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DeLynn Colvert

Takes Over Cribbage World !

Author, ACC BOD member, tournament director, Grand Master and Hall of Famer, DeLynn Colvert, will take over the reins of CRIBBAGE WORLD beginning with the March issue.

DeLynn, who retired from active employment in January, stated he now will have time to devote to the job of putting together and mailing CRIBBAGE WORLD each month.

The popular Colvert, from Missoula, Montana, is an accomplished graphic artist and has every intention of using his talent toward improving the appearance of the ACC publication.

Jim Arblaster of Kissimmee, Florida, was the first editor of CRIBBAGE WORLD, followed by Bob Madsen of Chicago, Illinois, and currently Dale Munroe of Collinsville, Connecticut. Each editor incorporated his own particular style. Jim had the rare talent of being able to write as if he were having a discussion with another person. Bob took over the publication during a heavy growth period, which saw membership rolls increase dramatically. He was editor, secretary, treasurer, chief bottle washer and all the while he had a full-time job to perform. Dale Munroe took over the job in order to relieve Bob of some of his ACC burdens and because he'd had experience with club and business publications in the past.

CRIBBAGE WORLD has always been hampered by size and weight restrictions, which, hopefully, DeLynn Colvert will find time to solve. Originally, CW was bulk-rate mailed. It might take up to three weeks to be delivered, and it was finally decided to mail via first class. To keep mail costs within reason (currently over \$12,000 annually), the weight of a single CRIBBAGE WORLD had to be 1 oz. or less. To exceed an ounce meant an additional 20¢ per copy or over \$9,600 per year. The answer, of course, is magazine rate (2nd class). The problem is the publication has to be sorted by ZIP Code, which means every piece has to be individually handled -- at least an 8-hour job on top of an already heavy hourly schedule. Let's hope DeLynn finds the way.

The present staff of CRIBBAGE WORLD, consisting of Gene Gorlewski, Dale Munroe and Bob Plourde, pass the baton on to DeLynn Colvert. We know he'll enjoy the work because it is enjoyable. We're comfortable knowing he has the talent and the ability to improve the size and appearance of what we think of as our project. Good luck, DeLynn; we're a long way from Montana, but we'll help however we can when needed.

Bob, Dale, Gene

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

Wisconsin vs. Penn State

Recently, the Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee mailed out two news releases to the 215 daily and weekly papers in Pennsylvania. In one of the releases we attempted to shake up Penn State students when we wrote, and it is quoted in part:

"With Penn State joining the Big Ten for athletic competition, people of both states are more interested in one another. The Congress President says that it would not surprise him if Wisconsin collegians would challenge the Penn State peggers to a cribbage match in 1990."

A students' committee on cribbage at Madison has scheduled an open house for students and faculty who are interested in cribbage competition. About 10 students are now playing in one of the two Grass Roots Clubs in the city.

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In the other release, the Ad Hoc committee is attempting to arouse interest in organized cribbage among the thousands and thousands of players in Pennsylvania. There is a lot of work to be done in that large state, as only 33 members are on Congress rolls at this time.

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Moving on to Arkansas, the Congress membership in that state was doubled upon the application of Muriel Schmidt for membership. After graduation from college, this lady emigrated to this southern state and now operates the Nel-Vic Tour Home. She provides a picnic area, garden golf, horseshoe courts, croquet course, and in the house there is displayed vintage clothing, old glass and chinaware.

In Muriel's letter to this scribe, she asked if he was in school at the University of Wisconsin back in the 30s. She mentioned that she played in the band and enjoyed Observatory Hill overlooking Lake Mendota. In the reply letter, she was asked if she had forgotten a certain night on Observatory Hill in May 1932! (Editor's note: This will get her guess-

ing.) Muriel's Tour Home is on Route 2, Berryville.

Jack Wunderlich secured her membership, and it is assumed that he was travelling through Arkansas at the time. Jack, the great Congress promoter residing in Lincoln, Nebraska, frequently signs up members from around the country. Thanks, Jack!

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Alan R. Schaefer, Milwaukee, has been distributing a brochure entitled THE SHAEFER SHUFFLE - the secret to shuffling the cards. Alan says that his unique method of shuffling cards is guaranteed to bring hours of playing enjoyment and good luck to players. There you are, folks, a sure way to win at cribbage. Kenneth J. Rymer, Milwaukee, sent the brochure to this writer, but he did not endorse it.

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A letter was recently received from Jackie Day, who apparently is now employed in Jakarta, Indonesia, requesting a rule book. With the publication of this issue, we name Jackie Day as the Official Representative of the Congress in Indonesia. Of course, we expect Jackie to organize a Grass Roots club over there.

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The Tip of the Iceberg

With the arrival of 1990, the Congress is seeing only the tip of the iceberg. After ten years the wheels of progress are starting to grind faster. There is a great potential for doubling and redoubling the membership in the next few years. The players are out there, and we must circulate the words of organized cribbage to them.

There are several educators and two or three manufacturers of cribbage paraphernalia who have united and will be unveiling a project for school use. The official announcement should be made within 60 days.



