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*Illinois Open*

## Tom Edwards Sparkles

The spring edition of the semiannual Illinois Open in Crystal Lake IL went off without a hitch, thanks in no small part to the fine efforts of directors **Marvin Lang** and **Dave Drew**. Not only did they do their usual bang-up job, but the D'Andrea Banquet Hall puts out one of the best Saturday lunches of any tournament in the Midwest, if not in the nation.

In the 97-player main tournament, Master **Cyril Schmidt** (WI) was sizzling, with a 37/17 +240 scorecard. The ACC's MRP leader this year—Life Master (★) **Wayne Steinmetz** (WI)—was the second high qualifier, but couldn't quite make the finals and had to settle for third place, along with **Brad Behm** (WI). In the last match of the day, **Tom Edwards** (IL) was not fazed at all by the lofty status of Life Master (★) **Jerry Gruber** (MN), as he didn't lose a game to Jerry. The 147 MRPs that came with the win moved Tom very close to his Master ranking, with 1,955 MRPs lifetime.

Two players, **Larry Collins** (IL) and **Brad Behm** (WI), had identical scorecards in the qualifying round on Saturday: 31/14 +114. In another illustration of every point being important, Larry qualified in the eleventh spot on the basis of his 271 positive points, versus Brad's 264.

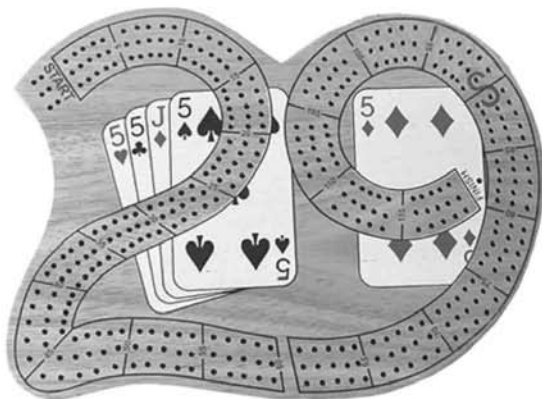
The 63-player consolation saw someone named Steinmetz again qualifying in second position, but this time it was Wayne's brother **Steven Steinmetz** (WI). **Pete**

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- Richard Judkins (Kissimmee FL)
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## Removed Judges

The following individual have been removed from the list of certified judges due to failure to renew their ACC membership:

- Marcia Glenn (Lincoln City OR)
- James Jeffers (Green Bay WI)
- Susan Warden (Great Falls MT)

## Oops!

*CW* learned that the elusive 29-hand attributed to Rick Allen (Richmond VA) at the Reno TOC was actually scored by Irving Allen (Reidsville NC). Maybe next year, Rick!

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# My Deal

by David Aiken



My good friend **Jeff Shimp** tells the story of how he was eating breakfast at the Mission Valley Inn in Raleigh NC before the start of the 1979 National Open Cribbage Tournament.

At a nearby table were several other people who had also come to Raleigh to play cribbage: **Joe Wergin**, **Jim Arblaster**, **Nick Pond**, **Bob Immel**, and **Pete Danielson**. Their animated discussion centered around forming a national organization to protect cribbage players from unscrupulous tournament directors and to bring consistency to the game. Unable to avoid hearing their conversation, Jeff followed them outside after breakfast, apologized for eavesdropping, and said that he wanted to be part of their group.

Jim Arblaster immediately stuck out his hand and responded: “Give me ten bucks. What’s your name?”

That story both epitomizes and corroborates everything I’ve heard about Jim Arblaster. If Joe Wergin was known for his ideas, Jim was known for his action. When he came across a good idea, he moved quickly. Of course, that also meant that he ended up doing a lot of work in those

early days, and thus he became the first editor of *Cribbage World* in March 1980, a fact commemorated on the masthead on page 3 of every issue.

For more on the halcyon days of the ACC and Jim’s formative role in shaping the organization, be sure to read Bob Read’s entertaining sketch of the ACC’s third Hall of Fame inductee on page 30.

**Bob Wikstrom** sends notice of the successful conclusion of the First Annual Western Washington Long Match Tournament (see page 12). An upcoming *CW* issue will highlight all of the various long matches that are played throughout the U.S. and Canada. If you direct a long match, please contact me at 616.897.8727 or [cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net) so I can include your tournament in this issue.

*CW* is trying to assess the value of including a Cribbage Tips column in future issues. Do you want to see cribbage tips discussed in these pages? Do you have cribbage tips to contribute? Please send comments and opinions to [cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net).

My thanks to **Bob Read**, **Jeff & Joy Shimp**, and **Dan Barlow** for help with this issue.

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## GRTOC #2

The Second Annual Grass Roots Tournament of Champions will be held in conjunction with Grand National 26 in Portland ME on September 28. This invitation-only tournament is for all club champions from the 2006–2007 Grass Roots cribbage season. If you are leading your club in Grass Roots points this year—hang on to your lead, for this will be your ticket to the GRTOC. Invitations will be mailed to club champions this summer. More details are available from the co-directors: **Andrea Witkin** (213.840.1704; [andreaangie6@yahoo.com](mailto:andreaangie6@yahoo.com)) and **David Aiken** (616.897.8727; [cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net)).

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## Hall of Fame

The ACC has adopted a new policy concerning the Hall of Fame voting process, and this past BOD meeting in Reno was the first time this new procedure was tested. In the past the 25 Board members were the voting panel for all nominees for the ACC Hall of Fame, but this year every Board member was asked to select 3 ACC members to vote for the candidates, thus giving the Board a vote plus 75 members from across the U.S. and Canada a say in the matter. After tallying all of the votes I'm proud to announce 100% participation (all 100 ballots were returned), and the panel selected one nominee, Roy Hofbauer, as the newest member of the ACC Hall of Fame. The representation of the voting panel is a true cross-section of players from around the U.S. and Canada and will be continued on a yearly basis. Thank you to all panel members for your efforts with this new undertaking.

*Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI)  
Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee*

## Split Western Region in Half

Recently, there has been renewed interest in reapportionment of the regions of the ACC. From a purely mathematical point of view, the regions are totally disproportionate as they now exist, with the West comprising 50.3% of the membership, while the East and Central make up about 25% each. The number of tournaments put on by each region is totally disproport-

ionate as well. For this reason alone, players out of the West tend to dominate the national MRP standings year after year. The suggestion to split the West Region into Northwest and Southwest Regions was met with little enthusiasm by the previous Board of Directors. Perhaps the new BOD will be able to look beyond the notion that "this is the way it's always been" and recognize the need for a realignment that makes real sense and promotes parity between the regions.

*Graeme Gossett (Prineville OR)*

## CW Redesign Disappointing

You asked for opinions on the "new look" of Crib World. I was much disappointed in its overall appearance. It is so "blah," has no character, no personality! In fact I put the first one in my junk mail pile because it looked like all the other ads I received. It looks like something a 6th grade class might put out for a newsletter. The inside is very difficult for older people to read (and there are many of us in the ACC).

*Lola Clay (Denver CO)*

## Thank You to Reno Volunteers

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who gave so much of their time to helping making the Tournament of Champions and the JPW/ACC Open a very successful weekend. I have received numerous compliments on the way things ran so smoothly. I attribute that to the volunteers and the players as well. Both

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**Cover Story** — continued from page 1

Severson (MN) had a good weekend, being both the winner of Friday night's session and the high qualifier in the consolation with 18/8 +56. The semifinals saw **Michael Graze** (IL)—one of three matching-shirt brothers, along with their father, in attendance—and Life Master (★) **Martha Fingleton** (WI) fall by the wayside. The final match-up was a Battle of the Bobs: Life Master (★) **Bob McCabe** (WI) versus Life Master (★★) **Bob Julian** (WI). Between these Wisconsinite Bobbsey Twins, they now have forty tournament wins, with elder statesman Julian taking advantage of the youthful McCabe this time around and adding 60 MRPs to his fourth-best total of 19,456 lifetime MRPs.

Other weekend winners were as follows:

- Friday: **Pete Severson** (MN)
- Saturday: **Don Patrin** (MN)

- Sanctioned 28-hand: **Charlene Hudson** (IL)
- Nonsanctioned 28-hand: **Ed Heinowski** (WI)

## John Gray Likes NCO

The Northern California Open got off to a great start in January, with 120 players competing for the top prize in Redding. First-time director **Anna Dunn** and her crew did a splendid job on their inaugural run. This tournament signed up three new ACC members, and **Jim McKnight** (CA) added enough MRPs to his lifetime total to become the ACC's newest Master.

Life Master (★) **Todd Malmgren** (OR) was high qualifier in Saturday's main event, with a 35/17 +143 card, and he then proceeded to roll through the playoffs, until he got to the finals—where **John Gray** (CA)

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Jeanne Hofbauer and myself were incapacitated in one way or another during the weekend, but everything went off just great without us. Thank you to all of you for making it a wonderful weekend.

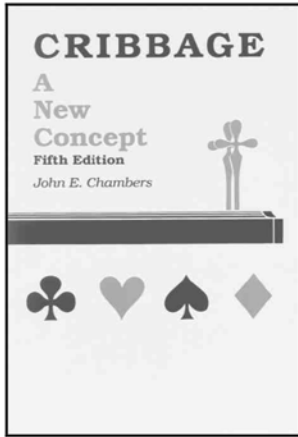
*Joan Rein (Carver MN)  
Director, TOC*

## First Tournament

Originally from Wisconsin, I just joined Atlanta Grass Roots Club 119 and went to my first sanctioned tournament in Savannah in January. I met a group of very friendly and competitive people who take their cribbage very seriously, and I loved it. I made new friends and had a very pleasant experience. I met several people from Wisconsin, including one man who went to the same high school I attended in Racine.

He graduated in 1959, two years after I did, and we played on the football team at the same time and had several common friends. What a small world it is to meet someone you have not seen for over fifty years sitting in a cribbage tournament in Savannah. I was also ecstatic when I placed fourth in the Saturday night tournament. Five members of our club made the cut, and our **Mike Burham** finished second in the main tournament. How could anyone ask for a better cribbage weekend? I urge every ACC member to go to as many tournaments you can. It will greatly improve your cribbage skills playing these high caliber players. Once you have gone, you will be hooked, as I am.

*Donald Lukas (Marietta GA)*



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took him down and earned 147 MRPs. Two Grand Masters—**Jeanne Jelke** (WA) and **Rosemary Hendricks** (WA)—were the other semifinalists.

The 74-player consolation saw Master **Gordon Brown** (CA) turn in the best scorecard (17/8 +56). **Lisa Spellenberg** (CA) captured the top prize, with Master **Larry Williams** (CA) in second. **Jennifer Bolles** (CA) and **Tom Cookman** (CA) finished in third.

Other weekend winners were as follows:

- High Rollers: **Richard Shea** (CA)
- Early Bird: **Stephen Fradenburg** (CA)
- Doubles: **John Gray** (CA) and **Ian Wilson** (CA)
- Saturday: **Jackie Doppelt** (CA)
- Cry Baby: **Bill Johnson** (CA)
- Sanctioned 28-hands: **Jackie Doppelt** (CA) and **Jeanne Hofbauer** (WA)

## Richard Price Is Right

The Pacific Coast Championship, held at San Joaquin CA in January, drew 76 players together for a weekend of stiff competition and friendly rivalry.

The main tourney saw Life Master **Jim Crawford** (CA) top the qualifying field, with a 37/17 +217 scorecard. Two Life Masters (★) and likely All Americans in 2007—Western Region leader **James Langley** (CA) and Western Region #10 **Ronald Morgan** (CA)—made it to the semifinals, but were knocked out by two newer players. In the finals, **Richard Price** (CA) prevented **Barbara Stockham** (CA) from picking up her first-ever tournament win.

The 40-player consolation tournament featured **Stan Katzman** (CA) in the top qualifying slot (17/8 +153), but he could manage only third place in the playoffs, along with Life Master **Jim Crawford** (CA). Life Master **Ross Njaa** (CA) then made short work of **Arne Lillimagi** (CA) in the finals.

Director **David Shifflett** reports that **Mary Herrmann** (CA) and **Ross Njaa** (CA) surprised Life Master (★★) **Bob Julian** (WI) with two cakes for his 87th birthday. Other winners included these folks:

- Friday: **Christy Lens** (CA)
- Saturday: **James Langley** (CA)

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- All Events: **James Langley** (CA)
- Team Play: **Bob Bartosh** (CA), **Ron Morgan** (CA), **Lee Foglesong** (CA), **Jim Crawford** (CA)
- Sanctioned 28-hands: **Amelee Killion** (CA), **James Langley** (CA)

## Bruce Sattler Shoots to Top

Twice a year cribbage players from up and down the Eastern Seaboard gather in Hampton Roads to take aim at each other. Located in the heart of southeastern Virginia and steeped in four hundred years of American history, this natural harbor on the James River is also a natural place to play cribbage.

In the November 2006 edition of this tournament, Master **Matthew Eastbrook** (VA) managed to be both high qualifier and champion. So he liked his odds in early March when he was again high qualifier, with 38/17 +244. Alas, he was unable to double dip this time and got knocked out in the semifinals. On the other hand, Grand Master **Bruce Sattler** (MD)—the Eastern Region's MRP

leader—who had to play second fiddle to Matthew in November, pulled everything together this time and took first place in the 60-player event by beating tournament director Master **Jack Howsare** (VA) in the finals. Jack unofficially earned his Grand Master ranking with his fine performance here. The 2005 Rookie of the Year **Mark Soule** (ME) was the other semifinalist.

Two pieces of free advice: (1) Have you ever missed a point and said, "It's just one point—it doesn't matter"? Don't try to convince Bruce Sattler of this. He and another player were tied with identical scorecards in Saturday's qualifying round: 27/12 +50. Bruce ended up qualifying because he had 6 more positive points. (2) The important thing is to qualify: Bruce was low qualifier, but because he qualified he gave himself a chance to win—and he took full advantage of this chance. Interestingly, Bruce won only 12 of 22 games on Saturday (when's the last time 27/12 qualified?), and then he won 12 of 15 games in his run to the championship.

In the 44-player consolation, Grand Master **Jeff Raynes** (NC) was high qualifier with 17/8 +96. **Maynard King** (PA) and Grand Master **Russ Perkins** (NC) finished in third place. **Phil Vierela** (NC) continued his love-hate affair with Virginia. For the second time in two months, he took second place in a Virginia tournament. **Mike Midgette** (NC) whittled him down to size at the January Virginia Cribbage Championship, and this time he fell victim to Life Master (★★) **Phyllis Schmidt** (MA), who picked up her 29th tournament win. With this win, Phyllis moved out of a tie with Life Master (★) **James Langley** (CA) and into third place all by herself in lifetime tournament wins.

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- Saturday: **Bud Reese** (VA)
- Sanctioned 28-hands: **Keith Widener** (NC), **Tom Brent** (MD), **Catherine Perkins** (NC)
- Nonsanctioned 28-hand: **Andy Laventure** (VA)

## Jack Wifladt

The 33-player Edmonton Sweetheart Open in February featured only Albertan players in the final four. High qualifier **Terry Mandziuk** and **Evelyn Osaka** finished in third, **Anton Ficko** in second, and **Jack Wifladt** in first place. In the 26-player consolation, which was also an all-Alberta affair, low qualifier/son **Terry Hatto** beat high qualifier/mom **Audrey Hatto** in the finals. **Gary Wirth** and **Dwayne Pankiw** finished in third place. Director **Doris Sanders**, fresh off her Reno consolation win, reported that **Lewis Skidmore** (AB) won the Last Chance.

## Steve Yates

Director **Darlene Stier** reports that **Steve Yates** won the 25-player Get Ready for Reno tournament in Anchorage by beating **Quasar Johnson** in the finals. **Don Captain** and high qualifier **Judy Burke** finished in third place.

