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25 PASS JUDGING EXAM

President Wergin and Training Examiner Frank Zabrowski announce that the following persons have completed the Cribbage Rules and Situations Examination and are certified as cribbage judges:

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"There are 11 examinations still pending," states Frank Zabrowski. "I believe we will have a much larger list as cribbers become aware of the examination."

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NEWS FROM MONTANA

September 1986 Capitol City Classic at Helena

Rex Paddock is dealt 5-5-5-J-J-Q. The 5 of clubs is missing; the Jacks are a club and a diamond; and the Queen is a diamond. Rex, in haste, not wanting to throw the matching suits in his opponent's crib, discards the J clubs and Q diamonds. Up pops the 5 of clubs for the starter card. DeLynn says, "An unfor-

DeLynn Colvert reports the following:
givable play ... a \$100 error!!"

December 1986 Elbow Room Championship at Missoula

Rex Paddock is dealt the exact same cards. This time he keeps the J clubs. Again the 5 of clubs comes up! Unbelievable!!! A second chance at a 29 hand! The cribbage gods do grant second chances!!

Joseph Petrus Wergin

Wintering in Arizona is really quite an experience. It is not hot and dry as one expects, but due to irrigation, swimming pools and the watering of plants that have been brought in from other areas, the humidity is a factor, not to mention the allergies of the transplants. Then, too, as weather patterns have changed, rain has dampened the area.

Last fall we penned an article about the "Homemakers League," the men and women who play cribbage daily. Now, according to Bruce Bowman of Ann Arbor, Michigan, there is a "Brown Bag League" that merits attention. Apparently, he has changed the noon hour card game in his place of employment from bridge to cribbage. That is really a change for the better. There must be thousands and thousands of cribbage games played in every office and company during the lunch break.

Bruce was one of the few individuals who reported the odds on 28- and 29-point hands when we asked the mathematicians for assistance. Apparently, he was overlooked because Dick Cornwell was the first to respond.

My daughter Elaine writes that our two Arabian mares are wintering well and that we will be expecting in June and again in July. Prominent and Hal Janel are to foal for the first time. Undoubtedly, we shall be walking the floors of the stable's maternity ward with the hope that we will have fillies. The annual show and sale of Arabians is scheduled for Scottsdale in the middle of February.

A lot of legwork is being done by Charlie Fletchall, Ted Klora and this scribe to flush out the cribbage players. People here have not heard about the Congress, and we have a job that must be done by February 21.

LADY LUCK AND THE ODDS

The one state in our nation that's entirely different from any other is Nevada. The economies of the other 49 states depend upon a combination of industry, petroleum, agriculture and tourism; Nevada thrives on the odds.

Reno, "The biggest little city in the world," is farther west than Los Angeles. It's a 24-hour town, and the noise you hear is not the wind whistling through the pines or a giant press stamping out a fender; it's the rhythm of a hundred thousand slot machines. It's people, with hearts pounding, feeding open-mouthed monsters; it's people trying to beat very long odds and knowing before they begin to play that the odds are so stacked against them they'll walk away with far fewer quarters than when they began.

Cribbage is a far different matter. Players from all over the country came to compete on the last weekend of January in the ACC/Western Open. Each knew full well that there would be only one ultimate winner, but each competitor also was aware of what it was like to control, at least to a certain degree, his or her own destiny. Whether or not to pair your opponent, when to go on the offense or defense, and your choice of what combination of cards to hold rest entirely with the individual. If you miss the "right jack" and lose the game in the dead hole, you know who to blame.

Lady Luck smiles on everyone at some time or another. Luck can be a fleeting thing and is most certainly unpredictable. But if it comes and you happen to be at a tournament that day and you don't make mistakes, your turn may be just around the corner. That's the big reason so many come to play in Reno.

Editor's Note: Next month we'll report on the Tournament of Champions and the ACC/Western Open.

Tournaments cannot be approved by the ACC (unless agreed upon by the tournament directors involved) if they are scheduled within 250 miles and 2 weeks of one another. First come, first served.

