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Four months to go in cribbage year

All American Preview

With the 2007–2008 season two-thirds over, Grand Master Erik Royland Locke (Portland OR) seems to have a hammer lock on the national championship. Winner of five tournaments this year, Erik has racked up an impressive 1,707 MRPs. He has a good shot at breaking the record of 2,477 MRPs set by Life Master (★★★) Duane Toll (Sutherlin OR) in 2005–2006. The only question now is, will he exceed the 3,000-MRP mark?

Here are the top twenty in national standings (as of March 11). At the close of the cribbage year on July 31, the top ten will receive All American honors.

- 1 1707 Erik Royland Locke (Portland OR)
- 2 1190 Roland A. Hall (Napa CA)
- 3 913 Phyllis Schmidt (Williamstown MA)
- 4 885 Mel Ashley (Marina CA)
- 5 877 DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT)
- 6 847 Ronald L. Morgan (Loyalton CA)
- 7 786 Brad Behm (Appleton WI)
- 8 766 Jim Crawford (Mountain View CA)
- 9 751 Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)
- 10 694 Jeanne Jelke (Pasco WA)
- 11 649 Duane W. Toll (Sutherlin OR)
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- 13 624 Leslie G. Sumner (Sparks NV)
- 13 624 Tony Danihel (Brookfield WI)
- 15 611 Wayne Steinmetz (Milwaukee WI)
- 16 596 Bob Bartosh (Sacramento CA)
- 17 578 James A. Clark (Livermore CA)
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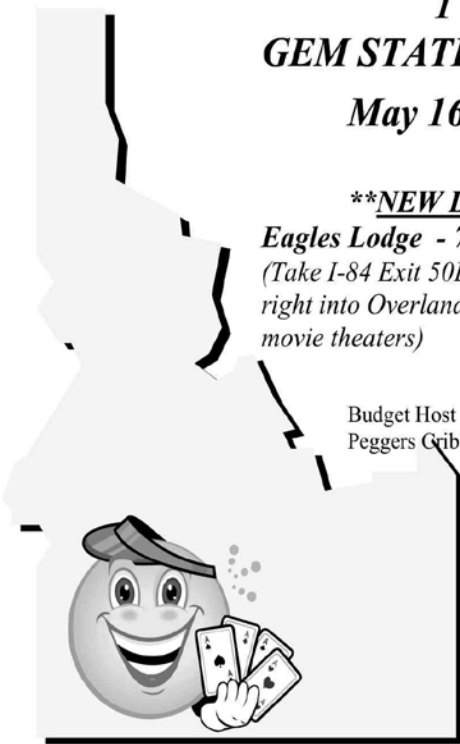
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My Deal

by David Aiken



I love numbers and statistics, as a casual perusal of almost any *Cribbage World* issue shows. Numbers reveal trends (where the market is heading or who's been hot lately) and provide a reason for behavior (why you should wear your seat belt or throw 2-3 into your own crib).

But stats—numbers—are meaningless without context. Knowing, for example, that a creek has an average depth of six inches provides little comfort when you're going down for the third time.

And what might a particular stat *not* be telling you? Aaron Levenstein, longtime business professor at Baruch College, perhaps said it best: "Statistics are like bikinis. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital."

Stats can also be absurd—to the extent of "so what? who cares?"—as illustrated in humorist Des McHale's quirky observation: "The average human has one breast and one testicle."

Finally, stats are only as reliable as their source (remember the old joke: 72% of all statistics are made up on the spot).

With these caveats in place, let me introduce—and provide the rationale for—this issue's "Stat of the Month," which lists the MRPs, GRPs, and IRPs earned by each current BOD member on page 13 below.

Since they were extracted from the official ACC database, I can assure you that these stats are reliable (MRPs and IRPs were verified at cribbage.org; GRPs at accgrassroots.org). And while some of you may rightly find them meaningless, I

can equally assure you that these stats do not tell everything about these twenty-five individuals.

No person can be summed up in a number (the view of the Social Security Administration notwithstanding). The value of each human is more than a line of digits in a ledger.

So why, then, are these numbers important? In one sense, of course, they aren't. Compared to the important things in life—family, friends, flossing daily—they're just an interesting (or boring) component of a game. But they do show trends or emphases.

Like our membership at large, some BOD members play in only weekend tournaments, while others focus on Grass Roots or internet play. But just as it takes three flavors to make Neapolitan ice cream, so it takes people with diverse interests and abilities to make the BOD—and the ACC itself—a vital organization.

One reason that sports radio is so popular is that sports statistics provide fodder for endless discussion and arguments. I therefore present these stats this month just because they caught my eye. They're intriguing and give us food for thought. So glance them over, start a friendly argument with your buddy about what they mean, and see where you fit into the mix.



My thanks to Dan Barlow, Jeff Shimp, Jeff Gardner, Joe Seidl, and Jamie Richardson for help with this issue.

Your Deal



Letters to CW will be printed on a space-available basis and may be edited for clarity and length (150 words maximum). Send letters to **cribbage@iserv.net** or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313. Please include your name, city, and state.

First Deal

Since there is an advantage to deal first in a game, alternate deal is used in many tournaments (including the TOC), so that this advantage is equally and fairly distributed. I have suggested to BOD member David Campbell that in playoffs the right of first deal should not be decided by chance, but by the relative standings in the qualifying round. In each round the player with the higher standing would be the dealer of the first game (with the possible exception of the final round). This procedure has a precedent in just about any sport where playoffs occur—baseball, basketball, football, and so on. The home field advantage goes to the team with the best record in the regular season. They earned it, they deserved it. Let it be so in cribbage.

Hal Mueller (Hamilton ON)

Tournament Etiquette

In a recent tournament, I pegged backward. Neither my opponent nor myself was aware of it. However, a player next to my opponent pointed it out, but only to him. I thought this was uncalled for, as it was not his game and no need for a ruling. What annoyed me is that this person is an accomplished player and a judge. I thought that commenting on another game in progress is a no-no. I enjoy the tournaments and am a life member of ACC, having joined in the late 1980s.

Lorraine Stickney (Santa Rosa CA)

Selling Etiquette

At the Grand National in September 2007 in Portland ME, an individual took orders for T-shirts and other items, but provided no receipts and subsequently failed to produce the items ordered. He has been suspended indefinitely from the ACC, but those of us who ordered items from him have been cheated. If you ordered anything from a vendor at the Grand National but never received the merchandise, please contact us at jjelke@clearwire.net or joneshom@att.net. We would like to know how many cribbage players were deceived.

Jeanne Jelke (Pasco WA)

Jones Hom (Fairfield CA)

Support for Troops

Editor's note: the following letter was received by Peggy Scalley, who coordinated the ACC's drive to give cribbage boards to active troops.

The soldiers of the Nevada National Guard would like to thank you very much for your support of us all in uniform. It was very nice of your group to think of us fighting the war on terrorism. I am sure all of the soldiers will enjoy these boards while trying to pass their time when they are off duty and thinking of home. Our citizens at home thinking of us in foreign lands really helps our morale. Again, thank you very much. Some of your boards were also given to the Veterans Guest House

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Portland Open (Portland OR; Jan. 19–20)	Ken & Tim Julkowski	130 players HQ. Willie Evans (80) 1. Erik Royland Locke (196) 2. Rosemary Hendricks (147) 3. Paul Roy (105) 3. Frank Ornie (105) 5. Willie Evans (70) 5. Mike Freeland (70) 5. David Imholt (70) 5. Richard Pierce Jr. (70)	90 players HQ. Rick Baird (27) 1. Paul Hirschmann (84) 2. Elmer Rasmussen (60) 3. George Mackie (40) 3. Pete Larsen (40)	29-hands Bernie Nelson 28-hands Karen Ferraro Jerry Oxford Jack Moritzky* Todd Malmgren* Rich Anderson* John Hallock*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Gary Pinkley <i>High Rollers:</i> DeLynn Colvert <i>Doubles:</i> Jackie Wodjenski & Paul Roy <i>Saturday:</i> Mills Brubaker <i>Cry Baby:</i> Cathy Carter <i>Super-Q:</i> Erik Royland Locke <i>Team:</i> Clair Morse, Willie Evans, Bill Hill, Lea Hornbeck, Elmer Rasmussen <i>All Events:</i> Chris McComas
Canadian New Year (Edmonton AB; Jan. 20)	Dwayne Pankiw	22 players HQ. Herbert Lee (20) 1. Herbert Lee (70) 2. Lorne Tanton (42)	17 players HQ. Audrey Hatto (18) 1. Keith Gillies (40) 2. Gordon J. Armstrong (24)		
Pacific Coast Championship (Salinas CA; Jan. 18–20)	David Shifflett	70 players HQ. Stan Billingsley (60) 1. Mel Ashley (147) 2. Peggy Walberg (105) 3. Boyd R. McDonald (70) 3. Rodney Rideau (70)	44 players HQ. Ervin C. Bentz (18) 1. Leslie G. Sumner (60) 2. Ervin C. Bentz (40) 3. Mike Beauvais (24) 3. Amelee Killion (24)	28-hands Jim McKnight*	<i>Friday:</i> Richard Wardenburg <i>Saturday:</i> Charlie Dunn <i>All Events:</i> Peggy Walberg
Fallbrook Avocado (Fallbrook CA; Jan. 26)	Obie Weeks	62 players HQ. Jerry Person (40) 1. Andrea Witkin (105) 2. Julien Pomerleau (70) 3. Ray Lanoue (42) 3. Obie Weeks (42)	37 players HQ. Darlene Carr (15) 1. Norman Nikodym (60) 2. Donald L. Brown (40) 3. Carol A. Williams (24) 3. Kenneth A. Slama (24)		
Northern California Open (Redding CA; Jan. 25–27)	Anna Dunn	107 players HQ. Duane W. Toll (50) 1. Jeanne Jelke (147) 2. Ronald L. Morgan (105) 3. Don Dolezal (70) 3. Harold Sontag (70)	70 players HQ. Tom Langford (21) 1. Leslie G. Sumner (84) 2. Robin Payne (60) 3. Angelo Vitale (40) 3. Charles J. Dunn (40)		<i>High Rollers:</i> Ron Holub <i>Early Bird:</i> Mike McCammon <i>Doubles:</i> Tamara Langford & Lavonne Cookman <i>Saturday:</i> Elmer Rasmussen

