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IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Next month we'll publish the autobiographies of those running for election to the American Cribbage Congress Board of Directors. This marks the first year that elections will be bi-annual. In the past, elections were held annually; in the odd-numbered year candidates ran for 13 seats on the BOD and in the even year, for 12 seats. The costs of printing and mailing ballots to all members of the ACC each year caused the BOD to reevaluate the need for annual elections. This year all 25 seats are open to any member of the ACC.

We urge each of you to review the autobiographies, make your selections and VOTE! In the past two elections, approximately 40% of our membership voted; that is sad. Each of you, with the exception of new members, knows or is at least aware of one or more people on the upcoming list of candidates. Each person running for the BOD does so without any pay or expense money. It's all donated time for the good of the game. Win or lose, these people deserve your consideration and vote; it's the least you can do.

A CRIBBAGE WORLD POLICY REPORT

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We feel everyone's point of view should have a forum, and any rebuttal will be given equal representation. All material is printed with the aim of informing the membership; you, obviously, have the choice of accepting, rejecting or taking issue as you see fit.

G. Gorlewski, D. Munroe, R. Plourde

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

It was amusing to read the report on page 3 of the April issue regarding highest possible scoring hand. The editor received about 69 letters with all sorts of answers. The writer was surprised that a thousand people did not respond to this challenge. On pages 37 to 40 in the textbook, How to Win at Cribbage, hands of 73, 74, 75 and 78 are shown. Of course, possessors of this book naturally figured that 90% of the players knew that 78 was the highest possibility, so they did not send the answer.

Editor Munroe says that this is enough of this trivia. He doesn't have time to open 60 or more letters. The writer would like to secure the mailing address of Peter Gordon, New York City, who started this discussion.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Monroe, Membership Secretary, states that as of March 31 there were 5,202 members. California leads with 813 and Oregon follows with 751. States with over 200 members are Wisconsin, 499; Massachusetts, 445; Minnesota, 254; Florida, 229; and Washington, 201. There are only 13 members in Canada.

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Associate Editor Bob Plourde asks a question: "Joe, you and other writers, along with many veteran players, always say that the first deal of a game is worth seven points. We're being inundated with

letters asking for proof. Now I am putting the monkey on your back. You answer that question."

My first reaction was to thank Bob for the opportunity to show the reasoning for this statement.

Extensive records of games played have been kept since the beginning of the 17th century. Crib addicts have reported the results of 500, 1,000, 5,000, and even as many as 20,000 contests. The results tend to vary a little because of the cribbage skill of the people involved in the study. As a computer cannot be used to determine averages accurately because of the varying decisions players make, the findings of the record-keepers will have to be accepted.

The combined results indicate that the dealer's hand averages close to 8 holes, the crib $4\frac{1}{2}$, and pegging $3\frac{1}{2}$, for a total of 16. At the same time, pone should average 10 holes with a hand of $7\frac{1}{2}$ and pegging $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Pone has the constant problem of trying to balk the dealer's crib, often forcing the reduction of points held. To be on average, pone should score 10 points.

In one round, that is, both players having a turn at dealing, the two players should be tied with 26 points; after the second round, 52; the third round, 78; and 104 as the 8th hand is completed.

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*As the dealer's hands of 16 are 16+, 5 deals give the first dealer 1 hole for the fractions involved. Then, too, in this calculation, the turning of a Jack starter card must be reckoned with in overall figures.

Personally, with having the first deal, I shoot for 17 holes on the first hand. From then on, 16 dealer points per hand is to be expected.

Pone's strategy on the first deal is to be aggressive and to score more than 10 points. Pone should know about the 7-point handicap and should try to reduce it on the first deal.

On the other side of the coin, the first dealer, knowing of his/her 7-point advantage, should try to hold pone to less than 10 points.

When pone says after the first hand, "I stole your crib," that means your 7-point advantage has been erased.

Remember, this discussion is based on average conditions.

The record-keepers have also found out that it usually takes 9 hands to complete a game. Therefore, the starting dealer has 5 deals and 5 cribs, while the opponent has 4 deals and 4 cribs.

The following chart shows why there is a 7-point advantage for the first dealer.

AN IDEAL GAME A GAME OF AVERAGES

Hand <u>X</u>	<u>Each Hand</u>		<u>Running Total</u>	
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1	16	10	16	10
2	10	16	26	26
3	16	10	42	36
4	10	16	52	52
5	16	10	68	62
6	10	16	78	78
7	16	10	94	88
8	10	16	104	104
9	16	10	120	114
			121*	

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Here's a record for a "Bad Beat" that will probably stand for a long time. Vern Moore scored a "Grand Slam" during his third Grass Roots tournament and placed only third in a field of 15 players.