**TOURNAMENTS
WHO DESERVES MASTER POINTS?**

To finish at or near the top of tournament qualifying rounds is patently far more difficult a task than coming out on top in head-to-head playoff rounds. The top qualifiers are frequently knocked out in early playoff rounds with no opportunity to recover with a strong finish. Thus, luck is far more important than skill in the playoffs.

I propose an equalization of master points awarded in the qualifying round and in the playoff round. This could be done without disturbing the total master points now awarded in tournaments. It would reward the players who occasionally make the qualifying cutoff, yet still recognize the master point leaders who consistently do well in the playoffs.

As the following chart illustrates, the top qualifier in an 80-player tournament gets 20 master points. The playoff round winner gets 80 points plus a 40-point bonus, for a total of 120 points. The top qualifier and the playoff winner together get a total of 140 points. My proposal calls for each of these two players to earn 70 master points. Second-place finishers now earning 18 and 92 points respectively would instead earn 55 points each.

Distribution of prize money could also

change to an equal distribution. That should remain optional with the tournament director as he/she perceives the wishes of the players. Certainly, broader distribution of master points and awards should heighten continued interest in tournament play. Doing well in the qualifying round, yet going home with few master points and very few dollars can be discouraging.

**80-Player Tournament
Present and Proposed
Master Point System**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Qual. MPs</u>	<u>P'Off MPs</u>	<u>Bonus MPs</u>	<u>Total Pts.</u>	<u>Prop. Pts.</u>
1	20	80	40	140	70
2	18	72	20	110	55
3	16	64	10	90	45
4	14	56	5	75	37.5
5	12	48	—	60	30
6	10	40	—	50	25
7	8	32	—	40	20
8	6	24	—	30	15
9	4	16	—	20	10
10	2	8	—	10	5

Points shown in the last column would be awarded equally to players finishing in like positions in both the qualifying round and the playoff.

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CRIBBAGE IN THE ROUND

Glen H. Voelz of Maywood, Illinois, is a multi-talented craftsman who has taught industrial arts on military bases all over the world, sold handmade stencilled flags, and fashioned numerous wooden signs and other small objects, but his first love and current sole vocation is making round cribbage boards. Although he also makes straight boards, he says the round boards appeal to the devoted cribbage player because of their novelty and craftsmanship.

Voelz, the co-author of Problems in Mechanical Drawing in the Middle School, a school textbook, left the teaching profession after 19 years to devote full time to his woodworking craft. For 8 years a major outlet was King Richard's Faire, a Renaissance fair in southern Wisconsin, where he sold signs with clever sayings (a big seller: "My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance"), flags, and cribbage boards. Last year he decided to devote all his time to making cribbage boards, selling them chiefly through galleries and craft shops in the Northeast and on the West Coast. Closer to home, he travels the Midwest art and craft fair circuit to exhibit his unique boards.

The creation of a round cribbage board starts with the selection of logs. "I buy the logs--mostly Illinois cherry and walnut--and have them cut," Voelz says, adding, "Right now I have wood in the attic and basement, under the porch, and in the garage!" His boards range from a

7-inch diameter 2-ring board to a 9-to-10-inch diameter 4-ring board. The finished product is a beautifully grained, thick circle of smooth wood, complete with solid brass pegs which are ingeniously stored behind a screw-out peg within the board itself.

In addition to conventional straight and round boards, Voelz also makes special boards for blind persons. "If anyone knows of blind players, I will send them special boards at no charge," he says.

Voelz also donates boards to the Albany, New York, Veterans' Administration Hospital, where Nelson Pendergast awards them to first-place finishers in his tournaments. (See April 1986 CW)

"I have played cribbage everywhere in the world while living overseas and travelling," Voelz says, but he clearly relishes the life of a craftsman. "The whole process of making the boards is a very enjoyable life," he says. He stops short of calling himself an artist, saying, "I don't have an art background; I have a mechanical background." Those who have seen his cribbage boards, however, would agree that there's a streak of the artist in him somewhere. (Editor's Note: See "Round Cribbage Boards" ad in this issue for more information.)

