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ELECTION RESULTS

The year 1989 saw 31 candidates running for 25 Board of Director positions. There were 1,788 ballots cast and 26,080 votes were counted. The vote total represents, by far, the largest response ever by members of the American Cribbage Congress. The voting breakdown for the Board of Directors is as follows:

✓ 1.	Joseph Wergin	Madison, WI	1,262
✓ 2.	Syl Lulinski	LaGrange Park, IL	1,135
✓ 3.	Scott Kooistra	Yankton, SD	1,060
✓ 4.	Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	1,043
5.	Bob Madsen	Chicago, IL	1,026
✓ 6.	Jeff Monroe	Napa, CA	1,025
✓ 7.	Joan Rein	Carver, MN	1,021
8.	Dale Munroe	Collinsville, CT	1,020
✓ 9.	DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	994
10.	Butch Reynolds	Santa Maria, CA	958
✓ 11.	Ev Bey	Quincy, CA	892
12.	Bob McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	887
13.	Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC	884
14.	Joe Seigle	Coventry, CT	876
15.	John Chambers	Providence, RI	832
16.	Jeff Shimp	Allegan, MI	831
✓ 17.	Jerry Dickinson	Mt. Horeb, WI	828
18.	Martha Fingleton	Milwaukee, WI	799
19.	Bernie Nelson	Pacific City, OR	784
✓ 20.	Fred McGibney	South Burlington, VT	769
21.	Mickey Griffen	Lincoln, NE	701
22.	George Webb	Avon, MA	690
23.	Jim Angell	Concord, CA	676
24.	Joe Ramos	West Warwick, RI	661
25.	Ron Hamilton	White Bear Lake, MN	653

26.	Bob Julian	Milwaukee, WI	745*
27.	Fred Dettling	Aurora, CO	638
28.	Larry Samet	Wellesley Hills, MA	622
29.	Jim Fabian	Naperville, IL	620
30.	Ken Cambell	Modoc, SC	617
31.	Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	531

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

As the curtain rolls down on the 1988-89 season, the race for the top spots in the Master Point Parade heats up. None of the three races are over as leaders will travel miles and miles to garner additional rating points.

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The Grass Rooters, on the other hand, are getting anxious for their new season to begin. Last season wound down all activities on June 30. Club managers began signing up their members and checking their Congress memberships at their last session in June.

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A new service will be provided to the nightly winners as a Certificate of Rating Points will be issued along with the monetary awards. Players will have a record of their points as the season progresses. Undoubtedly, Certificates of Merit will be issued for rating point winners of the major tournaments. That would save Statistician Bob McCabe a lot of telephone calls and correspondence.

Director Bob Read of Florida, who has kept computer records of Grass Root rating points, has retired; and Denny Moore of Napa, California, will assume the post.

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BIG NEWS from Canada. The first major tournament will be staged in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, at the Buttermilk Alpine Village (The Schnitzel Haus) Resort on October 13-15.

Karl Grube of the Lake Superior cribbage game project states that the purpose is to promote a series of tournaments around Lake Superior, comprised of yet friendly action.

The public relations committee has supplied Karl with 5,000 copies of the new brochure for distribution to tourists this season. About 2½ million people make the tour every year.

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Members desiring copies of the brochure to distribute to individuals or key spots should write George Webb, Box 516, Avon, MA 02322, or call 508-588-4526. It would be appreciated if some postage would be included with your request.

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Joe Nelson, Chairman of the Grand National Tournament at Prineville, Oregon, reports that it will be a super tournament. Joe called several weeks ago and said that all committees were functioning and that the whole community of Prineville was involved in some way or other to make the visitors' stay something to be remembered.

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- * The American cribbage Congress By-laws limit to four the number of B.O.D. members who can be elected from any one state. While Bob Julian received a sufficient number of votes to place him 21st in the voting breakdown, he placed 5th of those running for a seat from Wisconsin.

The four new members voted to the BOD are Martha Fingleton, Ron Hamilton, Joe Ramos and George Webb.

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors will officially assume responsibility September 1, 1989.