His perfect card of 18 & 9 was below those of Al Knight's 19 & 9 and David Comfort's 19 & 8.

The games were played March 4 with the Union County Grass Roots Cribbage Club #38 at LaGrande, Oregon.

Harry Kantas
Statistician
Sherwood, OR

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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 ACC OPEN | 6 PALMETTO |
| 2 CAPITAL CITY | 7 SOUTH SHORE OPEN |
| 3 FAIRFIELD | 8 WARREN SWETT MEMORIAL |
| 4 NORTHWEST OPEN | 9 WESTERN NEW YORK OPEN |
| 5 OREGON STATE | |

EASTERN REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 WEBB, GEORGE	AVON	MA	897
2 NORRIS, LEE	N. KINGSTON	RI	812
3 LIZZARRIBAR, LUIS	MARTINEZ	GA	683
4 VETTERLINE, KEN	BAR MILL	ME	682
5 PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	651
6 CHRISTIANSEN, DWIGHT	STRATFORD	CT	624
7 KING, KENNETH	READING	MA	537
8 GALVIN, BRENDA	SPRINGFIELD	MA	505
MOLLOY, HARRY	MILFORD	MA	505
10 SAMET, LAURENCE	WELLESLEY HILLS	MA	471
11 FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	463
12 DONOVAN, DAVE	ALBANY	NY	458
13 PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	408
14 FORCZYK, STANLEY	FALL RIVER	MA	374
15 SCHOFIELD, SUSAN	WINDHAM	ME	373
16 PROCTOR, DAVID	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	359
17 CAMBELL, KEN	MODOC	SC	354
18 GOMBATZ, ROBERT	RALEIGH	NC	346
19 LAW, EDWIN	LONGMEADOW	MA	334
20 HORIGAN, TOM	LARGO	FL	332
21 BICKFORD, GEORGE	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	324
22 SWEET, EARLE	N. SCITUATE	RI	315
23 MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	313
24 MARTIN, ARTHUR	NORTHBORO	MA	300
25 SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	283

CENTRAL REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	KLIORA, TED	WAUKEGAN	IL	1059
2	KOOISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON	SD	946
3	LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	942
4	ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	909
5	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	822
6	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	644
7	CLARK, JEFF	ANTIOCH	IL	643
8	MAHAN, JIM	ROBBINSDALE	MN	622
9	BARRETT, PATRICK	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI	621
10	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	618
11	RAILSBACK, BUZZ	SYRACUSE	NE	598
12	CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE	WI	589
	CONNER, DORIS	MILWAUKEE	WI	589
14	MOMSEN, PETE	MILWAUKEE	WI	580
15	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	570
16	CAPODAGLI, KEN	BENSENVILLE	IL	566
17	KRAFT, LLOYD	SEYMOUR	WI	538
18	SCHWARTZ, CARL	GREENFIELD	IA	534
19	LOCHNER, WILLIAM	WAUSAU	WI	513
20	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	483
21	SATHER, RON	NORTHFIELD	MN	480
22	DEEDS, BOB	ELGIN	IL	478
23	DANIELSKI, VIRGINIA	APPLETON	WI	447
24	HAIGHT, THOMAS	ANN ARBOR	MI	437
25	CHRISTOFFERSON, BILL	DEFOREST	WI	435

WESTERN REGION

	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	951
2	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	942
3	COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD HILL	CA	842
4	BECKER, BILL	BEND	OR	696
5	FORBES, BRUCE	PARADISE	CA	685
6	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	678
7	STOKES, PLUMAS	QUINCY	CA	658
8	SCHIFFMAN, MORRIS	PORTLAND	OR	638
9	FULLER, IRIS	AURORA	CO	601
10	HANES, RAY	WALLA WALLA	WA	597
11	SCHILE, GEORGE	TACOMA	WA	571
12	BROWN, DOUG	PASCO	WA	567
13	GOOD, LARRY	SEASIDE	CA	559
14	KAWIAKA, JOSEPH	SAN LORENZO	CA	554
15	MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	552
16	JARRELL, SUNDAE	PITTSBURG	CA	534
17	BROWN, RICHARD	IONE	CA	514
18	MESSNER, LOUIS	SAN PEDRO	CA	504
19	JOHNSON, GIL	SPOKANE	WA	492
20	FURLER, JOHN	PORTLAND	OR	490
21	REYNOLDS, STEVE	CONCORD	CA	488
22	GROSS, MARY JO	DENVER	CO	486
23	BINGHAM, JESSE	BOUSE	AZ	464
24	DYER, ROBERTA	BEND	OR	454
25	CHRISTY, LEON	RICHLAND	WA	447