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HOW TO GET A FAIR SHUFFLE

Submitted by R.T. Connelly, Napa, California; a reprint of an article by Gina Kolata, the New York Times.

It takes seven ordinary, imperfect shuffles to mix a deck of cards thoroughly, researchers have found. Fewer are not enough and more do not significantly improve the mixing.

The mathematical proof, discovered after studies of results from elaborate computer calculations and careful observation of card games, confirms the intuition of many gamblers, bridge enthusiasts and casual players that most shuffling is inadequate.

The finding has implications for everyone who plays cards and everyone, from casino operators to magicians, who has a stake in knowing whether a shuffle is random.

The mathematical problem was complicated because of the immense number of possible ways the cards in a deck can be arranged; any of 52 could be first in the deck, any of 51 could be second, 50 could be third, and so on. Multiplied out, the number of possible permutations is 10 with 62 zeros after it.

No one expected that the shuffling problem would have a simple answer, said Dr. Dave Bayer, a mathematician and computer scientist at Columbia University,

who is a co-author of the recent study. Other problems in statistics, such as analyzing speech patterns to identify speakers, might be amenable to similar approaches, he said.

The new result "definitely solves the problem," said Dr. David Aldous, a statistician at the University of California at Berkeley. "All their calculations are right. It's a fascinating result."

Methods Applied Elsewhere

Dr. Persi Diaconis, a mathematician and statistician at Harvard University, who is the other author of the study, said the methods used are already helping mathematicians analyze problems in abstract mathematics that have nothing to do with shuffling or with any known real-world phenomena.

Diaconis, who is also a magician, has invented numerous card tricks and has been carefully watching casino dealers and casual card players shuffle for the past 20 years. The usual shuffling produces a card order that "is far from random." Diaconis said, "Most people shuffle cards three or four times. Five times is considered excessive."

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In Las Vegas, cards are shuffled from four to seven times, at the discretion of the casino owners, said Richard Ingram, a Las Vegas enforcement agent for the state gambling control board.

Diaconis said he almost never sees a dealer shuffle seven times.

Multiple Decks

He said his research also shows that when dealers shuffle several decks at once, they need to shuffle more. Two decks should be shuffled nine times, he said, and six decks should be shuffled 12 times, which is unheard of in the casinos.

At Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, New Jersey, blackjack dealers shuffle eight decks twice at the beginning of each game, said Howard Dreitzer, who is senior vice president of casino operations. "We've tested these shuffles and feel that they are random," he said, adding that "no one has ever complained."

Bridge players usually shuffle about four times, except in some tournaments when a computer randomly mixes the cards, said Edgar Kaplan, who is editor and publisher of Bridge World magazine.

By saying that the deck is completely mixed after seven shuffles, Diaconis and Bayer mean that every arrangement of the 52 cards is equally likely or that any card is as likely to be in one place as in another.

The cards do get more and more randomly mixed if a person keeps on shuffling more than seven times, but seven shuffles is a transition point, the first time that randomness is close. Additional shuffles do not appreciably alter things.

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MANY HONOR JOE WERGIN

Old friends, neighbors, students, card players and officials gathered in Madison, Wisconsin, on January 22 to mark the 80th birthday of Joseph Petrus Wergin, the founding President of the American Cribbage Congress.

Wergin has spent a lifetime promoting recreational activities for people -- the playing of cards and staging of games for amateur athletes. Joe is a natural and devoted teacher and promoter. While attending the University of Wisconsin, he coached youth basketball teams for the YMCA leagues. During the summer months, Wergin directed activities at Barry Park, a public playground, and Joe often says, "I babysat about 300 neighborhood kids daily for their mothers." For the young people's club at his parish church, he staged dances and organized and coached the athletic teams. Of course, what he enjoyed most was teaching them a variety of card games such as hearts, skat, euchre, 500 and bridge.

For several years after college graduation, the young promoter coached all sports at a small-town high school. In following years, Joe worked as a county recreation director, a clerk-stenographer in the Wisconsin Legislature and later entered the U.S. Postal Service.

In 1943 Wergin was inducted into the military service. After the war he returned to the postal service and moved to a small town, where President Johnson appointed him Postmaster. In 1970, upon retirement, Joe was free to do what he wanted to do -- write a book on cribbage and one on skat and sheephead.

Joe is the fifth of six children of John and Clara Wergin. All four sisters, ages 91, 89, 83 and 78, are still active. Their mother died at age 99. They all love to play cards. Joe remembers playing 66 and two-handed euchre when he was five or six years old. At 13 his mother took him to public card parties to play 500 or bridge. He learned the scientific game of skat from his dad. At 17 he played in the national tournament, which was being staged in Madison. His father was the local secretary and, as the boy could type, he was added to the committee and he learned how to stage a two-day tournament of 2,100 entries, all walk-ins.

