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National Open Cribbage Tournament

The 35th National Open was played the last weekend in July, and the granddaddy of them all—the tournament that gave birth to the ACC—was spectacular. With \$6,500 added to the prize fund, the main event drew 234 competitors from twenty-three states and was won by Life Master (★★) **Joe Bernard** (Antioch IL).

In the unique NOCT format, the final six competitors duke it out on Monday, and Joe has probably played on more Mondays in Raleigh than anyone else. He has been runner-up twice and has been in the quarterfinals six previous times, but until now the elusive championship trophy had escaped his grasp.

Taking no chances this year, Joe stomped his Monday competition by getting two wins and then a skunk in both matches to claim his first-ever NOCT championship.

A lighter moment for one opponent came in the semifinal match against Life Master **Bruce Sattler** (Nottingham MD). After losing his first two games to Joe, Bruce asked for a new deck of cards. When the third and final game resulted in Bruce having first deal and still getting skunked, all Bruce could do was chuckle.



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GRAND NATIONAL 27

Grand National 27 in Portland OR includes a full slate of cribbage events, board meetings, and the annual awards banquet. Additional information can be found on the ACC website or by contacting **Tim Julkowski** (503.382.9781 or (grand_national_xxvii@yahoo.com)).

Thursday	7pm	Kickoff Tourney
Friday	9am	Board of Directors Meeting
	9:30am	Morning Break
	2pm	Early Bird
	2:30pm	GRTOC #3
	7pm	High Rollers
	7pm	Doubles
Saturday	8am	GN 27 Main Tournament
	4pm	Grass Roots Board of Volunteers Meeting
	7pm	Awards Banquet
	7pm	Saturday Night Special
Sunday	7:30am	Main Tournament Playoffs
	9:30am	GN 27 Consolation Tournament
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Grand National 30

The 2011 ACC Grand National Tournament XXX (and awards banquet) is scheduled to be held in the Western Region. Any ACC member interested in hosting this important event must inform **Martha Fingleton**, ACC Executive VP, of his or her interest by early November 2009 (wjsmtf@yahoo.com or 414.444.9543). No detailed information is necessary by that time—a general plan is sufficient.

Joe’s List

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

1775 Richard McNeil (WA)



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Let us know!



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My Deal

by David Aiken



I joined the ACC in 1998 when I started playing in the Grand Rapids Square Peggers Cribbage Club. I was immediately hooked on not just the game but also by the concept of yearlong competition. Despite thinking that I knew how to play the game, in my first season I earned only 26 GRPs and struggled to bring my batting average above .500—but failed. One bright spot occurred on May 1, when I got my first-ever 29-hand while playing the GRNT.

For the next several years I played only Grass Roots cribbage, and then in 2001 friends convinced me to attend my first weekend tournament: **Jeff Shimp's** Potawatomi Peggers Pow-wow in Stevensville MI. I still remember losing both of my first two games by a single point to **Sharon Schaefer** (Jackson WI), and I ended the day with 26 GPs and did not qualify.

After winning two tournaments in early 2004, that fall I attended my first Grand National: GN 23 in Atlanta GA, where I was fortunate enough to qualify and make it to the round of 17–32. And from that moment on, I became obsessed with tournament cribbage—especially the big national tournaments: Grand National, ACC Open, and TOC.

So here we are less than a month away from the next big event. And even though I will play three other weekend tournaments before then, I am already focusing in on Portland. I've never been very good at predicting the future, so I can't tell you how well I'll do. But I can tell

you this: there is nothing more enjoyable than spending the weekend playing the world's greatest card game with five hundred friends.

As always, Grand National will consist of a main and a consolation. And with eight satellite tourneys and GRTOC #3 on tap, you will have no excuse if you leave Portland without having played your fill of cribbage.

Even policy wonks can get their kicks by attending the Board of Directors meeting (on Friday) and the Grass Roots Board of Volunteers meeting (Saturday afternoon). The annual awards banquet on Saturday night will honor the ACC's best players from weekend tourneys, Grass Roots clubs, and internet cribbage.

So, if you haven't played a Grand National in a while—or at all—it's not too late to catch the fun at GN 27 in Portland OR later this month. Contact **Tim** or **Ken Julkowski** (503.382.9781 or grand_national_xxvii@yahoo.com) if you have questions.



On a related note, I have a strong interest in two events associated with GN 27. A few years ago, **Andrea Lawrence** came up with the marvelous idea of a Tournament of Champions for Grass Roots club champions. Invitations to GRTOC have a three-year option so that any club champs who don't normally travel to Grand National can play this event when GN comes to their region.

The first GRTOC was played by 25
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Your Deal



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Priorities

During a leisurely game of cribbage at my local senior center, my opponent received a call on his cell phone. Here is the conversation: “Oh, hello, Ben. Yes. Yes. I understand. Look I can’t talk now. I’m playing cards. I’ll call you back later.” He closes his phone, looks at me with a shrug, and explains: “That was my doctor and he told me that I need to change my medication since the one I have is not working.”

Harvey Glass (West Hartford CT)

Cribbage in Maine

What did Paul Rice (August CW, page 5) expect the ACC BOD to do about a legal issue in the state of Maine? Hire a lobbyist? Put out a contract on the governor? Put up the money for the license? Cancel their vacation plans to visit Maine? One might criticize the board for failing to address issues over which they might have control, but they have no more control over legislative actions in Maine than they have over the price of gasoline at the pump.

Graeme Gossett (Prineville OR)

Youth Bust

My Grass Roots club is populated by players who on average can qualify for the senior citizen discount at Denny’s without having to show proof of age. I am a supporter of attempts to teach younger players the game, but frankly see that the ACC has a severe problem on its hands, as the majority of its players are falling prey to

the “sands of time.” I would hope that actions are being taken to combat this trend, otherwise I foresee the ACC dying out in the future as newer generations are no longer taught or playing the game.

Dan Pelton (Phoenix AZ)

Strategy, Schategy

Here’s proof that the best player doesn’t always win and that knowledge and strategy are subject to unpredictability. At the Topaz Lake main tournament in July, I had the dubious honor of playing DeLynn Colvert in my last game. We both had 25 points and only the winner would qualify. The final hand had me dealing from ten out, with DeLynn needing only five to win the game. The pegging went as follows:

DeLynn	10		3		Go			
Mel		K	3 (2 pts.)		3 (6 pts.)		2 (2 pts.)	

DeLynn’s strategy was sound. With 3-10-10-J in his hand and a 4 cut, he still needed three pegs. When I played the K on his 10 lead, he played his 3, hoping he could lead his second 10 on the next sequence and catch a Q or J for the points he needed. But fickle fate gave the underdog the perfect cards to peg to victory! Ironically, if DeLynn had played his 10 or J for 30 and a go, I would have led from my pair of 3s, which he would have paired for the two points he needed, while I would have pegged eight points and been short!

Mel Ashley (Marina CA)

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Baltimore Summer Special (Baltimore MD; June 29)	Bruce Sattler	70 players HQ. Jeff Raynes (45) 1. Janet C. Vlands (147) 2. Steven P. Sattler (105) 3. David Campbell (70) 3. Robert Milk (70)	38 players HQ. Mark Soule (12) 1. Phyllis Schmidt (60) 2. Sharon L. Liotta (40) 3. Norm Ferbert (24) 3. Mark Soule (24)		Saturday: Larry Phifer
Independence Day Classic (Reno NV; July 4-6)	Bill & Dorthalee Irons	242 players HQ. Rickie Mack (60) 1. Roy Hofbauer (196) 2. Bryant Gilkeson (147) 3. Carol L. Crowell (105) 3. Jerome Fischer (105) 5. Dan Marsh (70) 5. Bill Christofferson (70) 5. Gene Biegler (70) 5. Dennis Culver (70)	174 players HQ. Mel Ashley (27) 1. Richard McNeil (112) 2. Harold Sontag (84) 3. Gerald D. Oxford (60) 3. Heidi Glashan (60) 5. R. Roy Banducci (40) 5. Richard Shea (40) 5. Annett J. Eiffert (40) 5. Adam Barber (40)	28-hands: Mel Ashley* Rick Baird* Bill Christofferson* Peggy Cunningham* Jackie Doppel* James Fanning* Mary Gladish* Steve Hastie* Paul Hatcher* Glenna Little* Nick Maximov* Sue Randall* Cathy Rendon* A. J. Tasker*	Early Bird: Pat Farris High Rollers: Tom Cookman Sunday Night: Mike McCammon
Canadian Summer Midweek (Edmonton AB; July 9-10)	Evelyn Osaka	32 players HQ. Gordon Armstrong (30) 1. Ross Hallett (70) 2. Gordon Armstrong (42) 3. Kent Yamasaki (21) 3. Mike Milobar (21)	24 players HQ. Kim Israel (18) 1. Doris Sanders (40) 2. Gary Wirth (24)	28-hands: Gary Wirth*	
Topaz Open (Topaz NV; July 8-10)	Les Summer	90 players HQ. John Furler (40) 1. Jerold Montgomery (147) 2. Larry Phifer (105) 3. Peggy Walberg (70) 3. Willie Evans (70)	61 players HQ. James Langley (27) 1. Henry Douglass (60) 2. Michael McCammon (40) 3. Jerome Fischer (24) 3. James Langley (24)	28-hands: Helene Sontag* John Furler* Ron Morgan* Lee Foglesong*	Early Bird: Duane Toll Low Roller: Beth Witter High Roller: Erik Locke Wednesday: Erik Locke All Events: Erik Locke

* = in a sanctioned event

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Canadian Midsummer Classic (Edmonton AB; July 11-13)	Dwayne Pankiw	41 players HQ. Rob Voysey (55) 1. Rob Voysey (105) 2. Jim Houlihan (70) 3. Shawn Smith (42) 3. Gary Wirth (42)	31 players HQ. Bob Townsley (15) 1. Evelyn Osaka (40) 2. Herbert Schaar (24)		Early Bird: Dwayne Pankiw Friday: Gary Wirth Doubles: Gerald Mohr & Gwellyn Striker High Rollers: Lorne Tanton Last Chance: Charles Tetrault
Truckee River Classic (Kings Beach CA; July 12)	Greg Schleusner	104 players HQ. Stan Katzman (45) 1. Aloha Montooth (147) 2. Bob Bartosh (105) 3. Bruce E. Webb (70) 3. Stan Katzman (70)	68 players HQ. Duane W. Toll (18) 1. James Langley (84) 2. Cy Madrone (60) 3. Gordon Brown (40) 3. Christy Lens (40)	28-hands: Barbara Stockham* Warren Haase*	
Western Washington Limited (Poulsbo WA; July 13)	Larry West & Dennis Misenar	49 players HQ. Mills Brubaker (45) 1. Miriam Larson (105) 2. Mills Brubaker (70) 3. James G. Hornbacher (42) 3. Dennis Misenar (42)	26 players HQ. Mike Murphy (15) 1. Richard Munro (40) 2. John G. Goe (24)		
Medway Summer Sizzler (Medway MA; July 13)	Earle & Holli Remington	106 players HQ. Laurence Samet (45) 1. Ken Patenaude (147) 2. Jeffrey A. Messinger (105) 3. Louis J. Caccia (70) 3. Tom Clark (70)	56 players HQ. Tony Pacheco (21) 1. Elijah H. White Jr. (60) 2. Frank Corrado (40) 3. Carolyn D. Bird (24) 3. Tony Pacheco (24)		
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; July 20)	Tsarkie	21 players HQ. James L. Kahue (20) 1. James L. Kahue (70) 2. Lambert K. Wai (42)	—		
Mountain View Classic (Loveland CO; July 19-20)	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha	33 players HQ. Bill Christofferson (30) 1. Iris Fuller (105) 2. Bill Christofferson (70) 3. Jerry Landen (42) 3. Don Christensen (42)	20 players HQ. Mary E. Skole (18) 1. Mary E. Skole (40) 2. Jim Brintnall (24)		Saturday: Kathy Pacocha

