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GRASS ROOTS BEGINS 5TH SEASON

The Grass Roots program had a humble beginning. The idea of having local community clubs could not get any support as officials concluded that major tournaments were what the Congress was all about.

Madison Metro Club #1 began the season alone back in 1983, and then came John Swett's Crystal Lake Club, followed by Butch Reynolds' Santa Maria Club and Bob McCabe's Milwaukee group. Hargy Hargesheimer of Hamburg's Western New York Club jumped on the bandwagon as the year 1983 ended.

Ford Weeks got the Columbia, South Carolina, club rolling with the assistance of Al Odom. Jeanie Hill of Hermiston, Oregon, activated her club and then things began to happen. Jeanie sold the idea to leaders in Bend, Prineville, and Baker, and cribbage Grass Roots began to sprout in other places. As the 1988-89 season opens, there are 61 charters.

Purposes of Grass Roots

The slogan of the Grass Roots is "Take tournaments to the players and eliminate travel." The other ideas include:

1. Organize clubs at the local hometown level, the small communities. Have clubs from 12 to 40 players. When clubs get larger, divide into two clubs.
2. Awards should be on the basis of 1 to every 5 players. Since then, it is

recommended that prizes be on the 1 to 4 ratio to keep more people happy and eliminate the dropout problem.

3. Club play provides a social activity two or four times a month.
4. Have a rating point schedule that is equitable: 1st receives 100% of the number of entries; 2nd, 80%, 3rd, 70%; 4th, 60%, 5th, 50%, 6th, 40%, etc. No bonus of any kind.
5. Help the inexperienced players to improve their game by giving them tips.
6. Players become familiar with the round robin movement and the scoring of game points. When they enter a major event, they are comfortable and do not make costly mistakes. Grass Roots is the "farm system" for the majors.

Membership and Financing

From the start, everyone had to be a member of the Congress to play in the Grass Roots. In addition, a fee of \$2 must be paid annually for general expenses. Guests may play twice and must then take out a membership. In the event a guest wins an award, he/she immediately becomes a member. The dues are taken out first, and the remainder of the award is given to the new member. What could be fairer?

Grass Roots is self-financing and doesn't receive help from the Congress nor does

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Congress is now in its tenth year. Time has gone fast. It was formed on August 6, 1979, and every year membership increases and we extend into new areas. A letter was received from a member of the Armed Forces who is stationed in Germany. He learned about the Congress and desires to promote the game at his base.

The possibility of Grass Roots clubs on all military installations in the world along with the units of the fleet appears tremendous. We have programs and information that would be welcomed by every cribbage player in service. All promotional material available was rushed to the man's APO address.

Then came a letter from a coed attending an Eastern college. She heard about the Congress and wanted to organize a tournament at school. It was suggested that she first form a Grass Roots cribbage club in a dormitory or sorority and later challenge another unit to a match. It was mentioned to this collegian that the writer foresees the possibility of the Big Ten, the Eastern Coast Conference, the Pacific Athletic Conference, and other such associations to vie for a league championship followed by a national meet. The bridge people sponsor such a program.

Here at Madison, Wisconsin, we plan to teach cribbage this winter and have an

all-university tournament in the spring. This scribe had a program of teaching skat, sheepshead and then cribbage at the recreation center some years ago. This time around, we shall promote cribbage exclusively. Just thinking big again!

There is an interesting form of cribbage solitary that is played around our circuit and that has been used to teach beginners the counting of hands. Ivy Heggestad of St. Cloud, Minnesota, has made the game more interesting by making a board game of it. Her version is very challenging, as it adds a new dimension to solitary play.

JUDGES CORNER

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it make a monetary contribution. In order to raise the necessary funds, a national tournament is held once a year, with each club playing 18 games at home and sending in the entry fees and score-cards to headquarters. One prize list is made. \$4 out of each entry goes into the Grass Roots treasury.

