



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## STU STROMBERG WINS INVITATIONAL HARRY PALMER TOPS ACC OPEN

What would be the odds of two cribbage players from the same city, both belonging to the same Grass Roots club, traveling 3,000 miles to Reno and each picking up first place in the top two events of the weekend? Long, long odds!!!

Harry Palmer and Stu Stromberg, both of West Springfield, Massachusetts, and both members of Hartford Metro Club #26, took top honors in Reno during the weekend of February 5-7, 1988. Palmer topped a record-smashing field of 648 players and defeated Norb Kniech of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, at the Sands Regent Hotel and Casino in the ACC/Open. Palmer picked up 648 Master Points to add to the 526 he had previously acquired since September.

Rich Terry of Kingsley, Iowa, finished third by narrowly defeating Hal Browning of Sacramento, California.

Stu Stromberg had his usual great flight from Reno from the snowy East and decided that rather than lose momen-

turn, he wouldn't sleep before the Invitational. It wasn't a pretty sight, but he held out long enough to get hot cards in the seventh game and edge out Omer Bolduc of Salinas, California. Jerry Gruber of Minneapolis, Minnesota, took third place, and Bob Morganti of Newman, California, finished fourth. No Master Points are awarded to any of the 232 players who participated in the Invitational Tournament of Champions.

A great deal of credit and thanks must go to Joan Rein, Syl Lulinski, and Bob Madsen for two well-orchestrated and organized tournaments, plus two very large consolation events. Joan, Bob and Syl expressed their appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who assisted throughout the weekend.

The Sands Regent Hotel, represented by Barbara Woodward and staff, left no stone unturned in their efforts to make this a most enjoyable weekend for all the tournament participants and guests.

### A REMINDER TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

If you want to give your tournament a little publicity, either before or after or both, we're always pleased to insert an

article in CRIBBAGE WORLD. You write a little release, and we'll publish it.

DBM - RLP

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PLAN AHEAD

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

This scribe always has a program going in order to give people the opportunity of enjoying their cribbage games more fully. At the recent tournament in Reno, many people came up and thanked me personally for my efforts in involving them in the sociability and the competition offered by the Congress. It is nice to realize that some people appreciate our great efforts.

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Received a call the other day from the Madison Retired Senior Volunteer Program director to take on four additional elementary schools this spring and to introduce cribbage to the fifth graders. I readily accepted this opportunity because I have a retired University of Wisconsin professor, David Love, to assist me. Previously, my efforts have been with seventh graders. This is the way our youth program should be conducted. It may even flush out some cribbage-playing parents of these new students. I consider this teaching assignment a part of the President's sponsorship and recruiting project. George Webb, Avon, Massachusetts, has joined our recruiting team and will focus his attention on the New England area.

Since the last report, several excellent contributions have been received. One appreciative gentleman "tithed" the winning of a sizeable tournament prize. The donors since the last report are Sam Broomall, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Gaylord Matti, Madison, Wisconsin; Fabian A. Nelson, Salem, Oregon; Albert Odom, Cayce, South Carolina; Maureen R. White, Medford, Massachusetts; Kent

Colling, Clayton, California; and Director Harry Palmer, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

With the support of only 25 donors from a membership of 5,600, it was possible to conduct our direct mailing of 827 pack-

ets, which brought in 75 new members. This does not include the 23 new members solicited at the Congress Open in Nevada last month.

At least 3,000 people were reached by our mailing efforts. If only each addressee told his or her spouse, friends or family that a national crib organization existed, from time to time more memberships will be received due to a chain reaction.

85 more packets are to be mailed upon receipt of extra copies of CRIBBAGE WORLD. Readers, if you know of another company that deals with computer cribbage games, rush me its address. Two firms advertising in the February issue did the Congress a great favor by making their mailing lists available; but don't forget, postage eats into our meager funds.

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The Drueke Company announced an increase in long board prices beginning February 1, 1988. Grass Roots clubs will have to pay an extra 50¢ per board (now \$6). Another club is being organized in Des Moines under the direction of Del Henderson. The Roots just keeps spreading and will make a thousand-player tournament more possible in 1989.