During his illustrious career with the pasteboards, Wergin has served as president of the North American Skat League, the National Sheephead Association, and the American Cribbage Congress. He was elected to an 11th term by the latter organization. In 1976 the Wisconsin card expert was invited to Aachen, Germany, to help in organizing the International Skat Players Association. Here he was elected First Vice President. The first tournament of the world organization was staged there in Aachen and at the table of honor were seated Anna Marie Regner, President of the Bundestag (German Parliament), a leading professor of mathematics, the chairman, and Joe Wergin.

During the Madison native's career, he has written a weekly column for the Sheboygan Press, published a Skat and Sheephead Quarterly for 15 years, and has written five books on card playing. It is really remarkable that this knight of the pasteboards wrote two books this past year.

One of the books, Euchre According to Wergin, is the first comprehensive book written on the subject in 102 years. The second work, Cribbage for Kids, is regarded by Joe as his masterpiece. It not only contains a series of lessons, but the author has indulged in dialogue for the first time and has included a love story, puppy love, to hold the interest of young readers. Wergin believes that this book will be the spark to ignite a general youth movement to cribbage. Educators seem to be taking notice.

Joe married Jennie Anderson in 1940, who has been deceased for 15 years. He has two daughters, Elaine of California and Virginia White, who lives near her dad's apartment. Joe walks about two miles every day and does 25 or more pushups to keep in good physical shape.

As we enter the 1990s, let's all share "Wergin's Wonderful World of Card" which includes the Grass Roots games -- the games that ordinary people play.

SAY, "BYE," BOB!

By now you've read that DeLynn Colvert is assuming the reins of CRIBBAGE WORLD, and the team of Munroe/Gorlewski/Plourde is retiring. Before riding off into the sunset, I feel a word of thanks is due a number of people who made considerable contributions to whatever success we may have attained. It is quite difficult to put out a publication of this sort without good help. It is impossible to do so if the sum of your IQs is lower than normal body temperature.

A great big "Thank You" to:

Fen Winslow for printing CRIBBAGE WORLD month in and month out. His wonderful cooperation and efforts were instrumental in our getting each issue into your hands.

Irene Cooper, upon whose shoulders it fell to decipher all articles, no matter in what form they were submitted and through the magic of word processing, produced copy that was always ready for Fen's presses.

The folks at the Bristol, Connecticut, Retarded Citizen's Center who so willingly applied mailing labels and prepared the mail trays. They took such a tremendous

load off our backs.

Dan Barlow for his many "Pegging Pointers" articles.

All of you who wrote vignettes that we could use; the mail from our ACC members was terrific.

Gene Gorlewski for his humor and patience and just for throwing his lot in with us.

Special thanks goes out to the ACC membership. Your participation and encouragement made this endeavor truly enjoyable. If you give DeLynn half the support you've given us, he has to be a success.

Finally, thank you, Dale Munroe. Taking on the CRIBBAGE WORLD was, from the beginning, Dale's pet project. Whatever success it has attained is directly attributable to him. This writer played a very minor role and was rewarded with far more recognition than he deserved.

It's been fun, but now it's time to say "bye"

Bob Plourde

TOURNAMENT SCORECARDS

Through the generosity of Philip Morris, the American Cribbage Congress has been furnished 30,000 Official ACC Scorecards for use during the coming year's tournaments.

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As a member of the Board of Directors, I believe I express the views of my fellow members in urging you to furnish input to enable the Board to best represent your interests. How can we best serve you? What constructive criticism can you offer? In other words, we'd like to hear from you.

A current list of Board members has recently appeared in CRIBBAGE WORLD. You may obtain this list by writing the editor.

With the spirit of 1990 upon us, we'd like to step forward with this bright New Year. So talk to us ... give us a call and let us know how we can make 1990 the best year for the American Cribbage Congress.

Better yet, let's make 1990 the start of a shining new decade and a continued commitment toward making our organization BIGGER and BETTER!

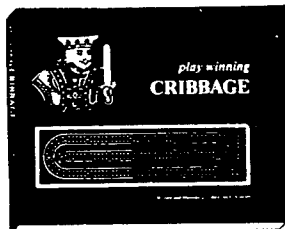
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PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST GRAND NATIONALS

1. All requests must be presented in person at any of the 3 Board of Directors' meetings held in the year that is 3 years prior to the year of the Grand National requested. Example: requests to hold the 1992 Grand National must be presented to the Board during 1989.
2. If tentative approval is given after the first proposal, then a second proposal must be presented to the Board during the next year. This proposal must consist of as many finalized details as possible. Final approval may be granted after the second proposal.
3. The person in charge is required to attend a minimum of 2 Grand Nationals, preferably recent events.
4. Details for the presentation formats will be provided to the proposed host by the Executive Vice President.
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much less
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A few games are won, some not lost
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results
If experience can be believed.
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wins
Are based on skill alone
And when they lose, they cry the blues
And all can hear them moan.
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latest try
And a loss is yours to take
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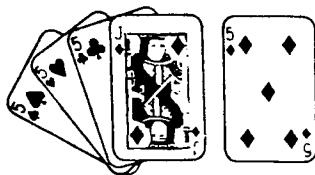
The 1990 Grand National Tournament will take place September 21-23 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa. The hotel features 30,000 square feet of meeting space, 235 guest rooms, 54 suites. There are an indoor pool, a sauna and a whirlpool. There are three restaurants for you to choose from. The hotel is located in downtown Des Moines, not far from I-235, and provides free

parking. For those of you flying in, there is complimentary van service to and from the airport. The ACC tournament rate is \$65 per room for 1-4 persons. Luncheon is included in the entry fee and the Saturday night banquet is approximately \$25.

