



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## BRADLEY WINS INVITATIONAL SONDERICKER TOPS ACC/WESTERN OPEN

454 players from 31 states competed in the ACC/Western Open at the Sands Regent Hotel and Casino in Reno on January 31 and February 1. The huge field was the largest ever to attend a tournament sanctioned by the ACC. Warren Sondericker of Greenfield, Wisconsin, acquired 494 master points when he bested Rex Reid of Quincy, California. Big Mike Might of Missoula, Montana, finished third by edging Duane Toll of Milwaukee.

In the Consolation event, Greg Schleusner of Truckee, California, squeezed by Gene Sissel of Baker, Oregon. Dick Smith finished third in a hotly contested match with Terry McCoy; both players are from Fairmont, Nebraska.

Editor's Note: Bob Plourde and I were having lunch with Gene and Betty Sissel. The Sissels were all packed and ready to drive home, and Gene went to check the

board to see if he made the qualifying round out. He squeaked in and hung around to finish second; it cost him another night, but it was worth it.

In the Invitational Tournament, Rosallee Bradley of Jacksonville, California, finished first in a tough battle with Mickey Griffin of Lincoln, Nebraska. Perennial winner DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, Montana, fought it out and finished third by defeating baritone Robert Sommer of Excelsior, Minnesota.

A great deal of credit and thanks goes to Syl Lulinski and Bob Madsen, as well as to the crew of excellent volunteers for two beautifully organized tournaments that were well run and orchestrated throughout. The Sands Regent Hotel represented by Barbara Woodward bent over backward to make this a most enjoyable weekend for all the tournament participants and guests.

### REORGANIZATION PROCEDURE APPROVED

The ACC Board of Directors met in Reno in January and approved major changes in the Constitution and By-laws. The changes are expected to increase participation by all members in ACC affairs and lead to an expansion in membership.

At the next election in August officers to be elected will include President, Executive Vice President, Vice President-Policy, and Vice President-Operations. In turn, appointments will be made to the positions of Treasurer,

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# THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph Petrus Wergin

## CRIBBAGE GOES TO THE SUPERMARKET

Why not advertise Cribbage in the marketplace on the racks along with AARP, tennis, golf, and other recreational programs that are being presented to the public?

This is your President's fantastic idea of exposing cribbage information to millions of "lost players" and inviting them to become members of the American Cribbage Congress and share in the many benefits.

At Reno two-color brochures were distributed in numbers of 20 to 30 to boosters who were interested in building up participation in their local communities. It is recommended that 10 or 12 brochures be placed in a rack at retail outlets that furnish the space for the promotions, first securing the approval of the store manager.

The pitch, "Cribbage Anyone?," invites people to take out membership entitling them to free copies of the rulebook and

the monthly magazine; and also tells about major tournaments, the rating-point system, the Grass Roots Program, awards, and other benefits.

This super idea, along with Dale Munroe's request that every member sign up at least one new member in 1987, should double the total membership of 1986. It is noted that national advertisers state that there is about a 4% response to promotional mailings. With 5,000 copies of the brochure ending up in 5,000 homes, at least 200 new members can be expected to join. This should be followed by the chain reaction in which new members bring friends and relatives into the fold.

Congress enthusiasts are requested to order 20 to 30 brochures from President Joe Wergin at Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705. The Wergin Distributing Company, Larry White, Manager, is underwriting the cost of providing the 5,000 brochures.

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### REORGANIZATION

Editor (CRIBBAGE WORLD), Secretary-Membership, Secretary-Recording, Tournament Commissioner, Grass Roots Commissioner, Parliamentarian, Historian, Publicity/Promotion and Statistician.

In addition, committees will be created to deal with nominations for Directors and Officers, Constitution and By-laws, playing rules and guidelines, judging procedures, Master Points and Grass Roots points accrual, functional audits, appeals, Hall of Fame, recruitment, fund raising, and awards.

