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BECKER & SAMET TOP THE FIELD

574 players from 35 states competed in the American Cribbage Congress Open at the Sands Regent Hotel & Casino in Reno, Nevada, on January 28-29, 1989. The huge field is the largest tournament sanctioned by the ACC. H. "Bill" Becker of Bend, Oregon, acquired 614 Master Points when he bested Plumas Stokes of Quincy, California. Joe Bernard, from Libertyville, Illinois, finished third by defeating Earl Roberts of Superior, Wisconsin.

In the Consolation event, Ted Kliora of Waukegan, Illinois, edged Sue Schofield of Windham, Maine. Gordon Hopper, Santa Rosa, California, finished third in a hotly contested match with John Ryan, Jr., from San Lorenzo, California.

The Invitational Tournament of Champions had 268 players from 25 states contesting. Larry Samet, from Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, defeated Gary George, who hails from Sturtevant, Wisconsin. Bill Jensen, from Los Altos, California, took third place and Bob Hanes of Ankeny, Iowa, finished fourth.

No Master Points are awarded in this event, which has been conducted for seven years.

The four top Consolation finishers were: Norb Upton, Eagan, MN; Joe Brown, St. Charles, IL; John Furler, Portland, OR; and Roy Hofbauer, Washougal, WA. 154 players entered the Consolation event.

A well-deserved round of applause should be extended to Joan Rein and Jeff Shimp, as well as to the crew of exceptional volunteers for two beautifully organized tournaments that were well run and orchestrated throughout. Months of work went into these events, which is no mean task when one has to make plans for Reno tournaments while residing in Carver, Minnesota, and Allegan, Michigan.

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

A REMINDER TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

If you want to give your tournament a little publicity, either before or after or both, we're always pleased to insert an article in CRIBBAGE WORLD. You write a little release, and we'll publish it.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

30,000 BROCHURES PRINTED

At the request of the Public Relations Committee at the BOD meeting in Reno on January 26, 30,000 copies of a letter-size brochure were authorized to promote membership in the Congress. A supply of these will be shipped to every director of cribbage activities. Low bidder for the printing project was Minuteman Press of Connecticut.

This literature will be very helpful for the Grass Roots promoters, as this print-out describes the benefits in Congress membership.

George Webb, Box 516, Avon, MA 02322, volunteered to head the distribution. Whoever has a need for brochures to help obtain memberships in their area should write George with their requests. It would be very helpful if postage would be enclosed to help keep Congress costs to a minimum.

MEET MR. K OF HAWAII

Danny (Mr. K) Kaulahao of Honolulu participated in the Congress Open at Reno, and his mission was to learn about the working of a Congress tournament. Danny is determined to get our programs into action in the Island State.

Danny is a great personality and has a track record of promoting tourist activities in Honolulu. When his attention was called to the fact that there are fewer

than 20 members in his state, Danny said, "That may be true today, but when I get off the plane in Hawaii, the cribbage ball is going to start to roll. The first thing I am going to do is organize a Grass Roots club and sign up new members."

Mr. K has a travel agency and an interest in several other operations. He indicated that his ultimate goal is to host the 1993 Grand National in Hawaii.

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This writer has been wintering in Los Angeles since the Reno gathering and is due back in Madison soon after you receive this issue.

NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

The fourth annual National Team Championship will be held on Sunday, June 4, 1989, in North Windham, Connecticut. This year's event will be open to three-player teams. It is anticipated this change will increase the number of teams participating. This is not a sanctioned event, and no Master Points can be awarded. Entry fee is \$105 per person, with a winner-take-all purse. Contact Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238, 203-742-7234.

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

IN DEFENSE OF DEFENSE

I write in response to the article by Mr. Bolduc entitled "Plight of the Defensive Player."

One of the endearing aspects of the game we love is that the mysterious element of luck cannot be measured. Yet Mr. Bolduc advises, "Determine your luck/skill ratio" and even cites various percentages, magically associating skill with offense and luck with defense. Would he be kind enough to share with us some precise indications as to how this ratio can be determined?

Concerning his assertion that offensive players "advance to the playoffs of 60% of the tournaments entered" and the others, 10% (is this the result of a nationwide poll or fabricated guesswork?), I think that if he asked consistently successful players, he would discover that they are neither offensive nor defensive by preference -- rather they react to every situation as the game unfolds. Is it not this very ability to rein in one's temptation toward either evil that makes a good player?

Jed Deppman
Paris, France

IN MEMORIAM

When I returned home from Reno, I found that a good friend had passed on. Walt Rogers of Buellton, California, was a charter member of the ACC and the Santa Maria Grass Roots Club #4. It is ironic that he died on the day of the Tournament of Champions, which was his favorite tournament. Walt was a very nice man and was very popular with cribbage players everywhere. I remember once, around 1983 or 1984, he came in third at the Congress Open in Las Vegas and then followed up with a fourth place finish at the National Open in Raleigh. We have lost an excellent cribbage player.