CRIBBAGE ETHICS

Dan Barlow

Cribbage is often referred to as a "gentleman's" game. If the ACC is to have any credence as an upstanding organization, players must not only abide by the rules of the game and the rules of etiquette, but also by a strict code of ethics. To find out if you measure up to the ethical standards the ACC requires of its players, take the following test:

1. It's the last game of the qualifying round. With 19 straight victories, you've clinched your spot in the finals. Your opponent, Donald Trump, probably needs one more victory to qualify. Hungry for cribbage fame, Donald offers you \$1 million to let him skunk you. Do you accept?
 - a. No way! That would close out a more deserving player.
 - b. Are you kidding? First prize is a lousy 280 bucks. Do I look stupid?
2. You and your opponent are 12 holes from 4th Street in the final game of your match, when you deal yourself 2-3-5-5-5-5. As you're about to toss 2-3 into your crib, you glance down and notice a card from your deck lying on the floor. What do you do?
 - a. Stop the game and declare a misdeal.
 - b. Play out the hand and after scoring your crib, accidentally drop your cards on the floor and slip the missing card back in.
3. Same question, but this time you're holding 2-4-6-8-10-K.
 - a. Play out the hand first.
 - b. Stop the game immediately.
4. Your opponent needs 6 holes, you need 30. You deal. He suddenly becomes nauseated and runs for the rest room. What's your strategy?
 - a. Wait patiently and accept defeat graciously.
 - b. Replace his cards with 2-4-6-8-10-K and give yourself the four 5s while he's gone.
5. Game 7, tournament finals, no spectators. Your opponent has just placed his peg in the game hole, winning \$3,000 and leaving you with a paltry \$1,450, when he suddenly clutches his chest and collapses. What do you do?
 - a. Summon a doctor immediately.
 - b. Move his pegs back, place y peg in the game hole, and summon a doctor immediately.
6. You need one more win to qualify for the next day's finals. Your opponent hasn't won a game yet. She deals you 5-5-7-8-9-9 and places the deck on the cribbage board. As you're trying to decide whether to give her a pair of 5s, she tosses two cards onto YOUR side of the board. Are you thinking what I think you're thinking?
 - a. Certainly not.
 - b. Er, ah, gee, I've completely forgotten whose crib it is, but my opponent seems to know.

Scoring

Give yourself one point for each "a" and zero points for each "b."

5-6 points	Sir John Suckling would be proud.
2-4 points	Slime. You probably cheated to score THAT high.
0-1 points	Why not try for a career in politics?

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

ANOTHER "CAN YOU TOP THIS?"

I have an interesting sequence of r _ _
ging, resulting in 36 points pegged v _ _
out pairs!

3-1-2-4-5-6-7-3

Can anyone top this?

Paul B. McClanahan
Columbia, SC

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

After writing to you about 28- and 29-hand odds, I got interested in calculating other hand odds with the idea in mind of putting together a short article for CW.

I worked out a simpler algorithm for calculating odds (probabilities) than I had used before and discovered that my earlier figures on the 28-hand are incorrect. The corrected odds are as follows:

# CARDS	ODDS AGAINST		
DEALT	28 or 29	28-HAND	29-HAND
5	32,487	34,196.842	649,740
6	10,829	11,398.947	216,580

The simplest method of calculating the 28-hand odds is to derive them by subtracting the probability of a 29-hand from the probability of a 28-or-29-hand, and the reciprocal is the desired 28-hands odds. Thus:

$$\frac{1}{10,829} = \frac{1}{216,580} - \frac{1}{11,398.947}$$

The ratio of all three odds with 6 or 5 cards dealt is three to one, and the ratio of 29 to 28-or-29 odds is 20 to one. I've reviewed the reason for these ratios and they are logical, giving me confidence that I'm using the correct analysis.

I also reviewed my previous calculations on the odds of getting an 8-7-6-A-A Raggedy Ann (13 hand) and found errors in logic that are avoided by my current method. I'd like to find someone willing and able to calculate probabilities as a check on my figures and vice versa. If you hear of such a person, please let me know -- or ask the question in CW.

Dick Cornwell
Sunnyvale, CA

TRI-CITIES OPEN MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

Three of the four Grand Masters in the American Cribbage Congress were among the 162 players from six states competing in the 8th Annual Tri-Cities Open held in Marinette, Wisconsin, on April 1 and 2. Participating were Tournament Director Robert "Mick" Michaelis of Marinette, Warren Sondericker of Greenfield, Wisconsin, who finished 5th in the championship event, and Scott Kooistra of Yankton, South Dakota, who placed 3rd in the consolation tourney. The ACC's only Lady Master, Martha Fingleton of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was 10th in the championship playoffs.