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(One of a series of articles highlighting ACC members who craft cribbage-related items.)



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GREAT PLAINS FALL CLASSIC
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
 November 2, 1986
 Director: Jack Wunderlich
 Number of Entries: 100/42

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Matt Kacer	Altoona, IA	140
2. H. Railsback	Syracuse, NE	112
3. Richard Smith	Fairmont, NE	94
4. Bob Hanes	Ankeny, IA	81

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Ron Tompkins	Lincoln, NE	41
2. Dana Rodgers	Des Moines, IA	27
3. Norma Smith	Lincoln, NE	18
4. Steve Leech	Beatrice, NE	12

MIDWAY WINTER OPEN
 Hermiston, Oregon
 December 5-7, 1986
 Director: Allen Stillwill
 Number of Entries: 108/64

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Bill Jones	Hermiston, OR	148
2. Butch Kelso	Baker, OR	120
3. Greg Tungate	Portland, OR	102
4. Rex Willis	Kennewick, WA	89

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Jo Kirby	Hermiston, OR	52
2. John Furler	Portland, OR	38
3. Jo Evans	Tri-Cities, WA	29
4. Dalene Palmer	Baker, OR	23

JOHN HILL'S ELBOW ROOM TOURNAMENT
 Missoula, Montana
 December 13-14, 1986
 Director: John Hill
 Number of Entries: 52/30

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	92
2. Charlie Lukin	Cut Bank, MT	64
3. Ike Rutherford	St. Paul, MN	46
4. Alice Koefeld	Missoula, MT	33

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Gene Branson	Ronan, MT	15
2. John Hill	Missoula, MT	11
3. Judy Pilatti	Kalispell, MT	7
4. Milo Roinstad	Missoula, MT	3

LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Would it be possible for tournament directors as they plan any future tournaments to consider as the site of the tournament a facility with electronic smoke-eaters or, at least, an exhaust system? You certainly make it rough on non-smokers by having the games played in a room with no windows and no exhaust, so that the cigarette smoke just lays in a dense cloud throughout the room. I and all non-smokers would appreciate any consideration you could give to this request. Thanks.

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It appears that with our increasing membership, the increasing number of tournaments played and, most importantly, the increasing mass of accumulated experience with respect to the rules that govern play, changes as suggested by many ought to be considered.

Certainly the game of cribbage does depend in part (or, at times, in whole) upon the amount of luck one possesses. Isn't it axiomatic that a person's luck cannot for any given amount of time be predetermined and often varies from "very bad" to "very good"? In spite of this assumption, some consideration should be given to formulating a method that would improve the playoff format. A suggestion has been made by Larry Samet (December 1986 CW) that the round-robin system could be implemented to afford more opportunity to contesting players. This would at least minimize the so-called "luck" factor and, of course, could be of benefit to either player. Perhaps a variation of the round-robin system could be utilized.

I could not agree more with references made regarding slow play. This situation is most annoying. Granted, we are not

all blessed with equal powers of comprehension, nor are our instinctive reactions equal. Compassion and sympathy can be extended to some slow players, but many deserve neither. Some method must be devised to speed up play. I think it's unfair to burden tournament directors with this responsibility. Not only can it be embarrassing, but in some cases can create intra-family squabbles and ill feelings amongst players. I strongly believe that slow play rules should be mandated by the Board of Directors and strictly enforced by tournament directors.

The Board of Directors is elected by members of the American Cribbage Congress. Faced with the mounting difficulties of travel, personal expense, and having to expend a vast amount of time, the Directors are doing an outstanding job. They encourage input from members and have made great strides in improving tournament play, as well as promulgating and interpreting rules. They appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Let us not suffer the ills of many organizations--10% serving and 90% observing.

Many thanks for allowing me to express my views.