Butch Reynolds
Santa Maria, CA

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Harper of Carson City, Nevada, died January 28, 1989. Jim was a lifetime member of the American Cribbage Congress and a member of the Sierra, Nevada, Grass Roots #11. Jim loved the game of cribbage and seldom missed a grass roots or major tournament unless otherwise engaged in his other love of traveling in his pickup and fifth wheeler.

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Nick Pond

The ACC has made great strides in the past ten years. We have a viable, living and breathing organization that provides our membership with a friendly, yet competitive pastime that for many of us has proven to be one of the great joys of our lives.

As one of the ten founders of the ACC in July of 1979 in Raleigh and as the director of the National Open, I have consistently been aware of a great need the ACC has. A need so far unmet, but one that our membership could rectify with a little thought and persistence.

The ACC simply does not draw the interest of the national media. This is not because we haven't tried! For instance, the National Open annually receives a plug in Games Magazine, was mentioned in Sports Illustrated in July 1977, and was the subject of a three-minute feature on ABC TV's Good Morning America in 1978. The names of our tournament winners were published in USA Today two years ago. Many of our tournaments receive print and broadcast coverage in the local media, and this is great. But it does nothing to help us on a national basis. There is a way we can change this! President Joe Wergin and I have lamented over this problem for years, and just last month in Reno discussed it again and once more agreed that a solution is possible. It's not the only answer, but it would sure get us rolling.

The ACC needs some national "celebrity" involvement. We need some "star" types in our membership, people who would attend tournaments and just by their presence, enhance our reputation ten-fold. With 5,000 members, there have to be some people in the ACC who personally know some "celebrities" love to play cribbage. For instance, Paul Newman and Robert Redford are reported to play cribbage several times each week. Do we have an ACC member who knows Newman in Connecticut or Redford in Utah? Can you imagine sitting down at a tournament across the board from Newman or Redford? Can you envision what their presence at a tournament would engender in the minds of the people in the media? And, wonder of wonders, can you even begin to think what it would mean to the ACC if one of these "types" ever won an ACC-sanctioned event?

I know we've tried to bridge this gap at the National Open. Several years ago Tip O'Neill's two sons, one of them a former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, played in the National Open. Thomas even won some money and promised me personally that he'd have his father, at the time the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in Raleigh the next year. Alas, that never came to pass. Several years ago I wrote several letters to author Stephen King, an avid cribbage player, inviting him to the National

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Open. Here again, no response. Ike Rutherford of Minneapolis and I worked diligently two years ago to contact Boston Celtics star Kevin McHale about playing in some summertime tournaments. McHale plays almost every day during the summer months in a Hibbing, Minnesota, watering hole. Needless to say, we struck out.

We must have some ACC members who are personal friends of some "star" types who play cribbage. Isn't someone in the ACC a high school or college buddy of Kathleen Turner or Joe Montana or Senator John Glenn? What about someone in New Jersey who grew up with Bruce Springsteen or Jack Nicholson? Did Johnny Carson play cribbage while growing up in Nebraska? How about Larry Bird or Paul Molitor or Tom Cruise or Glenn Close or Bill Bradley or Michael Douglas. Someone of this ilk plays cribbage and is a personal friend of an ACC member. If we could ever get one of these people to a tournament with a promise of friendship, conviviality, and no autographs, think of the publicity value we could claim. As I said, this isn't an end-all solution to this problem, but it could get us going in the right directions.

Imagine an article in People or Life, coverage on ESPN or CNN, a plug in TV Guide or Rolling Stone. We'd have 5,000 new membership applications within two weeks.

Think about it, everyone!

Nick Pond
Raleigh, NC

GREATER BOSTON CRIBBAGE CLASSIC APRIL 7-9, 1989

Plans for the second Greater Boston Cribbage Classic are well underway, with Harry Molloy and Larry Samet planning for a bigger and better tournament. Improvements include a new location out of the downtown area, lots of street (free) parking, and lunch. There will also be an organizational meeting after quali-

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Cutting the cards for the deal is a matter of luck. For example, under the present rules if the first dealer goes out on the 10th hand, he has had 10 hands and 5 cribs. His opponent has counted only 9 hands and 4 cribs. Is that fair or skill?

According to Joe Wergin, the first dealer has a 7-point advantage. So instead of playing to 121 points, I suggest that each player shall have 10 hands and 5 cribs. The player farthest around the board wins the game and the point difference. In case of a tie, they would each get one point for the game (or play two more hands). A 31 or more point differential would be a skunk.

Brad Cordes
Portland, OR

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Almost one year ago my father-in-law and I joined the ACC and participated in our first tournament. We did this because of our enjoyment of the game of cribbage. Since then we have been overwhelmed with the quality of people we have met who also are interested in cribbage. We enjoy greatly the information we receive from the monthly newsletter, the improvements that we have realized in our ability to play the game because of competition, and the satisfaction of knowing that there exists a large number of people in the world who share the same pursuits.

