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Record Crowd

John Blowers Tops In Florida

John Blowers, a pegger from Casselberry, FL came away the winner at the record-breaking Jim Arblaster/Florida Open November 17. Blowers is a member of the local Grass Roots club, and by topping the field of 136 players came away with 170 MRPs (after qualifying 7th) and \$830.

Ken Cambell, a pegger from Modoc, SC, is the ACC's Historian...and he can add his name to cribbage history books with his 2nd place finish (and after qualifying 4th his MRP take was 168!). He garnered a nice \$700.

Chip Digiovanni, Deltona, FL, and Justin Gorman, Englewood, FL finished 3rd and 4th.

Curtis Lien, Davenport, FL, had the hot hand in the qualifying round, taking honors. He continued on to finish in the 9-16 bracket and earned a combined 93 MRP's.

"Snowbirds" warmed to the task in the 90-pegger Consolation. Doug Page, a Master pegger from Appleton, WI took home the marbles, followed by Roy Ellis, a pegger from Englewood, CO. Local Betty Schaeffer nailed 3rd, and Aggie Mikulsky, Sobieski, WI took 4th.

Director Paul Barnes had a full array of satellite events, beginning with Friday singles. With some 102 peggers kicking off this event, Jack Allison, Smyrna, GA began the weekend in grand style by winning (and taking home \$436). Saturday night had a fine crowd (90) and Jack Ledbetter, Hialeah, FL came away the winner (and \$474). Victor Struminger (Atlanta, GA) nailed the Last Chance.

In addition to these satellite events, Barnes also had a unique Grass Roots Challenge. GR 147 Port Charlotte, FL edged GR 22 Greater Orlando, FL by a combined score average of 24.62 to 22.74 (qualifying round scores).

Bruce Corson (FL), Neal Burkett (FL), and Roy Ellis (CO) played 28-hands, but no 29's showed.

Grass Roots Commissioner Eugene Mikulsky was on hand to "inspect" Florida cribbage, but his wife Aggie brought home the most "travel money."

Cribbage World awards director Barnes "Director of the Year" for his detailed (and easily read) tournament report. Barnes will be the director of Grand National XVII. This annual event will be played in Daytona Beach in September, 1998.



The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Cribbage Players Are Always Interested In Numbers

We're talking about 15-2s and 29s and best 3-out-of-5...not the 32-24-36 shemale variety.

Comes the wind-up of 1996 and the beginning of the new year 1997, we're at the halfway mark in our ACC '96-'97 fiscal and record-keeping year.

According to Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe, we're heading into the new calendar year with a paid membership of 6,620.

California leads with 1,305 members, Oregon is second with 645; Wisconsin has 614 members; Massachusetts, 432; and Washington, 407.

Grass Roots statistician Joe Ramos tells me we have 127 active Grass Roots clubs playing a regular schedule of weekly and bi-weekly games, with 3,000 cribbers participating in this nationwide local activity. There's another 100-plus Grass Roots clubs who have their programs "on ice" for various reasons, since Commissioner Gene Mikulsky has chartered 232 Grass Roots clubs all over the U.S.A.

The Grass Roots five Regional tournaments drew 1,419 participants and the Grass Roots National tournament topped that with 1,421 entrants, Ramos reports.

Statistician Bob McCabe gave me the following tournament data:

Tournament-wise, the four ACC Tournament Commissioners sanctioned 136 tournaments last year, drawing 15,570 players, an average of 114.5 persons in each tourney. There were also 120 Consolation tournaments, with 9,299 participating, an average of 77.5 per tourney.

The largest sanctioned tournament of the year was the Joseph Petrus Wergin Open in Reno, Nevada, which drew an all-time high of 1,020 players. The Consolation event played the same weekend drew 790 players, to win honors as the second largest tournament.

Other major tournaments included the MGM in Green Bay, WI, 440 players; Veteran's Day in Reno, NV, 394; the 25th Annual World Championship in Quincy, CA ("the granpappy of 'em all!"), 372; and the Massachusetts Grand National, 342.

A new, faster computer has been obtained for Statistician Bob McCabe and will be installed with the new tabulation software right after the Board of Directors meeting in Reno, NV, January 30, when a final decision is to be made on the revised Master Point system.

See ya down the Tournament Trail...keep peggin'!

...Ev Bey

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104 In Northfield, MN

Helen Railsback Tops Jesse James Open

Helen Railsback, a newly crowned Grand Master from Syracuse, NE, copped the recent Jesse James Open in Northfield, MN. In topping the 104-pegger field, Railsback took home a nice bundle of MRP's (145 total, after qualifying 6th) and a sizeable cash prize.

Newly crowned Life Master Russell Adams, the Minneapolis professor, came close, but was mesmerized by Railsback's multitude of peg combinations (see story, this issue), and settled for 2nd. His 109 MRP's earned have propelled him into the national MRP race for this cribbage year. He has topped the 500 mark and is among the leaders.

Robert Chase from nearby Crystal, MN took 3rd, and the travelling Master pegger from Colorado...Roger Wilson...took 4th.

Chase was also top qualifier (34 16 +96) and took home a combined 139 MRP's.

Todd Schaefer (MN) nailed 8 for 9 in the Consolation qualifying round to take honors (and finished 5th in the playoffs), but Les Kvien, Minneapolis, came away the champion in this 52-pegger event. Nicky Kniech (WI) nailed 2nd, followed by two ACC All-Stars in 3rd and 4th...Bob Julian and Joe Bernard. Julian is 11th all-time and Bernard ranks 4th all-time.

The Satellites:

Friday Early Bird: Myron Schmidt (MN)
Saturday \$20: Norb Upton (MN) 9/9 18 +74
Saturday \$50: Marlene Lazachek (WI)
All Events: Norb Upton (MN) 57 GP's

Bill Erickson (IL) nailed a 29-hand in the Saturday night game. Oops! Not sanctioned, no \$100.

Director Jerry Gruber reported four 28-hands: John Stamschror, Robert Hanes, Jack Miller, and Shelly Vadnais. These gems paid \$28 each. Gruber also reports this popular event will be played again next November 21-23.

ACC's Board of Directors Meet In Reno January 30

The ACC's Board of Directors will meet at 11 AM, Thursday, January 30, at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino for their semi-annual meeting. ACC members may attend this meeting if they wish.

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Grass Roots Corner

Standings as of December 9, 1996

Division 1 (club number in parenthesis)

- 1 133 Brian Heroux, Woonsocket RI (31)
- 2 84 Albina Farrish, Woonsocket RI (31)
- 3 82 John Croce, Cranston RI (31)
- 4 72 Beatrice Cook, Punta Gorda FL (147)
- 4 72 Bernard Whitfield, Raleigh NC
- 6 70 Bill Medeiros, Shrewsbury MA (31)
- 7 69 Robert Mills, Englewood FL (29)
- 7 69 J. C. Turner, Roseburg OR (62)
- 9 67 Eleanor Bernstein, Baltimore MD
- 9 67 Jack Barrett, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 11 66 Don Hess, North Miami FL (85)
- 12 64 John Maurer, Crystal Lake IL (3)
- 12 64 Bruce Parham, Atlanta GA (119)
- 14 63 Joseph Beaulieu, Longwood FL (22)
- 15 62 Thomas Nohrden, Sacramento CA
- 16 61 Richard Van Hall, Lake Suzy FL (147)
- 16 61 Larry Walton, Boardman OR (2)
- 18 60 Albert Podevels, Colby WI (199)
- 19 59 Larry Gould, Raleigh NC (58)
- 19 59 Ernie Parker, Hawthorne CA (164)
- 19 59 Joseph Lusignan, Salinas CA (82)
- 22 58 Carl Stone Jr, Arcata CA (194)
- 22 58 Jerold Bremmer, WI Rapids WI (120)
- 22 58 Lee Bodkin, Salem, OR (46)
- 22 58 Ted Dick, Raleigh NC
- 22 58 Curt Shawkey, Madison WI (1)
- 22 58 Martin Leppala, Englewood CA (29)

