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2008 GRRT

Grass Roots Regional Tournament

by Tom Lewis

The Grass Roots Regional Tournament for the 2008–2009 season is now complete. Many thanks to the four regional Grass Roots commissioners who conducted a GRRT in their region: **Roger Wilson**, **Dave O'Neil**, **Patrick Ward**, and **Marlene Lazachek**.

A total of 1,929 official participants throughout the United States and Canada played this season (down slightly from 1,915 last year), and the top players in each region—those with scorecards of 30 GPs and higher—are listed on pages 10–11. The best scorecard in the entire ACC was turned in by **Denis Ryan**, who plays with Club 207 in Clovis CA.



Now sixty-nine years young, Denis learned the game when he was eight years old. He plays an average of fifteen hours per week and over the years has taught his wife, son, and son-in-law to play. "Cribbage is a big part of our family fun," he says.

ELECTION ISSUE

All eligible voters will get a copy of this CW because it contains the BOD ballot. This means that joint members will receive two CWs. Don't panic—next month you will be back to one issue. For more information, see page 20.

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The ACC's Ethics Committee has suspended **Andrew Hulcher** (Richmond VA) until August 23, 2009, and also during Grand National in September 2009 and the TOC and ACC Open in 2010.

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Late one night a couple weeks ago, I sat down to watch *The Graduate*, starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. Because of a distressing gap in my cultural attentiveness, in 2009 I saw and heard for the first time what moviegoers experienced in 1967.

bv David Aiken

My Deal

The always-seductive Bancroft was at the top of her game. Hoffman's uncanny portrayal of a troubled young adult launched his stellar career. And Simon and Garfunkel's soundtrack virtually defined a generation. The haunting lyrics and hummable melodies of "Mrs. Robinson," "Scarborough Fair," and "The Sound of Silence" still echo in the psyche of everyone who lived through the 1960s—even if you didn't watch the movie.

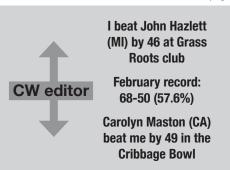
It may surprise you to learn that Joe Bernard recommended The Graduate to me. A man of many widely acknowledged skills, Joe apparently had a recessive movie-criticism gene. Last year during the National Open in Raleigh NC, a wide-ranging conversation somehow drifted around to movies, and he couldn't say enough good things about the acting-but especially the music-in The Graduate. "Dave," he tutored me-easily falling into the same instructor's posture that he assumed when he would ask me why I played a particular hand the way I did (usually badly)—"you must watch The Graduate. It's the greatest movie ever made."

While *The Graduate* unflinchingly drew a line in 1960s American culture between the manicured lawns and white picket fences of the 1950s and the loud music and free sex and mind-blowing drugs of the 1970s, I doubt that this is why the movie appealed to Joe, for he seems—unlike Hoffman's character—to have no regrets. Whatever the reason for Joe's affinity with *The Graduate*, the depth of his knowledge about pop culture—or any other topic—didn't surprise me.

I met Joe in May 2003 at a meeting of the Rules Committee, and the first thing I noticed was his quiet wisdom. He didn't say much, but when he did speak, you'd be a fool to not pay attention. Joe definitely fit a pattern described by Rousseau: "People who know little are usually great talkers, while [those] who know much say little."

While I have fond memories of beating Joe the first time I played him (à la the blind pig and the acorn), it was obvious that no card left his hand without detailed analysis and studious concentration.

This ability enabled him to pile up some rather remarkable stats after joining the ACC in 1982: Life Master (******) rating, 18,021 MRPs (eighth on the ACC allcontinued on next page



Your Deal

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

Thank You

I want to thank all the members who have supported me in the previous elections. After seventeen years, it is well past time for me to step aside and give another ACC member a chance to bring some fresh blood to the BOD. I plan to continue serving as Membership Secretary at the pleasure of the VP of Operations and the Executive Committee. Again, thanks to all the ACC members who have been so great and supportive over the years.