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# NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the 1988 elections for the ACC Board of Directors. Since this is an even year, there will be 12 members elected to the Board (there are 13 candidates running in odd-numbered years). However, since part of the recent reorganization of the ACC included holding elections every two years (with the entire 25 members of the BOD running for election at one time), the Directors running in 1988 will serve only a one-year term. The terms of all BOD members will therefore expire at the end of cribbage year 1988-89.

Vice President/Policy Ev Bey has selected three Directors, one from each region (none are up for re-election this year); Liz Brandon, Oregon; Al Dinwoodie, Rhode Island; and Bob Julian, Wisconsin.

Directors whose two-year terms expire in 1988 are:

Jim Arblaster, Florida  
John Chambers, Rhode Island  
DeLynn Colvert, Montana  
Shirley Fitzpatrick, Wisconsin  
Dick Graham, Colorado  
Scott Kooistra, South Dakota  
Syl Lulinski, Illinois  
Bob Madsen, Illinois  
Bob McCabe, Wisconsin  
Dale Munroe, Connecticut  
Joan Rein, Minnesota  
Joe Seigle, Connecticut.

The terms of five Directors who were one-year presidential appointments will also terminate in August:

Jerry Dickinson, Wisconsin  
Jim Fabian, Illinois  
Law, Massachusetts  
ff Monroe, California  
John Ranne, Arizona.

Any member of the ACC in good standing is eligible for nomination. However, potential candidates should seriously consider the following before deciding whether or not to seek election:

1. It is expensive to be a member of the BOD. Members are expected to attend (if possible) all three Board meetings each year. All are expected to travel at their own expense to Raleigh, Reno and the site of the Grand National (Milwaukee in 1988).
2. There is now an attendance requirement. At the last BOD meeting in Reno (2/88), it was voted that any member who is absent from 50% or more of the meetings (beginning with cribbage year 1989) without a valid reason will have the remainder of his/her term filled by a Presidential appointment.
3. As the ACC continues to grow, it is expected that the members of the BOD will contribute their time working on the various opportunities and problems confronting the ACC. This means that BOD members will be expected to volunteer for committee work and will seek and provide input on a continuing basis. Many BOD members devote a significant amount of time every week working on ACC matters.

To be considered for election, potential nominees must do the following:

1. Submit your name, address, telephone number on a standard sheet of paper containing the signatures and ACC numbers of at least five members in good standing.
2. Enclose with your nominating petition a brief autobiography containing 50 or fewer words for publication in the May issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD. Petitions without an autobiography will be considered as incomplete.
3. Nominating petitions must be post-marked no later than April 15 (an easy date to remember -- tax return deadline time).

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

Dick Graham reports that 78 players attended the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Cribbage Championship. 44 stayed and played in the Consolation Tournament, while playoffs went on for the Singles Championship. On Sunday there were 60 players (30 teams) in the Pairs Championship. Interestingly, there were no 28-hands in either the Singles or the Consolation, but two in the Pairs, when only five cards are dealt!

Ed Hambek of Lakewood came up the

ladder from 10th qualifier to beat the top qualifier, Don Mees of Denver, for the Singles title. He got a trophy board plus possession of the Jack Gardner Memorial Trophy for 1988. Ken Ehrich of Morrison nosed out Bob Rosenberg of Boulder for the third spot. The Consolation champion was Miles McMillan of Colorado Springs, beating Reef Paine of Denver, and the Pairs champions were Gloria Lamb of Denver, teamed with Roger Wilson of Boulder, over Blecker and Brad Peterson.

## AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

Alabama	1	Louisiana	0	Oklahoma	14
Alaska	23	Massachusetts	318	Oregon	879
Arkansas	3	Maryland	22	Pennsylvania	32
Arizona	102	Maine	32	Rhode Island	270
California	789	Michigan	117	South Carolina	35
Colorado	179	Minnesota	318	South Dakota	16
Connecticut	114	Mississippi	0	Tennessee	12
Dist. of Columbia	2	Missouri	6	Texas	19
Delaware	3	Montana	129	Utah	0
Florida	237	North Carolina	155	Vermont	79
Georgia	27	North Dakota	3	Virginia	43
Hawaii	19	Nebraska	175	Washington	202
Iowa	129	New Hampshire	23	West Virginia	0
Idaho	25	New Jersey	23	Wisconsin	503
Illinois	221	New Mexico	5	Wyoming	3
Indiana	23	Nevada	95	Canada	14
Kansas	11	New York	122		
Kentucky	5	Ohio	46	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5623</b>

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## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

A friend of mine, Larry Danbonm, an avid cribbage player, sent me a copy of the following, nonplayer's description of the grand old game of cribbage written by a Charles McDowell, Jr., an uninitiated player.