Ted Hokenson of Marquette, Michigan, became Tournament Champion with his 4 games to 2 win over Dave Bartlett of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ted Kloria of Waukegan, Illinois, added to his ACC Central Region Master Point lead with his 3rd place victory over local Marinette player Mike Stehlike. Don Tofte of Madison, Wisconsin, earned the Consolation title by edging out Dennis Mattson of Kingsford, Michigan. Tom Green of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, won the 10-game Friday Night Classic, and Ben Wells of Racine, Wisconsin, topped the field in the Saturday Night Classic.

Gene "Moose" Biegler of West Bend, Wisconsin, held a 28 hand in the championship event, as did ACC Publicity Director Bob Julian of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who also had a 28 hand in the Friday Night Classic, giving him two in successive days to go along with a third 28 hand in a match with Tom Green and Dave Bartlett in Milwaukee on March 16. Three 28 hands in 16 days, giving him a career total of 15 -- some sort of record.

Bob Julian
Director of Publicity & Promotion
Milwaukee, WI

NELSON PENDERGAST HONORED

On March 29 Nelson Pendergast was a guest at the American Legion, Department of New York State, legislative breakfast at the Albany Hilton Hotel. The speaker, Lt. Governor Stanley Lundine, acknowledged Nelson's 39,521 voluntary hours conducting cribbage tournaments at the Albany VA Hospital. The Lt. Governor also revealed that his middle name is Nelson, but he didn't use it because the previous governor was a Nelson, you know who!

1992 GRAND NATIONAL

The American Cribbage Congress is seeking a site for its 1992 Grand National. Please note that the 1992 Grand National is scheduled to be held in the Central Region. As outlined in the December 1988 CRIBBAGE WORLD, interested individuals are required to present a preliminary request at one of the meetings of the Board of Directors this year. Any member of the ACC who is interested in acting as tournament director and hosting the 1992 Grand National should contact me for details.

Syl Lulinski
Executive Vice President
LaGrange Park, IL

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

RESPONSE TO PATRICK WARD

The game of cribbage has an element of luck during the entire game. Singling out one part would only disturb the simplicity of play that allows players to show their quickness and knowledge of strategy.

I have enjoyed the game for at least 50 years with the rules undisturbed and never an argument over them. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

RESPONSE TO NICK POND

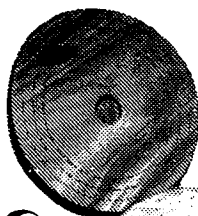
I have had the honor of creating the annual "Notice of Reunion" for the 459th Bomb Group (Heavy). I have developed a data base of 366 address blocks to major newspapers around the country. Each year I will update the currency of the notice and bulk mail to them.

Now, Nick has an excellent idea. I hope we can find the "trigger" that will make it effective. In that effort, would my data base be of any use? Or, as a parallel effort, use this route just to spread the word?

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Ross P. McKinney
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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS COLUMN

Scott Kooistra has asked for input for the formulation of a new set of Tournament Requirements and Guidelines.

How many games should be played? In a one-day tournament? One-day tournaments are not the order of the day in the Southeast area, so I don't feel I am in a position to comment. In a two-day tournament? A format of 20 games gives a workable schedule for the lunch break (after 10 games) and the end of the qualifying round. Round of 32 or 64 can be played on Saturday evening. The format could be either one game against 20 different opponents with everyone except the anchor moving one seat to the right, or two games against 10 different opponents with the odd-numbered players remaining seated, and the even-numbered players moving to the right. The latter makeup is preferred by some because it enhances the fluidity of play; the deal should alternate.

Consolations should remain at 9 games, 10 at the most. This would allow non-qualifiers an early start for home, if a long drive is in order, or give non-qualifiers a final go at it in a Last Gasp tournament of 9 games with no elimination.

What percentage should qualify? One out of four has been the acceptable method for qualifying, and I feel that everyone who qualifies (one out of four or more) should cash a minimum of \$20. If you qualify one out of four, why limit awards to one out of eight?

How many games should be played in the playoffs? Two out of 3 in rounds of 32 or more; 3 out of 5 in rounds of 16 and 8; 4 out of 7 in the semi-finals and finals.

I feel that the important thing is to have all the pertinent points spelled out in detail in the tournament "flyer" announcing the event. Besides the areas touched on above, other important facets that should be listed are: Paybacks on Q-Pools, prorated or equal shares; muggins, yea or nay; skunks, do you record a -1 or a 0 for a loss; skunks in playoffs, do they count as one game or two?