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; Jan. 27)	Tsarkie	19 players HQ. Creighton Lee (35) 1. James L. Kahue (70) 2. Creighton Lee (42)	17 players HQ. Ray Sakai (6) 1. Jerry Price (40) 2. Kenneth Ching (24)		
JPW/ACC Open (Reno NV; Feb. 9-10)	Scott Kooistra, Roy Hofbauer, Jeanne Hofbauer	1,016 players HQ. Fred Adolphson (75) 1. Joe Fay (315) 2. James Wysocki (252) 3. Peter Chroscinski (196) 3. James A. Clark (196) 5. John Krukow (147) 5. Bob Iacopi (147) 5. Scott Kooistra (147) 5. Ben Holder (147) 9. Bob Hanes (105) 9. David Gilkeson (105) 9. Elmer Rasmussen (105) 9. Jim Crawford (105) 9. Jim Blough (105) 9. Don Allen (105) 9. Donald A. Patrin (105) 9. Bob Cross (105)	794 players HQ. Evon A. Forrest (24) 1. Bruce Hassan (180) 2. Dan Zeisler (144) 3. Louis J. Petosa (112) 3. Joy Shimp (112) 5. Ginny Danielski (84) 5. John Galbreath (84) 5. Bob Bousquet Sr. (84) 5. Kathy Pacocha (84) 9. Bonnie Pacocha (60) 9. Barri Gehrand (60) 9. Julie A. Pierce (60) 9. Tony Pacheco (60) 9. Les Kvien (60) 9. Bryan J. Gurden (60) 9. Rob Palmer (60) 9. David B. Foxwell (60)	29-hands James Fanning* 28-hands Rick Ahles* Fred Bascom (2)* Robert Beckman* Charles G. Brown* Ron Conger* Mary Jane Esera* Marilyn Gaudreau* Donald Hendricks* Boyd Horne* Charlene Hudson* Marlene Lazachek* William MacMillan* <i>(this list is so long that it is continued over here)</i>	28-hands (continued) Lee Martinson* Elizabeth Miller* Clair Morse* Rex Paddock* John Schafer* Tony Shine* Raiph Stanley* John Syffestad* Sir John Suckling* Howard Terry* Ron VanDeHey* Dan Zeisler*
Topaz Winter (Topaz CA; Feb. 12-14)	Les Sumner	97 players HQ. Mike Tungate (55) 1. Art Whitney (147) 2. Rickie Mack (105) 3. Mike Tungate (70) 3. Judi Piegras (70)	66 players HQ. Donald C. Hannula (18) 1. Delynn Colvert (84) 2. Paul Hatcher (60) 3. James Brooks (40) 3. Greg Schleusner (40)	28-hands Gary Getty* Mike Rowe* John Reznak*	<i>High Rollers:</i> Tom Mills <i>Low Rollers:</i> Lee Crawford <i>Wednesday:</i> Delynn Colvert <i>Early Bird:</i> Bernie Nelson
Valentine's Day Tournament (Edmonton AB; Feb. 16)	Gary Wirth	26 players HQ. Jim Houlihan (30) 1. Jim Houlihan (70) 2. Rob Voysey (42)	19 players HQ. Harold Buckley (9) 1. Jack Wifladt (40) 2. Jack G. Lycklama (24)	28-hands Terry Hatto*	<i>Last Chance:</i> Reg Bishop

* = in a sanctioned event

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Valentine's Day Open (Antioch CA; Feb. 16)	Evelyn Gillmore	122 players HQ. Tom Cookman (65) 1. Cy Madrone (147) 2. Jim McKnight (105) 3. Jason Jackson (70) 3. Paul Gregson (70)	70 players HQ. Kathy Cushman (12) 1. Dennis Moore (84) 2. Jim Willis (60) 3. Annett J. Eiffert (40) 3. Herschel Mack (40)	28-hands Cy Madrone* Doris Kennedy* Carol Crowell* Dennis Moore* Les Sumner*	
California Championship (Santa Rosa CA; Feb. 23)	Avon Ray	88 players HQ. Del Frank Robinson (45) 1. Ervin C. Bentz (147) 2. James A. Clark (105) 3. Jerold E. Montgomery (70) 3. Jim Crawford (70)	58 players HQ. James Langley (15) 1. Charles G. Sladek (60) 2. Duane W. Toll (40) 3. Peggy Walberg (24) 3. James Langley (24)		
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; Feb. 24)	Tsarkie	20 players HQ. Barry Farinaro (40) 1. Mel Vios (70) 2. Ronnie Murakami (42)	—		
Northern New England Championship (Portsmouth NH; Feb. 23–24)	David Campbell	98 players HQ. Phyllis Schmidt (55) 1. Ann Somers (147) 2. Phyllis Schmidt (105) 3. Frank Clark (70) 3. Thomas P. Shea Jr. (70)	52 players HQ. Robert Fitzgerald (24) 1. Louis Manter (60) 2. Nancy N. Hellquist (40) 3. Richard Kelliher (24) 3. Charlie Finley (24)	28-hands Frank Clark*	Early Bird: Gerard St. Germain Doubles: Bill Richmond & Paul Batterson Last Chance: Ethan Guyaz
SoCal Open (Long Beach CA; Mar. 1)	Don Brown	55 players HQ. Erik Royland Locke (45) 1. Thomas Mills (105) 2. Myron Farrell (70) 3. Donald L. Brown (42) 3. Erik Royland Locke (42)	42 players HQ. DeLynn Colvert (18) 1. DeLynn Colvert (60) 2. Artland C. Kaai (40) 3. Herschel Mack (24) 3. Mel Ashley (24)		Friday: Jim Crawford
Hampton Roads Shoot Out (Virginia Beach VA; Mar. 1–2)	Jack Howsare	60 players HQ. Jack Howsare (65) 1. Larry Phifer (105) 2. Bill Bohuslaw (70) 3. William A. Schultz (42) 3. Marvin W. Lewis (42)	40 players HQ. George Bryer (21) 1. David Campbell (60) 2. Amy Charland (40) 3. Clyde Royce (24) 3. George Bryer (24)	28-hands Michael Burnham* Tom Brent* Laurie Schmitz	Friday: Ron Reece Saturday: Bill Bohuslaw

Tournament Tidbits

◆ Happy birthday! **Rick Pierce** (Springfield OR) celebrated the big four-zero in cribbage style—by earning his Master ranking at the January Portland Open.

◆ The seventy players at the Pacific Coast Championship on January 18–20, directed by **David Shifflett**, dined sumptuously on beef stew over polenta.

◆ **Barry Farinaro** traveled all the way from England to play in the January Hawai'i Open. For the 14,520-mile round trip, that's about 518 miles for each of the 28 MRPs he earned! His miles-to-MRPs ratio went down to 163 when he was high qualifier and finished third in the February event.

◆ Twenty-three players held a 28-hand in sanctioned play at the JPW/ACC Open in Reno. **Fred Bascom** (Redding CA) double-dipped and somehow managed to find two of 'em! Only **James Fanning** (Garden Valley CA) stumbled upon the elusive 29-hand.

◆ The California Cyclone strikes again! In the semifinals at the Valentine's Day Open in Antioch CA, **Paul Gregson** (Antioch CA) and Life Master **Cy Madrone** (Santa Barbara CA) were playing the second game of their match, and the pegging went like this:

Paul:	8	7 (2 pts.)	5	8 (2 pts.)
Cy:	7 (2 pts.)	7 (7 pts.)	8	8 (7 pts.)

Cy not only outpegged Paul 16-4, but with the cut card being a 9, Cy held 24 points to Paul's 12 and bounced him out of the match. Does this qualify as

“Cy Groan”? Cy went on to win the final match.

◆ Director **David Campbell** (Parsonsfield ME) bought a cake at the Northern New England Championship on February 23 to celebrate the metamorphosis of Life Master (★★) **Phyllis Schmidt** (Williamstown MA) into Life Master (★★★). Phyllis was high qualifier and finished in second place. Her 20,134 lifetime MRPs are good for fifth place in the overall ACC standings.

First Tournament Win

- **Joe Fay** (Carson City NV)—JPW/ACC Open on February 10

Grand Slams

- **Richard Wardenburg** (Grass Valley CA)—Pacific Coast Friday night event
- **Elmer “Ras” Rasmussen** (Napavine WA)—Northern California Open Saturday night event
- **Robert Fitzgerald** (East Hartford CT)—Northern New England Championship consolation
- **George Bryer** (Saugus MA)—Hampton Roads Shoot Out consolation

You Must Be Jo(e)king

In the past month four members moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs:

- 1796 Michael B. Midgette, NC
- 1792 Danny L. Bennett, NC
- 1772 Walter Howell, OR
- 1762 John Bourgon, NV

in Reno. They would also like to take a moment to say thank you for thinking of them.

*Ronald Emerich (Carson City NV)
Nevada National Guard*

Support for Veterans

Editor's note: the following letter was received by Bill and Dorthalee Irons, who direct the Veterans Family Relief Fund, the charity supported by the July and November cribbage tournaments at the Sands Regency in Reno.

In recent months we have enjoyed a record 92% occupancy at the Veterans Guest House. Thanks to supporters such as you, we were able to provide lodging to veterans and their family members who need a safe and clean place to stay while they underwent medical treatment. Your donation of \$1,000 will allow us to serve these needs into the future. Thank you for all

you do for the veterans.

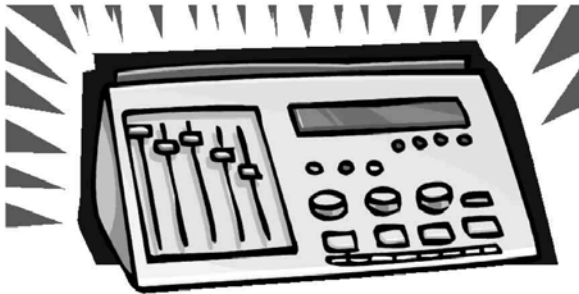
*Noreen Leary and Rand Tanner
Veterans Guest House (Reno NV)*

Is That Really a Q-Pool?

When is a Q-pool not a Q-pool? When you enter it and qualify but don't get any money from it. I don't have a problem with a pool which pays only to the top 1/8 of the players. Just don't call it a qualifying pool. A high card pool, big winners pool—anything but implying that if you enter this pool and qualify you will win money. To tournament directors who offer Q-pools which don't pay off to every entrant who qualifies: please consider changing the name of your pool to avoid confusion. If you still feel that tradition is on your side, then make it crystal clear in the tournament literature that this pool is not really what its title implies.

