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ACC ALL AMERICAN TEAM

Rank/Name	City/State	Pts./Yr.
1. Butch Reynolds	S. Maria, CA	1,376
2. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	1,238
3. Ted Kliora	Waukegan, IL	1,255
4. Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI	1,196
5. Luis Lizarribar	Baldwin, MO	1,162
6. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	1,159
7. Pat Coffey	Concord, CA	1,098
8. Joe Bernard	Libertyville, IL	1,093
9. Scott Kooistra	Yankton, SD	1,087
10. Lee Ladish	Milwaukee, WI	1,066

ALL EAST REGIONAL

1. Albert Miller	Nashua, NH	1,012
2. Paul Petit	Pawtucket, RI	969
3. George Webb	Avon, MA	967
4. Lee Norris	N. Kingstown, RI	965
5. D. Christiansen	Stratford, CT	795

ALL WEST REGIONAL

1. Steve Reynolds	Concord, CA	894
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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

Thanks to everyone for their confidence in selecting me for another term as president of this great organization.

I will continue to work day by day to serve the membership and try to come up with new ideas so that we can reach the 10,000 mark in membership.

MADSEN SETS A RECORD

The former secretary of the Congress set a record that will probably never be broken. At the Grand National Bob won 19 out of 21 qualifying games for 41 points ON A DIRT FLOOR.

The happy-go-lucky entrant from Milwaukee, Warren Sondericker, said to me at the tournament, "Joe, I used to think that the Grass Roots idea was for the birds. I have now changed my mind. I am a believer. Grass Roots is probably the best thing that ever happened to the Congress. Oregon players are top players and they undoubtedly got that way by playing in the Grass Roots."

Thanks, Warren, for admitting it.

At the banquet the Hermiston Club presented me with a check for \$200 to be used in further promotion of Grass Roots.

The first project that the Public Relations Committee will inaugurate is a release to the 227 weekly newspapers in Ohio. It will be a one-page story on the Congress with a reference to write for a brochure and an invitation to organize a

Grass Roots Club. According to the last membership report, there were only 18 Congress members in Ohio. Other targets will be Pennsylvania, 33 members; Indiana, 17; Utah, 3; Wyoming, 5; and Delaware, 3. The release to the Ohio Newspaper Association will use up almost half the donated money. Thanks, Hermiston!

IS CRIBBAGE A LADY'S AND A GENTLEMAN'S GAME?

You would not think so at some of the tournaments. In two of the September tournaments that this scribe competed in, there was an intoxicated player competing. And the other people at those tables had to put up with the loose language and antics of the culprits.

Then, too, we invite visitors to see our matches and the barnyard language in the air is nauseating. What a showcase for getting new recruits! Adding to this, a couple of the younger set must think that they are in college with T-shirts bearing four-letter words.

Do the players have to pay \$40 or \$50 expecting a nice weekend and endure this sort of thing?

It is time that the tournament officials blow the whistle!

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

As an assistant to cribbage tournament directors for about 5 years and working at 8 or 9 different tournaments each year, I see a good cross section of players from the Northwest Region and others who play here from California, Arizona and many other states. I have to say that on the whole they are a great bunch of people, but there are some who could use a lesson in how to be a good sport. In the June issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD and subsequent ones as well, much has been said about those who are only interested in speed, and there are some of those. They don't seem to realize that the more they make slow players nervous, the slower and more distracted they become. I am sure that all of these speedy "experts" were not always so fast.

Not only do some players need to learn good sportsmanship, but they need to learn the ground rules for tournament play:

- A. If you get out of order because someone is playing slowly, you make a small holdup a major disaster. Just cool it! Take a break for a few minutes.
- B. Entering a cribbage tournament is a bit like marriage; you're in it for better or worse. If you walk out of a tournament without being excused by the director, you could and should be blackballed from entering not only that tournament but others as well.
- C. If you have to drink alcohol, do so in moderation; and if you can't handle liquor, don't drink at all. It is extremely unpleasant for a director to have to kick someone out because he/she is too drunk to play.
- D. If you must smoke, please be considerate of those around you and try to wait until you have a break to do so.
- E. Foul language is not necessary and could be grounds for dismissal if it becomes offensive to those around you. This applies to rude, discourteous remarks as well.