Patrick Ward
Kirkland, WA

fying play at 7 p.m. on Saturday to launch a Greater Boston Grass Roots Club. Special arrangements have been made for rooms at the Sheraton Tara in Newton Corner off the Mass Pike and only 5 minutes from the tournament site at the Watertown Elks. A rare two-day tournament in New England.

The following are actual situations that have occurred at sanctioned ACC cribbage tournaments and have been sent to the testing examiner by certified judges.

1. Both players are on 4th Street. The table is jarred and 3 pegs fall to the floor. The players cannot agree where the pegs belong. What are the judge's options?
2. Two cribbage players at an ACC sanctioned tournament become involved in a heated argument after having had one too many drinks. The argument is disturbing other players. You as a judge are now called. What action do you take?
3. A player about to score his points mistakenly moves his opponent's peg in the wrong direction and releases the peg. What are the judge's options?
4. Both the dealer and pone are on 4th Street, hole 110. The pone lays down a 2 of clubs. The dealer pairs this card with another 2 of clubs and pegs 2. At this point the pone discovers the duplication of cards and a judge is called. What options does the judge have?
5. The card count is 24. The dealer holds a 5 and 6 but incorrectly says "go." Pone plays 1 card and takes his point. The dealer leads the 6. Pone calls him on the renege. A judge is called and pone chooses the Rule VII.3.a(2) option. What card should be declared dead, the 5 or 6?
6. A player observes another player next to him who is dealing drop a card to the floor but still has 6 cards in his hand. This is the second time he has seen this happen. What is your responsibility as a judge? What action do you take?
7. A player records his score but inadvertently places his peg and releases his peg in opponent's track. What is the judge's option?
8. Dealer mixes cards face up. Pone exercises his right to shuffle the cards face down. Dealer then exercises his right to shuffle the cards again, which he does face up. If the dealer refuses to shuffle the cards face down, what options does the judge have?
9. The play has started. The starter card turned. Pone has laid down 1 card and dealer has played 1 card. It is then discovered that pone has a total of 5 cards. The dealer has the correct amount of cards, as does the crib. The dealer asks you as a judge to show him the applicable rule. How do you resolve this issue?
10. The tournament long board is being used. The pone has 10 points to peg. Instead of moving to hole 35 on 2nd Street, the pone pegs to hole 95 on 4th Street. The pone takes his hand off the peg. The dealer calls this error to the attention of the pone and claims the pone overpegged 60 points. What are the options of the judge, and is there a penalty involved?
11. The pone lays down a card on the table and announces "6" and releases the card. The card actually laid down was a 7. The dealer, not looking at the played card and only hearing what pone had announced, lays down a 9 and says 15 for 2. The dealer claims he is entitled to the 2 points. Pone says he is not. What should be the judge's ruling?
12. Dealer refuses to offer the cut before dealing. Pone calls a judge who awards him 2 points and orders a redeal. Again the dealer refuses to offer the cut. Pone calls the judge again. What are the judge's options?

JUDGE'S CORNER

QUIZ ANSWERS

The judgmental situations were submitted to a panel of officials of the ACC. These people first evaluated if the situation came within the rules of the ACC. Secondly, if the situation demanded a judgmental decision, they came to the fairest, most reasonable, decision they could. These recommendations are meant only as a guideline, as there may be more than one answer. Only you as a judge can evaluate all the circumstances of a particular situation.

- 1a. Start the game over.
- 1b. If undisturbed peg is agreed to be a front peg, put opponent's peg in same position.

2. Notify the tournament director. It is not a matter covered by the rules.
3. No options. Rule VIII.9.c requires the opponent's peg be returned to where it was, plus 2 points penalty, and offender loses count he was pegging.

Note: Rule change dated May 9, 1987, approved by BOD and published in CRIBBAGE WORLD June 1987.

4. Start the hand over with a new or corrected pack.
5. In this case the rules do not specify which card should be declared dead. Some experienced judges have stated they would declare the 6 dead or any other card coming to the closest count of 31.
- 6a. This is not a problem within the judge's area of responsibility since the rules do not specifically address the subject of cheating. The tournament director should be informed and should take the lead in any action. The director might ask all judges (as experienced players) to monitor the suspected player when they are not playing.

