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ACC 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The American Cribbage Congress becomes ten years old on August 6, 1989. The concept of a national organization began in Raleigh, North Carolina, by a group of cribbage players who were attending the National Open Tournament then in its sixth year.

At the time there were tournaments being conducted throughout the country by various individuals, without organization and using local publicity when available; the game of cribbage was being kept alive by these people, yet, it was thought, there may be a better way.

Joe Wergin had long dreamed of having a cribbage network so that all tournament information and the rules of cribbage could be brought under one umbrella.

It was an idea whose time had come. With so many cribbage players in one place at one time, it seemed only natural to throw the subject on the table one morning at breakfast time as 11 people sat around having coffee. The idea took

hold and, before the day was over, 23 persons kicked in \$10 each to get the ball rolling.

It was rapidly decided by majority vote that the name of the new nonprofit organization would be the American Cribbage Congress and the balloon was off the ground.

Jim Arblaster and Joe Wergin kept matters alive until a formal meeting could be conducted. Nick Pond was instrumental in arranging that meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the offices of the U.S. Playing Card Company on January 11, 1980. Almost six hours passed as many of the loose ends were brought together and a formal organization was established. At the conclusion of the Cincinnati meeting, the officers and Board of Directors were:

President
First VP
Second VP
Sec.-Treasurer

Joe Wergin, WI
Robert Immel, MN
Nick Pond, NC
James Arblaster, FL

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

BROCHURES

Our new promotional brochures are now being distributed to people who are concerned with the growth of the Congress. Copies are being mailed out to all Grass Roots clubs to help in their drives to recruit members. If more copies are needed, direct your request to George E. Webb, Box 516, Avon, MA 02322, or give him a call at 508-588-4526. If your treasury has funds, please make a donation for mailing expense.

Mailings are being made to individuals or companies who are willing to insert the brochure in their promotional mailings of cribbage items. The brochures are 8½ x 11 and folded to envelope size.

Tournament managers should request copies to be given out at their major tournaments. All Board Directors, along with the general membership, should also contact George Webb for a supply to be placed at laundromats, malls, liquor stores and other places frequented by prospective members. In all cases, a contribution toward mailing costs will make Webb happy.

Many thanks to DeLynn Colvert, Dale Munroe and Minuteman Press of Avon, Connecticut, for their help in our first promotional project.

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CRIBBAGE AT THE UNIVERSITY

Dave Droeger, a grad student from Waukegan, Wisconsin, read about the World Masters Classic Crib Tournament, which was held in Madison in May. He decided to try playing in a tournament to see what it was like. Lo and behold, he won all nine games in the Consolation preliminary tournament. However, he, like many leaders before him, lost the first playoff match.

Dave was invited to play the following week in Madison's Grass Roots club, and he brought along two other students. The following week, another.

The bottom line is that this fall semester, Dave's friends will organize a Grass Roots club at the University.

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COUNTING THE VOTES

Dan Weir, a former Director and a resident of Greendale, Wisconsin, will again head the Elections Committee to count and record all the votes of the June election.

Assisting Dan will be Rich Mariner, also a former Director and a resident of Greendale. A third official will be named. And, of course, as the count will be made at Weir's home, his wife will also be drafted to help in this tedious task.

The work will be greater this year as all 25 Directors' positions are on the block. In the past, candidates competed for 12 or 13 positions. With over 30 candidates this year, the job will almost be doubled. My thanks to the Election Committee. Election results will appear in the August CRIBBAGE WORLD.

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LATE NEWS

Director Bob Plourde called and stated that two more Grass Roots clubs were being formed in New England and that an order for 45 long boards would be made immediately. The boards are still available and discounted down to \$6 each, with shipping charges included. Orders are placed with this columnist. At this writing, two more clubs will bring the total of Grass Roots clubs to 86. Wonderful! Wonderful!