George E. Webb
Avon, MA

RHODE ISLAND CRIBBAGE ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Rank	Names (Teams)	Average
1	Jim Dooley-Len Greier	.750
2	Larry Di Tusa-Bill Besser	.722
3	Al Musard-Paul Musard	.722
4	George Engel-Dave LaMontagne	.714
5	Bob Herbert-Norm Ciguere	.708
	Frank Gallo-Ian Knowles	.708

Rank	Names (Individual)	Average
1	George Engel	.786
2	Len Grenier	.750
3	Maurine Varanese	.708
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Palmetto Classic (SC)	May	March
Minnesota Open	May	April
New England Open (CT)	August	June
Portland Tournament (OR)	August	July
Grand National (CT)	September	August
Vermont Tournament	October	September

GEOGRAPHIC REPORT

The membership for 1986-87 as of January 15, 1987, is as follows:

Alabama	1	Louisiana	0	Oklahoma	17
Alaska	16	Maine	17	Oregon	507
Arizona	44	Maryland	20	Pennsylvania	26
Arkansas	3	Massachusetts	202	Rhode Island	228
California	500	Michigan	77	South Carolina	32
Colorado	132	Minnesota	236	South Dakota	15
Connecticut	90	Mississippi	0	Tennessee	7
Delaware	3	Missouri	3	Texas	16
D.C.	0	Montana	81	Utah	0
Florida	152	Nebraska	123	Vermont	54
Georgia	18	Nevada	62	Virginia	38
Hawaii	14	New Hampshire	15	Washington	111
Idaho	22	New Jersey	20	West Virginia	0
Illinois	179	New Mexico	2	Wisconsin	408
Indiana	13	New York	82	Wyoming	3
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Kentucky	0	Ohio	28	Total Members	3,809

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THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

February 14 and 15, Oregon State Championship

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Contact: Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 706, Prineville, OR 97754, 503-447-1548.

February 20, 21 and 22, Arizona State Tournament

Venture Out Mobile Park, 5001 East Main Street, Mesa, Arizona. Entry fee: \$26 (non-ACC members \$31). Early Bird, Q-Pool, Consolation, Saturday Night Special.

Contact: Charlie Fletchall, 2246 Floyd Drive, Mesa, AZ, 602-985-8705.

February 21, Willows Cribbage Tournament

Elks Lodge, 150 South Shasta Street, Willows, California. Entry fee: 35. Coffee, doughnuts, drink, lunch, door prize.

Contact: Carl E. Martens, P.O. Box 666, Willows, CA 95988, 916-934-7961.

February 22, Central New England Open

Moose Lodge, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$33. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pool, Consolation.

Contact: Paul Cormier, 28 Washington Street, Marlboro, MA 01752, 617-485-4252.

March 6, 7 and 8, Capital City Cribbage

Holiday Inn, 1780 East County Road-D, Maplewood, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, coffee, doughnuts, Saturday lunch and Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Ike Rutherford, c/o Fotorama, 1790 W. Larpenteur Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55113, 612-645-7857.

March 13, 14 and 15, Northwest Open

Kopper Kitchen, 1 Sunridge Lane, Baker, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31 (\$36 non-ACC members). Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Junior Tournament, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Rob Palmer, 2771 Second, Baker, OR 97814, 503-523-4231.

March 14, San Francisco Masters Tournament

Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco, California. Entry fee: \$100, luncheon.

Contact: Tom Thorndike, P.O. Box 26658, San Francisco, CA 94126, 415-864-5150.

March 20, 21 and 22, Warren E. Swett Memorial

American Legion Post 171, Woodstock and Oak Streets, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Last Chance.

Contact: John Swett, P.O. Box 214, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 815-459-4276.

March 21 and 22, Western New York Open

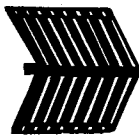
Regency Best Western, 4408 Milestrip Road, Buffalo, New York. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, Consolation.

Contact: E. Hargesheimer, Jr., 182 Lake Street, Hamburg, NY 14075, 716-649-1234.

March 28, Superbowl of Cribbage II

Elks Lodge #1538, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, California. Entry fee: \$75. Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, awards, gifts, Consolation.