## Roy Wong Is Masterful

Director **Tsarkie** reports that **Roy Wong** won the 17-player January edition of the Hawaii Open by beating **Mel Vios**. **Charles Rodgers** and high qualifier **Edward Schweitz** were the semifinalists. With the MRP's he picked up in this win, **Roy** becomes Hawaii's fourth Master.

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Sun Jun 17: 10:00 am Consolation	9 Games (Singles) \$20/\$10Q (Opt.)
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- \$53 Main Event
- \$10 opt Q
- \$20 Sat Hi-Rollers
- \$20 opt Q Hi-Rollers
- \$30 opt Q Hi-Rollers
- Can \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total \_\_\_\_\_

# VOLUNTEERS

## Grass Roots Club Directors

WRITTEN AND EDITED BY TOM LEWIS

Welcome to the newest Cribbage World column! If you are like me, I suspect that you would like to know more about what people do to make the ACC a viable organization. This column will feature volunteers from across the entire ACC, whether on the tournament trail, grass roots clubs, internet play, board of directors, or ACC committees. If you volunteer in some way to make the ACC a more efficient organization, please email me a recap of what you do and who works with you. I hope to include a couple of stories in each monthly issue. Please submit ready-to-print stories to [tomlewis@spinn.net](mailto:tomlewis@spinn.net) by the 5th of the month.

**Club director** is more than just a title! This is the unpaid volunteer who makes sure your club functions as it should. The club director either does all the work or recruits volunteers who help to make sure everything is done correctly. For those who are not aware, here are *some* of the things a director does or oversees:

- makes sure that all club members have paid their ACC and Grass Roots fees
- fills out the appropriate forms to support payments of fees
- mails fees to ACC Membership Secretary and GR Regional Statistician
- collects the entry fee from each player for every tournament
- pays off players who win prizes
- fills out and mails award certification forms for anyone who gets a 28-hand, 29-hand, or grand slam
- presents awards to members
- fills out and mails intraclub transfers for members from other clubs
- keeps the Grass Roots website updated by scheduling and entering all tournaments
- enters all tournament results and member information
- makes sure that the club has certified judges
- brings boards, cards, pens, scorecards, and other equipment each week
- sets up the room for play
- makes sure everyone follows the correct rotation
- straightens the room and dumps the trash
- and a myriad of other details

Thankfully, many club directors are assisted by volunteers in these tasks. So now that you know what your club director does, why not volunteer to help him or her with one or more of the above tasks?

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## Western Washington Long Match

Last September eighteen hopeful cribbers signed up for the Western Washington Long Match Cribbage Tournament, and five months later **Bob Wikstrom** (University Place WA) prevailed in the final 20-game match over **Don Keuter** (Tacoma WA). **Tim Julkowski** (Portland OR) and **George Stanton** (Olympia) shared third place. Information and entry forms for the 2007–2008 WWLWCT will be available in August for the September commencement of play. Contact Director Bob Wikstrom for further information ([wiks@silverlink.net](mailto:wiks@silverlink.net)).



Got a sob story to share? Send it to  
cribbage@iserv.net

**This month's sad tale**  
**by Patrick Barrett**  
**(Wisconsin Rapids WI)**

I anticipated the January Carter Casino Tournament in Carter WI with great expectations, as I knew my cards were due to turn for the better after weeks of dreadful Grass Roots sessions. And sure enough, Saturday morning brought eight wins in the first ten games. At the lunch break I had 24 GPs, with eight games to go. "I have a shot at high qualifier,"

I thought. But, as all players know,

**a cribbage nightmare**

the cards can go bad—and bad they were. I won only one of the next seven games, leaving me with 26 GPs and one game to go. It was close, but I finally managed to win game 28 against my wily opponent by a single-digit margin.

Having helped tabulate at many tournaments, I knew a 28/13 +90 scorecard was 99% sure to make it to the playoff round. I watched cards come in from other tables: one at 40 GPs, several in the high 30s, and plenty of scores in the low 30s. But I was still confident that I was in, for hardly ever would a 28/13 not qualify with a group this size (about 140 players).

Bob McCabe, the head tabulator, looked at me across the table and said, "You might be on the bubble." My heart sank; "he's kidding," I thought—but he wasn't, as the low qualifier was 28/14. I was "king" of the bottom 75%, and no playoffs—the dread of anyone who has ever played this game. My weekend was

over, but the big Reno weekend was coming and I was ready.

Reno is always fun—plenty of people, gambling, and great cribbage action. The 566-player Tournament of Champions set sail Friday, and my cards were cold early on. A surge of luck in games 9–15 gave me 18 GPs with one game to go. I

thought, "Win this final game and I could make it." But winning was out of the question, as I was skunked. Sure enough, one game away—again. Only my brother Mike's run to the top 32 in the playoffs brightened my day.

In the JPW/ACC Open, over 950 players battled for the coveted playoff spots. Again, my cards were cool but I managed 14 GPs at the lunch break. As the qualifying ground on in the afternoon I was in trouble, but I then won the final three games to land on 27/13 +70. I needed to be in the top 241 players, but when the scores were all put into the computer program and sorted, I was in 243rd place. I missed by 13 plus points! "Not again," I thought as I left the room. Why me? Three tournaments in row I missed by one game or a few points—a true cribbage nightmare.

As with life, cribbage is a game of ups and downs. I sure hope the ups are on their way, as these downs are far to numerous to deal with lately!

# GRASS ROOTS Standings

(as of 3-10-2007)

## Division 1 (top 50 + ties)

Points	◆ Name (Club)	◆ State/Province
232	Ken Patenaude (109)	MA
218	Betty Johnson (198)	WA
204	Alvin Lokitz (230)	FL
200	Les Johnson (34)	CO
198	Albert Moy (290)	CA
197	Dave Schwartz (198)	WA
194	Duane W. Toll (62)	OR
189	Everett Gier (332)	MI
185	Martha Fingleton (6)	WI
183	John Svilarich (299)	OR
182	James Fanning (306)	CA
181	Tony Danihel (6)	WI
180	Jim Hatch (314)	NH
176	Jerold E. Montgomery (159)	CA
175	Peter Setian (72)	MA
175	Mel Kranz (193)	CA
173	Jim Lunder (22)	FL
172	Edwin O. Weilep (69)	WA
172	Elmer G. Rasmussen (232)	WA
172	James G. Stratton (332)	MI
172	Jan Neveu (257)	CA
172	Roger Widdowson (34)	CO
171	Frank Ruff (272)	MD
171	Leo Rutledge (48)	CA
170	Frank Corso (292)	MA
169	Albert N. Miller (314)	NH
168	Gerald D. Oxford (98)	CA
168	Brent Cooper (295)	ON
167	David Drew (3)	IL
167	Donald D. Smith (191)	OR
167	George Stankus (3)	IL
167	Joseph Cornelissen (29)	FL
166	Warren Sondericker (6)	WI
166	Jim Frazer (191)	OR
164	Kenneth C. Keller (295)	MI
164	Susan Chambers (113)	OR
164	Lewis Skidmore (261)	AB
164	Kathy Atwood (202)	ID
163	John D. Hensley (274)	WA
163	Tom Langford (194)	CA
162	Jim Crawford (48)	CA
161	Frank E. Hanson (198)	WA
161	Maurice Laplante (309)	BC
160	George Momaney (290)	CA
160	Bill Napier (331)	MA
159	Bernard Whitfield (58)	NC
158	Ed Reinhold (117)	VA
157	David Fournier (22)	FL
157	Jeff Wussow (157)	WI
157	Carl Stone Jr. (194)	CA
157	Nick Gallucci (72)	MA

## Division 2 (top 25 + ties)

Points	◆ Name (Club)	◆ State/Province
157	Stanley A. Mullins (219)	NH
137	Dennis Lunn (219)	NH
129	Jimmy Roberts (96)	SD
104	Rick Vee (96)	SD
102	Fran Weber (27)	CA
97	Arthur J. Lange (227)	CA
94	Eileen Brown (227)	CA
92	Peter K. Lerch (35)	NC
91	Dennis McNurten (17)	IA
90	Cres Fernandez (86)	CA
90	Paul Barrows Jr. (219)	NH
86	Aaron Geroux (35)	NC
86	Kenneth A. Slama (227)	CA
83	Richard F. Bett Sr. (5)	NY
82	Howard Pearson (96)	SD
82	John F. Wichland (220)	VT
81	Richard D. Dobkins (249)	CA
80	Ralph Haynes (219)	NH
79	Robert L. Gillette (154)	CA
76	Fredrick Schauf (5)	NY
75	Annie Laughton (219)	NH
75	Pamela Garey (111)	CA
75	Steve Bernard (96)	SD
75	Walter D. Olsen (27)	CA

## Division 3 (top 10 + ties)

Points	◆ Name (Club)	◆ State/Province
91	Ronald James (24)	AZ
81	Helen C. Wallen (24)	AZ
76	Barbara Sacic (150)	CA
71	Warren A. Gallagher (24)	AZ
70	Dick Partee (24)	AZ
69	Donna Strand (24)	AZ
67	Leonard Duckworth (24)	AZ
62	Jon Taylor (24)	AZ
59	Eric Brokken (281)	TX
59	Franklin Robinson (245)	NM

## Grass Roots Top 20

- 4084 Harold Sontag (#162, CA)
- 3810 John Furler (#285, OR)
- 3665 Elmer G. Rasmussen (#232, WA)
- 3662 Patrick Barrett (#120, WI)
- 3588 Willie Evans (#39, WA)
- 3477 Jim Blough (#91, MI)
- 3380 Roger W. Wilson (#34, CO)

# SPOTLIGHT

on

## Harold Sontag

On September 12, 2006, **Harold Sontag** did what he has done almost every Tuesday since 1998—he played cribbage at his local Grass Roots club: River City Peggers (#162) in Carmichael CA. And while the 13/6 +88 scorecard he turned in that evening might not seem very impressive, those 13 points were enough to push Harold over 4,000 Grass Roots points lifetime and become the ACC's first Grass Roots Gold Award winner.

Born in Illinois and raised in Wisconsin, Harold now lives in Dixon CA. It thus seems appropriate that he struck gold in Carmichael, which is only twenty-five crow miles from Sutter's Mill, where the gold that sparked the California Gold Rush was found in 1848.

A carpenter by trade, Harold learned to play cribbage in 1953. The competition, the drive to beat his opponent, drove him to excel at the game—and excel he did.

In his twenty years of Grass Roots play, he has had fifteen grand slams, a dozen or so 28-hands, and one 29-hand. And he has been club champion ten times, five of them with the River City Peggers.

Lest anyone think that Harold can play only one tune, he is also a Grand Master on the ACC tournament circuit, with 4,984 MRPs and seven tournament wins under his ever-present cowboy hat. He and his wife form the ultimate cribbage power couple. **Helene Sontag** is a Silver Award winner in Grass Roots play (2,619 points), and she has earned her Master in ACC play (2,774 MRPs).

While we are going to see more Gold Award winners in the next few years (see list below), Harold will always be the first one to have reached this milestone. Congratulations to Harold and all the fine folks at the River City Peggers who pushed him to excel at the grand ol' game.

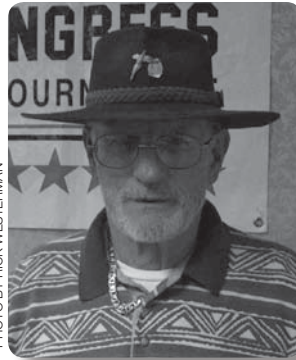


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### rank ♦ MRPs as of 3-10-2007 ♦ name (club, state)

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 8. 3342 James P. Hartung (#39, WA)  | 15. 3181 William W. Shirland (#34, CO) |
| 9. 3314 Charlie Finley (#72, CT)    | 16. 3113 Lee Norris (#168, RI)         |
| 10. 3290 Roy Hofbauer (#28, WA)     | 17. 3113 Frank Danielski (#90, WI)     |
| 11. 3271 David Fournier (#22, FL)   | 18. 3111 Joseph Cornelissen (#29, FL)  |
| 12. 3227 Phillip Babcock (#89, VA)  | 19. 3034 Paul Hatcher (#46, OR)        |
| 13. 3211 Henry S. DeLong (#104, MA) | 20. 3009 Donna Hassett (#62, OR)       |
| 14. 3184 Betty Johnson (#198, WA)   |  |

# New Grass Roots Scoring System

by Roger Wilson

Most of us haven't been playing Grass Roots cribbage for twenty years. However, those who have might remember the total chaos of Grass Roots points under the original system with gold points and red points based on a club size and other requirements. The system was changed in the mid-80s to the current point system to make it more equitable across the country and allow people to earn points on a more consistent basis.

However, a major flaw in the system became immediately obvious, since it was now possible to earn 12, 13, 14, or even 15 points at a weekly tournament but not get Grass Roots points due to the 20% rule and occasional skewing of the statistics due to small numbers of players. The designers of the current system decided that it was asking too much for players to undergo another major change in the system so quickly, and so they decided to defer this adjustment to a later date. That deferral has now been in effect for more than twenty years.

After much discussion, which included looking at the historical evolution of the Grass Roots scoring system and trying to come up with a system that would be consistent and fair, the Grass Roots Board of Volunteers voted at their Reno meeting to establish a fixed system for determining who will earn Grass Roots points at weekly meetings and in the GRRT/GRNT. This change will become effective in the 2007–2008 season, beginning September 1, 2007.

In order to remove all the confusion over who gets points and who doesn't—depending on the number of people present

and whether they are visitors or guests—a fixed standard for earning points has been established. Any club member who scores 12 or more game points will get the number of GPs scored, regardless of how many visitors or guests are in attendance. Thus, members will know instantly at the end of the evening if they earned points. The 20% rule that included visitors and ignored guests will disappear, and no other calculations will be necessary. This *does not* change the rule that visitors from other clubs cannot earn points. Also, the minimum number of members and visitors needed to have an official club tournament remains at six.

Some objections were raised to this new policy, because it seems to take away the policy of awarding points only to the top scorecards. However, examination of the standard distribution of points shows that 12-GP cards should get points. In comparison with sanctioned ACC tournaments, getting 12 GPs in Grass Roots play equates to a 29-GP card in a 22-game tournament, 13 GPs in Grass Roots equates to a 32-GP card, and 14 GPs equals a 34-GP card. Can you imagine not qualifying with a 32-GP or even a 34-GP card in a major sanctioned tournament? But this happened all the time in Grass Roots clubs, mainly due to the statistics being skewed because of the smaller numbers.

Members who have occasionally received points in the past for 10-GP and 11-GP cards when the point distribution has been very skewed will no longer get those points. There have been very rare occasions when 11 GPs was the top card for a Grass Roots



meeting. Under the new scoring system, no one in the club will earn points for that session. However, historical data indicate that using a fixed standard of 12 GPs will add 3%–5% to the total Grass Roots points awarded in any given year to the club.

This change will also have impact on the two semiannual tournaments: the Grass Roots Regional Tournament and the Grass Roots National Tournament. In order to be consistent, 24 GPs or more scored in a GRRT or GRNT will automatically get those points when the tournaments are posted. Players in these tournaments will no longer have to wait until all the scores are in from around the region or country to know

if they will receive points. In the past 24s and 25s have sometimes been denied points, and 23s have sometimes gotten points. This new system will remove all the uncertainty.

The biggest advantage of this fixed point system is that it will automatically allow people to know if they got points at any given session and will enable them to keep track of their own points better. This will make record keeping much easier and make points earned totally consistent regardless of how many players are at a club. Small numbers of players will no long skew the results, either positively or negatively. The fixed point system will be fairer for all players across North America.

## announcing the opening of

# Warren's Counseling Service

### Are you . . .

- tired of finishing cribbage tournaments in second place?
- confident that you should have been the champion instead of that other guy?
- ashamed to admit to your friends that you were the runner-up—yet again?