Try to be tolerant of others, but if there is a problem, please notify the director or assistant; they have other jobs to do and cannot always be right there to see what is happening.

Many of us have likened cribbage tournaments to big family reunions. If we would all try to be considerate, courteous and caring of the feelings of the other members of our cribbage family and tolerant of their problems, we would all have a better time.

I know how to play cribbage but have been too busy over the years with cake decorating, poetry writing (Cribbage Players Prayer), sewing, gardening, canning, cooking, and raising my family to play; and I don't enjoy playing as much as I enjoy helping to run good, well-organized tournaments at which everyone can have a good time. My husband Ralph and I have put a lot of time and money into designing and building the equipment and forms that we take to the tournaments, because he enjoys the game and we enjoy the people.

I hope to continue working at many tournaments and in a few years when Ralph retires, I hope we can get to more of them.

Marvis Reynolds
Baker, OR

A BUNCH OF ONES

Ike Endicott won his first game of the Grand National Consolation tournament by one hole. He won the second game also by one hole. But wait, there's more.

Ike, who plays regularly with Grass Roots Club 12 in Bend, Oregon, didn't fare so well in his third game in Prineville. He lost by one hole.

Then he bounced right back in game four with another win -- by one hole. Ike believes that has to be some kind of record -- four consecutive games, each decided by one hole. I certainly have to agree.

Harry Kantas, Statistician
Grass Roots Region II
Beaverton, OR

REGIONALIZATION

Regionalization of the American Cribbage Congress is a topic that has been discussed many times during the past few years by Directors.

Now, after ten years of operation as a national organization, a full-blown study of the feasibility of dividing the ACC into various regions is about to be undertaken.

At present, a minimum amount of regionalization is in effect -- mainly concerned with the Master Points Rating System, which is aligned in three regions: East, Central and West.

ACC's Grass Roots Clubs have taken it a step further, splitting record keeping into four regions: II, IV, IX and XII; Northwest, Southwest, Central and East Coast. Grass Roots has also named commissioners for each of those areas to handle the administrative and recruitment aspects involved.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors has sought to maintain a nationwide balance, restricting each state to a maximum of four elected Directors, with the President using his five Board appointments to balance the inequities. The Board also follows a pattern that sees the Grand National Tournament and Annual Awards Banquet swing between the three regions.

What are the reasons for regionalization? Local autonomy seems to be the principal reason.

The recent ACC election saw the following breakdown of elected Directors: East, 8; Central, 11; West, 6. (At this writing, 5 Directors remain to be appointed by President Joe Wergin.)

At the same time, ACC membership breaks down as follows: East, 28%; Central, 28%; West, 44%.

To get a handle on this matter and to determine a direction for the proposed regionalization study, I conducted a preliminary survey earlier this year asking some 15 questions and querying a dozen Directors who have been active in the ACC since its inception. As Vice Presi-

dent-Policy, the subject of regional delineation is assigned to me by the By-laws.

Among the questions asked were: How many regions should there be? Established on a geographic basis or on an area's number of members? How many members should comprise the ACC Board? How many should represent each region? Elected regionally or nationally? Should some be appointed? If so, by whom? Should any Directors be elected at-large nationally? Terms of office? A necessity for regional officers? In what capacities? How to finance regional operations? What would be the difference between ACC national and regional functions? How should representation on national ACC committees be allocated? How should such appointments be made? How would national officers be chosen? Elected by ACC Board as now? Elected by general membership? Should officers of ACC national organization be rotated among proposed regions? Other suggestions or views?

Obviously, responses were varied and at odds.

A consensus indicated a preference for 5 or 6 regions, arranged on a geographic basis with membership numbers taken into consideration.

The survey consensus also opted for a regionally elected Board of Directors numbering 18 to 20, with few or no appointments and no "at-large" Directors, serving 2-year terms.

Regional commissioners or vice presidents were favored to help administer ACC activities, opinion being split on whether or not such officials should have ACC Director status.