Upon reading this, from both the view of a nonplayer and from a player, I thought it was a very witty description and one it would be appreciated by our members. I tried to recall the first time that I saw cribbage played, and I sympathized with Mr. McDowell. If you have the space, you may wish to use it in a future issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD.

I really enjoy reading CRIBBAGE WORLD and wish to take this means of thanking you for what I know is a lot of effort in writing and publishing it. Keep on pegging.

Jack H. Corbett  
Wilmington, NC

Charles McDowell, Jr.  
(Probably written in the 1950s or early 1960s)

Fifteen-two, fifteen-four and ...

Hoyle and the Encyclopedia Britannica and all the other authorities agree that a man named Sir John Suckling invented the card game called cribbage some time between 1609 and 1642. Nobody even pretends to know why.

But I have a theory. My theory is that Sir John invented cribbage so everyone who didn't know how to play would feel inferior in the presence of those who did, presumably Sir John and a few selected fellows at the club.

Cribbage is still a sort of secret society, full of ritual, mumbo-jumbo passwords, magic numbers, arbitrary rules, and thinly veiled snobbery toward nonplayers. The object of the game is to impress the kibitzers. (All this, of course, applies to cribbage as it is played in a semipublic way in clubs, parlor cars, locker rooms, lounges, and all-night restaurants. Played in the privacy of the home, the object of the game is to point out errors in your wife's scoring.)

The best players are those who can simultaneously intrigue, confuse and madden any nonplayers who are watching. The truly great players are those who succeed in baiting a kibitzer into asking to be taught to play and finally condescend to teach him at a quarter a game and a penny a point, and double for lurches or skunks, whatever they are.

From the point of view of a kibitzer, I think I can give you an idea of how a typical two-handed game goes. The two players are sitting there with a deck of cards and a cribbage board, which has rows of little holes in it and pegs in a few of the holes. They are laying down cards alternately.

"Four," says the first player, laying down a four.

"Eight for two," says the second player, also laying down a four, and he moves a white peg two spaces on the board.

"Fifteen for two," says the first player, laying down a seven and moving a red peg two spaces.

"Eighteen," says the second player, producing a three, but he doesn't move a peg, perhaps because he doesn't feel like it.

"Twenty-eight," says the first player, laying down a queen, and he has given up the pegs too.

"Thirty," says the second player, playing a two.

"Go!" says the first player, and the second player moves a peg.

"Twenty-three skidoo," says the kibitzer, but nobody laughs.

It makes no sense, but it goes like that until each player has laid down all four cards in his hand. Then, instead of dealing again right away, they retrieve their cards, spread them face up, and begin jabbering at each other again.

"A pair is two and his nobs is three," says the first player, moving one of his pegs slightly.

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# MASTER POINT PARADE



HOW MASTER POINTS ARE EARNED:

TOURNAMENT MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS.

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

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

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

## TOURNAMENTS ENTERED THIS MONTH

- 1 GEORGIA OPEN
- 2 MIDWAY OPEN
- 3 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

### ACC EASTERN REGION

NAME		CITY	ST	POINTS 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
	TAYLOR, BERNICE	PROVIDENCE	RI	264
12	MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	255
13	LUND, KATHLEEN	GORHAM	ME	250
14	ODOM, ALBERT	CAYCE	SC	249
	PLOURDE, BOB	UNIONVILLE	CT	249
16	DEKENIPP, BOB	SHIRLEY	MA	232
17	STROMBERG, CARL	GREENFIELD	MA	225
18	PALMER, CHARLES	BELCHERTOWN	MA	209
19	SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	203
20	STROMBERG, STUART	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	202
21	READ, ROBERT	WINTER GARDEN	FL	198
22	MCGIBNEY, JOHN	BURLINGTON	VT	195
23	O'CONNOR, PATRICIA	DEDHAM	MA	189
24	FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	188
25	MAYER, JOHN	AUGUSTA	GA	172