It is anticipated that all Directors will be involved in the above activities, but all ACC members are advised to contact President Wergin if they wish to participate in any particular activity. We'll grow if we all work at it.

Joe Seigle  
Coventry, CT

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### LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Hey, how about a "Can You Top This" column? This is the truth, cross my heart: I was playing a game in Clackamas Open and after 3 deals (I won the cut), my opponent scored 3 consecutive 12 hands, a blank crib and stood at 37. Only 1 peg in 3 deals. Well, this is highly unusual, so I began to keep a peg score ... and would you believe that after 10 deals, he had scored only 8 peg points!!! No pairs, no 15s, no runs, no 31s!! I pegged out on the tenth deal before he scored his "automatic," so that meant he only scored 4 peg points over absolute minimum. I don't claim any skill, but extraordinary luck. And with all this luck, I still failed to qualify for the final by 1 point (nobs, at that), missing the cut by 1 game and losing a game by my opponent scoring nobs. We could make a fortune by selling cribbage crying towels. How about it? Can't miss!!!

DeLynn Colvert  
Missoula, MT

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Each year professional craftsman Jan Kaulins travels from Jackson, Michigan, to spend four to six weeks hiking through the northern Rocky Mountains in search of naturally shed antlers from which he crafts cribbage boards. "The use of natural materials, including antlers, is an age-old tradition for making all sorts of things, including tools, weapons, jewelry, smoking pipes—and cribbage boards," he says, adding that "this is readily evident when one researches the artifacts of northern Europe and North America."

Jan spent many years perfecting his technique of polishing and finishing the antlers to produce an almost glasslike surface that brings out beautiful, subtle colors and markings. When he states that "every antler is unique in color and formation that is exquisitely sculpted by nature," it is evident that Jan has proven his medium to be an object of natural beauty. He suggests that a finished antler can serve as a unique table centerpiece as well as a functional cribbage board.

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layered African and domestic hardwoods on the blunt end of the antler. Finally, to complete the entirely hand-crafted board, he creates pegs by hand-hammering solid brass rods and tumbling them for smoothness.

Jan has exhibited his cribbage boards and other "Antler Creations" at national competitive juried and invitational art fairs far and wide, winning numerous awards and ribbons as he travels. He has won recognition at major shows in such diverse locations as New Orleans, Washington, DC, Louisville, Ann Arbor, Memphis, Chicago, and many more. Revealing that he loves the game as much as his craft, Jan says that "the combination of uniqueness and beauty make my cribbage boards a fine addition to any serious player's collection and an enhancement to the enjoyment of a wonderful game!" (Editor's Note: See "Antler Cribbage Boards" ad in this issue for more information.)

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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## BELLE CITY CLASSIC

Racine, Wisconsin  
January 17-18, 1987  
Directors:

Don Wrzesinske                      Bill Harvey  
Number of Entries: 138/82

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Ron Hamilton	White Bear, MN	178
2. Jim McManus	Milwaukee, WI	150
3. Jeff Clarke	Antioch, IL	132
4. Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI	119

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. F. Danielski	Appleton, WI	61
2. Pam Siewert	Minneapolis, MN	47
3. Tom Green	Milwaukee, WI	38
4. Nancy Litrenta	Racine, WI	32

## GEORGIA OPEN

Augusta, Georgia  
January 17-18, 1987  
Director: Ken Campbell  
Number of Entries: 94/60

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Bob Gombatz	Raleigh, NC	134
2. Mike Morrison	Fayetteville, NC	106
3. Robert Read	Winter Gdn., FL	88
4. Lonnie Williams	Camben, SC	75

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Al Odum	Cayce, SC	50
2. Ed Jablonski	Fayetteville, NC	36
3. Earl Luton	Elizabeth City, NC	27
4. Jerry Gagnon	Orlando, FL	21

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Littleton, Colorado  
January 17-18, 1987  
Director: Dick Graham  
Number of Entries: 58/31