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

An excited Vicki May of Des Moines, Iowa, became "Queen for a Day" with her first place victory over former national champ Duane Toll of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the 4th annual Milwaukee Challenge Tournament held June 10 and 11. Tom Salyards of Mundelein, Illinois, posted a third place win over challenger Ray Boesel of Glenbeulah, Wisconsin. Tournament Directors Bob McCabe, Martha Fingleton and Warren Sondericker reported a record 144 entries in the Main tournament and 82 players for the Consolation field.

Bob Michaelis of Marinette, Wisconsin, added to his all-time leading Master Point total with a victory over Ann Monhead of Green Bay, Wisconsin, in the Consolation finals. By finishing fifth in the Main tournament, Bob McCabe of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, earned enough Master Points to have him become the ACC's sixth Grand Master. 28 hands

were scored by James Stamschror of Waukesha, Wisconsin; Roberta Schweig of Carpentersville, Illinois, and Jim McManus of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ACC member Bill Mackey, playing in his first tournament, traveled from Washington State to Philadelphia to Milwaukee to participate. "Just wanted to do something for the weekend," he said. A well-known member of the ACC Board of Directors, who shall remain anonymous, had sent in his entry and was slated to be head judge -- but was conspicuous by his absence. When reached by phone at his home on tournament day by a worried tournament director, he blandly replied, "I thought the tournament was NEXT WEEK."

Bob Julian
Director of Publicity
Milwaukee, WI

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BARLOW DOES IT AGAIN!

Dan Barlow, humorist, stand-up comedian, and CRIBBAGE WORLD columnist, is apparently bidding to become the most prolific of cribbage authors. Dan recently completed his third cribbage book, CRIB NOTES - THE COMEDY OF CRIBBAGE. We caught up with Barlow in Durham, where he teaches a course in mime appreciation at the North Carolina School for the Blind.

CW: So, why a cribbage comedy book?

DB: I write, I perform comedy, I play cribbage. So it was either this or play three-handed cribbage with Bob Hope and James Michener.

CW: Tell us about the book.

DB: It's pink.

CW: Go on.

DB: There's no instruction. You don't have to be good at cribbage to enjoy this book. No studying is required. No work. No thinking.

CW: In other words ...

DB: Right. It should appeal to the entire membership of the ACC.

CW: But is it truly funny?

DB: It's the funniest book I've ever read. Let's put it this way. If you buy this book and it isn't the funniest book YOU'VE ever read, send it back to me, and I'll send it to someone else who'll appreciate it more.

CW: Quite a guarantee. But, seriously, what's in the book?

DB: Humorous stories and essays, funny poems, hilarious parodies, and a brutal expose of life on the cribbage tour. And a few other surprises.

CW: Mercy, with all that, this book must cost \$20 or \$30.

DB: No, no, a mere \$7.95, and that includes the buck it costs me to mail it.

CW: WOW! I don't know how you do it!! What's the address?

DB: 4114 Livingstone Place, Durham, NC 27707.

CW: I'll take three copies.

DB: Right, Dale. As soon as I see your check; make sure it's certified!!

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS COLUMN

I learned to play cribbage approximately 45 years ago while serving in the U.S. Navy. I have been a member of the ACC for nine years and have played on the tournament trail for the same amount of time. I always read the CRIBBAGE WORLD from cover to cover and most of the time read it twice. Just recently, in the June 1989 issue, there was in the Tournament Directors Column an article written by our CRIBBAGE WORLD Editor and Connecticut Yankee Tournament Director on "standardization" and "uniformity" of tournaments. It was the best article I have ever read on that subject. Having been a director of the Portside Open and a player in many tournaments, I agree with the article 100% and strongly suggest that all hands go back and read that article again.

Cribbage is an exciting game, and I firmly believe that all the playing variations at the many tournaments around the country will keep it that way. There should be some tournaments along the trail that we all like; whereas if they were all alike, there would be too much "sameness" and repetition. "Variety is the spice of life."

By the way, I am sure glad there are some variations of play aboard ship from 45 years ago, because it would be getting a little dull by now.