ACC  
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	DELWEIN	IA	157
17	JULIAN, BOB	MILWAUKEE	WI	153
18	AIRD, DONNA	GLADSTONE	MI	146
19	ZIMMER, ALOHA	FRIEND	NE	141
20	GRIFFIN, MIKEY	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

ACC  
WESTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS
				YEAR
1	KOZLOWSKI, TONI	RENO	NV	360
2	GEARIN, JOYCE	DUFUR	OR	353
3	JENSEN, BILL	LOS ALTOS	CA	350
4	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	344
5	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	323
6	BRANDON, LIZ	BEND	OR	319
7	PARADIS, PETER	SANTA MARIA	CA	308
8	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	268
9	BOLDUC, OMER	SALINAS	CA	263
10	INGELS, FRANK	DUFUR	OR	245
11	HANES, RAY	WALLA WALLA	WA	244
12	LANGLEY, JAMES	RED BLUFF	CA	226
13	CATALANO, VINCE	SANTA CRUZ	CA	224
14	STEVENS, TOM	OROVILLE	CA	214
15	MONROE, JEFF	CONCORD	CA	210
16	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	HOFBAUER, ROY	WASHOUGAL	WA	181
21	KUVAAS, MIKE	STAYTON	OR	178
22	SCHILL, ARNIE	HELENA	MT	176
23	MACKIE, GEORGE	SMITH RIVER	CA	169
24	HALLER, ANNE	BEND	OR	168
25	YORKE, HARVEY	NOVATA	CA	167

## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

### Continued

"Fifteen-two, fifteen-four and eight's a dozen," says the second player, moving one of his pips quite a distance.

"What's all that mean?" asks the kibitzer desperately.

"Two fifteens and a double run. It's simple," the player replies. "I believe you could catch onto this in less than a month."

Then one of them starts "counting the crib," which is still another phase of their mysterious game, and the kibitzer is left wondering why men who can comprehend all this aren't devoting their talents to advanced physics, or decoding secret messages, or confusing somebody as worthwhile as Mr. Khrushchev.

### NOMINATIONS

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#### 4. Send nominating petitions to

Jeff Shimp  
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Questions can be addressed to Shimp at the above address or by phone at the following numbers:

616-673-4550 (home)  
616-673-7539 (business).

Jeff Shimp  
Allegan, MI

### ABERRATIONS

Noel Gould, 77 years young, scored his first 28-hand in a local 7-game match in Missoula, Montana, recently ... and about 25 deals later, scored ANOTHER 28-hand. Talk about aberrations of statistics! And along those same lines, how about Scot Kozlowski of Reno, Nevada? Only FOUR 29-hands have been scored this cribbage year ... and he has TWO!

DeLynn Colvert  
Missoula, MT

## THOUGHTS ON MUGGINS

To mug or not to mug, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler ...

At any cribbage tournament, stand back and look at the heads of the seated players. You see white hair, gray hair, and bald pates. And it's the same whether there are 40 players or 400. Let's face it -- we as a group are getting older. Of course, there's a scattering of young folks, and that's good. But it's good enough. We must have an influx of new players, whatever their ages. And then we must retain these new players in order to ensure the growth, if not the survival, of our wonderful game of cribbage.

Muggins was in effect at the invitational Tournament of Champions at Reno, and properly so. But you can play all day long in that tournament and never hear muggins invoked. Because skilled players seldom get mugged.

Aside from the Tournament of Champions, muggins is a tool that allows skilled players to enhance the advantage of their skill and thus to more efficiently dominate and defeat the newcomer and the less-skilled players. They might find themselves without the many less-skilled opponents that presently make up a tournament. Purses and Master Points then would be drastically reduced.

Muggins is fine for the Tournament of Champions. And it is a good way to "spice up" a match between skilled players. But it is, by far, the most effective way to discourage or "turn off" a new player. He/she has enough problems.

By following a "no muggins" format in our tournaments, let's try to keep newcomers returning so that they, become "skilled" players.