Financing of regional operations could be arranged in many ways: 5% dues payback based on regional membership; adding 50¢ to tournament sanction fees; a regional benefit tournament, etc.

Most agreed that the ACC national organization would govern all major

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policy matters, including rules; that the regional organizations would be involved in operations and tournaments.

Respondents favored electing ACC officers by Board of Directors action, opposing automatic rotation in preference to qualifications. Appointment to ACC committees should be by competency, with an eye to regional apportionment, it was noted.

Other comments indicated that the 30-person Board of Directors should be reduced in size to be more productive; that carrying regionalization a step further might eventually see state organizations; that whatever is done, be done to enhance the organization and its purposes.

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

I would appreciate a notice in CRIBBAGE WORLD inviting any cribbage player visiting the Las Vegas area to give me a buzz (702-364-2307) and get together for an hour or two of some good cribbage playing -- especially players from the Milwaukee area (which is where I'm originally from).

There's a bar/restaurant here that caters to the people from Wisconsin. Bratwurst and Sheboygan salami are available there, as well as some good sheephead players.

Carl A. Bartz
Las Vegas, NV

As one Director asked, "Perhaps the question should be, 'What is regionalization -- and is it needed?'"

Following the Prineville meeting of the Board of Directors on September 22, I will be appointing a representative committee to conduct a study of regionalization to make a report to the Board of Directors.

Anyone among the general membership who is interested in devoting time to this effort is welcome to submit his/her name to me for consideration. Also, anyone with any views on the subject, as outlined in the questions above, is asked to send his/her comments to me for referral to the committee. We want your input and assistance. Thanks.

My address:
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Phone: 916-283-0326

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

I am a novice in the ACC, or at least I consider myself so.

My wife and I attended the Grand National in Prineville, Oregon. We enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new ones, especially members of the BOD who we had never met before.

The Tournament was an outstanding one, the best we have ever attended in the three years we have been members.

Our hats are off to Joe Nelson, Director, and his fine staff for a very exciting and well-conducted Grand National Tournament.

Charlie Ball
Apache Junction, AZ

NEW AND FUTURE JUDGES

The following certified judges will be the last judges certified using the old rule book. All future judges will use the new rule book, and a new judge's test from the new rule book is now being developed. (Thanks to Ev Bey for the advance copy so we could get started on the new test.)

ID#	Name	City/State
218	Maloney, Jay	Portland, OR
219	Donovan, Dave	Albany, NY
220	Moore, Dan	Gibbstown, NJ
221	McClure, Mark	Anchorage, AK
222	Blough, J.B.	Kentwood, MI
223	Wing, Kathy	Grand Rapids, MI
224	Muhm, Kay	Pharr, TX
225	Huttenga, Jim	Grandville, MI

Frank Zabrowski
Monterey, CA

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Greetings from "Cow Town, USA" to all of you who missed the Grand-est National. We 442 who played offer our condolences.

What a fantastic weekend:

Thursday
Grass Roots 67 players

Friday
Doubles 126 teams
Singles 70 players

Saturday
Qualifying Round 442 players

Sunday
Championship 128 players

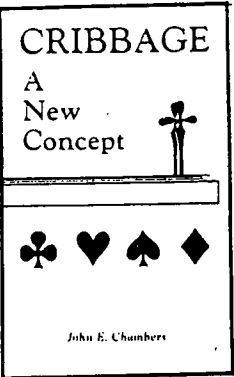
Consolation	304 players
Cry Baby	154 players
Losers-Losers-Losers	100 players
Last Chance	102 players

A fine time was had by all "doin' it on the dirt" in Prineville's "Cow Palace."

Joe Wergin stated that this was the best tourney he ever attended and that he may veto any future Grand National scheduled for a big city.

All in all, with 21 states and one Canadian province represented, it was truly d happening.