Division 2

- 1 49 Alvin Lokita, Ormond Beach FL (230)
- 2 47 Frank Rozwadowski, Ormond Beach FL (230)
- 2 47 Barbara Rhodes, Sisters OR (88)
- 4 46 Edward Kren, Sonoma CA (86)
- 5 45 Joe Remlinger, Sonora CA (140)
- 6 44 Dennis McNurien, Grinnell IA (17)
- 7 42 William Larson, Rapid City SD (96)
- 8 40 Leroy Preszler, Rapid City SD (96)
- 9 39 Jim Meriman, Pt Orchard WA (204)
- 10 37 Ralph Trople, New Underwood SD (96)

Division 3

- 1 31 Richard Price, Camarillo CA (193)
- 2 28 Cy Madrone, Santa Barbara CA (193)
- 2 28 Art Cox, Ventura CA (193)
- 4 24 John Gallagher, Hickory NC (20)
- 4 24 Elaine Billow, Hickory NC (20)
- 4 24 Ralph Heslop, Mooresville NC (20)
- 7 17 Mel Kranz, Ventura CA (193)
- 7 17 Wayne Myers, Paulsboro NJ (115)
- 9 16 Nancy Roncetti, Wyncote PA (115)
- 9 16 Robert Gilligan, Philadelphia PA (115)

1996-1997

Grass Roots 29 Hands

- 1- Bob Hemond, Grand Rapids MI, 9-24-96
- 2- Judy Bucheger, Greenwood WI, 10-9-96
- 3- Bob Lambert, Muskegon MI, 10-14-96
- 4- Shirley Carr, Chehalis WA, 10-24-96

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169- Betty Jean Capper
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170- Richard W. Pigeon
Green Bay, Wisconsin

171- John H. Mohler
Seaside, California

172- Ginny Danielski
Little Chute, Wisconsin

173- Robert L. Gillette
Rodeo, California

Region VI Rolling!

Patrick Barrett is GR Region VI's Statistician and in addition to this job he also publishes a "Wisconsin Grass Roots News."

This newsletter covers seven clubs in the Central Region (6, 61, 90, 120, 196, 197, and 199).

One of the highlights of the last issue described new Grass Roots Commissioner Gene Mikulsky awarding retiring Commissioner Jerry Dickinson a very nice plaque at Grand National XV in Napa, CA last September for his service and contributions to the National Grass Roots Program.

Another issue discussed was the new computer program designed by Denny Moore (CA) that will make statistical work much easier. Editor Barrett calls it "a BIG time saver, a super program!" The ACC is getting organized!

Charm City Draws 90 Alkas Tops in Baltimore Richard Kerr Scores "29"

Rit Alkas, the "Connecticut Bomber," is at it again! This 1995 National Champion from Manchester won the recent Baltimore Charm City Classic. In topping the 90-pegger field, Alkas throws his hat into the ring for yet another try at national honors. His 1997 MRP totals have topped the 500 mark and he is among the leaders.

John Worley nailed the 1987 National Open...and he came close in this event as well. This Burlington, NC pegger finished a nifty 2nd this time around...and picked up some 105 MRP's (after qualifying 7th)

Loren Wakeling from nearby Sterling, VA finished 3rd, and 1992 National Champion Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown, MA took 4th. Schmidt qualified 3rd and took home an even 100 MRP's.

Larry Phifer, Raleigh, NC, had the hot hand in the qualifying round, and a 9-16 finished garnered some 41 MRP's.

29-hand number six for this cribbage year made Richard Kerr \$100 richer. The ACC pays any bonafide member \$100 for this 216,580 to 1 rarity. Kerr hails from Newtown, PA.

Joyce Bryant from nearby Jarrettsville won the 60-pegger Consolation. Richard "Chaz" Meniak (NY), Marvin Lewis (VA), and Kate McNemar (DC) finished 2-3-4.

Director Steven Sattler plans on renewing this event again next November 7-8-9. Mark your calendars.

Bruce Wridge 1-1 in Oregon

Bruce Wridge continues his winning ways as this Portland, OR pegger has won yet another sanctioned event. Beginning last February with his \$10,000 win in Reno, Wridge has had many fine tournament performances the past few months. This time around he qualified first, and then captured the playoffs as well in winning the 66-pegger Prineville Lions Open in Prineville, OR. Peggers finishing 2-3-4 were Clair Morse (OR), Doug Brown (WA), and George Rasmussen (WA). Jerry Blackman from nearby Bend won the 48-pegger Consolation. Rod Schott (WA), Susan Chambers (OR), and Margery Clark (OR) finished 2-3-4. Director Bob St. Yves will play this event again next November.

29-Hand In Doubles

Dave Proctor, E. Longmeadow, reports that a young lady scored a 29-hand in doubles...and that's with **ONLY FIVE CARDS!** Proctor reports he will buy her a special board as a Christmas present! According to Russell Adams, the odds of this rarity is 649,740 to 1! With only four cards? 1,949,220 to 1! Keep pegging!

Shoemaker, Michaelis, Heroux Long Match Finalists

Master Bill Shoemaker, W. Hartford, CT, edged 1995 National Champion Rit Alkas, another Connecticut pegger (and Life master), in the semi-final match of the National Long Match event recently and he now awaits the winner of the other semi-final match.

This match pits One-Star Mick Michaelis, Marinette, WI vs. Brian Heroux, the ACC's youngest Grand Master from Woonsocket, RI. Michaelis, a Hall of Famer, won this National Long Match play last year. This match...and the finals should be exciting, as all three players are highly ranked and very experienced.

The 1997 tournament is already off and running, with a few adjustments. Entry fees have been lowered to \$250 to insure a full field of 64. Entry is limited to first 64. Drawings will be by blind draw, by Regions in early rounds. Full applications will be available in Reno (ACC Open) or from Larry Samet, 5 Westminster Circle, Wellesley, MA 02181. (617) 237-1256. You may call Warren Sondericker (414) 964-5599, or Jeff Monroe (1-888-PEGGING) for information.

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Spokane War Zone Draws 38 Eldon Schwilke Tops In Washington

Eldon Schwilke, pegging on his home turf, ripped through the 38-pegger crowd at the recent Christmas Tournament in Spokane, WA. In this one-day event (a rarity in the Northwest), Schwilke won 12 of 14 games, scoring a top-qualifying 26 +153. His hot streak continued on into the playoffs and he came away with the championship. Schwilke, hampered by multiple sclerosis, employs a helper to deal the cards, but his play remains on a high level as he decimated the crowd.

Gerald Baird from nearby Post Falls, Idaho, finished 2nd, as he, too, was unable to cope with Schwilke's long run. Local Gil Johnson, nearing his Grand Master rating, finished 3rd. Keith Forrest, Stevensville, MT took 4th.

No Consolation was played but the director Don Bain had two satellite events. The winners were Mike Haggerty, Missoula, MT, and Bruce Gentry, Kennewick, WA.

Spokane resembled a war zone as an ice and wind storm a week earlier had decimated the landscape. Trees were down over a wide area, and many were denuded of limbs. Electrical power was still off in surrounding areas, as many power poles were snapped and lines down for miles at a stretch. The local Eagles Lodge was without cable TV, as that line was down, also. This situation kept many peggers at "home by the fire." Those that showed were dedicated peggers, attested to by the low qualifying score...two 16's qualified (with a 14-game card!)

Hermiston, OR is Peggers "Safe Haven"

For the second time in ACC history, Hermiston, OR has come to the aid of a director in need of a place to play...after a scheduled event was abruptly cancelled.

In 1982, the late Joe Nelson had his Washington Championship in Pasco, WA cancelled at a late date by an over-zealous local sheriff, and he was forced to play in Hermiston (some 30 miles away).