Other areas: main event should return a minimum of 85% of entry fee (after deducting the Saturday lunch charge and the sanction fee). Secondary events should return 100%. Is the Jumbo Bicycle the official deck of cards? Should new decks be used in qualifying and/or playoff rounds? Re: tardiness; I feel it is very unfair to disqualify a player from a tournament for being five minutes late for the opening round in the morning or after lunch. Tardiness penalty as listed in the current rules in Section VIIIb should apply in the qualifying round also. Score 10 points. At the completion of the last game of any event, players should total their cards down to the spread points, exchange cards with their final opponents, audit each other's cards, and one player should turn BOTH cards to the official scorekeeper (this would reduce the traffic around the auditor's table).

One last offering: I feel that after finalizing the Tournament Guidelines and Requirements, a semblance of uniformity can be attained only by discarding the "grandfather clause."

Albert L. Odom
Cayce, SC

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.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

OREGON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Prineville, Oregon
February 25-26, 1989
Director: Joe Nelson
Number of Entries: 310/178

NORTHWEST OPEN

Baker, Oregon
March 10-12, 1989
Director: Rob Palmer
Number of Entries: 128/98

<u>Main</u>		MP	<u>Main</u>		MP
1. Ray Hanes	Walla Walla, WA	350	1. Joe Dunn	Everett, WA	168
2. Gene Sissel	Baker, OR	322	2. D. Jampolsky	Baker, OR	140
3. Otto Bartholow	Baker, OR	304	3. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	122
4. Mitch Bourland	Prineville, OR	291	4. B. Van Orsow	Redmond, OR	109
<u>Consolation</u>		MP	<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Harold Buckley	Anchorage, AK	109	1. Bill Dunn	Prineville, OR	69
2. Dale Brandon	Bend, OR	95	2. B. Saueressig	Richland, WA	55
3. Frank Symons	Madras, OR	86	3. Ed Edwards	Boise, ID	46
4. Mike Sears	Prineville, OR	80	4. Tommy Sissel	Baker, OR	40

FAIRFIELD TOURNAMENT

Fairfield, California
March 11, 1989
Director: George M. Halterman
Number of Entries: 126/--

PALMETTO CLASSIC

Columbia, South Carolina
March 10-12, 1989
Directors: Al Odom & Ford Weeks
Number of Entries: 92/50

<u>Main</u>		MP	<u>Main</u>		MP
1. Jim Angell	Concord, CA	166	1. Bob Gombatz	Raleigh, NC	132
2. Butch Reynolds	S. Maria, CA	138	2. Luis Lizarribar	Martinez, GA	104
3. Mary Cornwell	Sunnyvale, CA	120	3. Dan Samonsky	Augusta, GA	86
4. Joe Kawiaka	San Lorenzo, CA	107	4. Ford Jewer	Warwick, RI	73
<u>Consolation</u>		MP	<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. W. Rakestraw	Reidsville, NC	45	1. W. Rakestraw	Reidsville, NC	45
2. Russ Perkins	Bear Creek, NC	31	2. Russ Perkins	Bear Creek, NC	31
3. Earl Luton	Eliz. City, NC	22	3. Earl Luton	Eliz. City, NC	22
4. Rich Corbin	Raleigh, NC	16	4. Rich Corbin	Raleigh, NC	16

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.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WARREN SWETT MEMORIAL

Crystal Lake, Illinois

March 10-12, 1989

Director: John Swett

Number of Entries: 120/62

<u>Main</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. B. Atkinson	N. Chicago, IL	160
2. Ray Boesel	Glen Beulah, WI	132
3. Leo Lawrence	West Allis, WI	114
4. M. Fingleton	Milwaukee, WI	101

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Dan Hemmeyer	Milwaukee, WI	51
2. Ken Capodagli	Bensenville, IL	37
3. Larry Rowley	Fitchburg, WI	28
4. Ted Kloria	Waukegan, IL	22

SOUTH SHORE OPEN

Randolph, Massachusetts

March 19, 1989

Director: George E. Webb

Number of Entries: 196/98

<u>Main</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Dave Proctor	E. L'meadow, MA	236
2. Al Miller	Nashua, NH	208
3. Brenda Galvin	Springfield, MA	190
4. Harry Palmer	Springfield, MA	177

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Allen Smith	Cranston, RI	69
2. Leo Kelliher	Pembroke, MA	55
3. Paul Gallagher	Avon, MA	46
4. Tom Army	Sutton, VT	40

WESTERN NEW YORK OPEN

Hamburg, New York

March 11-12, 1989

Director: Shamus O'Connor

Number of Entries: 35/14

<u>Main</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Joe Angelo	Eggertsville, NY	35
2. R. Schurkus	E. Amherst, NY	27
3. L. McCormick	Buffalo, NY	19
4. Ed Marso	Buffalo, NY	11