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Joe Kilbey	Littleton, CO	98
2. Frank Lans	Lakewood, CO	70
3. Tom Schmidt	Denver, CO	52
4. Pete Udelhoven	Aurora, CO	39

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Joe Holman	Gr. Junction, CO	16
2. Jim Nohrden	Aurora, CO	12
3. Noral Stark	Denver, CO	8
4. Dick Graham	Englewood, CO	4

## CLACKAMAS CLASSIC

Clackamas, Oregon  
January 24, 1987  
Director: Pat Crozier  
Number of Entries: 82/54

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Ralph Hart	Roseburg, OR	122
2. Fred Larkin	Seattle, WA	94
3. Brad Cordes	Portland, OR	76
4. Ken Dahl	Gladstone, OR	63

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Leslie Hein	Washougal, WA	47
2. John Parradee	Portland, OR	33
3. Joe Macdonald	Portland, OR	24
4. Todd Malmgren	Clackamas, OR	18

## ACC/WESTERN OPEN

Reno, Nevada  
January 31-February 1, 1987  
Director: Syl Lulinski  
Number of Entries: 454/286

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. W. Sondericker	Greenfield, WI	494
2. Rex Reid	Quincy, CA	466
3. Mike Might	Missoula, MT	448
4. Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI	435

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. G. Schleusner	Truckee, CA	163
2. Gene Sissel	Baker, OR	149
3. R. Chandler	Fresno, CA	140
4. Nick Ayoob	Quincy, CA	134

## GREAT PLAINS CLASSIC

Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 1, 1987  
Director: Jack Wunderlich  
Number of Entries: 104/60

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Don Wright	Minden, NE	144
2. Ken Odle	Lincoln, NE	116
3. Jim Dorkin	Lincoln, NE	98
4. Harry Riley	Omaha, NE	85

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Walt Mack	Omaha, NE	50
2. D. Greenwood	Beatrice, NE	36
3. Dick Smith	Fairmont, NE	27
4. Terry McCoy	Fairmont, NE	21

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## NOMINATIONS OPEN COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Nominations are open for the 1987 election to the Congress Board of Directors. This being an odd year means 13 are to be elected or re-elected for a two-year term commencing with the 1987-88 cribbage year.

President Wergin has appointed Jim Arblaster of Florida as the Nominations Committee chairman. Arblaster in turn has selected three others, representing each of the three regions: Dale Munroe, Director from Connecticut; Shirley Fitzpatrick, Director from Wisconsin; and Frank Zabrowski from California, who is presently serving as cribbage rules test examiner. Should you have any questions pertaining to when or how to make nominations, contact any committee member.

From the nominations sent in, the committee will select the candidates who will appear on the ballot for the upcoming election scheduled for tabulation in late June. Directors whose two-year terms expire August 31, 1987, include: Everett Bey (CA); Ken Cambell (SC); Mary Cornwell (CA); Arnold Crews (FL); Jim Fabian (IL); Elbert Hargesheimer (NY); Jeanie Hill (OR); Maxine Maddox (NC); Frank O'Connor (MA); Harry Palmer (MA); Nick Pond (NC); Joe Nelson (OR); and Joseph P. Wergin (WI).

The terms of five Directors, who were Presidential appointees, will also expire in August. These individuals are: Jerry Dickinson (WI); Bob Gilbert (IA); Bob Plourde (CT); Butch Reynolds (CA); and Jeff Shimp (MI).

The Nominations Committee will submit names of candidates it considers to be actively involved in the game of cribbage and who will be able to attend Board meetings conducted in the various regions of the United States. The three main meetings are held in conjunction with major tournaments, usually the National Open in Raleigh, North Carolina, in July or August; at the Grand

National usually held in late September in conjunction with the Annual Awards Banquet. Later this year the tournament and banquet will be held at the Summit Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut, on September 26, 27 and 28. A third meeting will take place at the ACC Invitational in Reno, Nevada, in late January 1988. This year the Invitational, played on a Saturday, drew 148 participants, while the Nevada Open, played on Sunday, drew a record-breaking crowd of 454 players. There is no getting away from it--it costs to be a member of the Board.