Bill Dunn
Prineville, OR



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BLUE MOUNTAIN OPEN VI

La Grande, Oregon
September 9-10, 1989
Director: Ron Leslie
Number of Entries: 106/74

CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC

Helena, Montana
September 15-17, 1989
Director: Walter J. Conell
Number of Entries: 37/20

Main		MP
1. Doug Brown	Pasco, WA	146
2. Dale Brandon	Bend, WA	118
3. Al Grantz	Kelso, WA	100
4. Jim Sime	Kennewick, WA	87

Consolation		MP
1. Carol Holt	Portland, OR	57
2. Ernie Standard	LaGrande, OR	43
3. Buzz Emery	Missoula, MT	34
4. Neal Friets	Keene, NH	28

Main		MP
1. DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	37
2. Arnie Schill	Helena, MT	29
3. Dan Fletcher	Helena, MT	21
4. Ray Hartford	Helena, MT	13

Consolation		MP
1. Amos Olmstead	Helena, MT	10
2. Sue Snyder	Bend, OR	6
3. Henry Popham	Missoula, MT	2
4. M. Stellmon	Helena, MT	--

THE ALBANY OPEN

Albany, New York
September 10, 1989
Director: Nelson Pendergast
Number of Entries: 48/32

WESTERN OPEN

West Covina, California
September 15-17, 1989
Director: Ron Guidotti
Number of Entries: 48/30

Main		MP
1. Ed Berhaupt	Schenectady, NY	88
2. Richard Bett	Lackawanna, NY	60
3. Rod Hosler	Albany, NY	42
4. Fred McGibney	S. Burlington, VT	29

Consolation		MP
1. Dave Donavan	Albany, NY	16
2. M. Quackenbush	Lawrenceville, PA	12
3. Mary Clukey	Thomaston, CT	8
4. Carl Bard	Manchester, CT	4

Main		MP
1. Bill Harry	N. Hollywood, CA	88
2. Bill Lyman	S.J. Capis., CA	60
3. Gene Elliott	Costa Mesa, CA	42
4. Roy Banducci	Arroyo Grande, CA	29

Consolation		MP
1. Louis Messner	San Pedro, CA	15
2. Mary Weaver	S.J. Capis., CA	11
3. D. Reininger	La Puente, CA	7
4. Ray Meade	Las Vegas, NV	3

GOLD COAST CLASSIC

Pompano Beach, Florida
September 15-17, 1989
Director: Joseph Daesch
Number of Entries: 60/38

HAWAII TOURNAMENT

Fort Shafter, Hawaii
September 24, 1989
Director: Jerry Price
Number of Entries: 36/24

Main		MP
1. Woody Stokes	Ellenton, FL	100
2. C. Stormont	Winter Sp., FL	72
3. Ken Cambell	Modoc, SC	54
4. Lois Fisher	Orange City, FL	41

Consolation		MP
1. Paul Mycek	Clearwater, FL	19
2. Russ Fisher	Orange City, FL	15
3. Ted Depizol	Winer Sp., FL	11
4. Haley Johnson	St. Cloud, FL	7

Main		MP
1. Peter Smith	Zailua, HI	36
2. Paul Jones	Zailua, HI	28
3. H. Kollmeyer	Hono, HI	20
4. George Foster	Hono, HI	12

Consolation		MP
1. Gil Abrigo	Waialua, HI	12
2. Brad Wellstead	Hono, HI	8
3. Abe Kealoha	Waialua, HI	4
4. --	--	--