Boyd McDonald (Mountain View CA)

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Grand National 29

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The six-story atrium hotel has reserved 279 rooms for the use of ACC members and consistently ranks in the top 15% of Holiday Inn hotels worldwide. The hotel is providing free playing space to the ACC, a complimentary hospitality room,

and complimentary bottomless coffee on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Centrally located in the Hampton Roads area, Virginia Beach offers easy access to Virginia's historic triangle (James-town, Williamsburg, and Yorktown). Succulent seafood, unique shopping, great golf, and premier attractions will provide many opportunities for non-cribbage recreation throughout the week.

Make your plans now to be at the center of the cribbage universe in September 2010. More details about the tournament will be announced in the coming months. Go to hiexeccenter.com for more information about the host facility.

Luck or Skill?

You have one last chance to register an opinion about whether luck or skill predominates in cribbage (see February cover story). A summary story will appear in the May CW. Send comments to cribbage@iserv.net or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

Q&A Cribbage Quiz

Questions for inclusion in a future Cribbage Quiz may be emailed to cribbage@iserv.net.

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February 2007 Wrap-Up

Mike Fetchel (*mfetchCT425*) remains at the top of the standings for the sixth month in a row. **Pete Stemler** (*relmets*) jumped from nowhere into the top 10%, while **Ed Bloom** (*heliumman*) sneaked back into the top 10%.

New eMasters

Two more ACC internet players have achieved eMaster: **Don Eastwood** (*NC310*) and **Mike Rosenstock** (*sirpegger*) became the ninth and tenth players to reach eMaster.

New Internet Tournaments

We are planning to add a new tournament to the TOC/ACC Open. Participa-

tion in this tournament will be limited to members who have played in a minimum of one ACC internet tournament. Additional information will be forthcoming. In addition, we are going to add an ACC internet players tournament to the 2010 Grand National in Virginia Beach VA.

Sportsmanship

There have been reports of some players not displaying good sportsmanship during ACC internet tournaments. Abusive language is not tolerated, nor is taunting. It is very easy to say hi, gl (good luck), gg (good game), etc. I have not seen the electronic versions of cheese and crackers, so electronic w(h)ines should not exist.

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Stat of the Month

Points earned by BOD members in each of the ACC's three branches of play:

BOD member	MRPs	Award	GRPs	Award	IRPs	Award
David Aiken	1,284		1,248	Bronze	0	
Patrick Barrett	8,674	Life Master	3,904	Silver	0	
Joe Bernard	17,348	Life Master (★★)	51		0	
George Bickford	10,500	Life Master (★)	635		0	
David Campbell	5,934	Grand Master	296		21	
Martha Fingleton	12,229	Life Master (★)	1,505	Bronze	0	
Larry Hassett	5,083	Grand Master	2,485	Bronze	0	
Sharon Hejtmanek	8,106	Life Master	82		0	
Jeanne Hofbauer	10,298	Life Master (★)	3,003	Silver	0	
Roy Hofbauer	12,943	Life Master (★)	3,544	Silver	0	
Robert Julian	20,325	Life Master (★★★)	1,441	Bronze	0	
Tom Lewis	750		1,561	Bronze	2,600	eMaster
Alan Lindner	5,755	Grand Master	2,520	Bronze	0	
Herschel Mack	9,430	Life Master	2,745	Silver	6	
Bill Medeiros	14,801	Life Master (★)	2,615	Silver	852	
Robert Milk	3,575	Master	630		797	
Ronald Morgan	14,091	Life Master (★)	1,212	Bronze	0	
Catherine Perkins	4,817	Grand Master	2,158	Bronze	0	
Joan Rein	7,673	Life Master	1,799	Bronze	0	
Phyllis Schmidt	20,134	Life Master (★★★)	0		0	
Jeff Shimp	9,930	Life Master	2,532	Silver	0	
Valerie Sumner	3,396	Master	1,779	Bronze	0	
Fred White	3,997	Master	2,307	Bronze	0	
Keith Widener	5,143	Grand Master	2,016	Bronze	0	
Dan Zeisler	3,524	Master	731		0	

Need extra copies of **Cribbage World** for a membership drive or a special event? Simply let the CW editor know how many copies you need by the 10th of the month; the shipment will be mailed by the first of the next month.

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Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament

by Dan Zeisler

A basketball tournament, a birthday party, and stormy weather all contributed to a small turnout at the 15th annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament in Grass Valley CA on February 23. But the eighteen young peggers, ages nine to eighteen, who found their way to the tournament had a blast.

When the last peg was counted, **Dusty Zeisler** (age 13) of Grass Valley, edged **Leif Jurgenson** (10) of Chico CA for the championship, winning the decisive game in the best-of-five final. Third place honors went to **Vinny Carrillo** (15) of Grass Valley, and fourth place was taken by **Michael Zahn**



The top three finishers: **Leif Jurgenson**, **Dusty Zeisler**, and **Vinny Carrillo**.

(18) of Castro Valley CA.

Vinny was the high qualifier of the nine-game event with a 19/8 +189 scorecard. In a four-game consolation event, **Chris Marcum** (14) of Grass Valley finished first, followed by **Johnny Lee** (10) of Chico.

A special thank you to the **Sands Regency** in Reno for donating a cribbage board and a custom deck of cards to each player, to **Bill O'Malley** (Salem OR) for donating three beautiful trophy boards, and to **Tom Stevens** (Oroville CA) for a cash contribution to purchase raffle prizes.

The February 27 edition of the *Grass Valley Union*, a local newspaper, ran a nice article on the tournament. To read the story online, go to theunion.com.



Chris Marcum and Ashley Bourne concentrate on their cards.

Cribbage Quiz Answer

A 12-hand, when spelled out in Scrabble tiles, has a value of 12:



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Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about Cribbage (But Were Afraid to Ask)

One of the more common questions CW receives is this: Why aren't my Grass Roots points listed in Cribbage World?

To understand what is involved in this process, it is important to know what happens to

your
GRPs

What happened to my points?

from the moment you get them in club to the time they show up in *Cribbage World*.

First, the club director or statistician must record the results of each weekly tournament on the Grass Roots website. This means entering each person's score and making sure that the totals balances (i.e., positive points must equal negative points, except in the case of byes).

The four regional statisticians (each is responsible for approximately fifty clubs) must then post the results of every club tournament by opening the database for each tournament and checking it. Sounds simple enough, but the results of a tournament can be posted only if *all* players in the tournament have paid their ACC dues, have an ACC number, and have paid the Grass Roots dues. If even one club member hasn't done one of these things, then the results of the entire tourney have to await resolution of this problem.

Once the regional snafus are worked out, the national statistician must pull the numbers from the database and post them to each person's account. Again, problems with ACC and Grass Roots membership can

cause
delays
in this

process. Only after all of this happens can a list be generated for the top players in each Grass Roots division, which the national statistician sends to CW.

As should be obvious, even a modest delay of a week at each step could result in GRPs not being posted for up to three months after they earned—and this is if everything goes without a hitch. Let one member fail to send in their ACC membership application (or let it lapse), or let one club statistician forget to mail the Grass Roots registration form, and the results cascade down the line.

Also remember that all these statisticians—local, regional, and national—are volunteers. They all have lives outside of cribbage, and family or other emergencies take priority over GRPs.

So next time you wonder what happened to your GRPs, rest assured that they are somewhere in the statistical pipeline and that will be posted eventually.



Ah, the things we do for love. An old boyfriend taught Phyllis how to play cribbage many years ago, and 20,000 MRPs later she parlayed this knowledge into Three Stars. An ACC charter member, Phyllis credits the late Rit Alkas as her cribbage mentor. Her first tournament win was a nonsanctioned event in March 1975 (first place paid \$100), and since then she's won 33 sanctioned events. Her favorite tournament is the National Open in Raleigh NC, "because it provides a lot of time to socialize and meet people you haven't seen for awhile." Her toughest opponent? "Everyone, they're all out to get me!" Phyllis also has, shall we say, a slight interest in bowling. She was inducted into the Massachusetts Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame in March 2004 and has bowled in 37 national tournaments. Phyllis says, "I love cribbage and the many friends I have made over the years and all the wonderful trips I have taken. It has really enriched my life."

Phyllis Schmidt
(Williamstown MA)
Life Master (★ ★ ★) #5

New Cribbage Masters

- 692. Artland C. Kaai (Costa Mesa CA)
- 693. Mathew Piechota (Ware MA)
- 694. Richard L. Pierce Jr. (Springfield OR)
- 695. Donald C. Hannula (Lake Linden MI)
- 696. Dennis Moore (Napa CA)

According to politico.com, Obama chief strategist David Axelrod said of the Clinton campaign: "When they started off, it was all about delegates. Now that we have more delegates, it's all about the popular vote. And if that does not work out, they will probably challenge us to a game of cribbage to choose the nominee."

*To which CW responds:
so where's the problem?*



1. John Blake (WA): Carter Classic (September 22)
2. Jeanette Nielsen (OR): Montana Championship (October 6)
3. Beth Witter (WI): Schaefer Shuffle (October 6)
4. Al Gaudreau (MA): October Occurrence (October 14)
5. Harold Sontag (CA): Reynolds Xmas Wrap (December 1)
6. James Fanning (Garden Valley CA): JPW/ACC Open (February 9)

In Memoriam

John Aird

John William Aird (Laurium MI) died on March 14, following a three-month illness. A member of the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955, he was a Michigan State Police officer and private detective. John was a life member of the ACC, played at the Lake Linden Grass Roots Cribbage Club, and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He will be missed by his many cribbage-playing friends.

Boyd Gates

Each week, Boyd L. Gates would make the 90-mile round trip from his summer home in Westfield WI to the Wisconsin Rapids Grass Roots club. When he arrived home late at night on Friday, March 7, he discovered that his home was on fire. He attempted to go in and rescue his dogs and did not make it out. Boyd was originally from Elgin IL and practiced law in Chicago. He earned his Bronze Award at the Carpentersville IL club and will be missed by players throughout the Midwest.