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. D. McCormick	Buffalo, NY	7
2. Richard Bett	Lackawanna, NY	3
3. J. Cannizzaro	Hamburg, NY	--
4. Wm. Kratz	Niagara Falls, NY	--

CAPITAL CITY TOURNAMENT

St. Paul, Minnesota

March 17-19, 1989

Director: Ron Hamilton

Number of Entries: 136/94

<u>Main</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Lloyd Kraft	Seymour, WI	176
2. H. Schultz	B'klyn Ctr., MN	148
3. Mick Michaelis	Marinette, WI	130
4. Dick Cossack	Ltl. Canada, MN	117

<u>Consolation</u>		<u>MP</u>
1. Tim Hagberg	St. Paul, MN	67
2. Chuck Mokres	St. Paul, MN	53
3. Jerry Gruber	Minneapolis, MN	43
4. Tom Hagen	Oakdale, MN	38

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Although I haven't played cribbage for over 20 years, I was recently brought back into the fold. Since Christmas I have participated in the Grass Roots group in Raleigh, North Carolina. And since I enjoy playing cribbage again (or, as Kathy Perkins would say, "hooked"), I have participated in a couple of tournaments. One was the Palmetto in Columbia, South Carolina, where Al Odom put on a real nice affair; the second was in the Southern Pines N.C. Open, where Howard Baum and Jay Dejaynes really put on a show.

Since it was about an hour's distance from home, I decided to play in the Friday Night Special, go home, and then return the next morning for the main tournament. Unfortunately, I left my car lights on while playing crib, and when I wanted to go home, the car didn't. I returned to the Sheraton at Southern Pines to find someone I knew fairly well. Remember, I had met a lot of great people since Christmas, but I was a little embarrassed to walk up to someone asking for such a favor as jump starting my car.

Well, anyway, I was asking around for help, and this one guy stepped forward and said, "Sure, what do you need? A jump? No problem," and laughed. I was extremely grateful for, you see, I hadn't brought a change of clothes nor enough money to rent a room at the Sheraton, which was full anyway.

To my embarrassment I had to return

one more time to ask for another jump start for my car. The same person, Jim Hartley, said, "What? You need another jump? Sure, no problem!" But the problem wasn't the battery, it was the alternator. The car wouldn't start, it was 10:30 p.m., and I wanted to die. But, Big Jim was there again; he gave me a key to his room where there was an extra bed, and he said ... you guessee! "Sure, no problem."

Jim is also a member of the Grass Roots club in Raleigh, where we play at Bernard's, and I have played several games against him; I just didn't think he knew who I was. By the way, Jim Hartley is the only two-time winner of the National Open here in Raleigh.

The point I'm trying so hard to make here is not only "Thank God" for people like Jim Hartley, but I would be willing to wager that if I had asked any other cribbage player, the response would have been the same. It seems cribbage brings out the best in people. I've never laughed so much while being killed in a game; cribbage is a nice form of a disease in that it binds together all sorts of people in a united cause; have fun, joke a lot, and try to win.

My hat goes off, naturally, to all the Jim Hartleys out there. Maybe he won't skunk as bad the next time we play -- but I won't count on it.

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It gives me great pleasure to nominate Al and Anne Dinwoodie of Slocum, Rhode Island, as Mr. & Mrs. Cribbage for 1989-90. I have not met, nor can I imagine a more deserving couple for this prestigious honor.

Al is not only a very popular person but a most proficient player, consistently ranked among the top players in the country. He is also a co-director of the very successful Miller Lite Cribbage Classic and is currently serving on the American Cribbage Congress National Board of Directors. Al is a very outgoing type person and always lends a helping hand at many other tournaments, without being asked. I consider him to be a goodwill ambassador for the game of cribbage, constantly promoting tournament participation and recruiting new ACC members. In fact, it was Al who introduced me to tournament cribbage, and for that I will always be grateful.

Anne, on the other hand, while not a player, per se, does more in helping other directors run their tournaments than any person whom I can think of. Without her untiring efforts and assistance, many directors would not be able to participate in their own tournaments. I feel that her help often goes unnoticed and unappreciated. It's time for her to be recognized for her countless hours in making so many tournaments run so

smoothly. It's a thankless job, answering so many questions and handling so many complaints with a diplomatic and pleasant manner. We all owe her a great deal, and I feel that this award would be most deserving.

Please pass this nomination on to the Board of Directors for its consideration.