ACC ORIGINS

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Board of Directors

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Editor's Note:

The article that appears above is not intended to be a comprehensive history of the ACC but is intended primarily as a thumbprint synopsis of the origins of our organization. Jim Arblaster and Ken Cambell are on the Historical Committee, and both are involved with compiling a complete background from 1979 to the present.

REPORT FROM THE CASCADES

The Cascade Cribbage Classic was conducted by Bill and Millie Becker on June 9-11 in Redmond, Oregon, and drew a tournament record of 156 participants for the main event.

The four top players were: Frank Lake, LaPine, Oregon; Gary Motley, Gresham, Oregon; Jim Waldorf, Madras, Oregon; and Harry Kantas, Sherwood, Oregon.

The Consolation winner was local Grass Roots player Paul Dyer of Bend, Oregon. Roberta Dyer, Paul's wife, did the paintings on the trophy boards but not the one won by Paul. Liz Brandon of Bend and Lucille Endicott of Prineville also did great artwork on the tournament trophy boards. Other Consolation winners were Jesse Jarrell of Pittsburg, California; Sylvia Hornbeck from Washougal, Washington; DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, Montana.

The tournament had five 28-hands, and three new ACC members were signed up.

The tournament began with a Friday night ice breaker Doubles and High Rollers and ended with a Cry Baby Tourney on Sunday.

Marvis Reynolds
Baker, OR

Election results will be published
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

HAYWARD'S TOURNAMENT VII

Hayward, California

February 25, 1989

Director: Kate Macdonald

Number of Entries: 79/--

MINNESOTA OPEN IX

Crystal, Minnesota

April 28-30, 1989

Director: John Williams

Number of Entries: 116/70

Main		MP	Main		MP
1. A. Clendenning	Newark, CA	119	1. Lloyd Kraft	Seymour, WI	156
2. Troy Haynie	Los Gatos, CA	91	2. D. Gustafson	Minnetonka, MN	128
3. Allen McDonald	Mtn. View, CA	73	3. Joan Rein	Carver, MN	J
4. Erwin Bentz	San Francisco, CA	60	4. Darrel Salo	St. Paul, MN	>,

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

Consolation		MP
1. Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI	55
2. Fred Brochu	Superior, WI	41
3. W. Sondericker	Milwaukee, WI	32
4. Jim Mahan	Bloomington, MN	26

GREATER HERMISTON OPEN

Hermiston, Oregon

April 28-30, 1989

Directors: Ken & Betty Capper

Number of Entries: 198/140

HAWKEYE CLASSIC

Des Moines, Iowa

May 5-7, 1989

Director: Larry Loupee

Number of Entries: 102/66

Main		MP	Main		MP
1. Dale Brandon	Bend, OR	238	1. Bob Hanes	Ankeny, IA	142
2. Ike Endicott	Prineville, OR	210	2. Don Adams	Des Moines, IA	114
3. Leslie Hein	Washougal, WA	192	3. Craig Shelsted	Hastings, MN	96
4. Ev. McKinney	Stanfield, OR	179	4. Scott Kooistra	Yankton, SD	83

Consolation		MP	Consolation		MP
1. Verl McCown	The Dalles, OR	90	1. Al Lichty	Des Moines, IA	53
2. Bev Sauer	Portland, OR	76	2. Scott Buthrow	--	39
3. George Schile	Tacoma, WA	67	3. Bill McQuarrie	Omaha, NE	30
4. Harry Kantas	Sherwood, OR	61	4. Bob Sommers	Excelsior, MN	24

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SUPER BOWL OF CRIBBAGE IV

Santa Maria, California

April 28-29, 1989

Director: Butch Reynolds

Number of Entries: 86/64

Main		MP
1. Ron Reid	Burbank, CA	126
2. Linda Swiontek	S. Maria, CA	98
3. Gasperson	Salinas, CA	80
4. Henry Richard	S. Maria, CA	67