Drawing upon his vast personal experience, **Warren (“I shoulda been #1”) Sondericker**, of Milwaukee WI, is pleased to announce the opening of a counseling center to help all ACC members who can't stand being second best. Specializing in the wide range of emotions that torment champion wannabes, Warren will use his amazing powers of cribbage logic and his horde of interesting duck stories to assuage your feelings of inadequacy. Because Warren has finished in second place more times than the Brooklyn Dodgers, you know that he will listen with empathy and understanding to your problem.

Don't spend another tournament as an also-ran. Be the champ you were born to be. Call today and schedule an appointment.

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UP**

— Warren's "Hall of Shame" —  
(tours available most weekdays)

**SECOND  
PLACE**

# 2006 GRRT

by Tom Lewis

The Grass Roots Regional Tournament for the 2006–2007 season is now complete. Thanks go to our four Regional Grass Roots Commissioners, who conducted a GRRT in their region: **Roger Wilson, Dave O’Neil, Patrick Ward, and Marlene Lazachek.**

Each is a volunteer and spent many hours compiling the information to make their tournaments function properly. They put together and mailed a letter of instruction to all Grass Roots clubs, opened bank accounts to deposit the entry fees, and set up space on the Grass Roots website for clubs to enter their results. They tracked the entries that club directors entered and made any needed corrections. They spent the month of January making sure all of the numbers balanced, prepared the standings, wrote the checks, and mailed the prize money and a copy of the GRRT results to participating club directors.

We had a total of **1862 official participants** this season. The top players in each region are listed below. Due to space limitations, only scorecards of 30 GPs and above are listed, along with those receiving a 28-hand or a grand slam scorecard (both of which paid \$25). There were no 29-hands.

Congratulations to **Albina Farrish** (RI), who had the highest GRRT scorecard in all four regions (36/16 +268). She has been playing for nineteen years and couldn’t believe she had won! Her father taught her how to play when she was twelve years old. Albina plays in Grass Roots Club 168 (East Greenwich RI) with her son Frank, who has been playing since he was ten years old and was taught by Albina.

Congratulations also to **Bill Klem**, who placed first in Region II last season and second in Region II this season!

## Region II (457 players)

1. Carl Heath (31/13 +212)
2. Bill Klem (31/13 +181)
3. Barb Martin (30/14 +195)
4. Judy Totten (30/14 +194)
5. Kathy Thompson (30/14 +138)
6. James Morrow (30/13 +220)
7. Debra Lucas (30/13 +209)
8. James Chase (30/13 +159)

## Region IV (516 players)

1. Marvin Merrill (32/15 +304)
2. Ian Wilson (31/15 +158)
3. John Wilcock (31/14 +237)
4. Sylvia Sutton (31/13 +209)
5. Donald Brunton (30/14 +181)
6. Boyd Horne (30/14 +129)
7. Joan Marie Brown (30/14 +102)
8. Montana Conell (30/13 +272)

## Region VI (406 players)

1. Frank Wayman (34/15 +272)
2. Bob Hayes (31/14 +252)

3. Lana Newhouse (31/13 +185)
4. Larry LaGassie (30/14 +166)

## Region IX (483 players)

1. Albina Farrish (36/16 +268)
2. Stanley Bochinski (33/14 +213)
3. Brian Parsons (32/15 +227)
4. Michelle Mitchell (32/14 +231)
5. Richard West (31/14 +254)
6. John Rooney (31/14 +222)
7. Mike Elkins (31/13 +297)
8. John Heald (30/14 +203)
9. Bob Moore (30/14 +166)
10. Aaron Geroux (30/13 +215)
11. Frank Podjun (30/13 +184)

## 28-Hands

- Jerald Adams (MI)  
Janie Brown (CA)  
David Carter (AB)  
James Fanning (CA)  
Hal Fink (CA)  
Marilyn Griffin (MA)

- Richard Horvath (WI)  
Luther Lanier (NC)  
Dottie Mellott (CA)  
Lana Newhouse (WI)  
Collin Pratt (CA)  
Bob Prochnow (CA)  
Steve Sattler (MD)  
Helen Sontag (CA)  
Tom Stevens (CA)  
Howard Terry (VA)  
Kathy Thompson (MT)  
Ruth Watson (CA)  
Paul Whelan (MA)  
Leroy Williams (VA)

## Grand Slams

- Leonard Acuna (CA)  
Jim Brintnall (CO)  
Theresa Clark (MA)  
Albina Farrish (RI)  
Mike Heyden (CA)  
Ken Patenaude (RI)

# REGIONAL Standings

(as of 3-10-2007)

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name	
1	854	James Langley, CA	1	990	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	1	589	Bruce D. Sattler, MD
2	749	Herschel Mack, CA	2	591	Mike Burns, MN	2	449	Roland A. Hall, VT
3	694	Todd Malmgren, OR	3	535	Robert Julian, WI	3	406	Robert Medeiros, MA
4	685	Elmer G. Rasmussen, WA	4	510	Douglas I. Henderson, WI	4	391	Donna Lafleur, CT
5	666	Jason Shumate, NV	5	491	Warren Sondericker, WI	5	377	David R. Clemmey, MA
6	656	John Furler, OR	6	455	Bob McCabe, WI	6	367	Dottie Vandenberghe, MA
7	645	Chris McComas, WA	7	435	Brad Behm, WI	7	357	Matthew Easterbrook, VA
8	600	Michael McCammon, NV	8	409	Donald Flesch, WI	7	357	Charles R. Barnes, FL
9	556	Dan Marsh, OR	9	399	Jerry Newhouse, WI	9	354	Lee Dillon, MA
10	550	Ronald L. Morgan, CA	10	397	Alan J. Lindner, WI	10	350	Henry Douglass, NC
11	532	Mel Ashley, CA	11	390	Emilio Perez, IL	11	327	Frank Corrado, CT
12	521	Ira T. Deutsch, OR	12	389	Donald A. Patrin, MN	12	321	Bill Richmond, CT
13	506	Rollie Heath, OR	13	388	James Huser, WI	13	312	Jerry Hardy, ME
14	486	Donald L. Brown, CA	14	381	Doug Page, WI	13	312	Robert A. Read, FL
15	478	De Lynn Colvert, MT	15	344	Cyril Schmidt, WI	15	310	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
16	477	Duane W. Toll, OR	16	341	Jeff Shimp, MI	16	305	Lynn Babbitt, RI
17	463	Michael M. Rowe, AK	17	337	Gerald Gruber, MN	17	299	Howard L. Terry, VA
18	451	Jeanne Jelke, WA	18	310	Jeff Wussow, WI	18	282	Donna Gavin, MA
19	439	Rick Baird, OR	19	308	Bob Kiley, WI	19	281	Laurence Samet, MA
20	427	Jim Crawford, CA	20	286	Roger Grandgeorge, IA	20	280	Earle W. Remington, RI
21	421	Jones H. Hom, CA	21	279	Allen E. Karr, WI	21	271	Robert E. Moore, VA
22	408	Lee Foglesong, CA	21	279	Daniel Pluff, MN	22	262	Larry Phifer, NC
23	404	Duane Person, WA	23	278	Richard Frost, WI	23	255	Richard H. West, MA
24	403	Graeme Gossett, OR	24	272	Joy Shimp, MI	24	250	Jeffrey A. Messinger, MA
25	390	Betty Stewart, OR	25	269	Marlene Lazachek, WI	25	243	Michael B. Midgette, NC
26	388	Bruce Pomeroy, ID	26	260	Jerome Tork, WI	26	235	Michael Burnham, GA
27	385	Jack Moritzky, WA	27	259	Dave Yaeger, MO	27	234	Jack Howsare, VA
28	378	Pamela Pomeroy, CA	28	251	Tom Maresch, WI	28	233	John S. Marani, MA
29	371	Cy Madrone, CA	29	246	Les Kvien, IL	29	227	Ken Patenaude, MA
30	369	Jesse Jarrell, CA	30	245	Larry Lagassie, WI	30	226	Pat Frattallone, CT
31	366	Erik Royland Locke, OR	31	237	Tom Edwards, IL	31	225	William J. Shoemaker, CT
32	344	Tom Cookman, CA	32	232	Karen Bouffiou, WI	32	224	Paul Batterson, CT
33	334	Bob Bartosh, CA	33	226	Bart Jaeger, NE	33	223	George Bryer, MA
34	318	Leslie G. Sumner, NV	34	225	Norman A. Vierela, MI	34	222	Roger J. Bouchard, CT
35	317	H. Ross Njaa, CA	35	221	Jeffrey Lui, WI	35	212	Louis J. Caccia, MA
36	315	Kerry O'Connell, CA	36	220	Frank Danielski, WI	36	205	Maynard King, PA
37	309	John L. Prehn, CA	37	219	Ray Hansen, IA	37	201	Joy Barnes, FL
38	304	Richard E. Price, CA	38	216	Joan Rein, MN	37	201	John Brennan, MA
39	300	Robert L. Gillette, CA	39	215	Paul Kilkelly, IL	37	201	Dwight Christiansen, CT
40	295	Margery Clark, OR	40	210	Sue Schenk, MI	40	199	Henry S. Delong, MA
41	294	Bryan J. Gurden, NV	40	210	Lyle Beiswenger, ND	40	199	Robert Chevalier, FL
42	293	Gary Wegener, OR	42	209	Tony Danihel, WI	42	196	George E. Bickford, MA
43	287	Doris Sanders, AB	43	207	Carl E. Schroeder, WI	43	186	Calvin D. Libby, ME
44	286	Angelo D. Torrise, CA	44	206	Kenneth Rasmussen, MI	43	186	Jim Hatch, NH
45	278	Clair E. Morse, OR	45	197	Gene Biegler, WI	45	185	Bruce Hassan, CT
45	278	Paul Hatcher, OR	46	196	John Hiland, WI	46	182	Mike Fetchel, CT
47	274	David D. Braach, MT	46	196	Gerald H. Goedert, WI	46	182	John Campanella, MA
48	271	Hal Lamon, WA	48	194	Robert P. Chase, MN	48	179	Al Gaudreau, MA
49	270	Kenneth A. Slama, CA	49	192	Larry Holtan, MN	48	179	John F. Wichland, VT
50	268	Norman Nikodym, CA	50	189	Norbert Upton, MN	50	178	Norm Ferbert, MD
50	268	Jeanette Nielsen, OR						
50	268	Nancy Lorenz, OR						

# BOD Election

Every odd-numbered year the ACC holds elections for its 25-member Board of Directors. The two-year term of office begins September 1, 2007, and runs through August 31, 2009. All ACC members age 18 and above are eligible to vote. Joint members will receive two issues of the April *Cribbage World* so that each member has a ballot.

This year 31 candidates have been nominated for the BOD. Biographies of these candidates are printed on this and the next six pages. Please read these paragraphs carefully, for they contain statements by the candidates about their qualifications, cribbage accomplishments, contributions to the ACC, and policies they plan to enact or have already enacted. Regional affiliations are indicated by the large letters (W = Western, C = Central, E = Eastern).

After you have read the biographies, please vote for the candidates of your choice by marking an X by their name on the official ballot on page 26. You may vote for up to 25 candidates. When you are finished voting, write in the large box at lower right the total number of votes cast, cut on the dotted line, add appropriate postage (24¢ in the U.S.), and drop the self-addressed postcard into the mail.

**Ballots must be received by May 31.**

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**David Aiken** (Ada MI): editor of *Cribbage World*. A native of Washington State, I now live in Michigan with my wife and two teenage daughters, where I am a freelance editor of nonfiction manuscripts for university presses and a bookseller specializing in antiquarian books. In 2004 I edited and typeset the new ACC rule book, and I now edit and typeset *Cribbage World* each month. I enjoy playing in both my weekly cribbage club and weekend cribbage tournaments. I direct three sanctioned tournaments and three specialty cribbage tournaments annually. While I am a self-styled cribbage freak, I do have a few non-cribbage hobbies: stamp collecting, reading, and running. If elected to the BOD, I plan to bring new ideas to the table, to help in any way needed, to apply my detail-oriented approach to every endeavor I take up, and to always listen carefully to the concerns of ACC members. My philosophy is this: play cribbage to have fun—and have fun playing cribbage!

**Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI): 45, wife Linda, 2 children, 4 grandchildren. Employed in family auction business and by NASCAR. ACC member for 27 years, BOD member since 1995. Chairman of ACC Hall of Fame Committee and Internet Committee. Member of Ethics Committee. Director of Grand National XVI (1997) and XXV (2006). Director of Wisconsin Dells Classic, Wisconsin Rapids Open, and Waupaca Rotary Open. Founder and current director of Grass

Roots Club 120 since 1990. ACC Central Region Senior Judge and Head Judge at numerous tournaments. Achieved Life Master in 1997 and stands at 8,000+ Master Points to date. Achieved Grass Roots Silver Award in 2003 and stands at 3200+ Rating Points. Winner of six ACC sanctioned tournaments including Grand National XVI in Wisconsin Dells. Instrumental in getting ACC web site up and running as well as getting Grass Roots Bronze members on TOC invite list. I have been a long-term supporter of ACC and am willing to listen to each and every member's concerns and take it to the top if necessary. Please consider this ACC veteran when voting so we can keep the ACC operating as it has for years to come.

**Joe Bernard** (Antioch IL): I have been a member of the ACC since 1982 and am a current member of the BOD. Central Region Tournament Commissioner responsible for the scheduling and reporting of all sanctioned tournaments in the Central Region. Member of the Ethics Committee and previously served as Chairman for four years. Former member of Rules Committee and worked with the committee in rewriting the current Rule Book. Chairman of the Election Committee and oversee the elections of the BOD officers. I have always been available when help has been needed and will continue to do so if I am re-elected to the BOD. I would appreciate your vote.

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**George Bickford** (West Springfield MA): Member since 1979 and served on BOD in its infancy and now since 1993. Currently, I am the At Large Member on the Executive Committee and serve as Eastern Region and National Tournament Commissioners. Earned Life Master (★), and recently honored with election to Hall of Fame. Involved with running the Dante Club tournaments for over 30 years. Assist with the National Open for better part of 20 years, serving as director of the consolation tournament for 15 years. On BOD I was involved with revisions of Tournament Directors Guidelines, and Information Booklet in 2006. Have served on the Ethics Committee for 13 years, which is perhaps one of the more tedious committees. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to serve another two years. Thank you for your consideration.

**David Campbell** (Parsonsfield ME): Age 41, married with 2 children. ACC member for 6.5 years, voted ACC Rookie of the year in 2001–2002, and was a member of the All American Team that year, currently Grand Master. Director of Northern New England Championship in Portsmouth each December and co-direct a couple of tourneys in Maine. I will be running this year's Grand National in September in Maine. Godfather taught me cribbage at the age of four. If re-elected to BOD I would like to help work on more ways to attract new members and find ways to help people learn more about playing cribbage. I would appreciate your vote for the upcoming election, as I am sure that I can assist other newly voted in members in further enhancing the goals of ACC and attracting new members and making the ACC an even playing field throughout the country. Lastly please take the time to vote for any candidate you think will help the ACC grow whether it be me or anyone else. Thank you for your consideration.

**Dwight Christiansen** (Stratford CT): I am seeking re-election to BOD for a 4th term. I play approximately 30 tournaments a year traveling to all regions of the country. This is necessary to get an overall picture of the concerns of players in their respective regions. I have served on the Ethics Committee for 3 terms including Chairman. Additionally, I am involved with the Marketing Committee. My main goal is to increase our membership through innovative methods. I developed the marketing flyer during my second term, including the method for distribution and maintenance. Thus far, have distributed nearly 6,000 flyers across the nation to Grass Roots clubs, with another 2,000 scheduled for 2007. Many new members have joined the ACC as a result of

seeing this flyer during the past 2 years. I would like the opportunity to continue this project and through monitoring feedback, keep this marketing campaign fresh. Current members each have the responsibility of recruiting new members in order to protect the future of the ACC. "A vision without action is only a dream." I would greatly appreciate your vote.