Larry Hassett (Roseburg OR)

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time list), twenty-four tournament wins (tied for ninth). And even though he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002, the highlight of Joe's cribbage career came last July when he won his favorite tournament: the National Open in Raleigh.

Joe also gave back much to the organization: he served on the BOD since 1993 (including lengthy stints on the Ethics Committee and Rules Committee) and has been the Central Region Tournament Commissioner for over a dozen years. Right to the end, Joe remained keenly aware of his responsibilities, sending emails and faxes in late January about upcoming tournaments to list in *Cribbage World*.

While cribbage obviously occupied a great deal of his free time, it was by no means his entire life. A lifetime resident of Illinois, Joe was a dedicated family man who was married to Cynthia for forty-nine

Cribbage Pix

Got my *Cribbage World* yesterday and I must say you're doing a great job! The quality of the publication has improved with each issue and the better use of photography doesn't hurt a bit. Keep it up, as I am sure having a great publication makes getting and retaining members easier. I liked seeing the second-place finishers pictured as well; since they just missed the crown by a point here or there, they deserve to be seen and recognized for their efforts. *Jim Duff (Port Angeles WA)*

years. Two daughters and two sons and, later, six grandchildren filled his evenings and weekends with activities and memories.

Even in an organization populated with outstanding members, Joe stood out—both in his contribution to the ACC and in his mastery of the game. He was one of the truly great ones, and we will miss him.

Each issue of *Cribbage World* good-naturedly pokes fun at ACC founder and longtime president **Joe Wergin** by announcing the names of people who exceeded Wergin's rather paltry lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs. I could start a parallel column called "Better Than Joe Bernard," but very few members will ever top his 18,021 lifetime MRPs—and I know of none who could improve on his skill, charm, and personality. CW

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Charlottesville Christmas Cribbage Classic (Charlottesville VA; Dec. 5–7)	Robin Emery	<i>51 players</i> HQ. Clyde Royce (50) 1. Rick Bryant (105) 2. Alan Gunderson (70) 3. Joyce Bryant (42) 3. Dutch Gehrlich (42)	<i>30 players</i> HQ. Maynard King (12) 1. John Noblet (40) 2. Ronald Reece (24) 3. Daniel Betz (12) 3. Matthew Easterbrook (12)	28-hand: Hugh Berry*	<i>Friday:</i> Mike Midgette <i>Doubles</i> : Clyde Royce & Janet Viands
Second Chance (Laguna Woods CA; Jan. 4)	Foglesong	42 players HQ. James Fanning (35) 1. James Fanning (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. William Eilers (42) 3. Al Jean Simpson (42)	26 players HQ. Arlene Shaw (24) 1. Luther Lord (40) 2. Steven Yellon (24) 3. Arlene Shaw (12) 3. Andrew Lynch (12)		
Vacaville Varsity Open (Vacaville CA; Jan. 10–11)	Jackie Doppelt	<i>98 players</i> HQ. James Fanning (50) 1. Duane Toll (147) 2. Jeanne Jelke (105) 3. Doug Dresbach (70) 3. Harold Sontag (70)	<i>60 players</i> HQ. Annett Eiffert (18) 1. Richard Turk (60) 2. Annett Eiffert (40) 3. Mel Ashley (24) 3. Doris Stemler (24)	29- <i>hand:</i> Vern Mierkey* 28- <i>hands:</i> Gary Mierkey* Gordon Work* Richard Turk*	Saturday: Ira Deutsch
Pacific Coast Championship (Salinas CA; Jan. 16–18)	David Shifflett	78 <i>players</i> HQ. Donald Brown (55) 1. Mary Gladish (147) 2. Mary Herrmann (105) 3. Donald Brown (70) 3. Charles Dunn (70)	<i>50 players</i> HQ. Frank Kiernan (18) 1. Jay Sorensen (60) 2. Barbara Stockham (40) 3. Frank Kiernan (24) 3. Patricia Echard (24)	2 <i>8-hands</i> : Judith Beay* Sara Horne	<i>Friday:</i> Don Brown Saturday: Cy Madrone All Events: Don Brown Team: Herschel Mack, Rickie Mack, Roland Hall, Don Brown
Edmonton New Year Open (Edmonton AB; Jan. 17)	Lorne Tanton	<i>31 players</i> HQ. Terry Mandziuk (35) 1. Gary Wirth (70) 2. David Carter (42)	26 players HQ. Bruce Mercredi (18) 1. Ross Hallett (40) 2. Jim Watters (24)		
Fallbrook Avocado (Fallbrook CA; Jan. 24)	Obie Weeks 72 players HQ. Jeanet 1. Andrea L 2. Nicki Ne 3. Fred Kre 3. Sylvia Si	72 players 48 players HQ. Jeanette Cunningham (45) 40. R. J. Smeltz (18) 1. Andrea Lawrence (147) 1. R. J. Smeltz (60) 2. Nicki Newvine (105) 2. Dave Yaeger (40) 3. Fred Kreutzkamp (70) 3. Chresmon Ching (2 3. Sylvia Sutton (70) 3. Bill Metcalf (24)	48 players HQ. R. J. Smeltz (18) 1. R. J. Smeltz (60) 2. Dave Yaeger (40) 3. Chresmon Ching (24) 3. Bill Metcalf (24)	* = in a sanctioned event	