- 6b. He should call the tournament director, explain the problem and let him decide whether to warn him, throw him out of the tournament; but in any event a report of the incident should be sent to the tournament commissioner so that any more incidents could revoke his ACC membership and any other play in ACC tournaments.
7. No option. Approved rule change VIII.10.c dated June 1987 permits the player to move the peg to the correct track without penalty.
8. Require that all the final and under shuffles are done face down. Should the player refuse, I would recommend to the tournament director that the person be disqualified.
9. Rule IV.5.c.(8) is incorrect. The correct rule is IV.5.c.(13).
10. There was much discussion on this one but generally the consensus was that pone replace the peg behind his front peg on 1st Street and lose the count of his hand.
11. The dealer is correct, whether he saw the 7 or not. VII.3.b requires the incorrect count not be corrected if the next card is played.
12. This is a willful refusal to follow a playing rule as opposed to mistakenly breaking one. The 2-point penalty is really not the issue and Rule III.3.a is not a good rule. A warning is appropriate when the redeal is first ordered, and another refusal to offer the cut will result in the forfeit of the game, and the next be cause for disqualification from the event. The tournament director, of course, should be informed of the situation.

Frank Zabrowski
Monterey, CA

THE EXPECTATION OF A CRIBBAGE HAND

If you were dealt 3-4-5-5-5-9 with no flush, what would be the best choice of discards? By "best" is meant the selection that would give the highest average count if you held the same cards a large number of times. This average count is called the expectation of the hand. Naturally, there may be other factors to consider, such as the control of pegging, the need for some minimum count, or minimizing your opponent's crib; these will not be considered in the following discussion. The best discards for the 3-4-5-5-5-9 hand are the 3-9, with an expectation of 12.891. The 5-9 discards give 12.457. If you chose the latter, you probably didn't give enough weight to the 10-count cards in the deck.

The expectation of any hand can be calculated in a straightforward manner, and it is informative to consider how it is done since you have to judge alternative expectations nearly every time you discard a hand. Since the expectation equals the average count for all possible starters, it can be calculated by summing the counts with all possible starters and dividing by the number of starters. We will consider only single's hands, so the number of possible starters is 46. Never mind that your opponent has 6 cards that can't be starters; since you don't know what they are, the effect is the same as if they were still in the deck.

Let's take an easily calculated example: 2-2-2-2-8-K. Keeping the four deuces, what is the expectation? Since only sevens and nines can help the count, the number of starters that cannot help equals $46 - 8 = 38$. So 38 starters give a count of 12, or a sum of $38 \times 12 = 456$. A seven gives 14 points, so add $4 \times 14 = 56$. A nine gives 20 points, so add $4 \times 20 = 80$ more. That's the lot, and the total is 592. Dividing by 46 gives the average of 12.870 for the expectation.

We can reduce the size of the numbers used in this calculation by summing only the increase in count due to a starter. Thus, 38 cards give a zero increase, 4 give an increase of 2 for a sum of 8, and 4 give an increase of 8 for 32 more. This totals $8 + 32 = 40$ and dividing by 46 results in an average of 0.870. Adding the minimum 12 count back in gives the same value of 12.870.

Using either method you can calculate the expectation of any hand. Of course, the only reason for wanting to know the expectation is to compare alternative discards, so you must make at least 2 such calculations. Making a tabular form would help avoid errors. Care must be taken when the hand includes jacks or a flush, since every starter of the suit(s) involved adds extra points. This suit complication can be simplified as follows:

- (a) Sum the count without considering suit.
- (b) If the 4 cards held include jacks, for each jack count the number of cards dealt of that suit (including the jack), subtract that from 13 and add the difference to the sum compiled in (a) above.
- (c) If a flush is held, make the same calculation as specified in (b). Note that if the flush includes the jack, you add the same (b) calculation twice.
- (d) Divide the total count summation by 46, as always, to get the expectation.

Although the procedure for calculating the expectation is quite simple, the counting of all those hands is tedious and opportunities for error abound. With some errors can be avoided by using the table of "all possible combinations" in Wergin's book, those tables are not listed in a convenient sequence for calculating expectations.

Dick Cornwell
Sunnyvale, CA

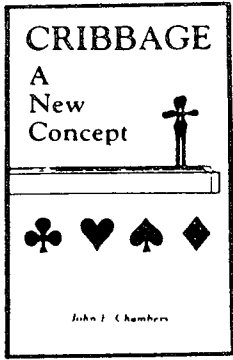
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IS A SUCCESS

Congratulations to Larry Samet of Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Gary George of Sturtevant, Wisconsin. Larry took the Championship, and Gary was runner-up in the biggest Tournament of Champions ever (266 players). Norbert Cotton of Eagan, Minnesota, was winner, and Joe Brown of St. Charles, Illinois, was runner-up in the Consolation. Jim Fabian and Rob Kirkpatrick were fortunate enough to hold 28 hands during the play.

A BIG thank you to all the excellent help. It is great to see people from all over the USA working together to make this such a fine tournament.

A big thank you also to the Sands Regent Hotel and Casino for donating \$3,500 to the prize fund; and a special thank you to Barbara Woodward and her assistant, Melanie, for their many hours of work with the ACC Tournament of Champions and Open.

