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by David Aiken

Skillucky

Here's the challenge that I presented to CW readers in February: what percentage of this grand ol' game is determined by luck? During the past three months, I have had profitable email conversations with many ACC members on virtually every aspect of this topic, but only one of them pushed me to explain the question itself.

Life Master (★) **Larry Samet** (Wellesley MA) saw through the façade I erected and called my bluff: "What does the question mean?" he queried; "If you have no good answer, I will try to answer it in my response. I am not sure the question is meaningful as asked."

In my response to Larry (who is a member of the CW Advisory Board and therefore accustomed to calling me to account!), I had to come clean: "This question is mainly geared to generate feedback. While I will in fact add up the numerical responses and publish the average in CW, I am more interested in the peripheral responses that I receive." To keep my promise to Larry, here then are the hard numbers.

Of the twenty or so people who wrote to me about this topic, sixteen of them placed a numerical value on the skill-luck ratio. The skill values ranged from 10% to 80%, with the median being 25% and the average 29.6875%—which is very close to the most common answer submitted: 30% skill.

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My Deal

by David Aiken



I am happy to introduce three new columns in this month's *Cribbage World*.

"Down Time" will contain non-cribbage puzzles to give you something to do while waiting for your next cribbage game to start. While your intrepid editor may on occasion attempt to create some of these puzzles, I suspect that the overall quality will be higher if the ACC membership submits some of their own creations.

Anything is fair game here—cross-words, word searches, word jumbles—just so long as they are well crafted and submitted in polished form. And if they have a cribbage theme, then all the better. Keep in mind, of course, that I won't be able to print everything submitted, so the puzzle's quality and the amount of time I (don't) have to spend whipping it into shape will factor into my choices.

I thank **Ray Kimberley** (Chicago IL) not only for creating this month's puzzle but also for prompting me to get off my duff and get this column up and running.

"Cribbage Board of the Month" will be authored by **Jay Fulwider**. A member of both the ACC and the Cribbage Board Collectors Society, Jay and his wife, Lois, live in Renton WA, where he retired last year from a civil engineering career.

Since Jay has a degree in industrial scientific photography and taught photography for ten years at the college level, I'm confident that we can always look forward to high-quality photos of beautiful, exotic, and important cribbage boards.

Many of the boards that Jay will illustrate and describe in the coming months are in his personal collection or the collections of other CBCS members. Ideas for future columns may be sent to Jay at budandotis@msn.com. For more information about cribbage board collecting and the CBCS, go to www.cbcs.us.

"In My Opinion" needs little explanation: it will provide a forum for longer opinion pieces than can be accommodated on the letters page. **Jack Shumate** (Newport OR) kicks this occasional column off in fine fashion with his outlook on BOD term limits.

While I'm in an introductory mood, I should, in retrospect, mention a column that was actually launched two months ago: "4th Street: Cribbage Stories from around the ACC." This column will give readers a chance to publish extended essays on various aspects of the game. So far this column has featured reflections by **Shari Wikstrom** (University Place WA) and **Hal Mueller** (Hamilton ON), with a thought-provoking contribution by **Bill Sands** (Chico CA) this month.

I hope you enjoy reading—and contributing to—these columns.



My thanks to Martha Fingleton, Phyllis Schmidt, and Jeff Shimp for help with this issue.

In addition, I want to thank everyone who wrote in about the topic of luck vs. skill. Even if I didn't quote them directly

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Your Deal



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Cheating or Skill?

I witnessed this during Grass Roots play and I am curious to know what other players think. Is this cheating or skill? You need eight points to win. You have a 7-point hand and the lead. The dealer has played his second card to 23. You each have two cards left. You're holding 5-6 so you'll be left with one card after this play. You need the dealer to play out or say "go" after this play. For the dealer to play out, if you play your 6 (to 29) his two remaining cards must total two points, or if you play your 5 (to 28) the dealer's cards must total three or less—right? Perhaps not. Play the 6, announce 30 (not 29) and hope the dealer does not check the count and does not have a single ace, so he'll say "go." The rules say that you are not penalized for miscounting during pegging, and the worst that can happen is the dealer sees the miscount and corrects it. If that happens you'll lose, anyway, so why not take the chance?

Name withheld by request

Luck or Skill? Phooey!

I know there is often a debate as to which quality is better—skill or luck, but I think the "R" factor (reputation) is being overlooked. For the four-person team competition at the Mick Michaelis Classic in Marinette WI, Life Master (**) Wayne Steinmetz (Milwaukee WI) was solicited to join several teams due to the R factor. At the end of the 22-game qualifying round, it turns out that Wayne's was the low scorecard on the top two teams. It seems that neither skill nor luck was necessary for Wayne to take home his winnings—along with a fair amount of teasing!

Sharon Schaefer (Jackson WI)

Restructuring

If you would like to participate in an email discussion about the regional disparity, contact **Jeff Shimp** (jeffshimp@charter.net).

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in the cover story, I still profited from my email and phone conversations with the following ACC members:

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Colorado Winter Open (Denver CO; Mar. 1-2)	Roger Wilson	68 players HQ. Roger W. Wilson (55) 1. Dwight Van Cleve (147) 2. Fran Christofferson (105) 3. William Macmillan (70) 3. Douglas Sletten (70)	28 players HQ. Troy Thorson (21) 1. Jerry Landen (40) 2. Troy Thorson (24) 3. Kathy Pacocha (12) 3. Bill Reymann (12)	28-hands Fran Christofferson* Kathy Pacocha* Bill Reymann*	Friday: Tom Way Saturday: Dee Copeland
Winter US Open (West Covina CA; Mar. 2)	Norm Nikodym	61 players HQ. Jerry Person (40) 1. Paul S. Yellon (105) 2. Dave Olson (70) 3. Norman Nikodym (42) 3. Mel Ashley (42)	40 players HQ. Ronald L. Hoglund (12) 1. Michael Namm (60) 2. Roland A. Hall (40) 3. Ronald L. Hoglund (24) 3. Duane W. Toll (24)		
Tri-Valley Open (Medway MA; Mar. 8)	Pat Llewellyn	136 players HQ. Elijah H. White Jr. (45) 1. Frank Corso (196) 2. Theresa Clark (147) 3. Jim Hatch (105) 3. Robert Levine (105) 5. Paul Batterson (70) 5. Ford Jewer (70) 5. Earle W. Remington (70) 5. George E. Webb (70)	70 players HQ. Lee Dillon (15) 1. Lee Dillon (84) 2. Jeanette Verzillo (60) 3. Carl Deyette (40) 3. Ann Somers (40)	28-hands Henry Bergeron* Roger Bouchard*	Doubles: Phyllis Schmidt & Isabel Hyndman
Acapulco Action (Mexican Riviera Cruise; Mar. 8)	Roy Cook	44 players HQ. Winona Johnson (40) 1. Vern Mierkey (105) 2. Jean Wagoner (70) 3. Winona Johnson (42) 3. Stan Billingsley (42)	38 players HQ. Dave Yaeger (12) 1. Raymond L. Yaeger (60) 2. Roy Cook (40) 3. Mike McDaniel (24) 3. Michael Duffy (24)		Thursday: Anna Dunn All Events: Stan Billingsley Team: Ray Yaeger, Ray Yaeger, Art Whitney, Don Brown
Spirit Special (Mexican Riviera Cruise; Mar. 10-11)	Roy Cook	38 players HQ. Stan Billingsley (40) 1. Winona Johnson (105) 2. Barbara A. Tellez (70) 3. Thelma M. Weber (42) 3. Jackie Doppelt (42)	36 players HQ. Carol A. Williams (27) 1. Judith A. Beay (60) 2. Dick Hastie (40) 3. Doris Stemler (24) 3. Tony Montooth (24)	29-hands Donald LeVack*	

