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Record Crowd in Reno

Gene Mikulsky Tops Tournament of Champions Joe Aird wins Record ACC Open

The American Cribbage Congress began the 1990's with a record crowd at the Sands Casino in Reno February 2, 3, and 4. Some 634 peggers played in the ACC Open, topping 1988's crowd of 611, to set a new high for the Congress.

And in the "early bird" Tournament of Champions--a match by invitation only-some 280 of USA's top players went toe to toe for the title, topping last year's crowd of 276.

When the smoke had cleared in the Tournament of Champions, Gene Mikulsky, Sobieski, WI, prevailed in a tough final over Bill Jensen, Los Altos, CA. Tom Haight, Ann Arbor, MI won third, followed by Bill Shirland, Denver, 4th. The Prize money was sizeable, but no Master Points were awarded in this "by invitation only" match.

However, in the record-breaking ACC Open, Master Points galore and a record purse was claimed by Joe Aird, Gladstone, MI, edging out slick-pegging Anna Abbott, Incline Village, NV. Anna added 646 Master Points, pushing her 1990 total to exactly 1,000--the highest ranking player of the fair sex for this cribbage year. In winning, Joe claimed some

674 Master Points, pushing his lifetime total to well over 2,000 points and earning his Master rating.

Harry Palmer, Springfield, MA, despite being on his honeymoon, claimed 3rd place, and with some 628 Master Points, moves into position to claim his 2nd All-American award. He finished the 1988 year ranked no. 3 in the USA.

In 4th place, Jim Waldorf, Madras, OR, one of the Northwest's toughest peggers, laid claim to 615 Master Points and a sizeable purse.

The ACC Open Consolation also had a record crowd. Some 474 peggers set their sights on record purses and Master Point totals that exceeded most main events. Local favorite, Bill Irons took first, edging out Norb Upton, Eagan, MN. Three-time All- American and Grand Master Bob McCabe, Brown Deer, WI was 3rd. Smooth-pegging Pat Barrett, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, claimed 4th.

And in the Tournament of Champions Consolation, Louis Messner, San Pedro, CA took the title, with Leo Horigan, Stoughton, MA, finishing 2nd.



The President's Column Jospeh Petrus Wergin

Do you realize that we are three months into 1990 already? The Congress has moved into the 1990 era with a new publisher, a new magazine format, and, of course, new ideas.

Editor and publisher Dale Munroe, who is stepping aside, spent many hours in preparing the magazine, holding down a fulltime job, and trying to live a normal family life. What an undertaking! The sacrifices were great and personal rewards of new and lasting friendships will be his forever. Thanks, Dale, from all the members for your assistance and guidance in shaping the Congress.

Dick Kurz, our great booster from Racine, WI, is happy nowadays. The FIRST DISTRICT NEWS reported in the publication that in the future there will be again, cribbage tournaments when the VFW posts of the district have their annual conventions.

Somehow or other, a few years ago the delegates eliminated the crib tournament from the official activities. Dick Kurz, the promoter of this event and the first person to sign up over 100 Congress members in the early years, had this to say: "Remember that the Wisconsin First District Cribbage is back. Now it is up to you players to attend the Convention and participate and make cribbage as great as the game really is."

THE RHUBARB OF THE SOAP BARS...this scribe and Commissioner Jerry Dickinson usually room together at out-of-town tournaments. The Commissioner usually packs his bags first on the last day for check out. By the time the President gets around to packing, all the unused wrapped bars of soap and shampoo, if any, are gone. As the President pays for his share of the room and appreciates using the fine soap back home, he would like to get a few bars once in a while. Now this went on for about three years and Joe said nothing to Jerry.

However, at Reno, Joe packed first and took all the soap and shampoo and headed downstairs to check out. When Jerry packed, there were none of the goodies left. He had gotten the message!

This column makes a prediction. If Jerry ever stages a tournament, and there are chances he will within the next year or two, everyone will have to include with their entry, two hotel bars of soap.

The perfect shuffle...does it take seven shuffles to mix the deck? Newspaper articles on this subject were forwarded to me by some members.

It certainly would be boring to have a so-called "perfect shuffle" in cribbage. Two or three

quick riffles with the pack and several overs and unders is sufficient. Time is of the essence in our tournament play. Seconds and minutes must be saved to keep on schedule.

In cribbage, only 12 cards are dealt and the sequence of the other 40 is not disturbed. With bridge, all 52 are dealt and one never arrives at perfect shuffle. There isn't such a thing. It would make both games dull. There will be more on this subject at a later time.

WHAT IS SO MAGIC ABOUT GREEN BAY? What brings so many cribbers to Green Bay during the cold February winter? How can a city 120 miles away from a metro area, (Milwaukee), and 140 miles to Madision, attract 572 cribbers the last week of February? It just doesn't add up.

Do people with "cabin fever" go into Green Bay for cribbage as a cure? Does the track record of a large tournament increase the number of entries every year? Do the rating-point chasers go to this frigid area with the hopes of bagging more honors? Is it because the Gallahger-Miller-Lemke team does a good job on publicity and promotions? They aren't seen very often playing outside the state of Wisconsin.