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Super Lite (Springfield MA; Jan. 25)	Charlie Finley	<i>100 players</i> HQ. David Clemmey (55) 1. Robert Medeiros (147) 2. Jim Hatch (105) 3. Elijah White Jr. 70 3. Richard West (70)	<i>54 players</i> HQ. Polly Hawkins (15) 1. Mike Fetchel (60) 2. Frank Corrado (40) 3. Roger Bouchard (24) 3. Mathew Piechota (24)	28- <i>hands:</i> Susan Cousens* Mike Fetchel* Peter Setian*	
Hawaiʻi Open (Pearl Harbor HI; Jan. 25)	Tsarkie	<i>18 players</i> HQ. Charlie Rodgers (50) 1. Stanley Styan (70) 2. Charlie Rodgers (42)	1		GRAND
Portland Open Tim & Ker (Vancouver WA; Julkowski Jan. 23–25)	-	 132 players HQ. Ken Julkowski (55) 1. Roland Hall (196) 2. DeLynn Colvert (147) 3. Rex Paddock (105) 3. Robert Julian (105) 5. Elmer Rasmussen (70) 5. Mike Pendras (70) 5. Chris McComas (70) 	<i>70 players</i> HQ. Joanne Randolph (18) 1. Bruce McGillivray (84) 2. Bill Wakeman (60) 3. Tom Langford (40) 3. Bob Bartosh (40)	28-hand: Craig Jensen*	Early Bird: Don Smith High Rollers: Ken Julkowski Doubles: Bill Hill & Rex Paddock Saturday: Glenna Little Crybaby: Pam Parker All Events: Bill Hill Team: Michael Rowe, DeLynn Colvert, Bill Hill, Herschel Mack, Roger Lueschow
Susanville Winter (Susanville CA; Feb. 2–4)	Steve Hastie	67 players HQ. Cres Fernandez (60) 1. Bryan Gurden (147) 2. Larry Phifer (105) 3. Bill Johnson (70) 3. Robert Milk (70)	<i>56 players</i> HQ. Dan Daniels (24) 1. Cy Madrone (60) 2. Paul Hatcher (40) 3. David Braach (24) 3. Willie Evans (24)	28-hands: Bob Bartosh* Bob Bilyeu* Betty Stewart*	<i>Early Bird</i> : Willie Bragg <i>Doubles</i> : Janet Riggs & Lorne Tanton <i>Tuesday:</i> Audrey Hatto <i>High Rollers</i> : Bryan Gurden <i>All Events</i> : Michael Rowe/Duane Toll (tie)
	Tourna	ament Tidbits	Eallbrook		continued
Vacaville Varsity Open thought his 28-hand in th was pretty cool—but he v (Auburn CA), who got a 2	sity Open -hand in th but he v who got a 2	Vacaville Varsity Open Gary Mierkey (Citrus Heights CA) thought his 28-hand in the qualifying round of the main tourney was pretty cool—but he was upstaged by his dad, Vern Mierkey (Auburn CA), who got a 29-hand later in the day!		A tourney. Two local A tourney. Two local , and each player rec her box, and the winr do wood by local wo	Fallbrook CA tourney. Two local growers got a funct of a counds of avocados, and each player received a boxful. Qualifiers received another box, and the winners' trophies were handmade from avocado wood by local woodworker Bob Jordan .