This time around, Bob Brumley had his Washington State Open in Sunnyside cancelled at the last moment...and he, too, had to make a quick change. He opted for the Eagles Lodge in Hermiston, and the show went on!

Rasmussen "Off and Running"

George "Ras" Rasmussen is a newly appointed Regional Commissioner (Region II), and this Chehalis, WA pegger is off and running with his new job.

He is also club director of the Chehalis-Centralia Grass Roots club in Western Washington, and this up-and-coming club has already signed on 21 new members for the American Cribbage Congress.

Skunk Bank Broken in Florida

Paul Barnes is club director of GR #22 in Winter Garden, FL.

This club pays \$25 for a 28-hand and \$100 for a 29-hand. On November 14th, with 26 players in attendance, the bank was broken!

First, Bill Sams scores a 28-hand for a nice \$25! Shortly thereafter, Betty Schaeffer plays that elusive 29-hand...\$100! Russ Fisher, not to be outdone, then scores another 28-hand and collects his \$25.

Director Barnes reports this action "Really put the pinch on the skunk bank!"

The Wages of Cribbage

Don Tuttle, LaGrande, OR

Old MacDonald loved to play;

Ee-I-Ee-I-O.

He'd play all night

And play all day;

Ee-I-Ee-I-O.

Here a peg, there a peg,

Everywhere a peg-peg.

Don, old pal, I think you have pegged one game too many! Ed.

First Poems...Now Puns!

Did you hear about the skunk that went to church and sat in his own PEW!

P-U-U-U!

*Joyce Jorgenson
Greenacres, WA*

No, but I've heard about all the skunk stories that I ever want to hear. I think our membership is starting to crack from all the peggin'. Ed.

Iowa Cribbage

Steve Johnson Cops Des Moines Event

Steve Johnson, a pegger from Story City, Iowa, won the recent Capital City Classic in Des Moines. In topping the 34 peggers, Johnson took home some 40 MRP's and the champion's purse.

Bob Hanes, the Iowa King, nailed 2nd. This Grand Master is the only pegger to win TWO Grand Nationals (1986 and 1994). Hanes hails from Des Moines.

John Crouch from nearby Indianola took 3rd, followed by Larry Lykins, another Story City pegger, in 4th. Local pegger Dana Rodgers took qualifying honors.

James Calhoun (Carlisle, IA) won the 20-pegger Consolation (and also was the top qualifier). Charles Parker (MN) finished 2nd.

Director Dick Ogden reports this event will be played again next March or April, and they may possibly schedule a 3-day event.

Grapevine:

Ryan Sisters Hot in California

Word from the "Cribbage Grapevine" reports that the Ryan sisters were hot at the River City Open in Sacramento recently. *Cribbage World* hopes to report full details next month. And did Verne Nielsen, Portland, OR, score 5 skunks in the Consolation qualifying round?

Paul Hatcher 24th Life Master

Paul Hatcher is one of the ACC's dedicated peggers who is a regular on the "Tournament Trail." This 3-time All-American recently qualified 11th and finished in the 9-16 bracket at the River City Open in Sacramento, CA, and, unofficially, has earned the ACC's 24th Life Master award. Statistician Bob McCabe will confirm the numbers in next month's issue.

Hatcher is a member of the ACC's Board of Directors and puts in yeoman's effort with the Ethics Committee, and recently has been diligently working on the new MRP system. A retired budget officer (State of Oregon) makes him a natural with working with numbers. His analysis of cribbage numbers has paid off with a whopping 6,000+ MRP's in the last six years.

Late Release...Perkins Tops Connecticut Yankee

As *Cribbage World* goes to press, a fax from Director Bill Shoemaker announces that Master Doris Perkins, Quincy, MA has won the record 136-pegger Connecticut Yankee event November 24. The top prize was a whopping \$1,000. Bob Cunningham, Ashland, MA took 2nd.

Al Charlebois (Pawtucket, RI) took qualifying honors. Fred Johnson (CT), playing as a "fill-in" scored a 22 GP card (12 game match) in his first tournament. Bill Shoemaker and son, Ben, won the Saturday night doubles.

Two "Bay-Staters" took the Consolation...Jim Clemmey bested Ted Diamond for the title. Director Phil Martin will renew this event again next November 23.

Another Pressman Toy Corp. Cribbage Board Surfaces

Tom Jordan, Walbridge, OH, bought a Pressman Toy Corp. cribbage board at a garage sale. This board was described in the June 1995 issue of CW. Pressman Toy Corp. contracted the manufacture of this board to a Taiwanese firm...and they drilled 70-holes per street. 70 up and 70 back!

The only place you will find this "collector's item" is probably at a garage sale. Who knows, they may be worth a few bucks someday.

John Fruhwirth, Lakewood, CA, bought his Pressman board for 50 cents at a store (it had been marked down four times!) Tom, how much did you pay at the garage sale? Ed.

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Salem Grass Rooters On A Roll!

November has been a generous month for the Salem, OR, Grass Rooters. Three weeks in a row a Grand Slam has been recorded.

Players nailing this 512-1 Grand Slam (9 for 9) are: Merl Mulkey, Rollie Heath, and Paul Hatcher.

Director Hatcher reports the new season is off and running with great crowds...and great scores!

Helen Railsback Has Unique Strategy in Winning Jesse James Open

Helen Railsback, the "Nebraska Queen of Cribbage" is a Grand Master from Syracuse, NE.

At the recent Jesse James Open in Northfield, MN, she came away with the championship. How did she do this? She used voo-doo! Her peg pouch contained 8 pegs, and she constantly varied the combination of pegs. Apparently, this confused her opponents and she zipped to the championship. Most ACC peggers are familiar with her huge six-shooters, but the other six pegs?

"Cribbage Boards Are Scoring Big With Collectors"

With that headline, the January issue of "Today's Collector" magazine described the hobby of collecting cribbage boards.

Writer Anne Gilbert introduced her article: "Cribbage, an always popular game, reached its peak in the 1970s. It was considered trendy to replace expensive chess sets with even pricier cribbage boards..."

Cribbage World wonders where that information came from? The ACC was founded in 1979, and has been flourishing into the 1980s and 1990s.

At any rate, she reported that inlaid English boards are considered choice. They consist of hundreds of tiny pieces that form different scenes. Advertising motifs are hot items, too. Boards advertising Coca Cola (before WWII) and others are very collectible.

Gilbert also wrote about the "Push-down and pull-up" boards made in the early part of the 20th Century (these have been described in *Cribbage World*). She also claims that the Bakelite boards made in the 1920's are more highly prized than Celluloid boards dating back to the mid-1800s.

She closed her article by saying, "Save the box whenever possible."

Anyone interested in collecting cribbage boards should write "Bette's Cribb" for information. See ad, this issue. Bette coordinates a "Cribbage Board Collector's Society."



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Russell Adams Out \$100?

In the November issue of *Cribbage World*, Russell Adams and George Bright answered the quiz: "What is the most points a player can score in one deal?"

They came up with 78. A dealer would hold 3-3-4-4-5-5, and the non-dealer would hold 3-3-4-4-5-J. The dealer discards the pair of 5's, and the non-dealer discards the 5-J. The starter card would be a 5 that matched the jack for a 29-crib. With pegging four-of-a-kind twice, and a "go", the dealer would score 29 pegs, score a 20 hand and a 29 crib for the total 78 points.

Russell Adams was so sure his answer was the best, he offered any ACC player \$100 if they could top that score.

Oops, David Shifflett, Monterey, CA, faxed CW a description of a 79-point hand. "Both players hold 3-3-4-4-5-5, and both players discard 5-5. The starter is a jack, giving the dealer an additional TWO POINTS! The dealer will peg 31, score a 20-hand, and a 28-crib for a nifty 79!"