Has the image of the Green Bay Packers rubbed off on the cribbage program? None of the Packers were competing in the cardboard contest.

This writer was shocked when 540 people (270 pairs) showed up Friday night for doubles play and at least 40 more were turned away because they did not make advance entry. And on Saturday night 428 players (214 pairs) reported for the Saturday night doubles.

In between sessions and at night after play was completed, people gathered in the large barroom adjacent to a playing area. Besides renewing acquaintances, many were involved in other games such as euchre, sheepshead, gin rummy, and captain's cribbage. There was an area for about 80 players.

It was noted that in Friday night's play, there were about 25 citizens of the Indian Nation from the nearby reservation entered in the doubles. A smaller number played in the main event. It was revealed that about 250 people compete every year in one tournament...Green Bay.

This columnist believes that all these elements contribute to the Green Bay magic with some occult power drawing the disciples of the peg to the annual pilgrimage.

So, there you have it folks. All things blend together to create the February Madness. However, it hasn't been mentioned at the conclave or by the Committee what really is the catalyst of this super tournament. It is best described as GEMUTLICHKEIT!

Flash! The winner of the MGM in Green Bay: Bill Philleo, Milwaukee edged out Jim Rein, Carver, MN for the championship! Details of the tournament will be published in the April edition of Cribbage World.

The editor



Summary

ACC Board Meeting

Reno, NV, Feb. 1, 1990

All Directors present except one (Chambers). Ken Cambell (Modoc, S.C.) was introduced as a new Director, replacing Joe Siegle, (recently resigned). Minutes of Prineville, OR Board meeting of Sept. 22, 1989 approved.

Treasurer Fred McGibney's financial report approved. Seven months income (July 1, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990) showed \$28,588.16; expenses for the same period were \$22,356.04, net income for the period, \$6,232.12; member's equity totals \$19,619.66. The new Rule Books cost \$2,422.10 and \$2,040.00 has already been collected in early sales to members, with about 3,000 copies still on hand for future sale. McGibney confirmed ACC's non-profit tax exempt status with the IRS, the organization holding permit number 56-1275233.

Report of the Auditing Committee was presented by Barbara Buntrock. Other members of the committee were Bob McCabe and Jeff Shimp. Following discussion, the Board approved the Audit report. Committee recommendations included: ACC should begin filing information and tax returns with the IRS; expenses over \$25 should have documentation (receipts); Tournament Commissioners should investigate any future sanction fee shortages and report same to the Treasurer; and a method of reconciling dues income to the membership roster should be devised. Sanction fees paid at the old rate accounted for a \$438.50 discrepancy in this account. A shortfall of \$2,857 in membership fees was explained as being due to a change in the Membership Secretary and prior billing, collection, and crediting errors. Since this is the first audit ever conducted, it is expected that next year's fiscal performance will be more accurate, using the year ending June 30, 1989 as a bench mark guideline. The Committee was thanked for it's service.

Announcement was made of DeLynn Colvert's appointment as editor of the association's Cribbage World monthly publication, effective with the March 1990 issue. He promised a larger, more colorful publication with many innovations. Deadlines will be established to provide a first of the month publication date. The Board also expressed its thanks to Dale Munroe, the retiring editor, and his crew for their past efforts.

Ev Bey, VP-Policy, reported that the advance sale of Rule Books (\$1) would end at the Reno tournament and future mail order sales would be handled by Jeff Monroe, priced at \$2 each.

After lengthy discussion, the Board voted 17-11 (1 abstention) to reject the proposed Master Points revision suggested by Larry Samet's committee.

Unanimous approval was voted for new mandatory requirements for sanctioned tournaments, as recommended by Scott Kooistra's committee. A subsequent action saw the Board vote 16-13 to allow exceptions to established tournament formats: head-to-head, round-robin, and double-elimination, effective September 1, 1990.

The Board approved DeLynn Colvert's "Preparing Tournament Flyers" instruction sheet, which will be mailed to all tournament directors as an aid in preparing their flyers.

Frank Zabrowski, testing examiner, reported on the Judges Program. A new test has been devised based on the new Rule Book and is available to any member for \$3. He also presented a brief outline for expansion of the Judge's Program headed by a Commissioner and 3 Directors in charge of Re search and Development, Testing Examiner, and a new Senior Judges' program. The Board gave general consent to the concept and asked for specific written duties for each of the offices. \$400 was approved to recertify all current judges without extra fee.

Bob McCabe discussed preliminary plans for the 1992 Grand National in Green Bay, Wisconsin; DeLynn Colvert made a pitch for the 1993 Grand National in Missoula, Montana. This year's Grand National will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 21, 22, 23, 1990. The 1991 Grand National will be held in Hollywood, Florida on September 27, 28, 29.

At the suggestion of President Joe Wergin, the Board agreed to change its "Director's Award" criteria to recognize outstanding tournament directors of the past 5-year period.

Wergin withdrew his proposed By-Laws amendment which would have added a Student (18, 19, 20 years of age) category to the ACC dues structure at a reduced price.