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Yearend Cribbage Extra (West Springfield MA; July 20)	Isabel Hyndman	73 players HQ. Pat Frattallone (35) 1. Frank Corrado (147) 2. Earle W. Remington (105) 3. Philip R. Beauregard (70) 3. Tony Mascolo (70)	36 players HQ. Richard J. Andrew (60) 1. Larry Samet (60) 2. Hollie Remington (40) 3. Richard J. Andrew (24) 3. Roland A. Hall (24)		
Granite City Classic (St. Cloud MN; July 18-20)	Mike Burns	94 players HQ. Douglas Henderson (65) 1. Frank L. Trojan (147) 2. Norbert Upton (105) 3. Doug Page (70) 3. Richard Frost (70)	56 players HQ. Bob Kiley (21) 1. Dan Sand (60) 2. Rick Ahles (40) 3. Les Kvien (24) 3. Dan Taylor (24)	28-hands: Wayne Steinmetz* Roger Grandgeorge* David Shaff	Friday: Richard Frost Saturday: Sandi Vee All Events: Les Kvien
Devil Mountain Caper (Antioch CA; July 18-20)	Mary Gladish	98 players HQ. Dan Marsh (60) 1. Jones H. Hom (147) 2. Bruce E. Webb (105) 3. Pamela Pomeroy (70) 3. Russ Cuckler (70)	51 players HQ. Jerold Montgomery (18) 1. Jerold Montgomery (60) 2. Tom Langford (40) 3. James A. Clark (24) 3. Duane W. Toll (24)	28-hands: Ira Deutsch* James Clark* Heidi Glashan*	Friday: Willie Evans Saturday: Cres Fernandez Team: Russ Cuckler, Jerold Montgomery, Mary Herrmann, Maija Clough
Portland Summer Open (Portland OR; July 25-27)	Tim & Ken Julkowski	142 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (50) 1. Steve Hutcheson (196) 2. Duane W. Toll (147) 3. Ira T. Deutsch (105) 3. Dennis Misener (105) 5. Donald D. Smith (70) 5. Patti Walz (70) 5. Nancy Lorenz (70)	96 players HQ. John Furler (21) 1. Rollie Heath (84) 2. Wayne Von Clasen (60) 3. Lewis Skidmore (40) 3. Jack Moritzky (40)	28-hands: Cy Madrone* David Magee* Jerry Blackman* Ira Deutsch*	Early Bird: Phyllis Roderick High Rollers: DeLynn Colvert Doubles: Frank Meagin & Dick Merck Saturday: Betty Stewart Crybaby: Audrey Hatto Super-Q: Duane Toll Team: Willie Evans, Roy Hofbauer, Jeanne Hofbauer, Todd Malmgren, Bernie Nelson

* = in a sanctioned event

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
National Open (Raleigh NC; July 25–28)	Catherine Perkins	234 players HQ. N/A 1. Joe Bernard (196) 2. John A. McCready (147) 3. Bruce D. Sattler (115) 4. R. D. Ferreira Sr. (95) 5. David T. Lambeth IV (78) 6. Alex Wingate (78) 7. Jim Lunder (62) 7. Fran Ward (62)	152 players HQ. Warren Sondericker (21) 1. Johnie A. Wilkinson (112) 2. Chris Wilkinson (60) 3. Ronald K. Reece (60) 3. Dick West (60) 5. Esther Rolfe (40) 5. Keith E. Widener (40) 5. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 5. David A. J. Holmes (40)	28-hands: Bill Cooper* David Holmes* Michelle Corbin* Jim Lunder* David Fournier	Friday: Larry Phifer Saturday: Bob McCabe Losers' Losers: Doug Page Last Round-Up: Mike Burns High Rollers: John Morch
Masters Midweek Challenge (Sunnyside WA; July 30–31)	Bob Brumley	39 players HQ. James Morrow (35) 1. Duane W. Toll (105) 2. James H. Morrow (70) 3. Roy Hofbauer (42) 3. James P. Hartung (42)	36 players HQ. Audrey Hatto (12) 1. Lorne Tanton (60) 2. Jesse Jarrell (40) 3. Lewis Skidmore (24) 3. Jason Hofbauer (24)	28-hands: Jim Hartung* Laurie Logan* Millis Brubaker	Wednesday: John Furter

GRAND SLAM

Tournament Tidbits

National Open Oops! Life Master (★) **Doug Page** (Appleton WI) remembered the wrong start time for the NOCT consolation and so couldn't play when he showed up (very) late. Not to worry—he was (very) early for the Sunday afternoon tourney and won this 78-player event!

Topaz Open Double oops! As Life Master (★★★★★) **DeLynn Colvert** (Missoula MT) and Life Master (★★★★) **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR) approached the end of second street during a game in the Topaz consolation, they noticed two extra holes at the end of the board. The two highest rated players in the history of the ACC looked at each other, looked at the board, then discovered that they had started playing at the wrong end of the board! They decided to complete the game in the wrong direction, and Duane got skunked (but didn't he end up on the real fourth street?). Hmm—between them they have 9 stars, 107 tournament wins, and 55,852 MRPs—and they need a traffic cop?! Perhaps at their next tournament, the director could appoint someone to show them which way to move their pegs.

Portland Summer Open Astronomers had a field day watching the Portland OR area in July, for two new stars were born there near the end of the 2007–2008 cribbage season. **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR) became the ACC's second Life Master (★★★★), and **Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen** (Napavine WA) achieved his Life Master (★★) rating. (See stories on page 14.)

Omission **Bradley Gronli** (Apopka FL) scored a 28-hand at the Space Coast Open that was not reported in the June CW.



NOCT Consolation winner Johnie Wilkinson (left) receiving the trophy from George Bickford (center). Son and runner-up Chris Wilkinson offers his congratulations.

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The consolation saw Life Master (★★) and former underwear model **Warren Sondericker** (Milwaukee WI) qualify #1 with an 18/8 +159 scorecard. The finals in this 152-player event pitted father against son, and the old man won—which doesn't seem very fair since son **Chris Wilkinson** (Sneads Ferry NC) gave dad **Johnie Wilkinson** (Grantsboro NC) free entry into the NOCT as a Father's Day gift! Johnie then repaid Chris's largesse by beating him in the finals, but at least Chris gets his picture in *Cribbage World*!

Beth Witter (Green Bay WI) won free entry into the NOCT by winning CW Contest #2. She acquitted herself quite

well by finishing #13, but more importantly Beth picked enough MRPs in Raleigh to reserve her slot on the Central Region All Star team.

Throughout the weekend, five satellite tourneys were held, with a total of 450 contestants (see list of winners on page 9).

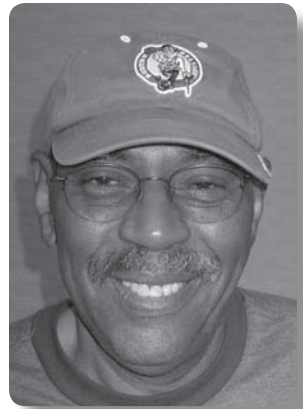
Two people deserve special recognition for their longevity. **Frank Carter** (Raleigh NC) has attended all thirty-five National Opens—from 1974 to 2008. A longtime member of Raleigh Grass Roots Club 58, Frank has been a permanent fixture at NOCT since before the ACC was founded.

Leonard Peebles (Raleigh NC) has also attended all thirty-five NOCTs—but never played in any of them. In 1974, NOCT founder **Nick Pond** roped Leonard into helping out with the first tourney, and Leonard's been in charge of room set-up ever since. Hands down, Leonard is the best tournament manager in the country. The ACC's first and finest tournament could not function nearly so smoothly without his dedicated service. **CW**



Birthplace of the ACC—formerly the Royal Villa, now a Baptist church. A basement restaurant was the site of the famous 1979 breakfast in Raleigh that led to the formation of the ACC.

NOCT year champion		attendance
1	1974 Bill Edwards (Greensboro NC)	?
2	1975 Jim Hartley (Raleigh NC)	?
3	1976 Louis Nicoletta (Jacksonville NC)	?
4	1977 James "Zip" Foley (Charleston SC)	210
5	1978 John Mixer (Gardena CA)	256
6	1979 Dan McHugh (Pittsburgh PA)	256
7	1980 Dan Barlow (Durham NC)	256
8	1981 Griffin Perry (Round Lake Beach IL)	256
9	1982 Johnie Wilkinson (Raleigh NC)	256
10	1983 Catherine Perkins (Bear Creek NC)	354
11	1984 Roger Stirling (Nova Scotia Canada)	298
12	1985 Richard Wurman (Melrose Park PA)	333
13	1986 Thomas Salyards (Mundelein IL)	342
14	1987 John Worley (Burlington NC)	396
15	1988 Jim Hartley (Wake Forest NC)	413
16	1989 Luis Lizarribar (Ballwin MO)	417
17	1990 Scott Kooistra (Yankton SD)	434
18	1991 Robert Shimoff (San Francisco CA)	415
19	1992 Mick Michaelis (Marinette WI)	384
20	1993 Al Miller (Nashua NH)	354
21	1994 Duane Gier (Brandon FL)	319
22	1995 Rit Alkas (Manchester CT)	284
23	1996 Peter Setian (Ludlow MA)	256
24	1997 Jim Townsend (Raleigh NC)	235
25	1998 Bernard Whitfield (Raleigh NC)	205
26	1999 Doris Denny (Smyrna GA)	214
27	2000 Phyllis Schmidt (Williamstown MA)	220
28	2001 Richard Corbin (McKinney TX)	196
29	2002 Harry Palmer (West Springfield MA)	223
30	2003 Frank Reddy (Winthrop MA)	222
31	2004 Charlie Williams (Raleigh NC)	193
32	2005 Rick Bryant (Jarrettsville MD)	184
33	2006 Jeff Raynes (Cary NC)	212
34	2007 Sue Silverstein-Perkins (Bear Creek NC)	208
35	2008 Joe Bernard (Antioch IL)	234



Leonard Peebles



Frank Carter



NOCT Directors Russ and Cathy Perkins (since 1990)



2008 All American Team

It's official. The ACC has its youngest ever National Champion. **Erik Royland Locke** (Portland OR) earned 2,458 MRPs in the season that ended on July 31.