Ken Cambell  
Modoc, SC

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



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## ACC MEMBERSHIP MASTER POINT

	YES/MORE	NO/LESS
1. Do you participate in 3 or more sanctioned tournaments per year?	90%	10%
2. Do you look at the Master Point National Ratings when they are published in CRIBBAGE WORLD?	95%	5%
3. Have you ever received an invitation to the Tournament of Champions by acquiring Master Points?	56%	44%
4. Do you feel the current system for awarding Master Points is as equitable as possible?	43%	57%
5. Do you feel the top 1/8 earning one quarter points (Master Point System) for the qualifying round is equitable?	56%	44%
6. If you answered "No" to Question 5, do you think the Master Points given for the qualifying round should be more or less?	94%	6%
7. Do you think the number of Master Points given for the main tournament, in relation to the qualifying round, is equitable?	58%	42%
8. If your answer to Question 7 is "No," do you feel more or less points should be given?	12%	88%
9. Do you feel that the bonus points given to the top 4 finishers in tournaments with more than 40 players is equitable?	51%	49%
10. If you answered "No" to Question 9, do you feel the bonus should be more or less?	6%	94%
11. If you answered "Less" to Question 10, do you		

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## RANDOM SURVEY

	YES/MORE 86%	NO/LESS 14%
feel the bonus should be eliminated?		
12. Do you feel the top 1/8 earning half points (Master Point System) for consolation tournaments is equitable?	68%	32%
13. If you answered "No" to Question 12, do you feel there should be more or less?	83%	17%
14. By qualifying 25% of the field, it is mathematically no more difficult to qualify in a large tournament than a small one (based on 40 or more players). Because of this, should Master Points awarded in the qualifying round be changed to disregard the number of participants in the tournament?	52%	48%
15. In larger tournaments, it would be more difficult to qualify in the top few places. Should a bonus point system be instigated to account for this?	47%	53%
16. The only difference in winning a tournament with 256 players and one with 128 players is winning one more match in the playoffs. Currently the Master Points awarded are double. With this in mind, do you feel it would be more equitable to give Master Points for the qualifying round and then award a set number of points for each match won in the playoffs?	75%	25%

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DeLynn Colvert  
Missoula, MT

## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Our cribbage club meets the 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday each month, and I thought it a bit unusual that we are meeting three times in the shortest month, February 1988. For a bit of trivia, I checked the perpetual calendar; and to my surprise, our next five-Monday February will be 2016. I will be 98 years old then and for various reasons may not be able to attend.

Thanks to Sir John Suckling for inventing this fascinating, sometimes maddening card game that I have been able to enjoy for the past 52 years.

Alvard E. Olson  
Covina, CA

## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

World Championship	May 7
Tournament (CA)	May 14
"100" Challenge (WI)	May 20-22
Palmetto Classic (SC)	May 20-22
Snake River Open (OR)	May 21
Cupertino Tournament (CA)	May 21-22
Minnesota Open	May 22
Connecticut Championship	June 11
California Classic	June 12
Miller Lite Classic (RI)	June 17-19
Cascade Classic (OR)	June 17-19
Milwaukee Challenge (WI)	June 25-26
Pacific Coast Championship (CA)	July 8-10
Independence Day Open (NV)	July 17
State of Maine Tournament	July 30, 31, Aug. 1
National Open (NC)	Aug. 7
Great Plains Classic (NE)	Aug. 26-28
New England Championship (CT)	Sept. 23-25
ACC Grand National Tournament (WI)	Oct. 2
New Hampshire Open	Oct. 7-9
Portside Open (VA)	Oct. 15
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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: \$30. 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, 503-773-5560.

### 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.

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### May 13-15, Jaycees Tournament

VFW Hall, 810 H Street, Crescent City, California. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Saturday coffee and doughnuts, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Arman Gunnerson, P.O. Box 884, Crescent City, CA 95531, 707-487-4302.

### May 14, "100" Challenge

Delavan House Hotel, 225 East Walworth Avenue, Delavan, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$100. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Gene Biegler, P.O. Box 862, West Bend, WI 53095, 414-334-2980.

### May 14, World Championship Tournament

Plumas County Fairgrounds, Highway 70, Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, California. Entry fee: \$50. Friday Doubles Warm-up, coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pool.  
Contact: Mike Taborski, P.O. Box B, Quincy, CA 95971, 916-283-0800.

### May 20-22, Palmetto Classic

Holiday Inn Northeast, 7510 Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina. Entry fee: \$38. Early Bird, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Al Odom, 1042 Indigo Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033, 803-794-6392.

### May 20-22, Snake River Open

Eagles Lodge, 222 Bower Avenue, Nyssa, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Michelle Park, P.O. Box 2374, Nyssa, OR 97913, 503-372-5249.