CW made a quick telephone call to Russell Adams, and reported this 79 hand! Russell mulled this over, and asked for Mr. Shifflett's address...as he would mail him the \$100.

Two days later (Thanksgiving Day), CW's editor received a phone call from Warren Sondericker in Milwaukee. He said Russell Adams was there for Thanksgiving dinner...and he was bemoaning his lost \$100. However, Martha Fingleton had piped up, "Russell, you are a turkey! That's no 79-hand! With the jack cut, the dealer's hand is 3-3-4-4-J...only FOUR POINTS! The hand totals $31 + 4 + 28 = 63$! No \$100!"

So Russell, instead of *being the turkey* on turkey day, heartily enjoyed *eating his Thanksgiving turkey*!

CW's advice to Dave is to "Keep pegging!"

And with this reprieve, Adams will give any ACC member \$20 if they can beat his 48-point total score for the non-dealer. His 48-point hand: non-dealer holds 4-4-5-5, and cuts a 6 for 24. The dealer holds 4-4-5-K. Non-dealer leads 5, dealer pairs 5, non-dealer triples 5 for 15 (for 8), dealer plays a 4 for "19." Non-dealer pairs 4 for "23." Dealer triples 4 for "27." Non-dealer plays 4th 4 for "31 for 14!" Non-dealer scores a total 24-total pegs. $24 + 24 = 48$. Beat that and win \$20 from Adams. Adams will pay the first winner only...he's a little nervous!

Shifflett Wants "Realistic" Best Hand Score

Far from being dismayed by his lost \$100, David Shifflett comes up with his own quiz: "What is the most points that can be scored by a player making a realistic discard?"

He comes up with a "realistic" 70!

Dealer holds 4-4-5-5-5-6, and throws 4-4 to his own crib (debatable, but perhaps logical). The non-dealer holds 4-5-7-9-10-J), and throws the 4-7, keeping the 5-9-10-J (logical).

The pegging goes 10-(5)-5-(5-5-6) with dealer pegging 23 points, and with a 4 cut for the starter, scores 23-hand and 24-crib for a nifty 70! And it's logical!

11-Year Old Player Wants \$100, Too!

Adam Deane scores 86-points!

An 11-year old player from Fairfax, VA demands \$100 from Russell Adams for beating his 78-point total hand! Adam Deane claims Adams said nothing about how many players were involved...and he sits down three players for a 3-player game...and the dealer scores 86 points!

Dealer: 3-3-4-4-5
Pone 1: A-3-4-7-5
Pone 2: 2-3-4-9-5

All three players discard 5's. The dealer dealt crib a jack. The cut 5 matched the jack for a 29-crib.

The pegging: A-2-3 (dealer for "3")-3-3 (dealer for "14")-4-4-4 (dealer for "6")-"go." "go." 4 (dealer for "14"). Dealer scores 37 peg points, a 20-hand and a 29-crib for a total 86 points!

Cribbage World contacted Russell Adams and he says "No Way! The contest was for a standard two-player hand!"

Sorry Adam...but keep pegging!

Letters to the editor...

80% Luck, 20% Skill?

I've heard that cribbage is 80% luck and 20% skill. Assuming this is true, I sure do give a bundle of credibility to that 20% which is skill related. I say this because I see the same names making the playoffs in most every tournament I attend.

I believe one of the keys to successful cribbage is understanding the odds behind choosing which cards to discard into your own, and into your pone's crib. With that thought in mind, I would personally like to thank Mr. George Rasmussen for his insightful cribbage lessons he provides us via *Cribbage World*. I commend his exhaustive work of keeping track of discards while competing in tournaments and then generously sharing his findings with the rest of us.

I know that paying attention to articles such as George's and implementing strategies which use odds in my favor, I, too, will become one of those players that make the playoffs more times than not.

Thanks again, George. May that other 80% be with you often!

For those of you wishing to communicate with me concerning the Youth Cribbage Program, I now can be reached by fax at (209) 536-0851.

Dan Zeisler
Sonora, CA

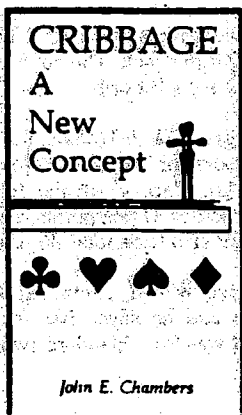
Boards For Youths?

Paul Barnes writes to Lea Hornbeck, Director of the Cribadier General's Program:
"We had another successful Jim Arblaster, Florida Open, the 18th. We collected \$136 from the players for the program then had \$17.25 left in the skunk bank, so enclosed is a check for \$153.25 for the Cribadier General."

I understand the \$250 available for the youth tournaments, but it would seem that it might be nice if some large quantity of boards, like they did for Desert Storm, might be bought that could be used to give the young players. It seems that the purchase of boards might be a bit high for some young people. As for the cards, I have some left from my three tournaments that I put on a year, but the boards might be a bit of a problem. I can bring boards for the tournament, but the young people need some to take home so they can practice cribbage solitaire or play with their friends. It's just a thought."

Paul Barnes
DeLand, FL

Paul, great idea...now for some leadership in this direction! Distribution and shipping costs will create problems; however, Ed.



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Reinstatement?

A Resounding NO!

In the November issue of CW, BOD member Joan Rein asked for members opinion about whether a player who has been expelled for cheating should be reinstated...depending on compelling circumstances (asking forgiveness, contriteness, recommendations from fellow players, etc.).

Cribbage World received many letters on this subject...and the opinion is almost 100%. No Reinstatements!

Excerpts from a few of these letters:

"I find it incredulous that a member of the ACC BOD would use the organization's official publication and openly solicit leniency for member(s) the Board has suspended or expelled. This is equivalent of a jury impeaching its own verdict..."

Harvey Greenberg, Alexandria, VA

"...It should be clear to all who play this great game of cribbage that the penalty for breaking the rules or for violating ethical standards of behavior is certain and final. The line between acceptable and unacceptable should be clear, definitive and unwavering..."

David Proctor, East Longmeadow, MA

"...In my opinion, folks who cheat at cards are a sorry lot. And those who cheat at the "Gentlemen's Game" of cribbage are the worst of all. How are some transgressions more serious than others? If you beat somebody out of a game by cheating, what can be more serious than that?"

Mary Lee Brown, Pinole, CA

"We have a policy. Do we adhere to it when convenient and not for friends? Our integrity as an organization and yours as administrator is at stake. There are more than a few victims of stolen games, stolen MRP's and stolen monies. There will be some thieves, but we need not condone them. I am not in favor of reinstatement."

Al Wigger, Cupertino, CA

"...Some transgressions should definitely NOT be given a 2nd chance...i.e. cheating, especially by high-ranking members. As to others, maybe they should be "put on notice" that any more infractions would result in suspension or expulsion..."

E. A. Nash, Santa Maria, CA

"If their actions were severe enough to have been kicked out once, they should stay out. I don't want lawyers or a supreme court of the cribbage circuit."

Ed Bloom, Cupertino, CA

"...Do you really expect to get any useful reactions from any of us out in Nowhereland when the ACC is unwilling to share with us the information which would allow us to make a reasoned judgement?"

Boyd McDonald, Mountain View, CA

"Alice and I feel reinstatement would be fine. Reinstatement should be left up to a committee that would take each case and carefully evaluate that member and his or her reinstatement. There is one exception! Cheaters should never be reinstated!

S. Dean & Alice Wooldridge, Rohnert park, CA

Baltimore Cribbage Club, Wed. Dec. 4: "A request was made for each member to express his/her views on the subject of leniency. The outcome of the vote: Yes, leniency should be shown: 0. No, leniency should not be shown: 24."

Steven P. Sattler, Director

"...I feel that any person disciplined for an infraction was disciplined for knowingly wrongdoing, and should suffer the consequences...NOT MAYBE, BUT ASSUREDLY."