He also withdrew his proposed By-Laws amendment regarding duties of the President in favor of a revision suggested by Executive VP Syl Lulinski that realigned officers' appointments, which was unanimous approved. It places Recruitment, Fund-Raising, and Public Relations-Publicity committees under the President; deletes appointment of the Recording Secretary from the Executive VP duties and appointment of the Secretary General from the VP-Policy and combines them as Secretary General under appointment by the VP-Operations; deletes Grass Roots Points responsibility from the VP-Policy (leaving that function to the Grass Roots organization); and makes all appointments subject to approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

Bey, VP-Policy, reported he had no response from a recent article in Cribbage World about Regionalization. He said he is accepting suggestions for appointments to a committee to be named soon to study the matter.

Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe reported 5,155 paid-up members as of January 1990: 2,227 (43%) in the Western Region; 1,407 (27%) in the Central Region; and 1,521 (30%) in the Eastern Region. He said he expected 1990 to surpass last year's high of 5,258 (May 1989).

The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M. The next Board meeting will be held at Raleigh, N. C. on July 27, 1990.

Master Points System Debated at Reno Board Meeting

A second effort to revise the Master Points awards was rejected by the ACC Board of Directors at it's Reno meeting, Feb. 1. Chairman Larry Samet presented a new proposal last July which was under discussion at the three past Board meetings. His plan sought to equalize the points distribution by putting a cap on the larger tournaments, using prepared tables to award points based on the number of entries. Comparing it to present system, Bob McCabe, Statistics Secretary, showed that only 4.1% reduction in total Master Points awards would result, that the re-configuration would have little effect on the lifetime Master Points standings.

Last year, Butch Reynold's committee suggested an upward revision of the Master Points required to qualify for Cribbage Master (2000 points), Grand Master (4000 points) and Life Master (6000 points) awards. Opposition developed when it was pointed out that only about 20 members had qualified for those awards during the 10 year history of the ACC, and it was rejected.

Ev Bey, VP-Policy, will be appointing a new committee to look into the matter.

Members of Samet's committee included McCabe, Jeff Monroe and Scott Kooistra. Reynold's committee included McCabe, Jim Fabian and Bob Plourde.

New Judges

Listed below are the first of our new judges who have qualified, using the new Rule Book as a basis for the test:

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King of the Qualifiers Lightning Bob Madsen Strikes Twice

Bob Madsen, Chicago, IL, pegger recently set two outstanding qualifying scores at prestigious tournaments. At this year's record-setting Grand National in Prineville, Bob scored 42 game points in a 21-game qualifying round to take top honors.

And to top that, at this year's ACC Open in Reno, he topped a record crowd of 628 players with another 42 game points. This time, the qualifying round was 22 games. Without a doubt, this crowns Bob as "The King of Qualifiers."

Bob is a Master Player, and is a king-pin in the operation of the American Cribbage Congress.

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Gary Motley Drives for National Title

Gary Motley, Gresham, OR, is steadily pegging his way for a try at the National Championship for 1990. Gary jumped out of the gate in the 1990 year with a fine 4th place finish at the Grand National in Prineville, followed by winning the Idaho championship, and another 4th place finish at the Veteran's Classic in Reno. A player who rarely misses a match in the Northwest, Gary will be hard to catch. He recently earned his Master rating, and is fast becoming one of the top players in the American Cribbage Congress.

Jesse Jarrell, DuaneToll Earn Grand Master Rating

Jesse Jarrell, Pittsburg, CA, recently became the 8th ACC member to become Grand Master. Jesse went over the magic 4,000 Master Point mark at the ACC Open in Reno, by qualifying 44th in the record-breaking field. Jesse's tournament debut in 1983 was auspicious, to say the least. He entered the World Championship tournament in Quincy, CA and won! Alas, he was NOT an ACC member at the time...and lost some 400 Master Points. Jesse won All-American honors in 1989, finishing 2nd with 1,238 Master Points for the year!

Duane Toll, Milwaukee, WI, won the first two playoff rounds at Green Bay's MGM meet (576 players-a record turnout for the Central Region), scoring a sizeable Master Point total to run his lifetime total to 4,135. Duane became the 9th ACC player to become Grand Master. In 1987, Duane was National Champion, setting a new high in scoring (at that time) with 1,971 Master Points for the year. For that honor, he was named Captain of the 1987 All-American Cribbage Team.

DeLynn Colvert, Scott Kooistra become ACC's First Life Masters

On February 4th, after 11 years of play, De-Lynn Colvert, Missoula, MT, and Scott Kooistra, Yankton, SD, became the first and second players to earn Life Master...a plateau of 6,000 Master Points.

Both players won their 2nd round playoff matches at the huge ACC Open in Reno to go over the 6,000 mark. DeLynn won his match 3-0, and at 7:50 AM had his 6,000 points. Scott won his match 3-1, and at 8:18 AM was the second Life Master...a mere 28 minute difference after 11 years pegging!

Both Colvert and Kooistra are 5-time All-Americans.

New Rule Books

New ACC Rules Books are now available, at \$2.00 each, postpaid, from Jeff Monroe, Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581.

This new handy pocket-sized edition is the third version published since the ACC's inception, the most previous one being a 1984 revision that is now out-dated.