Brent Miners

Charter member and four-time club champion J. Brent Miners (Prince George BC), 58, passed away February 1 after short battle with cancer. Brent was a faithful club member and competitor, won his Bronze Award, and had a 34-GP scorecard in a recent national tournament.

Bob Wilson

Bob Wilson (Tacoma WA), 83, a charter member of Sea-Tac Peggers Club 148, passed away on February 7. Bob was crafty and patient, just waiting for his opponent to make a mistake, and then he would jump on it, peg the points, and chuckle. Bob played cribbage three times a week in Tacoma, Port Orchard, and Federal Way (his home club) and went to many tournaments in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Reno. Bob loved to play the piano and to fish for salmon. Above all, he was a cribbage player with a million friends, and we miss him already.

Constructive Ideas (Not Opinions) Needed

At the Reno BOD meeting, **Jeff Shimp** was asked to compile a list of possible alternatives to resolve the membership disparity among the three regions, which has been a topic of discussion for quite some time now. Jeff has two objectives:

- Devise a process by which the regional makeup can be reviewed and potentially revised at regular intervals so the current situation of disparity will not recur as an issue in the future.
- Fix the current disparity using that process.

Jeff is soliciting from the *entire membership* (hopefully via email) possible suggestions for consideration. He will then compile these and send them out to all participants, again by email, to gather comments.

The plan is to have something submitted to the members of the BOD well in advance of the next meeting in Portland OR in September 2008.

Jeff's email address is jeffshimp@charter.net. If you have an idea, please send it to him.

HALL *of* FAME

Bob Madsen

by Jeff Shimp

Bob Madsen is one of the early workers whose diligent efforts helped keep the fledgling American Cribbage Congress afloat. In those early years, there was much work to be done, and not enough willing bodies to spread the load around, the way we do today.

Bob joined the ACC in 1980 as a charter member after playing in a tournament in Madison WI. There he first met Joe Wergin, whom he credits as his recruiter and mentor. Joe's habit was to name the first interested cribbage player from any state as that state's representative, and thus Bob began accumulating titles, which ultimately included becoming ACC secretary-treasurer in 1983, when this position included being CW editor,



membership chairman, and tournament commissioner!

Every month Bob and his wife, Elda, would get a CW issue ready to be mailed. They did this in the basement of their Chicago home, with the help of several "local" ACC members from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. All the computer work required in those days was completed on a machine built by Bob's son Mark. With about 4,200 members, the ACC really was operating on a shoestring.

Among Bob's other cribbage accomplishments are ten years as a member of the BOD, a member of the 1986 All

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My first contact with Bob came on a rainy Friday night at the first Illinois State Tournament. When Bob, his brother Ralph, Scott Kooistra, and I got to the tournament site, we discovered that the restaurant had only round tables. In a driving rain-storm, the four of us hauled long tables from a local VFW to the restaurant. Such were the beginnings of the adventures I've shared with Bob. *J.S.*

After enjoying the 2007 Grand National in Portland ME, it's now time to head to the other coast for Grand National 27. This year's GN will be held on September 25–28 at the Holiday Inn-Airport in gorgeous Portland OR.

A full slate of events is planned for the weekend, starting on Thursday and concluding on Sunday evening. Details are available on the tournament flyer.

Portland is well known for hosting two of the most popular cribbage events on the West Coast. Every January and July, **Tim and Ken Julkowski** (your hosts for the 2008 Grand National) run the Portland Open. Gathering 130 to 180 participants at each event, it goes to show that Portland loves cribbage and that the cribbage community loves Portland!

Questions about the Grand National may be sent to the directors via email (grand_national_xxvii@yahoo.com) or phone (503.382.9781).

A web link to the Holiday Inn makes it easy to register at the hotel. Go to cribbage.org and click on "Grand National" in the left column and then on "Hotel Reservations" in the right column.

The USPS has returned mail for the following members (the city and state listed are from the last known address). Do you know where they are? If so, please contact the membership secretary at acc@cmspan.net or 888.734.4464 (9a–11a Pacific Time). Thanks for your help!

- Mac Argo (Birmingham AL)
- Albert Ballweg (Rutledge TN)
- Edgar L. Blubaum (Denver CO)
- Eric W. Brassard (Sanford FL)
- Paul Carberry (Minneapolis MN)
- Monte Derrick (Tillamook OR)
- Tom Green (Franklin WI)
- Nancy Jones (Milwaukee WI)
- Todd Kenyon (Mesa AZ)
- Jim & Julie Klumpp (Manitowoc WI)
- Dave Lancet (Newark NJ)
- Charles C. Lotz (Redding CA)
- Dawn Marheine (Chippewa Falls WI)
- Paul Mazur (Las Vegas NV)
- Rod Nelson (Prince George BC)
- Anthony N. Neveu (Glendale AZ)
- Cathy Polmaskitch (Columbus OH)
- Michael Stone (Cheyenne WY)
- Chris & Mary Unguran (Edmonton AB)
- Bill & Colleen White (Indio CA)
- Michael E. White (Santa Rosa CA)

American team, director of the Illinois State Tournament for ten years, co-director of Grand National III in Chicago, and co-director (along with Syl Lulinski) of both the TOC and the JPW/ACC Open in Reno for three years. Bob recently earned the rank of Life Master.

It was during the years he was a co-director in Reno that many members noticed the increasing involvement of Elda.

She became the main "behind the scenes" helper and continues to be in charge of registration and scorecards to this day.

In 1987 Bob was rewarded for his many years of tireless effort and his cribbage prowess by being elected to the HOF. Whenever you see Bob or Elda at a cribbage tournament, please take the time to thank them for their selfless years of dedication to the ACC.

Grass Roots Corner



WRITTEN AND EDITED BY TOM LEWIS

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

Pegging Polecats (Club 168, Riverside RI)—congratulations to our very own **John Chambers** and **Linda Partain**, who were married on Valentine’s Day in Arizona. We wish them much happiness in their new life together. Linda joined the ACC and Grass Roots recently, and John was one of the first to join way back when. *submitted by Karyn Fischer and Marge Kennedy*

Club 150 (Vista CA) produced another 28-hand. Playing his last game on February 6, **Carl Troupe** was dealt four 5s, and the cut card gave him a nifty 28. Adding insult to injury, Carl skunked his opponent by 45 points. And club director Roy Cook had to yield the “Flying Skunk”—the \$20 high-hand pot—after just recording a 24-hand in his ninth game. *submitted by Roy Cook*

Club 328 (Bradenton FL) founder **Betsey Fish** is having quite a year. In November

she recorded her first ever grand slam. That was nothing compared to her excitement on February 16 when the cut gave her her first-ever 29-hand. *submitted by Gary Berns*

December 15 was an interesting day for the **Arizona Roadrunners Cribbage Club 24**. Both **John Alig** and **Warren Gallagher** had grand slams, but Warren’s 18 GPs was good for only third place behind John’s 19 GPs and **Dick Partee**, who also had 19 GPs and missed a grand slam by losing to **Russ Nelsen**. **Ed Zielinski** also fell short of a grand slam by one game, losing to newcomer **Shirley Sims**. At the other end of the spectrum, newcomer **Rusty Branch** and longtime member **Terry Hurtgen** each finished with a string of pearls. *submitted by Mary Taylor*

Club 11 (Reno NV)—after the huge turnout at the Sands for the JPW/ACC Open,

Rule of the Month—Recording scores on the board

Beginning with the outside track, a player shall record his or her first score by placing a peg in the hole corresponding to their score. Subsequent scores are recorded by advancing the rear peg over the front peg by “leapfrogging” the number of holes consistent with the score to be recorded. Zero Hand or Crib: if a zero-count hand or crib is held, the pegs must not be touched.

our Grass Roots club invited players to attend our club on Monday, February 11. We expected about twenty visitors, but imagine our surprise when it grew to over one hundred! This must qualify as one of the largest Grass Roots club tourneys ever. The next day, ninety-seven players followed us to Topaz for a midweek tourney. That was a total of eight straight days of cribbage! Thanks to all who attended. *submitted by A. J. Tasker*

Club 343 (Elk Grove CA)—the new year started off with a bang. On January 9 **Roy Springer Jr.** had a 28-hand. On February 6 **Bob Bartosh** had a grand slam. On February 20 **Jorge Escobar** had a 28-hand, and Bob had a nice 19-GP night to cement his Bronze Award. *submitted by Joe Remlinger*

Club 22 (Winter Park FL)—in game nine on February 21, **Robert Read** was playing **Dave Fournier**. Dave won the cut and proceeded to deal Robert a 24-hand. On Robert's first deal, he dealt himself a 24-hand. On Dave's second deal, Robert received his third 24-hand in a row! And on the fifth hand, Robert had his fourth chance in the game for a 24-hand but did not get the cut. The game ended quickly, with Robert winning by 64 holes. *submitted by Brad Gronli*

GR 144 (Newnan GA)—after missing two weeks of play to attend his wife, **Mattie Bradshaw**, who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery, **Gene Bradshaw** returned on February 25 with a vengeance and posted a grand slam (21 GPs). However, Gene still trails far behind frontrunners **Frank Podjun** and **Mattie**. *submitted by Gene Bradshaw*

Club 164 (Huntington Beach CA)—keeping it in the family. Just thirteen weeks after

GrassRoots Awards

Silver Award

William J. Shoemaker (26) CT
Beatrice E. Cook (147) FL
Syd Lampke (161) MA
Diane A. Harvey (113) OR
Danny L. Bennett (221) NC

Bronze Award

Terry Hurtgen (24) AZ
Tony Haag (290) CA
Jerald Cutsforth (98) CA
Bob Bartosh (343) CA
Hans Anderson (3) IL
Kenneth Maffei (81) MA
Alphonse Scarantino (329) MI
William Menard (218) MI
Thomas Derr (221) NC
Roger P. Wauters (61) WI

club director **Andrea Witkin** scored a grand slam in week 13, fellow club member and fiancé **Glenn Lawrence** duplicated the feat with a 20/9 +197 card. Of course Andrea's earlier slam cleaned out the bank, leaving only bus fare for her beau. *submitted by Andrea Witkin*

Club 258 (West Sacramento CA)—**Frank Newcross** scored our third grand slam of the season. **Gordon Work** scored GRPs in three of the last four tournaments in February and has moved into the top five on the leader boards. Five players are over the 100-GRP mark, and four of them are within 15 points of each other. Keep the cards in the air and the pegs moving. *submitted by Mike Green*