Consolation		MP
1. Ron Guidatti	W. Covina, CA	52
2. Audrey Nash	S. Maria, CA	38
3. Pat Coffey	Concord, CA	29
4. J.D. Denny	S. Maria, CA	23

GREAT PLAINS SPRING CLASSIC

Lincoln, Nebraska

May 7, 1989

Director: Jack Wunderlich

Number of Entries: 80/38

Main		MP
1. Bob Parrish	Beatrice, NE	120
2. Lloyd Hulsey	Omaha, NE	92
3. Colleen Zyntek	Wolbach, NE	74
4. Ken Odle	Lincoln, NE	61

Consolation		MP
1. Jerry Jaeger	Lincoln, NE	19
2. D. Lovelace	Lincoln, NE	15
3. Richard Smith	Fairmont, NE	11
4. R. Mathieson	Shelton, NE	7

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT XVIII

Quincy, California

May 6, 1989

Director: Bill Dore

Number of Entries: 208/82

Main		MP
1. Steve Reynolds	Concord, CA	248
2. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	228
3. C. Colombani	W. S'mento, CA	196
4. Jeff Monroe	Napa, CA	196

Consolation		MP
1. Galen McKie	Stockton, CA	61
2. Maybelle Misch	Portola, CA	47
3. Bill Urlevich	Seattle, WA	38
4. Jacque Rickles	--	32

SNAKE RIVER OPEN

Nyssa, Oregon

May 19-21, 1989

Director: Michelle Park

Number of Entries: 70/44

Main		MP
1. Henry Popham	Missoula, MT	110
2. Larry Wilson	Ontario, OR	82
3. Ken Capper	Hermiston, OR	64
4. Les Sissel	Baker, OR	51

Consolation		MP
1. R. Haufbauer	Washougal, WA	42
2. Paul Dyer	Bend, OR	28
3. Chester Field	Missoula, MT	19
4. Ralph Reynolds	Baker, OR	13

BEN FRANKLIN OPEN

Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

May 7, 1989

Directors: F. Wurman & R. Einhorn

Number of Entries: 80/50

Main		MP
1. Richard Kerr	Rutherfordton, NC	120
2. R. McGillicuddy	Stoughton, MA	92
3. W. Hoffman	Haddonfield, NJ	74
4. Grace Donahue	Batavia, NY	61

Consolation		MP
1. Diane Smith	Germantown, MD	45
2. George Webb	Avon, MA	31
3. Harriet Haight	Ann Arbor, MI	22
4. Stan Daniels	Portsmouth, VA	16

CUPERTINO KIWANIS TOURNAMENT XI

Cupertino, California

May 20, 1989

Director: Louis DeLu

Number of Entries: 50/--

Main		MP
1. Butch Reynolds	S. Maria, CA	90
2. Pat Coffee	Concord, CA	62
3. Skee Kawiaka	Oakland, CA	44
4. George Gassi	Watsonville, CA	31

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PEGGING TO VICTORY

As the dealer, one enjoys the added advantage of the crib and the rule that requires the pone to lay down the first card in the pegging procedure. Usually, it is not necessary to know the pone's holding except that the first card played, much like the gambit in the game of chess, provides us with many alternatives in our effort to make a safe and logical response.

In the broader generalization, one can infer the initial lead of a small card is necessarily from a pair; if the card is a middle or a ten card, it is most usually from the center of a three-card run. Nonetheless, there is also another regimen of response that is more specific as to the card to play and, at the same time, counter the pone's opening lead.

To begin with, the obvious play of a five on any ten-card lead and the pairing of any card lower than the eight from a pair held in the dealer's hand will not be discussed, since these are in the automatic "best" play category.

Without doubt, the pone's lead will be a deuce, three or four if that lead is at all possible. Only in extreme situations will a five or ace be the opening lead.