Credit for this long-awaited up-to-date Rule Book is due to the hard work of a tireless committee headed by Dick Cornwell. Others on the committee included Jim Arblaster, Ken Cambell, DeLynn Colvert and Martha Fingleton. Joe Seigle and Dale Brandon also assisted in the early days of the committee.

5,000 copies were printed and about half of them have already been snapped up by ACC members.

Letters To The Editor

Since our space is limited, please try not to exceed 300 words in your letters. We want to publish as many as we can. If your letter does not make the current issue, we will try to get it in the next one. Thanks.

The Editor

On Skunks

Besides providing us with many hours of competition and entertainment, cribbage has also contributed terms to the English language that everyone can use. My dictionary defines the verb "skunk" as "to defeat thouroughly in a game", and although I don't know if that useage was common in the 17th century, Sir John Suckling's terminology was brilliant. He did not use a "bunny rabbit" or a "puppy dog" for his symbol of being badly beaten! He chose the most foul beast, a creature no one would want to identify with. While we all lose a cribbage game occasionally, to lose by more than a 25% margin was deemed to be particularly disgraceful, thus, to have been skunked!

My point in all of this is that we have diverged from the original notion that to be skunked is something to be avoided. At the recent ACC Open in Reno, the qualifying round consisted of 22 games, 2 each with 11 different opponents. Although the scoring allowed 2 points for a win and 3 points for a skunk, THERE WAS NO PENALTY FOR GETTING SKUNKED! It is easy to determine that if a player were to split the pair of games with each opponent, he/she would finish with 22 game points, not enough to qualify. But if he/she would change their style of play, take many risks, and always go for the big hands, then you might skunk the opponent half of the time and get skunked half of the time. However, without a penalty for being skunked, using this alternative style of play, your score card would have 33 game points, more than adequate to make the playoffs.

What has gone wrong here? I'm not sure I have the answers to this difficult problem. I will offer the following points for tournament directors to consider: 1) Don't underestimate cribbage player's ability to adapt their playing style to the scoring system being used; if there is no penalty for being skunked, many players will change their game strategy. 2) Some tournaments utilize a minus one (-1) to be scored when a player is skunked, as well as the +3 for a skunk. 3) Some object to the "minus one" rule because its cumbersome for scorekeeping or find it difficult to work with negative numbers. Others object to the idea of losing points already gained during a tournament. 4) Both of these objections can be overcome by eliminating the minus one. To avoid using negative numbers, simply count a win=3, a skunk =4, a loss=1 and getting skunked=0.5) Suppose that player A, having accumulated enough points to assure qualifying in a tournament, is opposed by his/her friend, player B, who needs points to qualify. Player A proceeds to "lose badly" resulting in player B getting 3 points for the skunk. Although one hopes that this situation occurs only rarely in ACC competition, the inclusion of a dis-incentive for getting skunked would further discourage this illegal practice.

In my own playing experience, I have enjoyed great satisfaction in avoiding a skunk when my cards are not running well and my opponent's cards are hot. This is the traditional skill of cribbage. We should strive to include these aspects in our ACC tournaments.

Bill Shoemaker W. Hartford, CT

Smoking Still Controversial

Even though I am a smoker, I recommend that the ACC consider adopting a no smoking rule, during play, for it's tournaments. My reason is that the division of the entrants into smoking and non-smoking groups before the draw for seats introduces bias in the seating. I can never meet a non-smoking player unless I choose to join the non-smoking group, in which case I would never meet a smoking player.

The schedule of tournament play is such that those of us who do smoke can get our nicotine fix between games--outside the playing room. No problem. A change to a no smoking policy would be popular with the increasing number of non-smoking cribbage players, would not do harm to smokers, and would remove bias in drawing for seats.

Ralph Bigelow Placentia, CA

Muggins Anyone?

Now you are not going to believe this but it actually happened, and at the Tournament of Champions. My reaction would be that this guy makes things up. Not true, this is factual.

A delightful lady was going head-to-head with a gent I don't know. He was holding Q-Q-5-5 and must have been taking his morning nap at the time, for he counted and pegged only two. After releasing his peg, the lovely lady pointed out that he did in fact have a twelve hand. "I guess you're going to "mug" me for ten", he said. "You betcha" was the response and with that she picked up her peg and took her 10-point "muggins" backwards!

I believe there is so much humor in this situation that if we don't get a chuckle or two out of it, we probably shouldn't be playing the game.

Pat Coffey Concord, CA



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Hang in there, Marvis...we"ll support the sponsors!

The editor

Playing With The Numbers

Hello? Hello? Is anyone else from Indiana out there? To those of you in the ACC who have ignored the Hoosier State figuring we could only play basketball, we're waiting in hiding for an ambush. Your turn is coming! I've waited twenty years, I can certainly wait a little longer for you to find us.

I do have one suggestion coming from another organization to which I belong (International Juggler's Association). They print an annual roster of all members (only slightly larger in population that the ACC) and distribute it. It's cross-referenced by last name as well as state/zip code. This makes it quite easy to reach other members, particularly when you travel (I included a sample with this letter for the powers-that-be).