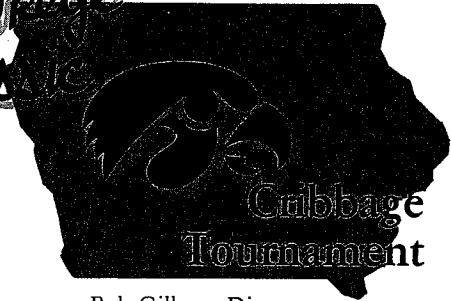
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Contact: Robert Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143, 715-735-6704.

April 11 and 12, Montana Open

AMVETS Club, 225 Ryman, Missoula, Montana. Entry fee: \$26. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: DeLynn Colvert, P.O. Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806.

April 26, Rhode Island Open

Holiday Inn, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. Entry fee: undetermined. Coffee, danish, buffet lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: John E. Chambers, 46 Ivy Street, Providence, RI 02906, 401-831-4157.

April 24, 25 and 26, World Masters

Holiday Inn, Highways 13, I90-I94, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$45. Saturday lunch, Friday Night Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Charles Steinhauer, 111 North Grove Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53965, 608-437-8983.

May 1-3, Greater Hermiston Open

Umatilla County Fairgrounds (Thompson Hall), Orchard Avenue, Hermiston, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32 (\$37 non-ACC members), \$1 of entry fee goes to a birth defects charity. Coffee, doughnuts Saturday and Sunday, Early Bird Singles or Doubles, Q-Pools, Consolation, Saturday night banquet and auction, Saturday juniors tournament, Last Chance.

Contact: Jeanie Hill, 1290 West Poplar, Hermiston, OR 97838, 503-567-0070.

May 1-3, First Annual Hawkeye Classic

Sheraton Inn, Hickman Road ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of I-80 & I-35 at mile marker 124), Des Moines, Iowa. Entry Fee \$38. Saturday lunch, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Bob Gilbert, 7210 N.W. 21st Street, Ankeny, IA, 515-289-2718.

May 3, Great Plains Spring Classic

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

Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-477-2900.

May 15, 16 and 17, Crescent City Jaycees Tournament

VFW Hall, 810 H Street, Crescent City, California. Entry fee: \$31. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Dan Mitchell, 1833 Adams Avenue, Crescent City, CA 95531, 707-464-5319.

May 16, Windjammer Challenge

VFW Post #4551, 75 North Avenue, Antioch, Illinois. Entry fee: \$100. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Jeff Clark, 26547 West Brown Avenue, Antioch, IL 60002, 312-395-7815.

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<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Club Pts.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Club</u>	
200	Furler, John, Lake Oswego, OR	28 111	Bett, Richard F. Sr., W. Seneca, NY	5	
173	Schiffman, Morry, Portland, OR	28 93	Robards, Clyde, Sparks, NV	11	
158	Rowley, Larry, Madison, WI	1 92	Kliora, Ted, Phoenix, AZ	24	
155	Lowery, Dale, Bend, OR	12 88	Eichler, Paul, N. Tonawanda, NY	5	
150	Statz, Raphael, Cross Plains, WI	1 81	Rancourt, Ronald J., E. Hartford, CT	26	
145	Brandon, Liz, Bend, OR	12 81	Prudhomme, Albert, Fayetteville, NC	35	
137	Tungate, Greg, Portland, OR	28 72	O'Connor, Shamus, Orchard Park, NY	5	
131	Buckley, Larry, Portland, OR	28 71	Payne, Tony, Mesa, AZ	24	
126	Anderson, Merl, Madison, WI	1 64	Hardin, William B., Englewood, FL	29	
126	Henderson, Scott, Madison, WI	1 63	Senn, Jeff, Mesa, AZ	24	
123	Weits, Henry, Madison, WI	1 62	Webb, Jinnie L., Pasco, WA	30	
115	Dyer, Paul H., Bend, OR	12 61	Denninger, Tracy, Altamonte Springs, FL	22	
112	Tilker, Fred, Madison, WI	1 59	Snyder, Dennis, Hermiston, OR	2	
110	Steinhauer, Charlie, Mt. Horeb, WI	1 59	Evans, Jo, Richland, WA	39	
110	Hauge, Alfred (Bud), Madison, WI	1 58	Gagosz, Robert F., E. Hartford, CT	26	
103	Cordes, Brad, Portland, OR	28 58	Hanes, Bob, Ankeny, IA	17	