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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.

March 3, Chief Solona Tournament

Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$50. Early Bird Doubles, Saturday AM Special, breakfast, lunch, coffee, doughnuts. Charity: Fairfield Senior Center. Contact: George M. Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-428-4343.

March 4, Miller-Lite Classic

Club Lefoyer, 151 Fountain Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Entry fee: \$42.50. Juice, coffee, doughnuts, danish, buffet luncheon, door prizes, Consolation, Round Robin, Saturday Night Special. Contact: George Blessing, 909 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett, RI 02882, 401-789-2321 or 789-1199.

March 9-11, Northwest Open

Kopper Kitchen, 480 Campbell, Baker, Oregon. Entry fee: \$32. Consolation, Q-Pools, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance, Friday Night Doubles (played at Veterans Memorial Club). Contact: Rob Palmer, 2771 2nd Street, Baker, OR 97814, 523-4231.

March 9-11, Warren L. Swett Memorial

American Legion, 406 Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Entry fee: \$40. Lunch, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance, Consolation, Q-Pools. (Charity: American Legion) Contact: John Swett, P.O. Box 214, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 459-2713.

March 10-11, Western New York Open

Regency Best Western, 4408 Mile Strip Road, Hamburg, New York. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Q-Pools. Contact: Shamus O'Connor, 3797 Lynn Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127, 716-649-0637.

March 16-18, Capital City Cribbage Tournament

Ramada Hotel, 1870 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$45. Lunch, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance, Consolation, Q-Pools. Contact: Ron Hamilton, 1685 Pioneer Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 612-429-3639.

March 17-18, 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.

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March 18, South Shore Open

Elks Lodge, School Street, Randolph, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$39.50. Consolation.
Contact: George Webb, 10 Beechwood Road, Halifax, MA 02338, 617-294-4169.

March 30-31, April 1, Tri-Cities Open

Riverfront Inn (Best Western), 1821 Riverside Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$50. Lunch, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance, Consolation, Q-Pools.
Contact: Robert C. Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143, 715-735-6704.

March 31, San Ramon Lions Tournament

San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Boulevard, San Ramon, California. Entry fee: \$52. Breakfast, lunch. Charity: Lions Help for the Blind.
Contact: Ron Graham, 21 Mauri Court, Danville, CA 94526, 415-820-7503.

March 31, Grand Rapids Open

Holiday Lanes, 609 28th Street SW, Wyoming, Michigan. Entry fee: \$25. Q-Pools, lunch, Consolation.
Contact: Jim Blough, 3130 Breton Road, Kentwood, MI 49512, 616-949-7487.

April 6-8, Greater Boston Classic

Elks Lodge, 268 Arlington Street, Watertown, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$45. Coffee, donuts, lunch, Consolation, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special.
Contact: Larry Samet, 14 Webb Avenue, Wellesley Hills, MA 02181, 617-237-1256.

April 14-15, Colorado Open

Moose Lodge, 2390 Dayton Street, Aurora, Colorado. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, donuts, Consolation, Sunday Doubles.
Contact: Iris Fuller, 3855 S. Monaco Pkwy., Denver, CO 80237-1261, 303-758-0844.

April 20-22, Madison Masters Classic

Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, 3710 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$35 members; 42 non-ACC members. Coffee Saturday a.m., Consolation, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance.
Contact: Gaylord E. Matti, 2821 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705, 608-238-6470.

April 20-22, North Carolina Open

Sheraton Inn, Morganton Road & US 1 Bypass, Southern Pines, North Carolina. Entry fee: \$50. Lunch, coffee, Round Robin, Consolation, Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Last Chance, High Rollers Saturday Night.
Contact: Howard Baum, 3003 Ft. Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303, 919-484-5178.

April 27-29, Greater Hermiston Open V

Eagles Lodge, 160 NW Second, Hermiston, Oregon. Entry fee: \$31.50. Coffee, rolls (Saturday morning), Saturday night banquet, Early Bird Singles and Doubles, Consolation, Last Chance.

April 28-29, Super Bowl of Cribbage

Elks Lodge, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, California. Entry fee: \$75. Coffee, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, Consolation, Saturday Night Special.
Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93455, 805-937-1911.