The average best response to the low card lead would be what is called the "obverse" or "counterpart" play. The obverse play is designated to counter whenever a three, four, six or seven is the initial lead. If a three is led, the counter is a nine; a four is countered

with a seven; a six is countered with a three; and a seven with an ace. This option is valuable because if the pone makes the counterpoint play to make 15/2, he/she is disclosing a pair holding and the remaining cards can be deduced.

If you do not have the cards in your hand to make the obverse play, the next best option is to use the "ten" card. Of course, this play is never used with the four/six or the six/four combinations for obvious reasons. If the three is opened, a seven is played to make the count ten; a deuce would be countered with an eight; the eight, the deuce; the nine, the ace, etc. This option may not keep the pone from pegging, but it will keep you, the dealer, out of a lot of trouble.

The last alternative we have as our choice in trying to control the pegging consists of playing a ten card on any critical lead under the eight spot. If, however, the pone should lead a ten card, the best possibility is to stay two cards away in the sequence.

Because we are bound by those cards we have decided to keep as a "playing hand," the opportunity to make what would be considered the "proper" play may not arise; nevertheless, the knowledge that we have a formalized method of counterpoint to balk the opponent's lead gives us the assurance necessary to prevail against the astute player when we are pegging out the hand.

Tom Haight
Ann Arbor, MI

FIRST ANNUAL REDWOOD CLASSIC

The Redwood Peggers Grass Roots Club is sponsoring the First Annual Redwood Classic Tournament in Santa Rosa, California, on August 18-20.

This is a two-day tournament with a night of "friendly" Doubles Friday night. The regular play will be 20 games on Saturday and then return (all rested) on Sunday to play the 3-of-5 game finals, as well as the Consolation tournament.

Plan on spending a very pleasant weekend in the very beautiful Redwood Empire. Santa Rosa is located 50 miles north of San Francisco and is very close to the wine country of Northern California. Come and enjoy a quiet weekend of cribbage, as well as seeing some very pretty California countryside.

Marion Hawley
Santa Rosa, CA

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Sunday, August 27

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CRIBBAGE CORNER

Nick Pond's comments in the March 1989 CW certainly offer a challenge to any of us who know a cribbage-playing celebrity we might attract to the ACC rolls. Joe Wergin has put forth many recruiting proposals to the membership in efforts to increase the rolls. Jerry Dickinson, by his efforts in the Grass Roots promotion, continues to be a fountainhead of recruitment. Dickinson's efforts are localized in nature because they depend on a cribbage player in any town somewhere offering to make the effort to get a club together and keep records.

That appears to be the key to recruitment -- local effort. Unfortunately, during the ACC's first five or six years, the Board of Directors and particularly the Executive Committee members, failed to support efforts to promote league play. Secretary-Treasurer Jim Arblaster appeared to recognize the potential, because he approved 28- and 29-hand recognition for the Rhode Island Cribbage Association as well as a small league in Connecticut. When Arblaster left that post, both leagues were told they were no longer eligible for ACC awards. The Grass Roots concept was then proposed in lieu of leagues and drew the BOD's grudging support at first, as opposed to the failure to support at all John Chamber's five-year effort to expand leagues nationally.

Regretfully, the Grass Roots suffer the same malady all tournaments endure -- turnover. Excluding those members who have died, the ACC would probably have 8,000 to 10,000 members today if all had

continued to renew. Obviously, they have not. Why not?

The ACC sets up committees to address various issues and problems. Yet, there is no committee to seek answers to the urgent turnover problem. Who should do it?

Scott Kooistra proposed a study on the question of regionalization about years ago. Bob Madsen, when briefly unable to fully maintain his duties as Secretary-Treasurer, proposed that a tournament coordinator be set up in each of the three ACC regions. Instead, one national Tournament Commissioner was established. Now regionalization is looked at suspiciously by at least one member of the four-person Executive Committee, and another has expressed concern over the difficulty of even considering it. The other two Executive Committee members have supported regionalization but will not now push for it. Read Joe Wergin's column in CRIBBAGE WORLD, June 1988.