Stan Daniels
Portsmouth, VA

Editor's Note:
Thanks, Stan.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN OPEN

As director of the Blue Mountain Open Cribbage Tournament, I would like to extend my personal invitation to all of my fellow cribbage players from across the country who are planning on attending the Grand National Tournament in Prineville, Oregon. Consider coming to the beautiful Northwest early and play in the 6th annual Blue Mountain Open Cribbage Tournament, which is scheduled for September 8-10 this year. This will allow you to check out some of the competition for the Grand National and then take some time to enjoy the sights in the northwestern part of this great country. Anyone wishing additional information, contact me at 2508 N. 4th, La Grande, OR 97850, or call 503-963-7887. For those who can't make the Blue Mountain Open, I'm looking forward to meeting you at the Grand National in Prineville.

Ron Lesley
La Grande, OR

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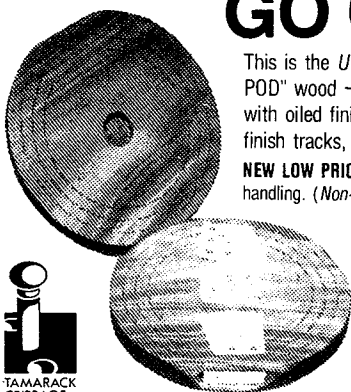
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August 18-20, Portland's Summer Tournament

Portland Elk's Club, 4121 NE Halsey Street, Portland, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32. Friday Night Doubles and High Rollers Singles, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance (Tournament will assist the Elk's Eye Bank).
Contact: Kate Furler, 924 SW 16th Avenue, #201, Portland, OR 97205, 503-228-3664.

August 18-20, Redwood Classic Open

El Rancho-Tropicana Motel, 2200 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California. Entry fee: \$45 (\$52 non-ACC members). Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Consolation.
Contact: Marion Hawley, 978 Eleanor Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, 707-585-1577.

August 25-27, Illinois Championship IX

Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Bob Madsen, 7441 North Osceola, Chicago, IL 60648, 312-774-3813.

August 25-27, New England Championship

Ramada Inn, Route 20 (Bradley International Airport exit), Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Ed Law, 79 Wildwood Glen, Longmeadow, MA 01106, 413-567-7400.

September 8-10, Blue Mountain Open VI

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

September 8-10, Wisconsin Dells Classic

Holiday Inn, Highway 13 and Interstate 90, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$48. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Crybaby.
Contact: Leo Schwedersky, Box 251, Lyndon Station, WI 53944, 608-666-2602.

September 10, Albany Open

American Legion Hall, Zaloga #1520, 388 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York. Entry fee: \$39. Coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Nelson Ira Pendergast, 325 Hamilton Street, #215, Albany, NY 12210-1738, 518-434-0367.

September 15-17, The Western Open

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 West Merced Avenue, West Covina, California, and Barranca School, 727 Barranca Avenue, Covina, California. Entry fee: \$67. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Ron Guidotti, 1336 Sherwood, West Covina, CA 91790, 818-331-0354.

September 15-17, Capital City Classic

Dragon's Lair, 12 Euclid Avenue, Helena, Montana. Entry fee: \$31.50. Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Walt Conell, P.O. Box 468, Helena, MT 59624, 406-227-5960.

September 15-17, Gold Coast Classic V

Pompano Beach Moose Lodge #2157, 3321 NE 6th Terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida. Entry fee: \$37. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Joseph D. Daesch, 811 Oriole Avenue, Miami Springs, FL 33166, 305-885-8761.

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September 16-17, The Colorado Open

The China Doll Restaurant, 2045 Clinton Street, Aurora, Colorado. Entry fee: \$31.50. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Consolation, Sunday Doubles.

Contact: Iris Fuller, 8346 East Girard Avenue, Denver, CO 80231, 303-695-8285.

September 22-24, ACC Grand National Tournament

Crook County Fairgrounds, South Main Street, Prineville, Oregon. Entry fee: \$40. Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.

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

September 24, Hawaii Fall Tournament

Fort Shafter Officers Club, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Entry fee: \$30. Coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Jerry Price, 45-463 Nakuluai Street, Kaneohe, HI 96744, 808-247-3754.

September 30, Wine Valley Tournament VIII

Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third Street, Napa, California. Entry fee: \$60. Friday Night Doubles, coffee, lunch, wine tasting, dinner.

Contact: Jack Monroe, 811 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2020 (Charity: Rotary Community Project Fund).

October 6-8, Capitol City Classic

Salem Elks Lodge #336, 680 State Street, Salem, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31.50. Friday Night Doubles & High Rollers, coffee, Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: Fabian A. Nelson, 710 Meadowlawn Drive SE, Salem, OR 97301, 503-364-6418 (Charity: Elks Eye Bank).