Nominations must include the name, address and telephone number of each candidate and must be supported by the signatures and membership numbers of at least five ACC members in good standing. Members' signatures may appear on ONLY ONE nomination sheet. Nominations close at midnight, April 1, 1987. Sorry about the short notice, but much will remain to be done before the ballots are placed in the mails during the first two weeks in May.

Mail your complete nomination of candidates for election to the ACC Board of Directors to either:

Jim Arblaster  
P.O. Box 565  
Kissimmee, FL 32742

Dale Munroe  
109 River Road  
Unionville, CT 06085

Shirley Fitzpatrick  
2566 North Richards  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Frank Zabrowski  
901 Via Mirada  
Monterey, CA 93940

Jim Arblaster  
Kissimmee, FL

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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.

## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

In response to Joe Seigle's letter in February's CRIBBAGE WORLD proposing a change in tournament Master Points, I feel the opposite is true. For many reasons, playing and winning head-to-head playoff matches is a far more difficult task than just qualifying.

First, using the Western Open as an example, we played only 11 of 454 players in the qualifying round. With such a small sample, it would be hard to judge the quality and ability of opponents one plays against. One person could play eleven former tournament champions, while another plays a group of first-time participants. I'm sure that many tournament players have played against opponents who have pegged backwards, undercounted or overcounted, or just forgot to peg when a hand was counted. The luck of the draw for seating assignments is a big factor in the qualifying round.

Unfortunately, there is a second variable in qualifying rounds that makes rewarding high qualifiers extra points or money

unrealistic—the possibility of one throwing away a game. While many people abhor this action, the fact that a warning was issued in Reno admits that this happens. When playing head-to-head playoff matches, this possibility doesn't exist.

Because of these reasons, most tournament Q-Pools on the West Coast are split equally. A qualifier earns an even split with other qualifiers of Q-Pool monies collected. The reasoning is quite simple—a true and fair disbursement of the qualifying pool.

The playoffs, with qualifiers playing each other, show a truer graduating step forward. Winning a match and advancing to the next round is and should be rewarded in a graduated point total and money distribution. The players who advance the furthest should receive more money and master points.

Jeff Monroe  
Concord, CA

Is there anyone out there?

Can any reader help me?

I'm looking for a Commodore program set up to compute Grass Roots weekly information.

Thanks, Pat Crozier  
14491 SE 172  
Clackamas, OR 97015

NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT  
June 14, 1987  
North Windham, Connecticut

For information, contact:

Joe Seigle  
825 Flanders Road  
Coventry, CT 06238

(203) 274-7234

FLORIDA CLASSIC  
Kissimmee, Florida  
February 7-8, 1987  
Directors:

Jim Arblaster                      Haley Johnson  
Number of Entries: 64/36

<u>Main Tournament</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Jim Hartley	Boca Raton, FL	104
2. Marco Amato	W. Springfield, MA	76
3. Orville Huss	Wild Rose, WI	58
4. Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL	45

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Don Pulver	Hiialeah, FL	18
2. Robert Read	Winter Gdn., FL	14
3. Ford Weeks	Columbia, SC	10
4. Chet Jaworski	Orlando, FL	6

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## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS

Entry applications for the following tournaments will be inserted and will come to you via CRIBBAGE WORLD.

<u>Name of Tournament</u>	<u>Month of Tournament</u>	<u>CW Insert Will Appear</u>
Minnesota Open	May	April
Miller Lite Classic (RI)	June	May
New England Championship (CT)	August	June
Portland Tournament (OR)	September	July
Grand National (CT)	September	August
Vermont Tournament	October	September

## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### May 24, Connecticut Championship

Ukrainian Hall, Route 66, North Windham, Connecticut. Entry fee: \$32.  
Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238, 203-742-7234.