Both Divisions Combined: Games-Won Averages

<u>Av.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Av.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Club</u>
.833	Clapper, Dean L., La Grande, OR	38	.660	Killion, Lewis, San Luis Obispo, CA	27
.778	Smith, Robert G., Garberville, CA	33	.655	Olyer, Beatrice L., Fairfield, CA	21
.778	Kliora, Ted, Phoenix, AZ	24	.653	Bett, Richard F. Sr., W. Seneca, NY	5
.772	Sherida, Randy, Garberville, CA	33	.648	Kelley, James R., Middletown, CT	26
.722	Budig, Carl, Mesa, AZ	24	.644	Kerr, Andrea, Rutherfordton, NC	20
.704	Weaverling, Harry, Mesa, AZ	24	.644	Straub, Charlotte, Reno, NV	11
.689	Tilker, Fred, Madison, WI	1	.642	Prudhomme, Albert, Fayetteville, NC	35
.685	Hardin, William B., Englewood, FL	29	.639	Slade, Margaret, Orchard Park, NY	5
.683	Houston, Samuel, Paso Robles, CA	27	.639	Halvorsen, Hal, Mesa, AZ	24
.682	Romero, Melvina, San Luis Obispo, CA	27	.639	Schaidt, Larry, Englewood, FL	29
.681	Robards, Clyde, Sparks, NV	11	.639	Lans, Frank, Lakewood, CO	34
.667	Lowe, Bruce, Prescott, AZ	40	.635	Hambeck, Ed, Lakewood, CO	34
.667	Wergin, Joseph P., Madison, WI	24	.630	Denninger, Tracy, Altamonte Springs, FL	22
.667	Lenig, Richard, Denver, CO	23	.630	Thompson, Frank, NY	5
.667	Eichler, Paul, N. Tonawanda, NY	5	.625	Webb, Jinnie L., Pasco, WA	30
.667	Hargesheimer, Elbert, Jr., Hamburg, NY	5	.622	Lam, Kin Ping, Fayetteville, NC	35
.667	Robinette, Mark, Aurora, CA	37	.622	Reynolds, Ralph, Baker, OR	15
.667	Gagnon, Gerald A., Orlando, FL	22	.622	Brown, Doug, Pasco, WA	39

NEW MEMBERS SCORE BIG

Fen Winslow and Chuck Barber became new members of the ACC and the Hartford Metro Grass Roots on January 6. In their first night of competition, Fen double skunked an opponent and Chuck

received a 29 hand. With these two ringers now playing regularly, it's going to be a long season for the rest of the members of Club #26.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

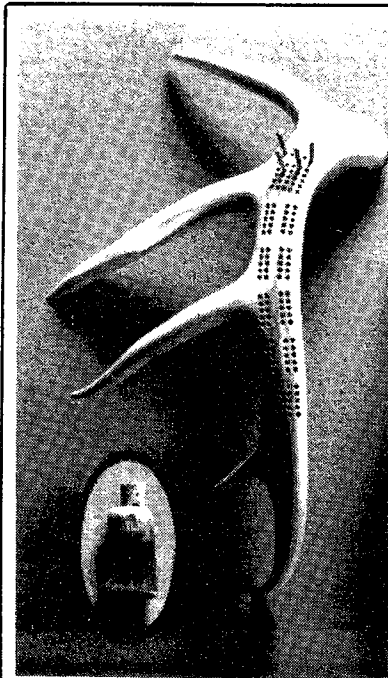
Palmetto Classic (SC)	May 23-24
Connecticut Championship	May 24
Minnesota Open	May 30-31
Albany Open (NY)	June 14
Ann Arbor Open (MI)	June 27-28
Independence Day Open (NV)	July 3-5
Bill Mitchell Memorial (CA)	July 31-August 2
Great Plains Classic (NE)	August 2
National Open (NC)	August 8-10
New England Championship (CT)	August 22-24
Portland Open (OR)	August
Yankee Tournament (CT)	Sept. 20
Grand National (CT)	Sept. 25-27
Montana Championship	Oct. 3-4
New Hampshire Open	Oct. 4
Portside Open (VA)	Oct. 9-10
Vermont Tournament	Oct.
Dante's Tournament (MA)	Nov. 1
Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 6-7
Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 13-15