Joan Rein
Carver, MN



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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 BELLE CITY WINTER
- 2 GEORGIA OPEN
- 3 JESSE JAMES
- 4 MIDWAY
- 5 PORTLAND WINTER
- 6 ROCKY MOUNTAIN

ACC WESTERN REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
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2 JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	536
3 SHAMBLOTT, MARSHALL	GARDEN GROVE	CA	403
4 GROSS, MARY JO	DENVER	CO	385
5 HATFIELD, JOHN	MADRAS	OR	353
6 CHRISTY, LEON	RICHLAND	WA	315
7 COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	306
8 HARMON, CAROL	SACRAMENTO	CA	298
9 ORIET, BOB	FOREST GROVE	OR	288
10 FORBES, BRUCE	PARADISE	CA	285
11 MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	270
12 KIMBALL, FRED	WALLA WALLA	WA	255
13 MOTLEY, GARY	GRESHAM	OR	254
14 INTORF, DOROTHY	TAHOE CITY	CA	247
15 THOMSON, DUNCAN	YOUNTVILLE	CA	244
16 TUNGATE, GREG	PORTLAND	OR	230
17 SHORES, JIM	FOREST GROVE	OR	220
18 NOHRDEN, TOM	CAPITOLA	CA	204
TABORSKI, MIKE	QUINCY	CA	204
20 SCHILE, GEORGE	TACOMA	WA	203
21 JOHNSON, GIL	SPOKANE	WA	201
22 AYOUB, NICK	QUINCY	CA	193
23 HILL, JOHN	MISSOULA	MT	191
24 GRUBBS, BOB	MILWAUKIE	OR	185
25 COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD HILL	CA	182

ACC
CENTRAL REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	KLIORA, TED	WAUKEGAN	IL	382
2	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	371
3	HEEMSTRA, JAMES	GREEN BAY	WI	348
4	REHM, KEN	KENOSHA	WI	302
5	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	299
6	BOESEL, RAY	GLENBEULAH	WI	269
7	MORELAN, JIM	LITTLE CANADA	MN	259
8	KRAFT, LLOYD	SEYMOUR	WI	242
	MIKULSKY, EUGENE	SOBIESKI	WI	242
10	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	241
11	LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	240
12	GRIFFIN, MICKEY	LINCOLN	NE	233
13	SPERRY, WILLIAM	MAPLEWOOD	MN	228
14	HAMILTON, RON	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	219
15	CLARK, JEFF	ANTIOCH	IL	210
16	JACOBSEN, DAVID	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	208
17	SOMMER, ROBERT	EXCELSIOR	MN	203
18	JACOBSEN, STEVE	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	199
19	THOMSEN JR., TOM	WAUKEGAN	IL	198
20	BIEGLER, GENE	WEST BEND	WI	195
21	MCCABE, KEVIN	BROWN DEER	WI	180
22	BROWN, JOE	ST. CHARLES	IL	174
	GASPER, JOHN	PEWAUKEE	WI	174
24	BUNTROCK, BARBARA	CEDARBURG	WI	165
	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	165

ACC
EASTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	CHRISTIANSEN, DWIGHT	STRATFORD	CT	450
2	FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	428
3	MOLLOY, HARRY	MILFORD	MA	379
4	FORCZYK, STANLEY	FALL RIVER	MA	369
5	MARTIN, ARTHUR	NORTHBORO	MA	300
6	LAW, EDWIN	LONGMEADOW	MA	295
7	REDDY, FRANK	SWAMPSCOTT	MA	274
8	DONOVAN, DAVE	ALBANY	NY	265
9	BRENNAN, HERB	TORRINGTON	CT	263
	WEBB, GEORGE	AVON	MA	263
11	DEKENIPP, BOB	SHIRLEY	MA	260
12	BICKFORD, GEORGE	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	259
13	LEMEIR, RAYMOND	WOONSOCKET	RI	248
	SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	248
15	TUCCI, PAT	SACO	ME	239
16	DOUGLASS, HENRY	REIDSVILLE	NC	231
	HINKLE JR, CHET	PLANTSVILLE	CT	231
18	PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	217
19	GOMBATZ, ROBERT	RALEIGH	NC	209
20	DISALVO, DAVID	WEYMOUTH	NH	203
21	PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	202
22	HORIGAN, TOM	LARGO	FL	200
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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Everyone knows that 29 is the best possible cribbage hand. I would like to know, however, what the best deal is. Assuming your opponent plays to your benefit, (1) what is the maximum number of points you can get in one deal and (2) what is the maximum lead you can have?

My best effort for high score is 68 points. It also happens to be my best effort for biggest lead: 61 points.

<u>Pone</u>	<u>Crib</u>	<u>Dealer</u>
K,Q,8,5	7,7,8,8	4,5,5,5

6 is cut

* * * *

The Play:

Q	5 (15-2)
5 (20-2)	5 (25-6)
Go	5 (30-13)

K	4 (14)
8 (22-1)	

Total Pegging:	
3	21

Hands:	
K,Q,8,5,6 = 4	4,5,5,5,6 = 23
	Crib 7,7,8,8,6 = 24

Total:	
7	68

Can anyone do better?