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| Alaska | 48 | Maine | 25 | Oregon | 681 |
| Arizona | 71 | Maryland | 20 | Pennsylvania | 32 |
| Arkansas | 2 | Massachusetts | 398 | Rhode Island | 167 |
| California | 831 | Michigan | 142 | South Carolina | 36 |
| Colorado | 104 | Minnesota | 270 | South Dakota | 21 |
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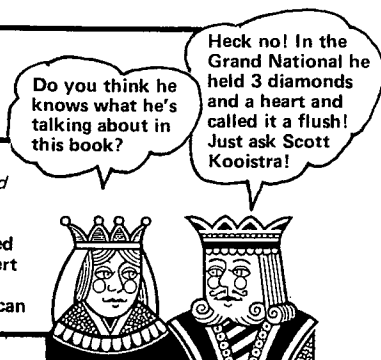
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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Brian Landheer and Rick VanBragt were feeling pretty good as they sat down to play game nine at the Grand Rapids Cribbage Patch Kids weekly Grass Roots tournament. They were both going for grand slams! But, they were playing each other! Well, on the last hand Brian ended up in the stink hole and Rick counted out, winning by one point! A very exciting game even to watch. But what could have happened is also interesting. After 8 games, Brian had 16 game points and 136 spread points. Rick had 18 game points and 139 spread points. If Brian had beaten Rick by one point, Rick would still have been declared the tournament's winner based on a 138 to 137 spread point advantage. Brian's slam would not have been enough! This is more fuel for the fire to make games won the first tie breaker.

According to the records of Jim Arblaster, Grass Roots News Editor, grand slams are more rare than 28 hands.

J.B. Blough

Grand Rapids Cribbage Patch Kids

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|
| | 1990 | |
| Hawkeye Classic IV (IA) | | May 4-6 |
| Hawaii Championship | | May 6 |
| Great Plains Spring Classic (NE) | | May 6 |
| SNAKE River Open (OR) | | May 18-20 |
| Minnesota Open X | | June 16-17 |
| Massachusetts Open | | Sept. 15-16 |
| Great Plains Summer Classic (NE) | | Aug. 5 |
| 1990 Grand National (IA) | | Sept. 21-23 |
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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS COLUMN

As a tournament director for one of the oldest sanctioned tournaments in the country, I took time to compose a letter and mail it on November 25, 1989, to the 30 directors of the American Cribbage Congress. My reason for doing this was to express my concern about the inequities in the qualifying round and awarding of Master Points in our tournaments.

The tournament that I run comes under the "grandfather clause"; I only have to qualify 1 of 8 players, as opposed to others who have to qualify 1 of 4. My feeling is that 1 out of 4 is fine for a 2-day tournament, but we should have 1 out of 8 qualifying in a 1-day tournament. Anyone who has run a tournament knows the time constraints in pushing a qualifying round and playdowns into an 8-10 hour day.

My feelings as far as the amount of points awarded between the qualifying round and the main tournament is that there is too large a discrepancy. Assuming one has a tournament with 200 players, the top qualifier would receive 50 Master Points, whereas the tournament

winner would receive 240 points. This range makes no sense to me. If one qualifies first out of 200, should a player receive 190 fewer points than the one who is first out of 50 players? There are many who share this concern.

My reason for writing to the BOD was to get the members' input. I thank Dal Munroe, Syl Lulinski and Larcy Samet for having the courtesy and taking the time to favor me with a reply. I just wonder what the other 27 members thought of my letter; I'll never know. I am not too familiar with the representatives from the Midwest and the West, but I will not forget the 8 members from the Eastern Region who did not think my letter deserved a reply. I hope all of the members of the ACC will think twice before they vote in the next election and vote for those who serve the membership.

George E. Bickford
East Longmeadow, MA
Tournament Director
The Dante Club Tournament

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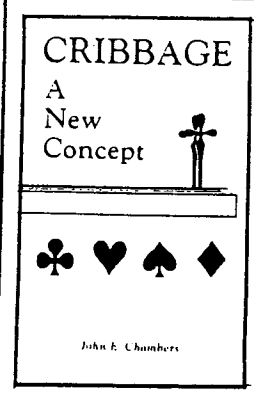
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CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Most of us in the Eastern Region know Al Odom from Cayce, South Carolina. The name "Odom" is an acronym for Original Dirty Old Man. At Raleigh in 1989 in the Losers Losers Tournament, Al Odom was "mugged" for 14 holes! (Anyone who knows Al and knows that he plays a pretty doggone good game would probably say, "I don't believe that!" lead on.

After discarding, Al held three 5s and a picture. Naturally, he was hoping to cut at least a picture or everyone's dream, the case 5. Well, the 5 was cut, giving Al a 28 hand. After the play of the hand in which Al was the pone, Al counted and pegged his hand kind of covering the cut card with his hands in the process. He counted 14, which is correct without the 5 (the cut card) and proceeded to peg the 14. (Still doesn't realize.) His opponent was Shirley Simone, a member of the Hialeah Cribbage Club and a member of the Gold Coasters Grass Roots Club #85 in Hialeah, Florida. After Al took his fingers off his peg, Shirley said to Al, "I'm going to have to mug you for 14 holes." Al replied, "Go ahead." When she pegged those 14 holes, Al exclaimed, "What the heck are you doing?"

Shortly after that exclamation, the light bulb lit up. Al Odom had pegged 14 holes instead of 28 holes.

Shirley thinks Al Odom is one heck of a nice guy!

Harry R. Stoops
Hialeah, FL

IS IT COLD OUTSIDE?