I read Mr. Samet's article (December 1986), which suggested that the tournament rules be changed, in effect giving the players with more talent an advantage. I would think twice before implementing such changes. As it is now, any average player can win one of the tournaments. If you eliminate this, your attendance will soon dwindle. The little guy must have at least a chance; otherwise he will disappear.

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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).

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EASTERN REGION
JAN 15, 1987

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	REDDY, FRANK	SWAMPSCOTT	MA	370
2	GUDAUSKAS, WILLIAM	ROCKVILLE	CT	361
3	LIZARRIBAR, DELIA	MARTINEZ	GA	349
4	L'ITALIEN, AL	PEABODY	MA	265
5	O'CONNOR, FRANK	DEDHAM	MA	260
6	SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	248
7	ARONOFF, PHYLLIS	QUINCY	MA	231
8	BERHAUPT, ED	SCHENECTADY	NY	230
9	BICKFORD, GEORGE	AGAWAM	MA	198
10	ANDREW, RICHARD	HINSDALE	NH	196
	BLESSING, GEORGE	NARRAGANSETT	RI	196
12	SMITH, RHONDA	BRISTOL	CT	189
	WESCOTT, CLIFFORD	WESTBROOK	ME	189
14	YOUNG, JIM	SUFFIELD	CT	188
15	CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	168
16	VETTERLINE, KEN	BAR MILL	ME	152
17	MUSARD, ALBERT	LINCOLN	RI	145
18	MARTIN, KEN	AGAWAM	MA	141
19	DENNINGER, TRACY	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	FL	135
20	COUSENS, DENNIS	GORHAM	ME	134
21	RAMOS, JOE	W. WARWICK	RI	132
22	SHOEMAKER, WILLIAM	W. HARTFORD	CT	129
23	FREY, HEINZ	N. EASTON	MA	126
24	MUNROE, DALE	UNIONVILLE	CT	123
25	MAYER, JOHN	AUGUSTA	GA	122

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MIDWESTERN REGION
JAN 15, 1987

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	622
2	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	525
3	WERGIN, JOE	MADISON	WI	392
4	OGDEN, DICK	DES MOINES	IA	304
5	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	301
6	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	297
7	WARD, BETTY	MENOMONEE FALLS	WI	277
8	DICKINSON, JERRY	MOUNT HOREB	WI	262
	SHELSTAD, CRAIG	HASTINGS	MN	262
10	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	256
11	MCMANUS, JIM	MILWAUKEE	WI	248
12	GUSTAFSON, DAVE	MINNETONKA	MN	246
13	BARRETT, JACK	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI	233
14	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	230
15	SIVANICH, JOAN	CIRCLE PINES	MN	229
16	OLSEN, BILL	EDEN PRAIRIE	MN	218
17	ARNDT, HERB	LUCK	WI	215
18	LIPINSKI, MIKE	MUNDELEIN	IL	196
19	MCLEOD, GLORIA	ST. PAUL	MN	194
20	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	190
21	ANDERSON, LYLE	BLAIR	WI	179
22	LAGASSIE, BETTY	MARINETTE	WI	178
23	MAHOWALD, AL	CARVER	MN	177
24	SOMMER, ROBERT	EXCELSIOR	MN	175
25	HAMILTON, RON	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	174