LIFETIME — TOP 100

RANK	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS LIFE
1	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE	WI	5555
2	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA	MT	5236
3	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD	WI	5065
4	KOOISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON	SD	5030
5	BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	4327
6	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	4247
7	MCCABE, BOB	BROWN DEER	WI	4154
8	JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	3804
9	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK	IL	3619
10	TOLL, DUANE	MILWAUKEE	WI	3594
11	PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	3475
12	SHIMP, JEFF	ALLEGAN	MI	3437
13	FABIAN, JIM	NAPERVILLE	IL	3159
14	ROWLEY, LARRY	MADISON	WI	2851
15	MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	2816
16	KLIORA, TED	WAUKEGAN	IL	2811
17	BOESEL, RAY	GLENBEULAH	WI	2741
18	MCMANUS, JIM	MILWAUKEE	WI	2671
19	MORELAN, JIM	LITTLE CANADA	MN	2542
20	FINGLETON, MARTHA	MILWAUKEE	WI	2462
21	GOMBATZ, ROBERT	RALEIGH	NC	2431
22	SAMET, LAWRENCE	WELLESLEY HILLS	MA	2426
23	CHAMBERS, JOHN	PROVIDENCE	RI	2394
24	MADSEN, BOB	CHICAGO	IL	2390
25	WEBB, GEORGE	AVON	MA	2377
26	HANES, BOB	ANKENY	IA	2246
27	CLARK, JEFF	ANTIOCH	IL	2244
28	ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	2178
29	CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	2137
30	STOKES, PLUMAS	QUINCY	CA	2087
31	BUNTROCK, BARBARA	CEDARBURG	WI	2028
32	STROMBERG, STUART	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	2027
33	GRAHAM, DICK	ENGLEWOOD	CO	1987
34	WRIGHT, NORM	MADISON	WI	1959
35	FULLER, IRIS	AURORA	CO	1913
36	LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	1889
37	REID, REX	QUINCY	CA	1871
38	LIZARRIBAR, LUIS	BALDWIN	MO	1864
39	PLOURDE, BOB	UNIONVILLE	CT	1861
40	KNIECH, NORBERT	BROWN DEER	WI	1841
41	FRIETS, NEAL	KEENE	NH	1836
42	SCHMIDT, PHYLLIS	WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	1832
43	BARTHOLOW, OTTO	BAKER	OR	1817
44	NORRIS, LEE	N. KINGSTON	RI	1815
45	GREEN, TOM	MILWAUKEE	WI	1785
46	CHRISTOFFERSON, BILL	DEFOREST	WI	1735
47	SCHWEIG, FRANK	CARPENTERSVILLE	IL	1688
48	CORNWELL, MARY	SUNNYVALE	CA	1687
49	BROWN, JOE	ST. CHARLES	IL	1684
50	DINWOODIE, AL	SLOCUM	RI	1677

MASTER POINT WINNERS

RANK	NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS LIFE
51	MUNROE, DALE	COLLINSVILLE	CT	1671
52	LOUPEE, LARRY	NEWTON	IA	1666
53	JULIAN, BOB	MILWAUKEE	WI	1656
54	GUDAUSKAS, WILLIAM	ROCKVILLE	CT	1654
	HAIGHT, THOMAS	ANN ARBOR	MI	1654
56	GEORGE, GARY	STURTEVANT	WI	1651
57	GRUBER, JERRY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	1648
58	AULT, CLYDE	BAKER	OR	1635
59	MORGANTI, BOB	NEWMAN	CA	1631
60	REIN, JOAN	CARVER	MN	1618
61	BICKFORD, GEORGE	E. LONGMEADOW	MA	1610
62	JENSEN, BILL	LOS ALTOS	CA	1603
63	WERGIN, JOE	MADISON	WI	1598
64	MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	1595
65	CAMBELL, KEN	MODOC	SC	1594
66	LICHTY, ALLAN	DES MOINES	IA	1582
67	COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD	CA	1580
68	CAPODAGLI, KEN	BENSENVILLE	IL	1566
69	O'CONNOR, FRANK	DEDHAM	MA	1536
70	HAMILTON, RON	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	1534
71	RYAN JR, JOHN	SAN LORENZO	CA	1531
72	O'CONNOR, PATRICIA	DEDHAM	MA	1520
73	AIRD, JOE	GLADSTONE	MI	1511
74	HILL, BILL	HERMISTON	OR	1506
75	ROINSTAD, MILO	MISSOULA	MT	1495
76	PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	1489
77	BIEGLER, GENE	WEST BEND	WI	1486
78	TOFTE, DON	MADISON	WI	1468
79	BARTLETT, DAVE	MILWAUKEE	WI	1466
80	BOURLAND, MITCH	PRINEVILLE	OR	1465
81	SEIGLE, JOE	COVENTRY	CT	1462
82	JAMPOLSKY, DAVE	BAKER	OR	1461
83	CUMMINGS, GRACE	MADISON	WI	1451
84	BLECKER, ED	AURORA	CO	1446
	LAWRENCE, LEO	WEST ALLIS	WI	1446
86	JARRELL, SUNDAE	PITTSBURG	CA	1424
87	CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE	WI	1422
88	LEFEBVRE, AL	WARWICK	RI	1408
89	KRAFT, LLOYD	SEYMOUR	WI	1394
90	MAHAN, JIM	ROBBINSDALE	MN	1379
91	TUNGATE, GREG	PORTLAND	OR	1375
92	COSSACK, DICK	LITTLE CANADA	MN	1356
94	DEKENIPP, BOB	SHIRLEY	MA	1326
95	REYNOLDS, STEVE	CONCORD	CA	1325
96	SISSEL, GENE	BAKER	OR	1310
97	SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	1303
98	WORLEY, JOHN	BURLINGTON	NC	1302
99	GAUTHIER, JACK	NEW BRITAIN	CT	1294
100	HEBEIN, RUDY	MUKWANAGO	WI	1287