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
JPW/ACC Open Scott	Scott	986 players	746 players	29-hand:	TOC: Richard Shea
(Reno NV; Feb. Kooistra,	Kooistra,	HQ. Bob Wikstrom (85)	HQ. Larry Phiter (27)	Beth Fleischer [*]	Cribbage Bowl: Wendy Schmidt
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	Hofbauer		3. Jack Wifladt (112)	Kenneth Capper*	
		<u> </u>	3. Bruce Wridge (112)	Betty Davis*	
		~	5. Dave Carey (84) 5. Warren Gallacher (84)	Charles Dunn [*] Mary Dutempla [*]	
		5. Todd Schaefer (147)	5. J. J. Stansfield (84)	Warren Haase*	
		_	5. Leslie Hein (84)	Gerd Langkau*	
		Gaylord Matti (105)	9. Larry Mayo (60)	Christy Lens*	
			9. Sue Rasmussen (60)	Lee Martinson*	
		James Weires (105)	9. Rodney Marshall (60)	Terry McGinnis*	
		05)	9. Mary Miller (60)	Ross Njaa*	
			9. Peter Lerch (60)	Richard Pierce Jr.*	
		9. Elliott Havitz (105)	9. Shawn Hudson (60)	James Ready*	
			9. Todd Malmgren (60)	William Shoemaker*	
			9. Laurence Samet (60)	Ronald Stevens Sr.*	
Topaz Winter Open (Topaz	A. J. Tasker	88 players HO, Roder Granddeorde (75)	61 players HO, Norman Vierela (12)	28-hands: Jesse Jarrell*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Todd Malmgren <i>Hiah Rollers:</i> Mike McCammon
NV; Feb. 10-12)		1. Michael Green (147)	1. Mary Herrmann (60)	Rex Paddock*	Doubles: Dave Stratford & Jim
		2. Mike Burns (105)	2. Ross Njaa (40)	Bernie Nelson*	McKnight
		 Wel Asnley (70) Chresmon Ching (70) 	3. Patricia Ecnard (∠4) 3. Cy Madrone (24)		<i>weanesaay:</i> Harry Malgen <i>All Events:</i> Harry Malden
Valentine's Dav	Thomas	102 plavers	50 plavers		
Open (Antioch	West	HQ. Duane Toll (35)	HQ. Michael Rowe (21)		
CA; Feb. 14)		1. Duane Toll (147)	1. Bob Bartosh (60)		
		2. Jim Crawford (105)	2. Michael Rowe (40)		
		 Evelyn Gillmore (70) Richard Turk (70) 	3. Mel Ashley (24) 3. Jones Hom (24)		
Heart of the	Lisa Duff	30 plavers	I		
Peninsula (Port		HQ. Louise Wilson (35)			ſ
Angeles WA;		1. Rosemary Hendricks (70)		* = in a sanctioned event	t
Feb. 14)		2. Joseph Christensen (42)			

ournament Tidbits

Pacific Coast Championship Life Master Donald L. Brown (Long Beach CA) had one helluva weekend, winning virtually everything in sight: first place on Friday night, second on Saturday night, high qualifier in the main (37-GP card), third place in the main, first place in All Events (70 GPs-a record), first place in the graduated Q-pool, and a member of the top three teams in team play. If they had held a wa-

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termelon-seed-spitting contest, he probably would have won that too. In all, he won five trophies, enough cash to fund his BOD election campaign, and 125 MRPs!

Crybaby: Karel Kon Satellite Winners

Mary Jane Esera*

FIRST WIN!