**Bruce Denend** (Spokane WA): 49, avid cribbage player since separating from the U.S. Air Force in 1996, receiving Grass Roots Bronze award in 2005. Director/statistician of Grass Roots Club 69 for the past 3 years and built it from 6 members to now 14 active members, with participating players of 12 to 20 each tournament night. Works setting up dates at the Eastern Washington State Fair to allow club members to introduce ACC cribbage to interested players. Lives with wife and two sons (the sons both play cribbage, but the wife doesn't). Would be delighted to receive your vote of confidence to the BOD, and would like to continue to work towards boosting the membership of this venerable organization, the American Cribbage Congress.

**Martha Fingleton** (Milwaukee WI): Life Master (★), All American, tournament director, tournament helper, BOD (1989–1998, 2005–present), National Tournament Commissioner, Senior Judge, Rules Committee, Hall of Fame. I'm currently the Executive VP of the BOD, and hope to keep that job. My service to the membership is characterized by seeing the "big picture," setting priorities, telling the truth (even if unpleasant), and cutting through nonsense. I believe we cannot lose sight of the fact that the ACC is a North American organization devoted to competition in a GAME we all enjoy (most of the time!). I owe a lot to the ACC and would like to continue paying my debt.

**Larry Hassett** (Roseburg OR): Service: Tournament director (13 years), Judge (19 years) and Senior Judge (13 years), Grass Roots club statistician (19 years), Grass Roots regional statistician (8 years), Membership Secretary (8 years), and BOD member (15 years). With your support and vote, I would like to continue to serve the ACC membership as a member on the BOD. As Membership Secretary, I am continuing to make changes to provide a more efficient and cost effective operation while continuing to maintain a high level of accountability to protect your dollars. As a BOD member, will continue to seek ways to maintain and improve the efficiency and accountability of your organization. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Sharon Hejtmank** (Missoula MT): I am retired from a management position at the Missoula Elk's Lodge where I was employed for 22 years. I have been a member of the ACC for 18 years and have recently achieved the rating of Life Master. I am honored to currently serve on the BOD and am directly involved with the Ethics Committee. I serve as a co-director for the bi-annual tournaments held in Missoula MT and Winnemucca NV. And often volunteer my assistance for many other tournaments as well, including the JPW/ACC Open. I have served for the past 6 years on the BOD and am seeking re-election. I would sincerely appreciate your support. As evidenced by my past performance, I am willing to attend meetings and stay actively involved to best represent the membership of the ACC. My commitment to you is that I will try to fairly and honestly represent all members and their interests at all times. Win or lose, let's all join together, show good sportsmanship and most of all, let's have fun.

**Jeanne Hofbauer** (Washougal WA): ACC/Grass Roots member in 1986. Since that time I have enjoyed traveling to tournaments around the USA and in Canada, and meeting many wonderful people who enjoy the great game of cribbage. I have enjoyed my tenure on the BOD, serving on the Rules, Awards and Reconstruction Committees. I have also served as the Recording Secretary. I have a lot of experience as a tournament director. I have earned the Bronze and Silver Awards in Grass Roots play, and Life Master Award in tournament play. I have also received the President's Award. I hope that you will give me your vote and the privilege to serve on the BOD.

**Roy Hofbauer** (Washougal WA): Retired crane operator. ACC/Grass Roots member since 1986. BOD member since 1989, serving on several committees. Western Region Tournament Commissioner since 1990. Directed/co-directed several tournaments, including the JPW/ACC Open in Reno for the past 14 years. Senior Judge and have earned Bronze and Silver Awards in Grass Roots play, Life Master (★) in tournament play. Recipient of President's Award. Believe in following the ACC Constitution and By-Laws. If elected, I will represent the wishes of the membership for improvement and standardization of tournament play. I would appreciate your vote.

**Bob Julian** (Milwaukee WI): Retired after 40 year career as corporate President and Board Chairman of a corporation doing innovative work with major corporations involved in manufacturing of aluminum cans for beverage industry. Life member 1980, BOD member 20 years, during

previous term as VP Operations coordinated the selection of Larry Hassett as Membership Secretary and Roger Wilson as Treasurer, and instituted new procedures for these offices. Also completed bonding of all ACC Offices handling significant amounts of money, and was in charge of handling case which resulted in ACC receiving restitution of \$30,000 at minimal cost and legal expense. Served as Director of Publicity and Promotion during which time our membership doubled. Worked on many other committees. Won Guy Pence award for most outstanding recruiting of new members twice. Co-ordinator of 1st GN in 1982. Co-director of largest GN XVIII held in Las Vegas in 1999. Helped establish original set of Rules in 1982. Life Master (★★), 4-time National Champion, elected to Hall of Fame in 2005. I participate in tournaments throughout the US annually and feel I fairly represent all sections of the country on the BOD. Thank you for considering me as your representative.

**Tom Lewis** (Albuquerque NM): *Education:* Bachelor's Degree in Management with minor in Accounting. *Professions:* U.S. Air Force NCO. NCOIC of Accounting and Finance. Lockheed Corporation: Assistant Program Manager for Cost Estimating and Budgeting. *ACC and Grass Roots:* Former Club 271 director, Albuquerque NM. Started club from scratch for 2000–2001 season and built it to 52 members within two seasons. Current membership: 60 members. Regional statistician for Grass Roots Region IV (53 clubs and 1,200 players in seven western states). Columnist for "Grass Roots Corner" column in *Cribbage World*. Currently serving as Co-Chair of Public Relations and Marketing Committee and as a member of Ethics Committee. *Goals:* Assist ACC BOD in getting things accomplished and solving problems efficiently and in minimum time required. *Priority:* Expand membership of both ACC and Grass Roots and assist whenever possible in formulation of new clubs in localities where cribbage clubs do not currently exist. *Philosophy:* Provide *fast and accurate* answers to all questions; solve problems in minimum amount of time; listen to and act on suggestions from ACC membership. In other words, do it right and do it now.

**Alan Lindner** (Greenwood WI): Currently President of the American Cribbage Congress. With your support I would continue to work for the people of the ACC. I will continue to look for ways to promote cribbage around the country. This organization has given so much to me and my life. I would be honored to serve you and this fine or-

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ganization in the future. If you ever had any questions or concerns about the ACC, now is your chance to help pick the members of the BOD for leadership. I encourage all ACC members to vote in the upcoming election. Thank you.

**Herschel L. Mack** (McKinleyville CA): Retired Professor of Communications from Humboldt State University in 2006. Member of BOD since 2003, appointed Chairman of Rules Committee. Active on tournament trail competing in all three regions, achieving rank of Grand Master, and an ACC All-American. Active in Grass Roots Club 194 and club champion five times. With wife (Rickie) we direct Humboldt Bay Classic Cribbage and Medford Cribbage Lions' Tale tournaments. Tournament Judge and volunteer whenever needed. I work hard for the best interests of ACC, proposed compromise "peg out rule" language and inclusion of cross checking guidelines in Rules Book. Firmly committed to ACC Grass Roots program and support efforts to broaden and increase overall membership, including through internet play. I pledge to keep working for improvement in the ACC. Thank you for consideration of my candidacy, and make your ACC membership count by voting in this election.

**Bill Medeiros** (Thorndike MA): I have been an ACC member for over 20 years. I ran two tourneys per year from 1995–2004, and have been co-director for many other tourneys throughout New England. I am currently ranked Life Master (★) and have been lucky enough to rank in the top 15 all time in points. Recently I retired after working for 35 years with the City of Cambridge. I am hoping to be re-elected to the BOD and continue to help ACC grow and also to bring some fresh ideas to the BOD. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election but even if you do not vote for me, please take the time to vote. Thank you for your consideration.

**Bob Milk** (Glen Allen VA): I have served, actively, on ACC BOD for past two terms. For past 4+ years, I have served as ACC Internet Cribbage Commissioner. Through the ACC Internet Cribbage program, over 100 new members have joined ACC. The ACC Internet Cribbage program has been a success as demonstrated with the winner of 2007 TOC coming through the ACC Internet Cribbage program. In addition to heading up the ACC Internet Cribbage program, I developed a white paper on the analysis of interfaces between various ACC computer programs. Though not a member of Rules Committee, I also participated in development and review of current rule book. I have been an active ACC member for

about 12 years and had been a certified Judge for about 7 years. Cribbage has provided me with enjoyment and through the ACC I have made many new friends. It is an honor to give back to the program by serving as a BOD member. If you feel I have represented the ACC membership well during past two terms, I would appreciate your support for my candidacy.

**Ron Morgan** (Roseville CA): I was born in North Carolina, raised in Northern California, lived in Montana for 8 years and currently reside in Roseville CA. I'm 56, I have 2 daughters, 1 son, and 3 grandchildren. In my 20 years in the ACC, I've been on of the BOD for 10 years, including 7 years on the Ethics Committee. I am an ACC Certified Judge. I've served as director, co-director and assisted at many tournaments. I helped form Club 111 in Quincy CA and was the first director of the club. I've achieved the Rank of Life Master (★), Bronze Level in Grass Roots, five time All American, and won 20 ACC sanctioned events. I'm also a strong supporter of Youth Cribbage. I promote the game of cribbage every chance I can, and as an elected member of the BOD, I promise to always have an open ear and will be your voice for questions and concerns relating to the ACC. I would like to express my appreciation for your support in the past, and ask for your continued support in the future. Thanks for your consideration. Keep the pegs moving, and I hope to see you on the tournament trail.

**Catherine Perkins** (Bear Creek NC): I have been honored to serve on the BOD since 1989, holding several offices on the Executive Committee, serving on many committees and am currently Vice President of Operations. I seek your vote for re-election so I can continue to help the BOD provide for the needs of all members. In addition to the BOD, I have been the director/co-director of National Open Cribbage Tournament since 1989, director of the Raleigh Grass Roots Club since 1987, Grass Roots regional statistician since 1992, and a Senior Judge since the inception of the judging program. As a charter member of the ACC, I will continue to work for improvement of the organization while maintaining the highest ethical standards. I thank you for your consideration.

**Jim Ready** (Stoughton MA): Past BOD member for 10 years, 1992–2002. I am ready to serve the members of the ACC for another term. Past duties on the BOD: member of the Executive Committee, Ethics Committee, chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the election of officers of the BOD. I am a Senior Judge for the

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Eastern Region. Director of the Annual Leo J. Horigan Memorial South Shore Tournament and director of Grand National XIV in Plymouth MA. I have reached the Life Master level in ACC play. It has been my pleasure to serve you in the past, and look forward to the opportunity to serve you in the future. Your vote in the upcoming election would be greatly appreciated. Please vote in the next election. Thank you for your consideration.

**Joan Rein** (Carver MN): As a member of the BOD for over 20 years I have had the privilege of bringing issues to the BOD for the betterment of the ACC as a whole. I have been a Judge since 1983, and director of the Tournament of Champions for 20 years in addition to helping to coordinate the JPW/ACC Open. I have served as ACC Grass Roots Commissioner since 2000 and been the director for my own club in Minnesota since 1983. My greatest enjoyments are my wonderful son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Jo. I enjoy the peace of working with my flowers and rewards of working with people in my career. My cribbage accomplishments include Life Master, Bronze, and Hall of Fame. It has been my reward to work for all of my extended cribbage family and hope to continue on doing more in the future.

**William K. "Ratso" Roderick Jr.** (Woodburn OR): I want to serve on BOD to improve organization for membership. Membership should be allowed to participate more in BOD decisions, "no secrets," meetings should be an open forum for members to speak and address issues of concern. I am running for BOD to try and change not only secret top driven management style of our BOD, but also to allow any member to bring ideas and methods of change to BOD. Beginning in 2009 there should be a three term limit for all BOD members. Meetings should be conducted with Roberts Rules of Order and every member should have the right to vote for BOD, and for who is inducted into Cribbage Hall of Fame. ACC member since 1985, Judge since 2002, and member of Grassroots Club 46 in Salem OR. Please support me as a candidate for BOD. I will not accept wages for donating my time to serve ACC members. Age 70, married 27 yrs., United States Marine Corps. 1953-1957, career truck driver and Teamster for 35 years. Shop steward, Safety Committee, Blue Lodge-3rd Degree, Kuk Sul Do Black Belt 1st Degree 1998-2003. Thank you.

**Laurence Samet** (Wellesley MA): I am a proud 21 year member of the ACC and love the game of cribbage. I am a current BOD member and work

hard to make a difference for the organization. I am a Life Master (★), and two time winner of the Tournament of Champions. I have introduced the 3 region All Star competition, and the long match format, now used around the country. I have worked as a Judge and tournament director. I helped work to develop the new expanded voting for the Hall of Fame, which was implemented for the first time this year. I want to see the ACC continue its efforts to promote cribbage and expand membership. I am currently working to introduce the first Cribbage Festival and a concurrent smaller invitational championship, hopefully to be introduced next February. This will hopefully help market cribbage, and be lots of fun for all. I need your vote to continue my efforts on behalf of all ACC members. Thank you

**Phyllis Schmidt** (Williamstown MA): 1st cribbage tournament was at a Democratic Fund-raiser in 1977. Second was double elimination tournament at Dante Club in West Springfield MA same year, I won and was hooked for life. Attended 1979 inaugural meeting in Raleigh, became director on first BOD. Life Master (★★), 6-time All-American, received 1982 President's Award, 1992 top ACC Player. Elected to Hall of Fame in 2002. Senior Judge and volunteer at most tournaments in Northeast and director of three tournaments at Dante Club. Life Member of Berkshire County Women's Bowling Association and served as Secretary-Treasurer and President. Also served on board of Massachusetts Women's Bowling Association and elected Hall of Fame in 2004. Worked at Sprague Electric Company for 40 years, as an Engineering Assistant, retiring in 1996. Served on Negotiating and Grievance Committees of International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers and as director of Credit Union. Cribbage has been good to me and enabled me to enjoy many wonderful friendships and trips, and I would like to give something back by continuing to serve on BOD. I will do my best to listen to and represent all members and would appreciate your vote.

**Jeff Shimp** (Grand Haven MI): Founding member of ACC, BOD member since its inception. Tournament official (director, Chief Judge, Chief Tabulator) for many years for the JPW/ACC Open, Grand Nationals and others. Founder and co-director of annual Potawatomi Peggars Pow Wow (MI). Commissioner of ACC Judges Program. Perfect attendance at BOD meetings for many years. Elected to Hall of Fame in 2001. Will continue to focus on clearer, more concise rules and player protection. Appreciate the opportunity



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to serve on the BOD and solicit your support to allow me to continue to help build the ACC. Every-body please vote.

**Jack B. Shumate III** (Newport OR): Qualifications: Life Master #111; Grass Roots Bronze Award. Director of 15 sanctioned tournaments plus Grand National XXI at North Lake Tahoe, 1995–2002; 4 sanctioned tournaments at Smith River CA, 2001–04; and 5 Youth World Championships, 1996–2000. Founding co-director, Truckee River Classic, 2000. Elected ACC director 2003–05. Senior military policeman, U.S. Army, honorably discharged 1972; licensed general building contractor since 1984; North Tahoe planning and advisory councils, 1989–2001. If re-elected, I will seek term limits for ACC directors. Too many of the present ACC directors have been on the BOD so long that cliques have formed and a “we’ve-always-done-it-this-way” attitude has developed, stifling open-minded consideration of fresh ideas. Too many motivated and capable new directors have been elected, only to be so turned off by the business-as-usual politics of the BOD that they have declined to run for a second term. New blood must be encouraged if this organization is to thrive.

