14   | TOMKO, LAWRENCE      |                | LITTLETON, CO       | 154    |
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## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Have you ever been to a tournament and overheard another player stating that the other person was luckier? Have you ever thought that you would like to somehow see more skill put into the game? I have thought about these things and more.

I have thought about some of the rules and regulations for tournaments which take some of the skill out of the game. One such rule is that players must keep their cards face up after a play series has ended. The rationalization I've heard is that it is to encourage beginners. But aren't tournaments meant to determine the best player on that particular day? If beginners were never forced to turn over their cards, do you think they would ever learn that skill of remembering the already-played cards of their opponent? I sincerely doubt it. I feel that turning over the cards after a play series has ended encourages beginners and experienced players to remember the cards.

As a judge in the National Open Cribbage Tournament, I can tell you from experi-

ence that it was always easier for me to analyze the problem of the present play series, if the cards of the last series had been turned over. This means less time is taken up in a tournament in order to solve these types of problems.

Also, have you ever played doubles when a problem arose in the play? If the cards of the previous play series had been turned over, there's not much of a problem. If they hadn't been turned over, then not only the count of the play but the actual cards used during that series can be questioned. I have seen it happen where all cards had to be played over again to settle a disagreement.

Because of all these reasons, I believe that tournaments should require that the cards of the play may be turned over.

Let's put more skill, consistency, and less confusion into this game of ours.

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## WE LEARN SOMETHING EVERY DAY

Ross McKinney (TX001L) sent in a newspaper clipping dated 2/21/86 from the "About Words" column in the Austin American Statesman.

Did you know:

That part of a cribbage board is known as a lurch? It's the beginning part, and if you're still in the early part—you have fewer than 30 points—when your opponent wins, you are said to have been left in the lurch. Today, if you're left in the lurch, you're embarrassed or disadvantaged or discomfitted.

Now you know!

Coincidentally, DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, MT, wrote a note on 2/20/86 and said:

Gregory Tungate waxed an opponent 121-31 in the Oregon Championship. He held 2-24s and 4-16s and nothing less than 12 (including the crib). That's the worst licking I've ever heard about. The skunkee prefers to remain anonymous.

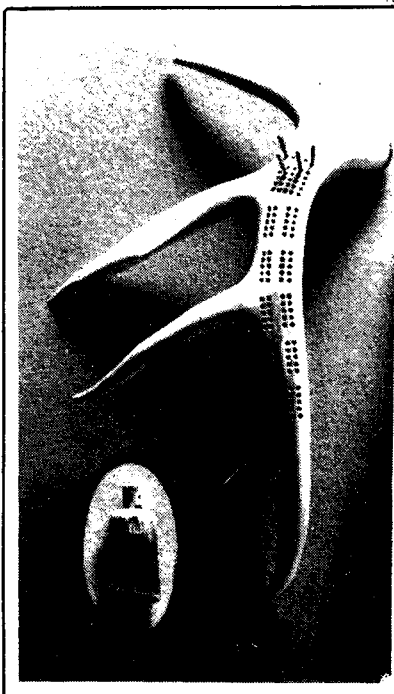
## SUPERBOWL OF CRIBBAGE A HUGE SUCCESS

Sixty-eight competitors met at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge on March 1, for the first Annual Superbowl of Cribbage. The players enjoyed the facility and the excellent service from 35 volunteer attendants. The day was topped off with a Santa Maria Style Barbeque. Top sirloin steak, all you could eat, with two salads, beans, and french bread, with ice cream for dessert.

Californians walked away with the top honors and awards. Omer Bolduc from Salinas took First Place by defeating Jesse Nickell of Santa Maria. Third place was captured by Vinnie Pastore of Santa Maria, as he bested Walt Rogers from Buellton.

The Central Coast Cribbage Club, Grassroots Charter #4, was the host for this tournament. Four members finished in the top nine and received Master Points. Plans are underway for the next Santa Maria Tournament.

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### A POINT TO PONDER

"All sports worthy of the name are governed by meticulous rules, which are implacable, inviolable, and universal, and intended, on the one hand, to prevent violence, cheating, and anarchy, and, on the other, to lead the best to Victory."

Dear Dale:

Thanks for the space and kind words in the March issue of the Cribbage World.

What you say is okay except for the restructuring of the Million Dollar Cribbage Tournament. I met with the American Cribbage Congress board of directors during the Denver meeting. There, too, the suggestion was made that I go ahead with what we have and, sure enough, pay the largest ever cribbage prize. I explained to the board that I'd be delighted to do that very thing EXCEPT for the facts that the M.D.C.T. is a corporation registered in the state of Nebraska, and that if I did that I'd face criminal charges. Since I'm allergic to cell blocks, I've decided against that option.

We have two hopeful irons in the fire—we believe can make it go. If they fail all entries will be returned without anyone asking. At least that will answer those who just knew it was some sort of a scam. No one will be cheated.

We are giving it our best—the basic idea is workable. For those a bit miffed about the delay—no one can be more disappointed than those who have put forth tons of effort (and a few thousand bucks) and are not seeing fruition.

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### RAY BOESEL

#### WINS CRIBBAGE TOURNEY

Wisconsin Gov. Anthony S. Earl is going to have his hands full when he plays cribbage with Ray Boesel, 48, R1, Glenbeulah, WI

Boesel won the Webb for Sheriff fund raiser cribbage tournament Saturday at Sheboygan Falls. First prize was the opportunity to play cribbage with Earl in the executive mansion on Lake Mendota.

Employed at the Borden Co. in Plymouth, Boesel travels all over the country playing cribbage and last year placed 11th in the nation at the American Cribbage Congress.

He took second in 1985 at the American Cribbage Championship which he describes as a basically Wisconsin tournament.

In Massachusetts three years ago he played in a tournament against Tom O'Neill III, Tip's son, who was Lt. Governor at the time.

"I love the game and I'm looking forward to playing the Governor to see what kind of cribbage player he is," Boesel said.

He also won a cribbage board made in the shape of the state of Wisconsin made by Gordon Strysick of Sheboygan. A duplicate will be given to Gov. Earl when the two play.

### LETTERS

Dear Dale:

As secretary of the Thames River Cribbage League, I am extremely happy to report that so far this past year, four members of our league have had some pretty exciting moments.

Chris DeCecco, Jean Pinette, and I have all received "28" hands.

Larry Pinette had a "29" recently, and each and every member of our league was just as thrilled for Larry as he was in getting it.

We may be a small league, with only 12 members, but we love to play cribbage and we're proud to report of our accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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