You say, "That's a big 15-2." Then come join us indoors at the Ramada Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Capital City Cribbage Tournament next month, March 16-18. See the tournament flyer elsewhere in this issue, bring a friend, and enjoy a northern winter weekend indoors. Hope to see you then!

Ron Hamilton
Tournament Director

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Out here in the Northwest we have started the new decade with a great ACC tournament! Portland's Winter Tournament was very well attended, with 137 participating in Saturday's main event and 96 in Sunday's Consolation event. Donations for the Moose Lodge charity were collected in the amount of \$115. Our directors, Kate and John Furler, did a fine job!

Our tournament was won by someone who may be familiar to your readers -- DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, Montana. He was also high qualifier on Saturday. I am sure DeLynn has many fond memories of his weekend in Portland!

Also held was a juniors tournament. We had 14 players, and each participant received a trophy board. The winner was Sabrina Bailey. This event was directed by club members Jim Bailey and Penny Comella. Everyone involved had a great time. This will probably become a regular event at our Portland tournament, as it is a great training ground for our future competitors.

Jeanne Hofbauer
Washougal, WA

NEWS FROM OREGON

One of those incredible coincidences occurred at our last Grass Roots club meeting, and the parties involved thought it was worth reporting. Ours is a very sociable group, and a nine-game scorecard never lasts long enough. So we always play a seven-game scorecard of doubles after the regular play. During this doubles session, Ike and Lucille Endicott sat down to play Bob and Greta Gorden. As they cut for the deal, each one turned up a different seven. None of us had ever seen this happen before, and we assume the odds against it are pretty staggering.

All of us in Oregon's Best Grass Roots Club #12 would like to wish all the cribbage players out there a very happy, very healthy and especially a very lucky New Year.

Liz & Dale Brandon
Bend, OR

MASTER POINT PARADE



HOW MASTER POINTS ARE EARNED:

TOURNAMENT MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS.

Qualifying Round: Top 1/8 earns one-quarter points, i.e., 100 players, top qualifier earns 25 points, 2nd earns 23, etc.

Main Tournament: Top 1/8 earns full points, i.e., 100 players, champion earns 100 points, 2nd earns 92, 3rd earns 84, etc. If 40 or more players, BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 40 bonus points, 2nd earns 20, 3rd earns 10 and 4th earns 5. In this example, No. 1 earns 140 points (100 + 40).

Consolation Tournament: Top 1/8 earns one-half points, i.e., 64 players, 1st earns 32 points, 2nd earns 28 points, 3rd earns 24 points, etc. BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 20 bonus points, 2nd earns 10 points, 3rd earns 5 points and 4th earns 3 points. In this example, No. 1 earns 52 points (32 + 20).

TOURNAMENTS ENTERED THIS MONTH

- 1 CONNECTICUT YANKEE
- 2 MIDWAY OPEN
- 3 NEWMAN OPEN
- 4 POTAWATOMI PEGGERS

EASTERN REGION

| | NAME | CITY | ST | POINTS YEAR |
|----|---------------------|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | CHAMBERS, JOHN | PROVIDENCE | RI | 375 |
| | CLUKEY SR., RICHARD | THOMASTON | CT | 375 |
| 3 | BICKFORD, GEORGE | E. LONGMEADOW | MA | 374 |
| 4 | WALTZER, BOB | WAKEFIELD | MA | 320 |
| 5 | POND, NICK | RALEIGH | NC | 307 |
| 6 | BERNIER, JERRY | WALES | MA | 305 |
| 7 | CORRIVEAU, ERIC | BELLINGHAM | MA | 240 |
| 8 | GUDAUSKAS, WILLIAM | ROCKVILLE | CT | 237 |
| | JEWER, FORD | WAKEFIELD | RI | 237 |
| 10 | FORCZYK, STANLEY | FALL RIVER | MA | 228 |
| 11 | PERKINS, DORIS | QUINCY | MA | 222 |
| 12 | MEDEIROS, BILL | S. EASTON | MA | 220 |
| 13 | COOK, KENNETH | AGAWAM | MA | 215 |
| 14 | GALVIN, BRENDA | SPRINGFIELD | MA | 208 |
| 15 | PATRICK, FRED | E. TAUNTON | MA | 207 |
| 16 | TENENBAUM, AL | CRANBURY | NJ | 202 |
| 17 | NORRIS, LEE | N. KINGSTON | RI | 191 |
| 18 | FORBES, BUSTER | RALEIGH | NC | 180 |
| 19 | CAMPBELL, BILL | ALEXANDRIA | VA | 167 |
| 20 | WAHLIG, LEN | NORFOLK | VA | 164 |
| 21 | BLESSING, GEORGE | NARRAGANSETT | RI | 161 |
| 22 | TUCCI, JAMES | SACO | ME | 148 |
| 23 | CLUKEY, MARY | THOMASTON | CT | 141 |
| 24 | MOORE, RAYMOND | WESTMINSTER | MA | 133 |
| | SIMPSON, LUCILLE | LEWISTON | NY | 133 |

