



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## A Q-POOL POINT OF VIEW

The "insurance" or "Q-Pool" consists of separate wagers that contestants place on their performances (results achieved) in the qualifying or preliminary round of a tournament. Although the Q/insurance pool entry is optional, most players participate and enjoy it because:

1. It provides another opportunity to wager and win.
2. It enables a player who does well in the qualifying round to win money even though he/she might be eliminated early in the playoff matches.

The insurance/Q-Pool was introduced several years ago. In various tournaments many contestants did well in the qualifying round and then were eliminated early during the playoffs and discovered they received little or no reward. Thus, the conception of the insurance/Q-Pool.

Although purists may claim the terms "insurance pool" and "qualifying pool" refer to different types of pools, common usage finds that these terms are generally used interchangeably.

Participation in these pools is usually optional (a separate wager), and tournament directors usually opt for one of two ways to conduct an insurance/Q-Pool. One way is to reward the qualifiers (or a certain percent) with equal remuneration. In this type, all participants who attain a certain level during the qualifying round are paid the same amount.

The other way rewards the participants on a graduated basis, i.e., those who do the best in the qualifying round are rewarded the most, etc.

Regardless of the payback method utilized, I believe that tournament directors should have the option of choosing the type of insurance/Q-Pool they wish to conduct. Each system has its own merits.

I prefer the graduated payback system because of the following;

1. It rewards based on productivity. Those individuals who scored the most should be rewarded more, etc. Although many factors contribute to the scores, it just does not seem "right" to me that an individual who might earn 38 game points should receive as much of an award as one who earns 27 game points.
2. It increases the motivation to win. The graduated payback adds that extra incentive to keep winning, since the better one does, the better will be the payoff. While participating in the equal payback system, participants who know they have already qualified realize they have nothing to gain by additional winning. This infrequent temptation may lead to losing a game to a "friend" who needs that game to qualify and share in a reward. I certainly realize that this

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

It's a great cribbage winter! Being snowed in for a few days at a time and with 15 to 30 degrees below, there is a great opportunity to get the family playing cribbage as we did in years gone by. This is a splendid opportunity to get the kids to play.

# # #

Butch Reynold's survey has some interesting questions and, no doubt, tournament competitors will do a lot of thinking and discussing. Apparently, there are many people who believe that the present system is inadequate. When the Congress was in its infancy, the Board of Directors decided to have a rating plan. The best suggestion at the time was the one we are using with a few modifications, and the bonus plan was added at the Buffalo meeting several years ago. We had no expert advice in setting up a system. Perhaps we should have talked to contract bridge officials, as they had about 50 years' experience in conducting rating-point tournaments.

# # #

Don't abuse the tournament setup in regards to entry fees and awards that we have now. Believe it or not, there are a few states in which a tournament cannot be conducted because of the entry fee. One tournament director contacted me several months ago for all the legal rulings I have on hand in regards to this subject. Don't use the term "entry fee," but call it "registration fee." We don't have such a thing as a "Q-Pool," but we do have an "insurance fund." Wagering between players at sanctioned tournaments is forbidden, and people involved are to be expelled. Every state has different laws. It is noted that most registration blanks contain the wording "No Gambling Allowed!" As a tournament director, it behooves you to have a copy of the gambling laws of your state with you at the tournament so that you can answer any questions.

## INSURANCE/Q-POOL

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is a rare occurrence, and the great majority of us need no extra incentives in the desire to win.

3. Finally, the Board of Directors of the American Cribbage Congress, in essence, concurred with the graduated payback system when it voted to award rating points via a graduated system to the top qualifiers in the main tournament qualifying round.

Syl Lulinski  
Tournament Commissioner

## JUDGING UPDATE

We closed out 1987 with the following new judges:

Judge  
ID #

127 Matti, Gaylord  
128 Austin, George  
129 Tofte, Donald  
130 Moore, Dennis  
131 Johnson, Ken  
132 King, Charles  
133 Capul, Vincent

Madison, WI  
Englewood, FL  
Madison, WI  
Saratoga, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Monterey, CA  
Monona, WI

## JUDGES' CORNER

"Cribbage Goof" of the month: Using the tournament long board, your opponent is on "4th Street," hole 105. The opponent has 10 points to peg. Instead of advancing the peg to hole 115, the opponent places the peg on "1st Street" opposite hole 115 and releases the peg. A judge is now called ... what is your ruling?

## RULING

Our judges ruled the peg would be put behind the front peg on "4th Street," and the opponent would lose the count.