More details about the end-of-season tournaments will be published in a forthcoming issue. In the meantime, here are the top ten MRP leaders—the All American Team—of the 2008 season:

MRPs	name	region
1. 2,458	Erik Royland Locke (Portland OR)	Western
2. 1,742	Duane W. Toll (Sutherlin OR)	Western
3. 1,548	Mel Ashley (Marina CA)	Western
4. 1,448	Roland A. Hall (Pownal VT)	Western
5. 1,317	Phyllis Schmidt (Williamstown MA)	Eastern
6. 1,308	Brad Behm (Appleton WI)	Central
7. 1,298	Bob Bartosh (Sacramento CA)	Western
8. 1,295	Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)	Western
9. 1,294	Jeanne Jelke (Pasco WA)	Western
10. 1,276	Jim Crawford (Mountain View CA)	Western

champions and was won by Life Master **Cres Fernandez** (Santa Rosa CA). With 45 players in action, last year's event was won by Master **David Statz** (Derry NH). Sign-up this year is on a record pace, and we are looking forward to see the country's best Grass Roots players duke it out on Friday afternoon.

In addition, GN 27 is the first leg of the first-ever ACC Challenge. This event is a way to test your cribbage skills against the ACC's very best players in the ACC's biggest tournaments of the year: Grand National, the ACC Open, and the TOC. See page 42 for more details. I will accept entries into the ACC Challenge up until the stroke of 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 27.

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Cribbage Quiz

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

What are all the possible cribbage values of a full house (i.e., a triple and a pair)?

Answer on page 21.

	number (and %) of members in each region who earned points in 2007–2008			
	total members (% of ACC)	MRPs	GRPs	IRPs
Western	3,485 (50.5%)	1,194 (34.3%)	1,864 (53.5%)	87 (2.5%)
Central	1,597 (23.2%)	548 (34.3%)	704 (44.1%)	40 (2.5%)
Eastern	1,811 (26.3%)	608 (33.6%)	852 (47.0%)	60 (3.3%)

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Milestones!
 September 27: Wes Hall (SD)—80th

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ACC Awards



With his runner-up finish in the 142-player Portland Summer Open in July, Duane Toll added a fourth star to his already illustrious cribbage career. The ACC's #2 player in lifetime MRPs (25,137) and tournaments won (47 total: 28 mains and 19 consolations), Duane becomes only the second player to earn a Four Star rating. He joined the ACC in 1986 and credits the great Mick Michaelis (a Hall of Fame member) with being his cribbage mentor. Duane was the ACC national champion three consecutive years (2004–2006), holds the ACC record for most MRPs accumulated in one season (2,477 in 2006), and has been club champion three times.

Duane W. Toll
(Sutherlin OR)
Life Master (★★★★) #2

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Toll Stats

Grass Roots club	Timber Capital #62 (Roseburg OR)	toughest opponent	Mike McDaniels
first tournament win	Reno in July 1987	favorite cribbage moments this year	winning Washington State Championship and Chinook Winds
favorite tournaments	Reno in February and Long Beach WA	other interests	poker, sports, and his grandchildren

Normally one of the ACC's most fastidious statisticians, Ras missed a few points on his spreadsheet and as a result didn't know that he had topped the 15,000-MRP barrier in Portland in late July. Had he known, he surely would have celebrated in style, and all participants would have seen him throw his hat into the air and do some fancy acrobatics to catch it. But despite his success on the Tournament Trail (#13 in lifetime MRPs, tied for #9 in lifetime wins), his favorite cribbage moment of the year was earning his 4,000th GRP and achieving the coveted Gold Award in Grass Roots play (see July CW, page 27). Ras's favorite tournament is one in which he doesn't play: the famous Washington State Cribbage Championships, which he directs and for which he has raised well over \$100,000 in sponsorship money during the last ten years. His toughest opponent is Duane Toll ("he reads the cards so well and takes my offensive pegging game away"). Gardening, he says, "gets all the time that's not obligated to cribbage."

Elmer G. Rasmussen
(Napavine WA)
Life Master (★★) #13



New Cribbage Master
711. Vicki Soule (Woolwich ME)



Tournament directors understandably have a lot on their minds during tournament weekend and as a result often don't see much personal success at their own events. It is great, therefore, to report that Al obtained his One Star rating at the 2008 Schaefer Shuffle. Al is a member of what is arguably the toughest Grass Roots club in the country—Milwaukee #6—all of whose members Al considers to be his cribbage mentors. Al got his first tournament win in 1994 by beating Duane Toll in the finals of a Minnesota tournament. His favorite tournaments are Grand National and the February Reno events. His toughest opponent is Richard "Frosty" Frost. When he's not tearing up the cribbage boards, Al's hobbies include world travel, reading, Corvettes, and old English sports cars.

Alan R. Schaefer
(Jackson WI)
Life Master (★) #49

Jeff's favorite tournament is easily the National Open, which he has played every year since 1982. He won the main in 2006, and he plans to "hit for the cycle" at the NOCT; over the years he has won four of the seven events (main, Friday night, Losers' Losers, Last Round-Up), and next year he's gunning to add one or more of the other three events (Saturday night, consolation, High Rollers) to his resume. Jeff's toughest opponent and cribbage mentor is Larry Phifer, a fellow member of Club 58 in Raleigh. For many years, Jeff was an active tournament bridge player and accumulated over 3,000 bridge master points.

Jeff Raynes
(Cary NC)
Life Master #155



You don't have to talk very long to Jerold to see that he loves playing cribbage. But despite having earned over 6,000 MRPs, he seemed prouder of his first-ever 29-hand. His biggest win of the year was the Topaz Open, and he's very proud of the trophy board he earned there. Jerold learned to play cribbage from his grandfather, joined the ACC in the late 1980s, and with Jim Langley and Ron Sargent, formed the Red Hot Peggys cribbage club in Red Bluff CA. He's won eight tournaments (four of each variety) and considers his toughest opponent to be the one he's never played before. When not racking up MRPs, he spends his time fishing, collecting coins and stamps, and watching auto-racing.

Jerold E. Montgomery
(Red Bluff CA)
Life Master #156



Talk about a tough teacher: when Pam's father taught her and her seven sisters to play cribbage, he would cheat when he pegged, "for our own good," he claimed, so his daughters would learn to pay attention. Pam won her first trophy board at Antioch in 2000, and she brought the saga full circle this year when she achieved her Grand Master at the same event. She considers Don Brown her cribbage mentor and gives credit to Norm Nikodym for running a tip-top club in West Covina CA. Pam has co-directed tournaments for the past six years in the Norwalk area. Besides cribbage, Pam loves gardening, body-surfing, watching Angels games, and enjoying her five beautiful grandchildren.

Pamela Pomeroy
(Norwalk CA)
Grand Master #268



Grass Roots Club Champions

The list of 2007–2008 Grass Roots club champions has been certified by Grass Roots statistician **Kristy Haught**. Each champion—representing the best players in 172 clubs across the continent—will be invited to the Grass Roots Tournament of Champions (GRTOC) in Portland OR in September and the Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Reno in February 2009.

Joseph Cornelissen (Rotonda West FL) repeated his reign as Grass Roots national champion, with 383 GRPs, earned in Club 29 in Englewood FL. The top ten Grass Roots members are listed nearby.

While we don't yet know the full effects of the new scoring system put in place last September, we do know that it yielded

more GRPs among the club champions. In the 2006–2007 season, 171 champions earned 13,240 GRPs, while this year 172 champions earned 15,866 GRPs.

rank	GRPs	name (club)
1.	383	Joseph Cornelissen (29)
2.	356	Mel Ashley (82)
3.	347	David Fournier (22)
4.	345	Donald Flesch (6)
5.	343	Keith W. Forrest (69)
6.	336	Brock R. Lee (106)
7.	335	Harold Sontag (162)
	335	Tom Langford (194)
	335	Hank Kaneshige (227)

club champion

2 Thomas J. Wilson

3 Michael Grage

5 James Klinger

6 Donald Flesch

11 Michael S. McCammon

12 Margery Clark

14 Clair E. Morse

17 Larry C. Loupee

20 Paul Davidson

21 Rod Foy

22 David Fournier

23 Dwight Van Cleve

24 Warren A. Gallagher

25 Kathy Thompson

26 Phil Martin

27 Leon Korba

28 Roy Hofbauer

29 Joseph Cornelissen

34 Roger Widdowson

35 Shawn Hudson

club champion

38 Terry Bond

39 James P. Hartung

43 Roy A. Kaufmann

46 Craig E. Jensen

48 Roger King

54 Paul Gregson

55 Mike Emerson

58 Larry Phifer

61 Jean Cervantes

62 Duane W. Toll

68 Thomas Mills

69 Keith W. Forrest

71 Brenda Carson

72 Bill Medeiros

74 Art Burgess

79 Mark Wollman

81 David R. Clemmey

82 Mel Ashley

86 Robert R. Vaccarezza

89 Howard L. Terry

club champion

90 Cyril Schmidt

91 David Aiken

94 Dan Sand

96 Douglas Sletten

97 Thomas Borkowski

98 Gerald D. Oxford

100 Dennis Moore

102 Henry Douglass

104 John A. McCready

106 Brock R. Lee

107 Duane E. Sink

108 Richard A. Harris

109 Tony Pacheco

110 Mary Jane Esera

111 Nick G. Maximov

111 Dorothy Maximov

113 Don Hansen

115 Franklin Wurman

117 Ken Castellani

118 Frank Spitulski

club	champion
119	Louis A. Gardner
120	Patrick Barrett
124	Carlyle Elliott
127	Walter Howell
130	John E. Marchand Sr.
131	Laurence Krause
132	Adrian Levy
139	Floryan P. Sowinski
140	Thomas Mancbach
142	Pete Chamousis
144	Nora Maloy
145	Doris Denny
147	Jack Stakley
148	George Mackie
150	Robert D. Rebar
154	Thomas Stevens
156	Dan Fergus
157	Jeremy Wussov
159	Bill Johnson
161	Pat Llewellyn
162	Harold Sontag
164	Jerry Kwock
168	Alan S. Wilson
173	Bob Cross
175	Stephen Gawryluk
178	Bruce D. Sattler
184	Ken Cochlin
190	Vern Mierkey
191	Randy Craig
193	Cy Madrone
194	Tom Langford
196	Rex A. Larsen
198	Gerry Anderson
199	Lewis A. Gurney
202	Douglas G. Hadley Jr.
203	Gerda Korolek
203	Gerald Mohr
204	Dennis Misenaar