Nick Rose, Jr., St. Joseph, MI

"...The reasons for this individual's cheating is still there. There's money. There's master points. There's prestige. Any many other items. This individual has proven that there is too much temptation for his moral character and better judgment to handle. I beg you, do not allow a known cheater amongst our midst."

Marvin Lewis, Chesapeake, VA

Cribbage World, due to the many responses to this inquiry, has chosen the most descriptive parts of many well written letters for inclusion in the above article. It certainly seems unanimous. NO LENIENCY FOR CHEATERS! The game is a ladies and gentleman's game! Let the ACC be known for integrity and fair play...win or lose! Ed.

Peg Out Rule Good One?

Here it is 2 o'clock in the morning and I can't get back to sleep, and guess what is troubling me and keeping me awake? It's that "must peg out" rule that we blindly agree to in our cribbage life.

I have been playing cribbage since the Boer War and I have listened to the Axtex Indians, the Arkansas hillbillies and the Montana mind readers whimper and grumble about the "must peg out" theory, but they always knuckle under and join the Do Nothing Crowd.

Anyway I wish to stir up controversy and be a you-know-what disturber by stating an opinion. It is useless, unnecessary, and arbitrary. It can make for hard feelings, animosity and some harsh and harsher words.

We would never invoke the rule when playing with: wife, husband, son or daughter, aunt or uncle, father or mother, friend or neighbor, and who hasn't played with many of the above? So why in tournament play do we have to wear a different hat and turn into monsters?

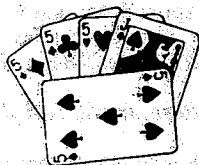
If we can all see in front of God and everyone that a person has enough points to go out, then what satisfaction is there in depriving him or her of going out? If the only defense is to say "Sorry, but that is the rule and I don't make the rules" ...that is weak, pathetic, apologetic cop-out answer that can only cause embarrassment.

The closer the friend, the deeper the wound. If you are beaten, accept it and move on!

There has been a happening but once in my lifetime and I have forgiven the rotten no-good-penny-pinching-hard-head, but I will never forget it.

Mac McGuigan
Concord, CA

Mac, I completely agree with you on this one. This rule is almost 100% misused, punishing the innocent, and rewarding the devious with a cheap win! The rule was intended to force a player to peg out when he was falsely claiming a game, so that a penalty could be invoked on this unsavory player. Unfortunately, this is rarely the case. A beginner will lose a game, simply because, in his friendly games, that was unnecessary (and the habit continues), or a person can be distracted by interruptions as the game winds down, etc. Almost always, the innocent are penalized. And, as you say, any idiot can see you have clearly won the game! This is one rule I would like changed. Perhaps the rules committee will read your letter and re-consider. The rule book is up for review and re-printing in the near future. You have my vote to change this rule. Any other members out in cribbage-land have an opinion? Speak up now, or forever hold your peace. Ed.



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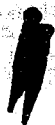
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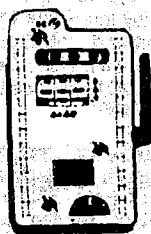
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	Cons: Consolation	HR: High Roller

January 3-5, Reynolds Christmas Wrap

Elios Restaurant, 260 Floresta Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577. EF: \$60, \$10 Q. FriEBDBL, SatS, Cons, LC (?). Contact: Bill Wakeman, 22283 Main St., Hayward, CA 94541. (510) 886-7667 (days), (510) 895-0224 (night). Co-D: Steve Reynolds (510) 676-6869.

January 3-5, Kah-Nee-Tah Classic

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, P.O. Box K, Warm Springs, OR 97761. EF: \$50, \$10 Q. Coffee, danish, lunch. EB, Cons, LC. Contact: Jim Waldorf, 2565 SW Bear Dr., Madras, OR 97761. (541) 475-3992. Co-D: John Hatfield.

January 5, 1997, New England Classic

Foxwoods Casino, Rt. 2, Ledyard, CT. EF: \$49. Coffee, lunch. 12-game RR, Cons 7-game RR. Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Rd., Coventry CT 06238. (860) 742-7234. Co-D: Charlie Finley (860) 745-1143, Phil Shoemaker (860) 523-1474.

January 10-12, North Pole Open

Ramada Inn, 200 N. Perkins, Appleton, WI 54914. EF: \$50, \$15 Q. Lunch. FriEB, Fri1-game elim, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Aggie & Gene Mikulsky, 7620 Lower Rd., Sobieski, WI 54171. (414) 822-5394.

January 10-12, Portland Winter Open

Howard Johnson, 7101 NE 82nd Ave., Portland OR 97220. EF: \$45, \$10 Q. Lunch. FriEBDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Dorothy Mickow, 16500 SE 1st #158, Vancouver, WA 98684. (360) 944-9701. Co-D: Jeanne Hofbauer.

January 10-12, Virginia Championship

Joliday Inn-Koger Ctr S., 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, VA 23225. EF: \$50, \$15 Q. Coffee, lunch. HR, DBL, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Rick Allen, 3013 Landria Dr., Richmond VA 23225. (804) 323-7476.

January 12, 1997, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813. Entry: \$30, no Q. \$1 to charity. Lunch: Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kikihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

January 13-14, Panama Canal Open

Cruise Ship Island Breeze. EF: \$50 \$10 Q. Cons. EB in Atlanta Jan 11. On board DBL. Contact: David O'Neil, 1069 Texel Lane, Clarkston, GA 30021. (404) 296-4689. Co-D: Doris Denny.

January 17-19, Colorado Winter Open

Elks Lodge, 2475 W. 26th, Denver, CO. EF: \$40, \$15 Q. \$1 to charity. FriEB, SatS, Cons. Contact: Roger Wilson, 2977 Eagle Way, Boulder, CO 80301. (303) 444-8613.

Date change to Feb 14-16

January 17-19, Pacific Coast Championship

Moose Lodge, Monterey St., Salinas, CA 93901. EF: \$59, \$10 Q. Sat. coffee, donuts, lunch. EBDDBL, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Mel Ashley, Box 771, marina, CA 93933. (408) 885-0963. Co-D: Ross Njaa, 1258 Riker, Salinas, CA 93901. (408) 422-2024.

January 17-19, Georgia Open

Holiday Inn-West, 1075 Stevens Creek Rd., Augusta, GA 30907. Airport shuttle. EF: \$45, \$15 Q. Sat. lunch, Sat & Sun AM donuts & coffee. FriEB, SatS Cons, LC. Contact: Ken Cambell, 83 Lee Dr., Modoc, SC 29838. (864) 333-2575.

January 19, Super Lite Classic

Dante Club, Memorial Ave., W. Springfield, MA 01089. EF: \$45, \$10 Q. \$1 to charity. Coffee, donuts, lunch. 1 in 6 qual, best 2/3 playoffs. Cons, SatS (?). Contact: Charlie Finley, 16 Carol St., Enfield CT 06082. (860) 745-1143. Co-D: James Law.

January 24-26, Albert Lea Open

Albert Lea Inn, 2301 E. Main St., Albert Lea MN 56007. EF: \$50, \$20 Q. \$5 lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons. Contact: Arnold Groskreutz, 188 1st Ave SE, Wells, MN 56097. (507) 553-5782. Co-D: Clinton Olson.

January 31, Tournament of Champions

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February 1, 2, JPW/ACC Open

Sands, 345 Arlington, Reno, NV 89501. EF: \$60 \$20 Q. Coffee, pastries: \$3,500 added by Sands. Limited to first 1,024. Cons. Contact: Scott Kooistra, 906 Mulberry, Yankton, SD 57078. (605) 665-8016. Co-D: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360) 835-3623. Entry forms in Nov. CW.