On a lighter note, as a lost lamb back into the fold, I have been reviewing past issues of Cribbage World, courtesy of Jeff Monroe (Thanks Jeff!). I did notice (Dec. '89, pg. 15) the comment "If you have a five in the crib, you must have two points." To update this, here is a simple chart to generalize that statement, whether it is in the crib or a regular hand (courtesy of computer analysis):

If you have this many

cards: That Total These Values

- 1
- 2 2, 5, 15
- 3 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 25
- 4 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 25, 35, 40

then you must have at least two points in a run, pair(s), or fifteen(s)! You don't just have to have a five, just one or more cards totaling five, and it doesn't have to be in the crib.

In the same vein, there are 220 different zero point hand combinations (most likely to apper in a zero-point hand: King, Ten, Queen; in that crder). If you want a free copy of the list, send a SASE or wait about two years for my book The Play's the Thing (pun intended). Future computer observations on 'The Play' forthcoming.

Finally, has anyone considered an anthem for the ACC? If so, I propose the Steely Dan song, Peg.

> Phillip W. Paxon Fishers, IN

IN MEMORIAM

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The Tournament Trail . . .

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

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

March 31, San Ramon Lions Tournament

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March 31, Grand Rapids Open

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

April 6-8, Greater Boston Classic

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

April 7-8, Colorado Open (NOTE: this is a date change)

Moose Lodge, 2390 Dayton St. Aurora, CO. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, donuts, Consolation, Sun. doubles. Contact: Iris Fuller, 3855 S. Monaco Pkwy., Denver, CO 80237, 303-758-0844

April 6-7-8, Montana Open

Joker's Wild, 4329 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird doubles, Consolation, Sat. Night Special, Last Chance. Contact: DeLynn Colvert, PO Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-543-6855.

April 20-22, Madison Masters Classic

Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, 3710 W. Washington Ave., Madison, Wl. Entry fee: \$35; \$42 non-ACC. Coffee Sat. AM. Consolation, Early Bird, Sat. Night Special, Last Chance. Contact: Gaylord Matti, 2821 Regent St., Madison, Wl 53705, 608-238-6470.

April 20-22, North Carolina Open

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

April 21, Western Open Spring Tournament

Barranca School, 727 S. Barranca, Covina, CA. Entry fee: \$37. Coffee, donuts, lunch, Q-pools, Consolation. Contact: Ron Guidotti, 14676 Summerbreeze Cir., Chino Hills, CA. 91709, 714-597-5806.

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April 27-29, Greater Hermiston Open V

Eagles Lodge, 160 NW Second, Hermiston, OR. Entry fee: \$31.50. Coffee, rolls (Sat. AM), Sat. night banquet, Early Bird singles and doubles, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Ken Capper, 105 NW 3rd, Hermiston, OR 97838, 503-567-5145.

April 28-29, Super Bowl of Cribbage V

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

April 29, Rhode Island Cribbage Open

Omni Biltmore Hotel (Kennedy Plaza), Providence, RI. Coffee, tea, danish & lunch. Entry fee: \$37.50. Contact: Joe Ramos, Box 216, W. Warwick, RI. 02893.

May 4, 5, 6, Oregon Coast Classic

Oceanlake Elks Club, 2020 NE 22nd St., Lincoln, NE. Fri Doubles & High Roller. Consolation, coffe, donuts. Contact: Co-Chairman Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer, 30937 NE 23rd St., Washougal, WA 98671, 206-835-3623. Bernie Nelson P.O. Box 729, Pacific City, OR 97135, 503-965-6410.

May 5, World Championship

Plumas County Fairgrounds, Quincy, CA. Entry fee: \$60. Dinner, lunch, coffee, donuts, drink. Early Bird doubles. Charity: Quincy Rotary Club. Contact: Mike Taborski, PO Box B, Quincy, CA 95971, 916-283-0800.

May 5, 6, Sertoma Cribbage Classic

Englewood Elks, 3690 S. Jason, Englewood, CO. Entry fee: \$36.50. Coffee, donuts. Sun.doubles. Charity: Arapahoe Sertoma Sponsorships. Contact: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden, Englewood, CO. 80110, 303-781-7854.

May 5, 6, Ben Franklin Open

Franklin Mills, 1455 Franklin Mills Cir., Philadelphia, PA. Entry fee: \$40. Coffee, lunch. Q-pools, Consolation, Sat. PM special. Contact: Robert Einhorn, 928 Melrose Park, PA 19126.

May 4, 5, 6, Hawkeye Classic IV

Sheraton Inn, 11040 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, Iowa. Entry fee: \$52. Lunch Sat. Q-pools, Consolation, Early Bird, Sat. Night Special. Contact: Larry Loupee, 410 E. 2nd St., Newton, Iowa 50208, 515-792-8236.

May 6, Great Plains Spring Classic

Airport Inn, 1-80 Airport Exit, Cornhusker Hwy, Lincoln NE. Entry Fee: \$15. Consolation. Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P St., Lincoln, NE, 402-477-2900.

May 6, Hawaii State Championship

Fort Shafter Officers Club, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Entry fee: \$30. Coffee, buffet. Consolation, Q-pools. Contact: Jerry Price, 45-463 Nakuluai St., Kaneohe, HI 96744, 808-247-3754.