club	champion
205	Ian Wilson
207	Jim Markowitz
211	Pink Pinkerton
213	John W. Swett
214	David Campbell
214	Vicki Soule
215	Joan Rein
218	Joseph P. Aird
219	Louise Streeter
220	Elmer Tole
221	Danny L. Bennett
222	Greg Schleusner
227	Hank Kaneshige
229	Steve DePouw
230	Ted Hauptman
232	Elmer G. Rasmussen
238	Gary Collums
240	Frank L. Trojan
241	Connally Thomas
243	Douglas P. Benson
245	Delia Doffin
246	Nancy Hawkins
249	Linda J. Newman
251	Bob Kirkman
257	Ronald L. Hoglund
258	Michael D. Green
261	Jack Wifladd
266	Steve Kennedy
267	Dorothy Westerlund
269	Rosalee Bradley
271	Larry Mayo
272	Dutch Gehrlich
274	John D. Hensley
276	Russ Fisher Jr.
277	Patricia D. Felcyn
281	Earl Baum
283	Bob Drobnik
284	Dennis Ulberg

club	champion
285	John Furler
288	Sandra D. Strange
289	Al Gould
290	Albert Moy
295	Brent Cooper
299	John Sviarich
300	David Gerke
301	Joseph Perron
304	Murray Eakin
305	Doug Holden
306	David P. Neifert
307	Guy Marzari
308	James Flaherty Sr.
309	Maurice Laplante
314	David Statz
317	Jeff Olson
318	Hugh Durkin
321	Rod Hovey
323	Harry Ramatowski
328	Morris Wyman
329	Phillip E. Whitehouse
331	Edward Deputat
332	Everett Gier
333	Mort Herstrom
336	M. S. Elkins
337	Charles G. Sladek
339	Jim Ranstrom
341	Raymond Wanke
343	Bob Bartosh
344	Joseph Vogel
345	Troy Thorson
346	Keith R. Miller
347	Clifford Ruble
349	Michael M. Rowe
350	Joe Lilley
353	Michael Maloney

Season Wrap-Up

Congratulations to **Gary Wirth** (*VertoGoAway*) for earning top honors during the 2007–2008 internet season. Gary earned 135 more IRPs than **Mike Fetchel** (*mfetchCT425*), the second-place finisher. **Lewis Skidmore** (*loskidmore*), who was not even in the top 10% last month, jumped all the way to eleventh place. **John Schafer** (*newview85*), **William MacMillan** (*Bristlecone_1*), and **Daniel Crete** (*creech1*) improved their standings in the top 19.

Since 189 ACC members earned IRPs this year, 19 players will receive invitations to the TOC in February. Congratulations to Gary, the top 10, the top 10%, and all who played!

Our internet TDs organized and handled 216 ACC cribbage tournaments this season, with a total of 9,736 players (a duplicated count) participating. **Don Ellis** (*LoneStar__*) estimates that approximately 23,760 games were played in these tournaments.

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07/03/08	Larry C. Loupee (IA)
07/05/08	Andy Roland (France)
07/06/08	Timothy M. Julkowski (OR)
07/07/08	Lewis Skidmore (Canada)
07/10/08	John Schafer (MI)
07/12/08	Allen Nypen (OR)
07/13/08	Michael Link (PA)
07/14/08	Roger Grandgeorge (IA)
07/15/08	Michael Link (PA)
07/17/08	John F. Reed (OR)
07/19/08	Zera William Oglesby (WA)
07/20/08	Graeme Gossett (OR)
07/21/08	Peggy A. Johnson (WY)
07/24/08	Valerie Nozick (GA)
07/26/08	Douglas I. Henderson (WI)
07/27/08	Scott Buhrow (TN)
07/28/08	Gary Wirth (Canada)
07/31/08	Valerie Nozick (GA)

Tournament Schedule

We are now using Google Calendar for the calendar for the new season. This makes it much easier to maintain the schedule; once a change is made to the calendar, it is automatically updated on the webpage. The schedule has been set for the entire season; however, there may be a few adjustments as the season progresses.

Manual Counting

The ACC Executive Committee has requested an increase in the number of manual scoring tournaments, and so at the start of the new internet season on August 1, the following changes were made. Monday and Thursday tournaments now require manual scoring. In addition, to ensure that the total tournament time will not increase, these tournaments were

changed to single-game matches. Saturday and Sunday tournaments will remain in their current format.

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IRPs	name (tournaments played)
1 837	Gary Wirth, Canada (101)
2 702	Mike Fetchel, CT (105)
3 675	James H. Morrow, WA (100)
4 627	Scott Buhrow, TN (100)
5 570	John F. Reed, OR (113)
6 558	Douglas I. Henderson, WI (98)
6 558	Tom Lewis, NM (100)
8 528	Bill Medeiros, MA (81)
9 525	William A. Schultz, IL (105)
10 519	Evelyn Osaka, Canada (127)
11 504	Lewis Skidmore, Canada (96)
12 498	Elizabeth Miller, MN (126)
13 495	Ed Bloom, CA (117)
14 492	John Schafer, MI (100)
15 486	Rodney Duff, CT (96)
16 483	William MacMillan, WY (105)
17 474	Daniel Crete, NH (101)
18 471	Mark Van Dyke, MI (120)
19 462	John Dellarsina, CA (101)
20 459	Tom Langford, CA (100)
20 459	Allen Nypen, OR (118)
22 447	Richard Shea, CA (104)
23 444	David Bowen, MA (102)
24 435	Kelly Ann Burgar, Canada (101)
24 435	Bryan J. Gurden, NV (99)
26 432	Shawn Hudson, NC (108)
27 426	Valerie Nozick, GA (103)
28 423	Peter Stemler, NV (137)
29 414	Monica Hunt, MT (100)
30 408	Don Eastwood, NC (100)
30 408	Andy Roland, France (71)
32 405	Mike Rosenstock, TN (96)
33 378	Rick Allen, VA (123)
34 372	Nancy R. Roncetti, PA (71)
35 357	Karen R. Dorcas, AK (109)
36 351	Jeff Gardner, OH (91)
37 345	Patricia Gossett, OR (65)
38 342	Lois M. Fosdal, WI (83)
39 336	Larry Mayo, NM (112)
40 324	David D. Braach, MT (86)
41 321	Jon Taylor, AZ (82)
42 312	Ray Fischer, NC (84)
43 309	Jeff Crane, MO (101)
43 309	Todd D. Wolfley, ID (108)
45 306	Sheila Crete, NH (107)
46 303	Monica Newton, OR (94)
47 300	Roger Grandgeorge, IA (72)
47 300	George Riley, MA (74)
47 300	Beth Witter, WI (38)
50 297	Marilyn Gaudreau, MA (90)

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Anyone can play in ACC internet tournaments, but to earn IRPs you must be an ACC member with a certified screen name. Go to cribbage.org/internet for more details. Please sign up at gamecolony.com/acc at least ten minutes before the scheduled start time.

date	day	time	type	scoring
Sept. 4	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Sept. 6	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 7	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 8	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Sept. 9	Tuesday	8p	Cribbage Cup*	manual
Sept. 11	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Sept. 13	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 14	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 15	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Sept. 18	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Sept. 20	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 21	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Sept. 22	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Sept. 23	Tuesday	8p	Cribbage Cup*	manual
Sept. 25	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Sept. 29	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Oct 2	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Oct. 4	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 5	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 6	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Oct. 9	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Oct. 11	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 12	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 13	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Oct. 14	Tuesday	8p	Cribbage Cup*	manual
Oct. 16	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Oct. 18	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 19	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 20	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Oct. 23	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual
Oct. 25	Saturday	5:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 26	Sunday	3:30p	elimination	automatic
Oct. 27	Monday	7:30p	elimination	manual
Oct. 28	Tuesday	8p	Cribbage Cup*	manual
Oct. 30	Thursday	10p	elimination	manual

*All times Eastern. * = ACC members only.*

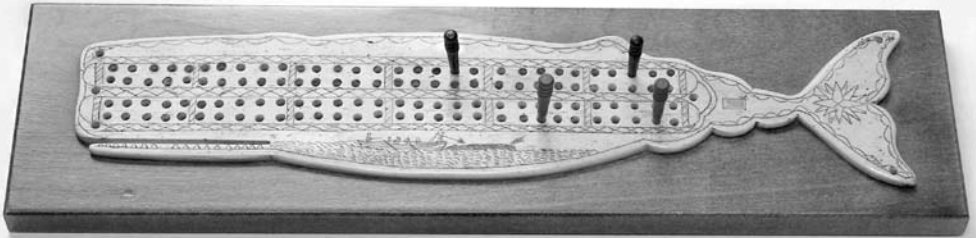
Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

In contrast to the two *handcrafted* ivory cribbage boards in last month's column, the board featured this month is a *manufactured* ivory-and-scrimshaw board (sometimes called "fakeshaw").

This reproduction of a real ivory cribbage board in a museum was made by Artek Reproductions (Petersborough NH). It was part of a "Save the Whales" series of cribbage boards. In the detailed engraving, a whaleboat closes in on a whale.

Some reproductions are so well made that it takes an expert to determine that they are not real ivory. Most reproductions are beautiful pieces of work and are sold with no intent to pass them off as ivory. However, since they are often very authentic looking, a buyer should be careful when buying at antique stores and online.



Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards in picturesque Washington State. Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to him at budandotis@msn.com (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line). For more information on cribbage boards and collecting, visit the Cribbage Board Collector's Society website at cbcs.us.

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Cribbage Quiz Answer

Only ten values are possible when holding a full house. Here are examples of each.

value	example
8	8-8-Q-Q-Q
9	8-8-J-J-J (with nobs)
10	A-A-A-6-6
12	3-3-4-4-4
14	3-3-9-9-9
18	3-3-3-6-6
20	7-7-8-8-8
21	5-5-J-J-J (with nobs)
22	5-5-5-J-J
23	5-5-5-J-J (with nobs)

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associatedpress.com According to an Associated Press report, when reporters asked where he was when he heard that Brett Favre had been traded to the Jets, new Green Bay Packer quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** replied, "I was in the locker room playing cribbage with some of my teammates."

omaha.com An August 2 story in the Omaha World-Herald featured **Dale and Helen Moeller**, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a trip to Branson MO. They stopped overnight in St. Joseph on their way home, and while playing a cribbage game, Dale got his first-ever 29-hand!

GAME ON

Minnesota

Congratulations to **Mike Burns** (St. Cloud MN) for successfully hosting the second annual Granite City Youth Tournament on July 18. Twenty-six avid peggers aged 10 to 18 matched skills, and when the last hole was pegged, 16-year-old **Andrew Sheneman** (Andover MN) won the championship for the second year in a row. His prize was a \$500 college scholarship. Second-place honors went to 10-year-old **Jason Strackle** (Sartell MN), who received a \$250 scholarship. Third place went to **Jared Ellis** (16), and fourth place to **Andrew Wingate** (18). Both are from St. Cloud, and each received a \$100 scholarship.