Commissioner System

Two years ago your President turned over the program to Jerry Dickinson and named him Commissioner of Grass Roots. He, in turn, names the directors /commissioners of the local programs--the people who start the local club and receive the charter. This director forms his/her own cabinet, as he/she alone is responsible to Dickinson. If a cabinet member isn't doing a good job, he/she can be replaced easily. This is not true if local groups want to elect secretaries and treasurers.

Divisions

In the first years, there were two divisions: clubs playing 20 nights a year and those playing 40 nights. Competition was not fair because of the size of clubs. Jerry came up with his system of classifying the clubs according to the possible number of rating points that could be earned in the entire year. So, now there are six divisions and six champions.

The next article will show how the system operates.

J.P.W.

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

One of my long-time college friends, Bruce Hegge, and I have thought of a small variation on the game of cribbage that we like to play, even though we now live 400 miles apart. In order to pursue our favorite pastime of cribbage and keep in touch at the same time, we play cribbage by mail.

To start the game, the dealer mails the opponent his six cards and then the opponent mails back his two cards that go in the crib and the first play. Obviously, you must be able to trust your opponent not to "peek" when he deals, but then it IS a gentleman's game. At this point, we usually have a neutral party cut the deck for the starter card. Play continues back and forth with each card that has been played mailed back each time. After the play is over, the opponent counts his own hand and mails all the cards back, and then the dealer counts his hand and crib. The next round is started with the new dealer's own deck of cards. We keep track of our progress on a sheet of paper that travels with the cards and our own boards at each house.

As you can see, the game takes quite a long time to play. In the two years we've been playing, we have finished one game (I got skunked) and just started another. If you know someone who you'd like to keep in touch with and who is one of your favorite cribbage players, you might give this long-distance game a try.

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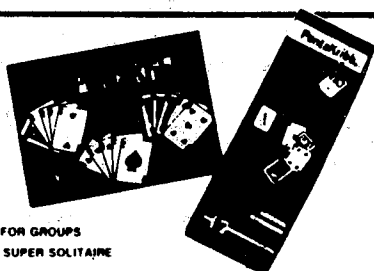
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THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

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September 23-25, ACC-Grand National Tournament

Red Carpet Inn, across from the airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$40 (\$47 non-ACC members). Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Awards Banquet (\$30), Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Bob McCabe, 9393 N. 60th, Brown Deer, WI 53223, 414-354-0103.

September 23-25, Blue Mountain Open

Eagle's Lodge, 1212 Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. Entry fee: \$27. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Ron Lesley, 2508 N. 4th, La Grande, OR 97850, 503-963-7887.

September 23-25, Capital City Classic

Moose Lodge, 4750 North Montana Avenue, Helena, Montana. Entry fee: \$31.50. Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Vivian Carter, 415 Leslie, Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-8376.

September 24, Wine Valley Tournament

Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third Street, Napa, California. Entry fee: \$58. Friday Night Doubles, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation, wine tasting, dinner.
Contact: Jack Monroe, 811 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2020.

October 2, New Hampshire Open

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Boulevard, Exit 4, Route 3, Nashua, New Hampshire. Entry fee: \$37. Saturday Night Doubles, Q-Pool, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Al Miller, 12 Michael Avenue, Nashua, NH 03062, 603-882-7204.

October 7-9, Montana Championship

Quality Inn, 1609 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: DeLynn Colvert, Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-543-6855.

October 7-9, Portside Open

Holiday Inn, 8 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth, Virginia. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, coffee, Saturday luncheon, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Stan Daniels, 604 Cornwall Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701, 804-488-0651.

October 9, West Bend Classic

West Bend Royal, West Washington Street, West Bend, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$37. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Gene Biegler, PO Box 862, West Bend, WI 53095.

October 14-16, Niagara Falls Championship

Summit Motor Inn, 9500 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, coffee, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: William Kraatz, 6755 Rose Court, Niagara Falls, NY, 716-731-5902.

October 15, California State Singles

Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, California. Entry fee: \$45. Friday Night Doubles, Q-Pools, coffee, rolls, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Warren Bush, 4271 North 1st Street, Space #131, San Jose, CA 95134, 408-942-9012.