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Illinois Open (Crystal Lake IL; Mar. 7-9)	Marvin Lang & Dave Drew	106 players HQ. Steve Grage (50) 1. Les Kvien (147) 2. Tom Swett (105) 3. Richard Frost (70) 3. Tom Mares (70)	74 players HQ. Michael Grage (21) 1. Joy Shimp (84) 2. Mike Burns (60) 3. Sharon Schaefer (40) 3. Gene Biegler (40)		<i>Friday:</i> Roger Grandgeorge <i>Saturday:</i> Tim Smith <i>Team:</i> Andy Grage, Franklin Grage, Mike Grage, Steve Grage
Waupaca Rotary Open (Waupaca WI; Mar. 15)	Patrick Barrett	122 players HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (50) 1. Dan Minesal (147) 2. Daniel Pluff (105) 3. Richard Frost (70) 3. Fred R. Padjen (70)	70 players HQ. Jeremy Wussow (18) 1. Tony Danihel (84) 2. George Neujahr (60) 3. Michael Gonnering (40) 3. Allen E. Karr (40)	28-hands Elliott Havitz*	<i>Friday:</i> Jim Rice
St. Patrick's Day (Edmonton AB; Mar. 15)	Evelyn Osaka	30 players HQ. Lewis Skidmore (30) 1. Jack G. Lycklama (70) 2. John Zawaduk (42)	22 players HQ. Lorne Tanton (15) 1. Rob Voysey (40) 2. Audrey Hatto (24)		<i>Crybaby:</i> Lewis Skidmore
March Madness (Raleigh NC; Mar. 14-16)	Larry Phifer	76 players HQ. Bill Whiting (55) 1. Bruce D. Sattler (147) 2. Jim Claude (105) 3. Steve McAllister-Pell (70) 3. Hugh A. Berry (70)	56 players HQ. William Billow (18) 1. David J. Sniegowski (60) 2. Robert E. Moore (40) 3. Harry Malden (24) 3. Fran Ward (24)	28-hands Norm Vierende 29-hands Beth Witter*	<i>Friday:</i> Eric Davis <i>Saturday:</i> Megan Player
Northwest Open (Baker City OR; Mar. 14-16)	Carl Heath	68 players HQ. Dan David (45) 1. Dan David (147) 2. Wendell N. Rush (105) 3. Tom Cornwell (70) 3. Nod Palmer (70)	42 players HQ. Todd Malmgren (9) 1. Willie Evans (60) 2. Sharon Hejzmanek (40) 3. Kathy Atwood (24) 3. Jan Blevins (24)	28-hands Ron Quigley	<i>Early Bird:</i> Willie Evans <i>Doubles:</i> Paul Hatcher & Rollie Heath <i>High Rollers:</i> Roy Hofbauer <i>Saturday:</i> Jerald Keuter
Chico Open (Chico CA; Mar. 14-16)	Bruce Forbes & Dennis Jacobs	104 players HQ. Jones H. Horn (50) 1. Mike Tungate (147) 2. Peter A. Jackson (105) 3. Chris McComas (70) 3. Richard Lee Crawford (70)	68 players HQ. Charles J. Dunn (27) 1. Dick Ault (84) 2. Ben Holder (60) 3. Alfred Libby (40) 3. Bob Bartosh (40)	28-hands Kerry O'Connell*	<i>Doubles:</i> Patti Whiteaker & Joan DeCou <i>Saturday:</i> Peggy Scalley
* = in a sanctioned event					

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
April Fools Day (Soldotna AK; Mar. 29)	Karen Dorcas	22 players HQ. Steve Ellis (40) 1. Michael M. Rowe (70) 2. Gregory M. Fisher (42)	—		
Hawaiian Open (Honolulu HI; Mar. 30)	Tsarkie	22 players HQ. Lee Creighton (30) 1. Lee Creighton (70) 2. Kenneth Ching (42)	18 players HQ. David Van De Loop (18) 1. Mary Jane Esera (40) 2. Ron Dellork (24)		
Roadrunner Classic (Tempe AZ; Mar. 28–30)	Laurie & Ron Logan	104 players HQ. Willie Evans (65) 1. Jon Taylor (147) 2. William Hughes (105) 3. John R. Shula (70) 3. Donald L. Brown (70)	48 players HQ. Joy Shimp (21) 1. Andrew J. Lynch (60) 2. Joy Shimp (40) 3. Jeanette Powell (24) 3. Joe Bernard (24)	28-hands Judi Piepgras* Jimmie Cantrell*	Friday: Walter Barankiewicz High Rollers: Gib Bjourling Saturday: Doug Page All Events: Mel Kranz Super-Q: Don Brown Team: Rodney Rideau, Andy Lynch, Jerry Person, Don Brown
Lovelock Open (Lovelock NV; Mar. 26–28)	Les Sumner	76 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (50) 1. Betty Stewart (147) 2. Les Rasmussen (105) 3. Jim McKnight (70) 3. Bob Clark (70)	54 players HQ. Bill Johnson (21) 1. Gerald D. Oxford (60) 2. James Langley (40) 3. Bill Johnson (24) 3. Rich Ekman (24)	28-hands Gary Getty* Betty Stewart* Joe Fay* Bruce Webb	Early Bird: Richard Wardenburg High Rollers: Les Sumner Low Rollers: Tracy Yott Saturday: Paul Hatcher All Events (tie): Henry Carle & Duane Toll

- ♦ Two very good players lost all of their games in the Winter US Open consolation on March 2, but since neither one of them whined, the assumption is that they weren't looking for sympathy, so they will go unnamed.
- ♦ Master **Winona Johnson** (Springfield OR) cleaned house—or rather, ship—on the Carnival *Spirit* in early March. She smiled all the way to the bank as she took fifth place in the warm-up event, high qualifier and third place in the first main event, first place in the second main event, and second place in All Events. Now that sounds like the right way to take a cruise!
- ♦ Early Bird: **Dan Betz** (Muskegon MI) got a 28-hand in a pick-up game before the Illinois Open on March 8.
- ♦ All in the family: father **Franklin Grage** and sons **Andy, Mike, and Steve** won the team competition at the Illinois Open on March 8.
- ♦ Lightning strikes twice: **Beth Witter** (Green Bay WI) picked up her second 29-hand this cribbage year. This \$100 rarity showed up, appropriately enough, at the March Madness tourney in

Tidbits

Raleigh NC on March 16.

- ♦ Life Master (★) **Rollie Heath** (Lincoln City OR) had *two* grand slams in one day at the Northwest Open. He won every game in the Early Bird on Friday afternoon, but took second place behind Life Master **Willie Evans** (Richland WA). In the doubles event that night, Rollie and Life Master (★★) **Paul Hatcher** (Salem OR) won every game—and this time managed to take first place. Rollie got his comeuppance on Saturday night, when he won only one game.
- ♦ Now in his mid-80s, **Vern Mierkey** (Auburn CA) has been playing cribbage a long time, but he’s never turned in a seven-win scorecard with negative spread points. At the Lovelock Open

GAME POINTS

GAMES WON

NET SPREAD

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Name VERN MIERKEY

ACC# 04.5536 Seat#

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2	-	- 41	L.MIT	
3	-	- 11	BS	
4	2	01 -	BS	
5	2	07 -	Jim	
6	2	03 -	se	
7	2	01 -	SL	
8	2	09 -	BE	
9	2	02 -	Thelma	
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consolation on March 28, he won seven games by nine or fewer points—which was good for fourth-highest qualifier.

Grand Slams

- **Carol Williams** (San Marcos CA)—Spirit Special consolation on March 11
- **Rollie Heath** (Lincoln City OR)—Northwest Open early bird, March 14
- **Rollie Heath** (Lincoln City OR) and **Paul Hatcher** (Salem OR)—Northwest Open doubles on March 14

First Tournament Win

- **Paul Yellon** (Laguna Woods CA)—Winter US Open on March 2 (after 45 years of playing cribbage!)
- **Dan David** (Boise ID)—Northwest Open main event on March 14

String of Pearls

- ♦ **Andy Laventure** (Strasburg VA)—March Madness Friday event on March 14

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Of course, being the good cribbage players that they are, many of my corre-

“The best combination is to play good cards skillfully.”

—Life Master (★) **Scott Kooistra**
(Nebraska City NE)

spondents could not bear to simply state a number and walk away, but had to either qualify it or equivocate after stating the bare fact. That didn’t bother me, however, since I knew that the tangential responses represented the meat of the discussion. Here, then, are some things that I learned about cribbage in the past three months.

Cribbage vs. Chess

Larry Samet proposed a hypothetical situation to show the extent to which luck determines the outcome of a game. If you spend an hour teaching a reasonably intelligent person how to play cribbage and then play a game, there is perhaps a 25% chance you would lose, thus providing a luck factor of 25% for that game. If, however, you played that person twenty games, it would be virtually impossible for him or her to win. There is, Larry notes, “no luck in aggregate.”

By analogy, guess what happens when a good chess player teaches chess to a new player? There is 0% chance of the greenhorn winning even one game in a hundred.

Larry then puts forward a case where two cribbage players of equal skill play one hundred games. If they finish, say, at 55-45, then ten games were decided by luck on one side, and the other ninety had even luck. Luck was therefore a factor in 10% of these games.

Cribbage vs. Poker

But chess is not the only game in town. Two cribbage players drew very different insights from poker. Former casino dealer **Bryan Gurden** (Las Vegas NV) says, “Even with poker being what I do for a living, I would still say that more skill is involved in cribbage.” Conversely, poker aficionado **Scott Johnson** (Fairfield CT) is equally adamant that poker requires greater skill: “Show me one card player who plays both cribbage and poker well who would say there is more luck in poker than crib.”

Since in both games the cards are distributed with equal amounts of luck, the

“I would say 90% skill in victories;
10% skill in losses.”

—Life Master **Jeff Shimp**
(Grand Haven MI)

skill comes entirely in knowing how to play the cards. Scott thus contends that “skillful poker players can overcome and manipulate the luck component of the game to beat lesser players with a *far* greater degree of success than a masterful crib player can.” To anchor this point, he asks: “How many people play crib professionally?” Scott does concede, however, that “a master cribbage player is often a *better and more skillful player* than his poker-playing counterparts; it’s just that he will not succeed as often against lesser opponents as the very game of cribbage (and its accompanying luck) is stacked against him.”

Taking the opposing view, Brian shrewdly points out that cribbage players must play every single hand that is dealt to them—good or bad—whereas poker players have the luxury of throwing bad hands away. Despite this, Brian thinks that

whether the old poker saying that “10% of the people will take 90% of the money 100% of the time” is probably also true of cribbage.