Frank Zabrowski  
Monterey, CA

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## CRIBBAGE CORNER

### PEGGING POINTERS

Dan Barlow

It seems that the pegging game should be the one aspect of cribbage in which the expert has a clear advantage over the intermediate player. Luck should be equal, and no one should have trouble figuring out which cards to throw to the crib. But if you've ever done any kibitzing at a tournament, you've undoubtedly seen people make some pretty strange tosses. I, myself, have thrown away many tournament games by tossing the wrong cards.

Needing a dozen to go out, with first count, in a crucial tournament game, I was once dealt 2-3-4-8-10-K. I kept 2-3-4-10, which wins if a 2 or a 3 is cut, but I should have kept 2-3-4-8, which wins on a 2, 3 or 4 cut. Needless to say, the cut was a 4, and I pegged nothing.

Here's another boner I pulled in competition: Needing only three holes to win, with first count, I was dealt A-3-8-J-J-Q. I saved A-3-J-J, which wins on any of six cuts, or any time I match the suit of one of my Jacks. Pretty good odds, but A-8-J-J, 3-8-J-J, A-J-J-Q, and 3-J-J-Q all win on any of seven cuts, or a matching Jack. Of course, the cut was a 6, and I pegged nothing. Had I saved A-8-J-J, I'd have been a lot happier.

You'll probably say that these mistakes are forgivable given the pressure and time constraints of tournament cribbage, and you may be right. But what would be unforgivable would be for me to

encounter the same hands in the same situations and make the same mistakes. It's not a bad idea to keep a mental or even written notebook in which you file away the mistakes you make. The same hands, situations and decisions do come up over and over, and if you learn from your mistakes, you'll continue to improve.

Here are a few items from my own file. 10-Q is better than Q-K. When throwing to your crib from a hand such as 4-5-6-10-Q-K, throw 10-Q, not Q-K. True, either way you need a Jack to form a run, but 10-Q can form a run and even a double run without a Jack (8-9-10-10). Q-K is comparatively useless without a Jack.

Everyone likes to throw 5s in their cribs, especially your opponents, but the truth is that it's rare that he/she can afford to pitch a 5. The 5 usually goes with more than one of his/her other cards. Thus, it's a good idea to give your opponent A-9, 2-8 or 3-7 and, yes, you can even get away with 4-6 most of the time; although I don't recommend it to those with weak hearts.

Aces, deuces, Queens and Kings don't form runs as easily as the other cards. Put them in your opponents' cribs, not your own. Don't throw away points to keep from giving an opponent A-2 or Q-K. Those aren't as dangerous as they

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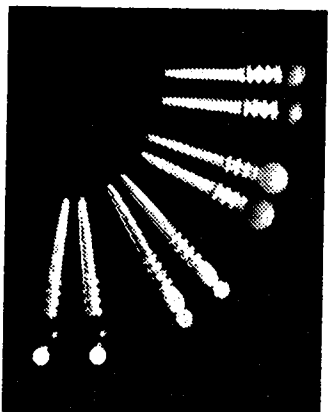
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Qualifying Round: Top 1/8 earns one-quarter points, i.e., 100 players, top qualifier earns 25 points, 2nd earns 23, etc.

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).

## TOURNAMENTS ENTERED THIS MONTH

- 1 CONNECTICUT YANKEE
- 2 ELBOW ROOM
- 3 JESSE JAMES OPEN

## EASTERN REGION

		POINTS	
NAME	CITY	ST	YEAR
1 PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	526
2 CHAMBERS, JOHN	ESMOND	RI	466
3 DINWOODIE, AL	SLOCUM	RI	424
4 CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	356
5 NEWSOM, TONY	SHIRLEY	MA	331
6 SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	313
7 PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	294
8 SMITH, MEDFORD	BROOKLINE	MA	292
9 SEYMOUR, WILLIAM	WARWICK	RI	280
10 RAMOS, JOE	W. WARWICK	RI	264
11 TAYLOR, BERNICE	PROVIDENCE	RI	264
12 MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	255
13 LUND, KATHLEEN	GORHAM	ME	250
14 PLOURDE, BOB	UNIONVILLE	CT	243
15 DEKENIPP, BOB	SHIRLEY	MA	232
16 STROMBERG, CARL	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	225
17 PALMER, CHARLES	BELCHERTOWN	MA	209
18 SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	203
19 STROMBERG, STUART	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	202
20 MCGIBNEY, JOHN	BURLINGTON	VT	195
21 O'CONNOR, PATRICIA	DEDHAM	MA	189
22 FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	188
23 O'CONNOR, FRANK	DEDHAM	MA	170
24 COOK, KENNETH	AGAWAM	MA	168
25 CYR, RHONDA	BRISTOL	CT	166