New Mexico

Tom Lewis (Albuquerque NM) recently taught a nine-session youth cribbage class for seven students between the ages of 9 and 14. These youths will play a tournament on September 7 at Cherry Hills Library in Albuquerque.

Teaching Manuals

Recent requests for youth teaching manuals were received from the following people. Watch for a youth boom in these areas:

- **Stephen Tassone** (Grass Valley CA)
- **Thomas Maloney** (Denver CO)

Game On Columnist

When not teaching cribbage to youth, **Dan Zeisler** runs a small K-8 single school district in rural northern California. His duties as superintendent/principal keep him going full-time throughout the year. The spare time he does have is split between watching his two sons excel at baseball, playing on the tournament trail, and promoting the great game of cribbage to our youth.

Since 1993 Dan has taught over 800 youngsters how to play cribbage and sent out over 600 teaching manuals across the country and beyond. His Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament is the longest running youth event in the country, with the 16th annual tourney taking place in February 2009. He currently is a member of the ACC Board of Directors and the Director of Youth Cribbage for the ACC.

Information about youth cribbage may be sent to Dan at 530.274.3124; danthefan@yahoo.com; or 10300 Dawkins Ln, Grass Valley CA 95949-9601.

Welcome to New Members

The ACC welcomed 28 new members during July. 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.

Busher Bridi (Albuquerque NM)
Chadi Bridi (Albuquerque NM)
Lana Bridi (Albuquerque NM)
Mike Brook (Huntington Beach CA)
Alex Crossland (Albuquerque NM)
Andy Crossland (Albuquerque NM)
Bill Dady (Everett WA)
Jeffrey Erickson (Redwood City CA)
Carole Hardesty (Rancho Cucamonga CA)
Wayne Hardesty (Rancho Cucamonga CA)
Gary B. Hindman (Graham WA)
Mark Lee Jarvie (Lake Odessa MI)
Stephen Jennings (Alfred ME)
Josh Knighton (Albuquerque NM)

Michel Lacoursiere (St. Hubert QC, Canada)
Cindy Matheny (Lansing MI)
Caley Mellott (Albuquerque NM)
Mason Mellott (Albuquerque NM)
Doug Morrison (Bellevue WA)
Robert Roeser (Virginia Beach VA)
Maria Ruskiewica (Marinette WI)
Donna L. Ryan (Shelton WA)
Loren Silvernail (Saint Cloud MN)
John B. Singleton (Saint Louis MO)
Ken Stanko (Merced CA)
Mark J. Valencia (Kaneohe HI)
Dennis Walthall (Salem OR)
Jimmy Yee (Carmichael CA)



Granite City Youth Tournament: runner-up Jason Strackle, champion Andrew Sheneman, and director Mike Burns

It's Not Good Cribbage—and Involves Cruelty, Crookery, and Bad Credibility! *Backward-Pegging Opponents*

No—it is not rule 9.3b, which allows the pone “to remove the pack, leaving the starter card in the approximate area where the pack was.” If I could change one rule this would be it: to eliminate confusion and errors, I would allow no movement of the cards until all counting is completed.

No—it is not rule 6.1a, which says “only after both players discard to the crib shall the pack be cut by the pone to determine the starter card.” Although a clear rule, it is often violated (I was once called the “F***ing Marquis of Queensbury” for enforcing it). There used to be a two-point penalty for violations here, and DeLynn Colvert has said we made a mistake in removing that penalty.

So what rule is it? This issue has generated a lot of controversy that the ACC Rules Committee is trying to resolve, yet it doesn't even involve a rule. Writing a firm rule on it has proven extremely difficult, bordering on impossible.

By now you have probably read Martha Fingleton's comments (“To Tell or Not to Tell? That Is the Question”) in the August *Cribbage World* on what to do when you see that your opponent is pegging backward. While I agree with many of her statements, I do not agree with her conclusion that we should not include a statement in the ACC rule book concerning backward pegging. In fact, to not include a statement on this issue will in the long run prove harmful to the ACC, as it invites

a continuance of bad practice.

It's cruel to allow your opponent to continue pegging backward. Pegging backward happens more often than we might wish, and in most cases the non-pegging backward (NPB) player tells the other person what they are doing. When someone allows the opponent to keep pegging backward, it often results in a humiliating outcome. I'd much rather learn after it is first noticed than when I have committed the same error several times. How embarrassing for the player when her opponent finally says, “I can't let you peg backward more than four times in a row.”

If cribbage is a game to be enjoyed by everyone, are we not obligated (even in competition) to show compassion toward our opponents? (I'll admit some opponents strain my quality of mercy.) Do we want to lose new members (whether old or young) or longtime members due to this situation?

Behavior known as “crookery” occurs when you allow your opponent to continue pegging backward. While some may object to the word *crookery* as used here, I chose that over *criminality* because as yet we have no rule, law, or guideline that applies here. *Crookery* means crooked dealings or practices. In cross-checking scorecards over the years at many tournaments, I have been astonished to see 70-point, 80-point, and even 90-point losses (wins). Losses/wins by over 100 points

have even been reported. Never having beaten anyone by 80 points, I wondered how this was accomplished. A member of the ACC Hall of Fame said he thought most of these losses involved a player pegging backward. Hard work to achieve a skunk is one thing—allowing it to happen this way isn't right.

Of course, it need not be that dramatic to be significant. Allowing a person to continue pegging backward has significantly altered the outcome of tournaments. It turns losses into wins. It changes regular wins into skunks. It greatly changes the number of spread points that one has on a scorecard (regardless of win or loss). It affects who qualifies and who does not. I'm not willing to accept the proposition that (in most cases) the NPB player is unaware of what is happening. It's possible that the NPB player is not initially aware of backward pegging by an opponent, but usually soon sees what is happening (there could be exceptions and we should allow for that).

It hurts your credibility to allow your opponent to continue pegging backward. In two instances brought to my attention since becoming chair of the Rules Committee, the feeling toward players who

allowed this to happen became much less positive. In one situation, a player bragged that his opponent pegged backward enough for him to gain a skunk in his last game, thus allowing him to qualify. In another recent situation, a prominent player allowed a less experienced player to peg backward for over one full street to enhance his scorecard. In fairness, since there is no rule about what to do when you see your opponent pegging backward, perhaps it was not right to judge these players negatively, but comments directed to me suggest that the perception of these players has suffered.

It's not good cribbage to allow an opponent to continue pegging backward (that's a value judgment). So while it may not be possible to write an enforceable rule on this situation, it is possible to write an ethical guideline that has a positive impact on behavior. We are not legislating what must be done. To say nothing about this issue smacks of condoning it. Allowing an opponent to continue pegging backward involves cruelty and crookery, and it harms credibility, so we need to say something about it in the ACC rule book.

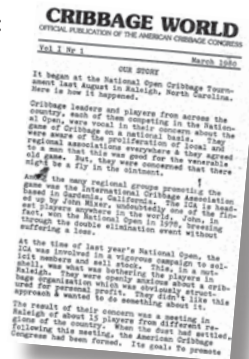
Life Master Herschel Mack (McKinleyville CA) is chair of the Rules Committee.

Cribbage World Archives

ACC archivist **Fred White** (Kailua HI) has been hard at work scanning CW back issues. The complete run—from the very first issue in March 1980 to December 2006—is now available on the ACC website. Follow these instructions:

- go to **cribbage.org**
- click on “Cribbage World” in the left column
- click on “Cribbage World Archives” in the right column
- pick what year you want to view
- enjoy your trip down memory lane

CW issues from January 2007 to the present are also posted on the web. Follow the first two steps above to find them.





WRITTEN AND EDITED BY TOM LEWIS

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

Registration—please make sure your Grass Roots registration reflects the exact same name you used for your ACC membership. Using a different name or nickname will generate errors in the ACC website.

Club Officials—if your club has a new statistician or club director, you should consider changing your password for the Grass Roots website.

Club 341 (Kissimmee FL)—as predicted, our season ended with the fabulous three who led all year: **Ray Wanke** finished first, **Mark Mano** was second, and **Don Niebauer** was third. **Nancy Wanke** placed fourth. This summer we played muggins in hopes of improving our scoring. If you are in the area, please stop in. *submitted by Nancy Wanke*

Club 127 (Newport OR) would like to thank sixteen-year-old **Mylisia Lanegan** for joining us this summer. Mylisia, who spends the summer months with her grandparents, has been visiting for several

summers now and has improved her cribbage skills. She likes to win (who doesn't) but is a very good loser too. Mylisia is a real pleasure to have around, and we look forward to having her back next summer. *submitted by Monica Newton*

Club 11 (Reno NV)—**Scott Koslowski**, our former club director, told his niece, **Danielle Koslowski**, to try out our club. She played in her first-ever Grass Roots tournament on July 22, and she will be forever hooked on cribbage. In her seventh game she got a 29-hand! We were thrilled (and a little jealous)! *submitted by A. J. Tasker*

Summer play at the **Jackson MI Peggers (Club 332)** produced four 28-hands in three weeks. On July 9 **Jim Stratton** got a 28-hand and a sizeable skunk pot. On July 16, he got another, with a very small skunk pot. A few games later, **Dean DeMoulpied's** 28-hand received no money. And on July 23 **Winston Boyer** got his 28-hand, with a small skunk pot. Jim had also gotten a

Rule of the Month—Dealing the Cards

The pone shall not reach for or touch the cards before the distribution is completed, except to use the hand or arm as a backstop to prevent cards from falling off the table while being dealt.

28-hand on February 27—for three in one year! *submitted by Walter Wasielewski*

Club 288 (Nokomis IL) finished May and the cribbage season with a new club champion, **Sandy Strange**, who set a new club record of 230 GRPs. **Dave Carey** came in second, and **Don Phillips** was third, less than 10 GRPs behind Carey. In August the club TOC was held. Any member who won one of the 36 weekly tournaments was qualified to play in our TOC. **John Perry** won and will keep the TOC trophy for one year. On August 8, our club played Club 323 in a nine-game tournament. After a hard-fought tournament, Club 288 was victorious. *submitted by Dave Carey*

Joe Bowen (Dedham ME) is starting a cribbage club in the **Bangor ME** area. If

GrassRoots Awards

Silver Award

Frank Gallo (168) RI

Richard H. West (168) MA

Bronze Award

Brian Heroux RI

Milton Caro (276) FL

Lloyd J. Heibel (91) MI

David Harris (238) WY

you would like to play or know of anyone who is interested, please contact Joe (207.843.3938 or bowenmaine@aol.com) for more information.

GRTOC invitations were mailed in August. If you are a club champion and did not receive your invitation, contact **Andrea Witkin** (andreaangie6@yahoo.com or 213.840.1704) or **David Aiken** (cribbage@iserv.net or 616.897.8727).