There have been innovative ideas proposed to the ACC Board of Directors to make improvement in many areas. There is a feeling evident among some Directors that no major changes should be considered. There also seems to be a feeling that "father knows best" -- namely, the Executive Committee. Baloney! When Nick Pond and Joe Wergin, two of the ACC founding fathers, place such great emphasis on recruitment, we all better understand something drastic needs to be done.

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There are things that can be done both administratively and play-wise. At age 10, the ACC is still a long way from exploring all of the available alternatives. It's time to bite the bullet; to put aside regional differences; to encourage tournament directors to improve the quality of tournaments; to experiment with techniques to give average players a better opportunity to cash on those infrequent occasions they qualify; to admit any league or organized play among ACC members to qualify for national recognition; to establish a screening committee for Hall of Fame nominations, based on accomplishments.

There are some hard tasks to consider to restore democratic and ethical procedures in the ACC. For example:

1. Eliminate the Executive Committee as an entity, as recommended by the Reorganization Committee.
2. Establish regional tournament coordinators to assure that tournaments do not conflict and to work with potential tournament organizers at a local level.
3. Repeal the clause that permits dropping ACC Directors if they fail to attend a stipulated number of ACC meetings. This clause is contemptuous of the rights of the ACC membership to elect Directors.

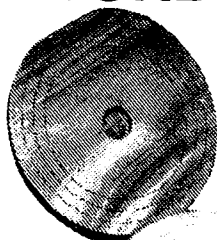
4. Give greater consideration to recommendations made by committees and consider the possibility of permitting the ACC membership to vote on major changes.
5. Impose a limitation on the number of consecutive terms anyone can serve as an ACC officer, as recommended by the Reorganization Committee.
6. Proceed at once to regionalization and the potential this brings for local recruitment and coordinated efforts among tournament directors.

So far as I know, every member of the ACC is eager to see the organization grow and become more prestigious. Respect for each other and for each other's rights must be in the forefront of our efforts. Otherwise, recruitment will be in vain.

The newly elected Board of Directors taking office in September should be prepared to establish two-year goals at its first meeting. It should expect accountability from the four officers it elects. It should require that every Director will have an assignment needed to keep the ACC viable and growing. If these conditions are met, Joe Wergin and Nick Pond will be delighted with the surge in membership, as will we all.

Joe Seigle
Coventry, CT

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Contact: Nick Pond, P.O. Box 12800, Raleigh, NC 27605, 919-890-6064.

August 4-6, Bill Mitchell Memorial IV

VFW Hall, 810 H Street, Crescent City, California. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Team Tournament, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Dan Mitchell, 1833 Adams Avenue, Crescent City, CA 95531, 707-464-5319.

August 6, Great Plains Summer Classic

Airport Inn, Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15.

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

August 11-13, Belle City Classic

Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Don Wrzesinske, 8624 Westminster Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-6360.

August 12, Fairfield Semi-Annual Tournament

Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$46. Breakfast, Saturday Morning Doubles, lunch.

Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-425-4343.

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.

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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, 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.

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 Nakulua Street, Kaneohe, HI 96744, 808-247-3754.

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.

Tournaments cannot be sanctioned and held on the same weekend if they are within 400 miles of one another.

IOWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The famous annual tournament for the Iowa State Championship was again held at Marshalltown, with about 264 players participating. Chris Johnson, the 10-year-old son of Steve and Marcy Johnson, Stary, Iowa, captured the 1989 championship with a score of 1,202 out of a possible 1,210 points. Translating this score into games, Chris won nine games and lost one by a margin of eight holes. Winner of each game receives 121 points, and the opponent receives whatever number of holes accumulated in the losing effort.

The Iowa State Tournament has been held annually for some 59 years. It was first held in Des Moines, and later it was moved to Marshalltown, where Rasty Rasmussen conducted the tournament for over 30 years. Rasty is now a resident of a rest home in Anamosa and was elected to the ACC Hall of Fame in 1987.