### May 30-31, Minnesota Open

Sheraton Park Place Hotel, 5555 Wayzata, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$41. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance.  
Contact: John Williams, 3725 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, 612-588-5122. (Entry form will appear in April CRIBBAGE WORLD)

### RESULTS - DANTE'S DOUBLES - 2/1/87

The winner of the first National Junior Tournament was 14-year-old Sean McCarthy of Framingham, MA.

1st	Robert Tapley-Kay Richards
2nd	Chet Hinkle-Marcel Robert
3rd	Lloyd Fassett-Dick Whiting
4th	Corrine Moore-Ray Moore

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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### 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.

Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454, 805-937-1911.

### April 4, Oregon Coast Classic

Fern Restaurant, 1000 North Main, Tillamook, Oregon. Entry fee: \$26. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, lunch.

Contact: Pat Crozier, 14491 SE 172, Clackamas, OR 97015, 503-658-5595.

### April 4-5, North Carolina Cribbage Tournament

Sheraton Inn, US Rt. 1 Bypass, Southern Pines, North Carolina. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, Saturday luncheon, Saturday Night Special, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Howard Baum, 3003 Ft. Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

### April 4 and 5, Tri-Cities Open

The Dome, Marinette, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$36. Friday Night Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance. Inquire about the Friday Night Classic (\$50).

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

### April 11, Hayward's Fifth Annual Benefit Tournament

Miguel's Restaurant, 22865 Atherton Street, Hayward, California. Entry fee: \$37.50. Breakfast, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: Kate McDonald, 22245 Main Street #200, Hayward, CA 94541, 415-538-2044.

### 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 24, 25 and 26, World Masters

Kakakahl Inn, Hwy. 18-151, Mt. Horeb, WI. 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.

### April 25-26, Sertoma Classic

Littleton Elks, Littleton, Colorado. Entry fee: \$26. Q-Pools, Consolation, Pairs Tournament (Sunday).

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



## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### 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.

### May 1-3, Greater Hermiston Open

Eagles Lodge, 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 (1/2 mile east of I-80 & I-35 at mile marker 125), 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. (See ad in advertising supplement for even more information.)

### May 2, World Championship, 16th Annual

(Sponsored by Quincy Rotary Club) Plumas County Fairgrounds, Quincy, California. Entry fee: \$60. Coffee, doughnuts, free drink, lunch and award banquet, Q-Pool, Friday Night Doubles.

Contact: Rick Thomas, P.O. Box 1515, Quincy, CA 95971, 916-283-2300.

### 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.

### May 22-24, Washington State Championship

Parkade Tavern, 207 West Kennewick Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. Entry fee: \$51. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pool, Consolation.

Contact: Willie Evans, 1204 Richmond, Richland, WA 99352, 509-586-6006.

### May 23, Cupertino Kiwanis Tournament

Cupertino Recreation Center, Voss Road, Cupertino, California. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, doughnuts, steak lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: Lou Delu, 22273 Cupertino Road, Cupertino, CA 95014, 408-253-4645.

### May 23-24, Palmetto Classic

Holiday Inn NE, 7510 Two Notch Road, (Exit I-20 & 74), Columbia, South Carolina. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Al Odom, 1042 Indigo Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033, 803-794-6392.



# Grass Roots PROGRAM



As anticipated, membership in the Grass Roots Program is now well over 1,000—one-fourth of the total ACC membership; and in states where clubs are organized, the total Grass Roots membership approximates 35% of the total ACC membership in those states. As the Grass Roots grow, so grows the ACC!

"Oregon's Finest" Club #28 in Portland, under the leadership of Pat Crozier, is the first club in the nation to exceed a membership level of 100. Congratulations, Pat! Tell us how it's done!

In praising the efforts of large clubs to promote cribbage, there is no intention of downgrading the importance of small clubs in sparsely populated areas, with perhaps not more than a dozen members. They have just as much fun as the "biggies," and one of the primary aims of the Grass Roots Program is to make it pos-

sible for groups of any size in any geographical area to participate in an ACC-sponsored program at the local level.