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

1988

October 16, Vermont Tournament

Ramada Inn, Exit 14E, I-89, South Burlington, Vermont. Entry fee: \$37. Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Fred McGibney, 175 Hineburg Road, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-863-5135.

October 22, Oroville Round Board Tournament

Eagles Club, 2016 Montgomery Street, Oroville, California. Entry fee: \$37.50. Friday Night Warm-up, coffee, doughnuts, lunch.

Contact: John Mathews, 1729 Boynton Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966, 916-533-7793.

October 22-23, Colorado Championship

Elks Club, Littleton, Colorado. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pool, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tournament.

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

October 29, Minnesota Valley Open

VFW Post 1791, County Road 10, Chaska, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$32. Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: Jim and Joan Rein, PO Box 306, Carver, MN 55315, 612-448-2459.

October 29-30, Idaho State Championship

Roy's Turf Club, 523 Cedar Street, Wallace, Idaho. Entry fee: \$42. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: Roy Carlson, 523 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID 83873.

November 4-5, Bay Area Championship

Freemont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Freemont, California. Entry fee: \$50. Early Bird Doubles, continental breakfast, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Robert "Bo" Atkinson, 4348 Nagle Way, Freemont, CA 94536, 415-792-1302.

November 4-6, Fayetteville Classic

Howard Johnson Hotel, Exit 49, I-95 at Highways 53 and 210, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch (Saturday), Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Lois Lam, PO Box 11068, Fayetteville, NC 28303-2799, 919-867-6048.

November 4-6, Polish Open

Amora Villa Motor Lodge, 200 North Perkins Street, Appleton, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Frank Danielski, 2919 North Ballard Road, Appleton, WI 54915, 414-734-0022.

November 6, Dante Club Tournament

Dante Club, Baldwin Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: George E. Bickford, 15 Benton Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028, 413-525-4545.

November 6, Great Plains Fall Classic

Airport Inn, I-80 and Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15.

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

SYNOPSIS OF ACC BOARD MEETING

Raleigh, North Carolina
July 29, 1988

21 Board members present; 9 absent;
numerous visitors.

Minutes of previous meeting approved
with minor change.

Treasurer Fred McGibney presented final financial statement for fiscal year 1987-88 (ending June 30, 1988), showing net income of \$2,588.01 for the year, including \$174.75 in Cribadier General fund earmarked for junior cribbage promotion. Cash on hand at beginning of 1988-89 year, \$6,146.50. Report approved as presented. Next year's budget will be submitted for approval at the September 25 Board meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Franklin A. Wurman, Philadelphia attorney, submitted a written report on denial of ACC membership, suspension or expulsion of members allegedly involved in cheating episodes. As was requested, he will review present ACC By-laws for procedural conformance in such instances and will report at the next Board meeting if any amendment is necessary.

Executive Vice President Syl Lulinski presented a draft of proposed procedures for hosting future Grand National Tournaments and will present a final version for adoption at the Milwaukee Board meeting.

President Joe Wergin reviewed bids for reprinting the Tournament Rules Book, now out of print. Reprinting will be delayed until new rules changes are adopted; Chairman Dick Cornwell's committee is currently working on them; the September Board meeting is a target date for approval. By an 11-8 vote, the Board voted to charge new members for the new rules book (it has previously been given free to new members) and by

an 11-6 vote set the price for all members at \$1.

Two By-laws amendments presented by the Reorganization Committee were approved, correcting previous inadvertences: Art. III, d-5 -- "The Vice President-Policy shall also appoint committee chairpersons to deal with Constitution and Bylaws, playing rules, tournament regulations and guidelines..." (Establishes a separate committee for tournament regulations and guidelines, formerly included in Playing Rules Committee.) Art. V, b--"The nominations for directors shall be from the members of the Congress and submitted to a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Vice President,..." (Previously the committee was appointed by the President.) Both amendments take effect August 1, 1988.