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Orange County Cribbage Club 227 saw a killer scorecard on February 6 when Ken “Killer” Miller recorded a 20/8 +217. Ken’s chance for grand slam immortality was ruined in game 7 by Diane Gallentine. *submitted by Paul Yellon*

Cribbage enthusiast and director of Sahuarita Club 69, Bill Ellis (Green Valley AZ) loves cribbage and loves to teach the game to others. Not only that, but he’s in pretty darn good physical shape as well. He recently took home a gold medal at the Tucson Senior Olympics. His hometown newspaper, the *Green Valley*

News, ran a very nice article in their series entitled “Your Incredible Neighbors.” To read the story online, go to gvnews.com. *submitted by Lea Hornbeck*

Club 109 (Stoughton MA)—Tom McLaughlin, Tony Pacheco, Cindy Veradt, and Dottie VanDenBerghe are in a

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Club 109 (Stoughton MA)—Tom McLaughlin, Tony Pacheco, Cindy Veradt, and Dottie VanDenBerghe are in a

Orange County Cribbage Club
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 ACC MEMBER # C44418 ENTRY FEE PAID
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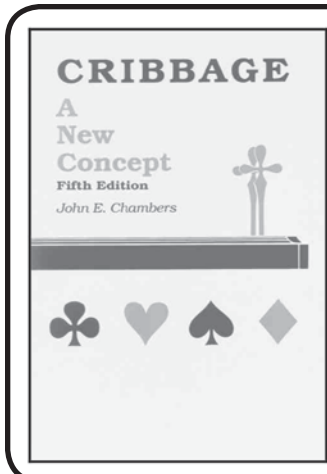
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1	2	06		Ken S 5
2	2	24		Benny 3
3	2	24		Dave 16
4	3	55		Ken 1
5	2	01		Diane 12
6	3	41		Ken 10
7	0	09		Diane 19
8	3	33		Ken 08
9	3	42		
TOTAL		20	226	09

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GAMES WON	-	9	
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GRASS ROOTS Standings

(as of 3-12-2008)

Division 1

Points ♦ Name (Club) ♦ State/Province

248	Keith R. Miller (346)	NC
246	James Flaherty Sr. (308)	MA
236	Joseph Cornelissen (29)	FL
222	Larry Phifer (58)	NC
216	Craig E. Jensen (46)	OR
215	Mel Ashley (82)	CA
210	Jack Delaney (308)	MA
208	Charlie Douthit (211)	WY
208	Henry T. McLaughlin (109)	NH
205	Clair E. Morse (14)	OR
201	Mary Jane Esera (110)	HI
200	Alvin Lokitz (230)	FL
198	Beatrice E. Cook (147)	FL
195	Duane W. Toll (62)	OR
195	Laurence Krause (131)	FL
194	Jack Stakley (147)	FL
193	Ronald L. Hoglund (257)	CA
191	Dennis Misenaar (204)	WA
190	Hugh Durkin (318)	PA
189	Tom Langford (194)	CA
189	David Fournier (22)	FL
189	Carl Stone Jr. (194)	CA
188	Brock R. Lee (106)	TX
187	Roger King (48)	CA
187	Roy A. Kaufmann (43)	CA
186	Brian McCoy (104)	MA
186	Hank Kaneshige (227)	CA
185	George Mackie (148)	WA
185	Bill Johnson (159)	CA
184	Elmer G. Rasmussen (232)	WA
183	Marilyn Gaudreau (72)	MA
183	Vern Mierkey (190)	CA
183	Danny L. Bennett (221)	NC
183	Gerry Anderson (198)	WA
182	Pete Chamousis (142)	CA
181	Clifford Ruble (347)	MT
181	Chuck Yeomans (117)	VA
181	Michael Morgan (106)	TX
179	Larry Mayo (271)	NM
179	Annett J. Eiffert (162)	CA
179	Joseph H. Christensen (204)	WA
178	Ted Hauptman (230)	FL
178	Raymond Desmarais (168)	RI
176	Jeff Olson (317)	WA
175	Harold Sontag (162)	CA
175	Bob Bartosh (343)	CA
175	Keith W. Forrest (69)	VA
174	Everett Gier (332)	MI
174	Jack Wifladt (261)	AB

173	Nancy Rojas (162)	CA
173	Rick Baird (62)	OR

Division 2

Points ♦ Name (Club) ♦ State/Province

204	Raymond Wanke (341)	FL
170	Mark Mano (341)	FL
161	Donald G. Niebauer (341)	FL
154	Paul Barrows Jr. (219)	NH
140	Louise Streeter (219)	NH
130	John E. Marchand Sr. (130)	NY
125	Bob Drobnik (283)	IL
121	Terry Bond (38)	OR
117	Douglas Sletten (96)	SD
116	Ralph Haynes (219)	NH
116	Dorothy Westerlund (267)	AZ
116	Nancy G. Wanke (341)	FL
112	John Fitzgerald (38)	OR
111	Dennis Lunn (219)	NH
107	Roger Madsen (245)	NM
105	Edward Dove (38)	OR
104	Delia Doffin (245)	NM
103	Elmer Tole (220)	NH
102	Richard Judkins (341)	FL
101	Doris Denny (145)	GA
100	Roy J. McKenzie Sr. (130)	NY
99	Linda J. Newman (249)	CA
99	George A. Lozy (130)	NY
98	Wes Hall (96)	SD
97	Don Burgess (341)	FL

Division 3

Points ♦ Name (Club) ♦ State/Province

125	Jon Taylor (24)	AZ
122	Warren A. Gallagher (24)	AZ
101	Robert A. Duckworth (24)	AZ
87	Helen L. Mroczkiewicz (24)	AZ
87	Peggy S. Cunningham (24)	AZ
85	Dick Partee (24)	AZ
85	John Wallen (24)	AZ
82	John Alig (24)	AZ
81	Audrey Robertson (24)	AZ
68	Terry Hurtgen (24)	AZ

The GRPs reported here frequently lag behind real-time data, due to sometimes unavoidable delays in the reporting process. See page 15 for details.

REGIONAL Standings

(as of 3-11-2008)

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name
1	1707 Erik Royland Locke, OR	1	786 Brad Behm, WI	1	913 Phyllis Schmidt, MA
2	1190 Roland A. Hall, CA	2	631 Bob McCabe, WI	2	570 David Campbell, ME
3	885 Mel Ashley, CA	3	624 Tony Danihel, WI	3	554 Keith E. Widener, NC
4	877 DeLynn Colvert, MT	4	611 Wayne Steinmetz, WI	4	545 Henry Douglass, NC
5	847 Ronald L. Morgan, CA	5	550 Alan R. Schaefer, WI	5	544 John Campanella, MA
6	766 Jim Crawford, CA	6	527 Robert Julian, WI	6	524 David Statz, NH
7	751 Cy Madrone, CA	7	522 Donald Flesch, WI	7	476 Henry S. Delong, MA
8	694 Jeanne Jelke, WA	7	522 Beth Witter, WI	8	457 Ken Patenaude, MA
9	649 Duane W. Toll, OR	9	492 Doug Page, WI	9	443 Bruce D. Sattler, MD
10	624 Leslie G. Sumner, NV	10	419 Lloyd L. Kraft, WI	10	437 Donna LaFleur, CT
11	596 Bob Bartosh, CA	11	415 Daniel Pluff, MN	11	436 Phil Martin, CT
12	578 James A. Clark, CA	12	407 Les Kvien, IL	12	411 George Bryer, MA
13	547 Jesse Jarrell, CA	13	405 Frank L. Trojan, MN	13	406 Lee Dillon, MA
14	526 Bill Wakeman, CA	14	398 Frank Danielski, WI	14	369 John J. Rooney Sr., MA
15	525 Rickie Mack, CA	14	398 Gerald Gruber, MN	15	361 Richard H. West, MA
16	521 Cres Fernandez, CA	16	367 Warren Sondericker, WI	16	332 Cindy Veradt, MA
17	505 Jason Shumate, NV	17	366 Joan Rein, MN	17	327 Laurence Samet, MA
18	487 Jerold E. Montgomery, CA	18	353 Kenneth Rasmussen, MI	18	323 Frank Corrado, CT
19	485 Tom Cookman, CA	19	346 Mike Burns, MN	19	313 Bill Medeiros, MA
20	451 Artlund C. Kaai, CA	20	343 Douglas I. Henderson, WI	20	312 Larry Phifer, NC
20	451 Frank Ornie, OR	21	334 Alphonse Scarantino, MI	21	306 Gerald Thibodeau, CT
22	448 Donald L. Brown, CA	22	317 Al Booth, MN	22	295 Roger J. Bouchard, CT
22	448 Herschel Mack, CA	23	314 Dave Yaeger, MO	22	295 Michael Burnham, GA
24	432 H. Ross Njaa, CA	24	310 Patrick Barrett, WI	24	291 Jerry Gooden, NC
25	430 Willie Evans, WA	25	305 Gene Biegler, WI	25	290 Robert Milk, VA
26	429 Tom Langford, CA	25	305 Sue Schenk, MI	26	289 Ann Somers, MA
26	429 Peggy Walberg, CA	27	295 Roger Grandgeorge, IA	27	278 Bruce Hassan, CT
28	427 Michael M. Rowe, AK	28	283 Bob Joslin, MN	28	276 Robert J. Drukman, MA
29	422 Paul Hatcher, OR	28	283 Jeff Shimp, MI	29	266 Jeffrey A. Messinger, MA
30	419 Jones H. Hom, CA	30	280 David Aiken, MI	30	265 Jack Howsare, VA
31	411 Dan Marsh, OR	31	279 Ginny Danielski, WI	31	264 Howard L. Terry, VA
32	402 Kerry O'Connell, CA	32	275 Joy Shimp, MI	32	252 James Wysocki, FL
33	395 James Gangle, CA	33	263 Marty J. Schmidt, WI	33	249 Jerry Hardy, ME
34	381 Heidi Glashan, CA	34	260 Rhynold Shave, WI	34	244 Mathew Piechota, MA
35	371 Mike Tungate, CA	35	248 Cyril Schmidt, WI	35	243 Vicki Soule, ME
36	367 Pamela Pomeroy, CA	36	243 Donald A. Patrin, MN	36	242 Mike Fetchel, CT
37	356 Elmer G. Rasmussen, WA	37	236 Dianne M. Gurney, WI	36	242 William J. Shoemaker, CT
38	340 Joe Fay, NV	38	235 Robert P. Chase, MN	38	237 Albert N. Miller, NH
39	333 Ira T. Deutsch, OR	39	225 Jeremy Wussow, WI	39	235 Fred Adolphson, FL
40	325 Bernie Nelson, OR	40	223 Russell B. Adams, MN	40	230 Matthew Easterbrook, VA
41	322 Boyd R. McDonald, CA	41	218 Ray Schenk, WI	41	229 David Samet, MA
42	320 Charles Rodgers, HI	42	212 Mark Van Dyke, MI	42	225 David R. O'Neil, GA
43	319 Roy Hofbauer, WA	43	204 Jerome Fischer, WI	42	225 Elijah H. White Jr., ME
44	318 Rollie Heath, OR	43	204 Larry LaGassie, WI	44	222 Janice Blanc, MA
45	308 Jim McKnight, CA	45	203 Frank Duresky, MN	45	220 Robert E. Moore, VA
46	303 David Gilkeson, OR	46	200 Allen E. Karr, WI	46	219 Bill Richmond, CT
47	302 Jack Moritzky, WA	47	192 Richard Frost, WI	47	217 Robert Fitzgerald, CT
48	299 John F. O'Shea, WA	48	187 Marvin R. Gier, MI	48	216 Charles R. Barnes, FL
49	297 John Furler, OR	49	185 Patrick J. Healey, MI	49	214 Joy Barnes, FL
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UPCOMING SANCTIONED EVENTS