This tournament has often been called "The Grocery Store Tournament," as the entry fee has always been \$1 or \$2 and first prize about \$25. However, when a person scores a 24-point hand or similar less frequent score, a trip to the Grocery Store may be made to pick out one of the items such as canned goods, cookies, canned meat and the like. The number of trips is not limited, as one may hold such combinations several times.

Steve Johnson brought the new champion to the Hawkeye Classic to meet the Congress President, officials and the big-name players. He was given permission to play in the Last Chance Tournament.

At times over the years the Iowa tournament drew as many as 550 players.

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CONNECTICUT CHAMPIONSHIP IX

North Windham, Connecticut

May 21, 1989

Director: Carl O. Bard

Number of Entries: 120/88

Main		MP
1. D. Christiansen	Stratford, CT	160
2. Larry Palmer	Springfield, MA	132
3. Stu Stromberg	W. Sp'fld., MA	114
4. Ford Jewer	Wakefield, RI	101

Consolation		MP
1. Al Dinwoodie	Slocum, RI	64
2. Paul Welch	Braintree, MA	50
3. Joyce Vanelli	Quincy, MA	41
4. F. Cruickshank	N. Attleboro, MA	35

HAWAII STATE SINGLES

Fort Shafter, Hawaii

May 21, 1989

Director: Jerry Price

Number of Entries: 34/16

Main		MP
1. Lee Miller	Hono, HI	34
2. Abe Kealoha	Waialua, HI	--
3. Paul Jones	Kailue, HI	--
4. Dayle Carlson	Aiea, HI	--

Consolation		MP
1. Tom Chow Hoy	Waipahu, HI	--
2. R. Rainalter	Kailou, HI	4
3. Hank Borowy	Chicago, IL	--
4. George Schmees	St. Louis, MO	--

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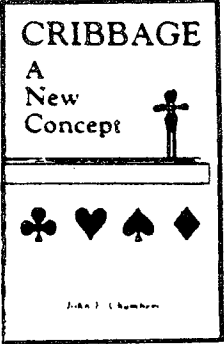
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ship	Sept. 15-17
Western Open (CA)	
Wine Valley Tourna-	Sept. 29-30
ment (CA)	Oct. 6-8
Capitol City Classic (OR)	Oct. 27-28
Feather River Open (CA)	
Niagara Falls Champion-	Oct. 27-29
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Minnesota Valley Tournament	Nov. 3-5
Fayetteville Classic (NC)	Nov. 4
Bay Area Championship (CA)	Nov. 5
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| 2 CONNECTICUT | 8 HERMISTON |
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| 4 GREAT PLAINS-SPRING | 10 SNAKE RIVER |
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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	959
4	ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	928
5	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	867
6	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	830
7	KRAFT, LLOYD	SEYMOUR	WI	722
8	CLARK, JEFF	ANTIOCH	IL	695
9	LIZARRIBAR, LUIS	BALDWIN	MO	683
10	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	677
11	MAHAN, JIM	ROBBINSDALE	MN	674
12	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	641
13	BARRETT, PATRICK	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI	640
14	CONNER, DORIS	MILWAUKEE	WI	631
15	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	613
16	RAILSBACK, BUZZ	SYRACUSE	NE	598
17	CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE	WI	589
18	CAPODAGLI, KEN	BENSENVILLE	IL	581
19	MOMSEN, PETE	MILWAUKEE	WI	580
20	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	544
21	SCHWARTZ, CARL	GREENFIELD	IA	534
22	HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	524
23	LOCHNER, WILLIAM	WAUSAU	WI	513
24	DEEDS, BOB	ELGIN	IL	507
25	SATHER, RON	NORTHFIELD	MN	480

WESTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	1262
2	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	1046
3	COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD	CA	996
4	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	942
5	BECKER, BILL	BEND	OR	792
6	REYNOLDS, STEVE	CONCORD	CA	768
7	FORBES, BRUCE	PARADISE	CA	685
8	STOKES, PLUMAS	QUINCY	CA	658
9	SCHIFFMAN, MORRIS	PORTLAND	OR	638
	SCHILE, GEORGE	TACOMA	WA	638
11	FULLER, IRIS	AURORA	CO	618
12	HANES, RAY	WALLA WALLA	WA	597
13	GOOD, LARRY	SEASIDE	CA	569
14	BROWN, DOUG	PASCO	WA	567
15	KAWIAKA, JOSEPH	SAN LORENZO	CA	554
16	MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	552
17	ALDERMAN, ARLEN	REDMOND	OR	536
18	JARRELL, SUNDAE	PITTSBURG	CA	534
19	BROWN, RICHARD	IONE	CA	514
20	MESSNER, LOUIS	SAN PEDRO	CA	504
21	JOHNSON, GIL	SPOKANE	WA	492
22	FURLER, JOHN	PORTLAND	OR	490
23	GROSS, MARY JO	DENVER	CO	486
24	EHRICH, KENNETH	MORRISON	CO	465
25	BINGHAM, JESSE	BOUSE	AZ	464

GRASS ROOTS KEEPS ROLLING

National Grass Roots Commissioner Jerry Dickinson reports that Indiana now has its first club in the program! The father and son duo of Jack E. and Nick Lewis organized enough players to form the Push Back Club of Monon, Indiana.

Charter #84 was issued to this Hoosier group, which played on Sunday afternoons for the balance of the past season.

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The rivalry between Bend, Oregon's Best #12 and Madison Metro #1 of Wisconsin has been renewed, due to the recent realignment of club assignments to divisions, based upon the number of times the clubs are scheduled to play during the season and the average number of entries in each session (to be) conducted.

During the first several years of the Grass Roots program, when all clubs were assigned to one of two divisions based solely on the number of tournaments scheduled, these two clubs were constantly in the forefront, battling for the top spots in the standings. Gaylord Matti is the director of Madison Metro #1, while Dale and Liz Brandon co-direct Oregon's Best #12.

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Here is an interesting figure. As of last May 17, more than one-third (1,815) of the American Cribbage Congress membership was participating in the Grass Roots program.

Attention, Grass Rooters! Your regional Grass Roots commissioners and statisticians will be urging you to participate in an effort to save the Congress some money by renewing your Congress membership NOW, thereby eliminating the need for Jeff Monroe to mail one or two individual renewal notices at the usual time. Probably the most efficient way

for this to be handled is for the fee and renewal forms to be collected by club directors and sent in as a group to the Membership Secretary, Jeff Monroe. Jeff, in turn, can either mail the membership cards individually or in bulk back to the club director, as he sees fit.

At the same time, you will be asked to participate in the Grass Roots early registration project for 1989-90, the forms for which have already been mailed to club directors. Early payment of the \$2 annual Grass Roots registration fee will make it possible for Grass Roots statisticians to begin the new season with a sound database. Please take care of this IMMEDIATELY!

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Charter ACC member Bill Christopher-son, who does his pegging in the Madison Metro #1, attained membership on May 4 in the coveted group of 29-hand holders -- the first perfect hand that has been held in the club since it was organized in 1980.

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PEGGING POINTERS

Dan Barlow

Sometimes, halfway through the play of the hand, the dealer will be holding three cards, while the opponent holds only one. If the dealer has a pair, it is tempting to lead from that pair, hoping pone's last card will match the pair, giving dealer six--holes for tripling, plus two go's. Here's an example:

<u>Pone</u>	<u>Dealer</u>
8	Q (18)
6 (24)	Go
7 (31-2)	?