Following discussion by President Wergin, the Board voted to raise the life membership fee to \$60 at age 60 (previously \$40) and the spouse life membership fee to \$25 (previously \$16), effective August 1, 1988. The Board also voted to confirm a \$3 per year fee for junior members and eliminated the \$3 yearly fee for spouses of life members.

Secretary-Membership Jeff Monroe reported 5,171 members, with 417 being rebilled in arrears, subject to being dropped from the roll.

Wergin and Butch Reynolds, Santa Maria, California, Director, reported that the International Cribbage Association centered in the Los Angeles Basin is defunct and that efforts are underway to enroll those ICA members in the ACC.

Tournament Commissioner Lulinski announced future Board meetings at Grand National in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 23, 1988, and at the Tournament of Champions in Reno, Nevada, January 26, 1989.

Harry Stoops of the Hialeah, Florida, Cribbage Club made a presentation to

host the 1991 Grand National at the Diplomat Hotel on September 27-29. The Board unanimously approved. (Besides the 1988 Grand National in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 23-25, the 1989 tournament will be held in Prineville, Oregon, and the 1990 tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

Acting on a suggestion by Wergin, it was decided to have the Board select future honorees for Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World and the Guy Pence membership award, with DeLynn Colvert (Missoula, Montana, Director) to present criteria and proposed awards at the September Board meeting.

Wergin also suggested that the Junior Tournament program be replaced by a youth education program. He will present details at the September Board meeting.

After ten votes no one received an 80% majority for entry into the Hall of Fame.

A proposal by Joe Seigle (Coventry, Connecticut, Director) to modify regulations for one-day tournaments was referred to the new Tournament Guidelines Committee. (Scott Kooistra, Yankton, South Dakota, Director has been named chairman of that committee and will make a preliminary report at the September Board meeting.)

Another proposal by Seigle, to rebate 25¢ from each \$1.50 sanction fee for local, state, sectional or regional membership recruitment efforts, was defeated. (Both of the above on behalf of the Northeastern Cribbage Association.) Similarly, Wergin's suggestion that temporary weekend memberships be sold at a reduced price for tournament entry was rejected.

Wergin also suggested that CRIBBAGE WORLD publicize the annual total donated to various charities by tournaments, with a listing of those benefitting and the amounts given by the various tournaments. T/C Lulinski will compile the information for future publication.

T/C Lulinski announced a recent mail vote of the Board approved a new policy, effective May 9, 1988, by a 22 to 1 vote: "Tournaments may not be held on the same weekend if they are within 400 miles of each other." (This replaces the previous 2-week, 250-mile limitation.)

Wergin's suggestion that retiring members of the Board of Directors be given the title of Honorary Director or Director Emeritus, allowing Board attendance and courtesies but no vote, was referred to Colvert for criteria, to be submitted at the September Board meeting.

A Constitutional amendment proposed by Seigle to further change Article V, j (Expulsion and Replacement of a Director who misses 50% or more Board meetings) was defeated. (This section was adopted in Reno last February.)

Two other Constitutional amendments were submitted by the Reorganization Committee: Art. V, a--(Changes term of office of appointed Directors) adding "Effective September 1989, terms for appointed members shall terminate on August 31 of the odd numbered years." (Previously limited to one year terms.) Approved. Also, Art. V, d--proposed amendment failed to get 2/3 required vote although winning 11-8 affirmative vote. As a result, the section's language is unchanged: "No more than four members of the Board shall be elected from one state." (The amendment would have deleted the word "elected" and allowed interstate moves.)

Wergin reported on the radio public service membership promotion now underway and asked for \$1,350 additional to underwrite its costs. He was instructed to submit it for budget consideration.

Grass Roots Commissioner Jerry Dickson reported on continued expansion of the program, noting that a regional decentralization would take effect September 1, as recently reported in CRIBBAGE WORLD.