Grass Roots Directors have been asked to provide input for a mid-year review of the program, to include suggestions as to how the program might be improved, and a summary of any innovative activities they have initiated to increase sociability in their clubs, or to stimulate new Grass Roots and ACC memberships.

Suggestions by, and inquiries from, interested individuals not presently involved in the program are also welcomed, and may be forwarded to:

Grass Roots Program  
American Cribbage Congress  
P.O. Box 126  
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

Jerry Dickinson

## DOWN THE ROAD

### FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Cascade Classic (OR)	June 12-14	Illinois Last Chance	August 29-30
Albany Open (NY)	June 14	Portland 2nd Annual Tournament (OR)	Sept. 4-6
Milwaukee Challenge	June 19-21	Pacific Coast Championship (CA)	Sept. 12
Miller Lite Classic (RI)	June 21	Yankee Tournament (CT)	Sept. 20
Ann Arbor Open (MI)	June 27-28	Grand National (CT)	Sept. 25-27
Independence Day Open (NY)	July 3-5	Montana Championship	Oct. 3-4
Minnesota Valley Pegger	July 18	New Hampshire Open	Oct. 4
Arrowhead Classic (MN)	July 31-August 2	Portside Open (VA)	Oct. 9-10
Bill Mitchell Memorial (CA)	July 31-August 2	West Bend Classic (WI)	Oct. 11
Great Plains Classic (NE)	August 2	Vermont Tournament	Oct. 18
National Open (NC)	August 8-10	Minnesota Valley Open	Oct. 24
Hawaiian Islands Tournament (at sea)	August 19-30	Dante's Tournament (MA)	Nov. 1
New England Championship (CT)	August 21-23	Great Plains Classic	Nov. 1
		Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 7
		Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 13-15

## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Here's a preview of some of the surprising things that will happen at the new Hawkeye Classic Cribbage Tournament in Des Moines.

Please note on the fliers for this tournament, that there will be \$50 for a 29 hand and \$20 for a 28 hand. Just remember—this is in addition to the \$100 from the ACC for a 29 hand; and all you get from the ACC for a 28 hand is a nice "certificate."

There will be many more surprises.

The city of Des Moines has a motto: "Des Moines, the SURPRISING PLACE."

We're out to make this tournament a must on the list of tournaments that you will want to attend every year!!!

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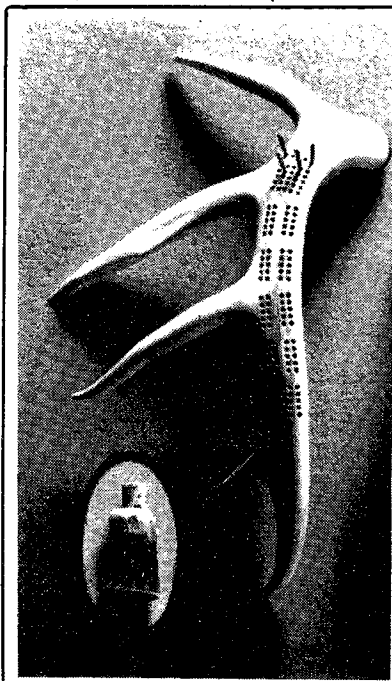
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Bob Gilbert  
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Larry Loupee

After not playing cribbage with anyone but my wife and then grandchildren for over 30 years, I joined the Grass Roots club at Madison, Wisconsin, last month. When I mentioned it in a letter to my daughter in California, she sent back a little poem she says I wrote for her when she was learning the game. Others may want to share it; so here it is.

What do you play it for?  
It's such a silly game.  
"Fifteen two & a pair is four,"  
It always sounds the same.  
Why is it a "stink-hole"  
When there isn't any smell?  
And when you "skunk" a man,  
You say you're doing well.  
Why do you holler "go"  
Then never leave your place?  
And when you rack up "19"  
Why such an ugly face?  
Cribbage is such a silly game  
I think you've sold your soul  
Just moving little tiny pegs  
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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).