CW asked Life Master (★) **Martha Fingleton** (Milwaukee WI) for her observations on the poker-cribbage question, and she immediately zeroed in on the different skill sets required in the two games. Perhaps the biggest difference is that cribbage presents very few opportunities to “play one’s opponent.” While one can, Martha wrote, “occasionally feign decision-making when leading from a pair or lay off taking a pair or trips when the opponent is visibly salivating, the cards overwhelmingly dictate play vis-à-vis board position. That’s why it is sometimes difficult to beat a less-skilled opponent—one has no reasonable grounds for assessing probability.”

So the debate continues: does poker or cribbage hold the better hand in skill-luck controversy?

Other Factors

I’ve always been a big believer in collective wisdom, and this has proven true on this topic as well. My letter writers pointed out several other factors—besides luck and

“Skill doesn’t always translate into winning. Sometimes it means you lose by 10 instead of by 20.”

—**Paul Gregson** (Antioch CA)

skill—that play a part in winning cribbage games and scoring MRPs.

• *participation in many tournaments*

Conventional wisdom holds that the ability to play in many tournaments a year is the reason the same names are always atop the leader board, but Bryan Gurden

challenges this view. We’re looking at this issue from the wrong side, he says; rather, these players play in so many tournaments *because* they are good.

• *lack of skill by your opponent*

This is a big one. If you face someone who consistently makes bad discarding and pegging decisions, it’s much easier to win. While you can’t control the quality of your opponent’s play, it’s certainly legitimate to take advantage of poor decision-making on his or her part.

“The top players play a broader range of cribbage hands with great skill.”

—**Dennis Braswell** (Renton WA)

• *confidence*

This is even bigger. Success breeds confidence, and it is much easier to win if you have the confidence that you can win. (Note: this is not the same as the arrogant expectation that you deserve to win because you are “clearly the better player.”)

And the Answer Is . . .

So where does this lead? After all this discussion, we’re still left with an uneasy balancing act between luck and skill. While it is clear that both partners are on the dance floor, it is not always possible to tell which is leading.

But whether luck controls 90% of the game, or only a paltry 10%, it comes under the label “things over which you have no control.” Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go to work on the things that you can control—the skill elements that can be improved through practice and study of the world’s greatest two-handed card game. **CW**

Cribbage Jumble

Unscramble these four words to form four cribbage terms. Then rearrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer to the hint.

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N F I E T E F

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S O P N I T

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L E A E D R

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Hint: it happens before the game starts:

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(Answer in next month's CW.)

This month's puzzle created by **Ray Kimberley** (Chicago IL).

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Grand National 27

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Temperatures average around 65–70 degrees in late September, with minimal to no rain. Foliage is gorgeous in all its brilliant colors (ranging from sunny yellow to scarlet) for those who'd rather view nature instead of play cribbage.

If you are bringing the family or a non-cribbage playing companion, we will be happy to provide information on local tourist attractions ahead of time. Riverboat cruises, walking tours, zoo, museums, and more—Portland has a vast variety of attractions for everyone!

Questions about Grand National 27 may be sent to **Tim and Ken Julkowski** via email (grand_national_xxvii@yahoo.com) or phone (503.382.9781).

Happy Birthday!

CW would like to acknowledge birthdays of members who turn 70, 80, 90, or 100. Please send information two months in advance to cribbage@iserv.net or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

Joe-gantic

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

1762 Brian McCoy, MA

Cribbage Quiz

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

This month's quiz was taken from the July 1980 *Midwest Cribbage League Newsletter*. So if you're a Midwestern pack rat, you can cheat and look it up—or it might just be simpler to sit down with a deck of cards and figure it out!

What two 13-point hands do not include nobs or a flush?

Answer on page 21.

ROY BOYLES

regretfully announces his retirement as the ACC's most prolific cribbage board maker. Roy will fill his current orders and then cease production, due to health issues.

In honor of his granddaughter Lindsay, who succumbed to leukemia in 1994, Roy has handcrafted over 4,000 tournament boards and donated the entire proceeds from their sale to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society—raising more than \$64,000 for leukemia research.

Roy and Dolores look forward to spending more time with family and friends.

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ACC Archivist

BY FRED WHITE

The ACC is an organization with a great history. Ken Cambell did a yeoman's job as ACC archivist for many years, before his recent passing. Shortly thereafter I was asked by Larry Hassett and Cathy Perkins if I would perform this vital task.

I work with all types of documents in my vocation, and I've seen what time does to paper—it starts to disintegrate. I saw this as an opportunity to maintain the legacy of our organization, and so I proposed to the BOD that I scan all of the past issues of *Cribbage World* for posting on the ACC website. In the meantime, I'm still poring through other memorabilia and hope to create a Grand National section as well.

As archivist I have been tasked with keeping all of the important documents of the organization on file in a safe and secure area. They are stored in an air-conditioned room at my office. I'm still sorting and categorizing, but so far I've found the minutes of past BOD meetings, various versions of the ACC rulebook, lots of National Open memorabilia, and some Wisconsin license plates (which I assume belonged to Joe Wergin).

My primary goal is to convert as much of this information as possible into electronic format so that all ACC members can enjoy memories, events, and items of interest from its beginnings. Eventually this material may be viewed online at the ACC website. If you have items of significance to the organization that should be retained in electronic format and hard copy, please contact me.

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If you know of a person or group of people who should be recognized for their volunteer work, contact Tom Lewis at tomlewis@spinn.net. Every month Tom volunteers to edit the Volunteers Column and the Grass Roots Corner.

Deep Pockets?

While Grand Master **Russ Perkins** (Bear Creek NC) didn't invent cribbage, rumor has it that he was the first person to mug **Sir John Suckling**.

The National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh NC is not quite as old as Russ, but it will hold its 35th edition on July 25–28. When a friend recently offered to donate money to the prize fund to help make NOCT 35 special, Russ magnanimously said that he would match any such contributions.

The story became a bit more interesting when Life Master **Henry Douglass** (Reidsville NC) got involved. Henry—who seldom misses an opportunity to “help”

his friends—decided to collect and match NOCT contributions—and then pass the doubled total on for Russ to match!

So here's the deal: wanna see how deep Russ's pockets are? Want to watch your money grow faster than the dot-com bubble in the late 1990s? If so, donate first to Henry, who will match your contribution before turning the money over to Russ for a second doubling.

Mathematically challenged readers may use the following formula to calculate the growth rate of their donation to the NOCT prize fund:

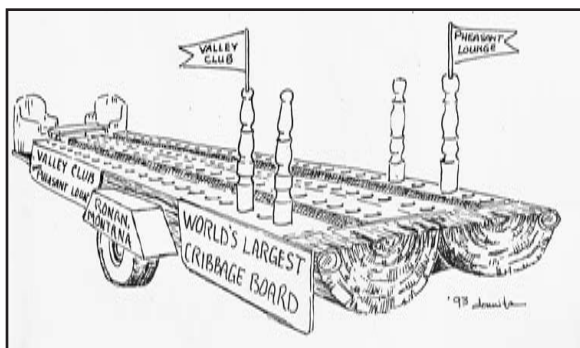
$$\text{\$} \times \text{[Portrait of Henry Douglass]} = \text{\$\$} \times \text{[Portrait of Russ Perkins]} = \text{\$\$\$\$}$$

Now That's Big!

The March CW asked for info on what was billed as the “world's largest cribbage board” in Norwich CT. While no one has reported whether this board still exists, **Phyllis Schmidt** (Williamstown MA) sent in a newspaper article about an even larger board in Montana.

Crafted from two cedar logs, the Montana board measured 32½ feet long and 8 feet across, weighed 3,400 pounds, and had 4-foot-tall pegs. It was used during the 1993 Grand National in Missoula MT for an exhibition game between Phyllis and **Jesse Jarrell** (Modesto CA)—which Phyllis won!

So here's the new challenge: can anyone tell CW if this board (or the one in Connecticut) is still in existence?



CW Contest #2

Since cribbage is a numbers game, we are pleased to announce a CW contest to test your math skills.

Calculate the answer to the math problem on the next page and send the answer to CW. If you submit the correct answer to this puzzle, you may be our winner.

The Grand Prize is free entry into the main tournament (a \$70 value) at the National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh NC on July 28–29, 2008. Winner is responsible for travel arrangements,

side pools, Q-pool, satellite entry fees, and bribe to CW editor.