Peter Gordon
New York, NY

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

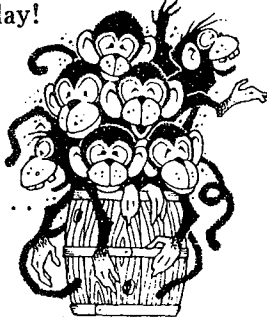
In reply to articles in CRIBBAGE WORLD, January 1989.

I am a non-smoker, but I don't think it would be a good idea to have non-smoking tournaments. Your suggestion that the smoker can smoke before, after and when they have to wait may look good on paper, but it wouldn't work with the smokers I know. No, they will just stay away from those tournaments. All tournaments I have attended set aside a section or room for non-smokers. When this area is filled, we must play with the smokers. Since there are now more non-smokers, why don't the tournament directors reverse this practice and set aside a smoking section and when that is filled, the rest will play in the non-smoking section? If some players need to smoke during play, all they have to do is sign up in advance.

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Because of the changes made in the ACC Board of Directors elections, the selection process for honoring a couple as Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage each year has had to be revamped. Beginning this year, one couple will be chosen in each of the three regions, and the winners will be selected by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in Raleigh.

Members of the ACC are encouraged to assist the Board in this process by nominating any couple from their region that they believe deserving of this honor. Please send your nomination, in the form of a brief biography, to your regional director designated below. All the directors in your region will then evaluate the nominees and select the couple they believe most qualified.

The couple that the complete Board of Directors elects in Raleigh in July will then be honored at the annual awards banquet at the Grand National Tournament in Prineville, Oregon, in September.

I encourage you to submit your nominations soon to facilitate your directors' task in the next few months. No nominations will be accepted after May 1. Don't pass up this chance to recognize the hard work and dedication of that special husband and wife team that you know deserves the credit. **WRITE NOW!** Thanks for your help.

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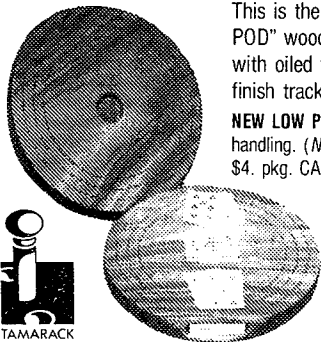
A NEW 29 CLUB MEMBER

Sunday, February 12, Lincoln, Nebraska. I was playing cribbage with Mickey Griffin and Ray Dalton. I had my first ever 29 hand. I cut the deck, Mickey turned a five of hearts. What are the odds for a 29 hand with only five cards dealt?

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We look forward to a good tournament with 19 trophy boards and 100% payback after sanctioning fee. The 19th (high qualifier) board was sponsored by Ken and Betty Capper of Beken Craft in Hermiston, Oregon, who made all of the trophy boards. The sponsors who make the tournaments possible deserve a very special thank you.

I would be interested to know if a smaller town than Nyssa, Oregon, with a population of less than 3,000, holds an ACC-sanctioned tournament. Nyssa enjoyed the tournament and the cribbage players last year and looks forward to the tournament this year. Several of my sponsors told me that they were impressed that the players went out of their way to let them know they were appreciated. I also wish to thank everyone who came last year and extend my invitation to this year's tournament.

Michelle Park
Lolo, MT

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

In the recent ACC Open in Reno, Bob Hanes of Ankeny, Iowa, lost his first two games. Undaunted, Bob got to work and won the next 20 games in a row to finish with 41 game points!!

Director Scott Kooistra writes that this is the longest winning streak he has ever heard of in one day during a sanctioned cribbage tournament.

Can you top this? If so, write CRIBBAGE WORLD and share it with our readers.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Scott Kooistra of the Tournament Guidelines Committee is asking for input from the membership. A new set of Requirements and Guidelines is being formulated for sanctioned tournaments.

How many games should be played in a one-day tournament? Two-day? What percentage should qualify? How many games should be played in the playoffs?

Your answers to these and other questions relating to tournaments will greatly help the committee.

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Registration for the main tournament will begin at 7:30 AM Saturday; Rule review at 8:15 AM; Play begins at 8:45 AM

Entry Fee is \$47.00 (including lunch) for current ACC members; \$54.00 for non-members. Additional insurance funds will be available for the main event.

Additional Tournaments: Friday - "Early Bird Special" - 8:00 PM - \$15.00 - Registration at 6:30
 Saturday Night "Special" - 8:00 PM - \$15.00 - Registration at 7:00
 Sunday Consolation - 10:00 AM - \$30.00 - Registration at 9:00 includes
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THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

March 17-19, Capitol City Tournament

Day's Inn, 1780 East County Road, Maplewood, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Ron Hamilton, 1685 Pioneer Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 612-429-3639.