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Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Roy Hofbauer 360.835.3623	Joe Bernard 847.395.7599	George Bickford 413.733.9288

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. For more information, visit www.cribbage.org.

April 1, Ye Olde Cribbage Tournament

Cavalier Hall in Twickenham, England. Main £50. Fri £10. Perks: kidney pie, serving wenches, worthless knives. Contact: John Suckling, Cavalier Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, England, United Kingdom, Europe

April 4-6, Kissimmee Open

Ramada Inn, 2145 E Hwy 192, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri DBL 1pm \$20/team. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791; rwanke@cfl.rr.com), 1983 Boggy Creek Road #A-4, Kissimmee FL 34744

April 4-6, Timber Capital Classic

Mill Casino & Hotel, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97470-2858

April 4-6, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, I-90 Exit 101, Missoula MT 59801. Main \$55. Fri EB. Fri DBL. Fri HR. Sat. Perks: coffee, cookies. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806-5604 or Sharon Hejtmanek (406.549.2843)

April 4-6, Capital City Cribbage

Best Western Kelly Inn, 161 St. Anthony Ave, St. Paul MN 55103. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Todd Schaefer & Diane Waite (651.338.8116), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128-5853

April 11-12, Houdini Challenge

Columbus Club, 2531 N Richmond, Appleton WI 54911. Main \$55. Fri \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact:

Brad Behm (920.739.4358), 1342½ W Spencer St, Appleton WI 54914-4972 or Frank Danielski

April 11-13, 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: coffee, cookies, lunch. Contact: Patti & Graeme Gossett (541.416.0921), 15852 SE Yakima St, Prineville OR 97754-8848

April 12, Tax Relief Tournament

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit. Contact: Bill Wakeman (510.276.1600), 15750 Via Cordoba, San Lorenzo CA 94580-2530 or Mary Herrmann (925.935.3325)

April 13, New England Spring Fever

VFW #1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Sat DBL \$30/team. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Holli & Earle Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland RI 02864

April 18-20, Washington State Open

Sunnyside Eagles, 100 S Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. All Events \$20. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224; the29seeker@earthlink.net), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

April 18-20, Milwaukee Challenge

Radisson Hotel, 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sun LC 1pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595; marlemae@sbcglobal.net), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132

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April 18–20, Western New York Open

Quality Hotel, 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 Ter, Hamburg NY 14075 or Jane Cannizzaro

April 18–20, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic

Comfort Inn, 2945 Lawrenceville-Suwannee Rd, Suwannee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975), 111 Wynnes Ridge Cir SE, Marietta GA 30067-6003 or Valerie Nozick

April 25–27, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.909.0043), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

April 25–27, Winnemucca Spring Classic

Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89446. Main \$55. Fri EB. Fri DBL. Fri HR. All Events. Super-Q. Team. Perks: coffee, tea, pastries. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855) or Sharon Hejtmanek or Jeanette Nielsen or Peggy Scalley. Send entries to The Winners, Winnemucca NV 89446

April 26, Colonial Cribbage Classic

Ukrop's Supermarket, 6610 Mooretown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

April 26–27, Maine Spring Fling

Holiday Inn, 81 Riverside St (Exit 48 on I-95), Portland ME 04103. **CANCELED** 9am \$100. Sat DBL 7pm \$40/team. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.892.3724), 30 River Rd, Windham ME 04062

May 2–4, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7pm DBL \$50/team. Fri 7pm HR \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, pastries. Contact: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671-9561 or Bernie Nelson (503.392.3092) or Verne & Jeanette Nielsen (503.666.3528)

May 3–4, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Black River Falls WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: buffet lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4105), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

May 4, Ocean State Classic

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02861. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917-3213 or Linda Partain

May 9–11, Redwood Coast Classic

Lucky Seven Casino, 350 N Indian Rd, Smith River CA 95567. Main \$50. Fri \$10. Fri HR \$50. Fri DBL \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$10. Perks: drinks, donuts, snacks. Contact: Tom Cookman (707.443.1029), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503-9414 or Tom Langford (707.599.6722)

May 16–18, Potawatomi Peggys Pow-Wow

Holiday Inn Waterfront (800.788.8411), 940 W Savidge, Spring Lake MI. Main \$70. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. LC \$10. Perks: cookies from the Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

May 16–18, Diamond Mountain Open

Win River Casino, 21000 Redding Ranchera Rd, Redding CA 96001. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: beverages, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433-8007 or Jim Langley or Steve Hastie

May 16–18, Gem State Challenge

Eagles Lodge, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83706. Main \$55. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Kathy Atwood (208.353.4862), 194 E Harris Hawk Dr, Kuna ID 83634-3428

May 16–18, North Carolina Open

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$30. Sat HR 7pm \$60. Sun LC 1:30pm \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320-4531 or Cathy Perkins (cathyp@cheerful.com)

May 18, Connecticut Championship

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Entry deadline: May 13; no walk-ins. Contact: Bill Richmond (860.666.4794), 72 Sunset Rd, Newington CT 06111-2620 or Bob Fitzgerald or Joan Fletcher

May 18, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Summer St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

DBL = doubles ♦ HR = high rollers ♦ LC = last chance

May 23–25, Greater Spokane Valley Open

Spokane Valley Eagles, 16801 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99037. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lynn Raymond (509.928.4983), 4105 N McDonald Rd #20, Spokane Valley WA 99216-1286 or Dave Schwartz (509.328.4022)

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May 23–25, Rockford Memorial Day Classic

Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St, Rockford IL 61108. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152-3623

May 24, Channel Islands Open

Marie Callender's, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. Main \$60. Perks: breakfast, lunch. Contact: Cy Madrone (805.962.1733), PO Box 40307, Santa Barbara CA 93140-0307 or Mel Kranz (805.642.4932) or Kerry O'Connell (805.643.7683)

May 30–June 1, That's a Go!

Best Western, 101 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc WI 54220. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$25. Sat 7:30pm \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Kristina Wright (920.772.4005), PO Box 115, Collins WI 54207

May 30–31, Nugget Classic

Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Jerry Moore (888.533.5994 or 530.877.1477), 1473 Patrick Dr, Paradise CA 95969

June 1, Western Massachusetts Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 or Isabel Hyndman

June 6–8, Mount St. Helens Classic

American Legion, 1250 12th, Longview WA 98632. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.501.6885), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626

June 6–8, Space Coast Open

Clarion Hotel, 260 E Merritt Island Cs, Merritt Island FL 32952. Main \$55. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lee Bailey (321.459.5358), 300 S Sykes Creek Pkwy #204, Merritt Island FL 32952-3313 or Mike Elkins

June 7, Orange Crush Classic

Laguna Woods Village, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177), 2184

Via Mariposa E Unit O, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983)

June 7, Mountain View Open

American Legion, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. Main \$55. Sat 6pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686), 1816 Lily Pl #5, Loveland CO 80537-6288

June 8, pH Factor Open

Frantone's, 12253 E Imperial Way, 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 13–15, Cascade Classic

VFW Hall, Veteran Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Fri DBL. Fri HR. Sat. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), PO Box 263, Redmond OR 97756 or Margery Clark

June 13–15, Capital City Classic

Best Western, 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. 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 20–22, Medford Cribbage Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing 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 90 players—no walk-ins accepted if full. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Julie Felkins

June 22, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

June 22, Weir River Tournament

K of C Hall, 126 W Main St (Rte 9), Ware MA 01882. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Mathew Piechota (413.967.4004), 269 Palmer Rd, Ware MA 01082-9776 or Bill Medeiros

June 27–29, Schaefer Shuffle

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

June 29, Baltimore Summer Special

Golden Dragon Inn, 8109 Liberty Rd, Baltimore

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MD 21244. Main \$60. Sat \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bruce Sattler (410.371.8954; b.sattler@verizon.net), 3732 Foxford Stream Rd, Nottingham MD 21236-2900

July 4-6, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri \$35. Sun pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons (775.358.4916), 333 K St, Sparks NV 89431-3214 or Roberta Huff

July 8-10, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 3pm \$10. Tue HR 6:30pm \$50. Tue 7pm \$20. Wed 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: A. J. Tasker (775.829.1474), 2700 Plumas St #104, Reno NV 89509-4104 or Les Summer or Valerie Summer or Bob Bartosh

July 12, Truckee River Classic

North Tahoe Community Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd (Hwy 28), Kings Beach CA 96143. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.587.7339), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160-1526 or Ron Morgan (530.251.6389)

July 13, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Larry West (360.830.0783), 1442 W Wilderness Ln, Seabeck WA 98380-9403 or Dennis Misener

July 18-20, Devil Mountain Caper

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

July 18-21, Granite City Classic

VFW Hall, 9 18th Ave N, St Cloud MN. Main \$60. Fri. \$20. Sat \$20. All Events. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Mike Burns (320.252.5329), 1212 Washington Memorial Dr #134, Saint Cloud MN 56301-3517 or Bob Joslin or Doug Munneke