To enter, write the final answer (you do not need to show your work) on a sheet of paper that also includes your name, ACC member number, mailing address, and phone number. Enclose the paper in an envelope, postmark your entry by June 30, 2008, and mail it to:

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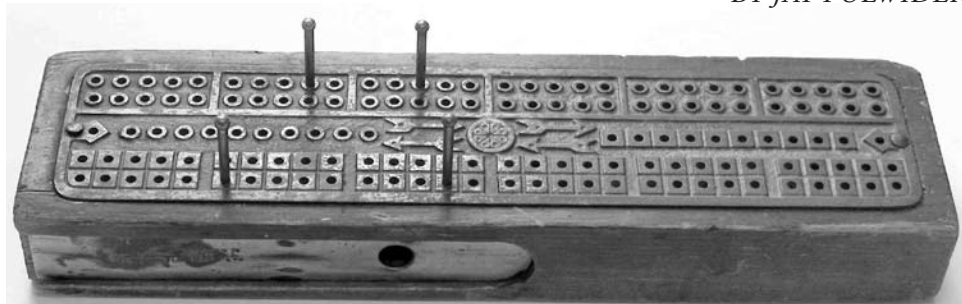
CW Contest Fine Print

1. Contest open only to ACC members.
2. You may enter only once. Duplicate entries from the same person will disqualify all entries from that person.
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4. On the back of your envelope print your last name and ACC member number.
5. All entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2008.
6. CW is not responsible for lost, misdirected, delayed, emailed, or postage-due entries.
7. The Grand Prize—free entry into the main event at the NOCT in Raleigh NC—must be used in July 2008. It cannot be converted to cash or transferred to another person.
8. In the event that more than one contestant submits the correct answer, a random draw will determine the winner. If no one submits the correct answer, a random draw of all submitted entries will determine the winner.



Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER



▶ start with the odds of getting a 29-hand: one in _____		_____
▶ divide by the number of sanctioned 29-hands Beverlee Honeycutt has held	÷	_____
▶ subtract the year Sir John Suckling was born	—	_____
▶ divide by the value of the only cribbage hand that cannot be helped by the cut	÷	_____
▶ subtract the number of MRPs Chris McComas scored in the 2006–2007 season	—	_____
▶ multiply by the number commonly associated with a blank hand (not its actual value)	×	_____
▶ subtract Joe Wergin’s lifetime MRP total	—	_____
▶ subtract the number of times Sir John Suckling was mentioned in the April 2008 CW	—	_____
▶ divide by the number of CW issues DeLynn Colvert edited	÷	_____
▶ multiply by the number of cribbage hands that every cut card helps	×	_____
▶ subtract the number of holes by which Jim Wysocki won his closest game in the 2007 GRRT	—	_____
▶ divide by the number of minutes that is the stated goal for the length of a cribbage game	÷	_____
▶ subtract the number of players in the main event of the first Grand National	—	_____
▶ subtract the most common size of bracket in long match play	—	_____
▶ divide by the perfect cribbage hand	÷	_____
	=	_____

Hint #1: all answers are whole numbers.

Hint #2: all numbers may be found in CW from January 2007 to present.

This cribbage board is a relatively rare Le Count #2. According to Peter Leach, an expert on Le Count cribbage boards, four versions of this model were manufactured by C. W. Le Count between 1885 and his death in 1893. The very earliest boards were the only ones with the metal plate mounted to the wood base with a single nail at each end. The base has a brass slider covering the peg and card storage area. The slider is stamped with the patent date of September 2, 1879. Most Le Count cribbage boards were sold through Sears and Wards catalogs.

For more information on cribbage boards and collecting, visit the Cribbage Board Collector’s Society website at **www.cbcs.us**.

In My Opinion

Since joining the ACC in 1995, I've been a highly active member, putting on twenty sanctioned tournaments and five youth tournaments and founding a Grass Roots club. I've played in more than three hundred sanctioned events, earned my Life Master rank and Grass Roots Bronze award, and served a term on the ACC Board of Directors. As a player, a tournament director, and a board member, I've witnessed the unresponsiveness of our core leadership to the interests and needs of ACC members.

Over a quarter-century ago, the ACC's founding members put together an excellent organization appropriately structured to regulate and promote our stimulating, fascinating game, and for decades the ACC has thrived and grown. But today there are signs that the ACC may be entering a period of stagnation and even decline. Membership has been stuck at around 7,000 for years. Long-established tournaments have been dwindling in attendance and are being canceled, and this trend started long before the current spike in gas prices. In the last election, only 854 members bothered to return their ballots, a 30% drop from the previous election. Some claim that this last fact means the membership is satisfied with the status quo. On the con-

trary, I think it means the membership has given up hope of change.

Most of us know, or know of, at least one well-qualified person who has been elected to the board and served one term, only to be so discouraged by the experience that they have chosen not to run again. A closed core group of directors who have been on the board since McKinley was in short pants dominate the dialog and dismiss fresh ideas out of hand, acknowledging the input of newer members only if they serve as a yes-chorus.

Like any pool in nature, the pool of talent that is our Board of Directors needs to be flushed out regularly with a stream of fresh energy and ideas if it is not to become stagnant and sedimentary. If a referendum on term limits were to appear on the ballot along with the director candidates at the next board election, I suspect we'd see a real surge in member voting.

Jack Shumate

Newport OR (CA 3351)

Jack's top hat is a familiar sight on the Tournament Trail.



Stat of the Month

Largest one-day tournament in 2006–2007 cribbage season:
Ocean State Classic (Pawtucket RI): 134 players on May 6, 2007

Largest one-day tournament in ACC history:
Ocean State Classic (Pawtucket RI): 202 players on May 2, 1999

Western Washington Long Match

Longtime cribbage player **Dennis Misenar** (Bremerton WA) won the second annual Western Washington Long Match, after six very competitive rounds of play by thirty-six avid cribbers.

This year's field was twice as large as last year's and included two Life Masters (★), the 2007 national ACC champion, and the MRP leader this year—none of

whom got past the semifinal round, and three of whom Dennis beat on his way to his well-deserved championship.

The third WWLM will start in October (deadline for signup is September 29). If you are ready for some keen cribbage competition, contact the director, **Bob Wikstrom** (253.460.0621 or wiks@silverlink.net), for more info.

Cribbage Lingo

bal•der•dash \ 'böl-dər-, dash\ *noun* : the rapidly moving line of men heading for the bathroom after playing cribbage all morning

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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New ACC Record

It's official: the 27/11 +234 scorecard that Life Master **Donald L. Brown** (Long Beach CA) turned in at the Fall U.S. Open in West Covina CA on October 21, 2007, set a new record for a 12-game sanctioned tournament. Don's grand slam was ruined by Julien Pomerleau Sr. (Anaheim CA) in game 4.

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	
27		11		+234	

**U.S. OPEN
OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD**

Name BROWN DON
Acc# CA1692 Seat# B3

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	2	04		Heuvel	B-18
2	2	11		J.L.	B-16
3	3	35		Q	B-14
4	0		09	Jules	B-12
5	2	06		QD	B-10
6	3	37		MD	B-8
7	3	33		JP	B-6
8	3	45		CU	B-4
9	2	16		AW	B-2
10	2	05		RM	B-19
11	2	08		WRD	B-17
12	3	43		RA	B-15
Total Game Points	27	243	09		
Games Won	11	NET POINTS (+/-) 234		Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0 Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
Signature <u>Don Brown</u>					

MIND GAMES

Admittedly psychology does not play as large a part in cribbage as it does in poker, but it may be a bigger factor than is commonly acknowledged. While it is difficult to assess the impact of a player's mental attitude on the outcome of a game, here are some tips to help you avoid being distracted by your opponent.

Some players prattle incessantly—to their advantage. This talk may distract their opponents, as pegging runs are missed, inappropriate discard choices are made, and hands are miscounted. Good hands may be disguised by negative chatter or sour expressions. A good player will learn to tune out all distractions—especially their opponent's chatter.

Many players delay discarding and appear bewildered about their choices when holding good cards with a no-brainer discard. Don't be fooled by these tactics. Base your pegging decisions on the cards your opponent plays—not on what he or she tried to make you think they have.

Don't let disgruntled players get you down. Pessimism is contagious, and it is easy to slip into negative thinking. Forget games that have been lost and focus fully on winning *this* one!

If your opponent is superior, just pretend that you are the better player and have the confidence necessary to win the game. You'll be surprised how often this will work, plus it will reduce tension and cause the game to be more enjoyable.

Don't complain of your opponent's good fortune and your lousy luck. It is more important to both win and lose graciously. Since the friendships we develop while playing cribbage can become



endearing and long-lasting, it is worth suppressing negative behavior in order to maintain them.

When bad cards seem to bombard you, don't get careless with your discards, don't shuffle hastily and incompletely, and above all don't take desperation gambles (save those for when things are going your way). Just treat yourself gently and understand that you'll get your time in the sunshine. This period will pass, and it will cause less damage if you accept it with a shrug of the shoulders.

If things really get to you, take a break. It might be a good time to go to the bathroom, check the weather outside, walk down the hall, or get a drink. But don't overdo this, as some players will not be very forgiving if you delay play on your table.

Cribbage should *not* be a source of stress or undue pressure. Enjoy it to the fullest by taking control. If you remain on target, make logical choices, and stay focused, you'll be able to keep chatter, psychological head games, or other devious behavior from influencing the outcome of games.

Based on material by Life Master (★) Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen (Napavine WA).

STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

sctimes.com Grand Master **Mike Burns** (Saint Cloud MN) teaches cribbage to students at Sartell Middle School in Sartell MN. The March 25 edition of the *St. Cloud Times* ran a very nice article about Mike's cribbage activities. To read the full story, run a Google search on these words: "mike burns" cribbage sartell.

bostonherald.com Boston Red Sox coach Don Kalkstein ran a cribbage tournament on the team's flight to Japan in late March. Sox manager Terry Francona took first, and rookie infielder Jed Lowrie placed second.

patriotledger.com With the opening of the baseball season, Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona and second baseman

Dustin Pedroia have resumed their game-day cribbage matches.

bluemountainscourierherald.com Rob Potter, editor of the *Courier-Herald* in Thornbury ON, reports that he and his wife played cribbage by candlelight during Earth Hour.

themonitor.com Twin Palms RV Park in McAllen TX was recently sold to South Texas College. The sale included the rec room, where cribbage players started in at 6:00 AM.

petoskeynews.com Marie Kring (Horton Bay MI) turned 100 on April 14 and still likes to walk the Mackinaw Bridge (a Labor Day festivity in Upper Michigan) and play cribbage.

Cribbage Quiz Answer

The two 13-point hands that do not include nobs or a flush are 5-5-9-10-J (you must cut either the Jack or, if holding the Jack, a card that doesn't match the suit of the Jack) and the famous Raggedy Ann: A-A-6-7-8.

Junior Program

Our thanks to the following members who have made donations to the Junior Program. This program assists ACC members in teaching cribbage to kids by providing a 22-page teacher's guide for the classroom, cribbage boards and cards as needed, and trophies and nonmonetary awards for junior tournaments. If you have any questions about this worthwhile cause, please contact **Dan Zeisler** (530.274.3124; danthefan@yahoo.com; 10300 Dawkins Ln, Grass Valley CA 95949-9601).

Libby Albanese (Swampscott MA)
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Brian Dworetzky (Lower Gwynedd PA)
Sarah Hultgren (Minneapolis MN)
Irene M. Huntington (Reno NV)

Malia Ironside (Wisconsin Rapids WI)
Richard C. Karre Sr. (Worcester MA)
Bill Krakauskas (San Carlos CA)
Roger Madsen (Grants NM)
Tracy Radosevich (Medford WI)
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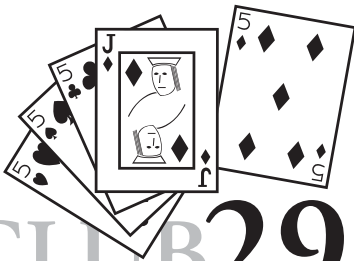
ACC Awards



Frosty is a rarity in the ACC—a self-taught player, but he’s quick to admit that he learned a lot about the game from Lloyd Lubbert and Louis Kamps. After joining the ACC in March 1991, he soon made his mark by winning the 1991 “Pole Lock Open,” a benefit tournament in Appleton WI. Since then Frosty has won a total of twelve tourneys and has been champion of Club 196 and Club 90 multiple times. His toughest opponent is Les Kvien (this year), and his favorite tournament is always Reno. Frosty’s non-cribbage interests are coin collecting and “hauling barrels.” One of the truly nice guys in the ACC, Frosty truly deserves this star (if not a halo).

Richard Frost
(Berlin WI)

Life Master (★) #45



New Cribbage Masters

697. Rick Allen (Richmond VA)

698. Betty Stewart (Sutherlin OR)

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)
7. Donald LeVack (Colorado Springs CO): Spirit Special (March 11)
8. Beth Witter (Green Bay WI): March Madness (March 16)

Can Anybody Top This?

In a pickup game with a friend in Portland OR, **Donn DeBernardi** pegged 20 points in succession without his opponent playing a card! How’d he do it? The pegging went like this:

pone:	10	5 (2 pts.)	“go”		
Donn:		5 (2 pts.)		5 (6 pts.)	5 (12 pts.)
					A (2 pts.)

If it is possible for more pegging points to be scored by one player playing three cards in a row, please let CW know.

In Memoriam

Chet Hinkle

Chester Hinkle Sr. (Newcomb TN) passed away at age 51, following a fight with lung cancer. A longtime resident of Connecticut, he moved to Tennessee fifteen years ago. A local businessman who enjoyed playing cribbage, Chet was buried in a military funeral.

Basil Johnson

Basil E. Johnson (Delton MI) died on March 14 after a lengthy illness. Born in 1919, Basil was the youngest of seven children. He served in England in WWII as a B17 pilot with the 8th Air Force, 306 Bomber Group, 369 Squadron. After being injured and no longer able to fly, he served as a flight instructor in Florida and Georgia, retiring in 1947 with the rank of Captain. Basil became a school principal and superintendent in Michigan, most recently serving in Delton until his retirement in 1977. He played Grass Roots cribbage in Delton and traveled a little in the Midwest and to Reno for tournaments. Basil loved this game so much that a cribbage board and a 29-hand were placed in his casket at the viewing.

Roch Le Page

Jean Roch Le Page Jr. (Wilton CT) died on February 10 at the age of 91, after several months of illness. Roch played cribbage for over eighty years and was proud to teach all his children and grandchildren the game. Roch successfully lobbied to change the rule to move your peg to the 121st hole, always maintaining that if you had the points to win, you should not have to peg out. Roch achieved a lifetime dream

of a 29-hand on August 4, 2005. Over the last twenty-five years, Roch played in many tournaments across the country, usually bringing family members to tournaments and thoroughly enjoying the camaraderie. He will be greatly missed by his large family.

Richard Main

Richard Main (Magalia CA) passed away April 5 at the age of 93, of natural causes. He joined Club 142 (Paradise CA) only this season and was able to catch an elusive 28-hand before his health started failing. He was a real gentleman and a pleasure to talk with about his past. His presence will be missed at club tournaments by all his friends.

Dick Neunsinger

Richard H. Neunsinger (Waite Park MN) passed away unexpectedly at the age of 86 on February 21. A longtime member of Club 94 in St. Cloud and a Master in tournament play, Dick was in Duluth participating in an Amateur State Pool Tournament when he collapsed. Besides cribbage, he had a great passion for the game of pool. Dick was a loving family man with a great zest for life! He will be missed by so many.

Peg Palm

Peg Palm (Fallbrook CA) passed away April 7, of respiratory problems. Peg was one of the favorite players in Club 150 (Pacific Coast Peggers). She never failed to bring smiles with her bubbly personality. She truly will be missed by all of our club members.

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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.

Email Address?—sometimes it is very difficult to reach club members. If you have an email address, please ask your club director to enter it into your Grass Roots record.

Where are the picture cards?—on March 15 **Dexter Lake** held four 5s in a weekly tourney at **Club 271 in Albuquerque NM**, and the starter card was an eight. Two weeks later he again held four 5s, and this time the starter card was a two! Where were the sixteen 10-point cards hiding? Both times the skunk had contained in excess of \$200.
submitted by Tom Lewis

The answer to the above question seems to be at **Club 290 in Alamo CA**, where **Mary Herrmann** has captured three 28-hands in two months! On April 2 **Helen Momaney** secured a 28-hand in the third game of the night and anticipated winning the high-hand pot that night, but of course Mary snatched it away later that night. Interest-

ingly, the opponent of both Helen and Mary was club leader **George Momaney**, who not only was gracious to the two ladies but also surrendered his lead to **Al Moy** by one GRP. Al is the perennial club champion now going for his sixth consecutive club championship. *submitted by Al Moy*

Leroy Wilkerson scored the second greatest rarity in cribbage—a Royal Anne, which is worth \$75 at the **Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club**. Eight of these hands have been scored at our club, or once in every 61,855 deals. The rarity of the hand—suited A-6-7-8 and then cut another Ace—is predetermined by card retention or discard bias rather than by pure mathematical probabilities. How else can you explain this hand being more than seven times rarer than a 28-hand? *submitted by Ras*

The race for **Club 288** champion is heating up. **Sandy Hagedorn** has had a 12-GP

Rule of the Month— Imperfect Pack

If two cards or more of the same rank and suit appear during the play or the scoring of the hands, the play stops at the time of discovery. Any points pegged or scored are retracted and the hands and crib are dead. The same player redeals with a different deck.

or better scorecard in the last nine weeks of play, which shot her over 200 GRPs, with eight weeks to go. She passed current champion **Don Phillips** and past champion **Dave Carey**, leaving them in the dust (for now). Don's 25 GPs at the GRNT moved him into second place on the year. **Lesley Donahue** and **Greg Helms** also received points at the GRNT. On April 3 **Frank Horn** had a 29-hand and a 24-hand on consecutive deals—but still managed to lose the game to Sandy by over 20 points. *submitted by Dave Carey*

Club 191 (Canby OR)—**Robert McDonald** had a 28-hand on February 12, which was the fifth for our club this season. **Randy Craig** continues as points leader this year, while **Frank Schoenborn** came out on top in our GRNT, with 31 points. **Bob Hodges** is having a good year: he has won more 24-hand pots than anyone and is in third place. *submitted by Donald Smith*

At the March 15 tournament of the **Kenai Peninsula Peggys (Club 349)** luck was flying around the table: **Pal Marquez** and **Butch Ewing** both received 28-hands—which is amazing for a group of only fourteen players—and **Karen Dorcas** had a grand slam. What an afternoon! *submitted by Karen Dorcas*

Gold Cribbage Club 318 (Holmes PA) pays a cash prize for a special hand. Recently a straight flush was worth \$50—but the club rule is that you have to count the hand in order to claim the cash. **Steve Fitchett** missed early in the night when he didn't get 7 or Q of spades as the cut card. Later, **Leo Hotz** cut the straight flush, but his opponent won the game before he could count the hand, so there went poor Leo's \$50 down the drain. On March 31 **William Skinner** pulled half the cash (\$39) out