March 18-19, The Colorado Open

China Doll Restaurant, 2045 Clinton, Aurora, Colorado. Entry fee: \$31.50. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Consolation, Sunday Doubles. Contact: Iris Fuller, 8346 Girard Avenue, Denver, CO 80231, 303-695-8285.

March 19, South Shore Open

Elks Lodge, School Street, Randolph, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$35. Q-Pools, Consolation. Contact: George Webb, 92 Robbins Street, Avon, MA 02322, 508-588-4526.

March 31, April 1-2, Tri-Cities Open

Marinette Hotel, 1821 Riverside Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$42. Friday Night Special, Friday Night Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Robert Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143, 715-735-6704.

April 1, San Ramon Lions Tournament II

Country Club School, 7534 Blue Fox Way, San Ramon, California. Entry fee: \$48. Q-Pool. Contact: Jack C. Miller, P.O. Box 450, San Ramon, CA, 415-866-0614 (a charitable event to benefit the Lions Club).

April 7-9, North Carolina Open

Sheraton Inn, U.S. Route 1 Bypass, Southern Pines, North Carolina. Entry fee: \$50. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Howard Baum, B&B Lanes, 3003 Ft. Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303, 919-484-5178.

April 7-9, Greater Boston Classic

Watertown Elks Club, 268 Arlington Street, Watertown, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$44. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts (Saturday and Sunday), Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Greater Boston Cribbage Classic, PO Box 891, Milford, MA 01757. Call: Larry Samet, 617-237-1256.

April 7-9, The Montana Open

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

April 21-23, World Masters Classic XI

Midway Motor Lodge, 3710 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$47 (\$54 for non-ACC members). Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Gaylord E. Matti, P.O. Box 5049, Madison, WI 53705, 608-238-6470.

April 28-30, Greater Hermiston Open IV

Eagles Lodge, 160 NW 2nd, Hermiston, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31.50. Early Bird Singles and Doubles, Saturday coffee, rolls, Q-Pools, Saturday night banquet, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Ken Capper, 300 West Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838, 503-567-5145.

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

April 28-30, Minnesota Open IX

Day's Inn, 1501 Freeway Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$48. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: John Williams, 5755 West Broadway, Apt. 109, Crystal, MN 55428, 612-588-5122.

April 29-30, Super Bowl of Cribbage IV

Elks Lodge, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, California. Entry fee: \$85. Continental breakfasts, Q-Pools, 1 lunch, 1 steak dinner, Consolation. Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93455, 805-937-1911.

April 30, The Rhode Island Open

Holiday Inn, Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. Entry fee: \$33. Saturday Night Special, coffee, pastries, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation. Contact: John Chambers, 46 Ivy Street, Providence, RI 02906, 401-831-4157.

May 5-7, The Hawkeye Classic III

Sheraton Inn, 11040 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Iowa. Entry fee: \$52. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation. Contact: Larry Loupee, 410 East 2nd Street, Newton, IA 50208, 515-792-8236.

May 6-7, The Ben Franklin Open

The Willow Grove Naval Air Station, Pitcairn Club, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation. Contact: Robert B. Einhorn, 928 Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park, PA 19126, 215-635-0351.

May 7, The Great Plains Spring 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.

May 19-21, Snake River Open

Eagles Hall #2134, 222 Bower Avenue, Nyssa, Idaho. Entry fee: \$32. Early Birds, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Michelle Park, P.O. Box 968, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-6875.

May 20, Cupertino Kiwanis Tournament

Cupertino Recreation Center, Voss Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, Cupertino, California. Entry fee: \$45. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch. Contact: Louis L. DeLu, 22273 Cupertino Road, Cupertino, CA 95014, 408-253-4645 (a charitable event to benefit the Kiwanis Club).

May 21, The Connecticut Championship

Ukrainian Hall, Route 66, North Windham, Connecticut. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation. Contact: Carl Bard, 208 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06256, 203-646-8709.

May 26-28, Oregon's Coastal Classic

Elks Hall, 1907 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon. Entry fee: \$28. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Kate and John Furler, 924 SW 16th Avenue, #201, Portland, OR 97205, 503-228-3664.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

JESSE JAMES OPEN
Northfield, Minnesota
November 19, 1988
Director: Jack Miller
Number of Entries: 98/70

Main		MP
1. Al Booth	Columbia Hts. MN	138
2. Ron Sather	Northfield, MN	110
3. T. Thomsen Jr.	Waukegan, IL	92
4. Chuck Mokres	St. Paul, MN	79

Consolation		MP
1. Vicky May	Des Moines, IA	55
2. Pam Siewert	St. Louis Pk. MN	41
3. M. Fingleton	Milwaukee, WI	32
4. Al Greenlee	Northfield, MN	26