### May 21, Cupertino Kiwanis Tournament

Cupertino Recreation Center, Voss and Foothill Boulevard, Cupertino, California. Entry fee: \$45. Coffee, doughnuts, BBQ steak lunch.  
Contact: Louis L. DeLu, 22273 Cupertino Road, Cupertino, CA 95014, 408-253-4645.

### May 21-22, Minnesota Open

Sheraton Park Place Hotel, 5555 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$41. Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. (See April CRIBBAGE WORLD for tournament application form.)

### May 22, Connecticut Championship

Ukrainian Hall, Route 66, North Windham, Connecticut. Entry fee: \$39. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238, 203-742-7234.

### 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 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).  
Contact: Gaylord Matti, P.O. Box 5049, Madison, WI 53705, 608-238-6470.

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### 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.

### April 29-30, May 1, The Greater Hermiston Open

Eagles Lodge, 160 NW 2nd, Hermiston, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31.50. Early Bird Singles and Doubles, Saturday coffee, rolls, Q-Pools, Saturday night banquet, Consolation, Last Chance.

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

### April 29-30, May 1, Hawkeye Classic

Sheraton Inn, 11040 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Iowa. Entry fee: \$52. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Larry Loupee, 410 East 2nd Street, Newton, IA 50208, 515-792-7000 (Ext. 8439).

### April 30, May 1, Sertoma Classic

Elks Club, 5749 South Curtice, Littleton, Colorado. Entry fee: \$31.50. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tournament.

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

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Reno, Nevada  
February 6-7, 1988  
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Number of Entrants 648/390

**FLORIDA CLASSIC**  
Kissimmee, Florida  
February 13-14, 1988  
Directors:

Marlyne and Jim Arblaster  
Number of Entrants: 86/42.

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Harry Palmer	W. Sp'fld., MA	648
2. Norb Kniech	Brown Deer, WI	620
3. Rich Terry	Kingsley, IA	602
4. Hal Bowling	Sacramento, CA	589

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. D. Boscher	Racine, WI	215
2. Norm Wright	Madison, WI	201
3. Mary Burchelle	N. Brighton, MN	192
4. Ed Bloom	Cupertino, CA	186

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Joe Daesch	Miami Sp., FL	126
2. Jim Hartley	Wake Forest, NC	98
3. Russ Fisher	Orange City, FL	80
4. Hayes Shimp	Plandome, NY	67

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. D. Lizaribar	Martinez, GA	41
2. Orville Huss	Wild Rose, WI	27
3. Don Pulver	Hialeah, FL	18
4. Wilbur Wright	Niceville, FL	12

**ACC INVITATIONAL**  
Reno, Nevada  
February 5, 1988  
Director: Joan Rein  
Number of Entrants: 232/152

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Stu Stromberg	W. Sp'fld., MA	
2. Omer Bolduc	Salinas, CA	
3. Jerry Gruber	Minneapolis, MN	
4. Bob Morganti	Newman, CA	

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Gerald Brooks	Portland, OR	
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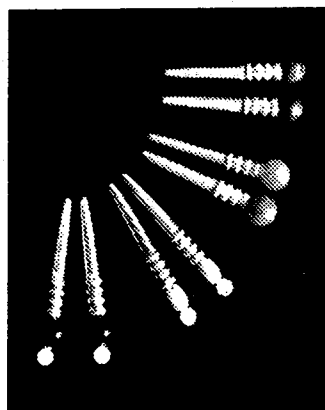
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### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Littleton, Colorado

January 23-24, 1988

Director: Dick Graham

Number of Entrants: 78/44

#### Main Tournament

1. Ed Hambek	Lakewood, CO	MP 118
2. Don Mees	Denver, CO	90
3. Ken Ehrich	Morrison, CO	72
4. Bob Rosenberg	Boulder, CO	59

#### Consolation

1. Miles McMillan	CO Springs, CO	MP 42
2. Reef Paine	Denver, CO	28
3. Bill Shirland	CO Springs, CO	19
4. Dick Graham	Englewood, CO	13

### CLACKAMAS CLASSIC

Clackamas, Oregon

January 30, 1988

Director: Pat Crozier

Number of Entrants: 139/100

#### Main Tournament

1. Rose Cannon	Portland, OR	MP 170
2. Al Dempsey	Milwaukee, OR	1
3. Jim Waldorf	Madras, OR	13
4. Bruce Taylor	OR City, OR	120