GrassRootsAwards

Gold Award

John Furler (285) OR

Silver Award

Jim Lunder (22) FL

Robert Sommer (215) MN

Fredella Haab (25) MT

Kathy Thompson (25) MT

Larry Hassett (62) OR

Donald Flesch (6) WI

Bronze Award

Cy Madrone (193) CA

Abby Cohen (257) CA

Stan Katzman (21) CA

Richard Kania (276) FL

Dennis Caprigno (104) MA

Bob Chambers (229) MI

John Schafer (321) MI

William J. Paal (215) MN

Robert B. Veach (25) MT

Stephen Gawryluk (175) NJ

Phil Yager (285) OR

Jim Tuning (232) WA

Jean Huismann (3) IL

Margaret R. Strebe (61) WI

Lewis A. Gurney (199) WI

James Chase (238) WY

of the skunk jar for a 28-hand. Our newest member **Mike Link** was dealt four 5s, but a 2 was cut. *submitted by Steve Fitchett*

The Oroville, Paradise, and Chico Grass
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Roots clubs held a joint GRNT in central California. **Tom Stevens** (Oroville) was the winner. **Buddy Morris** (Oroville) lost his first game in the morning and won all the rest. He had 19-GP scorecard at the lunch break, but in the afternoon he won his first game and lost all the rest, ending with 21 GPs for the day. *submitted by Vaida Stevens*

Club 68 (West Covina CA)—what can prior year stats tell about the current year? **28-hands:** in each of the last five seasons, our club had one or two 28-hands; so far this year we have had four. **23-hands:** we give a cash prize for 4-5-5-5-6. Last year we had seven, all on different dates; so far this year we have had ten, including four on December 10 and three on March 17. **18-GP scorecards:** for the last five seasons we averaged six scorecards of 18 GPs or more, with about half being grand slams; this year, not one scorecard of 18 GPs or better. **String of pearls:** never more than two in one year; this year, three so far. **Bronze proficiency:** each year most Bronze players earn 100 GRPs or more during the season; this year—unless there is a radical change—less than half of our Bronze players will top 100 GRPs. **29-hands** occur about once every four years, with the last one was in 2004; no 29-hand so far this year, but we are looking for two in one day! *submitted by Norm Nikodym*

Club 150 (Vista CA)—I can't trust my club when I'm gone on a Mexican Riviera cruise! They went hog-wild and recorded 24 skunks while I was gone. Of twenty-two players, only five were not skunked on March 5. **Bob Rebar** led the onslaught by skunking four of his opponents (one of them a double skunk of 64 points), scoring a nice 18-GP card, and walking away with

Grass Roots 29-Hands

Dave Neifert (306), 10/21/07
Vicki Skaradek (272), 10/21/07
Jim Langley (159), 1/9/08
Sidney Sanford (277), 1/19/08
George Pincombe (21), 2/20/08
David Suetmeier (284), 2/27/08
Sidney Sanford (277), 3/15/08
Richard Smeltz (34), 3/19/08

top honors for the night with an amazing +245 spread points. Seven players recorded earned GRPs—another high for the club. *submitted by Roy Cooke*

Club 341 (Kissimmee FL) is having a great season. Although we are a small club, many visitors and guests join us while visiting Florida. Many visitors come from **Club 276** and **Space Coast Peggers (Club 336)**. Other visitors included **Jim Wysocki (FL)**, **Jan and Phil Whitehouse (MI)**, and **Ken Lee** and **Brenda Hardwick (both NC)**. Three members are trying very hard to finish in first place: **Ray Wanke**, **Don**

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Neibauer, and Mark Mano. Don missed two grand slams in the last three weeks, including one by a single hole! If you are a snowbird visiting from up north, please join us for a Wednesday afternoon of good competition and fun. There are also four other Grass Roots clubs within driving distance. *submitted by Nancy Wanke*

Club 109 (Stoughton MA)—it's nice to have Wayne Tyler playing again on a regular basis. He is not allowing his health issues to restrict his cribbage activities or his ability to keep winning. Unfortunately, Bill Inglis, Paul Baker, and Phyllis Aronoff are still not in the best of health. This month Bob Kaplan had a 28-hand. The club leaders are still involved in a tight scoring race. With only two months to go it looks like it will go down to the wire. *submitted by J.J. Campanella*

Club 130 (Rochester NY)—on March 14 Roy McKenzie had a near record-breaking grand slam 23/9 +233 scorecard. His cards were so hot that when someone finally got ahead of him during a game, we all stood up and cheered! Roy leads our club with 123 GRPs and is having an amazing year. Last April he placed third out of 2,071 players in the GRNT with 35 GPs. In September he

finished ninth at the Grand National in Portland ME. And in October he placed fifth at the Niagara Falls Open. With the consistency he has shown, it's obvious that skill was at least as important at luck! This is shaping up to be a record year not only for individuals, but for our club as well. In thirteen tournaments, four different people achieved grand slams. *submitted by George Lozy*

THE GRASS ROOTS

NAME Roy McKenzie

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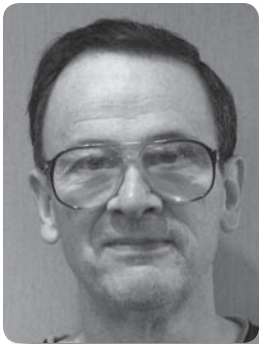
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**John Furler
(Tigard OR)
Grass Roots Gold #2**

John became the ACC's second Grass Roots Gold Award winner when he topped the 4,000-GRP mark last winter. He joined the ACC in 1986 and was National Grass Roots Champion his first two years. A member of Harry Kantas Cribbage Club in Aloha OR, John has been club champion multiple times. His first tournament win was in Crescent City CA, and to date he has won eleven—and counting. He is a Life Master in both bridge and cribbage.

Is John Furler the only Life Master in both bridge and cribbage? If you have achieved this ranking in both games, please let CW know.

Welcome to New Members

The ACC welcomed 88 new members during March. 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 two-handed card game ever invented.

Ralney Allen (Clovis CA)
 F. Scott Ashby (Baker City OR)
 Dean Backstrom (Brooklyn Park MN)
 Edward Balch (North Stratford NH)
 Darryl Baldwin (Fircrest WA)
 Nanette Ball (Calumet MI)
 James Berardi (Plymouth MA)
 Tammy Berardi (Plymouth MA)
 Kelly Bookey (Kenai AK)
 Doreen Borud (Winnipeg MB, Canada)
 John Borud (Winnipeg MB, Canada)
 Tyler Bowe (Eau Claire WI)
 Dane Brooke (Seattle WA)
 Jesse Brown (North Powder OR)
 Joey Brown (North Powder OR)
 Alex Bruhm (Ipswich MA)
 Jon Bruhm (Ipswich MA)
 Ken Campbell (Windsor Locks CT)
 Frank Chaffey (Canby OR)
 Linda Colombine (Center Harbor NH)
 Coleen Connor (Canton MI)
 John Connor (Canton MI)
 Anthony M. Crisafulli (Rohnert Park CA)
 Salvatore A. Crisafulli (Rohnert Park CA)
 Steve Dahl (University Place WA)
 John Dalton (Huntington Beach CA)
 Karen Dalton (Huntington Beach CA)
 Tammy Daugherty (Casper WY)
 Huck Davidson (Vashon WA)
 Richard Delk (Sublimity OR)
 Gary Dewall (Rockford IL)
 Bob Dillon (Medfield MA)
 Rob Dunnam (La Grande OR)
 Lois L. Evans (Fayetteville GA)
 Jim Ficca (Saint Maries ID)
 Steven Flaherty (Readville MA)
 Eda Lynn Gronli (Apopka FL)
 Beverly Gross (Mount Pleasant MI)
 Robert Guy (Colbert WA)
 Dave Harris (Minneapolis MN)
 Kiel Hart (Lakewood CO)
 Jaimie Haskins (Puyallup WA)
 Clifford L. Head (Port Orchard WA)
 Sheila Holmwood (Penticton BC, Canada)