22 players HQ. Angela Lee (35)

Main (MRPs)

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Hawai'i Open Pearl Harbor

HI; Feb. 22)

1. Angela Lee (70)

2. Roy Wong (42)

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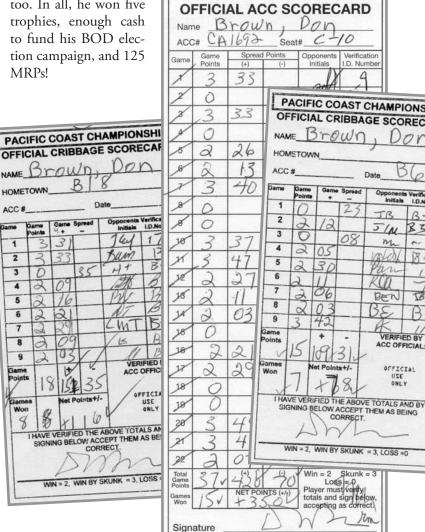
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Big Hands

Consolation (MRPs)

28-hand:



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- 1. Sharon Schaefer (WI): Madison Masters (August 23)
- 2. Dave Maas (WI): Madison Masters (August 23)
- 3. Laurie Crosslin (Rochester WA): Mt. Rainier Open (August 30)
- 4. Mary Rosenbaum (Winlock WA): Mt. Rainier Open (August 31)
- 5. Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL): Serial City Classic (September 13)
- 6. Otto Balmer (Puyallup WA): Grand National (September 27)
- 7. Roy Hofbauer (Washougal WA): Columbus Day Cribbage (October 11)
- 8. Joan Rein (Carver MN): Wisconsin Rapids Open (October 19)
- 9. Jeffrey Lui (Racine WI): West Bend Classic (October 5)
- 10. Charles Dolge (Winston Salem NC): Veteran's Day Classic (November 8)
- 11. Susan Scott (Vancouver WA): Longest Beach Classic (November 15)
- 12. Vern Mierkey (Auburn CA): Vacaville Varsity Open (January 11)
- 13. Beth Fleischer (Laguna Woods CA): JPW/ACC Open (February 7)
- 14. Sir John Suckling (Middlesex, England): JPW/ACC Open (February 8)

GRRT High Scorecards and Big Hands

Region II (512 players)

- 1. Nancy Hawkins (32/14 +188)
- 2. Gordon Reid (31/14 +260)
- 3. Charles Hill (31/14 +201)
- 4. Dale Weilep (31/13 +208)
- 5. Samuel Skates (30/13 +146)

Region IV (571 players)

- 1. Denis Ryan (35/15 +310)
- 2. Bill Wakeman (34/15 +287)
- 3. Leon Lada (32/15 +267)
- 4. Elisabeth Collinge (32/15 +223)
- 5. Richard Turk (32/14 +212)
- 6. David Hubsch (32/14 +183)
- 7. Todd Hohn (31/14 +229)
- 8. Tony Montooth (31/14 +163)
- 9. Brian Bedrosian (31/13 +218)
- 10. Ken Ching (30/14 +278)
- 11. Sue Edwards (30/14 +192)
- 12. Aloha Montooth (30/13 +186)

Region VI (401 players)

- 1. Douglas Henderson (33/14 +257)
- 2. Jerald Adams (33/14 +255)
- 3. Bob Joslin (32/14 +256)
- 4. Douglas Myers (31/15 +181)
- 5. David Shaff (31/15 +105)
- 6. Thomas Lucker (31/14 +243)
- 7. Sandra Strange (31/14 +177)
- 8. Phillip Whitehouse (30/14 +112)
- 9. Dianne Gurney (30/14 +106)
- 10. John Kolby (30/13 +192)
- 11. Michael Morgan (30/13 +130)

Region IX (445 players)

- 1. Bill Bowen (34/15 +233)
- 2. Jim Flaherty (33/14 +228)
- 3. Connally Thomas (31/15 +162)
- 4. Barri Gehrand (31/15 +147)
- 5. John Chambers (31/14 +200)
- 6. Adam Fitzhugh (30/14 +201)
- 7. Cal Storment (30/14 +149)
- 8. Dick West (30/13 +221)
- 9. Jim Wysocki (30/13 +181)

Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

All of the cribbage boards featured this month have one thing in common: Athey slant and overlap the groups of five holes to conserve space.