New Grass Roots Clubs

- #353 Kingston MA:** Kingston Cribbage Club (Thursday 7pm at Union Grove Club, 11 Kingston St); director: Michael Maloney (781.585.0134 or cribbageplayer29@yahoo.com)
- #354 Palmer AK:** Alaska Mat-Su Peggery; director: Donald Hendricks (907.745.5819)
- #355 Middleboro MA:** Nemasket Peggery (Thursday 7pm at the Mitchell Club); director: Raymond E. Cook (508.980.9443 or roofersmate@yahoo.com)
- #356 LaGrande OR:** Blue Mountain Peggery (Thursday 6:30pm at Rock Bowling and Family Fun Center, 2301 Cover Ave); director: John Fitzgerald (541.910.3709 or a1appliance@gmail.com)
- #357 Port Angeles WA:** P.A. Peggery (Wednesday 6pm at Eagles Club #483, 110 S Penn Ave); director: Jim Duff (360.808.7129 or papeggery@hughes.net or www.papeggery.com)
- #358 Woonsocket RI:** R.I. Peg Bangers (Tuesday 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Veteran Association, 99 Louise St); directors: Gerard St. Germain and Sue Devilin (401.769.5279 or suedevlin@cox.net)

REGIONAL Standings

2008 Final Standings

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name
1	2458 Erik Royland Locke, OR	1	1308 Brad Behm, WI	1	1317 Phyllis Schmidt, MA
2	1742 Duane W. Toll, OR	2	1137 Doug Page, WI	2	1076 Ken Patenaude, MA
3	1548 Mel Ashley, CA	3	1027 Robert Julian, WI	3	1034 David Campbell, ME
4	1448 Roland A. Hall, VT	4	1016 Les Kvien, IL	4	907 Keith E. Widener, NC
5	1298 Bob Bartosh, CA	5	933 Tony Danihel, WI	5	871 Bruce D. Sattler, MD
6	1295 Cy Madrone, CA	6	917 Wayne Steinmetz, WI	6	826 Phil Martin, CT
7	1294 Jeanne Jelke, WA	7	896 Bob McCabe, WI	7	776 Bill Medeiros, MA
8	1276 Jim Crawford, CA	8	853 Beth Witter, WI	8	728 Earle W. Remington, RI
9	1174 James Langley, CA	9	838 Douglas I. Henderson, WI	9	720 Henry Douglass, NC
10	1111 De Lynn Colvert, MT	10	834 Donald Flesch, WI	10	703 Larry Phifer, NC
11	1096 Ronald L. Morgan, CA	11	799 Jerome Fischer, WI	11	658 Laurence Samet, MA
12	1021 Dan Marsh, OR	12	787 Alan R. Schaefer, WI	12	641 John Campanella, MA
13	990 Jerold E. Montgomery, CA	13	757 Mike Burns, MN	13	610 Frank Corrado, CT
14	927 Donald L. Brown, CA	14	734 Daniel Pluff, MN	13	610 Henry S. Delong, MA
15	893 Willie Evans, WA	15	733 Richard Frost, WI	15	597 David Statz, NH
16	867 Betty Stewart, OR	16	705 Joy Shimp, MI	16	593 George Bryer, MA
17	849 Roy Hofbauer, WA	17	691 Lloyd L. Kraft, WI	17	586 Lee Dillon, MA
18	830 Herschel Mack, CA	18	650 Frank L. Trojan, MN	18	543 Robert Milk, VA
19	829 Rickie Mack, CA	19	614 David Aiken, MI	19	539 Ann Somers, MA
19	829 Jack Moritzky, WA	20	600 Jerry Newhouse, WI	20	527 Harry Maiden, FL
19	829 Mike Tungate, CA	21	591 Joe Bernard, IL	21	522 Albert N. Miller, NH
22	826 Jesse Jarrell, CA	22	582 Joan Rein, MN	22	512 Donna Lafleur, CT
23	798 Paul Hatcher, OR	23	572 Bob Joslin, MN	23	507 William J. Shoemaker, CT
23	798 James A. Clark, CA	24	571 Warren Sondericker, WI	24	476 Elijah H. White Jr., ME
25	794 Bill Wakeman, CA	25	555 Gene Biegler, WI	25	438 Roger J. Bouchard, CT
26	790 Jason Shumate, NV	26	527 Bob Kiley, WI	25	438 Jeffrey A. Messinger, MA
27	763 Leslie G. Sumner, NV	27	526 Marty J. Schmidt, WI	27	421 Richard H. West, MA
28	745 Jones H. Hom, CA	28	523 Gerald Gruber, MN	28	412 Janet C. Viands, VA
29	737 Dennis Misenaar, WA	29	497 Larry LaGassie, WI	29	407 Mathew Piechota, MA
30	729 Frank Ornie, OR	30	493 John Syftestad, WI	30	402 Jerry Gooden, NC
31	728 Ira T. Deutsch, OR	31	487 Frank Danielski, WI	31	396 Paul Batterson, CT
32	725 Chris McComas, WA	32	485 Edward W. Balcer, MN	32	394 Mark Soule, ME
33	720 Cres Fernandez, CA	33	473 Gary Haelfrisch, WI	33	391 Vicki Soule, ME
34	694 Pamela Pomeroy, CA	34	462 Bart Jaeger, NE	34	390 Dottie Vandenberghe, MA
35	681 Elmer G. Rasmussen, WA	35	453 Roger Grandgeorge, IA	35	377 Charlie Finley, CT
36	665 Bill Hill, OR	36	439 James Huser, WI	36	376 John J. Rooney Sr., MA
37	655 Gerald D. Oxford, CA	37	431 Donald A. Patrin, MN	36	376 John Blowers, FL
38	641 Peggy Walberg, CA	38	427 Allen E. Karr, WI	38	374 Jack Howsare, VA
39	631 H. Ross Njaa, CA	39	426 Alphonse Scarantino, MI	39	370 Louis J. Petosa, CT
40	613 Mike McDaniel, OR	40	425 Sharon Schaefer, WI	40	368 David Samet, MA
41	607 Rich Ekman, CA	41	409 Ginny Danielski, WI	40	368 Joy Barnes, FL
42	602 Tom Cookman, CA	42	389 Jeff Shimp, MI	42	364 Chris Parsons, FL
43	592 Kerry O'Connell, CA	43	382 Robert P. Chase, MN	43	358 Michael Burnham, GA
44	587 Rollie Heath, OR	44	376 Patrick Barrett, WI	44	354 Tom Clark, NH
45	570 John Furler, OR	45	372 Dave Yaeger, MO	45	350 Robert J. Drukman, MA
46	565 Tom Langford, CA	46	371 Rhynold Shave, WI	45	350 James Wysocki, FL
47	526 Heidi Glashan, CA	46	371 Al Booth, MN	47	336 Cindy Veradt, MA
48	521 Bernie Nelson, OR	48	370 Jeremy Wussow, WI	48	332 Susan Cousins, ME
49	513 Todd Malmgren, OR	49	361 Cyril Schmidt, WI	49	326 Robert E. Moore, VA
50	505 Jim McKnight, CA	50	360 Kenneth Rasmussen, MI	50	313 Jeff Gardner, OH

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

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

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 12–14, Serial City Classic

Park Inn, 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. Main \$70. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. LC? Perks: coffee. Contact: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229; jeffshimp@charter.net), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417 or David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net)

September 14, Why Not?

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761-5436 or Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

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 (715.887.2123), 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. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433-8007 or Jim Langley (530.527.4606)

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 3–5, Montana Championship

Jokers Wild, I-90 Exit 101, Missoula MT 59806. Main \$50. Fri DBL. Fri HR. Sat. LC. Perks: coffee. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806-5604 or Sharon Hejtmank (406.549.2843)

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October 4, Gold Coast Classic

Marie Calendar'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)

October 4, Schaefer Shuffle Special

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$50. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Al and Sharon Schaefer

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(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 Misenaar

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 11, Wonderful Woodland "Won-Day"

Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St, Woodland CA 95776. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, snacks, lunch. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519-3858 or Julie & Cecil Felkins

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 17-19, Colorado Fall Classic

Hampton Inn, 137 Union Blvd, Lakewood CO 80228. Main \$55. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Roger Wilson (303.254.4670), 11386 Grove St Unit B, Westminster CO 80031-8064

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), 12132 Roseton Ave, Norwalk CA 90650-2353 or Gary Sumner

October 19, Fall U.S. Open

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761-5436 or Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

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 PI, 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.

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

Wisconsin Rapids Open

October 17-19, 2008

The Wisconsin Rapids Open cribbage tournament will be held October 17-19 at the Hotel Mead, 451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. This hotel is a first class facility and played host to GN XXV in 2006. For hotel room discounts call 1-800-843-6323 and ask about the cribbage rates.

Along with the main tournament there will be a host of satellite tournaments including Friday night singles (7:30PM), Saturday night singles (7:30PM), Sunday Consolation (9:30AM) and the "Last Gasp" (2:00PM). There is also an All-Events pool for the weekend as well as 10-20-50 pools for each event.

For detailed information you can print the flyer off the [ACC website at ACC.org](http://ACC.org)

Any questions call Patrick Barrett @ 1-715-424-5059 or email barrett1@wctc.net

Make Check Out & Mail to:

Wisconsin Rapids Open

5821 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ ACC# _____

_____ Friday Night Singles-(\$25) payoff 1 out of 6

_____ Main Tournament-(\$60) \$65 after 10/16

_____ Q-Pool (\$20)

_____ Saturday Night Singles-(\$25) payoff 1 out of 6

_____ All-Events (\$20), Fri. Night, Sat Main, Sat. Night

_____ Handicapped seating

Tips for Tournament Directors

Don't mix cards with different sizes of index numbers at the same table. While jumbo-index cards are preferable to help our members with vision problems, it is jarring to switch back and forth between jumbo-index and regular-index cards while moving down the table from board to board.