October 6-8, Montana Championship

Quality Inn, 1609 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

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

October 8, New Hampshire Open

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua, New Hampshire. Entry fee: \$38. Saturday Night Doubles, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation. (Tournament will assist the Children's Hospital of Boston)

Contact: Al Miller, 12 Michael Avenue, Nashua, NH 03062, 603-882-7204.

October 13-15, Portside Open V

Holiday Inn, 8 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth, Virginia. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, coffee, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Doubles, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Richard McCormick, 3432 Valleyjo Place, Chesapeake, VA 23321, 804-483-2467.

October 14-15, West Bend Classic

Fantasy Suite Hotel, 2520 W. Washington Street, West Bend, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$37. Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Gene Biegler, P.O. Box 862, West Bend, WI 53095, 414-334-2980.

October 21-22, Vermont Open Tournament VI

Holiday Inn, Exit 14E Interstate 89, South Burlington, Vermont. Entry fee: \$38. Saturday Night Doubles and High Rollers Singles, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Fred McGibney, 175 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-865-1976.

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 CASCADE
- 2 ED'S TEENY TINY TOURNAMENT
- 3 MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE
- 4 OREGON'S COASTAL CLASSIC
- 5 SERTOMA

EASTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	WEBB, GEORGE	AVON	MA	944
2	NORRIS, LEE	N. KINGSTON	RI	910
3	CHRISTIANSEN, DWIGHT	STRATFORD	CT	795
4	PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	733
5	VETTERLINE, KEN	BAR MILL	ME	682
6	FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	617
7	PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	600
8	KING, KENNETH	READING	MA	538
9	MOLLOY, HARRY	MILFORD	MA	528
10	GALVIN, BRENDA	SPRINGFIELD	MA	505
11	SAMET, LAURENCE	WELLESLEY HILLS	MA	471
12	DONOVAN, DAVE	ALBANY	NY	458
13	MARTIN, ARTHUR	NORTHBORO	MA	408
14	GOMBATZ, ROBERT	RALEIGH	NC	395
15	MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	389
16	FORCZYK, STANLEY	FALL RIVER	MA	374
17	SCHOFIELD, SUSAN	WINDHAM	ME	373
18	CAMBELL, KEN	MODOC	SC	367
19	PROCTOR, DAVID	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	359
20	LAW, EDWIN	LONGMEADOW	MA	334
21	HORIGAN, TOM	LARGO	FL	332
22	BICKFORD, GEORGE	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	324
23	SWEET, EARLE	N. SCITUATE	RI	315
24	CHRABASZCZ, EMIL	WARE	MA	292
	MEDEIROS, BILL	S. EASTON	MA	292

CENTRAL REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	KLIORA, TED	WAUKEGAN	IL	1225
2	KOOISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON	SD	1069
3	LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	1065
4	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	931
5	ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	928
6	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	830
7	KRAFT, LLOYD	SEYMOUR	WI	722
8	CLARK, JEFF	ANTIOCH	IL	695
9	LIZARRIBAR, LUIS	BALDWIN	MO	693
10	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	679
11	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	677
12	MAHAN, JIM	ROBBINSDALE	MN	674
13	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	641
14	BARRETT, PATRICK	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI	640
15	CONNER, DORIS	MILWAUKEE	WI	631
16	RAILSBACK, BUZZ	SYRACUSE	NE	598
17	BOESEL, RAY	GLENBEULAH	WI	592
18	CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE	WI	589
19	CAPODAGLI, KEN	BENSENVILLE	IL	584
20	MOMSEN, PETE	MILWAUKEE	WI	583
21	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	544
22	SCHWARTZ, CARL	GREENFIELD	IA	534
23	HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	524
24	LOCHNER, WILLIAM	WAUSAU	WI	513
25	DEEDS, BOB	ELGIN	IL	507

WESTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	1322
2	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	1238
3	COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD	CA	996
4	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	988
5	BECKER, BILL	BEND	OR	792
6	REYNOLDS, STEVE	CONCORD	CA	768
7	SCHILE, GEORGE	TACOMA	WA	738
8	FORBES, BRUCE	PARADISE	CA	685
9	STOKES, PLUMAS	QUINCY	CA	658
10	SCHIFFMAN, MORRIS	PORTLAND	OR	638
11	MOTLEY, GARY	GRESHAM	OR	634
12	FULLER, IRIS	AURORA	CO	618
13	HANES, RAY	WALLA WALLA	WA	597
14	KAWIAKA, JOSEPH	SAN LORENZO	CA	583
15	GOOD, LARRY	SEASIDE	CA	569
16	BROWN, DOUG	PASCO	WA	567
17	MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	552
18	ALDERMAN, ARLEN	REDMOND	OR	536
19	JARRELL, SUNDAE	PITTSBURG	CA	534
20	BROWN, RICHARD	IONE	CA	514
21	LABRASSEUR, PAT	ALBANY	OR	512
22	JOHNSON, GIL	SPOKANE	WA	511
23	MESSNER, LOUIS	SAN PEDRO	CA	504
24	GROSS, MARY JO	DENVER	CO	491
25	FURLER, JOHN	PORTLAND	OR	490

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

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October 21-22, Midwest Double Elimination Tournament

Alonzo Cudworth American Legion Post #23, 1756 North Prospect, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$100. Entry limit: 128. Saturday coffee, All Match Play, Consolation, Q-Pool.

Contact: Martha Fingleton, 1526 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202, 414-272-8778.

October 27-28, Feather River Open

Eagle's Lodge, 2010 Montgomery Street, Oroville, California. Entry fee: \$37.50. Friday Night Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: John Mathews, 3456 Charlene Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966, 916-533-7793.

October 27-29, Niagara Falls Championship

Summit Motor Inn, 9500 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, New York. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.

Contact: William M. Kraatz, 6755 Rose Court, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, 716-731-5902.

October 28, Minnesota Valley Tournament

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

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

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TOURNAMENT COURTESY

Regarding the letter from Donna Farrell of Shelby, Iowa, in the June issue, I want to add my note and say that I have felt the same way about some tournaments. One drives a long distance to attend a tournament and is made to feel as an outsider upon arrival. I hope that in the future all members will be welcomed and made to feel right at home. Please pass this along and it may do some good.

A. Wm. Hammarstrom
Brockton, MA

GRASS ROOTS SPECIAL

Club #54, the "Fourth Street Terrorists" of Concord, California, presently has 4 of its members in the top 25 of the Western Region's Master Point Parade. We are kind of proud of this but are wondering if any of the other 82 clubs might have a better record. Our active membership is 33 and, as of the July issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD, we were holding down the 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 18th positions in a field of some 2,200.

Pat Coffey
Concord, CA

Editor's Note:

We'd like to congratulate Pat Coffey, Jesse and Sundae Jarrell and Steve Reynolds for a total of 3,347 Master Points for the current year through July.

INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN

The Mile High Peggers Cribbage Club #23 from Denver, Colorado, came to Reno to win; and win they did in the Independence Day Open held June 30, July 1 and 2. Out of 226 players, 4 places in the top 8 went to the guys and gals from Denver. Pamala White took first; Iris Fuller, third; Carolyn Davis, fifth; and Fred Dettling, eighth. Jim Nohrden placed 24th. The Mile High Peggers took home 37% of the prizes available. They weren't finished yet. Butch Ehrich placed second in Consolation. Congratulations to the Mile High Peggers from Denver.

Dorthalee and Bill Irons
Directors
Independence Day Open
Reno, NV

A CHARMED LIFE

Update on Al Gardner, Monterey Grass Roots club ...

In the June CRIBBAGE WORLD we reported that Al had three 28 hands in 11 games. In June he had a 29 hand! Are you guys in Club #82 keeping a sharp eye on Al?

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WINDS UP -- A TIE

Phyllis Schmidt and George Webb repeated as team winners along with Joe Beauregard as the 4th annual team cribbage championship was played on June 4, 1989. Co-champions include Donna LaFleur, Jim Gudaitis and Louis Petosa. The teams both finished with 52 wins, 38 losses, and then chose to divide the \$900 first place money and the \$200 second place money, giving the six winners \$550 apiece.

Each of the 11 teams playing seemed capable of going all the way, and the two finalists each won only 4 out of 9 games in their last round, just enough to create the tie.