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

An occasional but troublesome problem facing tournament-goers and directors alike is that of intoxicated participants. It is unfortunate that one drunk can affect the lives of more people than many of us will ever hope to while sober. The bother and irritation caused by just one over-indulging player can significantly mar what would otherwise be a good time, win or lose, for a number of cribbage aficionados; the headaches a tournament director endures at the hands of one or more drunks are massive!

It seems apparent that most of us go to cribbage tournaments to relax, compete at a game we enjoy, and to revel in the company of old and new friends. After all, no one has gotten independently wealthy from tournament play, and the bragging rights from Master Points don't go terribly far. If a person's enjoyment and/or relaxation stem at some point from vigorous consumption of alcohol (I've been there!), that's fine: JUST DON'T PLAY CARDS. I have yet to meet the player who would while sober willfully annoy, disrupt or waste the

time of other people in a tournament. These same nice players when blasted suddenly decide that Lady Luck is their Siamese twin, that the entire world revolves around them, and that anybody who doesn't like it can go to hell ... and we let them get away with it.

We think it's time to speak up. The directors of the Milwaukee Challenge and Midwest Double Elimination Tournaments decided in June (after figuring it out the hard way) that NO player who is obviously or apparently intoxicated will be allowed to register or play. We figure it is worth the heat we get from a few suddenly selfish people to afford the vast majority of players the good time they came for when they entered the tournament in the first place. Help us out: If someone is drunk, suggest that he/she stay in the bar, rest up for tomorrow, or call a cab. We're paying money to enjoy ourselves -- don't let some jerk take center stage.

Martha Fingleton
Warren Sondericker
Bob McCabe

A CRIBBAGE WORLD POLICY REPORT

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JIM ARBLASTER IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY

The Congress' first secretary, James Wellington Arblaster, is conducting a survey in regards to our system of breaking ties with spread points, both plus and minus points.

Many auditing committees, including the Grass Roots, do not cross-check the spread points that the players themselves enter. In a given tournament, Arblaster found that there were 623 more plus points for ALL players than minus points. If the figure is correct, both totals would be even.

There are only a couple of tournament managers who use a cross-check system. Butch Reynolds has his clerks check the reports after every game. The Crystal Lake, Illinois, officials have also had a system, as did Green Bay and some others.

In another analysis, Arblaster used the Early Bird, the Qualifying Round, the Saturday Nite Special and the Consolation, and found that there were 109 more plus points than minus.

In his report and I quote in part: "It has been proven the 'Spread Points' are too unreliable to be used as the first tie-breaker. Most know-how players believe it to be double jeopardy to score 3 points for winning by a skunk and adding 31 or more points to the spread column and then allowing spread points to be used as the first tie breaker.

It is a high roller's dream and the little guy gets it in the neck. It's becoming an issue!"

This column would like to ask one question: If a person fails to qualify by a few points, how would managers handle a claim for a recount. This would entail having the committee cross-check the scores of the complainant and the last qualified player with every one of their opponents in the qualifying round.

Based on Arblaster's study, there are wide variances in totals and there are many human errors. Using "Games Won" as first tie-breaker is getting more and more support.

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Contact: Jack Miller, 22 Park Drive, Northfield, MN 55057, 507-645-4513.