CENTRAL REGION

| | NAME | CITY | ST | POINTS YEAR |
|----|-------------------|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | KOOISTRA, SCOTT | YANKTON | SD | 581 |
| 2 | RAILSBACK, HELEN | SYRACUSE | NE | 453 |
| 3 | BERNARD, JOE | LIBERTYVILLE | IL | 363 |
| 4 | TOLL, DUANE | MILWAUKEE | WI | 340 |
| 5 | MILLER, BOB | GREEN BAY | WI | 259 |
| 6 | DAHL, TUBBY | BLAIR | WI | 251 |
| 7 | MCCABE, BOB | BROWN DEER | WI | 232 |
| 8 | LEMKE, JERRY | GREEN BAY | WI | 217 |
| 9 | GRADY, JOE | ST CLOUD | MN | 187 |
| | RAILSBACK, BUZZ | SYRACUSE | NE | 187 |
| 11 | BIEGLER, GENE | WEST BEND | WI | 184 |
| 12 | GREEN, TOM | MILWAUKEE | WI | 174 |
| 13 | FABIAN, JIM | NAPERVILLE | IL | 173 |
| 14 | MADSEN, BOB | CHICAGO | IL | 169 |
| 15 | MICHAELIS, BOB | MARINETTE | WI | 164 |
| 16 | BASSUENER, CARLOS | SHEBOYGAN | WI | 158 |
| 17 | CHARLES, CLARENCE | SEYMOUR | WI | 155 |
| 18 | KRAFT, LLOYD | SEYMOUR | WI | 146 |
| 19 | WILEMAN, RAY | EDGERTON | WI | 144 |
| 20 | TROJAN, FRANK | NEW BRIGHTON | MN | 142 |
| 21 | JAEGERS, JERRY | LINCOLN | NE | 135 |
| 22 | JULIAN, BOB | MILWAUKEE | WI | 132 |
| 23 | ERNST, DON | PRIOR LAKE | MN | 124 |
| | GRIFFIN, MICKEY | LINCOLN | NE | 124 |
| 25 | LULINSKI, SYL | LAGRANGE PARK | IL | 120 |

WESTERN REGION

| | NAME | CITY | ST | POINTS YEAR |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | MOTLEY, GARY | GRESHAM | OR | 948 |
| 2 | REYNOLDS, BUTCH | SANTA MARIA | CA | 782 |
| 3 | MEADE, RAY | LAS VEGAS | NV | 660 |
| 4 | LUSIGNAN, JOSEPH | SALINAS | CA | 609 |
| 5 | HONEYCUTT, HARVEY | BEATTY | OR | 594 |
| 6 | RYAN JR, JOHN | SAN LORENZO | CA | 469 |
| 7 | MAUK, DALE | SALEM | OR | 454 |
| 8 | MONROE, JEFF | NAPA | CA | 453 |
| 9 | ANDERSON, TODD | PORTLAND | OR | 434 |
| 10 | BROWN, DOUG | PASCO | WA | 401 |
| 11 | STEVENS, TOM | OROVILLE | CA | 398 |
| | WARD, PAT | KIRKLAND | WA | 398 |
| 13 | GROMEK, BOB | LAS VEGAS | NV | 396 |
| 14 | BECKER, BILL | BEND | OR | 395 |
| 15 | STANDARD, EARNEST | LAGRANDE | OR | 393 |
| 16 | DELPLANCHE, ALFRED | BEND | OR | 387 |
| 17 | JARRELL, JESSE | PITTSBURG | CA | 379 |
| 18 | CHRISTY, LEON | RICHLAND | WA | 377 |
| 19 | ABBOTT, ANNA | INCLINE VILLAGE | NV | 364 |
| 20 | BEMISDARFER, ALICIA | BEATTY | OR | 350 |
| | GEMMER, ED | UMATILLA | OR | 350 |
| 22 | FORREST, KEITH | STEVENSVILLE | MT | 345 |
| 23 | GRANTZ, AL | KELSO | WA | 328 |
| 24 | LENZ, HELMUT | RICHLAND | OR | 311 |
| 25 | MCKIE, GALEN | STOCKTON | CA | 309 |
| | VAN METRE, GREG | LAGRANDE | OR | 309 |

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MIDWAY OPEN
Hermiston, Oregon
December 1-3, 1989
Director: Al Stilwill
Number of Entries: 80/44

| Main | | MP |
|----------------|----------------|-----|
| 1. Jim Hartung | Richland, WA | 120 |
| 2. Mary Riggs | Stanfield, OR | 92 |
| 3. Les Sissel | Baker, OR | 74 |
| 4. Ray Hanes | WallaWalla, WA | 61 |

| Consolation | | MP |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. O. Bartholow | Baker, OR | 42 |
| 2. Lea Hornbeck | Washougal, WA | 28 |
| 3. Chester Field | Missoula, MT | 19 |
| 4. Eric Gorrell | Baker, OR | 13 |