February 8, Shawn's Saturday Special

Parx Club, 36 Stanley Ave., Woonsocket, RI 02895. EF: \$30, \$10 Q. \$1 to charity. Cons. Limited to 100 players. Contact: Shawn Jordan, 114 Chapel St., Norwood, MA 02062-3144. (617) 769-1061. Co-D: Earle Remington (401) 333-9216.

February 9, 1997, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813. EF: \$30, no Q. \$1 to charity. Lunch. Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kikihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

February 14-16, Colorado Winter Open

Elks Lodge, 2475 W. 26th, Denver, CO. EF: \$40 \$15 Q. \$1 to charity. FriEB, SatS, Cons. Contact: Roger Wilson, 2977 Eagle Way, Boulder, CO 80301. (303) 444-8613.

February 14-16, Oregon Championship

Prineville Senior Ctr., 180 N. Belknap, Prineville, OR 97754. EF: \$40 \$10Q. \$5 to charity. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Bob St. Yves, 775 N. Oregon, Prineville, OR 97754. (541) 447-3739. Co-D: Sandy St. Yves, M. & R. Reynolds.

February 14-16, Virginia Beach Classic

VFW Post 4809, 5728 Bartege St., Norfolk, VA 23502. EF: \$43, \$20 Q. \$7 lunch. EB, HR, SatS, Cons, LC. No smoking in playing area. Contact: Jack Howsare, 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. (757) 340-7390. Co-D: Tom Jacobs, Rose Mary Glendon.

February 15, Willows Open

Willows Elks, 150 S. Shasta St., Willows, CA 95988. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. Coffee, donuts, lunch. \$2 to charity. No Cons. Contact: Carl Martens, PO Box 666, Willows, CA 95988. (916) 934-7961. Co-D: George McLeod.

February 21-23, Greater Orlando Open

Travelodge Hotel, 5711 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy., Kissimmee, FL 34746. EF: \$45 \$20 Q. Coffee, lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Skunkbank: 100% to 29, 50% to 28. Contact: Paul Barnes, 1316 Fatio Rd., DeLand, FL 32720. (904) 738-7659. Co-D: John Groz (407) 933-6463.

February 23, Cape Cod Cranberry Clash

Wareham Lodge, Rts 6 & 28, E. Wareham, MA 02538. EF: \$50, \$15 Q. Coffee, donuts, lunch. SatS, Cons. Contact: Jim Clemmey, 34 Great Hill Dr., W. Wareham, MA 02576. (508) 291-7352.

February 28-March 2, MGM Open

Midway Hotel, 780 Packer Dr., Green Bay, WI 54304. EF: \$50 \$15 Q. \$1.50 to charity. FriDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Tom Gallagher, 1160 St. Agnes Dr., Green Bay, WI 54304. (414) 499-0775. Co-D: Bob Miller, Jerry Lemke.

March 7-9, Alaska State Championship

Eagles, 2020 E. Dowling #5, Anchorage, AK 99507. EF: \$50, no Q. 10% to charity. Fri6PMDBL, Cons. Contact: L. M. Stier, 3630 Burl Ct., Anchorage AK 99504. (907) 338-3234.

March 7-9, Palmetto Classic

Quality Inn, Broad River Rd. at I-20, Columbia SC 29210. EF: \$50, \$20 Q. Coffee, Sat. lunch. FriEB, HR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Al Kucera, 2700 Feather Run Trail, Apt. E-10, W. Columbia SC 29169. (803) 794-6954. Co-D: Tom Redhair, Paul McClanahan, Al Odom (Emeritus).

March 7-9, Capital City Classic

Ramada Inn, 1870 Old Hudson Rd., St. Paul, MN 55119. EF: \$55, \$15 Q. Lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Todd Schaefer, 1132 Greystone Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128. (612) 739-6947 or (612) 699-5878.

March 8, Chief Solano Open

Fairfield Senior Ctr., 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield, CA 95533. EF: \$55. \$10 to charity. Brkfst, lunch, coffee, donuts. FriDBL, Cons not sanctioned. Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533. (707) 428-4343. Co-D: Betty Croft, Bill Moss.

March 9, Tri-Valley Open

VFW, 126 Holliston St., Medway, MA. EF: \$44, \$10 Q. \$2 to charity. Coffee, lunch. SatDBL, Cons. Contact: Pat Llewellyn, 30 Stone St., Bellingham, MA 02019. (508) 966-1613.

March 9, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813. EF: \$30. Lunch. \$2 to charity. Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kilihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

March 14-16, Warren Swett Memorial

Hob Nobs Restaurant, Corner Rts. 14 & 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60039. EF: \$45 \$20 Q. Lunch, coffee, rolls. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: John Swett, PO Box 214, Crystal Lake IL 60039. (815) 459-4276, (815) 459-2713. Co-D: Ralph Madsen.

March 14-16, 4th Roadrunner AZ Champ.

Phoenix West Elks, 55th & Colter Drs., Glendale, AZ 85301. EF: \$60 \$10 Q (equal). Coffee, donuts, Sat. lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons. Contact: Ev Bey, 10826 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351-2646. (602) 972-6848.

March 16, South Shore Open

Knights of Columbus, Route 123, S. Attleboro, MA. EF: \$44, \$15 Q. Coffee, danish, lunch. Cons. 3-person teams. Contact: Jim Ready, 67 Pearl St. Place, Stoughton, MA 02072. (617) 344-0417.

March 21-23, Western New York Open

Niagara Falls AFB, Niagara Falls, NY. EF: \$45, \$15 Q. \$1.50 to charity. Coffee, donuts, lunch. FriSGL, SatDBL, Cons. Rooms \$6/night (Resv by Mar 15), SS# to get on base. Contact: Shamus O'Connor, 3797 Lynn Rd., Orchard park, NY 14127. (716) 649-0637. Co-D: Dick Shurkus.

April 4, 5, 6, Tri-Cities Open

Best Western, Riverside Dr., Marinette, WI 54143. EF: \$55, \$15 Q. \$1.50 to charity. FriTP3PM, FriEB, HR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Mick Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Ave., Marinette, WI 54143. (715) 735-6704. Co-D: Mike Munro (715) 732-4473.

April 4-5-6, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, Exit 101, I-90, 4829 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. Coffee. FriDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. \$1 \$300 29-pool \$25 28-pool (first 2). 24-hand prizes. Contact: DeLynn Colvert, PO Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806. (406) 543-6855. Co-D: Rex Paddock (406) 251-3379.

April 4-6, 3rd Canadian Championship

Patricia Hall, 944 Patricia Blvd., Prince George, BC Canada. EF: \$43 \$10 Q. Coffee, Door prizes. FriEB, SatS, Cons. Team event: USA vs. Canada. GR play Thur Apr 3 7PM, Sun Apr 6 7PM. Contact: Linton Walker, 116 Douglas St., Prince George, BC Canada V2M-2L8. (250) 562-4827. Co-D: Eleanor Arnold (250) 564-1986, Peter Chroschinski (250) 562-8037.

April 11-13, 2nd Winnemucca Classic

Winnemucca Convention Ctr., 50 Winnemucca Blvd. W, Winnemucca, NV 89445. EF: \$50 \$10 Q. Coffee, rolls. FriDBL, FriHR, Cons, LC. Contact: Marvis & Ralph Reynolds, 220 S. Claypool St., Prineville OR 97754. Co-D: Bob & Sandy St. Yves.

April 12, 13, 1997, Atlanta Classic

Falcon Inn, I-85 and Suwanee Rd., Suwanee, GA 30174. EF: \$50, \$20 Q. \$1.50 to charity. Coffee, Sat. lunch. FriEB, Cons, LC. Contact: Bobby Stuart, 108 Regal Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30244. (770) 381-7383. Co-D: Wally Wheeler.

April 13, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96816. EF: \$30. \$2 to charity. Lunch: Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kilihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

April 18-20, Milwaukee Challenge

Ramada Inn, 201 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226. EF: \$55, \$15 Q. Lunch. FriEB Fri3-man Captains, SatS, SatHR, Cons, LC. Contact: Marlene Lazachek, 8102 Legend Dr., Franklin, WI 53132. (414) 427-4595 (H), (414) 933-6970 (W).