November 18-19, Colorado Championship

Englewood Elks Club, 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado. Entry fee: \$37.50. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pool, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tourney (Tournament will assist the Arapahoe Sertoma Sponsorships).
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden, Englewood, CO 80110, 303-781-7854.

November 18-19, Florida Open

Ramada Resort Main Gate, 2950 Reedy Creek Boulevard, Kissimmee, Florida. Entry fee: \$41. Friday Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Final Seven.
Contact: Jim Arblaster, 191 London Drive, Kissimmee, FL 32741, 407-396-8615.

November 19, The Jersey Jaunt Contest

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 743, West Broad Street, Gibbstown, New Jersey. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Dan Moore, 193 Crescent Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ 08027, 609-423-0938.

December 2-3, Potowatomi Peggys Pow-Wow

Holiday Inn South, 255 28th Street SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Entry fee: \$45. Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Jeff and Jackie Shimp, 2164 116th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010, 616-673-7944 (day) or 616-673-4550 (night).

December 8-9, The Newman Open

Moose Lodge, 1327 N Street, Newman, California. Entry fee: \$45. Friday Night Doubles, Q-Pool, Consolation.
Contact: Bob Morganti, Box 655, Newman, CA 95360.

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January 19-21 Belle City Classic

Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$45. Early Birds, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Specials, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Don Wrzesinske, 8524 Westminster Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-6360.

January 19-21, Georgia Open VII

Horne's Motor Lodge, 1520 Gordon Highway, Augusta, Georgia. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: John H. Mayer, 3188 Skinner Mill Road, Apt. 8F, Augusta, GA 30909, 404-737-6162.

Connecticut Yankee Tournament scheduled for December 2 cancelled for this year.

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January 20-21, Rocky Mountain Championship

Englewood Elks Club, 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado. Entry fee: \$41.50. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pool, Sunday Pairs Tournament.
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden, Englewood, CO 80110, 303-781-7854. (Charity: Arapahoe Sertoma Sponsorships)

January 21, The Super Lite Classic

The Meadows, Main Street (Route 83), East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$42. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Consolation.
Contact: Jim Law, 79 Wildwood Glen, Longmeadow, MA 01106, 413-567-7900.

February 4, Great Plains Winter Classic

Airport Inn, Cornhusker Highway & I-80, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15. Consolation.
Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-477-2900.

February 9-11, Washington State Championship

Holiday Inn, 1515 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. Entry fee: \$32. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.
Contact: Jo Evans, 1319 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352, 509-946-9014.

February 11, Hawaii Tournament

Fort Shafter Officers Club, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Entry fee: \$30. Coffee, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.
Contact: Jerry Price, 45-463 Nakuluai Street, Kaneohe, HI 96858, 808-247-3754.

February 16-18, Oregon State Championship

Crook County Fairgrounds, Carey Foster Hall, Prineville, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31.50. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Joe Nelson, Box 706, Prineville, OR 97754, 503-447-1548.

February 17, Willows Tournament

Blue Gum Restaurant, Old Route 99 (4 miles north of Willows), Willows, California. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, Q-Pool, lunch.
Contact: Carl E. Martens, Box 666, Willows, CA 95988, 916-934-7961.

February 23-25, Palmetto Classic

Holiday Inn Northeast, 7510 Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Amen.
Contact: Al Odom, 1042 Indigo Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033, 803-794-6392.

February 25, Central New England Open

Moose Lodge, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$36. Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Paul Cormier, 28 Washington Street, Marlboro, MA 01752, 508-485-4252.

CRIBBAGE VACATION IN FLORIDA - 1991

A lot of cribbage enthusiasts from coast to coast go hopping off on the weekends primarily to attend a cribbage tournament. The scenario is the same all over the country. But it's possible to take in a tournament and win, lose or draw, you're still going to be a winner. Plan to vacation at the Grand National in 1991, which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 27, 28 and 29 at the Diplomat Hotel on Hollywood Beach, Florida.

A vacation from the middle of one week through the middle of the next, sandwiched around the Grand National, permits the vacationer to play golf at the Diplomat Country Club or play tennis on any of the 19 courts, 9 of which are lit for night and evening play.