POTAWATOMI PEGGERS POW-WOW
Grand Rapids, Michigan
December 1-3, 1989
Directors: Jeff & Jackie Shimp
Number of Entries: 46/24

| Main | | MP |
|-------------------|--|----|
| 1. Jeff Clark | | 86 |
| 2. Frank Schweig | | 58 |
| 3. Scott Kooistra | | 40 |
| 4. Bob McCabe | | 27 |

| Consolation | | MP |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Jim Goss | Bay City, MI | 12 |
| 2. Moose Biegler | West Bend, WI | 8 |
| 3. Bob Michaelis | Marinette, WI | 4 |
| 4. Bob Deeds | | -- |

CONNECTICUT YANKEE
Agawam, Massachusetts
December 3, 1989
Director: Charles Finley
Number of Entries: 88/56

| Main | | MP |
|-----------------|--|-----|
| 1. Bob Waltzer | | 128 |
| 2. Harry Molloy | | 100 |
| 3. Al LeFebvre | | 82 |
| 4. Dawn Finley | | 69 |

| Consolation | | MP |
|---------------------|--|----|
| 1. Larry Samet | | 48 |
| 2. Phil Martin | | 34 |
| 3. Joe Ramos | | 25 |
| 4. Paul St. Charles | | 19 |

WINTER IN PORTLAND 1990
Portland, Oregon
January 7-9, 1990
Directors: Kate & John Furler
Number of Entries: 137/48

| Main | | MP |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1. DeLynn Colvert | Missoula, MT | 177 |
| 2. Gerald Brooks | Portland, OR | 149 |
| 3. Louine Lyda | Forest Gr., OR | 133 |
| 4. Dale Mauk | Salem, OR | |

| Consolation | | MP |
|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 2. Brad Cordes | Portland, OR | 68 |
| 2. Bruce Taylor | OR City, OR | 54 |
| 3. Phil True | Richland, WA | 45 |
| 4. Jean Edwards | Roseburg, OR | 39 |

SUPER LITE CLASSIC
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts
January 21, 1990
Directors: Jim Law & Charlie Finley
Number of Entries: 128/72

| Main | | MP |
|-------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1. Al Miller | Nashua, NH | 168 |
| 2. G. St. Germain | Manville, RI | 140 |
| 3. David Clemmey | Mansfield, MA | 122 |
| 4. E. Charabaszcz | Ware, MA | 109 |

| Consolation | | MP |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. R. Andrew | Hinsdale, NH | 56 |
| 2. Lou Petosa | Bristol, CT | 42 |
| 3. Arthur Martin | Northboro, MA | 33 |
| 4. Ed Berhaupt | Scotia, NY | 27 |

NEWMAN OPEN
Newman, California
December 8, 1989
Director: Bob Morganti
Number of Entries: 90/34

| Main | | MP |
|------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1. S. Jarrell | Pittsburg, CA | 130 |
| 2. Dan Wenker | S. Maria, CA | 102 |
| 3. Jeff Monroe | Napa, CA | 84 |
| 4. Harold Sontag | Vacaville, CA | 71 |

| Consolation | | MP |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Jim Corder | Hollister, CA | |
| 2. Millie Coffey | Concord, CA | 13 |
| 3. J. Siebentha | S. Maria, CA | 9 |
| 4. J.D. Denny | S. Maria, CA | 5 |

.....AVERAGES

The following submission is based upon 2,500 computer-generated deals, although there were quick discarding decisions, independent of board position on my part.

D = Dealer
ND = Non-dealer

Probabilities of Cribbage Scoring

| Pts./ Deal | Hand | | %Crib | Pegging | |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|
| | %D | %ND | | %D | %ND |
| 0 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 0 | 36 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 21 |
| 2 | 6 | 10 | 26 | 14 | 18 |
| 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 7 |
| 4 | 12 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 4 |
| | | | | 37 | 14 |
| | | | | (5+ pts.) | |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | | |
| 6 | 14 | 14 | 8 | | |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | | |
| 8 | 11 | 8 | 4 | | |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 | | |
| 10 | 7 | 4 | 2 | | |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 12 | 13 | 9 | 2 | | |
| 13 | 2 | 2 | 5 | | |
| | | (13+) | | | |
| 14 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| 15 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 16 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| 17+ | 6 | 5 | | | |

| Average Points | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 8.1 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 2.3 |

| Percent of Total | | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|------|-----|
| 31.3 | 28.7 | 15.1 | 15.6 | 8.9 |
| (60.0%-hands) | (cribs) | (24.4%-pegging) | | |

Thus:

- The average total points scored by the 3. dealer is 16.0 per deal and by the non-dealer is 9.7, for a dealer advantage of 6.3 points, and a total of 25.7 points per deal.
- Dealer has a significant pegging advantage; namely, 4.0 vs. 2.3.
- In a 10-deal game (the most frequent, followed by 9 deals), assuming the winner takes all his/her points beyond 121 (unless he/she pegs out), the average number of points scored by each player is 117.6/game.
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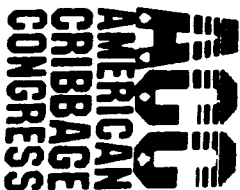
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