## CENTRAL REGION.

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS
				YEAR
1	MORELAN, JIM	LITTLE CANADA	MN	317
2	SHIMP, JEFF	ALLEGAN	MI	286
3	UPTON, NORBERT	EAGEN	MN	263
4	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	262
5	KOOISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON	SD	242
6	MCCABE, BOB	BROWN DEER	WI	234
7	DANIELSKI, FRANK	APPLETON	WI	220
8	HAMILTON, RON	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	218
9	ROWLEY, LARRY	MADISON	WI	211
10	ST. JOHN, ED	SUPERIOR	WI	204
11	DAHL, JAMES	BLAIR	WI	201
12	MADSEN, BOB	CHICAGO	IL	196
13	JENSEN, LORRAINE	SHELBY	IA	181
14	LAWRENCE, LEO	WEST ALLIS	WI	176
15	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	168
16	NEUNSINGER, RICHARD	OELWEIN	IA	157
17	JULIAN, BOB	MILWAUKEE	WI	153
18	AIRD, DONNA	GLADSTONE	MI	146
19	ZIMMER, ALOHA	FRIEND	NE	141
20	GRIFFIN, MICKEY	LINCOLN	NE	138
21	CROUCH, JOHN	INDIANOLA	IA	131
22	GOEDERT, JERRY	PALMYRA	WI	128
23	JACOBS, HERMAN	OMAHA	NE	121
24	DOCKTER, JACK	CANNON FALLS	MN	119
25	FOILES, JIM	MUNDELEIN	IL	118

## WESTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS
				YEAR
1	KOZLOWSKI, TONI	RENO	NV	360
2	JENSEN, BILL	LOS ALTOS	CA	350
3	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	344
4	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	323
5	BRANDON, LIZ	BEND	OR	319
6	PARADIS, PETER	SANTA MARIA	CA	308
7	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	268
8	BOLDUC, OMER	SALINAS	CA	263
9	INGELS, FRANK	DUFUR	OR	245
10	LANGLEY, JAMES	RED BLUFF	CA	226
11	CATALANO, VINCE	SANTA CRUZ	CA	224
	HANES, RAY	SOLDOTNA	AK	224
13	STEVENS, TOM	OROVILLE	CA	214
14	MONROE, JEFF	CONCORD	CA	210
15	GEARIN, JOYCE	DUFUR	OR	197
	SISSSEL, GENE	BAKER	OR	197
17	GOOD, LARRY	SEASIDE	CA	192
18	HERR, TED	AUBURN	CA	190
19	HELGESON, BARBARA	FOREST GROVE	OR	182
20	KUVAAS, MIKE	STAYTON	OR	178
21	SCHILL, ARNIE	HELENA	MT	176
22	MACKIE, GEORGE	SMITH RIVER	CA	169
23	HALLER, ANNE	BEND	OR	168
24	YORKE, HARVEY	NOVATA	CA	167
25	SISSSEL, LES	BAKER	OR	163

## IN MEMORIAM

MARGUERITE P. DUKES Madison, WI

On Christmas Day, Marguerite passed on after a long illness. She was a registered nurse, having graduated from St. Ann's of Chicago and spent her career there until 1960, when she returned home to Madison. A son Peter survives her.

Marguerite, who learned cribbage in the nurses' dormitory, was a charter member of the Congress, holding Card WI-0011. Our President, Joseph P. Wergin, has stated many times that she was the spark that ignited him into active cribbage play and promotion, which led ultimately to the formation of the American Cribbage Congress.

So great was Marguerite's influence on Mr. Wergin's cribbage activity that a page in his book is devoted to her, bearing the words:

Dedicated to Marguerite,  
a lovely cribbage companion  
and the inspiration of this work.

Now, all possessors of the book will understand why Joe always places his autograph upon the dedication page.

May she rest in eternal peace!

## IN MEMORIAM

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## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

### OBSERVATIONS OF A TOURNAMENT PLAYER

I've been going thru the December issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD for maybe the fourth time.

What leads me to comment is the little paragraph at the bottom of the second column on p. 10. Little filler items such as "If you peg ..." can be useful reminders for most cribbage players. I would encourage you to do more of that. It can help in scoring, and those reminders can help with the "niceties" of the game.