The board on the left was manufactured by Kencroft Assoc. Inc.

(Buffalo NY). This plastic three-player board was

made under a 1947 patent issued to Ralph T. Rycroft. The difficulty of identifying your exact location is probably why the Kencroft boards were made for only a few years.

The two wooden boards, designed and made by ACC member **Armon McDowell** (Beaverton OR), improve on this concept by including marks to show the end of each street.



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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29-Hands (\$100) Dusty Fitzgerald (OR) Joseph Murdock (NJ)

28-Hands (\$25)

Kelly Bartelson (AZ) Chuck Breider (NM) James Compton (CO) Harold Cook (MA) George Damminga (MI) Mariette Debaugh (FL) Suzanne Devlin (RI) Robert Duckworth (AZ) Jason Frey (OR) Lou Gardner (GA) Virginia Grogan (MN) Alice Haught (VA) Diane Holman (NH) Jim Hornbacher (WA) Cecil Jensen (ID) Dennis Lunn (NC) Marvin Merrill (CA) Mike Miller (IA) Scotty Munro (WA) Dave O'Neil (GA) Doris Perry (FL) Karen Rogers (IA) Richard Sanphy (MA) Al Scarantino (MI) Brian Tarabochia (WA) John Thiems (OR) Bob Turcotte (MA) Robert Weaver (MI)

Grand Slams (\$25)

Herve Danis (FL) Douglas Henderson (WI) David Hubsch (NM) Jeanette Powell (AZ) Kenneth Robarge (MI) Sharon Schwarz (CA) John Simac (MT) Connally Thomas (FL) Phillip Whitehouse (MI)

Joe Bernard (1932–2009)

Following Joe's death on February 16, CW asked several ACC members who knew him well to reminisce about him.

*During the 1994 cribbage season, Joe and I good-naturedly discussed and alternated for several months between first and second place in the country. We wondered who would finish first. Much to our surprise, Bob Julian put on a blazing finish to capture first place. Joe finished second, and I took third. I enjoyed cribbage more because I knew Joe. I believe Joe was loved by more members than anyone else. It was an honor for me to present Joe with the ACC's Hall of Fame award in 2002.

-Syl Lulinski

In some ways, games are a metaphor for life. They provide incremental successes, as well as failures, by which we measure our overall success in the "game." Joe really liked games, and it was always a treat to see him rub his belly and discharge that hooty, snickery laugh that was so characteristic of him: and his laugh came win or lose.

Games also provide us with a way to connect with other people, and this is the milieu in which Joe truly shone. At his favorite tournament, the National Open in Raleigh NC, Joe spent much of his time enjoying the company of scores of people whom he saw only once or twice a year. He was (almost) unfailingly gracious, particularly in losing and winning. Joe was that rare competitor who could make you desire his continuing success after he had just beaten *you*. His graciousness included



*Laurie and I have known Joe for a considerable time and have fond memories of our visits and cribbage games. He was a great competitor and true ambassador for cribbage and the ACC. Joe was always a humble winner and a gracious loser. He

a sincere interest in others' success: Joe was always willing to share insights and strategies about any game with anyone who had an interest in getting better. Joe had a seemingly innate sense of fair play. He made it easy to be his friend.

Lest fear arise that I'm on the way to canonizing "Saint" Joseph, let me point out that Joe's interest in "getting it right" was both one of his greatest assets and one of his greatest shortcomings. Nevertheless, Joe refused to allow simple vexation to dismember the friendships he forged. No simple crankiness was sufficient to destroy the relationships he had with those who knew and loved him. Our lives are better for knowing Joe, and it is an honor to have been his friend.

—condensed from a eulogy delivered by Martha Fingleton at Joe's funeral didn't say a lot, but, like E. F. Hutton, when he spoke, people listened! His wry smile and dry wit will be sorely missed. It will be sad not to see Joe and his buddy, Bob Madsen, bringing the craps table to its knees. We have lost one of the brightest stars in the cribbage galaxy.