July 20, Yearend Cribbage Extra

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Isabel Hyndman (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 or Phyllis Schmidt

July 20, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

July 25-27, Portland Summer Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillivray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm

\$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Sun CB \$10. All Events \$20. Team. Super-Q. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th PI #7, Portland OR 97202-3069 or Ken Julkowski

July 25-28, National Open

Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Old Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Perks: coffee, lunch. Main \$70. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Sun \$30. Mon \$30. Contact: Catherine & Russ Perkins (919.837.5790), 1030 Barker Rd, Bear Creek NC 27207-9316 or Jerry Gooden or Henry Douglass

July 30-31, Master Midweek

VFW Hall, 615 N Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$50. Wed \$10. Thur \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Bob Brumley (509.839.6323), 1301 Lester Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944-9171

August 1-3, Summer Classic

Sunnyside Eagles, 101 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 6:30pm \$50/team. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$10. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944-1254

August 1-3, Shut Up and Deal

Location TBA, San Leandro/Fremont area. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: donuts, coffee, Sunday lunch. Contact: Ray Mink (510.791.5347 or 510.684.5988), 37981 Lavender Cmn, Fremont CA 94536-5205

August 2, Summer Cribbage Fix

Place TBA, Soldotna AK 99669. Main \$35. Contact: Karen Dorcas (907.252.4950; karendorcas@gci.net), PO Box 1164, Kenai AK 99611

August 3, Patriot Kickoff

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Carl Deyette (860.568.7418), 55 Legion Dr, East Hartford CT 06118-3420 or Walt Brideaux or Don Janelle

August 8-10, Humboldt Bay Classic

Mad River Rapids RV Park, 3501 Janes Rd, Arcata CA 95521. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$15. Perks: bagels, coffee, donuts, juice, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519-3858 or Julie Felkins or Barrett Mace or Tom Cookman

August 8-10, Cowboy Country Open

American Legion, 2100 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.421.4900), 6800 Legend Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009-8388

August 9–10, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Black River Falls WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4105), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

August 15–17, Peach State Classic

Comfort Suites (678.714.7707), 2945-A Hwy 317, Suwannee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee. Contact: David O'Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021-2738

August 15–17, Garden State Open

Comfort Suites, 315 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$20. Sat HR \$50. Perks: lunch. Contact: Cate Campbell Correa (732.271.5669 or 732.575.9570), 5 Birch Ter, Somerset NJ 08873-4126

August 22–24, Madison Masters

Howard Johnson, 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: lunch. Contact: Mike Blackburn (608.577.3940), W9595 County Rd C, Cambridge WI 53523-9306

August 22–24, Nevada State Championship

Sturgeons Casino, 1420 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Ceresse, Sparks NV 89434-9511 or Valerie Sumner or A. J. Tasker or Bob Bartosh

Aug. 22–24, New England Peer Championship

LeFoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$15. Sat DBL 7:30pm \$30/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (410.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917-3213

August 29–31, Skagway Open

Elks Lodge, 5th & State, Skagway AK 99840. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$40/team. Contact: Jerry Hauf (907.780.4015), PO Box 32546, Juneau AK 99803-2546

August 29–31, Mount Rainier Open

Tacoma Elks, 1965 S Union Ave, Tacoma WA 98405. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$15. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: cookies, muffins. Contact: Jim Hornbacher (253.770.3213), 17509 90th Avenue Ct E, Puyallup WA 98375-6193 or Hal Lamon (253.839.1940), 29228 62nd Pl S, Auburn WA 98001-1211

August 29–31, Capital City Classic

Eagles Lodge, 715 Fee St, Helena MT 59601. Main \$50. Fri 3pm. Fri DBL 7pm. Sat 7pm. Contact: Kathy Thompson (406.443.4825), 3000 Willard

Ave #110, Helena MT 59601-0474 or Walt Conell (406.782.5159)

August 31, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

September 5–7, St. Louis Gateway Classic

Comfort Inn, 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$25. Contact: Floyd Vincent (636.456.9809), 20101 Southwood Estates Rd, Warrenton MO 63383-6963 or Dave Carey (217.563.7190)

September 7, Daniel Webster Open

Nashua Elks, 120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$52. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633), 1466 Battle St, Webster NH 03303-7316

September 19–21, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.909.0043), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

September 19–21, Winnemucca Fall Classic

Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89446. Main \$50. Fri EB. Fri DBL. Fri HR. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855) or Sharon Hejtmank or Jeanette Nielsen or Peggy Scalley

September 21, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96813. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

September 25–28, Grand National 27

Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland OR 97220. Main \$60. Thu 7pm \$20. Fri 9:30am \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Sun 2pm \$20. Sun 6pm \$20. Awards banquet. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th Pl #7, Portland OR 97202 or Ken Julkowski (503.788.6907)

October 4, Schaefer Shuffle Special

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Al and Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037-9264

October 5, West Bend Classic

Knights of Columbus Hall, 3245 Lighthouse Ln, *Tournament Trail continued on page 30*

West Bend WI 53090. Main \$45. Perks: lunch. Contact: Gene "Moose" Biegler (262.334.2980), 1602 Harrison St, West Bend WI 53090-1536 or Richard Frost

October 5, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Larry West (360.830.0783), 1442 W Wilderness Ln, Seabeck WA 98380-9403 or Dennis Misener

October 5, 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 03062-1418 or David Statz

October 10-12, Capital City Classic

Best Western, 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315-0302

October 12, October Occurrence

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 or Isabel Hyndman

October 17-19, Wisconsin Rapids Open

Hotel Mead, 451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$25. Sat 7:30pm \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494-9056

October 17-19, Emerald Coast Open

Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Scott & Jenny Bailey (850.582.5945), 1951 Waterford Ridge Rd, Fort Walton Beach FL 32547-7190

October 17-19, Crescent City Open

Del Norte County Fairgrounds, 421 Hwy 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, treats. Contact: Jim Waldvogel (707.464.9168), 160 Hinky Rd, Crescent City CA 95531-9243 or Jerry Cutsforth (707.464.2908) or Vernon Falls (707.464.4510)

October 17-19, Niagara Falls Open

Quality Hotel, 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 14075-5228 or Jane Cannizzaro

October 18, P&G Open

Fratone's Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Nor-

walk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, pastries, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901), 12132 Roseton Ave, Norwalk CA 90650-2353 or Gary Sumner

October 24-26, Abe Kealoha Memorial

Paul & Terry's Place, 100 N Beretania #207, Honolulu HI 96813. Main \$50. Fri DBL 6:30pm \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsar-kie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

October 24-26, North Pole Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$60. Fri 2pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, breakfast. Contact: Jeanne & Roger Wauters (920.863.3703), 4753 Denmark Rd, Denmark WI 54208-9182

October 24-26, Salem Classic

Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Ct NE, Salem OR 97071. Main \$60. Fri EB \$10. Fri \$20. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, tea. Contact: Phyllis & Ratso Roderick (503.981.1004; rrrsratso@aol.com), 612 N Cascade Dr #24, Woodburn OR 97071-3053

October 31-November 2, Illinois Open

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 8pm. Sat 7m. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Marv Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Ct, Woodstock IL 60098-3039 or Dave Drew

October 31-Nov. 2, Sunshine State Classic

Ramada Inn, 2145 E Hwy 192, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri 1pm DBL \$20/team. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd Lot A4, Kissimmee FL 34744-4467

November 2, Dante Club Open

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave., West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: George Bickford (413.733.9288), 89 Clayton Dr, West Springfield MA 01089-1262 or Charlie Finley (860.745.1143)

November 7-9, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$52. Fri DBL \$50/team. Sun pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons (775.358.4916), 333 K St, Sparks NV 89431-3214 or Roberta Huff

November 14-16, Michigan Tourn. of Diamonds

Comfort Inn (231.739.9092), 1675 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49444. Main \$70. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net),

visit www.cribbage.org for more tournament details

P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313 or Jeff Gardner (937.602.0690; jeff.gardner@wright.edu)

November 14–16, Hampton Roads Shoot-Out
Holiday Inn, Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach VA 23462. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$30. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jack Howsare (757.340.7390 or 757.696.2999), 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23452-2258

November 14–16, Longest Beach Classic
Chautauqua Lodge, 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 Hejtmanek (406.549.2843)

November 21–23, Minnesota Open
Grandpa's Garage, 31846 65th Ave Way, Cannon Falls MN 55009. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave, Minneapolis MN 55417-1452

November 21–23, Minnesota Open
Grandpa's Garage, 31846 65th Ave Way, Cannon

Falls MN 55009. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave, Minneapolis MN 55417-1452 or Al Booth (763.783.7042)

December 7, Western Washington Limited
Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Dennis Misener (360.710.8412), 50 Sandy Ct NW, Bremerton WA 98311-9126 or Larry West

December 7, Hawai'i Championship
Paul & Terry's Place, 100 N Beretania #217, Honolulu HI 96813. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

December 7, Holiday Cribbage Special
VFW #1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Holli & Earle Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd #1, Cumberland RI 02864-1618

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See contact info on page 25.

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Welcome to New Members

The ACC welcomed 136 new members during February. When you see these folks down the tournament trail or at your cribbage club, welcome them with a hearty handshake, answer their questions, and then sit down with them and enjoy the best card game ever invented.