This is a new location.

April 18-20, Greater Hermiston Open

Eagles Lodge, 160 NW 2nd, Hermiston, OR 97838. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. \$1 to charity. Fri3PMTP, FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Sat Auction: Sat6:30 Special Match. Contact: Ken & Betty Capper, 105 NW 3rd, Hermiston, OR 97838. (541) 567-5145.

April 25-27, Hawkeye Classic

Best Western, 929 3rd St., Des Moines, IA 50309. EF: \$55 \$15 Q. Lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC (?). Contact: Larry Loupee, 425 E. 2nd St., Newton, IA 50208. (515) 792-8236. Co-D: Bob Hanes.

April 25-27, Lake Tahoe Challenge

N. Tahoe Community Ctr., 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143. EF: \$65 \$10 Q. 10% to charity. Coffee, pastries, lunch. Fri3PMTP, FriEB, FriDBL, SatS, SatHR, Cons, LC. Contact: Jack Shumate, PO Box 2465, Kings Beach, CA 96143. (916) 546-7190. Co-D: Jesse Jarrell, Mary Gladish.

May 2-4, 26th World Championship

Plumas County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd., Quincy, CA 95971. EF: \$60, \$10 Q. Coffee, donuts, lunch, dinner, drink. Rotary charity (all profits). FriDBL, SatS, Cons. Contact: Mike Taborski, PO Box B, Quincy, CA 95971. (916) 283-0800. Co-D: Dan Smith.

May 2-4, Mid-Columbia Open

American Legion Post 22, 3rd & Cascade, Hood River, OR 97031. EF: \$50, \$10 Q. \$5 to charity. Lunch. FriDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: marvis & Ralph Reynolds, 220 S. Claypool St., Prineville OR 97754. (541) 447-5920. Co-D: Don Hilton, Gary Fields.

May 4, Ocean State Classic

LeFoyer Club, 151 Fountain St., Pawtucket, RI 02940. EF: \$34 no Q. Cons. Contact: John Chambers, PO Box 40068, Providence, RI 02940. (401) 831-4157. Co-D: Edge, Nelson, Tobin.

May 9-11, Oregon Coast Classic

Oceanlake Elks, 2020 NE 22nd St, Lincoln City, OR 97367. EF: \$41 \$10 Q. \$2 to charity. Coffee, pastries. Fri3PMTP, FriDBL, FriHR, SatS(?), Cons, LC(?). Contact: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer, 30937 NE 23rd, Washougal, WA 98671. (360) 835-3623. Co-D: Bernie Nelson (503) 965-6410, Rollie Heath (541) 994-9658.

May 23-25, Nipomo Open

Nipomo Senior Ctr., 210 E. Dana St., Nipomo, CA 93444. EF: \$52, \$10 Q. Coffee, donuts, lunch. \$2 to charity. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC, 4-person team play. Fri6PM May 23 last entry. Contact: Darrell Hunstad, 441 Mercury Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444. (805) 929-3804. Co-D: Debbie Wrightman (805) 925-9514.

May 23-25, Black Hills Open

Eagles Club, 1410 E. Center St., Rapid City SD 57701. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. FriEB, SatS, Cons. \$20 All Events. Contact: Wes Hall, 721-5 E. Chicago St., Rapid City SD 57701. (605) 342-3577. Co-D: Chuck Broer (605) 399-9558.

May 31, June 1, Granite State Classic

Holiday Inn, North Eastern Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062. EF: \$100 no Q. Best 4 of 7, dbl elim., Cons. National team event. Contact: Al Miller, 12 Michael Ave., Nashua, NH 03062-1418. (603) 882-7204.

June 8, 1997, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu HI 96813. EF: \$30, no Q. \$2 to charity. Coffee, lunch. Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kilihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

June 8, 2nd Villager Open

Sturbridge Isle, Routes 15 & I-84, Sturbridge, MA 01566. EF: \$45 \$10 Q. Coffee, bkfst pastries, lunch. Cons. Contact: Jerry Bernier, PO Box 215, Fiskdale, MA 01518-0215. (413) 245-9461. Co-D: Jim McDonald, Dick Brault.

June 13-15, Cascade Classic

Redmond VFW, Sisters Ave., Redmond OR 97756. EF: \$40, \$10 Q. \$2 to charity. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC (?). Contact: Lucille Endicott, 61750 Teal Rd., Bend, OR 97702. Co-D: Anne Haller, Margery Clark.

June 20-22, Greater Spokane Valley Open

Eagles, 16801 E. Sprague, Spokane, WA 99037. EF: \$44, \$10 Q. \$2 to charity. FriHR, FriDBL, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Don Bain, 21 N. McCabe, Spokane WA 99216. (509) 927-5944. Co-D: Betty Johnson (509) 928-6404, Irving Busby (509) 926-0538.

June 20-22, Madison Masters XIX

Ramada Inn, 3902 Evan Acres Rd., Madison, WI 53704. (608) 222-9121. EF: \$52, \$20 & \$10 Q. Lunch. FriEB, SatS, All-Events, Cons, LC. Contact: Gaylord Matti, 835 Pebble Beach Dr., Madison, WI 53717. (608) 831-8108 or (813) 455-2354.

July 4, 5, 6, Independence Day Classic

Sands Casino, 345 N. Arlington, Reno, NV 89501. EF: \$62, \$10 Q. 15% to Veteran's charity. Coffee, cake. FriEB, Cons. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons, 333 K St., Sparks, NV 89431. (702) 358-4916. Co-D: Roberta Huff.

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July 19-20, Mid-Summer Tourist Classic

Eagles, 2020 E. Dowling St. #5, Anchorage AK 99507. EF: \$50, no Q. 10% to charity. Cons. Contact: L. M. Stier, 3630 Burl Ct., Anchorage, AK 99504. (907) 338-3234.

July 25-27, Portland Summer Open

Howard Johnson, 7101 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220. EF: \$45, \$10 Q. Lunch. FriDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Dorothy Mickow, 16500 SE 1st, #158, Vancouver, WA 98684. (360) 944-9701. Co-D: Jeanne Hofbauer.

August 1-3, 1st Annual Les Bois Classic

Elks, 348 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83705. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. \$2 to charity. Coffee, donuts. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Kathy Slater, PO Box 45783, Boise, ID 83711-5783. (208) 388-1692. Co-D: Joe Dunn, Don Kunz.

August 10, Hawaii Open

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813. EF: \$30, \$2 to charity. Lunch. Cons. Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kilihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Fred White, Kathy Tsark.

October 3-4-5, Montana Championship

Jokers Wild, Exit 101, I-90, 4829 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT. EF: \$40 \$10 Q. Coffee. Fri3PMTP, FroDBL, FriHR, SatS, Cons, LC. \$1 \$300 29-pool, \$25 28-pool (first 2). 24-hand prizes. Contact: DeLynn Colvert, PO Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806. (406) 543-6855. Co-D: Rex Paddock (406) 251-3379.

October 3-4-5, Gold Coast Classic

Ventura Elks, 11 S. Ash St., Ventura, CA 93001. EF: \$59-\$69 \$20 Q. \$2 to charity. Coffee, donuts, juices (Sat&Sun), Sat lunch. FriEB, SatS, Cons, LC. Contact: Terry Mixer, 2889 Bunsen Ave., Unit A, Ventura CA 93003. (805) 644-4097. Co-D: Glen Cooley (805) 388-7043, Richard Price (805) 987-4638, Mel Kranz (805) 642-4932.