Chris Huber (Muskegon MI)
 Chris Hudson (Danville CA)
 Lauri Immonen (Portland ME)
 Millie Jackson (Battle Creek MI)
 Art Jensen (Cheyenne WY)
 Bernard Joyaux (Vancouver WA)
 Karen Keil (Vashon WA)
 Teresa Kimes (Portland OR)
 Karel Kon (Honolulu HI)
 Kurt Larson (Potosi WI)
 Cecil Leeman (Hartland ME)
 Joanne Link (Lansdowne PA)
 Michael Link (Lansdowne PA)
 Gerry Lisee (Plano TX)
 Thomas Lucker (Spring TX)
 Bruce Mallernee (Battle Creek MI)
 Kyle McKendall (Seattle WA)
 Joe Meske (Berkley MI)
 Thomas Mierkey (Ashford WA)
 Daniel Minesal (Manitowoc WI)
 Samuel Minesal (Manitowoc WI)
 Wayne A. Mitchell (Kalamazoo MI)
 Sharon Moores (Puyallup WA)
 Jason Morin (Vacaville CA)
 Neil Nemitz (Spokane Valley WA)
 Deborah K. Partsch (Redding CA)
 Gordon A. Peterson (El Dorado Hills CA)
 Carol Ann Porter (Sugar Land TX)
 Connie Radcliffe (Cranbrook BC, Canada)
 Leslie Radcliffe (Cranbrook BC, Canada)
 Paul Roecker (Missoula MT)
 Bob Ruel (Tacoma WA)
 Bill Stanko (Boise ID)
 Billy Stansbury (Bellevue MI)
 Wesley Swarthout (Climax MI)
 Susan M. Sweet (Tacoma WA)
 Gust C. Tsiatsos (La Grande OR)
 David Waycott (Riverside RI)
 Donna Waycott (Riverside RI)
 Scott Weeks (Prineville OR)
 William J. Welfare (Riverside RI)
 Brenda Widrin (North Highlands CA)
 Loran Wiese (Coquille OR)
 Ron F. Wolfe (Port Charlotte FL)

GRASS ROOTS Standings

(as of 4-12-2008)

Division 1

Points ♦ Name (Club)

298	Joseph Cornelissen (29)
294	Keith R. Miller (346)
290	James Flaherty Sr. (308)
277	Larry Phiifer (58)
263	Hank Kaneshige (227)
259	Keith W. Forrest (69)
258	Mel Ashley (82)
258	David Fournier (22)
254	John A. Delaney (308)
254	Craig E. Jensen (46)
253	Jack Stakley (147)
249	Brock R. Lee (106)
248	Duane W. Toll (62)
247	Dennis Misenar (204)
246	Charlie Douthit (211)
246	Phillip E. Whitehouse (329)
243	Clair E. Morse (14)
241	Tom Langford (194)
235	Ronald L. Hoglund (257)
235	Bill Johnson (159)
233	Roy A. Kaufmann (43)
229	Mary Jane Esera (110)
229	George Mackie (148)
226	Michael Morgan (106)
226	Kathy Thompson (25)
225	Bruce McGillivray (269)
224	Pete Chamousis (142)
224	Vern Mierkey (190)
223	Harold Sontag (162)
221	William Billow (20)
221	Laurence Krause (131)
221	Henry T. McLaughlin (109)
219	Larry Mayo (271)
217	James Langley (159)
215	John Svilarich (299)
214	Ken Castellani (117)
213	Bob Bartosh (343)
213	Everett Gier (332)
213	George Momaney (290)
213	David P. Neifert (306)
212	Roger King (48)
212	Robert M. Maupin (204)
210	Beatrice E. Cook (147)
210	Brian McCoy (104)
209	Luther C. Lanier (58)
208	Donald Flesch (6)
207	David Gerke (300)
207	Ian Wilson (205)
206	Gary Collums (238)

Division 2

Points ♦ Name (Club)

229	Raymond Wanke (341)
199	Mark Mano (341)
195	Donald G. Niebauer (341)
154	Paul Barrows Jr. (219)
154	Dorothy Westerlund (267)
152	Terry Bond (38)
143	Douglas Sletten (96)
140	Doris Denny (145)
140	Louise Streeter (219)
136	Roger Madsen (245)
130	John E. Marchand Sr. (130)
129	Delia Doffin (245)
129	George A. Lozy (130)
128	Richard Judkins (341)
125	Bob Drobnik (283)
125	Wes Hall (96)
124	Dennis Lunn (219)
123	Roy J. McKenzie Sr. (130)
123	Mel Wellstead (145)
122	Tom Bombaci Jr. (245)
121	Ben Saathoff (245)
116	Ralph Haynes (219)
116	Nancy G. Wanke (341)
112	Andy Anderson (38)
112	John Fitzgerald (38)
112	Carl L. Heath (38)
112	Linda J. Newman (249)

Division 3

Points ♦ Name (Club)

138	Jon Taylor (24)
137	Warren A. Gallagher (24)
114	Robert A. Duckworth (24)
94	Audrey Robertson (24)
91	Eric Brokken (281)
87	Peggy S. Cunningham (24)
87	Helen L. Mroczkiewicz (24)
85	Dick Partee (24)
85	John Wallen (24)

The GRPs reported here frequently lag behind real-time data, due to sometimes unavoidable delays in the reporting process. Questions may be addressed to Joan Rein (accgrassroots@earthlink.net).

REGIONAL Standings

(as of 4-11-2008)

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name	
1	1767	Erik Royland Locke, OR	1	829	Brad Behm, WI	1	979	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
2	1239	Roland A. Hall, CA	2	720	Tony Danihel, WI	2	602	Keith E. Widener, NC
3	976	Mel Ashley, CA	3	703	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	3	590	Bruce D. Sattler, MD
4	886	Jim Crawford, CA	4	631	Bob McCabe, WI	4	570	David Campbell, ME
5	877	De Lynn Colvert, MT	5	578	Robert Julian, WI	5	545	Henry Douglass, NC
6	847	Ronald L. Morgan, CA	6	566	Donald Flesch, WI	6	544	John Campanella, MA
7	820	Cy Madrone, CA	7	565	Daniel Pluff, MN	7	524	David Statz, NH
8	782	Duane W. Toll, OR	8	554	Les Kvien, IL	8	505	Lee Dillon, MA
9	771	Bob Bartosh, CA	8	554	Alan R. Schaefer, WI	9	499	Ken Patenaude, MA
10	694	Jeanne Jelke, WA	10	538	Doug Page, WI	10	476	Henry S. Delong, MA
11	624	James A. Clark, CA	11	522	Beth Witter, WI	11	437	Donna Lafleur, CT
11	624	Leslie G. Sumner, NV	12	482	Douglas I. Henderson, WI	12	436	Phil Martin, CT
13	597	Willie Evans, WA	13	440	Lloyd L. Kraft, WI	13	411	George Bryer, MA
14	583	Bill Wakeman, CA	14	420	Joy Shimp, MI	14	369	John J. Rooney Sr., MA
15	575	Donald L. Brown, CA	15	417	Gerald Gruber, MN	14	369	Bill Medeiros, MA
16	568	Jesse Jarrell, CA	16	415	Mike Burns, MN	16	361	Richard H. West, MA
17	563	Cres Fernandez, CA	17	410	Frank Danielski, WI	17	348	Larry Phifer, NC
18	553	Mike Tungate, CA	18	405	Frank L. Trojan, MN	17	348	Laurence Samet, MA
19	546	Jason Shumate, NV	19	402	Richard Frost, WI	19	338	Ann Somers, MA
20	525	Rickie Mack, CA	20	390	Joan Rein, MN	20	332	Cindy Veradt, MA
21	521	Jerold E. Montgomery, CA	21	367	Warren Sondericker, WI	21	328	Roger J. Bouchard, CT
22	509	Tom Cookman, CA	22	366	Gene Biegler, WI	22	326	Robert E. Moore, VA
22	509	Jones H. Horn, CA	23	353	Kenneth Rasmussen, MI	23	323	Frank Corrado, CT
24	497	Michael M. Rowe, AK	24	345	Dave Yaeger, MO	24	318	Earle W. Remington, RI
25	482	Paul Hatcher, OR	25	334	Alphonse Scarantino, MI	25	314	Robert Milk, VA
26	471	James Langley, CA	26	317	Al Booth, MN	26	312	Jerry Gooden, NC
27	468	Tom Langford, CA	27	316	Roger Grandgeorge, IA	27	306	Gerald Thibodeau, CT
28	458	Kerry O'Connell, CA	28	311	Ginny Danielski, WI	28	295	Michael Burnham, GA
29	451	Artland C. Kaai, CA	29	310	Patrick Barrett, WI	29	291	Elijah H. White Jr., ME
29	451	Frank Ornie, OR	30	305	Sue Schenk, MI	30	284	Jack Howsare, VA
31	448	Herschel Mack, CA	31	287	Jeff Shimp, MI	31	278	Bruce Hassan, CT
32	432	H. Ross Njaa, CA	32	284	Marty J. Schmidt, WI	32	276	Robert J. Drukman, MA
33	429	Peggy Walberg, CA	33	283	Bob Joslin, MN	32	276	Jim Hatch, NH
34	421	Betty Stewart, OR	34	280	David Aiken, MI	34	266	Jeffrey A. Messinger, MA
35	420	Jim McKnight, CA	35	267	Jeremy Wussow, WI	35	264	Howard L. Terry, VA
36	417	Elmer G. Rasmussen, WA	36	260	Rhynold Shave, WI	36	262	David Samet, MA
37	413	Pamela Pomeroy, CA	37	255	Allen E. Karr, WI	37	252	James Wysocki, FL
38	411	Dan Marsh, OR	38	248	Cyril Schmidt, WI	38	249	Paul Batterson, CT
39	381	Heidi Glashan, CA	39	243	Donald A. Patrin, MN	38	249	Jerry Hardy, ME
40	365	Jack Moritzky, WA	40	240	Dianne M. Gurney, WI	40	244	Mathew Piechota, MA
41	357	Chris McComas, WA	41	235	Robert P. Chase, MN	41	243	Vicki Soule, ME
42	349	Norman Nikodym, CA	42	233	Bob Kiley, WI	42	242	Mike Fetchel, CT
43	340	Joe Fay, NV	43	225	Jerome Fischer, WI	42	242	William J. Shoemaker, CT
44	337	Ira T. Deutsch, OR	44	223	Russell B. Adams, MN	44	240	Bill Richmond, CT
45	331	Roger W. Wilson, CO	45	218	Ray Schenk, WI	44	240	Marilyn Gaudreau, MA
46	327	Troy Thorson, CO	46	212	Mark Van Dyke, MI	46	237	Albert N. Miller, NH
47	325	Bernie Nelson, OR	47	211	Larry LaGassie, WI	47	235	Fred Adolphson, FL
48	322	Boyd R. McDonald, CA	48	209	Steven Steinmetz, WI	48	234	Harry Maiden, FL
49	320	Charles Rodgers, HI	49	208	Ed Heinowski, WI	49	230	Matthew Easterbrook, VA
50	319	Roy Hofbauer, WA	49	208	Martha Fingleton, WI	50	225	David R. O'Neill, GA