Another entry had 44 wins entering the final 9-game match. Three other teams had 43 wins, and the LaFleur team had completed its play with 52 wins and had a final round bye. The Schmidt team won 4 of 9 to force the tie, but the remaining 4 teams with a chance all lost out in the intense competition. Joe Ramos and Carl Bard led their teams to an out-of-the-money third place tie.

The 1990 event is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, at Ukrainian Hall in North Windham, Connecticut. If you would like an entry form in the spring, drop me a line at 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238 or call me.

I believe this event can become a truly national one attracting top-ranked players from the Western and Central Regions as well as the East, if we can publicize it appropriately. I solicit your attendance. Anyone wishing to play but unable to set up a three-player game should contact me for the names of others seeking a team slot.

The \$100 per player entry fee guarantees that only experienced tournament-caliber players will take part.

Joe Seigle
Coventry, CT

DOWN THE ROAD

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

1989

Fayetteville Classic (NC)	Nov. 3-5
Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 4
Dante Club Tournament (MA)	Nov. 5
Great Plains Classic (NE)	Nov. 5
Veteran's Day Classic (NV)	Nov. 10-12
Polish Open (WI)	Nov. 10-12
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

OREGON'S COASTAL CLASSIC

Tillamook, Oregon

May 26-28, 1989

Directors: Kate & John Furler

Number of Entries: 108/69

Main		MP
1. Pat LaBrasseur	Albany, OR	148
2. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	120
3. Russ Sara	Beaverton, OR	102
4. Brian Williams	Tillamook, OR	89

Consolation		MP
1. Brad Cordes	Portland, OR	55
2. Brad Trullinger	Portland, OR	41
3. Greg Tungate	Portland, OR	32
4. Dale Mauk	Salem, OR	26

CASCADE CLASSIC

Redmond, Oregon

June 9-11, 1989

Directors: Bill & Millie Becker

Number of Entries: 156/110

Main		MP
1. Frank Lake	LaPine, OR	196
2. Gary Motley	Gresham, OR	168
3. Jim Waldorf	Madras, OR	150
4. Harry Kantas	Sherwood, OR	137

Consolation		MP
1. Paul Dyer	Bend, OR	75
2. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	61
3. Sylvia Hornbeck	Washougal, WA	52
4. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	46

SERTOMA CLASSIC

Englewood, Colorado

June 10-11, 1989

Director: Dick Graham

Number of Entries: 48/26

Main		MP
1. Harold Alter	Aurora, CO	88
2. Bob Rosenberg	Boulder, CO	60
3. L. Shufflebarger	Westminster, CO	42
4. Barb. Colgate	CO Springs, CO	29

Consolation		MP
1. Lee Franklin	Aurora, CO	13
2. Mickey Griffen	Lincoln, NE	9
3. Mary Jo Gross	Denver, CO	5
4. Dick Graham	Englewood, CO	1

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 9-11, 1989

Director: Martha Fingleton

Number of Entries: 144/88

Main		MP
1. Vicki May	Des Moines, IA	184
2. Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI	156
3. Tom Salyards	Mundelein, IL	138
4. Ray Boesel	Glenbeulah, WI	125

Consolation		MP
1. Mick Michaelis	Marinette, WI	64
2. Ann Monhead	Green Bay, WI	50
3. Gaylord Matti	Madison, WI	41
4. S. Jacobson	Wh. Bear L., MN	35

ED'S TEENY TINY TOURNEY

Sunnyvale, California

June 10, 1989

Director: Ed Bloom

Number of Entries: 48/36

Main		MP
1. Al Wiggen	Cupertino, CA	88
2. Helen Bolstad	Lafayette, CA	60
3. Joe Lusignan	Salinas, CA	42
4. Joe Kawiaka	S. Lorenzo, CA	29

Consolation		MP
1. Bill Jensen	Los Altos, CA	18
2. Lionel Olyer	Fairfield, CA	14
3. Mary Ryan	S. Lorenzo, CA	10
4. Mary Gladish	Concord, CA	6

THE GOLD COAST CLASSIC

Hialeah Cribbage Club will sponsor its 5th annual Gold Coast Classic on September 15-17, 1989, at Pompano Beach Moose Lodge, Pompano Beach, Florida. The entry fee is \$37. Lodging is available at Days Inn Deerfield, located on Hillsboro Road, Deerfield Beach. This motel is just 3.8 miles from the Moose Lodge. Special cribbage rates are available at \$30 single or double. This rate is available only until September 8; then it jumps to \$35. For more info, contact Joe Daesch, 811 Oriole Avenue, Miami Springs, FL 33166.