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Gulfstream Race Track, Dania Jai-Alai, Hollywood Greyhound Track and Pompano Harness Track are some of the parimutuel wagering available. Large shopping malls in nearby Hollywood and Miami are only 15-20 minutes away.

The Miami Seaquarium is approximately 20-25 miles to the south, along with multitudes of other tourist-oriented facilities. The Port of Miami has many cruise ships available for all occasions. The islands are close by and fairly reasonable. The Sea Escape goes out to sea for gambling 2-3 nights a week.

Along with an Early Bird Tournament on Friday night, there will be a higher-priced event at the same time. The Main Event is during the day Saturday. Saturday evening the Awards Committee, headed by Martha Fingleton, will take over on board the Paddlewheel Queen. This is a huge 3-decker boat cruising the inland waterway while dinner and cocktails are served. After dinner, Martha and Company will present the awards that have been earned from September 1, 1990, through August 31, 1991. This is a fantastic way to spend a moonlit evening in south Florida. More especially if you are one of the award winners. The boat will pick up and discharge us at the Diplomat Hotel dock.

Back at the hotel there will be a Saturday Nite Special if the demand is there. Many will be on the boat, others will be out partying.

Then on Sunday the Main Event Playoffs will commence, followed by the Consolation and the Last Chance Tournaments.

The week before and after the Grand National, the room rate will be extended for cribbage players. The hotel rates were agreed to over a year ago, and the Grand National is still over two years away. We feel as though \$60 bay view and \$70 ocean view are good rates for the event, and we're in hopes that many will anticipate taking a

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You cad! You ordered that mind-reading course from the home shopping channel and instead of using your new power to help the country by interrogating criminals or becoming a spy, you're using it to try to win cribbage tournaments. Of course, the ability to read your opponent's mind doesn't help you get good cards or helpful cuts, so you keep ending up in this same position. You need nine holes, your opponent needs a mere three, and HE deals.

You look into his deepest thoughts and discover that he has more than three points. Not only that, but you discover that you can peg nothing, no matter which cards you save and no matter what order you play your cards in. As you know his cards, it'll be easy enough to keep him from pegging three holes, but which four cards give you the best chance of coming up with nine points? The game is riding on your decision. No flushes are possible.

- a. 2-4-6-8-10-K
- b. 4-5-6-7-8-9
- c. A-2-3-6-7-8
- d. 2-3-4-9-10-J
- e. A-4-5-9-Q-K
- f. A-2-3-10-J-Q

SOLUTIONS

- a. You can score nine points only with 4-6-10-K.
- b. Any reasonable holding gives you many shots at nine points, but the holding that gives you the BEST chance is 4-5-6-9.
- c. 2-6-7-8 is slightly better than A-6-7-8, as it wins on the cut of a 5.
- d. You have more winning cuts if you save 2-3-4-9 than any other hand.
- e. Save A-4-5-Q (or A-4-5-K). This wins if you pair the face card or cut a 5 or a 6. A-4-Q-K may seem equally good and 4-5-Q-K may seem slightly better, but not when you discount the benefits of cutting a Jack. If the cut is a Jack, not even your mind-reading abilities can keep opponent from pegging out.

- f. Once again, you can't afford to cut a Jack. Thus, A-2-3-J is a loser. A-2-3-10 and A-2-3-Q win if you pair any of your cards, so you have 12 winning cuts. But 2-3-J-Q wins on the cut of a 2, 3, 10 or King OR the right 5 OR the right Queen. That gives you 15 winning cuts (14 if you're already holding the right Queen).

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

In mid September I attended the Capital City Classic tournament in Salem, Oregon. This was their first ACC tournament, and it drew 140 players for the Saturday main event. The top three spots were won by ladies, with Ruthine Hepburn of Portland, Oregon, taking first place. There were five 28-hands during the tournament. 98 players participated in the Friday night events, and 88 players stayed for the Sunday Consolation event.

It was a great tournament, and I would like to thank Fabian Nelson, John and Glenna Golik, and the Capital City Cribbage Club for doing such a fine job.

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