October 10-12, 4th BC Championship

Patricia Hall, 944 Patricia Blvd., Prince George, BC Canada. EF: \$43, \$10 Q. Coffee, door prizes. FriEB, SatS, Cons, 5-player teams USA vs. Canada. GR plays Thur Oct 9 7PM, Sun Oct 12 7PM. Contact: Linton Walker, 116 Douglas St., Prince George BC Canada V2M 2L8. (250) 562-4827. Co-D: Eleanor Arnold (250) 564-1986, Peter Chroscinski (250) 562-8037.

October 24-27, 6th Abe Kealoha Extravaganza

Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96814. EF: \$80. Coffee, lunch, Awards Banquet. FriDBL, SatCB, Cons, SunGR 18-games (\$50). Contact: Tsarkie, 3261 Kilihune Pl., Honolulu, HI 96816. (808) 734-4800. Co-D: Cathy Tsark, Fred White.

November 7-9, 1997 Veteran's Day Classic

Sands Casino, 345 N. Arlington, Reno, NV 89501. EF: \$62, \$10 Q. 15% to Veterans charity. Coffee, cake. FriEB, Cons. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons, 333 K St., Sparks, NV 89431. (702) 358-4916. Co-D: Roberta Huff.



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Little Action In December,

No MRP's Posted

National Statistician Bob McCabe reported that December's cribbage action was very light and only a couple of small tournaments were reported. Next month's issue will update our membership with a new list.

George Rasmussen, Chehalis, WA, is unofficially leading the nation in the MRP race. His 4th place finish at Prineville, OR added another 49 MRP's and he is currently nearing 800 for the year. Rit Alkas (CT), John Blowers (FL), and Doris Perkins (MA) all won large tournaments recently and have made a move upward.

New Judges

These new Judges are certified using the ACC book of Rules (dated 1993):

Danny Bennett, Virginia Beach, VA
Richard Bryant, Jarrettsville, MD
Rosemary Glendon, Virginia Beach, VA
Glenn Gregoire, Virginia Beach, VA
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Tom Jacobs, Chesapeake, VA
LeRoy Preszler, Rapid City, SD

As a reminder to take the ACC Judges examination, just send \$3 to: Al Miller, 12 Michael Ave., Nashua, NH 03062-1418.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Jim Arblaster/Florida Open

Kissimmee, FL, November 15-17, 1996
Director: Paul Barnes

MAIN 136

- 1 140 John Blowers, Casselberry FL
- 2 130 Ken Cambell, Modoc SC
- 3 122 Chip Digiovanni, Deltona FL
- 4 112 Justin Gorman, Englewood FL
- 5 105 Ken Goss, Beverly Hills FL
- 6 97 Beatrice Cook, Punta Gorda FL
- 7 89 Dave Lambeth, Cary NC
- 8 82 Jerry Gagnon, Amelia Island FL

CONSOLATION 90

- 1 50 Doug Page, Appleton WI
- 2 45 Roy Ellis, Englewood CO
- 3 41 Betty Schaeffer, Kissimmee FL
- 4 37 Aggie Mikulsky, Sobieski WI

Baltimore Charm City Classic

Laurel, MD, November 8-10, 1996

Director: Steven Sattler

MAIN 90

- 1 99 Rit Alkas, Manchester CT
- 2 90 John Worley, Burlington NC
- 3 82 Loren Wakeling, Sterling VA
- 4 73 Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown MA

CONSOLATION 60

- 1 33 Joyce Bryant, Jarrettsville MD
- 2 29 Richard Menaik, Sag Harbor NY
- 3 25 Marvin Lewis, Chesapeake VA
- 4 20 Kate McNemar, Washington DC

Prineville Lions Open

Prineville, OR, November 1-3, 1996

Director: Bob St. Yves

MAIN 66

- 1 75 Bruce Wridge, Portland OR
- 2 67 Clair Morse, Bend OR
- 3 58 Doug Brown, Pasco WA
- 4 George Rasmussen, Chehalis WA

CONSOLATION 48

- 1 27 Jerry Blackman, Bend OR
- 2 22 Rod Schott, Redmond WA
- 3 18 Susan Chambers, Corvallis OR
- 4 14 Margery Clark, Bend OR

Veterans Day Classic

Reno, Nevada, November 8-10, 1996

Directors: Bill & Dorthalee Irons

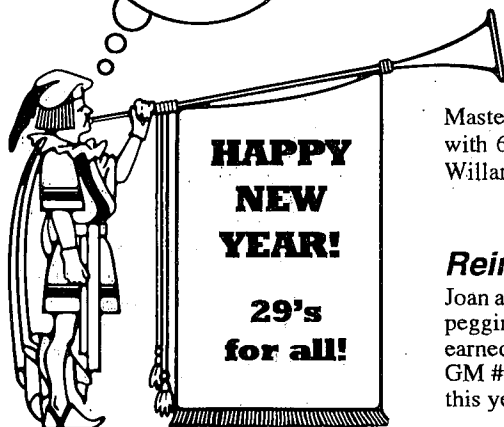
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- 1 319 Bayard Lliteras, C. d Alene ID
- 2 283 Annett Eiffert, Citrus He'hts CA
- 3 262 Jackie Doppelt, Vacaville CA
- 4 250 Dan Burandt, Reno NV
- 5 237 Bruce McGillivray, Sus'ville CA
- 6 231 Rod Marshall, Hermiston OR
- 7 226 Dan Mitchell, Crescent City CA
- 8 220 Bill Wakeman, Hayward CA
- 9 215 Moncre Everett, Cobb CA
- 10 209 DeLynn Colvert, Missoula MT
- 11 204 James Huser, Berlin WI
- 12 199 Jim Duresky, Richmond VA
- 13 193 Ron Reid, Sylmar CA
- 14 187 Joan Rein, Carver MN
- 15 182 Michael Rowe, Anchorage AK
- 16 177 James Rein, Carver MN

CONSOLATION 256

- 1 128 Bill McCammon, Incline Vill. NV
- 2 124 Omar Bolduc, Salinas CA
- 3 120 Wayne Steinmetz, Milwaukee WI
- 4 116 Brenda Palmer, W. Springf'd MA
- 5 113 Mary Gladish, Concord CA
- 6 108 Floyd Whitsett, S. Woolley WA
- 7 105 Al Parker, Santa Ana CA
- 8 101 Jay Snyder, San Leandro CA

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Wisconsin Grass Roots News

Rein's Continue Close Pace

Joan and Jim Rein, the Carver, MN duo, have been pegging for years at a very close pace. Both have earned Grand Master (Joan earned #59, Jim earned GM #60) and both were awarded their honors at this year's Grand National in Napa, CA.

Jim has pulled into the MRP lead lately, but did you notice the playoffs at the huge (380 player) Veterans Day Classic in Reno? Joan gained 10 MRP's by finishing 14th. Jim managed to finish 16th. The race continues.

Bob McCabe Beats 48,384 to 1 odds

Russell Adams, our odds-figuring professor from Minneapolis has come up with some more numbers.

In analyzing Bob McCabe's top qualifying feat in both the Main Event (189 players) and Consolation (128) at the Wisconsin Dells match he comes up with the odds of that happening at 48,384 to 1!

Of course, Russell hedges a bit: "However, ex-President and current Statistician Bob is a Life Master, so we should expect his odds to be lower than chance."

GR 25 Awards "String Of Pearls"

Another Grass Roots club is awarding that infamous "String of Pearls!" Helena, MT's club #25 has awarded two peggers this 0 for 9 award. Club Director Ken Haab has this group humming, with help from Tom Lingenfelter, Merrilee Coleman, and Bill Sands.

CLUB 29

- 1- Leslie Hein, Portland Summer, Aug 4 96
- 2- Laura Lui, Belle City Classic, Aug 25 96
- 3- Bart Sargent, MA Open, Sep 15 96
- 4- I. V. Graham, MT Champ. Oct 5 96
- 5- Larry Zimmerman, WB Classic, Oct 13 96
- 6- Richard Kerr, Baltimore Classic, Nov 9 96

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