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1 BLESSING, GEORGE	NARRAGANSETT	RI	578
2 SARGENT, BART	WESTWOOD	MA	440
3 REDDY, FRANK	SWAMPSCOTT	MA	370
4 GUDAUSKAS, WILLIAM	ROCKVILLE	CT	361
5 LIZARRIBAR, DELIA	MARTINEZ	GA	349
6 SAMET, LAURENCE	WELLESLEY HILLS	MA	317
7 PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	316
8 SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	311
9 CABELL, KEN	MODOC	SC	270
10 L'ITALIEN, AL	PEABODY	MA	265
11 O'CONNOR, FRANK	DEDHAM	MA	260
12 ARONOFF, PHYLLIS	QUINCY	MA	231
13 BERHAUPT, ED	SCHENECTADY	NY	230
14 BICKFORD, GEORGE	AGAWAM	MA	198
15 ANDREW, RICHARD	HINSDALE	NH	196
16 SMITH, RHONDA	BRISTOL	CT	189
WESCOTT, CLIFFORD	WESTBROOK	ME	189
18 YOUNG, JIM	SUFFIELD	CT	188
19 GAUTHIER, JACK	NEW BRITAIN	CT	186
20 CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	168
21 GOMBATZ, ROBERT	RALEIGH	NC	152
VETTERLINE, KEN	BAR MILL	ME	152
23 MUSARD, ALBERT	LINCOLN	RI	145
24 MARTIN, KEN	AGAWAM	MA	141
25 DENNINGER, TRACY	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	FL	135

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2	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	791
3	HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	622
4	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	525
5	GRUBER, JERRY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	521
6	MADSEN, RALPH	CRYSTAL LAKE	IL	482
7	SHIMP, JEFF	ALLEGAN	MI	479
8	HAMILTON, RON	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	432
	SOMMER, ROBERT	EXCELSIOR	MN	432
10	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	404
11	WRZENSINSKE, ELLEN	STURTEVANT	WI	402
12	MCMANUS, JIM	MILWAUKEE	WI	398
13	WERGIN, JOE	MADISON	WI	392
14	FLETCHALL, CHARLES	GRIMES	IA	357
15	SMITH, ALVINA	LYNDON STATION	WI	346
16	FABIAN, JIM	NAPERVILLE	IL	337
17	LARSON, CARL	DULUTH	MN	326
18	SIEWERT, PAM	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	318
19	REIN, JOAN	CARVER	MN	317
20	JERDEE, JOY	ROBBINSDALE	MN	306
21	OGDEN, DICK	DES MOINES	IA	304
22	MORELAN, JIM	LITTLE CANADA	MN	299
23	WARD, BETTY	MENOMONEE FALLS	WI	277
24	LIPINSKI, MIKE	MUNDELEIN	IL	269
25	MCCABE, BOB	BROWN DEER	WI	265

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	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	MORGANTI, BOB	NEWMAN	CA	660
2	HERNANDEZ, MODESTO	YOUNTVILLE	CA	642
3	JENSEN, BILL	LOS ALTOS	CA	606
4	MIGHT, MIKE	MISSOULA	MT	563
5	REID, REX	QUINCY	CA	550
6	AULT, CLYDE	BAKER	OR	508
7	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	487
8	KILLION, AMALEE	SAN LUIS OBISPO	CA	454
9	ZABROWSKI, FRANK	MONTEREY	CA	449
10	ANGELL, JIM	CONCORD	CA	439
11	GOLIK, GLENNA	SALEM	OR	424
12	GRIFFIN, MICKEY	LINCOLN	NE	398
13	CHANDLER, RUSSELL	FRESNO	CA	390
14	TSURUDA, TATS	LIHUE	HI	389
15	PARKER, ERNIE	HAWTHORNE	CA	382
16	BLOOM, ED	CUPERTINO	CA	349
17	BLECKER, ED	AURORA	CO	344
18	JAMPOLSKY, DAVE	BAKER	OR	340
19	HILL, BILL	HERMISTON	OR	328
20	KAHN, BURNELL	SAN LORENZO	CA	319
21	JOHNSON, GLENN	SANTA CLARA	CA	318
22	VAN ORSOW, BO	REDMOND	OR	316
23	PARADIS, PETER	SANTA MARIA	CA	300
24	BINGHAM, JESSE	BOUSE	AZ	286
	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	286

## JULIAN HEADS UP PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION FOR ACC

President Joseph Wergin has appointed Bob Julian of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the post of Chairman of Publicity and Promotion.