BELLE CITY CLASSIC
Kenosha, Wisconsin
January 13-15, 1989
Director: Donald Wrzesinske
Number of Entries: 122/82

Main		MP
1. Rudy Hebein	Mukwonago, WI	162
2. Ted Kliora	Waukegan, IL	134
3. Max Steplyk	Waukegan, IL	116
4. Kevin McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	103

Consolation		MP
1. D. Thompson	Yountville, CA	61
2. Mildred Chase	Milwaukee, WI	47
3. Larry DeMarino	Kenosha, WI	38
4. Jim McManus	Milwaukee, WI	32

PORTLAND WINTER TOURNAMENT
Portland, Oregon
January 13-15, 1989
Directors: Kate & John Furler
Number of Entries: 145/92

Main		MP
1. Robert Grubbs	Milwaukee, OR	185
2. Ray Van Orsow	Portland, OR	157
3. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	139
4. Gary Motley	Gresham, OR	126

Consolation		MP
1. Bunny Lewis	Portland, OR	66
2. Glen Hefner	Creswell, OR	52
3. C. Van Orsow	Culver, OR	43
4. D. Westerlund	Sherwood, OR	37

THE GEORGIA OPEN VI
Augusta, Georgia
January 13-15, 1989
Director: Luis Lizarribar
Number of Entries: 86/66

Main		MP
1. Luis Lizarribar	Martinez, GA	126
2. Henry Douglass	Reidsville, NC	9
3. Pat Gagnon	Orlando, FL	80
4. Buster Forbes	Raleigh, NC	67

Consolation		MP
1. Anna Abbott	Incline Vil. NV	53
2. Jack Davis	Raleigh, NC	39
3. Tom Horigan	Largo, FL	30
4. George Dean	Augusta, GA	24

THE ACC INVITATIONAL
Reno, Nevada
January 27, 1989
Director: Joan Rein
Number of Entries: 268/154

Main		MP
1. Larry Samet	Wellesley H. MA	--
2. Gary George	Sturtevant, WI	--
3. Bill Jensen	Los Altos, CA	--
4. Bob Hanes	Ankeny, IA	--

Consolation		MP
1. Norb Upton	Eagan, MN	--
2. Joe Brown	St. Charles, IL	--
3. John Furler	Portland, OR	--
4. Roy Hofbauer	Washougal, WA	--

THE ACC OPEN
Reno, Nevada
January 28-29, 1989
Director: Jeff Shimp
Number of Entries: 574/438

Main		MP
1. Bill Becker	Bend, OR	6
2. Plumas Stokes	Quincy, CA	586
3. Joe Berard	Libertyville, IL	568
4. Earl Roberts	Superior, WI	555

Consolation		MP
1. Ted Kliora	Waukegan, IL	239
2. Sue Schofield	Windham, ME	230
3. Gordon Hopper	Santa Rosa, CA	216
4. John Ryan Jr.	San Lorenzo, CA	206

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS COLUMN

Greetings from Montana. Other than that one sub-zero spell, we have had very little snow and fairly mild temperatures. I always thought Montana was supposed to have vicious winters. It sure is beautiful country.

January I went to Nyssa and did most of the groundwork for my Snake River tournament in May. The sponsors make it a pleasure to know I am supported in the tournament. It is also a good place to live. I will be in Nyssa for a week before the tournament to do the finish-up work. It is good that my friends in Nyssa are so helpful, with my being so far away. Talking of friends, Ken and Betty Capper sponsored the 19th board for my cribbage tournament, so in addition to the 2 boards for doubles, 12 for the main tournament and 4 for consolation, we will have 1 board for high qualifier. It's still quite a ways off, but already I am getting excited about it. At the tournaments I go to I leave flyers for anyone interested. From the people who have told me that they will be there, it sounds like I may have a good turnout this year.

I am enclosing a couple of flyers and an article for CRIBBAGE WORLD. I thank you in advance for publishing it for me. I have noticed in recent CRIBBAGE WORLDs that you are including more articles regarding scorecards, playing cards, and encouragement to add a Tournament Directors Column. You are all

doing an excellent job. Now if you could tell me how to get people who like to play cribbage but are afraid of us "cribbage tournament players" to play in the tournaments, that would make my day.

Best close. Thank you again.

Michelle Park
Lolo, MT

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Re: Articles January CRIBBAGE WORLD

I respect and understand the feelings of those who are distressed by the unhealthy conditions one is apt to find in a smoking environment; however, my protest is concerned primarily with the discriminatory practices one encounters in social pursuits. Smoking/no smoking just happens to be at the top of the "list." I also look upon the smoking/no smoking issue as a catalyst to either force the BOD to set out some realistic policy on discrimination and not assume the situation will be handled with good taste and common sense; or force the tournament directors to not use the "business as usual" format where the chorus of criticism points out to them that there could be a better way.

H. Thomas Haight
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