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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

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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:

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lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152-3623

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)

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 Kaulainahoe 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 Sumner or Valerie Sumner or Bob Bartosh

July 9-10, Canadian Summer Midweek

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB. Main \$50. Thu \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Evelyn Osaka (780.457.6067), 12117 142nd Ave, Edmonton AB T5X 3S2 or Terry Hatto (780.633.9103)

July 11-13, Canadian Summer Classic

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Fri \$20.

Sat HR \$40. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Dwayne Pankiw (780.475.5990), 81 Ozerna Road, Edmonton AB T5Z 2Y5 or Audrey Hatto (780.641.5166)

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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:

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GREATER SPOKANE VALLEY OPEN

- ☐ \$10 Early Bird 3PM Fri 7 games
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- ☐ \$25 Yourself (Partner _____)
- ☐ \$50 High Rollers 7PM Fri - 10 games
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- ☐ \$10 Main Event Q (Optional)
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Sunday

8AM Main Event Playoffs, Best 3 of 5
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9:30AM Consolation 9 games
1:30PM Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

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July 13, Medway Summer Sizzler

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

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 Kaulainahoe Pl, 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 Pl #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

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

August 30, San Jose Summer Sizzler

San Jose Masonic Temple, 2500 Masonic Dr, San Jose CA 95125. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2020), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571-2156

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 Kaulainahoe 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 Hejtmanek 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 Kaulainahoe 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), N162 W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037-9264

October 5, West Bend Classic

Knights of Columbus Hall, 3245 Lighthouse Ln, 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 10-12, Richmond Classic

Steven Kent Hospitality Center, 12205 S Crater Rd, Petersburg VA 23805. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7:30pm \$30/team. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: lunch. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225-1813

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 Ward (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, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, pastries, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901),

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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 Kaulainaahe 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 Rod-erick (503.981.1004; rmrstratso@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 7pm. 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 1, San Jose Open

San Jose Masonic Temple, 2500 Masonic Dr, San Jose CA 95125. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2020), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571-2156

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 11–13, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge & Casino, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardner-

ville NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue \$10. Tue \$20. Tue HR \$50. Wed \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434-9511 or Les Sumner or A. J. Tasker or Bob Bartosh

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), 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 Hejtmarek (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 Kaulainaahe 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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January 3, First Chance

Frantone's, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pamela Pomeroy (562.929.2901), 980 Pebble Beach Rd, Beaumont CA 92223-8533 or Harold Hilbert (714.397.3222)

January 4, Second Chance

TBD. Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: donuts, fruit, juice, lunch. Contact: Lee Fogle-song (949.454.9983), 2212-A Via Mariposa E, Laguna Woods CA 92637-2222 or Paul Yellon (949.837.8177)

January 9-11, Peg for the Border

La Mesa Masonic Center, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA. Main \$65. Fri DBL \$70/team. Sat \$35. Perks: breakfast, lunch. Contact: Shelley & Roz Berman (619.444.7655), 1145 Naranca Ave, El Cajon CA 92021-4817

January 9-10, 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 (715.887.2123), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

January 9-11, Washington St. Championships

TBA. Main \$60. Fri 3pm. Fri DBL 7pm. Fri HR 7pm. Sat 7pm. Sun LC 2pm. Perks: lunch. Contact: Elmer G. Rasmussen (360.262.9755), PO Box 161, Napavine WA 98565-0161 or Gary Rasmussen

January 14-16, Midwest Match Play

Comfort Inn (231.739.9092), 1675 E Sherman Blvd,

Muskegon MI 49444. Main \$75. **Limit 64 players.** Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Main is match-play format like National Open; consolation is standard round-robin. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313 or Jeff Gardner (937.602.0690; jeff.gardner@wright.edu)

January 16-18, Georgia Open

Quality Inn, 1052 Claussen Rd, Augusta GA 30907. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee. Contact: David O'Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021-2738 or Catherine Perkins or Carl Squire

January 25, Hawai'i Open

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

January 30-February 1, Northern Calif. Open

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. Main \$60. Fri 3pm. Fri HR 7pm. Fri DBL 7pm. Sat 7pm. Contact: Anna Dunn (530.549.3154), P.O. Box 460, Bella Vista CA 96008 or Jim Langley

February 21, California Championship

Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa CA 95405. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Avon Ray (707.546.8967), 21 Estrella Dr, Santa Rosa CA 95403-2653

February 22, Hawai'i Open

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

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25 Years Ago in the ACC

The cover of the May 1983 *Cribbage World* reproduced an 1883 print of an old man and a young girl, perhaps a grandfather and granddaughter, playing cribbage. ACC President **Joe Wergin**, who produced this issue of CW to give Editor **Jim Arblaster** a mini-vacation, was quite fond of this illustration, as he also printed it on the July 1980 (#2.3) cover of the *Midwest Cribbage League Newsletter*—a precursor of the ACC and *Cribbage World*.

Elsewhere, this issue includes a letter from Jack Nicklaus (yes, that Jack Nicklaus), instructions on how to determine byes in playoffs, the MRP leader board (**Norman Wright** was no. 1), and a proclamation by Joe Wergin that all important tournaments begin with the singing of the national anthem.



About That Cool Illustration

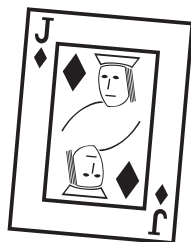
Entitled “A Game at Cribbage,” the print reproduced on the CW cover above was taken from the May 19, 1883, edition of *Harper’s Bazar*, which **Ginny White**, Joe’s daughter, gave to him for Father’s Day. Engraved by F. Dadd, this sketch was first published earlier that year in the May 4 issue of the *Illustrated London News*. Both of these sources are rarely seen on the market today, but a handsome color reproduction is available from Wollman’s Classics in San Diego CA (see ad on page 2)—and still makes a great Father’s Day gift!

Cribbage Tips

BY RAS RASMUSSEN

You are the pone and have only one Jack. How should you play the hand?

Any card that could be potentially damaging if held to the end of the pegging sequence is best gotten rid of early. The Jack might be a good lead, depending on your other cards. Only the 5 is trapped more frequently than the Jack, but any small card (A, 2, 3, 4) can get you into trouble at the end of the pegging sequence. As the non-dealer, you could either pitch these cards to your opponent’s crib (and thus put them out of play) or play them early. The nondealer is at greater risk in the pegging, but the dealer can also be trapped.



A recent CW issue offered a compelling and thoughtful review of ethical standards that should govern cribbage play. Sportsmanship is paramount, defined as willing adherence to rules; civil behavior toward opponents, judges, and organizers; and sincere effort to play to the best of one's ability. In sum: play to win, for love of the game and fun.

Alas, I fear I may have violated the spirit of at least one of the above tenets in recent Grass Roots play—or, maybe not.

For most cribbage competitions, camaraderie and the act of competing are rewards in themselves. And winning, of course, is the icing we hope to savor. For most tourneys, that means finishing in the money. In the following tourney I finished in the money.

Our Grass Roots club features a cash prize for the last player holding a designated hand at the finish of all games. This week, the last player to hold a spade flush would win \$10.

I had not fared well. My scorecard showed mostly 0s in the win column. I was now in my last game, only a few holes from the end. Glancing around, I observed that my opponent and I were the only ones still playing. The game was hotly contested, with no more than four or

five holes separating us for most of the game. She, too, was out of contention, but continued to press my slim lead.

With first count in the final hand, I would need six holes, and my opponent eight. I looked at my cards, smiling, then frowning, tentatively rearranging them, hoping to solve the dilemma before me. I stared at four spades, none adding up to 15 and no runs. If I broke up my flush, I could hold 5-K-K for six points and the win. I opted to keep the flush, sacrificing a certain win for probable victory to garner the \$10 prize.

The cut card added no points to my hand, but I remained confident. Surely, I would pair a card or count 15-2 or 31-2 during play. When the final card was played, I stared glumly at the board. I had pegged exactly one hole, and my four points left me in the stink hole. My opponent easily had enough points to claim the win, while I claimed the \$10 prize.

So I lost—or, did I? After all, I finished in the money.

Bill puzzles over the meaning of life and cribbage in Chico CA.

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