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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 ARROWHEAD CLASSIC
- 2 CRESCENT CITY
- 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN
- 4 LEWIS AND CLARK
- 5 MAINE OPEN

ACC EASTERN REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	1224
2 SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	924
3 CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	860
4 O'BRIEN, ED	S. BURLINGTON	VT	536
5 CHAMBERS, JOHN	ESMOND	RI	524
DINWOODIE, AL	SLOCUM	RI	524
7 LEFEBVRE, AL	WARWICK	RI	523
8 NEWSOM, TONY	SHIRLEY	MA	515
9 FLOURDE, BOB	UNIONVILLE	CT	513
10 PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	510
11 SAMET, LAURENCE	WELLESLEY HILLS	MA	455
12 GUDAUSKAS, WILLIAM	ROCKVILLE	CT	449
13 MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	441
STROMBERG, STUART	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	441
15 SEYMOUR, WILLIAM	WARWICK	RI	416
16 SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	411
17 TAYLOR, BERNICE	PROVIDENCE	RI	405
18 SHOEMAKER, WILLIAM	W. HARTFORD	CT	399
19 DELSANTO, FRANK	PAWTUCKET	RI	391
WORLEY, JOHN	BURLINGTON	NC	391
21 FINLEY, K. C.	ENFIELD	CT	374
22 MOORE, CORINNE	WESTMINSTER	MA	373
23 VERADT, ALEX	TAUNTON	MA	372
24 HORIGAN, LEO	EASTON	MA	364
25 DYNDUR, GLORIA	WOONSOCKET	RI	349

ACC CENTRAL REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 GEORGE, GARY	STURTEVANT	WI	1088
2 MCCABE, BOB	BROWN DEER	WI	1082
3 ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	1048
4 LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	801
5 KNIECH, NORBERT	BROWN DEER	WI	754
6 TERRY, DICK	KINGSLEY	IA	692
7 SLOTE, GIL	ADAMS	NE	688
8 AIRD, JOE	GLADSTONE	MI	686
9 ROWLEY, LARRY	MADISON	WI	603
10 DANIELSKI, FRANK	APPLETON	WI	581
11 CANNON, JOHN	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	506
12 MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	479
13 SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	462
14 GRUBER, JERRY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	454
15 CUMMINGS, GRACE	MADISON	WI	442
16 SHIMP, JEFF	ALLEGAN	MI	441
17 PAULSON, GARY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	435
18 BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	415
19 NEUNSIINGER, RICHARD	OELWEIN	IA	404
20 DAHL, JAMES	BLAIR	WI	397
21 BOESEL, RAY	GLENBEULAH	WI	396
WRIGHT, NORM	MADISON	WI	396
23 HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	394
24 MCMANUS, JIM	MILWAUKEE	WI	385
25 HENZE, EARL	RUSHFORD	MN	373

ACC WESTERN REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	1566
2 JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	1221
3 COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	1013
4 MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	966
5 RYAN JR, JOHN	SAN LORENZO	CA	898
6 MILLER, GENE	FLORENCE	MT	890
7 SOUTHWICK, DICK	PASCO	WA	873
8 REID, REX	QUINCY	CA	700
9 KEELING, JIM	SPOKANE	WA	687
10 BOWLING, HAL	SACRAMENTO	CA	677
11 CHRISTY, LEON	RICHLAND	WA	621
12 GRANTZ, AL	KELSO	WA	609
13 NELSON, BERNIE	PACIFIC CITY	OR	591
14 OIEN, CHARLES	CLACKAMAS	OR	571
15 ROGERS, JERRY	SEATTLE	WA	566
16 GROSS, MARY JO	DENVER	CO	560
17 KIRKPATRICK, ROB	BEND	OR	559
18 NOHRDEN, TOM	DES MOINES	WA	558
19 MACKIE, GEORGE	SMITH RIVER	CA	540
MORGANTI, BOB	NEWMAN	CA	540
22 NOHRDEN, JAMES	AURORA	CO	540
23 SHIRLAND, BILL	DENVER	CO	539
23 WALDORF, JIM	MADRAS	OR	529
24 STARK, NORAL	DENVER	CO	528
25 TUNGATE, GREG	PORTLAND	OR	527