**Valerie Sumner** (Reno NV): Current member of ACC BOD, member of BOD Rules Committee, over 10 years as a member of the ACC, over 10 years as a member of Grass Roots, 6 years as director of Grass Roots Club 11, 5 years as an ACC Judge, 4 years as National Grass Roots Secretary. Awards received: ACC Master Level; Grass Roots Bronze Level. Main premise: I enjoy the game of cribbage and being able to socialize with people all over the nation. I ask that you vote for me as an ACC director so I can work to ensure members rights, ideas and concerns are always considered.

**Fred White** (Kailua Oahu, HI): I’m 55 and have worked for 28 years for a printing company. Originally from Gloucester MA, moved to Hawaii in the 70’s. Haven’t missed the JPW/ACC open in years (made it to the finals in 2000, losing to Life Master Greg Schleusner). I earned my Master at that tourney and my Bronze award in Grass Roots later that same year. I recently made it to the finals of 2007 JPW/ACC Consolation losing to Doris Sanders in a challenging match. I’ve been director of Grass Roots Club 110 for almost fifteen years. In that time I’ve also co-directed over 75 ACC tournaments on Oahu and the Big Island

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of Hawaii. I am a certified Judge and have served as a Judge in Reno for JPW/ACC Open and TOC events, as well as volunteering for tabulating of scorecards and anything else that needs to be done. I'll be traveling to various states to play this year and as usual look forward to forging new bonds and as always to promote and develop the game. I'm seeking my third term on BOD. In advance I'd like to thank you for your consideration and most of all please vote!

**Keith E. Widener** (Clemmons NC): 52 years old, charter member of ACC, and proud to boast our 13 year old son Zachary has accumulated over 500 Master Points. I would like to join the BOD and work to significantly increase membership. I'm talking about double and triple the current membership—not just a few here or there. I wish to help solve problems relating to tournament venues and age restrictions. My slogan would be “greater participation across the nation.” I would also like to see certain longstanding legal questions tackled and resolved on a state-by-state basis. It is my belief that the ACC BOD needs to take a more pro-active role in these areas. If elected I will work hard to make a positive impact for the sake of all ACC members, regardless of age or location.

**Dan Zeisler** (Grass Valley CA): Master's in Education, Bachelor's in Recreation Administration. Superintendent/Principal of elementary school district. Current ACC Duties: ACC Youth Program Director which includes: Sending manuals on teaching large groups of kids cribbage; assist in youth tournament start-up, help in acquiring boards and cards for new programs; acknowledgement of all who contribute to Cribadier General fund; updates to Crib World. Master rated player; founder and former director of Grass Roots Club 140; teacher of over 800 youths the game of cribbage; founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament (14 years—averaging 60 kids per tournament). Goals: to further promote cribbage in a positive light for current and future players in ACC, to work diligently to expand ACC membership through an aggressive youth campaign, to actively represent all members with ideas on betterment of cribbage as well as those who have concerns about current issues. As Superintendent of schools, I work closely with a BOD, which means I fully understand role of a board member and importance of that board to an organization. I genuinely feel that I can help to maintain integrity of ACC and game of cribbage through active participation on BOD. Thank you for your support.

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# Q&A

## Cribbage Quiz

Questions for inclusion in a future Cribbage Quiz may be emailed to [cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net).

If you have a blank hand before the starter card is turned, what is the maximum number of points you can end up with after the cut? What cards are you holding, and what is the cut card?

### Cribbage Quiz Answer

It is audience participation time at the Cribbage Quiz. If you know the answer, send it to the CW editor at [cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net). We'll print the solution and names of people who responded correctly in next month's CW.

Last month's Cribbage Quiz asked how many 15-2 combinations are possible when suit is taken into consideration, and we are happy to report that three ACC members submitted the correct total of 10,640 hands. The statistical wizards among us are **Norman Nikodym** (Ontario CA), **Vincent Janowiak** (Marina CA), and **Jim Stratton** (Jackson MI). In addition, non-ACC member **Ken Worster** (Bradford ME) stumbled across *Cribbage*

*World* on the ACC's website, wrote a computer program to solve the March Cribbage Quiz, and also submitted the correct answer. A special thanks to these geniuses for taking time to both calculate the total and send in their contributions.

### Flatto Brothers Dominate Youth Tourney

by Dan Zeisler

Due to conflicting school schedules, the 14th Annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament was played twice this year: once in Grass Valley CA in February and once in Chico CA in March. Here are the results of the Grass Valley event.

Twenty-six young players ages 8 to 18 played nine games to see who would qualify for the playoffs. High qualifier was 14-year-old **Jake Flatto**, who scored a grand slam with a 19/9 +175 card. He went on to win the first two rounds of the best-of-three playoffs without a defeat, running his total wins to thirteen games in a row!

Then came the best-of-five finals against his 18-year-old brother, **Zach Flatto**. Jake won the first two games and needed one more to not only win the championship but to do it without a loss. That's when Zach put the hammer down, and reeled off three consecutive wins to take top honors. Both Flatto brothers reside in Santa Rosa CA. Third place went to 17-year-old **Michael Zahn** from Castro Valley CA, who also finished third last year. And the fourth place finisher was **Dusty Zeisler**, 12, who lives in Grass Valley CA.

A special thank you to the Sands Regency in Reno and the ACC Cribadier Generals Program for sponsoring this wonderful kids event. In addition, the *Grass Valley Union* ran a brief article about the tournament.

### BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

- vote for up to 25 candidates by marking an X in the box by their name
- write in box at lower right the total number of votes cast
- cut on dotted line
- add appropriate postage (24¢ in U.S.)
- drop self-addressed postcard into mail

# Gold Awards

Name (Club) ♦ State/Province  
Harold Sontag (162) CA

# Silver Awards

Name (Club) ♦ State/Province

James N. Marshall (147) FL  
John J. Rooney (109) MA  
Bernard Whitfield (58) NC  
James C. Taylor (12) OR  
Susan Chambers (113) OR  
Aggie G. Mikulsky (61) WI  
Wayne Steinmetz (6) WI  
Larry LaGassie (61) WI

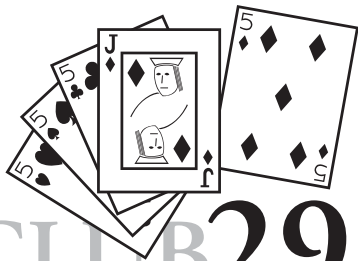
# ACC Awards

Life Master

137. Henry Douglass (Reidsville NC)  
138. Ira T. Deutsch (Brookings OR)

Master

659. Kate Furler (Wareham MA)  
660. Roy Wong (Honolulu HI)



# Bronze Awards

Name (Club) ♦ State/Province

Sandra Shrum (117) VA  
Dwayne Pankiw (261) AB  
Gerda Korolek (203) BC  
Roy Martin (306) CA  
Carol Henderson (79) CA  
Carl Backers (306) CA  
Ross Walter (306) CA  
Charles J. Dunn (43) CA  
Paul Gregson (54) CA  
Richard E. Turk (162) CA  
Connally Thomas (241) FL  
Esther Rolfe (241) FL  
John Brennan (109) MA  
Joanne Jordan (81) MA  
Donna Aird (218) MI  
Ralph Virden (94) MN  
James Hogen (240) MN  
Ray Tschimperle (215) MN  
Darlene Althaus (240) MN  
Joseph W. Murdock (175) NJ  
Clarence Van Orsow (14) OR  
Arthur M. Copeland (113) OR  
Sid Hohbein (62) OR  
Bill Mero (28) WA  
Tom Kirinsky (168) RI  
Ken Patenaude (109) MA  
Don Keuter (148) WA  
Inert Larsen (196) WI

# CLUB 29

1. Roger Bouchard (CT): Silver City (Aug. 5)
2. Art Whitney (CA): Sunnyside (Aug. 5)
3. Pat Frattallone (CT): New England Peer (Aug. 26)
4. Barbara Bouchard (ME): Veterans' Day Classic (Nov. 11)
5. Ruthie Tiesma (MI): Michigan Tournament of Diamonds (Nov. 11)
6. David Draper (MI): Midwest Match Play (Jan. 20)
7. Tommy Woodall (TN): JPW/ACC Open (Feb. 10)

# In Memoriam

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## Ike Endicott

Ike Endicott (Bend OR) passed away on February 25, 2007, at age 85 of cancer. A longtime member of the ACC and "Oregon's Best" Grass Roots Club 12, Ike had attained his Master rating and Bronze award. Ike loved playing cards, and he was the consummate Oregon Ducks fan. He was a great storyteller as well as a great listener and always made the time to swap stories. He was known as a gentleman and was liked and admired by everyone. We will miss him greatly.

## Anne Haller

Anne Haller (Redmond OR) passed away on February 26, 2007, at age 72. She was a charter member of "Oregon's Best" Grass Roots Club 12 and joined the ACC in its early years. Anne accumulated 3,259 MRPs, holding both a Master rating and a Bronze award. Anne was well liked and was a fixture on the tournament trail for many years. She loved her dog, reading, and cribbage and was a great competitor. She always had a joke to share, and we will miss her.

## Robert McAnelly

Robert "Mac" McAnelly (Sarasota FL), a long-

time member of Club 29 in Englewood FL, joined the Great Cribbage Game on March 1, 2007. Mac recently attained his Silver award and will be a worthy opponent to those who have preceded him. Members of Club 29 will miss him a great deal, as will his many friends and veteran WWII submarine buddies.

## Martha Sanders

Martha Sanders (Fort Walton Beach FL) died on March 3, 2007. Director of Grass Roots Club 131 in Fort Walton Beach, she also co-directed the Emerald Coast Open. She loved the game and the people involved with it, and she gave a lot to cribbage through her club and tournaments. She will be missed by many of us in Florida.

## Ronald Sather

Ronald Sather (Northfield MN) passed away on February 24, 2007, at the age of 68, following lung collapse and congestive heart failure. Ron loved cribbage and received his Master rating a few years ago. He wanted to attend the Reno tournament this year, feeling that it would be his last, but was physically unable to. He was hospitalized the weekend of the Reno tournament.

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## The Race Is On

With four months to go in the 2006–2007 season, here are the top twenty-five MRP leaders for the year (as of 3-10-2007). At season's end, the top ten will receive All American honors.

### rank ♦ MRPs ♦ name (state)

- |     |     |                          |     |     |                           |
|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| 1.  | 990 | Wayne Steinmetz (WI)     | 13. | 550 | Ronald L. Morgan (CA)     |
| 2.  | 854 | James Langley (CA)       | 14. | 535 | Robert Julian (WI)        |
| 3.  | 749 | Herschel Mack (CA)       | 15. | 532 | Mel Ashley (CA)           |
| 4.  | 694 | Todd Malmgren (OR)       | 16. | 521 | Ira T. Deutsch (OR)       |
| 5.  | 685 | Elmer G. Rasmussen (WA)  | 17. | 510 | Douglas I. Henderson (WI) |
| 6.  | 666 | Jason Shumate (NV)       | 18. | 506 | Rollie Heath (OR)         |
| 7.  | 656 | John Furler (OR)         | 19. | 491 | Warren Sondericker (WI)   |
| 8.  | 645 | Chris McComas (WA)       | 20. | 486 | Donald L. Brown (CA)      |
| 9.  | 600 | Michael S. McCammon (NV) | 21. | 478 | DeLynn Colvert (MT)       |
| 10. | 591 | Mike Burns (MN)          | 22. | 477 | Duane W. Toll (OR)        |
| 11. | 589 | Bruce D. Sattler (MD)    | 23. | 463 | Michael M. Rowe (AK)      |
| 12. | 556 | Dan Marsh (OR)           | 24. | 455 | Bob McCabe (WI)           |
|     |     |                          | 25. | 451 | Jeanne Jelke (WA)         |

# HALL of FAME

## *James W. Arblaster*

*by Robert A. Read*

When those ten cribbagephiles met on that now-famous Friday morning breakfast in Raleigh NC in August 1979, Jim Arblaster was present. That day marked the birth of the American Cribbage Congress, but Jim's involvement in organized cribbage goes back much further.

As a 25-year Army veteran, his love for cribbage followed him from base to base. At his last assignment, Ft. Knox KY, he engineered the Ft. Knox Cribbage League. As a Sergeant Major, he put the resources of his office to good use; he developed an unusual and unique type of scoring system for the league and published his newsletter with stats during each season of play. After retirement from the Army, Jim and his wife, Marlyne, settled in Kissimmee FL.

He still had a hunger for organized cribbage. He and a handful of others from the South were charter members of the International Cribbage Association, a California-based organization that started up in 1977. With the ICA failing to make advances into the Midwest and East, **Joe Wergin** called the 1979 organizational meeting, and the rest is history. Jim's dream for "big-time" organized cribbage

had become a reality, and for four years he was the real workhorse of the ACC.

Jim was appointed the first ACC Secretary, and in this all-encompassing job his biggest task was editor of the newsletter. Naming it was easy: since he lived near Walt Disney World, where everything was named "world," he naturally named the publication *Cribbage World*. His computer/printer was an IBM Selectric ball typewriter. He got the first issue off in March 1980; it was free for a couple of months and was available at all the tournaments.

Jim's mission was to convince readers that the newly formed ACC had a product to offer. The dues were cheap, and the major products were tournament sanctioning and recognition of achievers in these tournaments by awarding rating points. Jim was at the forefront in developing guidelines for tournament directors, and he chaired the committee that created the first ACC rating system in 1980, a system that worked well in those early years but had little resemblance to today's system. And by his side was Marlyne; for several days each month she made her contribution by affixing postage stamps and ad-



dress labels to the ever increasing number of newsletters.

Jim added spice to cribbage by recognizing an annual All American Team and helping to create the Hall of Fame in 1982

to honor the superlatives of cribbage. Jim also founded the Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals, a name he patterned after an Army society; donations aided the ACC youth program, and the contributors received official engraved certificates.

As a tournament director, Jim organized his Florida Cribbage Association's (FCA) first tournament, the Florida Open Cribbage Tournament, in the fall of 1979. He added a spring event in 1981. FCA also maintained a seasonal newsletter. Out of the Orlando Elks Cribbage Club he co-founded the Greater Orlando Cribbage Club (now Grass Roots Club 22) in 1985 and published a periodic newsletter.

Thanks to visionaries like Joe Wergin and Jim Arblaster, along with loyal ACC BOD members and dedicated tournament directors and other cribbage enthusiasts across the continent, the American Cribbage Congress is today at the zenith of card-playing organizations.

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Reader contributions are encouraged. Items of interest to Grass Roots players should be sent to Tom at [tomlewis@spinn.net](mailto:tomlewis@spinn.net) or 7916 Eagle Rock Ave NE, Albuquerque NM 87122-2753.

**Rule of the Month: Shuffling and dealing the Cards**—questions have come up about players who refuse to shuffle or deal the cards. All players are required to shuffle and deal the cards during tournament play. Please review Rule 1.5 on pages 6–7 of the August 2004 rule book. The exception, of course, is when a player has a physical problem preventing them from shuffling or dealing.

### GR 29-Hands: 2006–2007 Season

**Name (Club) ♦ Date**

- Norman Vierela (218), 9/25/06
- Jay Sorenson (21), 9/27/06
- Nick Barrett (120), 10/12/06
- Gwellyn Striker (203), 10/18/06
- John Skomro (147), 10/19/06
- Robert Hadley (20), 10/23/06
- Dennis Caprigno (104), 10/24/06
- Joe Ciresi (304), 10/24/06
- Patrick Donahue (288), 11/9/06
- Ronald Reid (257), 11/15/06
- Joe Perron (301), 11/20/06
- Jean Huismann (3), 11/30/06
- Wilma McDonald (109), 12/7/06
- Patti Whiteaker (249), 12/13/06
- Della Walker (203), 1/25/07
- Bill Johnson (159), 2/6/07
- Ray Desmarais (168), 2/27/07
- Doug Hadley (202), 3/5/07

**Changes to Grass Roots Points System**—Effective next season (9/1/07) Grass Roots points will no longer be calculated on the

top 20% plus ties. The method has been simplified: scorecards with 12 game points and above will always get points; 11 GPs and below will not. For the 18-game GRRT and GRNT tournaments, 24s and above will get points, and 23s and below will not. See story on page 16.