George E. Blessing
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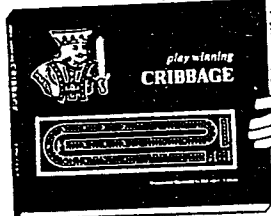
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CHALLENGE CRIBBAGE SOLITAIRE

Many readers will be familiar with one form of cribbage solitaire. In that game, the player deals himself six cards, two at a time, and the crib two cards, one at a time. After discarding to the crib and cutting the starter, the player plays his hand, scoring as he goes. He then scores his hand and the crib. Then he deals six more cards to himself and two to the crib, as before, except that one of the six cards is the previous starter. After six such deals, the deck is depleted. If the player has scored 121 points or more, he wins.

Following is a new form of cribbage solitaire. Shuffle and deal a row of four cards face up. Then deal a second row of four cards, without restriction as to which column a card is placed in. Then deal four more rows in the same manner. You will now have four columns of six cards each. Remove from each column two cards. Match these pairs of cards in any manner so as to create two hands of four cards each. Note that the two cards removed from each column may not be separated. You now have six hands of four cards each, the four columns reduced from six to four cards each and the two hands created by matching pairs. Now turn face up the 25th card. Using this card as your starter, count each of the six hands. The two hands formed by pairing are scored as cribs, the other four hands are scored as hands. Of course, if the starter is a jack, it scores two points.

Finally, add all of these points together and then shuffle and deal one more time. Add your scores from the two deals; if you score 121 or more, you win:

Variations

1. After the first deal, simply discard

the first 25 cards and have the second deal come from the remainder of the pack. This variant places a premium on remembering what was discarded.

2. Play duplicate style. Have one person play as above and announce the cards one by one while one or more other players play the announced cards without looking at anyone else's hand. At the end of two deals, compare scores; highest score wins.

Your author has found that this is a considerably more challenging game than the traditional form of cribbage solitaire. He hopes that others will also find it so.

<u>Row</u>	<u>Col. 1</u>	<u>Col. 2</u>	<u>Col. 3</u>	<u>Col. 4</u>
1	CJ	S7	S6	S8
2	D10 (2)	D8 (1)	DK (3)	H9 (4)
3	SQ (1)	C7 (3)	SJ (2)	H7 (4)
4	S10 (3)	D7 (1)	D5 (2)	DA (4)
5	HK (3)	S4 (4)	D4 (2)	H6 (1)
6	S5 (4)	S3 (3)	HQ (1)	D2 (2)

Discard HK and S5 from Column 1 and combine with HQ and SJ from Column 3. Discard S4 and S3 from Column 2 and combine with D2 and DA from Column 4. The starter is SK. Column 1 is 10; Column 2 is 12; Column 3 is 11; Column 4 is 8. The crib composed of discards from Columns 1 and 3 is 17; the other crib is 8. Total score: 66.

David C. Warheit
San Jose,

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

Jed Deppman's letter to CW (March 1989) appears to indicate that he is either defending his style of play or that he, in desperation, is attempting to escape the trap in which he finds himself.

In 1950, after more than 20 years and thousands of thousands of games of cribbage, a group of avid players, including me, were discussing various strategies of the game, with offense and defense as the principal topic. I decided at this time to put that topic to rest by maintaining a fairly accurate record on the results of some 1,500 games against 7 to 10 men with various styles of play.

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While granting this is by no means a scientific measure of one versus the other because each player was well known to the other, there is strong indication that, in the main, offense is the best defense.

Jed's defense of defense does have its place in some situations, but to rely on defense alone will surely lead to an early demise.

Having played against and been beaten by consistently successful cribbers, I can assure you that they are offensive type players and never, except in desperation, rely on luck.

Needless to point out, if you have a choice between luck and skill, choose luck; but if you do not have that luxury, develop a method that will dictate the course of the hand to your advantage. That is offense, one of the evils you spoke of. I love it.

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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.

June 9-11, Cascade Classic

American Legion Hall, 704 S.W. 8th, Redmond, Washington. Entry fee: \$36.50 (entries close on 6/2). Q-Pools, Consolation.
Contact: Bill Becker, 18125 3rd Avenue, RR 2, Bend, OR 97701, 503-389-2442.

June 9-11, Milwaukee Challenge Tournament

Alonzo Cudworth American Legion Post #23, 1756 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Martha Fingleton, 1526 N. Jackson, Milwaukee, WI 53202, 414-272-8778.

June 10, Ed's Teeny Tiny Tourney

Congregational Church, West Remington at South Bernardo, Sunnyvale, California. Entry fee: \$10. Snacks, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Ed Bloom, 22150 Wallace Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014, 408-245-9777.

June 10-11, Sertoma Classic

Elk's Club, 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, doughnuts, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tournament.
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June 11, Miller Lite Classic III

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Contact: Scott Kooistra, 906 Mulberry, Yankton, SD 57078, 605-665-8016.