Sat \$20. All Events \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, tea. Contact: Phyllis & Ratso Roderrick (503.981.1004; rmrstratso@aol.com), 612 N Cascade Dr #24, Woodburn OR 97071-3053

October 24–26, Central Coast Tournament

Avila Beach Community Center, 191 San Miguel St, Avila Beach CA 93424. Main \$62. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Billie Reddell (805.772.7721), 680 Sequoia Ct, Morro Bay CA 93442-1352 or Boyd Horne

October 26, Cape Cod Classic

Gull Wing Suites, Route 28 South Yarmouth MA 02664. Main \$50. Perks: breakfast and lunch. Contact: Jack Puleo (508.760.1999), 17 Captain Weiler Rd, South Yarmouth MA 02664-2833 or Doug Kelliher

October 31–November 2, Illinois Open

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 7pm. Sat 7pm. 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

Quality Inn, 2050 E. Irlo Bronson Hwy, 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 1, Black Butte Bonanza

Tollgate Clubhouse, 69316 Stirrup Rd, Sisters OR 97759 (Blackman residence). Main \$42. Limit 66 players. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Winona Johnson (541.736.1363), 891 Anderson, Springfield OR 97477 or Carolyn Blackman (541.549.8698)

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 5–7, Susanville Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$57. Tue 3pm \$10. Tue DBL 7pm \$50/team. Wed \$25. Wed HR \$50. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.254.1077), 719-780 Alexander Ln, Standish CA 96128-9042 or Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906)

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 9, Charm City Classic

Golden Dragon, 8109 Liberty Rd, Baltimore MD 21244. Main \$60. Sat 7pm \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bruce Sattler (410.371.8954 or b.sattler@verizon.net), 3732 Foxford Stream Rd, Nottingham MD 21236-2900

November 11–13, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge & Casino, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville 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

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Central Coast Cribbage Tournament

October 24 - 25 - 26

Avila Beach Community Center

191 San Miguel St. Avila Beach 93424

FRIDAY NIGHT: REGISTRATION FOR MAIN TOURNAMENT Starting at 5:00 pm

SINGLES Starting time 7:00 pm: 9 GAMES -----\$20.00
Q-POOL (PAYOFF 1 IN 4, 100% PAY BACK)-----\$10.00

SATURDAY TOURNAMENT: 22 GAMES VS 22 OPPONENTS-----\$62.00

Entry includes \$2.00 A.C.C. Sanctioning and \$2.00 donation to Youth Cribbage.

Q-POOL (INSURANCE 1 IN 4 AND GRADUATED 1 IN 6)-----Each \$10.00

6:30 am: COFFEE AND DONUTS.

8:00 am: RULES.

8:15 am: PLAY BEGINS

12:00 noon: LUNCH (time of start depending on food availability)

4:00 pm approx: 1ST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS: TOP 25% QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS (3 of 5)

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL: 7:00 pm: 9 GAMES (NO PLAYOFFS) PAY 1 IN 4-----\$20.00

Q-POOL (PAYOFF 1 IN 4, 100% PAY BACK)-----\$10.00

SUNDAY: TOURNAMENT PLAYOFFS and CONSOLATION

7:00 am: COFFEE AND DONUTS

8:00 am: PLAYOFFS RESUME

CONSOLATION: Signup by 9:00 am, Play begins at 9:30 am -----\$20.00

Q-POOL (PAYOFF 1 IN 4, 100% PAY BACK)-----\$10.00

TOP 25% QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS (2 of 3)

MOTELS:

PISMO: QUALITY INNS (805)773 1841 - MOTEL 6 (805)773 2665

SAN LUIS OBISPO: COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT (805) 786 4200 MOTEL 6 Ph (805) 541 6992

ROSE GARDEN INN (805) 544 5300

CUT -----

NAME _____ ACC _____

FRIDAY-----\$20.00 ()

Q-POOL-----\$10.00 ()

ADDRESS _____

MAIN-----\$62.00 ()

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

GRAD Q POOL----\$10.00 ()

SAT NIGHT -----\$20.00 ()

NEED ANCHOR SEAT? Check here ()

Q-POOL-----\$10.00 ()

PHONE # () _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO C.C.C.T. TOTAL \$ _____

SEND check to:

BOYD HORNE: 1090 BASSI DR. SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93405--Phone (805) 595-2213

FOR INFORMATION CALL: BILLIE REDDELL - (805) 772-7721 OR (805) 471-1413



VETERANS DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

RENO - NOV. 7-8-9, 2008

\$2,500.00 ADDED - 100%+ PAYBACK - \$20,000.00 PRIZE FUND*

Plus: \$1,000.00 for a 29-hand! Plus: \$10 per player in casino 'FreePlay'!

**Plus: \$10 per player donated by the Sands to Veterans Charities,
up to \$3,000.00! *(Based on 300 players.)**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008

- 3:00 to Late Entries (Saturday Singles) and Early Bird Doubles Registration.
- 6:00 p.m. Players must sign up and pay cash at the door.
- 6:00 p.m. ENTRIES CLOSE FOR EARLY BIRD AND SATURDAY'S EVENTS
- 7:00 p.m. Early Bird Doubles, 9 Games, No Playoffs, 100% Payback + trophies.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Singles Check In, Complimentary Coffee and Coffee Cake
- 8:00 a.m. Singles Play Begins, 22 Games against 11 Opponents, top 25% advance to 3 of 5 playoff, top 32 playoff Sunday. **100+% Payback with \$2,000.00 Added and \$1,000.00 for a 29 hand!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Open Playoffs Resume, Top 32 play 3 of 5, finals 4 of 7
- 8:00 a.m. Consolation Singles Registration, Coffee and coffee cake. Sign up and pay cash at the door.
- 9:00 a.m. Consolation Play Begins, 10 Games, Top 25% advance to 2 of 3 playoff, final match 3 of 5. **100+% Payback with \$500.00 Added!**
- 4:00 p.m. Registration opens for the Sunday Night Special.
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Special, 9 Games, No Playoffs, 100% payback

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

- 5:30 p.m. Sierra Nevada Grass Roots. (Not Sanctioned.) Register 5:30, Play 6:30. (Stay at the Sands for just \$19 per night, Sunday-Thursday!)

REGISTER ON-LINE at www.sandsrenoevents.com

Saturday Singles only. Small PayPal service charge applies.

VETERANS DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC - NOV. 7-8-9, 2008

Current ACC membership required. Memberships available at tournament site.

1 ST ENTRY: ACC# _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone w/area code _____

E-mail address _____

2ND ENTRY: ACC# _____

Name _____

Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Anchor Seating (medical reasons) requested for _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: **\$39** Friday or Saturday, plus 13.5% room tax, 1 or 2 people.

Special \$19 rate on Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday! No Saturday arrivals. To guarantee room by credit card (no tournament entries) call toll free 1-866-FUNSTAY (386-7829), Code CRI 1107. Book early for these rates and availability!

Please reserve Made by Phone Made with Host No room

Number of Nights _____ Number of Rooms _____

Sharing with: _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

1 Bed 2 Beds No Preference Non-Smoking

Low Floor Handicap Accessible Other _____

(All specific hotel requests are subject to availability at time of arrival.)

Make check payable/mail to:

SANDS REGENCY
Cribbage Tournament
345 N. Arlington Ave.
Reno, NV 89501

Saturday Singles \$82.00 x _____ \$ _____
(includes \$60 Entry, \$20 Q Pool & \$2 ACC Sanction Fee)

Hotel Deposit \$21.56 or \$44.27 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress, ACC rules apply. All players must be 21. The Internal Revenue Service considers prize money earned in excess of \$600 as prize money which must be reported. The Sands Regency is required by law to withhold 30% of prize money of \$600 or more awarded to non-US citizens or US Citizens who do not have or cannot provide a valid US Social Security number. The \$1,000.00 bonus is awarded to aggregate winners in Saturday's singles qualifying only and must be witnessed and verified by the tournament director. \$10 'FreePlay' limit one per account.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING AND STAYING AT THE SANDS!

November 14–16, Longest Beach Classic

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

November 21–23, Minnesota Open

Grandpa's Garage, 31846 65th Ave Way, Cannon Falls MN 55009. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave, Minneapolis MN 55417-1452 or Al Booth (763.783.7042)

November 21–23, Hermiston Pro-Am

Hermiston Eagles, 160 NW 2nd, Hermiston OR 97838. Main \$80. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$100. Fri DBL 6:30pm \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Bill Hill (541.567.6594), 1080 SE 9th St, Hermiston OR 97838-6723 or Denny Edwards

November 23, Yankee Classic (Alkas Mem.)

Rockville Elks, 9 N Park St, Rockville CT 06066. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Phil Martin (860.666.8300), 84 Crown Rdg, Newington CT 06111-4230 or Roger Bouchard (860.633.8803)

November 28–30, Thanksgiving Classic

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Thu 7pm \$20. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97470-2858

December 5–7, Greater Orlando Open

Hampton Inn, 151 N Douglas Ave, Altamonte Springs FL 32714. Main \$55. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Contact: David Fournier (407.695.1902), 808 Osceola Trl, Casselberry FL 32707-2621

Dec. 5–7, Charlottesville Christmas Classic

VFW #1827, 1170 River Rd, Charlottesville VA 22901. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat DBL 7:30pm \$30/team. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Robin Emery (434.971.7000), 4082 Turkey Run, Charlottesville VA 22911-5708

December 6, Tom Winter Memorial

American Legion #225, 355 W Broadway, Forest Lake MN 55025. Main \$50. Fri 8pm \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Diane Waite (651.895.2671), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128-5853 or Ginger Grogan (651.235.8886) or Dan Pluff

December 7, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact:

Dennis Misenaar (360.710.8419), 50 Sandy Ct NW, Bremerton WA 98311-9126 or Larry West

December 7, Hawai'i Championship

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

December 7, Holiday Cribbage Special

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

December 21, Santa Special

Quality Inn, 2050 E. Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$35. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744-4467

December 27, Maryland Holiday Classic

American Legion, 6905 Old Laurel Bowie Rd, Bowie MD 20720. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tom Brent (443.603.1335), 115 Brick Schoolhouse Rd, Centerville MD 21617-2529 or Frank Ruff (443.454.0568)

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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: El-

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Thanksgiving Classic - November 27-30 2008

Mill Casino & Hotel – 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend

Must be 21! \$1,000 Added by the Mill; Entry Fees - 95% cash return - Plus trophies

Schedule of Events

Thursday – 27th

5:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner (reserve by 11/11/08) (\$19, minimum 30)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving Fun Special (\$20 EF, 9 games, no playoffs)

Friday – 28th

3:00 PM Early Birds (\$20 EF, 7 games - no playoffs)

6:30 PM High Rollers (\$50 EF, two Q-pools \$25 each, 9 games, 25% playoff - 2/3)

7:00 PM Doubles (\$40/team EF, 9 games - no playoffs)

Saturday - 29th (Pay entry fee by 11/24/08 and get key for the treasure chest and \$5 discount)

9:00 AM Main (\$50 EF, \$10 Q-Pool, 22 games/22 opponents - 25% playoff)

7:00 PM Saturday night special (\$20 EF, 9 games - no playoffs)

Sunday – 30th

8:00 AM Begin main tournament playoffs (3/5, finals 4/7)

9:30 AM Consolation (\$20 EF, \$10 Q-Pool, 9 games - 25% playoff)

1:00 PM Begin Consolation tournament playoffs (2/3, finals 3/5) – time approximate

Special events:

Main Event Team Play (\$50, 5 player teams - payback 1/4)

All events (\$20, combined scores of Friday night, Main Qualifying, Sat. Night, payback 1/6)

Treasure Chest - contains a \$75 and \$50 cash prize. Keys are given to players when registrations are paid and received by 11/24/08

Q-Pools (Payback 1/6, 2nd Q 1/8)

Registration Form - Please Print

- \$19 Thanksgiving Buffet for Cribbage Players, (30 minimum, please reserve by 11/11/08)
- \$20 Thanksgiving Fun Special
- \$20 Early Birds
- \$20 All Events
- \$40 Doubles
- \$50 High Rollers EF
- \$25 HR Q-Pool (1/6 - optional)
- \$25 HR Q-Pool (1/8 - optional)
- \$45 Main * (Current ACC members – received by 11/24/2008)
- \$50 Main * (Current ACC members – received after 11/24/2008)
- * ACC dues (\$15 individual / \$18 joint)
- \$10 Main Q-Pool (1/6 - optional)
- \$20 Saturday night special

_____ Total remitted: Mail entries to Donna Hassett, 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97470.

Make checks payable to Timber Capital Cribbage Club (TCCC). Questions?:

ACC@cmspan.net or phone (541) 672-1474

Pivot position: _____ (**R**equired/needed, **P**referred, or **N**o)

ACC No: _____ Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

* Main event registration includes \$2 ACC Sanctioning fee. "Late payments, ACC dues, and ACC Sanctioning fees are not considered part of the Entry Fees and are not included in payback percentage

mer G. Rasmussen (360.262.9755), PO Box 161, Napavine WA 98565-0161 or Gary Rasmussen

January 16–18, 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 24, Fallbrook Avocado

Fallbrook Senior Center, 399 Heald Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028. Main \$50. Limited to 80 players. Perks: avocados, coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Obie Weeks (760.723.3660 or nccribbage@aol.com), 3354 Hillside Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028-8228 or Mike Duffy (760.723.8420)

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 Kaulainaahe 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 6–8, ACC Open/TOC

Save these dates on your calendar.
More details forthcoming.