**End of the Grass Roots Season**—Club directors and statisticians should take the following actions in April: (1) make sure everyone on your club roster who is listed as a **member** has paid both their ACC and GR fees. If you have players who have earned GR points this season, *they will lose those points if their fees have not been paid by the end of the 2006–2007 GR season.* (2) Do you have players on your roster who have not or will not play by 5/31/2007? If so, bring up that player’s record and click **Remove**. (3) Make sure you have submitted award certifications to your Regional Statistician for all players (members and visitors) who have played in your club and scored a 28- or 29-hand or a Grand Slam scorecard. (4) All GR members who have ACC numbers expiring in April or May *should renew them immediately.* Please don’t wait until the end of May to renew because it will cause your club’s May tournaments



to not be finalized until 3–4 weeks after you mail your ACC renewal in.

**Have Board, Will Travel**—the February 2007 *Cribbage World* carried a story on page 17 about my quest for a 29-shaped cribbage board for a man in Albuquerque. Here's how it turned out: a 29-shaped board was made in China and then shipped to Canada to a retail sales outlet. **Hal Mueller** (Hal's Crib) of Hamilton ON located and purchased the board in Burnaby BC and brought the board to the February 2007 tournament in Reno NV. I brought it back to Albuquerque and provided it to its new owner, who was very happy with the board and the \$8 cost. Does anyone know of a cribbage board that has traveled such a long distance before the packing material was even removed! *this item made possible by Hal Mueller and Tom Lewis*

At the end of January 2007, the skunk can in **Albuquerque's Club 271** reached an all-time high of just over \$300. That did not last long! On February 3rd, **Dale Bivens** scored a grand slam—his first—and took a substantial chunk out of the can! Dale also finished first in a field of thirty-nine players and collected first-place prize money. Dale grew up in Marshalltown IA and at age five or six he'd sit on his mother's lap and move her cribbage pegs around the board thinking he was playing cribbage! *submitted by Dale Bivens and Tom Lewis*

**Club 23 (Denver CO)**—one day after playing in the Colorado Fall Classic last October, **Roger Baxter** was accidentally hit by a semitruck while working for the Colorado Department of Highways on Interstate 70 East of Denver. After spending nearly three months in the hospital and thirteen operations, he was playing cribbage with Club 23 four days after leaving the hospital—and

won second place. It is so good to see him doing well after all he went through. Our hats are off to Roger. Keep up the great pegging. *submitted by Iris Fletcher*

**Club 150: Pacific Coast Peggers (Vista CA)**—in the February 7 Grass Roots tournament an amazing 27 skunks were recorded in nine games—an average of three skunks handed out every game in a group of 24 players. I have been playing Grass Roots cribbage for many years and don't remember that many skunks ever being recorded in one session. To their credit, four guests doled out four skunks that night but received only one. Also that night, **Bob Rebar's** 18/8 +157 scorecard was good for only second place; he lost his grand slam in the last game. The winning card was **Bob Herzog's** 19/8 +187, who lost his first game and went on to win the next eight. January's winner (play one tournament each month) scored with a 14-GP card, and a 14-GP card in February didn't even receive a cash payout! *submitted by Roy Cook*

**Club 168 (East Greenwich RI)**—on February 28 **Ray Desmarais** had his first 29-hand after playing in Grass Roots clubs for many years. Needless to say he was extremely excited. *submitted by Marge Kennedy*

**Club 343 (Elk Grove CA)**—with the Grass Roots season starting into the last trimester, it is still anybody's chance for the second trimester pot. **Joe Remlinger** thought it would be a great night when he had a 28-hand in the first game, but he ended up winning only five games. The club is still growing and we are up to thirteen—not bad for starting on December 5, 2006, with six players. **Ann Springer**, one of our faithful players, fell and broke her shoulder and has missed the last three tournaments. We

miss her smiling face and hope she mends soon. *submitted by Joe Remlinger*

**Club 48 (Mountain View CA)** had two perfect cards on week 21: **R. M. Robson** had a perfectly good night with his grand slam, and **Bob Greneveld** had a perfectly bad night with a string of pearls! Bob said it was the first time he had ever had a string of pearls—that he could remember! But then we all have very short-term memories after getting one of those “gems.” *submitted by Jim Crawford*

**Kissimmee Kribbage Klub 341** found the secret to getting new members—let them win! This newly formed club had their first tournament on December 27, 2006. Of the four guests, **Ben Finazzo** took first place, wife **Phyllis Finazzo** had our club's first 28-hand, and **Jim O'Mara** won the 50/50 draw. They all joined the ACC and GR. There were nineteen players in attendance, including four guests, three visitors, and twelve members transferring from Club 276. Club 341 plays every Wednesday at 12:30p at the Elks Lodge in Kissimmee FL on Kings Highway. Anyone visiting in the area is welcome to join us. *submitted by Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791; nwanke@cfl.rr.com)*

**Club 191 (Oregon City OR)**—**Jim Frazer** is still leading the Canby Die Hards for the year. **Bud Ferrigno** not only scored the first 23-hand for this year but scored two of them February 6, and he scored them each of the two possible ways. **Marian Sandquist** scored the only straight flush we have had this year, also on February 6. **Stan Wilson**, **Kelly Paxton**, and **Sydney Murphy** have each scored a 28-hand for this cribbage year. Our club is continuing to grow because members are spreading the word and more people in this area are get-

ting cribbage fever. Most weeks, over half of our players receive some money because we pay for special hands. With GRRT points, **Donald Smith** moved into first place for the year by one point over **Jim Frazer**. With back-to-back wins, **Dave Imholt** is tied for third with **Kelly Paxton** and gaining rapidly on the leaders. **Bud Ferrigno** had a 29/13 +157 to take top honors in our GRNT. *submitted by Donald Smith*

**Club 329** is a new GR club in Mt. Pleasant MI, starting in September 2006. We have had an exciting year thus far, with thirty members. The first night we played, **David Hoffman** had a grand slam. On October 24 **Steve LoCicero** had a 28-hand, and on January 16, 2007, **Jackie Smith** got another. On February 13 **Wendy Schmidt** had a 28-hand and went on for a grand slam on the same night. This is Wendy's third grand slam in about two years of ACC cribbage play. We play on Tuesday nights at the Chippewa Lanes in Mt. Pleasant. *submitted by Al Scarantino*

**Club 309 (Kelowna BC)** saw an interesting tie for fifth and sixth place on February 21. **Barb Charman** and **Wayne Goreski** ended in a dead heat: 13/6 +57, with identical plus (+124) and minus (-67) points. Arbitrarily, the next tiebreaker was biggest win, and each had one skunk—by an identical 43 points. So, arbitrarily, the next comparison was biggest loss, and Wayne did not have a skunk, but Barb did, so fifth place went to Wayne and sixth to Barb. Can anyone beat that? *submitted by Gerry Klein*

**Boise Peggars** finally has its first 29-hand. **Doug Hadley** (the old guy) held three 5s and the Jack of hearts on March 5, and the cut card was the 5 of hearts. Our club was established in November 1994. We play every week year around and average eighteen

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## February 2007 Wrap-up

**Robert M. Maupin** (*fred451*) extended his first-place lead to 87 points over **Dan Crete** (*creech1*), but he has reached his limit of 100 tournaments. Many players could still claim the crown.

Our Tournament Directors have held 116 tournaments so far this year.

The big news from Reno is that **Scott Buhrow** (*MrB\_IA218*) won the ACC Tournament of Champions (see story in March *Cribbage World*, page 7). Scott received his invitation via the Internet Cribbage Program. Led by **Jennifer Buhrow** (*ACCPrincess*), many Internet players cheered Scott on. Scott also qualified in the ACC Open and reached the playoffs! Two ACC Internet Cribbage Tournament Directors were in attendance: **Gerald Oxford** (*TheOx\_1*) and **Cathy Polmaskitch** (*GEMINI*).

## Screen Names

Some members have still not updated their screen names since the ACC's move to Game Colony for Internet play. Pursuant to the ACC's Rules of Internet Play, Rule 3, players "must be certified by the ACC for Internet play" and "only ACC members certified for Internet play at the time of the tournament will receive IRPs for that tournament." Even if you are using the same screen name that you used at MSN Games, you must reregister and be certified for play at Game Colony using the form found at <http://www.cribbage.org/internet/reg.asp>.

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players per week. This 29-hand was a long time coming: 2,016 weeks x 9 games x 18 players x 10 hands per game = 3,256,920 hands. Wow—once in a lifetime. Doug has been with the club a looong time. *submitted by Don Kunz*

From the morgue of memories at **Club 119** (Marietta GA) comes these card-cut-

ting tales. **Jack Allison** and **Dennis McLean** cut three times to get their game going, two times cutting like cards, 10s and 4s. "Penny ante," director **Dave O'Neil** piped up. "In game five **Terry Slooppe** and I cut 9s, then Queens, then 3s before a fourth cut got our game going." If you think that's rare, on December 26 (in a nonsanctioned postholiday tournament), **Jerry Ellis** and **Allison**

defied all odds. Jack cut a 9, Jerry cut a 9. Rather than reshuffle (nonsanctioned, remember?), Allison cuts the remainder of his cards disclosing another 9. Jerry did the same with his leftover cards turning up (guess what?) the fourth 9! After that display there was talk of them jointly going out and buying a lottery ticket. Meanwhile, **Al Doucet**, sometimes rated high in the club's pecking order, got pecked on to the tune of five skunks out of nine games. That's bad. However, rules were waived that nontournament night regarding the \$1-a-skunk skunk pot, to the effect that the highest negative spread point card would win it. That's good. Al had that in the bag and won all his contributions back plus some. After weathering five skunks, though, he passed on buying the lottery ticket thing. *submitted by Jack Allison (aka the Wrong Jack)*

**Club 345, Mountain View Peggers (Loveland CO)** is off to a roaring start. Having three practice weeks of getting new players

used to a nine-game format was a great idea. Club director **Troy Thorson** reports an average of over thirty people each week with over 80% of these new players becoming members. Club membership has quickly grown to over thirty players, most of which are new to the ACC and organized cribbage. The local newspaper visited, and we were featured in a nice article, which also helped recruit new players (read the article at <http://home.earthlink.net/~darla945/> and click the "News Article" tab). All players of Club 345 would like to give a special thanks to **Jerome Tork, Frank Pacocha, Dwight Van Cleve, and Iris Fuller** for providing boards, pegs, and cards. With the support of these individuals the club was able to get off to a successful start. We would also like to thank Club 211 (Cheyenne WY), which for the first two practice weeks assisted new players with rules and scorecards, answered questions, and promoted the ACC. *submitted by Troy Thorson*

## Cherokee Cribbage

*by Eddie Paul*

I have been a member of the ACC for just a little over a year and joined Mountain Peggers Club 327, located in Sylva NC about fifteen miles from Cherokee. I have been to a few tournaments in North Carolina.

I knew of other tribal members who liked to play cribbage but did not want to travel to Sylva to play. I then got the idea that if the interest is there, I would like to go ahead and start a club here on the reservation. I canvassed some friends and then inquired about a place and what day and time would be best for the majority,

and this is how I got the ball rolling.

Most of the members of Rez Peggers Club 346 are also members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and we are located on the Qualla Boundary, or what is known to others as the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

We started our club on February 5, 2007, and we meet on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We have been averaging about twelve individuals (including guests) for the first month. We are meeting at the Rez Records building, located at 757 Tsali Blvd in Cherokee NC. Please join us.

# Tournament Trail

## UPCOMING SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
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Unless otherwise indicated, all tournaments (a) are round-robin format, (b) include a consolation, and (c) are singles competition. Q pools and side pools are generally available. Details are accurate at time of publication, but check with the tournament director before making travel plans.

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#### March 30–April 1, Roadrunner Classic

Sunland Village Auditorium, 4601 E Dolphin Ave, Mesa AZ 85206. Main \$55. Fri 7pm \$20. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$20. All-Events \$20. Super-Q. Team play. No walk-ins. Perks: coffee, donuts, juice, snacks. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (480.288.9459), 8324 E Sand Wedge Lane, Gold Canyon AZ 85218

#### April 1, New England Spring Fever

VFW Post #1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. No walk-ins. Contact: Holli & Earle Remington (401.333.5946; [sadie\\_crib@msn.com](mailto:sadie_crib@msn.com)), 3748 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland RI 02864

#### April 1, Ye Olde Cribbage Tournament

Cavalier Hall in Twickenham, Middlesex, England. Main £50. Fri £10. Perks: clotted cream, shepherd's pie, serving wenches. Contact: John Suckling ([inventorofcribbidge@cribbidge.org](mailto:inventorofcribbidge@cribbidge.org)), Cavalier Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, England

#### April 6–8, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, Exit 101 on I-90, Missoula MT. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. LC. Team play. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 or Sharon Hetmanek (406.549.2843)

#### April 6–8, Capital City Cribbage

Best Western Kelly Inn–St. Paul, 161 St. Anthony Ave, St. Paul MN 55103. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116), 1132 Greystone Ave N, St. Paul MN 55128 or Diane Waite

#### April 13–15, Western New York Open

Quality Inn, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$45. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.648.4314), 3950 Nottingham Terrace, Hamburg NY 14075 or Jane Cannizzaro

#### April 13–15, Oregon Championship

Prineville Elks, 151 N Main St, Prineville OR 97754. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: cookies by Patti. Contact: Graeme & Patti Gossett (541.416.0921), 15852 SE Yakima St, Prineville OR 97754

#### April 14, IRS Special

AmVets, 37th & Old Seward Highway, Anchorage AK 99501. Main \$38. Perks: lunch. Contact: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234), 3630 Burl Court, Anchorage AK 99504 or Al Kim or Arlene Carle

#### April 21, Tax Relief Tournament

Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley CA 94546. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, fruit. Contact: Bill Wakeman (510.276.1600), 15750 Via Cordoba, San Lorenzo CA 94580 or Mary Herrmann (925.935.3325)

#### April 20–22, Atlanta Classic

Comfort Suites (678.714.7707), 2945 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suwanee GA. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975; [bag01@comcast.net](mailto:bag01@comcast.net)), 111 Wynnes Ridge Circle, Marietta GA 30067 or Valerie Nozick (404.296.4689; [valerie@nozick.com](mailto:valerie@nozick.com)), 1904 Fairway Circle, Atlanta GA 30319

#### April 20–22, Washington State Open

Eagles, 110 S Hill, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60.

Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. All-Events. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

#### **April 20–22, Milwaukee Challenge**

Radisson Hotel, 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. LC. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595), 8102 Legend Drive, Franklin WI 53132

#### **April 21–22, Maine Spring Fling**

Holiday Inn, 81 Riverside St (Exit 48 on I-95), Portland ME 04103. Main \$55. Sat HR 9am \$100. Sat DBL 7pm \$40/team. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.892.3724), 30 River Road, Windham ME 04062 or Elijah White

#### **April 27–29, Winnemucca Spring Tournament**

Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. LC. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 or Sharon Hetmanek (406.549.2843)

#### **April 28, Colonial Cribbage Classic**

Ukrop's Supermarket, 6610 Mooretown Road, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$45. Limited to 64 players. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlow's Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

#### **May 4–6, Oregon Coast Classic**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, donuts. Contact: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 or Bernie Nelson (503.392.3062) or Verne & Jeanette Nielson (503.666.3528)

#### **May 6, Regency Lakes Open**

Regency Lakes Clubhouse, 5201 Regency Lakes Blvd, Coconut Creek FL 33073. Main \$27. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Joe Daesch (954.725.9548), 6508 Flamingo Way, Coconut Creek FL 33073

#### **May 6, Ocean State Classic**

LeFoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$37. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: John Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917 or Mike D'Elena

#### **May 11–13, Carter Classic**

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Highway 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All-Events \$20. Must be 18 or older to play. Perks: breakfast, lunch, casino bonuses. Con-

tact: Dottie Culver (715.276.6578), 17522 Dencur Ct, Townsend WI 54175

#### **May 11–13, Redwood Coast Cribbage Tournament**

Ship Ashore Resort, 12370 Hwy 101 N, Smith River CA 95567. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. All-Events \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Tom Cookman (707.443.1029), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503 or Tom Langford (707.599.6722)

#### **May 12, Channel Islands Open**

Marie Callender's, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, muffins, lunch. Contact: Cy Madrone (805.962.1733), PO Box 40307, Santa Barbara CA 93140 or Mel Kranz (805.642.4932)

#### **May 17–18, Cribbage at Sea**

Caribbean Sea aboard the *Carnival Glory*, departing Port Canaveral FL on May 12. Main \$60. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863; gsumner@gmail.com) & Valerie Sumner (vgsumner@charter.net), 2271 Malvern St #170, Fullerton CA 92833

#### **May 18–20, Diamond Mountain Open**

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Drive, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906; pegpegs@sbcglobal.net), 3420 Woodlake Drive, Lake Almanor CA 96137 or Bruce McGillivray (530.596.6247; bemax@frontiernet.net)

#### **May 18–20, Potawatomi Peggys Pow-Wow**

Waterfront Holiday Inn (800.788.8411; web: higrandhaven.com), 940 Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456. Main \$65. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. LC. Perks: coffee, donuts, Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

#### **May 18–20, North Carolina Open**

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Sat HR 7pm \$60. Sun LC \$15. Perks: lunch, coffee, donuts. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320

#### **May 20, Hawaii Open**

Ed Schweitzer's place (808.262.4731), 357B Kawaiui St, Kailua HI. Main 9:30am \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahee Place, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

#### **May 20, Connecticut Championship**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield

MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Entry deadline: May 15. No walk-ins. Contact: Bill Richmond (860.666.4794), 72 Sunset Road, Newington CT 06111 or Bob FitzGerald or Joan Fletcher

**May 25–27, Greater Spokane Valley Open**

Eagles, 16802 E Sprague, Spokane Valley WA 99037. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR \$50. Fri DBL \$50/team. Sat \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jim & Joyce Keeling (509.926.5831), 526 N Timberlane Rd, Spokane Valley WA 99037 or Jim & Virginia Reilly (509.483.0929)

**May 25–27, Spring U.S. Open**

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$60. Fri 6:30p \$30. Sat 6:30p \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary McFarland

**June 1–3, Mount St. Helens Classic**

American Legion, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.501.6885), 403 Barr Drive, Kelso WA 98626

**June 1–3, That's a Go!**

Columbus Club, 2531 N Richmond St, Appleton WI 54911. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$25. Sat 7:30pm \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Kristina Wright (920.772.4005), PO Box 115, Collins WI 54207

**June 2, Nugget Classic**

Paradise Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Road, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$60. Contact: Jerry Moore (530.877.1477; jeromem605@aol.com), 1473 Patrick Drive, Paradise CA 95969

**June 3, West Massachusetts Classic**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Team play. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Entry deadline: May 30. No walk-ins. Must be 18 or older to play. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693; phiz95@verizon.net), 95 Nutmeg Lane, Williamstown MA 01267 or Isabel Hyndman

**June 8–10, Cascade Classic**

VFW, Veterans Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$50. Fri 3pm. Fri HR. Fri DBL. Sat. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), PO Box 263, Redmond OR 97756 or Margery Clark or Lucille Endicott

**June 9, Orange Crush Classic**

Laguna Woods Village Ch #5, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177),

2184 Via Mariposa E #0, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983)

**June 10, pH Factor Open**

Fratone's Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901), 12132 Roseton Ave, Norwalk CA 90650 or Harold Hilbert (714.397.3222)

**June 15–17, Capital City Classic**

Best Western North, 5055 Merle Hay Road, Johnston IA 50131. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All-Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch, spin-the-wheel. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

**June 15–17, Alberta Open**

Continental Inn, 16625 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton AB T5B 4A8. Main \$53. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Harold & Marion Buckley (780.962.5083), 52526 Range Rd 270, Spruce Grove AB T7X 3M2 or Leonard Baron (780.484.6466)

**June 16, Summer U.S. Open**

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary McFarland

**June 22–24, Medford Lions Tale**

South Oregon Lions Center, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:45pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All-Events \$15. Limited to first 84 players (walk-ins should call ahead). Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Road, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Julie Felkins (530.669.6772)

**June 22–24, Schaefer Shuffle**

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Al & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Lane, Jackson WI 53037

**June 23–24, Fayetteville Summer Slam**

82nd Airborne Division Club, 606 Johnson St, Fayetteville NC 28306. Main \$60. Sat 7p \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Todd Champagne (910.578.1305), 3104 Fernfield Rd, Fayetteville NC 28306 or Aaron Geroux

**June 24, Hawaii Open**

Ed Schweitzer's place (808.262.4731), 357B Kawaiui St, Kailua HI. Main 9:30am \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400),

99-553 Kaulainahoe Place, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

#### **June 30, Truckee River Classic**

North Lake Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd, Highway 28, Kings Beach CA 96143. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, fruit, pastries. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.587.7339), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160 or Ron Morgan (530.993.4275), PO Box 80, Loyalton CA 96118

#### **July 1, Baltimore Summer Special**

Golden Dragon Inn, 8109 Liberty Rd, Randallstown MD 21207. Main \$60. Sat \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bruce Sattler (410.922.7800; b.sattler@verizon.net), 3732 Foxford Stream Rd, Baltimore MD 21236

#### **July 3-5, Topaz Lodge Open**

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Highway 395, Gardnerville NV 89412. Main \$50. Tue 3pm \$10. Tue HR 6:30pm \$50. Tue 7pm \$20. All-Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: A. J. Tasker (725.829.1474), 90 Cercle De La Ceresse, Sparks NV 89439 or Les Sumner (775.342.2532) or Valerie Sumner

#### **July 6-8, Independence Day Classic**

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Main \$52. Fri \$35. Sun special \$20. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons (775.358.4916), 333 K St, Sparks NV 89431 or Roberta Huff

#### **July 8, Dennis Cousens Memorial**

Verillo's Conference Center, 155 Riverside St., Portland ME 04103. Main \$55. Sat HR 9am \$100. Sat DBL \$40/team. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001), 89 Sam Moore Rd, Woolwich ME 04579 or David Campbell

#### **July 11-12, Canadian Midsummer Midweek**

Rosslyn Inn (780.476.6241), 13620 97th St NW, Edmonton AB. Main \$45. Wed 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Audrey Hatto (780.641.5166), 3246-10770 Winterburn Rd, Edmonton AB or Evelyn Osaka (780.457.6067)

#### **July 13-15, Lewis & Clark Classic**

Grandpa's Garage, 31846 65th Ave Way, Cannon Falls MN 55009. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All-Events \$20. Contact: Scott Kooistra (402.873.3348), 814 Central Ave, Nebraska City NE 68410

#### **July 13-15, Canadian Midsummer Classic**

Sands Hotel (888.444.3402), 12340 Fort Road NW, Edmonton AB. Main \$55. Fri 3p \$10. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Fri HR 7p \$40. Sat 7p \$20. Sun LC 2p \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Dwayne Pankiw (780.475.5990), 81 Ozerna Road NW, Edmonton AB T5Z 2Y5 or Gary Wirth

#### **July 15, Western Washington Limited**

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Road, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Dennis Misenar (360.710.8912), 50 NW Sandy Ct, Bremerton WA 98311 or Larry West

#### **July 20-22, Devil Mountain Caper**

Antioch Senior Center, 415 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$65. Fri 7pm \$25. Sat 7pm \$25. Perks: cont. breakfast, lunch. Contact: Mary Gladish (925.798.0329), 833 Blarney Ave, Concord CA 94518 or Bob Clark or Anne Sheeran

#### **July 20-23, National Open Cribbage Tournament**

North Raleigh Hilton, 3514 Old Wake Forest Road, Raleigh NC. Main \$70. Fri 7:15pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$30. Sun 3pm \$30. Mon 8:30am \$30. Mon HR 1pm \$100. Double-elimination match-play. Perks: coffee, lunch. Entry deadline: July 13. No walk-ins. Muggins. Contact: Catherine & Russ Perkins (919.837.5790; cathyp@cheerful.com), PO Box 171, Bear Creek NC 27207 or Henry Douglas or Jerry Gooden

#### **July 22, Hawaii Open**

Ed Schweitzer's place (808.262.4731), 357B Kawaiinui St, Kailua HI. Main 9:30am \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Place, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

#### **July 27-29, Granite City Classic**

American Legion, 1309 Lincoln Ave SE, St. Cloud MN 56304. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. All-Events. Contact: Michael Burns (320.252.5329), 1212 Washington Memorial Drive, St. Cloud MN 56301 or Bob Joslin

#### **July 27-29, Portland Open**

Vancouver Elks BPOE 823, 11605 SE McGillivray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. All-Events \$20. LC \$10. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th PI #7, Portland OR 97202 or Ken Julkowski

#### **July 29, Year End Cribbage Tournament**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Team play. Entry deadline: July 25. No walk-ins. Must be 18 or older to play. Contact: Isabel Hyndman (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Lane, Williamstown MA 01267 or Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693; phiz95@verizon.net)

#### **August 3-5, Summer Classic**

Sunnyside Eagles, 101 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. All-Events. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: James & Cher Morrow



(509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

### **August 3–5, Cowboy Country Open**

American Legion Post 6, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, tea, donuts, cookies, lunch. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.634.2061), 3019 Homestead Ave, Cheyenne WY 82001

### **August 3–5, Shut Up and Deal**

Location TBA, Milpitas/Fremont CA area. Main \$65. Fri 7p \$20. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Sat HR \$50. All-Events \$20. Perks: snacks, lunch. Contact: Ray Mink (510.791.5347), 37981 Lavender Common, Fremont CA 94536

### **August 10–12, Humboldt Bay Classic**

Mad River Rapids RV Rec Room, 3501 Janes Road, Arcata CA 95521. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. All-Events. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Road, Mckinleyville CA 95519 or Barrett Mace (707.445.0703) or Julie Felkins

### **August 17–19, Garden State Open**

Piscataway Radisson, 21 Kingsbridge Road, Piscataway NJ 08854. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$30. Sat HR 7:30pm \$75. Team play \$30. Perks: breakfast, lunch. Contact: Cate Campbell (732.271.5669), 5 Birch Terrace, Somerset NJ 08873 or Malcolm Enos (201.440.5577); website: [njcribbage.com](http://njcribbage.com)

### **August 18, Roseville Summer Sizzler**

Roseville Elks Lodge, 3000 Brady Ln, Roseville CA 95678. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Walberg (530.990.7054), 333 Cirby Way #9, Roseville CA 95678 or Ron Morgan (530.251.6389)

### **August 24–26, Madison Masters**

Howard Johnson, 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Sat HR 7pm \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Mike Blackburn (608.577.3940), W9595 County C, Cambridge WI 53523

### **August 25, Richmond Classic**

Nottoway Restaurant, 20316 Boydton Plank Road, Warfield VA 23889. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476) or Janet Meinert

### **August 26, Hawaii Open**

Ed Schweitzer's place (808.262.4731), 357B Kawaiinui St, Kailua HI. Main 9:30am \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400),

99-553 Kaulainaahe Place, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

### **August 28, Why Not**

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary McFarland

### **August 31–September 2, Mount Rainier Open**

Tacoma Elks, 1965 S Union, Tacoma WA 98405. Main \$55. Fri 3pm \$15. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm, \$50/team. Sat. Perks: coffee, cookies, lunch. Contact: Jim Hornbacher (253.770.3213), 17509 90th Ave Court E, Puyallup WA 98375 or Hal Lamon (253.839.1940)

### **September 7–9, St. Louis Gateway Classic**

Comfort Inn, 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$25. Perks: coffee. Contact: Floyd Vincent (636.456.9809), 20101 Southwood Estates Rd, Warrenton MO 63383 or Dave Carey (217.563.7190)

### **September 9, Daniel Webster Open**

Nashua Elks Lodge #720, 120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$52. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Entry deadline: September 1. Contact: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633), 1466 Battle St, Webster NH 03302

### **September 21–23, Carter Classic**

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Highway 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All-Events \$20. Must be 18 or older to play. Perks: breakfast, lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.276.6578), 17522 Dencur Ct, Townsend WI 54175

### **September 26–27, Midweek Maine Event**

Holiday Inn (207.774.5601), Exit 48, Portland ME 04101. Main \$60. Wed DBL 7pm \$40/team. Thurs 7:30pm Grass Roots Club 214 \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jerry & Laurie Hardy (207.729.0281), 22 Danielle Dr, Topsham ME 04082 or Bill Meideros

### **September 28–30, Grand National 26**

Verillo's Conference Center, 155 Riverside St., Portland ME 04103. Main \$60. Fri 1pm \$20. Fri HR 7:30pm \$60. Fri DBL 7:30pm \$40/team. Sat 7:30pm \$30. Sun LC 1:30pm \$20. Sat 6pm awards banquet \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: David Campbell (207.793.4377; [gnmaine2007@aol.com](mailto:gnmaine2007@aol.com)), 1321 North Rd, Parsonsfield ME 04047 or Charlie Finley or Phyllis Schmidt; website: [gnmaine2007.com](http://gnmaine2007.com)

**October 5, Feather River Open**

Eagles, Myers & Montgomery, Oroville CA 95966. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tom & Vaida Stevens (530.589.2192), 1130 Mount Ida Road, Oroville CA 95961

**October 6, Schaefer Shuffle One-Day**

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Al & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Lane, Jackson WI 53037

**October 7, Moose's WB Classic**

KC Hall, 3245 Lighthouse Lane, West Bend WI 53090. Main \$45. Perks: lunch. Contact: Gene "Moose" Biegler (262.334.2980), 1602 Harrison St, West Bend WI 53090 or Richard Frost

**October 7, Western Washington Limited**

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Road, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Dennis Misenar (360.710.8912), 50 NW Sandy Ct, Bremerton WA 98311 or Larry West

**October 7, New Hampshire Open**

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Blvd, Nashua NH 03062. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Al Miller (603.882.7204), 12 Michael Ave, Nashua NH 03062

**October 7, Regency Lakes Open**

Regency Lakes Clubhouse, 5201 Regency Lakes Blvd, Coconut Creek FL 33073. Main \$27. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Joe Daesch (954.725.9548; joegina365@comcast.net), 6508 Flamingo Way, Coconut Creek FL 33073

**October 12-14, Capital City Classic**

Best Western North, 5055 Merle Hay Road, Johnston IA 50131. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All-Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch, spin-the-wheel. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

**October 12-14, Crescent City Open**

Del Norte County Fairgrounds, 421 Highway 101 N, Crescent City CA 95531. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Jerry Cutsforth (707.464.2808), 3555 Movie Ln, Crescent City CA 95531 or Vernon Ward (707.464.4510)

**October 14, October Occurrence**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693; phiz95@verizon.net), 95 Nutmeg Lane, Williamstown MA 01267 or Isabel Hyndman

**October 19-21, Wisconsin Rapids Open**

Hotel Mead, 451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494. Main \$60. Fri \$25 or \$50. Sat \$25 or \$50. LC. Perks: lunch. Contact: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

**October 20, P&G Open**

Fratone's Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pamela Pomeroy (562.929.2901), 12132 Roseton Ave, Norwalk CA 90650 or Gary Sumner (714.773.5567)

**October 21, Fall U.S. Open**

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary McFarland

**October 21, Nutmeg Open**

Moose Club, 404 Prospect St, East Hartford CT 06109. Main \$50. Contact: Joan Fletcher (860.519.5467), 7 Navaho Rd, East Hartford CT or Judy Finley