May 18, 19, 20, Snake River Open

Eagles Hall, 222 Bower, Nyssa, OR 97913. Entry fee: \$32. Coffee. Fri. night doubles, Consolation, Sat. Night Special, Last Chance. Contact: Michelle Park, PO Box 968, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-6875.

May 18, 19, 20, Northern Illinois Spring Open

Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL. Entry fee: \$50. Lunch. Q-pool, Consolation, Early Bird, \$50 Fri. Special. Sat. Night doubles. Contact: Bob & Geri Deeds 708-931-7890 or Frank & Roberta Schweig 708-428-2918.

May 20, Connecticut Championship

Ukranian Hall, North Windham, CT (Rt. 66). Coffee, donuts, lunch. Q-pools, Consolation. Contact: Carl Bard, 208 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040, 203-646-8709.

Philadelphia Celebrates Cribbage

By official proclamation, the city of Philadelphia has designated May 5th and May 6th, 1990 as Ben Franklin Cribbage weekend. These are the dates of the 2nd annual Ben Franklin Open Cribbage Tournament. This year the city commemorates the bi-centennial of the death of Ben Franklin. The Ben Franklin Open Cribbage Tournament is a cooperating organization in the events. In January, the city sponsored a birthday party celebrating the 284th birthday of Ben Franklin. Frank Wurman and Bob Einhorn demonstrated cribbage at the party. Future demonstrations are planned at other events.

The Ben Franklin Open will be held this year at Franklin Mills in Philadelphia. Franklin Mills is one of the largest mills featuring outlet stores, numerous eating facilities and entertainments...all under one roof. It promises to be an unusual setting for a cribbage tournament.

Frank Wurman & Bob Einhorn Philadelphia, PA ...And speaking of Ben Franklin, an avid cribbage player, a story circulates that he was debating playing a game, but wondering if he could afford to waste the time. Well, he mused, being a Christian and believing in eternal life hereafter, time is unimportant...so deal those cards!

the editor

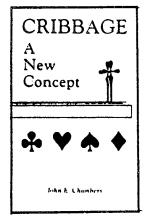
Tournament Date Changes

The 8th annual North Carolina Open has been re-scheduled from May 5-6 to April 21-22. This tournament has a full range of events and promises to be a good one, according to Howard Baum, co-director.

Iris Fuller, Denver, CO, has also re-scheduled her Colorado Open from April 14-15 to April 7-8, in order to avoid a conflict with Easter.

Down The Road . . .Future Tournaments

June 16, 17 - 10th Annual Minn. Open June 22, 23, 24 - Milwaukee Challenge July 21, 22 - Devils Mountain Caper Aug. 3, 4, 5 - 5th Bill Mitchell Memorial Sept. 15, 16 - Massachusetts Open Sept. 21, 22, 23 - Grand National Oct. 6, 7 - C.M.A. Open, St. Cloud, MN



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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).



Eastern Region

Defending champion: Albert Miller Nashua, NH

- 375 Chambers, J., Providence, RI 375 Clukey Sr., R., Thomaston, CT
- 374 Bickford, Geo., E. Longm., MA
- 320 Waltzer, Bob, Woburn, MA
- 307 Pond, Nick, Raleigh, NC
- 305 Bernier, Jerry, Wales, MA 293 Clark, Tom, Candia, NH
- 252 Perkins, Doris, Quincy, MA
- 245 Jewer, Ford, Wakefield, RI
- 240 Corriveau, E., Bellingham, MN
- 237 Gudauskas, Wm., Rockville, CT 11
- 228 Forczyk, Stanley, Fall River, MA
- 220 Nedeiros, Bill, S. Easton, MA
- 217 Miller, Albert, Nashua, NH 14
- 215 Cook, Kenneth, Agawam, MA 15
- 208 Galvin, Brenda, Springfield, MA
- 207 Patrick, Fred, E. Taunton, MA 17
- 18 202 Êenenbaum, Al, Cranbury, NJ
- 191 Norris, Lee, N. Kingston, RI 19
- 20 189 Weich, Paul, Braintree, MA
- 180 Forbes, Buster, Raleigh, NC 21
- 178 Murphy, Joseph, Mystic, CT 22
- 23 167 Campbell, Bill, Alexandria, VA 24 164 St. Germain, G., Manville, RI
 - 164 Wahlig, Len, Norfolk, VA

- 26 161 Blessing, Geo., Narragansett, RI
- 27 153 Martin, Arthur, Northboro, MA 28 148 Cooper, Bill, Marlboro, MA
 - 148 Tucci, James, Saco,
- 30 143 Cornell, Larry, Pawtucket, RI
- 31 141 Clukey, Mary, Thomaston, CT
- 32 134 Belles, Harold, Albany, NY
- 33 133 Moore, Raymond, Westm'r, MA
- 133 Simpson, Lucille, Lewiston, NY 35 132 Dekenipp, Bob, Shirley, MA
- 36 131 Chrabaszcz, Emil, Ware, MA
 - 131 Ramos, Joe, W. Warwick, Rl
- 38 130 Reddy, Frank, Swampscott, MA
- 39 128 Samet, Lawrence, W. Hills, MA 40 126 Moore, Corinne, Westm'r, MA
- 41
- 124 Smith, Allen, W. Warwick, RI 42
 - 122 Clemmey, David, Mansfield, MA 122 Stokes, Woody, Ellenton, FL
- 44 118 Daesch, Jeannie, Miami Spr., FL
- 45 117 Berhaupt, Ed. Scotia, NY
- 117 Raynes, Jeffrey, Raleigh, NC 47
- 116 Friets, Neal, Keene, NH 48 114 Davis, Jack, Raleigh, NC
 - 114 Dinwoodie, Al, Slocum, RI
- 50 110 Deaton Jr., W. R., Oriental, NC