For instance -

I was playing in the New England Tournament last fall. I was surprised at how many opponents turned their cards face down after a "31." The rules say not to do that.

Many players played their cards one on top of the other, instead of "in overlapping fashion with all cards plainly visible."

Many players picked up their hands, counted them mentally, then spread them on the table and counted them aloud, instead of simply laying their cards down and counting aloud.

Several players picked up the crib, counted to themselves, then put it on the table and counted aloud, instead of simply turning the crib over, spreading it out for the opponent to see, then counting aloud.

Also, too often players will count the hand or crib, fold it and peg; they really ought to count, peg and fold -- to give the opponent a better opportunity to verify the count.

I know most of these are small things, not covered by the Rules, but if we do it right, cribbage can be a much more pleasant game.

Name withheld upon request

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The Master Points listed in the Tournament Results are correct to the best of our knowledge. The final authority for accuracy of both the names and points rests with Statistician Bob McCabe and Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski.

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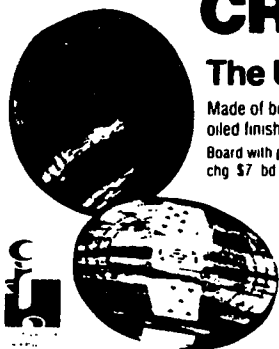
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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### February 19-21, Arizona State Tournament

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Contact: Charlie Fletchall, 2248 Floyd Drive, Mesa, AZ 85205, 602-985-8705.

### February 20, Willows Tournament

Willows Elks Lodge, 150 South Shasta Street, Willows, California. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, door gift.

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

### February 20-21, Oregon State Championship

Carey Foster Hall, Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, Oregon. Entry fee: \$30. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

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

### February 28, Central New England Open

Moose Lodge #1129, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$33. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

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

### March 4-6, Capital City Tournament

Days Inn, 1780 County Road, D East, Maplewood, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Ron Hamilton, 1685 Pioneer Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 612-429-3639.

### March 5, Hayward's 6th Annual Tournament

Miguel's Restaurant, 22865 Atherton Street, Hayward, California. Entry fee: \$35 (\$40 if postmarked after February 14). Continental breakfast, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Kate MacDonald, 22245 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94541, 415-538-2044.

### March 11-12, Fairfield Tournament

Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$42. Early Bird Doubles, breakfast, lunch.

Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-428-4343.

### March 11-13, Northwest Open

Kopper Kitchen, Sunridge Lane, Baker, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Rob Palmer, 2771 2nd, Baker, OR 97814, 503-523-4231, or Bette Sissel, 503-523-7834.

### March 18-20, Warren L. Swett Memorial

American Legion Post 171, 406 Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: John Swett, P.O. Box 214, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 815-459-4276 or Ralph Madsen, 815-459-2713.

### March 18-20, Western New York Open

Regency Best Western, 4408 Milestrip Road, Buffalo, New York. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: E. Hargesheimer, 3536 South Creek Road, Hamburg, NY 14075, 716-649-1622.



## **THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL**

### March 18-20, The Boston Classic Tournament

Quality Inn Downtown, 275 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Pairs or High Rollers, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Harry Molloy, 32 Janock Road, Milford, MA 01757, 617-478-0102.

### March 26-27, Super Bowl III

Elks Lodge #1538, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, California. Entry fee: \$85. Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Q-Pools, Sunday breakfast, Consolation.

Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93456, 805-937-1911.

### March 27, South Shore Tournament

Elks Club, School Street, Randolph, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$33. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: George Webb, 92 Robbins Street, Avon, MA 02322, 617-588-4526.

### April 8-10, Tri-Cities Open

The Dome - Water's Edge Motel, Marinette, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$37. Friday Night Classic (pre-registration by 4/7/88 - \$50), Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

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

### April 8-10, Montana Open

AMVETS Club, 225 Ryman, Missoula, Montana. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, pig roast, Last Chance.

Contact: DeLynn Colvert, Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-543-6855.

### April 8-10, Oregon Coast Classic

The Elks Club, 1907 3rd, Tillamook, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32. Early Bird Singles and Doubles, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Pat Crozier, 14491 SE 172nd, Clackamas, OR 97015, 503-658-5595, or Bernie Nelson, 503-965-6410.

### April 15-17, Southern Oregon Tournament

Elks Lodge, 225 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, coffee, danish, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Beatrice Parker, 911 Queen Anne, Medford, OR 97504, 503-773-5568.