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Donna R. Farrell's letter in the June issue concerning the rudeness she encountered at a cribbage tournament is remarkably similar to letters that appear regularly in *The Bulletin* of the American Contract Bridge League. Seldom does a month pass without three or more letters appearing, in which players complain about rudeness. Ms. Farrell says she has played bridge at the tournament level, so undoubtedly she has encountered similar rudeness at the bridge table. As a veteran of bridge and cribbage tournaments, I would say that bridge players are ruder and noisier than cribbage players; at the cribbage tournaments I attend, the players are remarkably friendly.

None of which is meant to dispute Ms. Farrell's claim that she was treated badly. Certainly there's no excuse for making snide remarks about a person's ability or speed. I wish only to make the point that there are rude people in the world, and one's chances of avoiding them entirely are slim. If I wanted to avoid them as much as possible, a cribbage tournament is one place I would spend my time; and I hope Ms. Farrell gives it another try.

To tournament novices: while there is no

clock at cribbage tournaments as there is in chess, there clearly must be a time limit per game to keep one player from holding up the entire tournament. As there is a finite number of cribbage hands, the more you play at home, the more you will come to recognize common hands, so that you can declare the total without having to count. Also, try counting your hand mentally as soon as the cut is turned up, while waiting for your opponent to make the first play. The more you practice at home, the faster you'll play at tournaments. You don't even need an opponent to practice counting points.

To courteous players: be extra courteous to new players.

To rude players: what is your mental problem? If your opponent is so slow you can't finish within the time limit, call a judge. If you merely find it irritating that your opponent is slower than you are and you can't deal with this in a gentlemanly manner, you need professional counseling before you return to a cribbage tournament.

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Y'ALL COME (JOIN GRASS ROOTS)

Being a relative newcomer to tournament cribbage (six years), I have witnessed a dramatic rise in the quality of play. This, I believe, has been brought about through involvement in Grass Roots clubs.

Practice makes perfect, so they say, and, once perfection has been attained, the player with the better position ~~the~~ for pegging cards will no doubt prevail.

In the absence of luck, the two most important words in cribbage are "position" and "pegging." There are no books that can lead the way to accomplishing these two goals.

The gurus of cribbage are in the same position as are the rest of us in their quest to reach that spot on the board we call position. They apply the same crystal ball techniques; they agonize over taking a pair or making a run; and they know exactly where they want to be on the board at any given time. That is precisely what many players have learned over the past four or five years. The shift from mediocrity to excellence may well be credited to the Grass Roots program.

Most of us who have played cribbage for a number of years have normally used either a friend or a family member as an opponent. The style of play never changed, and no new techniques to improve their style were tried. Grass Roots and tournament cribbage has changed this. No two people play the same style, and playing against many

different opponents has brought about a requirement for change in the approach to the game.

Many very excellent players in Grass Roots choose not to take to the trail, so to speak. They could cause a change in the roster of names on the Master Points list. Nonetheless, the message appears clear. Join a Grass Roots club or form one. It is quite easy and will be well worth the effort. Additionally, it will further the cause of cribbage by increasing awareness of the game. Increased awareness means increased membership.

Omer Bolduc
Salinas, CA

FROM THE NORTHWEST

Frank Lake is a well-liked member of "Oregon's Best" Grass Roots club of Bend, Oregon. On May 21 Frank won first place at the club meeting with 26 players present. The next weekend he took first again over a field of 32 players. This was the first time in the club's five years of existence that a member has captured top honors two weeks in a row. But that wasn't good enough for Frank. With 41 players competing on June 4, he took his third consecutive first place! There was no meeting the next weekend because our club hosted the Cascade Cribbage Classic, which was attended by 156 Northwest peggers. And you guessed it -- Frank Lake is our 1989 tournament champion.

We're all very proud of Frank, but we're also terribly envious. Can anyone out there top a streak of "skill" like this?

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