#### Consolation

1. Miles Davis	Molalla, OR	MP 70
2. Roy Hofbauer	Washougal, WA	56
3. Tom Markham	Mt. Lake Ter., WA	47
4. Greg Tungate	Portland, OR	41

### GEORGIA OPEN

Augusta, GA

January 23-24, 1988

Director: Luis Lizarribar

Number of Entrants: 86/60

#### Main Tournament

1. Al Odum	Cayce, SC	MP 126
2. John Mayer	Augusta, GA	98
3. Earl Luton	Eliz. City, NC	80
4. L. Brech	Lawrenceville, GA	67

#### Consolation

1. Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	MP 50
2. Dan Samonsky	Belvedere, SC	36
3. Ford Weeks	Columbia, SC	27
4. Wayne Williams	Fayetteville, NC	21

### GREAT PLAINS WINTER CLASSIC

Lincoln, Nebraska

February 7, 1988

Director: Jack Wunderlich

Number of Entrants: 104/50

#### Main Tournament

1. Duane Hilbers	Omaha, NE	MP 144
2. Ken Odle	Lincoln, NE	116
3. Ray Dalton	Lincoln, NE	98
4. Don Rouse	Lincoln, NE	85

#### Consolation

1. R. Mattieson	Shelton, NE	MP 45
2. Arne Tuomisto	Omaha, NE	31
3. Richard Smith	Fairmont, NE	22
4. Ron Harbers	Lincoln, NE	16

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You're playing in a major tournament, and you need this game to get into the big money. But the cards haven't been coming your way. You're 32 holes from home, and your opponent needs only 6. You've kissed the game and the tournament goodbye. You've even sent your spouse out to the parking lot to warm up the car.

Then you pick up 3-5-5-5-J-K. You save 5-5-5-J. It's not the right Jack; it's hearts, and you have the 5 of hearts. But you've never had a 28 hand. Your heart starts racing. Studies have shown that the average heart rate of a cribbage player rises from 70 to 115 when holding three 5s and a face card. As your opponent cuts the deck, you think, "Oh, please, let it be a 5! I'll never ask for another cut as long as I live if I just get this one. Come on! FIVE! FIVE!"

You turn over the top card, expecting to see the 8 that you've seen every one of the hundreds of times you've had a shot at 28 or 29. But it's a 5!!! The fourth 5! A TRILLION TO ONE SHOT!! It takes all of your will power to keep from jumping up and screaming, "My first 28 hand! HALLELUJAH!" It dawns on you that you probably won't even get to count this hand, but who cares? You lived to hold the magic cards. It's like holding a \$10,000 bill.

The guy sitting across from you leads the 10 of hearts. You score 15-2 with the satisfying knowledge that he can't peg on your 5. His 9 of clubs makes the count 24, and you score a go with your second 5. Now he leads a 7. He hasn't shown 6 points yet. Maybe you'll get to count his hand after all. But not if you choke here. What's your play?

Does it matter which card you play if he needs 11 rather than 6? (Answers appear elsewhere)

Here's another problem. This time you get to count your first 29 hand. Or do you?

Your Hand  
5-5-5-J

Cut  
5

The Play So Far

Her

K

K (25)

4

You

5 (15-2)

5 (30-1)

?

Does it matter what you play and, if so, what DO you play if she needs 9 to win? What if she needs 11? How about 16?

### SOLUTIONS

#### Problem 1

If he needs 6, you play the Jack, of course. He can peg on your Jack only with a Jack and if he has a Jack, he has enough points to go out. If you play the 5 and his last card is a 3, well, you didn't deserve the opportunity to count your 28 hand anyway. If he needs 11 rather than 6, you should play the 5. He can peg on your 5 only with a 6 or a 3. Either way, he won't make it home. But if you play the Jack and his last card is the right Jack, he pegs two for the pair, one for a go, and he has 8 points. Your 28 hand wilts on the vine.

#### Problem 2

If she needs 9, play the 5. If she can peg on that, she has you beat anyway. You can't let her peg if her last card is a Jack. If she needs 11, play the Jack. You're worried that she has a 3. If she needs 16, play the Jack. The five holes she'll peg with a 6 are just enough to put her out if you play the 5.

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