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Contact: Ruth Nielsen, 238 East Bridge Street, Westbrook, ME 04092, 207-854-2028.

July 29-31, The National Open

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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

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GRASS ROOTS PROGRAM ON THE ROLL

Five Grass Roots clubs have been chartered since early March and have started play in this hometown cribbage competition.

San Diego Club #79 started play March 7, extending the program to the Mexican border. Pegasus Club #80 was formed in Juneau, Alaska, with James H. Bouschor directing the program. It is the first club in Alaska.

The Monterey, California, Club, which was functioning independently, was awarded a charter at the request of Joseph L. Lusignan. The club took over #81.

Leaders who are contemplating forming clubs should do so right now to get

experience and to develop a solid membership base to start the new season, which begins September 1. The present season ends June 30, and new clubs have the opportunity to double up their meetings to receive national ratings.

The Third Annual National Sectional Tournament is winding down, and secretaries are urged to send their reports to headquarters promptly. A few officers are still slow in mailing their weekly reports.

For Grass Roots information, contact Jerry Dickinson, Box 126, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572, 608-437-5295.

Jerry Dickinson
Commissioner

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

The April CRIBBAGE WORLD included a letter from Helen E. Bossard about considering Nelson Pendergast for the ACC Cribbage Hall of Fame. I hope he gets BOD support for the reasons stated in the letter. It is a great honor, but so are 2,000+ tournaments.

I first saw Nelson's name in a CRIBBAGE WORLD when I first became a member and asked him if he wanted some round cribbage boards that I manufacture that were damaged. The damage is slight,

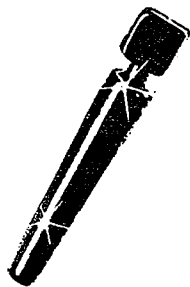
but they're not salable. He had a group of blind players and wanted round boards because they are somewhat like a Braille clock; he is a smart man.

We've corresponded over the years, and I did talk with him once. I feel as if I know him. Most of all, I want to support what he is doing and I support the Hall of Fame consideration.

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It seems that the pegging game should be the one aspect of cribbage in which the expert has a clear advantage over the intermediate player. Luck should be equal, and no one should have trouble figuring out which cards to throw to the crib. But if you've ever done any kibitzing at a tournament, you've undoubtedly seen people make some pretty strange tosses. I, myself, have thrown away many tournament games by tossing the wrong cards.

Needing a dozen to go out, with first count, in a crucial tournament game, I was once dealt 2-3-4-8-10-K. I kept 2-3-4-10, which wins if a 2 or a 3 is cut, but I should have kept 2-3-4-8, which wins on a 2, 3 or 4 cut. Needless to say, the cut was a 4, and I pegged nothing.

Here's another boner I pulled in competition: Needing only three holes to win, with first count, I was dealt A-3-8-J-J-Q. I saved A-3-J-J, which wins on any of six cuts, or any time I match the suit of one of my Jacks. Pretty good odds, but A-8-J-J, 3-8-J-J, A-J-J-Q, and 3-J-J-Q all win on any of seven cuts, or a matching Jack. Of course, the cut was a 6, and I pegged nothing. Had I saved A-8-J-J, I'd have been a lot happier.

You'll probably say that these mistakes are forgivable given the pressure and time constraints of tournament cribbage, and you may be right. But what would be unforgivable would be for me to encounter the same hands in the same situations and make the same mistakes.

It's not a bad idea to keep a mental or even written notebook in which you file away the mistakes you make. The same hands, situations and decisions do come up over and over, and if you learn from your mistakes, you'll continue to improve.

Here are a few items from my own file. 10-Q is better than Q-K. When throwing to your crib from a hand such as 4-5-6-10-Q-K, throw 10-Q, not Q-K. True, either way you need a Jack to form a run, but 10-Q can form a run and even a double run without a Jack (8-9-10-10). Q-K is comparatively useless without a Jack.

Everyone likes to throw 5s in their cribs, especially your opponents, but the truth is that it's rare that he/she can afford to pitch a 5. The 5 usually goes with more than one of his/her other cards. Thus, it's a good idea to give your opponent A-9, 2-8 or 3-7 and, yes, you can even get away with 4-6 most of the time; although I don't recommend it to those with weak hearts.

Aces, deuces, Queens and Kings don't form runs as easily as the other cards. Put them in your opponents' cribs, not your own. Don't throw away points to keep from giving an opponent A-2 or Q-K. Those aren't as dangerous as they may seem.

A lot of people always break up the points in bad hands, hoping for a miracle cut. Most of them would be shocked to learn how often the best strategy on these hands is just to save the most points possible.

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