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY CLASSIC

Reno, Nevada
July 8-10, 1988
Director: Bill Irons
Number of Entries: 232/128

ARROWHEAD CLASSIC

Virginia, Minnesota
July 29-30, 1988
Director: Carl A. Larson
Number of Entries: 36/26

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Mark Flatto	Central Val., CA	272
2. Phil Morrison	Sunnyvale, CA	244
3. Nelson Price	Sacramento, CA	226
4. Earl Lovelace	Meridian, CA	213

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Betty Johnson	Spokane, WA	84
2. Frank Ingals	Dufer, OR	50
3. Mark Rickmyer	Concord, CA	61
4. Bernie Nelson	Pacific City, OR	55

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Dale Riley	Minneapolis, MN	36
2. Dennis Brown	Grand Rapids, MN	28
3. Jim Baker	Iron, MN	20
4. Kirk Mills	Cannon Falls, MN	12

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Earl Roberts	Superior, WI	13
2. Norbert Upton	Eagan, MN	9
3. Jack Dockter	Cannon Falls, MN	5
4. Frank Trojan	New Brighton, MN	1

MAINE OPEN

Gorham, Maine
July 17, 1988
Director: Dennis Cousens
Number of Entries: 124/66

FAIRFIELD TOURNAMENT

Fairfield, California
August 6, 1988
Director: George M. Halterman
Number of Entries: 96/--

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Larry Samet	Wellesley H., MA	164
2. Al Lefebvre	W. Warwick, RI	136
3. Paul Wagner	Avon, MA	118
4. Fred McGibney	S. Burlington, VT	105

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Al Dinwoodie	Slocum, RI	53
2. Sue Scholfield	Windham, ME	39
3. George Webb	Avon, MA	30
4. Phyllis Schmidt	Williamstown, MA	24

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Carl Huntsman	Napa, CA	136
2. Helen Bolstad	Martinez, CA	108
3. Derol White	Modesto, CA	90
4. Ed Bloom	Concord, CA	77

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FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

1988

New Hampshire Open	Oct. 2
Portside Open (VA)	Oct. 7-9
Niagara Falls Championship (NY)	Oct. 14-16
California Singles	Oct. 15
Vermont Tournament	Oct. 16
Boyleville Round Board Tournament (OR)	Oct. 22
Colorado Championship	Oct. 22-23
Minnesota Valley Open	Oct. 29
Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 4-5
Fayetteville Classic (NC)	Nov. 4-6
Polish Open (WI)	Nov. 4-6
Dante's Tournament (MA)	Nov. 6
Great Plains Tournament (NE)	Nov. 6
Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 11-13
Jesse James Open (MN)	Nov. 19
Midway Open (OR)	Dec. 2-4
Potawatomi Peggers (MI)	Dec. 2-4
Newman Open (CA)	Dec. 3
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ACC OPEN AND TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The American Cribbage Congress will hold its annual ACC Open again at the Sands Regent Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada.

The schedule of activities is:

Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 1989

Tournament of Champions
Friday, January 27, 1989

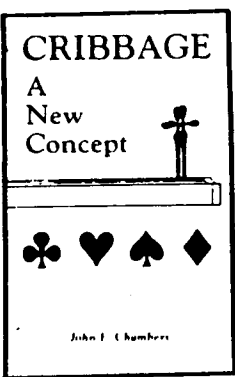
ACC Open
Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, 1989.

The Directors of the Tournament of Champions are Joan and Jim Rein. The Directors of the ACC Open are Jeff and Jackie Shimp. Syl Lulinski will be the coordinator for all of the events.

The December CRIBBAGE WORLD will contain the entry form for the ACC Open. Additional information regarding these events, including criteria for invitation to the Tournament of Champions, will be published in a future edition of CRIBBAGE WORLD.