### April 16, San Francisco Masters Tournament

The Press Club, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, California. Entry fee: \$100. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Doubles Consolation, luncheon.

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

### April 16-17, The North Carolina Open

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

Contact: Howard Baum, 3003 Ft. Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303, 919-484-5178.

### April 24, The Rhode Island Open

Holiday Inn, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. Entry fee: \$33 (No walk-ins accepted). Saturday Night Early Bird, coffee, danish, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.

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

# PEGGING POINTERS Dan Barlow

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may seem.

A lot of people always break up the points in bad hands, hoping for a miracle cut. Most of them would be shocked to learn how often the best strategy on these hands is just to save the most points possible.

Dan Barlow is author of the book

"Cribbage for Experts"

\*and Future Experts" (\$5.00)

and now resides at 4114 Livingstone Place, Durham, NC 27707.

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# DOWN THE ROAD

## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Greater Hermiston Open (OR)	Apr. 29, 30, May 1
Hawkeye Classic (IA)	Apr. 29, 30, May 1
Sertoma Classic (CO)	Apr. 30-May 1
Great Plains Classic (NE)	May 1
World Championship Tournament (CA)	May 7
"100" Challenge (WI)	May 14
Palmetto Classic (SC)	May 20-22
Snake River Open (OR)	May 20-22
Cupertino Tournament (CA)	May 21
Minnesota Open	May 21-22
Connecticut Championship	May 22
California Classic	June 11
Pacific Coast Championship (CA)	June 25-26
Independence Day Open (NV)	July 1-3
State of Maine Tournament	July 17
National Open (NC)	July 30, 31, Aug. 1
Great Plains Classic (NE)	Aug. 7
New England Championship (CT)	Aug. 26-28
ACC Grand National Tournament (WI)	Sept. 23-25
Dante's Tournament (MA)	Nov. 6
Great Plains Tournament (NE)	Nov. 6
Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 11-13
Connecticut Yankee	Dec. 4

## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### April 22-24, World Masters Classic X

Ramada Inn, 3841 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$41 (\$48 non-ACC members). Early Bird, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance (Grass Roots, Thursday, 4/21/88, 7:30 p.m., Ramada Inn).

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# RULE BOOK CHANGES APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Note: The sections preceded by a star are tournament requirements.)

## Page 12

Change heading to: Tournament Guidelines and Requirements.

Change I to: I. Entry Blank

The entry blank shall designate a space for the American Cribbage Congress membership number.

\*Change II to: II. Number of games

- a. A minimum of 20 qualifying games shall be played in two day tournaments and a minimum of 11 qualifying games in a one day main tournament. The minimum number of qualifying games in a consolation tournament is 9 for a two day tournament and 7 for a one day tournament.
- b. Tournament will qualify 1 out of 4 players (with the exception of an allowance to add 1 to provide an even number when desired). Tournament directors have an option to limit qualifiers to 64 in any tournament; this must be approved by the Tournament Commissioner, stated on the entry form, and announced to the entrants prior to the start of the tournament.
- c. A tournament director may qualify less than one out of four under the "grandfather clause," with prior approval from the Tournament Commissioner. This exception must be noted on the tournament flier and announced to the entrants prior to the start of the tournament.

\*Change III to III. Elimination Playoffs

- a. Elimination playoffs shall consist of a minimum of three out of five in a two day main tournament and two out of three in a one day main tournament.
- b. In consolation playoffs, the minimum is two out of three in both two day tournaments and one day tournaments. In a one day consolation tournament, the tournament director has an option to conduct one game playoffs down to the top 16.
- c. In order to earn "rating points," all tournaments (1 or 2 day main or consolation) must have elimination playoff matches.

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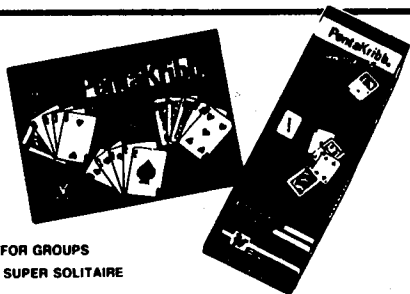
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## SLOW PLAY

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The reasons for slow play can be analyzed several ways: 1) the player who talks incessantly and who can only talk or play but cannot do both at one time; 2) the players who are constantly indecisive regardless of what cards they're being dealt or whose crib it is; 3) the players who are doubtful of any decision they have ever made and therefore take undue time to make a choice, knowing in their minds that whatever choice they make will be the wrong one; 4) the player who shuffles and shuffles and shuffles and then during the deal turns a card over and has to repeat the

process; 5) once having made a choice of what to discard, the doubting player now can't decide what to lead or what card to play on the opponent's lead.