—Ron Logan

★Joe seemed to be a man of few words, but knew how to deliver them so they had the most impact and significance. Delivered with a slight tilt of his head and an unwavering, intent gaze, he could easily get you to focus in on and understand what he was saying. I learned some valuable lessons observing Joe's ability to minimize discourse.

Joe and Cynthia spent their winters in Phoenix, where they had a lemon tree in their yard. Joe knew we loved fresh lemons, and every February, he would haul a sack of them on the airplane, through two airports, into the Sands Hotel, and hand-deliver them to our room. What a guy! We will miss him.

—Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer

★Joe's skill was that of the consummate professional. I would lead a card, and he would stop, look at things like a hawk, see the flaw, and pounce. A few years ago when we were playing lots of "cube cribbage," we had an eight-person \$200 minitournament. He watched us play cube, entered, and won. That was Joe.

—Larry Samet

*Last year at the Roadrunner in Tempe AZ, Joe was playing a woman who was at her first tournament. In his own gentle way, he encouraged and advised her with the typical glint in his eye and the half smile that all of us who knew Joe recognize. He would say, "I'm not trying to tell you how to play your game, but you might try this next time." He gave her extra time to count her hands and helped to make sure she didn't miss a point. She had no idea who her opponent was, but we knew she was getting advice from one of the greats.

—Jeff & Joy Shimp

*Presenting my dear friend Joe with the winner's trophy for the 35th National Open last July was extremely gratifying. Joe had finished second twice and placed in the final six another four times, so for him to finally win was the culmination of twenty-five yearly treks to Raleigh each summer, arriving a day early to help me assemble registration packets.

Joe had an amazing memory for cards and after watching me make a wrong play could recite every card my opponent and I had held and gently suggest a better way I could have played my cards and why.

A true gentleman and wonderful friend, I will always miss Joe, most of all at the National Open.

-Cathy Perkins



"If I never win another thing I will be happy as hell." —Joe Bernard, on his 2008 National Open victory



Allen Amaro (Placerville CA) Marshall Anderson (Sparks NV) William Bailey (Grand Haven MI) Michael Cat Ballou (Castella CA) Marv Lou Beckner (Grants NM) Barney Best (Saint Petersburg FL) Brett Blanks (Crofton MD) Gailyn L. Boschee (Puyallup WA) Rick Bowen (Reno NV) Barbara Brown (Baraga MI) Jon S. Bumstead (East Wenatchee WA) Karen L. Clark (Westford MA) Brian Clegg (Hudson NH) Jeremy Cochran (Secane PA) Kassy Lynn Cochran (Lincoln CA) Steve Colgan (Sumner WA) John P. Comer (Quincy MA) Glenda Crawford (Red Deer AB, Canada) Iris Crawford (Santa Maria CA) Jason Crichton (Charleston SC) Edward J. Curry (South Yarmouth MA) Patrick Daniels (Kernersville NC) Tom Demerse (Green Bay WI) Peter Denike (Benicia CA) Paul F. Detlman Jr. (Columbia CA) Karen Diaz (Jamestown CA) Paul Eugene Dysart (Tea SD) Paul Eugene Dysart Sr. (Tea SD) Jim Elliott (Port Charlotte FL) Natalie Evans (Saint Paul MN) Dennis Faist (Stockton CA) Nick Froslie (Reno NV) Marianne Gardiner (Castaic CA) Scott Gerwin (Hillsborough NJ) Tony Giesegh (Covina CA) Brad Goldenstein (Saint Bonifacius MN) Joe Goldenstein (Saint Bonifacius MN) Kate Grace (Halfway OR) Jeff Grant (Aptos CA) Mary Gross (Coos Bay OR) Ellie Grove (Red Lion PA) Andrew Haffner (Shoshone ID) Danny Hankins (Stirling City CA) John L. Hays (La Grande OR) Lois A. Heidzig (Sioux Falls SD)