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President Joe is a born promoter; ten years ago he found a cause, and he has devoted himself since that time on an almost full-time basis. Joe rises early and retires late and during those waking hours he is either on the phone, partici-

pating in tournament play or writing letters, but overshadowing everything is his devotion to the American Cribbage Congress.

We're convinced that Mr. Wergin has more promotional ideas in one week than most of us have in a decade but, unfortunately, many of his ideas fall upon unenthusiastic or deaf ears. After having seen membership grow from a handful of people to over 5,000 persons, after developing the idea of the Grass Roots, after seeing tournament play reach almost 90 per year nationally, last but not least, Joe is now involved in radio and TV promotional ads in order to "spread the word."

LEO SCHWEDRSKY RUNS TOURNEY FROM WHEELCHAIR

Several months ago Leo Schwedrsky, popular Wisconsin personality residing in Lyndon Station, fell from a scaffold and broke both legs. That did not deter him from staging his annual Wisconsin Dells Tourney scheduled for September 10 and 11. On August 13 and 14 Leo conducted his annual Girls Softball Tournament.

Leo served one term on the Board of Directors, and in 1983 he and his vivacious wife Dottie were chosen Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World. When Dottie participated, excitement and hilarity were in the air. For the past several years Dottie has not played in the major tournaments because of health problems.

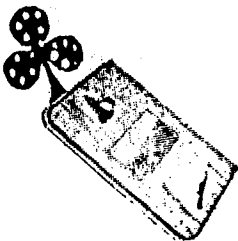
The Schwedrskys operate the Dells Bar in Lyndon Station, and traveling cribbage players make that a stop when going to and from the Twin Cities.

No one can predict how successful this idea will be, but it's a sure bet if we continue as we have, i.e., primarily word of mouth, we're going to grow at a snail's pace; and that, we believe, is not good enough for our president. Joe's ideas-to-success ratio has been excellent over the years, and we wholeheartedly support him in his most recent venture.

If you feel strongly one way or the other as to whether or not the ACC budget should set aside a few bucks for promotion, let a Board member know how you feel before the next BOD meeting in Milwaukee on September 23.

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Frank Zabrowski (Monterey, California), chairman of the judges' testing program, submitted his 1988-89 program: increasing the testing fee to \$3 (previously \$2); availability of new badges for judges, replacing the ribbons previously issued; a senior judge program; and a regular judges' newsletter column in CRIBBAGE WORLD, updating rules changes and calling attention to oddities in administering tournament rules. Approval was voted for his entire program.

Reynolds gave a summary of his recent master point survey and said he will propose recommended changes at the September Board meeting.

Ev Bey, Vice President-Policy, announced that Philip Morris Co. had printed 20,000 ACC official scorecards that are now available to tournament directors from T/C Lulinski. He was instructed to write a "thank you" to Philip Morris for its generosity.

Next Board meeting in Milwaukee, September 23, 1988, at 1 p.m.

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Our August 5 Fairfield Tournament was a huge success, with 41 teams of doubles and 96 singles for the singles tournament.

Out of 96 players, 92 of them stated they thoroughly enjoyed the tournament; while 4 habitual complainers had some minute complaints to make.

We had three 28 hands dealt to the following players: Lionel Olyer, Fairfield, California; May Tener, Stockton, California; and Mark Flatto, Central Valley, California.

All players stated they are looking forward to our next tournament, to be held on March 11, 1989.

Maybe you would like to put a notice in the bulletin that a well-known and well-liked cribbage player, Phil Morrison, passed away in early August.

I would like to acknowledge the presence of Butch Reynolds and Jeff Monroe and thank them for their help and support.

George M. Halterman
Fairfield, CA

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Have just started reading The Vineyard of Liberty by James MacGregor Burns and noted the following item (p. 22) of interest to cribbage players - in speaking of Benjamin Franklin, "He still had time for his main pleasures: cribbage, playing with his grandchildren, exercising with his dumbbell, and reading while soaking in his boot-shaped copper tub."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Here are a few things I would like you to discuss at the next meeting.