Dealer's last three cards are 10-10-J. Dealer realizes that if pone's last card is a Jack, it is better to lead a 10. And if pone's last card is a 10, it is STILL better to lead a 10, as pone might be forced to pair. So, dealer leads a 10. If dealer had thought a bit longer, dealer might have realized that there is one card pone might have, which would make leading the Jack advantageous. What is that card?

That's right, an Ace. If pone has an Ace, dealer can score 31-4 by playing the Jack first and saving the 10s. And, while pone's desire to throw trash into dealer's crib may have forced him to save virtually any card with his 6-7-8, an Ace is certainly more likely than a 10 or a Jack, simply because an Ace improves the hand and could improve it more with a favorable cut.

Here's another example. As dealer, you hold 8-9-10-10.

<u>Pone</u>	<u>Dealer</u>
J	8 (18)
J (28)	Go
3 (31-2)	?

Your first thought is to lead a 10, because if opponent is forced to pair, you'll peg eight holes. The 10 also wins if opponent has a 6 or a 9. But my

money is on opponent having a Deuce, in which case the 9 is the best play, as you'll score 31-4 with your 10s. And the 9 also wins if opponent has a 5.

When holding three cards (including a pair) to pone's one, weigh the slim chance of opponent matching your pair against the chance that pone's card is low -- so low that you can play your pair AFTER pone plays his card. If he's unlikely to have saved a low card, go for the triple. But if the low card seems a reasonable possibility, hang onto your matching cards in hopes of playing them consecutively.

Editor's Note:

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Rudeness, no matter from what source or in what manner, is unacceptable to cribbage players who compete in tournaments throughout the country. It was sad to read of Donna Farrell's experience last month. Rudeness is not limited to geographical subdivisions in that I observe the same condition occurring here in the West on occasion.

How easy it is for some of us to forget our first tournament and how nervous most of us were. Yet, some of the veteran players, rather than try to treat a new player with respect, courtesy and understanding, will attempt to intimidate a woman, young player, senior citizen, or one who plays slowly.

It has been my experience over the years that 99% of cribbage players are fine, upstanding people. Unfortunately, it's the 1% that most of us remember.

I am the Tournament Director of the Redwood Classic, to be held in Santa Rosa, California, on August 18-20. I welcome everyone who wishes to come and have fun. If you're one of the 1% mentioned above, please stay home; we'll all be better off without you.

Marion Hawley
The Redwood Classic
Santa Rosa, CA

The Western New York Cribbage Club recently held its GRNTIII. Two of the participants had an opportunity for two practice games during the lunch break. I was fortunate in being the opponent of Richard (Ace) Bett, who scored a 29-hand. Due to this circumstance, the Grass Roots program still maintains in its treasury \$100 for the lucky player who scores a "29" during actual tournament play. Nevertheless, this "29" is the thrill of a lifetime for Ace -- and for me, too, as the opponent.

Donald C. Shaw
Hamburg, NY

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINDS UP -- TIED

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The 1990 event, scheduled for June 3, will seek to attract 18 teams, which would guarantee over 1,000 per player for the winning team. For details and an entry form, contact Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238.

Correction:

In an article regarding the Portside Open, Portsmouth, Virginia, last month, we listed the wrong weekend for the event. The correct date is October 13-15. (See Tournament Trail for complete information.)

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It's a rumor or is it a fact that Prineville will possibly have a nationally known celebrity playing in this tournament? Odds have it that it is a fact, and this player will finish the tournament in a winning style, thanking the rest of the players for "their support" (money).

Oregon is not new to cribbage tournament play, with Prineville hosting the Oregon State Cribbage Championships every year since 1980, which have averaged over 330 players the past four years. The tournament, which will be played at the Crook County Fair Grounds, has plenty of electrical hookups for any type of RV, or we can find you an ideal spot to pitch your tent. Make your plans now for a great time. Call Tour Time Travel in Prineville at 503-447-4838 for the lowest air travel rates, plus car rental and motel rooms. Don't miss it! Check the Tournament Trail for cribbage tournament general information phone numbers (in this issue).

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