Tournaments Entered this Month

Belle City Portland Rocky Mountain Super Lite Classic







Central Region

Defending champion: Ted Kliora Waukegan, IL

1	659 Kooistra, Scott, Yankton, SD
2	466 Railsback, Helen, Syracuse, NE
3	458 Bernard, Joe, Libertyville, IL
4	340 Toll, Duane, Milwaukee, WI
5	259 Miller, Bob, Green Bay, Wi
6	251 Dahl, Tubby, Blair, WI
7	245 McCabe, Bob, Brown Deer, WI
8	217 Lemke, Jerry, Green Bay, WI
9	188 Railsback, Buzz, Syracuse, NE
	188 Syftested, John, Mt. Horeb WI
11	187 Grady, Joe, St. Cloud, MN
12	184 Biegler, Gene, West Bend, WI
13	181 Wegner, Terry, Appleton, WI
14	174 Green, Tom, Milwaukee, WI
15	173 Fabian, Jim, Naperville, IL
16	169 Madsen Rob Chicago II
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18	The managing E. D. Manifelle. WI
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20	158 Bassuener, C., Sheyboygan, WI

157 Lazachek, Mariene, W. Allis, WI

155 Charles, Clarence, Seymour, WI

144 Sannes, O. V., Minneapolis, MN

143 Buntrock, Barb., Cedarburg, WI

144 Wileman, Ray, Edgerton, WI

142	Trojan, Frank, New Brighton, MN
137	George, Gary, Sturtevant, WI 28
135	Jaegers, Jerry, Lincoln, NE
132	Julian, Bob, Milwaukee, WI
126	Ladish, Lee, Milwaukee, WI
125	Young, CY, Appleton, WI
124	Griffin, Mickey, Lincoln, NE
	Lulinski, Syl, LaGrange Park, IL
115	Cook, William, Rhinelander, WI
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111	Ogden, Dick, Des Moines, IA
111	Rodgers, Dana, Des Moines, IA
110	Rein, Joan, Carver, MN
107	Mahan, Jim, Robbinsdale, MN
106	Henderson, Scott, Madison, WI
104	Langman, Harry, Appleton, WI
99	Chowanec, Walt, Milwaukee, WI
	137 135 132 126 125 124 123 120 115 115 114 111 110 107 106 104

98 Clark, Jeff, Antioch, IL

98 Parker, Charles, W. Bear L., MN

97 Fingleton, M., Milwaukee, WI

95 Peters, Willard, Green Bay, WI

95 Sondericker, W., Greenfield, WI

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NEW PLAYERS Haster

Otto Bartholow, Baker, OR
Dick Graham, Englewood, CO
Lee Ladish, Milwaukee, WI
Gary Motley, Gresham, OR

Lee Norris, N. Kingston, RI
Rex Reid, Quincy, CA
John Ryan, Jr., San Lorenzo, CA
Joe Aird, Gladstone, MI



Western Region

Defending champion: Butch Reynolds Santa Maria, CA

- 1 974 Motley, Gary, Gresham, OR
 2 848 Reynolds, Butch, S'ta Maria, CA
 3 660 Meade, Ray, Las Vegas, NV
 4 609 Lusignan, Joseph, Salinas, CA
 5 605 Mauk, Dale, Salem, OR
 6 594 Honeycutt, Harvey, Beatty, OR
 7 520 Colvert, DeLynn, Missoula, MT
 8 505 Monroe, Jeff, San Lorenzo, CA
 9 469 Ryan Jr., John, San Lorenzo, CA
 10 434 Anderson, Todd, Portland, OR
 11 401 Brown, Doug, Pasco, WA
 12 398 Stevens, Tom, Oroville, CA
- 398 Stevens, 10m, Oroville, CA
 398 Ward, Pat, Kirkland, WA
 14 396 Gromek, Bob, Las Vegas, NV
 15 395 Becker, Bill, Bend, OR
 16 393 Standard, Ern., Island City, OR
 17 387 Delplanche, Al, Cornelius, OR
- 380 Jarrell, Jesse, Pittsburg, CA377 Christy, Leon, Richland, WA
- 364 Abbott, Anna, Incline Village, NV
 350 Bemisdarfer, A., Beatty, OR
 350 Gemmer, Ed, Umatilla, OR
- 23 331 Forrest, Keith, Stevenv'e, MT24 331 Hartung, Jim, Richland, WA
- 25 328 Grantz, Al, Kelso, WA