1. In an attempt to eliminate the annual complaints that arise during the Last Roundup Tournament at the National Open, it should be made mandatory that the Q-Pool at any round robin tournament be dispersed BEFORE the beginning of head-to-head play. That the top qualifier can be knocked out of the Qualifying Pool is ridiculous. This isn't sour grapes -- I've been on both sides of the coin at this tournament. When two people who score 24 points in a 12-game qualifying match get nothing from the Q-Pool, while players who score only 15 points are rewarded with Q-Pool payments, there is something rotten at my favorite tournament.
2. Not all golfers are invited to the Masters. But all golfers CAN earn their way into this tournament. And the results of the Masters count toward such honors as Player of the Year and Leading Money Winner. Likewise, not every player is invited to our Tournament of Champions, but all players CAN earn their way into this tournament, even those who play only in Grass Roots. Yet the results don't count in the master point standings? Come on!
3. Additional criteria by which invitations to the Tournament of Champions should be extended: anyone who has ever won the T of C; anyone who has won the Grand National, National Open, or ACC Open in the past ten years (or perhaps ever).
4. I can think of no reason why all tournaments shouldn't have non-smoking and smoking sections. The smoke at tournaments is often oppressive. We cannot attract younger members into the ACC if we force them to play in unpleasant surroundings. Round robin tournaments can have non-smoking tables. Head-to-head tournaments can have non-smoking pairings boards. Eventually, smokers and non-smokers will have to meet; but in the early stages of a tournament, they can be kept at opposite sides of the room. Smoke was a major cause of the dwindling number of bridge players in the ACBL the past couple of decades, and the ACBL has acted. We had better do the same; otherwise, when the smokers die (and most of them will die before their time), there may not be any members left.

Dan Barlow
Durham, NC

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ELECTION PROCEDURES NEED IMPROVEMENT

The 12 American Cribbage Congress Directors who were reelected in the recent election helped emphasize how difficult it is for someone not on the Board to be elected. Those ACC members who served on the Reorganization Committee, which resulted in major procedural changes, were aware of what the situation was and consequently, Article 1 c. of the By-laws was adopted to have a committee of ACC members to nominate a slate of Directors for the annual elections;..." It was hoped that this Elections Committee would propose for reelection those Directors who continued to make a significant contribution to the ACC. Instead, in the two subsequent elections, the Elections Committee's concern has appeared to center on the mechanical aspects of gaining a place on the ballot.

This committee should then recommend by name those Directors it is nominating for reelection. Directors not so nominated would still have the opportunity to secure a place on the ballot by the petition procedure, which would also continue to be available to any ACC member desiring to run for the Board. The Elections Committee's recommendations would be so stipulated in CRIBBAGE WORLD, as would the names of other qualifiers for a place on the ballot.

If the ACC is to develop into a viable, growing organization, it needs the reform indicated here. It is time for a meaningful Elections Committee to come into existence.

Joe Seigle, ACC Director
Coventry, CT

COUPLE TAKES VACATION AT THE CRIBBAGE TABLE

Doris Perkins of Quincy, Massachusetts, and George Webb of Avon, Massachusetts, sent CRIBBAGE WORLD a feature item from the Brockton (MA) Enterprise about a young Brockton couple, Charles and Kim Repoza, who learned of the National Open in Raleigh by way of an article in the local Sunday newspaper.

The feature relates their happy experiences at the first cribbage tournament they had ever attended.

We hope they joined the ACC while they were there.

The evaluation process proposal has been completely ignored. Henceforth, 25 members of the Board will be up for election simultaneously. It is time we abandoned the "good fellow" approach and seek more quality among our Directors. We need appointment of an Elections Committee made up of Directors from all regions of the ACC. We need committee people who are willing to say "so-and-so is a dud"; or "so-and-so votes to table everything that proposes a change"; or "so-and-so is deliberately provocative"; or "so-and-so does not understand a Director's role."

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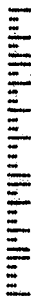
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