The list goes on and on and on.

There are, perhaps, as many excuses for slow play as there are players who drag their feet through each and every tournament or Grass Roots meeting.

It is hoped that everyone has patience with the players who are of advanced age or who are not seeing too well or who are attending a tournament for the first time. We have either been in that position or may well be at some point in the future.

In the meanwhile, slow play is tantamount to being behind a driver doing 25 mph on a two-lane highway posted at 50 with no opportunity to pass.

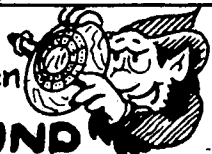
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Hermiston, Oregon  
December 4-6, 1987  
Director: Allen Stilwill  
Number of Entries: 94/52

### Main Tournament

1. Joyce Gearin	Dufuir, OR
2. Otto Barthelow	Baker, OR
3. Roy Hofbauer	Washougal, WA
4. Danella Hartung	TriCities, WA

MP

134
106
88
75

### Consolation

1. Dalene Palmer	Baker, OR
2. Ron Carper	Hermiston, OR
3. Bill Jones	Hermiston, OR
4. Bill Hill	Hermiston, OR

MP

46
32
23
17

## ELBOW ROOM CHAMPIONSHIP

Missoula, Montana  
December 12-13, 1987  
Director: John Hill  
Number of Entries: 55/24

### Main Tournament

1. John Hill	Missoula, MT
2. Gene Miller	Florence, MT
3. Rex Paddock	Missoula, MT
4. Matt Joseph	Missoula, MT

MP

95
67
49
36

### Consolation

1. Kim Ridge	Bonner, MT
2. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT
3. Shirley Carlson	Osburn, ID
4. Gene Sissel	Baker, OR

MP

12
8
4
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## CRIBBAGE

by Edgar A. Guest

With fifteen two and eight are ten  
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Three centuries, and more, good men  
their cribbage hands have scored.  
And strangely, by the rules they made  
three hundred years ago  
The game today is being played  
without a change to show.  
What to throw the crib and what to hold  
my father taught to me.  
"Turn up the jack, take two," he told  
You get two points for every pair.  
And as the game goes on  
Remember here and everywhere,  
it's two for thirty-one.  
Now this is what I would like to know  
and often wish I knew,  
Who was it in the long ago  
first counted "fifteen two"?  
Who thought of cribbage as its name,  
the pairs and double runs,  
The pegs, the board, and left the game  
for dads to teach their sons.

Detroit Free Press  
August 20, 1955

## A REPLY BY HARRY J. MERITT

Mr. E.A. Guest:  
Dear Sir:

I've often wondered, just as you,  
who first cooked up this "fifteen two."  
But bless his soul, he's served mankind  
and if him, I would ever find  
I'd search on Heaven's highest hill  
he should be there, I'm sure he will.  
I'll take a cribbage board with me  
and hold it up for him to see.  
He'll tell the guards, "Let that man in"  
and promptly give the cards a spin.  
He'll pass the deck and cut for deal  
and then, you bet, at home I'll feel.  
Then while the hours flee swiftly by  
I'll find out when and how and why  
He ever thought of such a game  
or ever gave it such a name.  
I'll let you know, if I find out  
just what this cribbage's all about.

Many will comment that the poem by  
Mr. Guest is rather sexist, but bear in  
mind that it was written well over 30  
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The direct mailing project is in high gear, as 287 packets extolling the benefits of Congress membership have been sent out, covering almost every state. A second mailing is being posted about the time you receive this magazine, and it contains about 650 names. Other contacts have been made to secure preferred lists of names and addresses of non-members.

The first mailing was made on December 13 and 14, and results started coming in four days later. Our sales pitch must have been excellent, as we obtained 21 new members, a return of 7.3%; and more will be coming in. The large mailers are satisfied with a 3.6-4.0% return on their direct mailings. We received two Life Memberships in the returns.

In addition, some people ordered cribbage items advertised in CRIBBAGE WORLD, which was included in the mailing, but did not take out memberships.

appreciation for giving members an extensive cribbage program. As this article goes to press, supporters have sent checks ranging from \$5 to \$60. Several methods of reaching non-members have also been suggested. Here are the names of our sponsors at this time:

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