- 26 311 Lenz, Helmut, Richland, WA
 - 7 309 McKie, Galen, Stockton, CA309 Van Metre, Greg, LaGrande, OR
- 29 299 Bishop, Bud, Prineville, OR
- 30 296 Bartholow, Otto, Baker, OR 296 Clark, Chuck, Missoula, MT
- 32 286 Johnson, Bob, McMinnville, OR
- 33 271 Preston, Julie, Fremont, CA
- 34 269 Coffey, Pat, Concord, CA
- 263 Nelson, Bernie, Pacific City, OR263 Whitsett, Floyd, Baker, OR
- 37 258 Hom, Jones, Fairfield, CA
- 38 255 Halldorson, A., Long Beach, WA
- 39 254 Gearin, Joyce, Dufur, OR 254 Logan, Charles, Sparks, NV
 - 254 Schuler, John, Spokane, WA 254 Springer, Marvin, LaGrande, OR
- 44 244 Hansbery, Richard, San A's., CA
- 44 244 Hansbery, Hichard, San A's., CA 45 243 Hensell, Sherman, Gar'rville, CA
- 46 236 Price, Jerry, Kaneohe, HI
- 47 235 Furler, Kate, Tigard, OR
- 48 230 Cochlin, Ken, Kennewick, WA
- 49 228 Hunstad, Darrell, Nipomo, CA50 214 Golik, John, Salem, OR
 - 214 Kantas, Harry, Beaverton, OR

Tournament Results

Reporting Policy:

Up to 128 Players: Top 4 129 to 256 Players: Top 8 257 Players & Up: Top 16

Belle City Classic

Kenosha, WI

January 19, 20, 21, 1990 Director: Donald Wezesinske Number of entries: 126/70

Main 126

1 166 John Syftstad, Mt. Horeb, Wl 2 138 Max Steplyk, Waukegan, IL 3 120 Marlene Lazacheck, W. Allis, Wl 4 107 Linda Ebert, Dousman, Wl

Consolation 70

1 55 Joe Bernard, Libertyville, IL 2 41 Leroy Ladish, Milwaukee, WI 3 32 Geri Deeds, Elgin, IL 4 26 Jim Jeffers, Green Bay, WI

Oregon State Championship

Prineville, Oregon February 17, 18, 1990 Director: Joe Nelson Number of entries: 240/154

Main 240

1 280 Bayard Lliteras, C'd'Alene, I D 2 252 Anne Williams, Portland, OR 3 234 Dale Hatfield, Madras, OR 4 221 Gary Parkhurst, Crescent City, CA 5 196 Lucille Endicott, Prineville, OR 6 196 Phil Symons, Ashwood, OR 7 196 Bruce Wridge, Newburg, OR 8 196 Mark Searcy, Bend, OR

Consolation 154

1 97 Bo Van Orsow, Redmond, OR 2 83 Vern Nielsen, Portland, OR 3 74 Francis Lake, La Pine, OR 4 68 Jean Clark, Salem, OR 5 55 Sandy Voltz, Ashwood, OR 6 55 DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT 7 55 Randy Crum, Granzer, WA 8 55 Sean O'Hara, Salem, O

Rocky Mountain Championship

Englewood, CO

January 20, 21, 1990 Director: Dick Graham

Number of entries: 50/26

Main 50

1 90 Roger Wilson, Boulder, CO 2 62 Earl Newberry, Lakewood, CO

3 44 C. I. Haddad, Aurora, CO

4 31 Dan Gloekler, Aurora, CO

Consolation 26

1 13 Helen Railsback, Syracuse, NE

2 9 Dude Reyman, Ft. Morgan, CO

3 5 Dick Graham, Englewood, CO

4 1 Buzz Railsback, Syracuse, NE

Washington State Championship

Richland, WA

February 9, 10, 11, 1990

Director: Jo Evans

Number of entries: 122/72

Main 122

1 162 Dee Crittenden, Richland, WA

2 134 Leon Cristy, Richland, WA

3 116 Paul Carr, Richland, WA

4 103 Ken Cochlin, Kennewick, WA

Consolation 72

1 56 Butch Reynolds, Santa Maria, CA

2 42 Donna Shelden, Seattle, WA

3 33 Lynn Gillespie, Kennewick, WA

4 27 Everett McKinney, Stanfield, OR

Hawaii State Spring Singles

Fort Shafter, HI February 11, 1990 Director: Jerry Price Number of entries: 34/18

Main 34

1 34 Brad Wellstead, Honolulu, HI

2 26 Abe Kealoha, Kuhuhu, HI

3 18 Daniel Ogden, Honolulu, HI

4 10 Allen Guzman, Honolulu, HI

Consolation 18

1 9 Ken Ching, Honolulu, HI

2 5 Cindy Pa, Honolulu, HI

3 1 Sharon Connelly, CA

The Willows

Willows, CA

February 17, 1990

Director: Carl E. Martens

Number of entries: 86

Main 86

1 126 Wm. Roderick, Vacaville, CA

2 98 Skeet Holloway, Chico, CA

3 80 Jesse Jarrell, Pittsburgh, CA

4 67 Mary Gladish, Concord, CA

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