**October 26-28, North Pole Open**

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Drive, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All-Events. Perks: coffee, breakfast. Contact: Jeanne & Roger Wauters (920.863.3703), 4753 Denmark Road, Denmark WI 54208

**October 26-28, Salem Classic**

Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Ct NE, Salem OR 97301. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 6:30pm \$20. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$40. Limited to 120 players; no Sat. walk-ins. Perks: coffee, tea. Contact: Phyllis Roderick (503.981.1004), 612 N Cascade Dr #24, Woodburn OR 77071 or Ratso

**October 26-28, Niagara Falls Open**

Quality Motel, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$45. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.649.3462), 76 Raymond St, Hamburg NY 14075 or Jane Cannizzaro

**October 27, Fallbrook Avocado**

Fallbrook Senior Center, 399 Heald Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028. Main \$50. Fri 1:15p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, avocados. Limited to first 80 players. Contact: Obie Weeks (760.723.3660; nccribbage@aol.com), 3354 Hillside Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028 or Mike Duffy (760.723.8420)

**November 2-4, Sunshine State Classic**

Best Western, 2145 E Highway 192, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri 1pm \$10. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat

visit [www.cribbage.org](http://www.cribbage.org) for more tournament details

7:30pm \$20. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (727.492.0344; rwanke@cfl.rr.com), 1983 Boggy Creek Road #A-18, Kissimmee FL 34744

#### **November 2-4, Illinois Open**

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Highway (Route 14), Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Marvin Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Court, Woodstock IL 60098 or Dave Drew

#### **November 3, San Jose Fall Classic**

San Jose Masonic Temple, 2500 Masonic Dr, San Jose CA 95125-2098. Perks: coffee, bagels, box lunch. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2020), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571 or Jim Crawford (408.656.7841)

#### **November 4, Western Massachusetts**

##### **Cribbage Classic**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: George Bickford (413.733.9288), 89 Clayton Dr, West Springfield MA 01089 or Charlie Finley (860.745.1143), 16 Carol St, Enfield CT 06082

#### **November 9-11, Michigan Tournament of Diamonds**

Comfort Inn, 1675 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49444. Main \$70. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), 9545 28th St SE, Ada MI 49301-9274

#### **November 9-11, Veteran's Day Classic**

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Main \$52. Fri DBL \$50/team. Sun special \$20. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons (775.358.4916), 333 K St, Sparks NV 89431 or Roberta Huff

#### **November 13-15, Topaz Lodge Open**

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Highway 395, Gardnerville NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 3pm \$10. Tue HR 6:30pm \$50. Tue 7pm \$20. All-Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89439 or A. J. Tasker or Les Sumner

#### **November 16-18, Minnesota Open**

Grandpa's Garage, 31846 65th Ave Way, Cannon Falls MN 55009. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. All-Events.

Perks: lunch. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55417 or Al Booth (763.783.7042)

#### **November 16-18, Longest Beach Classic**

Chautauqua Lodge (800.869.8401), 304 N 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. Main \$60. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$25. Perks: coffee, snacks, lunch. Contact: Rosemary Hendricks (360.273.7151), 19202 Old Highway 99 SW, Rochester WA 98579 or Sharon Hetmanek (406.549.2843)

#### **November 30-December 2, Greater Orlando Open**

Hampton Inn, 151 N Douglas Ave, Altamonte Springs FL 32714. Main \$55. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: David Fournier (407.695.1902), 808 Osceola Trail, Casselberry FL 32707

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#### **January 4-5, Peg for the Border**

La Mesa Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91944. Main \$65. Fri DBL 7p \$70/team. Sat 7p \$35. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Shelley & Roz Berman (619.444.7655 or 619.440.9474), 126 Rea Ave, El Cajon CA 92020

#### **January 11-13, Washington State Championships**

Moose Lodge 1109, 1900 Grand Ave, Centralia WA 98531. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$10. Sun LC 2pm \$10. Perks: lunch. Contact: Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen (360.262.9755), PO Box 161, Napavine WA 98565 or Gary Rasmussen

#### **January 25-27, Northern California Open**

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Ranchera Rd, Redding CA 96001. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Contact: Anna Dunn (530.549.3154), 21518 Privet Dr, Redding CA 96003 or Jim Langley

#### **March 7-9, Illinois Open**

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 8p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marvin Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Ct, Woodstock IL 60099 or Dave Drew

***Requests to hold a sanctioned tournament should be directed to the appropriate regional commissioner.***

***See contact info on page 37.***

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## Years Ago in the ACC

The ACC's Booster Club program was the subject of a lament on the front page of the April 1982 issue of *Cribbage World*. The \$3,000 goal was not even 10% filled, and the unsigned writer (probably **Jim Arblaster**) bemoaned the lack of contributions.

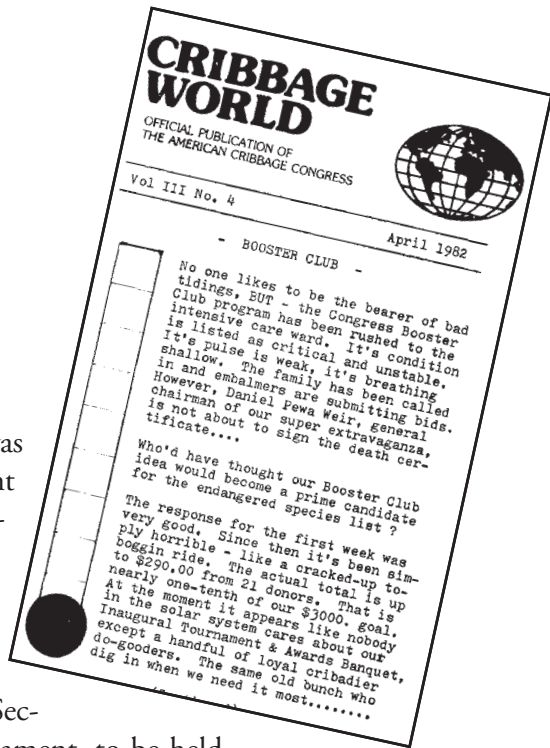
Plans were well underway for the Second Annual National Junior Tournament, to be held in Jamaica Plain MA. The entire tournament—including twenty-one trophies and all the food—would be paid for by ACC member donations.

A blue insert contained a petition for members to obtain signatures in support of a cribbage stamp. Mr. "Think Big," **Joe Wergin**, set a goal of one million signatures to be collected by June 1, 1982. Stay tuned to future editions of this column to see how many signatures were obtained.

Pages 9–10 reported recent tournament wins by **Eleanor Leander** (Mansfield Senior Citizens Tournament), **Joseph DeAngelo** (Western New York Open), **Bob Radeke** (East Tennessee Open), **Bob Cashion** (Sontag Classic), **Jerry Siefkens** (Great Plains Classic), and **Bill Carder** (Doc Matthews Classic).

The back page reported that Wisconsin was the #1 state in the ACC, with more than twice the members (385) of second-place Massachusetts. Rounding out the top five were Minnesota, Florida, and California. In 1982 Racine WI captured the top spot among cities (97 members), with Lincoln NE at #2, followed by Saint Paul MN, Milwaukee WI, and Dedham MA. Today's top five states and cities look like this:

1,320	California	77	Chico CA
600	Oregon	62	Green Bay WI
569	Washington	59	Albuquerque NM
554	Wisconsin	58	Portland OR
396	Massachusetts	49	Edmonton AB



# Tournament Results

## Get Ready for Reno

Anchorage AK (Jan. 2, 2007)  
 Director: Darlene Stier (No Consolation)

*Main Tournament: 25 Players*

High Qualifier: Judy Burke (AK)	50
1. Stephen Yates (AK)	70
2. Quasar Johnson (AK)	42
3. Don Captain (AK)	21
Judy Burke (AK)	21

## Consolation Tournament: 26 Players

High Qualifier: Audrey Hatto (AB)	15
1. Terry Hatto (AB)	40
2. Audrey Hatto (AB)	24
3. Gary Wirth (AB)	12
Dwayne Pankiw (AB)	12

## Pacific Coast Championship

San Joaquin CA (Jan. 20–21, 2007)  
 Director: David Shifflett

*Main Tournament: 76 Players*

High Qualifier: Jim Crawford (CA)	55
1. Richard E. Price (CA)	147
2. Barbara Stockham (CA)	105
3. Ronald L. Morgan (CA)	70
James Langley (CA)	70

*Consolation Tournament: 40 Players*

High Qualifier: Stan Katzman (CA)	18
1. H. Ross Njaa (CA)	60
2. Arne Lillimagi (CA)	40
3. Stan Katzman (CA)	24
Jim Crawford (CA)	24

## JPW/ACC Open

Reno NV (Feb. 10–11, 2007)  
 Directors: Scott Kooistra, Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer

*Main Tournament: 964 Players*

High Qualifier: Wayne Steinmetz (WI)	65
1. Rollie Heath (OR)	315
2. Henry Douglass (NC)	252
3. Ellen Lauer (ID)	196
Robert L. Gillette (CA)	196
5. Wayne Steinmetz (WI)	147
Clay Collier (NE)	147
Brad Behm (WI)	147
Michael S. McCammon (NV)	147
9. Duaine Jacob (WI)	105
Carmen Lanegan (OR)	105
Galen McKie (CA)	105
Michael M. Rowe (AK)	105
Tony Montooth (CA)	105
Donna Lafleur (CT)	105
Harold Buckley (AB)	105
Steve Ihrig (OR)	105

## Hawaii Open

Kaliua HI (Jan. 28, 2007)  
 Director: Tsarkie (No Consolation)

*Main Tournament: 17 Players*

High Qualifier: Edward Schweitz (HI)	30
1. Roy Wong (HI)	70
2. Mel Vios (HI)	42
3. Charles Rodgers (HI)	21
Edward Schweitz (HI)	21

## Consolation Tournament: 748 Players

High Qualifier: Bernie Nelson (OR)	27
1. Doris Sanders (AB)	180
2. Fred L. White (HI)	144
3. Ray Hansen (IA)	112
Peter A. Jackson (CA)	112
5. Kenneth Roberts (MA)	84
Mark Breneman (MN)	84
Dave Yaeger (MO)	84
Susan A. Sirianni (CA)	84
9. Vickie Lindner (WI)	60
Bill Christofferson (CO)	60
Gerald Klein (BC)	60
Roger P. Wauters (WI)	60
Donald L. Brown (CA)	60
David D. Braach (MT)	60
Mike McDaniel (OR)	60
Duane W. Toll (OR)	60

## North California Open

Redding CA (Jan. 27–28, 2007)  
 Director: Anna Dunn

*Main Tournament: 120 Players*

High Qualifier: Todd Malmgren (OR)	45
1. John Gray (CA)	147
2. Todd Malmgren (OR)	105
3. Rosemary Hendricks (WA)	70
Jeanne Jelke (WA)	70

*Consolation Tournament: 74 Players*

High Qualifier: Gordon Brown (CA)	18
1. Lisa M. Spellenberg (CA)	84
2. Larry Williams (CA)	60
3. Jennifer Bolles (CA)	40
Tom Cookman (CA)	40

## Illinois Open

Crystal Lake IL (Mar. 3–4, 2007)  
 Directors: Marvin Lang, Dave Drew

*Main Tournament: 97 Players*

High Qualifier: Cyril Schmidt (WI)	55
1. Tom Edwards (IL)	147
2. Gerald Gruber (MN)	105
3. Brad Behm (WI)	70
Wayne Steinmetz (WI)	70

*Consolation Tournament: 63 Players*

High Qualifier: Pete Severson (MN)	21
1. Robert Julian (WI)	60
2. Bob McCabe (WI)	40
3. Martha Fingleton (WI)	24
Michael Grage (IL)	24

## Edmonton Sweetheart Open

Edmonton AB (Feb. 3, 2007)  
 Director: Doris Sanders

*Main Tournament: 33 Players*

High Qualifier: Terry Mandziuk (AB)	45
1. Jack Wifladt (AB)	105
2. Anton Ficko (AB)	70
3. Evelyn Osaka (AB)	42
Terry Mandziuk (AB)	42

**Demise of the Ka'ais**—Father and daughter **Artland & Leeann Ka'ai** (Costa Mesa CA) were knocked out of the Reno consolation playoffs in consecutive matches by the same person—who cut the case Queen against Artland and the case King against Leeann. It was the final and deciding game in each match, and each time their opponent needed twelve holes, held three matching picture cards, and cut the fourth card to evict them. Upon seeing the cut against her, Leeann's comment was unprintable!

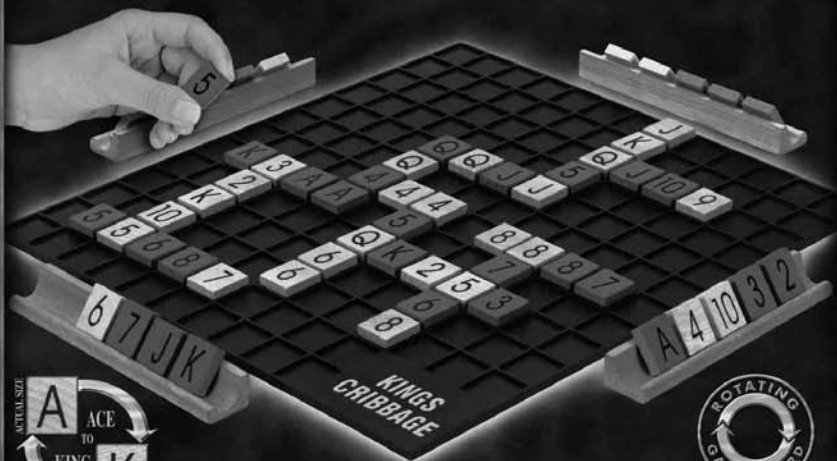
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# MRP Reduction Program

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By unanimous vote of the ACC's Board of Directors at their semiannual meeting in Reno NV in February, all Master Rating Points (MRPs) will be reset to zero as of August 1, 2007. MRPs will continue to accumulate throughout the remainder of the current cribbage year, but at the stroke of midnight on July 31, 2007, all MRPs will be erased from the record books, and all ACC members will be on equal footing.

While the MRP program has been modified several times during the 28-year history of the ACC, this is the most drastic revision to date. In a news release dated 4-1-07, ACC President **Alan Lindner** (WI) indicated that the unprecedented move was undertaken in the spirit of fair play and true gamesmanship. Said Lindner: "The ACC is all about having fun, and right now the only people having fun are DeLynn Colvert and Duane Toll."

In recent years, the disparity between the MRP leader—Life Master (★★★★) **DeLynn Colvert** (MT), who currently has 28,902 MRPs—and the lowest ranked players has grown to a deep chasm. This move will reestablish parity in the ACC and give hope to thousands of ACC members not named DeLynn.

The second-place MRP holder, Life Master (★★★) **Duane Toll** (OR), was ecstatic when he heard the news about the MRP diet plan. He said: "Now I'll have a chance to catch DeLynn while he's still alive." Colvert responded: "Just let him try!"

Elsewhere in the ACC, both the organization's statistician **Bob McCabe** (WI) and webmaster **Diane Waite** (MN) went on record in support of the new MRP program, as it will greatly reduce their workload for the next few years. In addition, *Cribbage World* Editor **David Aiken** (MI) reports that this measure will save up to 1,500 keystrokes in each monthly issue by not having to type all those parenthetical stars after DeLynn's (★★★★) and Duane's (★★★) names. At the current rate of 0.01¢ per star, this means that the ACC will save approximately \$4.01 annually.

This ACC innovation is already reverberating throughout the world of sports and games. The PGA has created an internal committee to investigate whether a similar program would benefit the millions of golfers not named Tiger. Other sports organizations are also reportedly considering similar parity programs, but no further details were available at press time.

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