February 14, Valentine's Day Open

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W Second St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, breakfast, lunch. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531-7419

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 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701-3540 or Fred White

Feb. 27–March 1, Hampton Roads Shoot Out

Surfside Oceanfront Inn (800.437.2497), 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$30. Sat HR 7:15pm \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jack Howsare (757.696.2999), 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23452-2258

March 6–8, Illinois Open

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

March 6–8, Redwood Coast

Lucky 7 Casino, 350 N Indian Rd, Smith River CA 95567. Main \$60. Fri 2:30pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, juice, snacks, lunch. Contact: Tom Cookman (707.599.6747), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503-9414 or Tom Langford (707.599.6722)

March 8, Tri-Valley Tournament

VFW, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$52. Sat DBL 7pm \$30/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613), 30 Stone St, Bellingham MA 02019-1235

March 13–14, Waupaca Rotary Open

Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI 54981. Main \$50. Fri \$20. Contact: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494-9056 or Joe Jones (715.445.3118)

March 13–15, March Madness

Crabtree Inn, 3920 Arrow Dr, Raleigh NC 27612. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$30. Sat 7:30pm \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Larry Phifer (919.788.9701), 901 Shellbrook Ct #5, Raleigh NC 27609-4272

March 20–22, Capital City Open

Best Western, 161 St Anthony Ave, St Paul MN 55103. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Todd Schaefer & Diane Waite (651.338.8116), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128-5853

March 22, March Thaw

VFW #1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jim & Pat Martin (508.393.2786), 33 Talbot Rd, Northborough MA 01532-2009 or Pat Llewellyn

March 27–29, Roadrunner Classic

The Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85282. Main \$57. Fri \$20. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Super-Q \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, juice, cookies, lunch. Contact: Ron &

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Laurie Logan (480.288.9459), 8324 E Sand Wedge Ln, Gold Canyon AZ 85218-5040

March 27–29, Mick Michaelis Classic

Riverfront Inn (800.338.3305), 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$65. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Allen Karr (920.434.3402), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313-7083

March 27–29, Northwest Open (Sissel Memorial)

VFW, Baker City OR 97814. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 7pm \$100. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Carl Heath (541.523.2185), PO Box 903, Baker City OR 97814-0903 or Charlette Springer

March 29, Ed Schweitzer Memorial

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

April 3–5, Timber Capital Classic

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

April 3–5, Kissimmee Open

Quality Inn, 2050 E Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri 1pm DBL \$20/team. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd Lot A4, Kissimmee FL 34744-4467

April 5, New England Spring Fever

VFW, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Sat DBL \$30/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Earle & Holli Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd #1, Cumberland RI 02864-1618

April 17–19, Milwaukee Challenge

Radisson Hotel, 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sun LC 1pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132-9604

April 17–19, Western New York Open

Quality Hotel, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$45. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.648.4314) 3950 Nottingham Ter, Hamburg NY 14075-1908 or Jane Cannizzaro

April 24–26, 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 bo-

nuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.887.2123), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

April 25, Colonial Classic

Ukrop's Supermarket, 6610 Mooretown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$50. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188-9329

May 15–16, Win River Spring Fling

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Fri DBL 7pm \$25/team. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat. \$20. Perks: drinks, donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433-8007 or Jim Langley (530.527.4606)

May 15–17, Potawatomi Peggys Pow-wow

TBD. Main \$70. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sun LC? \$10. Perks: cookies by the Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417-8819

May 17, Hawai'i Open

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

May 22–24, 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, candy. Contact: Lynn Raymond (509.928.4983), 4105 N McDonald Rd #20, Spokane Valley WA 99216-1286 or Dave Schwartz (509.328.4022)

May 29–31, Oregon Championship

Elks, 151 N Main St, Prineville OR 97754. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, lunch, cookies. Contact: Graeme & Patti Gossett (541.416.0921), 15852 SE Yakima St, Prineville OR 97754-8848

June 6, Orange Crush Classic

Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse, 24111 Moulton Pkwy, 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 92637-2210 or Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983)

June 5–7, Mount Saint Helens Classic

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98626. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.501.6885), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626-5007

In Memoriam

Bruce Forbes

Bruce Valdemar Forbes (Chico CA), 77, passed away at his home on August 3. Bruce served two years in the U.S. Army and retired from Pacific Gas and Electric Company after thirty-two years. An avid fisherman, Bruce also enjoyed woodworking and was a member of many service organizations. He was an early member of ACC and was the only person to play in every one of the World Championship Tourneys held in Quincy CA. A longtime member of Grass Roots Club 142 (Paradise CA), he became a founder and chief driving force of Chico Cribbage Club 249. He loved cribbage and was both a Master and a Bronze Award winner. A great competitor, a better friend, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Dorthalee Irons

Dorthalee Irons (Sparks NV), 82, passed away on August 3 at home. Born in Indiana in 1925, she was a resident of Reno for the past 49 years. Dorthalee and Bill, her husband of 43 years, founded the Veteran's Family Relief Fund in 1985 and raise funds for it through their semiannual cribbage tournaments held at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel in Reno. They also founded the War Veteran's Memorial Association, which helps veterans and their families in time of need. A founding member of Grass Roots Club 11 (a charter ACC Grass Roots club) in 1984, Dorthalee served as co-director of the club for fourteen years. Dorthalee will be missed by her many friends in Reno and throughout the country.

Ed Leyden

Ed Leyden (Fort Lauderdale FL) passed away on April 28. One of the early members of the ACC, Ed (along with brother Terry Leyden, Tom Fiorini, and George Bickford) started the Dante Club tournament in 1977 after they played in the fourth annual National Open in Raleigh NC. He recently rejoined the ACC and will be missed by all of his cribbage friends in the Northeast.

Jack O'Connell

Jack O'Connell (Cheyenne WY), 77, passed away on July 16 after many months of deteriorating health. He had retired from the U.S. Air Force and worked as a meat-cutter at Safeway and the Base Commissary. He was known affectionately as "Fast Jack" by his fellow club members. The highlight of Jack's week was getting to play cribbage. He will be greatly missed by family and cribbage friends.

Raymond West

Raymond C. West (Appleton WI) passed away at home on August 7. Born in 1927, he joined the Navy after graduating from high school and spent time in Hawai'i during World War II. A Boy Scout leader for many years, Ray was a charter member of Grass Roots Club 90 in Appleton and was only 58 points short of earning his Silver Award. Ray was liked by everyone who came in contact with him. He was a very good cribbage player, and his sense of humor and mischief were unequaled. He will be missed by all.

A GN Memory

BY PATRICK BARRETT

Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

Eleven years have passed and some 1,500 cribbage tournaments have been played since Grand National 16 was held in Wisconsin Dells WI in September 1997. The weekend still seems like a blur, but the memories are real.

Whatever possessed me to undertake such an event is beyond me, as I had a whopping seven tournaments under my belt when I took on this mega-cribbage weekend. My wife Linda—the organized one in the family—was my behind-the-scenes paper guru who kept everything in order—from entries to banquet menus to the \$40,000+ payouts.

The GN is not just a tournament, it is the ACC awards banquet, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, multiple satellite tournaments, and a whole lot more. This traveling tournament is for those who want to take on the best players in a new setting each and every year. Twenty-six states were represented that weekend, and players came from far and wide—setting a new GN attendance record of 456.

The weekend arrived and we were ready. Registration was complete, the announcements were made, and the tournament was on. Qualifying is always the goal, and I did that with relative ease. The ever-present group of volunteers whizzed through the scorecards and the playoffs were set. My 31 GPs gave me a bye and a bit more time to get things ready for

Sunday morning.

The Saturday night awards banquet went well and was highlighted by a stirring Hall of Fame acceptance speech by Martha Fingleton. After the banquet Linda and I strolled down to the lobby to gather up the trophies on display and discovered that someone awarded themselves (i.e., had stolen) the main tournament championship trophy! Of course, no one saw anything and there was nothing we could do. The GN curse had struck. We would have to make a new trophy for the winner if that one was not returned or found.

Sunday morning came early and the playoffs were on. I left Linda with a mountain of work, but what could I do? I had to play, leaving her to seek help with the onslaught of consolation entrants signing up, 294 to be exact. Joan Rein, brother Mike Barrett, and others jumped in and soothed Linda, but without her husband at her side the frenzy of entrants left her less than thrilled.

Linda became more hostile as I ad-

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vanced to the top 32, then the top 16, the top 8, and the final 4. My cards were great and I advanced to the final match. I ran to the room to tell Linda the good news: "Honey, I'm in the finals!" She glared at me and said: "The final what?" She was not as excited as I was as she left the room to keep the consolation tourney going as smooth as possible.

I was pitted against R. Roy Banducci of California. I knew nothing about Roy except that he must be one of those wily old players with plenty of skill. I won game 1, then game 2, then 3. I trailed in game 4 only to rally and win the title 4-0!

As the congrats rolled in, I gave Linda

a big hug, and she finally smiled. I looked for the person who taught me this great game, my mother Arlene. I found her in the consolation playoffs and with a tear in my eye told her the good news. The surrounding players cheered as I gave her a huge hug. I could not contain myself as the emotion rolled down my face.

As I look back on that weekend eleven years ago, I never dreamed that one could be subjected to a roller coaster of emotions by directing and winning a Grand National tournament. By the way, the trophy was returned anonymously and hangs in my office as a reminder of that once-in-a-lifetime cribbage weekend. CW

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