ACC
WESTERN REGION
JAN 15, 1987

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	487
2	JENSEN, BILL	LOS ALTOS	CA	454
3	ANGELL, JIM	CONCORD	CA	439
4	HILL, BILL	HERMISTON	OR	328
5	KAHN, BURNELL	SAN LORENZO	CA	319
6	BLECKER, ED	AURORA	CO	318
7	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	286
8	ROINSTAD, MILO	MISSOULA	MT	275
9	WERRE, STAN	NICE	CA	271
10	BLOOM, ED	CUPERTINO	CA	269
11	STARK, NORAL	DENVER	CO	262
12	CHANDLER, RUSSELL	FRESNO	CA	250
13	MCMASTER, BETTINA	PALO ALTO	CA	243
14	HARTLE, JAMES	SAN JOSE	CA	233
15	HAYNIE, TROY	LOS GATOS	CA	230
16	ROGERS, WALTER	BUELTON	CA	226
17	HERNANDEZ, MODESTO	YOUNTVILLE	CA	220
18	CORNWELL, MARY	SUNNYVALE	CA	219
19	BANDUCCI, ROY	ARROYO GRANDE	CA	194
20	MORGANTI, BOB	NEWMAN	CA	182
	DETLING, FRED	AURORA	CO	182
22	FRANCIS, JAMES	CLAYTON	CA	181
23	LOGAN, RON	QUINCY	CA	174
24	KIRBY, JO	STANFIELD	OR	171
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PEGGING POINTERS

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You're playing against a woman who has won numerous championships. Both you and she are two holes from victory, and you must lead. What card do you choose? The card your opponent is least likely to peg on, of course. This is almost always a low card, to prevent her from scoring a 15-2. True, your opponent is well aware that a low card is your best bet and will save her own low cards in hopes of pairing you; but you still lead low, gambling that she was not dealt the same low card you are leading.

There's another good reason for leading low, besides the fact she can't score a 15-2. If she can't peg on your low card, she must give you a shot at a 15-2 or a run. If she can't peg on your high card, she will probably put the count above 15, so that you can peg only by pairing. Using the same reasoning, when choosing between two different low cards, the 2 and the 4 tend to be better leads than the Ace and the 3. If you lead a 3, opponent can limit you to one pegging card if she happens to have a 6. If you lead an Ace, she can play a 7, reducing your pegging chances. But she cannot play on a 2 or a 4 without giving you at least two possible pegging cards.

Suppose you have no low card to lead. Now what is best? Any card from 6 through King gives up two shots at pegging, so what's the difference? To understand the difference, you must look at the situation from the viewpoint of your opponent. She desperately wants to peg on your opening lead, because she may never get another chance. Let's say she holds 2-4-6-7-8-Q. She saves the 2 and 4, expecting you to lead a low card. She pitches the 8, because there's no need to hold both an 8 and a 7. She must now pitch one more card from among 6-

7-Q. Keeping the 6 will pay off for her if you lead a 6 or a 9, and there are 7 more of those in the deck. Keeping the 7 pays off if you lead a 7 or an 8, and there are still six of those in the deck. But keeping the Queen pays off only if you lead a Queen. Oh, sure, it also pays off on a 5 lead; but you aren't going to lead a 5, and she knows it. If there's ever a time to lay down a 5 on opening lead, this isn't it. So the Queen goes into her crib. And because the Queen is the proper card for her to discard, it's also the proper card for you to lead from a hand such as 6-7-8-Q.

It seems the logical lead from 6-7-8-Q would be the 7 or the 8. After all, there are seven 5s and Queens in the deck, while there are but six 7s and 8s. She is less likely to have been dealt a 7 or an 8. But the question isn't only what was she dealt; it's also what did she save. Let's change the cards slightly. You pick up 7-7-8-Q-K-K and save 7-8-Q-K. She picks up 3-4-7-8-Q-K. She saves the 3-4, knowing you will lead low if you can. She saves the 8 and can thus afford to pitch the 7. There is now a 50/50 chance she will discard the King, which just happens to be the card you intend to lead.

In short, when both players are within a hole or two of victory, the cards 6 through 9 tend to be more valuable to the dealer than are the cards 10 through King. The high cards are more likely to be pitched into the crib. Therefore, face cards and 10s are normally the safest leads when no low card is available.

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