Julian's background is:

President for 25 years of Spectracolor, Inc., a company specializing in the manufacturing of printing plates for cans for the beverage industry. Plates are processed for nearly 100 different soft drinks and beers for major manufacturers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He retired in 1986 from full-time service and now serves as a consultant. Bob was a former production manager and reporter for "The Stars & Stripes" in Europe, the Armed Services' most famous newspaper. During his service he covered such stories as the automobile accident involving Gen. George S. Patton, and a period at the War Crimes Trials at Nurnberg.

He belongs to Variety Clubs, Inc., Inter-

national Printing House Craftsmen's Club, Milwaukee Pen and Mike Club and other social clubs. His hobbies are cribbage, bowling, fishing; Julian has bowled with Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, Dick Weber, Dave Soutar, Dave Davis, Marshall Holman and many other top professional bowlers; he finished second in the 1986 National Open at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bob has been married to Hazel for nearly 50 years and has one son and 5 grandchildren. He is a life member of the ACC since 1980 and has served on the Board of Directors in 1984, 1985, and on various committees.

He maintains an office in downtown Milwaukee, which also functions as the office of Publicity and Promotion for the American Cribbage Congress. Any Congress member is welcome to stop in and visit if in Milwaukee. The address is 121 North Broadway, first floor; phone number is (414) 273-5255.

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## CRIBBAGE CORNER

### PEGGING POINTERS

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When your opponent is one or two holes from victory, you can safely throw certain cautions to the wind. A play which could give up three, four, or even five holes in the pegging is no longer more dangerous than a play which can give up only two holes. You would never play a 6 on your opponent's lead of a 4 under normal circumstances, but the truth is, he/she can peg on your 6 only with a 5 or a 6. If your hand happens to be 2-5-5-6, don't automatically reach for the 2 when opponent leads a 4. There are eleven cards in the deck which would allow opponent to peg on your 2 (three 2s, four 3s, and four 9s). There are but five cards (two 5s and three 6s) which would allow opponent to peg on your 6. And, don't forget to look at the cut. If the cut was a 5 or a 6, your odds are even better playing the 6.

Normally, you wouldn't play a 6 when opponent leads a 3, for fear of giving up 15 for 4. But if opponent needs only two holes to win, what's the danger? Opponent can peg on your 6 only with a 6. Play anything else, and opponent has at least two different possible pegging cards. So the 6 is actually your best play.

Suppose you hold A-A-5-9. Both you and opponent need two holes to go out. Opponent leads a 3. Don't do what you would automatically do any other time in the game; namely, reach for the 9 to prevent opponent from scoring a run. While it's true that opponent can score a run if you play an Ace, it's also true that he/she cannot score a 15-2. Opponent is no more likely to peg at least two holes on your Ace than on your 9. But if opponent does NOT peg on your card, you are more likely to peg on his/her next card if you played the Ace. Why? Because he/she cannot put the count over 15. You will have a shot at a pair OR a 15-2. You will peg not only if opponent plays a 5 or a 9, but also if he/she plays a 6, 10, J, Q, or K. Playing your 9 on opponent's 3 allows him/her to put the count over 15, so that you can peg only by pairing.

To summarize, when your opponent needs fewer than three holes to win, play so that he/she is least likely to peg, not so that he/she is likely to peg the least. And if your choices are equal, make the play which gives you the best chance of later pegging on opponent.

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