Jill Aburas (Dallas TX)
Gary R. Allen (Hermiston OR)
Randy Allen (Wyoming MI)
Theresa Allen (Maxwell IA)
Joyce Allison (Redding CA)
Rex Allison (Redding CA)
Karen L. Anderson (Camarillo CA)
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Norma Baldwin (Mount Pleasant MI)
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Gary Boxeth (Kings Beach CA)
Bill Brown (Laguna Woods CA)
Brian Brown (Redding CA)
Dell Brown (Spokane WA)
Ed Bugiak (Mesa AZ)
David Bunce (Pasco WA)
Sharron Bunce (Pasco WA)
Jeff Burnham (Sparks NV)
Michael Byrne (Grants Pass OR)
Hortense Carrier (Rimouski QC, Canada)
Kendall P. Chase (Walnut Creek CA)
Howard R. Connolly (Arcata CA)
Thaddeus Connolly (Oakland CA)
Debbie Cook (Albuquerque NM)
Jack Cotter (Otis Orchards WA)
Andrew Crouch (Fresno CA)
Dianne Crouch (Fresno CA)
John V. Curry (Helena MT)
Joseph Curry (Fairbanks AK)
William Davey (Gadsden AL)
Cynthia Delisle (Brentwood NH)
Joe Delisle (Brentwood NH)
Beth Delozier (Wyoming MI)
Jason Delozier (Wyoming MI)
Ken Droscher (Melbourne FL)
Mary Droscher (Melbourne FL)
Trish Dunlap (Chico CA)
Arthur Edmonds III (Encino CA)
Andy Engel (Appleton WI)
Ronald Erzen (Saginaw MI)
Steve Farmilant (Chicago IL)
Amy Faulk (Richland WA)

Daniel Fergus (Reno NV)
Carole Fisher (Electric City WA)
John Geer (Chico CA)
James Gibbs (Evanston IL)
Barry Gordon (North Easton MA)
C. Adam Graupp (Dallas TX)
Hank Greenman (Danielson CT)
Todd Grosswhite (Houston TX)
Barbara Hagie (Soldotna AK)
Wayne Hagie (Soldotna AK)
Lee Harding (Kelowna BC, Canada)
Patrick Harding (Kelowna BC, Canada)
John Hardy II (Portland OR)
Tim Harwood (Cedar Falls IA)
Lori Hayhurst (Redding CA)
Cathy Heine (Denver CO)
Tim Heine (Denver CO)
Larry G. Henderson (Redding CA)
Jody Henson (Reno NV)
Norm Herth (Lynnwood WA)
Joe Horn (Pearl City HI)
Joseph Hrenak (Madison WI)
Carrie Irby (Clovis CA)
Eileen Jackson (Reno NV)
Jerry Jeffs (Chino CA)
Ronald C. Jepson (Lake Wales FL)
Earl B. Jeremy (Fullerton CA)
Jerry Joswiak (South Saint Paul MN)
Shayne Keck (Boise ID)
Charles E. Kellaway (Palmetto FL)
Marion Kenyon (Walnut Creek CA)
Stephanie B. Kernan (Redding CA)
Evelyn Klementti (Orillia ON, Canada)
Roy Klementti (Orillia ON, Canada)
Nick Krueger (Seattle WA)
Jerry Landen (Lafayette CO)
Sue Larson (Strum WI)
Ben Lesina (Crescent City CA)
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Arthur Loveland (South Lyon MI)
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Pat McCarthy (Lincoln CA)
Ron McCarthy (Edmonton AB, Canada)

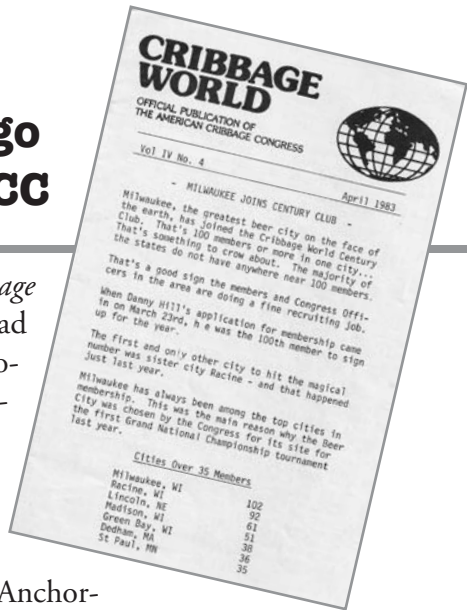
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25 Years Ago in the ACC

The cover story of the April 1983 *Cribbage World* announced that Milwaukee had reached the 100-member mark. With today's large cities fragmented by suburbanization and urban flight, no city comes close to 100 members. Portland OR tops the list with 62 members; Green Bay WI has 52; and Edmonton AB has 50.

At 32 members, Milwaukee is tied with Anchorage AK and Virginia Beach VA in a distant nineteenth.

Elsewhere inside this issue, we learn that **Bob McCabe** (then of Brown Deer WI, now one of 32 ACC members still living in Milwaukee WI) sat atop the MRP leader board. **Nick Pond**, director of the National Open in Raleigh NC, announced that the field for the NOCT had been expanded to 512 players.



New Members—continued from previous page

Kevin McMullen (Frisco TX)
Tommy McMullen (Plano TX)
Earl Meiers (Alexandria VA)
Rick Merkel (Gadsden AL)
Victor Merkel (Mableton GA)
James Micari (Centerville MA)
Janet Micari (Centerville MA)
Harley Miedema (Vashon WA)
Gordon Miller (Sicamous BC, Canada)
Michael Moorefield (Ridgefield WA)
Bertell Muyskens (Myrtle Creek OR)
Robert Nyland (Hudson NH)
Roger Olsen (Kirkland WA)
Jason E. Owle (Cherokee NC)
Lorraine Palmer (Bolton, England)
Burton Pearson (Auburn CA)
Jerald T. Poorman (Richland WA)
Joshua B. Pruitt (Titusville FL)
Bruce Ray (Altoona IA)
Barbara Rea (Paradise CA)
Ken Richey (Boise ID)
Mike Roach (Livermore CA)
Martin Roeb (Plano TX)
Richard Roll (Houston TX)
Ricky Lee Sampson (Lead SD)

Travis Sand (Lakewood CO)
Alan Sanderson Sr. (Whately MA)
John Sanguinetti (Stockton CA)
Brad Saunders (Aptos CA)
Denny Schelich (Washington MO)
Lana Schelich (Washington MO)
Bob Sessions (Rainbow City AL)
Rod Shedd (South Burlington VT)
Arnold Sousa (Stockton CA)
Dale B. Spencer (Olympia WA)
Majyk Stella (Plymouth WA)
Robert Stevens (Ridgefield WA)
Gary Terflinger II (Baldwin Park CA)
Darla Vigil (Hurst TX)
Ken Walker (Sumner WA)
Steve Walker (Little Elm TX)
Phil Wick (Baker City OR)
Matt Wilsey (Melba ID)
Lesley Winston (Richland WA)
Logan Winston (Richland WA)
Martin Wittmus (Old Monroe MO)
Jim Wood (Bozrah CT)
William Woodard (Riverside CA)
Joe Woodyard (Fort Collins CO)
Anthony Wrobel (Las Vegas NV)

New Drug Testing Policy

by April F. Day

Showing obvious concern about the prevalence of performance-enhancing drugs in other big league sports, the ACC's Board of Directors voted unanimously at their February meeting in Reno to institute random drug testing of TOC participants.

While acknowledging that there have been no confirmed reports of the use of peg-enhancing drugs at any ACC-sanctioned tournament, Martha "The Drug Czar" Fingleton sponsored the proposal in order to make sure that cribbage remains free of cribbatonic substances. Fingleton singled out Pegitol, Skunkadone, Gozac, and the black market drug known as Mypegsrbig as being potentially troublesome on the cribbage circuit.

BOD fellow member Dan Zeisler, who heads up the ACC's youth program, seconded the proposal and asked that the program also include an emphasis for junior members: "Just say go!"

In addition to preventing cheating, testing for hallucinacribbic drugs will also provide another peg in the fight against ICD, or irrational cribbage depression. The roots of this malady go all the way back to Sir John Suckling, the unhappy poet who invented cribbage and then took poison to end his life after he lost a game in the stink hole.

The first test of the new policy will come next February, when an expected 600 of the ACC's top players descend once again on Reno to determine the champion of champions. If this trial program operates smoothly, the program will be immediately expanded to all sanctioned tournaments, beginning with the midweek Topaz

tourney in February 2009.

More details will be released in future months, but in the meantime here are the instructions that the BOD put in place for the 2009 TOC:

- To insure that no foreign antibodies influence the testing, all TOC participants are asked to refrain from eating, drinking, or sleeping within twelve hours of the start of play.
- During the third game of the TOC, a list of randomly chosen names will be announced over the PA system. If your name is called, please report immediately to the bathrooms on the second floor of the hotel.
- You must use one of the standard cups supplied by the ACC; no custom cups are allowed.
- When you are finished, place the lid securely on the cup and take it to the judges' desk in the main playing room.
- Wash hands before resuming play.

Results of the drug tests will be announced by 3:00 on Friday afternoon. A positive drug test will result in a ten-point penalty against any apparent qualifier. Comments or questions may be addressed to Martha at drugczar@cribbage.net.

Did you know that you can read *Cribbage World* on the web before it arrives in your mailbox? Go to cribbage.org and click on the "Cribbage World" link in the left column.

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BY HAL MUELLER

Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

In Reno, I had the good luck of some great cards, which resulted in my qualifying in the Tournament of Champions in February.

In one of my early games I had a major “brain cramp.” My cards were so good (5-J-Q-Q-Q-K) that I discarded only one card (K) into my opponent’s crib. Result? Dead hand! I eventually won that game and many others to qualify with 26 GPs.

That senior moment possibly cost me a valuable extra game point and about a thousand dollars in Q-money. After a first-round bye, I had another brain cramp: I prematurely claimed the match after two “no-brainer” wins. In true Greek fashion, I was punished for this presumption and lost the next two games.

Sometime during this match I received my Q-pool winnings in an envelope that I purposely left unopened until the conclusion of the match, not wanting to change my luck—so I thought.

The fifth and deciding game was close all the way, and I managed to squeak into the next round. During this match someone mentioned my envelope, to which I made a vague reply. I did, however, pick it up and peek inside it during the next round, where I carelessly lost a won game (another brain cramp) and then cut

a 5 to give the dealer a 28-hand to easily lose the third game and the match.

I left the table in a mild state of disbelief upon my early exit, without the envelope—brain cramp number four. **Betty Stewart**, the 2006 TOC winner, had previously arrived and was patiently waiting to take her place at our board for her next round.



She mentioned something about my envelope, but it wasn’t until the next morning that I realized that I didn’t have it or its contents and that I must have mislaid it somewhere.

But where? Was it at the Sand’s yummy all-you-can-eat-steak buffet. Had I dropped it? Just where was it? Sometime during my first or second game of the main tournament, a person came to my table and presented me with my envelope. Betty had realized what had happened and thoughtfully took good custody of it and then forwarded it to me on Saturday morning. Thank you, Betty—you are and always will be a champion!



Hal lives in Hamilton ON and is the creator of Hal’s Crib, a leading cribbage-improvement software (halscrib.com).

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