Chad Heskett (San Jose CA) Chip Hicks (Rochester NY) Bryan Hill (Redding CA) Robert Hoc (Wasaga Beach ON, Canada) Eric Martin Johnsen (Charleston SC) Brandon Kelly (San Jose CA) Jack Kraatz (Clarendon Hills IL) Ron Kramer (Albuquerque NM) Steve Kustak (Oceanside CA) David Larson (Minneapolis MN) Jerry Lawson (Puyallup WA) Kevin Lewis (Silver Spring MD) Joanie Loe (Minnetonka MN) Steven G. Loe (Minnetonka MN) Wilmer Loonsfoot (Baraga MI) Ronald Lum (Honolulu HI) Arielle Mark (Bound Brook NJ) Grace Martin (Sparks NV) Carlynn Mayer (Sparks NV) Donald R. McNeill (Wellington NV) Laura Meining (Portland OR) Victor Messima (New Smyrna Beach FL) LeRoy D. Meyer (De Graff MN) Roy T. Meyer (De Graff MN) Andi Millerd (Fresno CA) Bill Moxley (Cheyenne WY) Amy B. Murray (Chicago IL) Michael J. Murray (Chicago IL) Stephanie Naegele (Minnetonka MN) William O. Naegele (Minnetonka MN) Harrison A. Norby (Minnetonka MN) Robert Norman (Stockton CA) Bob Olson (Missoula MT) Mike Patton (Paradise CA) Craig Peverill (Reno NV) David Pierce (Seatac WA) Michael Pierce (Skykomish WA) Randy Pierce (Phoenix AZ) Joseph Premont (Cibolo TX) Douglas Redhead (Des Moines IA) Michael Reid (Greensboro NC) Jack Rhiel (Benicia CA) Justin Robinson (Fort Collins CO) Jared Rodriguez (San Jose CA) Janice Schallberg (Excelsior MN) continued on next page

In Memoriam

Virginia M. Reilly

Virginia Reilly (Nine Mile Falls WA) passed away on December 21 at age 75. She was a member of Club 198 and is survived by her husband, Jim, and a large family of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a caring individual, with an infectious laugh, a kind word, or a friendly reminder that cribbage was just a game. But, oh what a game of crib she played. Her presence and competitiveness will be sorely missed by all members of Clubs 198 and 69 and at some of her favorite tournaments in Spokane, Missoula, and Helena.

Charlie Rodgers

Charlie Rodgers (Honolulu HI) pegged out after a brief illness while on a cribbage trip. He was planning to play five tourneys—starting in Redding CA, winding through Reno, and ending in Antioch CA—playing the game he loved most and seeing all the people he met along the way. Charlie was the third person to achieve Master in Hawai'i and had reached Bronze in Grass Roots play. Two of his twelve wins were the 2005 Grand National consolation in Lincoln City OR and the 2007 GN midweek tourney at Portland ME. He was a fixture at Club 110 and no matter what always had a kind word of encour-

Roland Schallberg (Excelsior MN) Joshua Scheuchner (Wyoming MI) Jonathan Schiller (Weatherford TX) Geri Schloesser (Fairbanks AK) John M. Schofield (Allendale MI) Fred Sharp (Foxboro MA) Michael P. Shaw (Sequim WA) Kylie Simmons (Gladstone MI) Paul Simonton (Saint Joseph MI) Dayton C. Sly Jr. (Battle Creek MI) Terry L. Smevkal (Baraga MI) Laura Smith (Inver Grove Heights MN) Sheila Stranger (Twain Harte CA) agement for all who sat across from him. He was also active in the public, serving on the city planning commission and as chairperson of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. Charlie always brought a smile to our face. We will miss you.

Ray Skeen

Ray "Bud" Skeen (Greenacres WA) passed away on October 4. He was an avid cribbage player, who also enjoyed poker and pool. He enjoyed working on cars, working puzzles, and playing music. He was a solemn individual, whose competitive spirit will always be remembered by Club 198, where he was a member.

Edwin O. Weilep

Ed Weilep (Spokane Valley WA) passed away on December 8 at age 83, and Grass Roots Clubs 69 and 198 lost a fierce competitor. Ed had achieved his Bronze rating and was always known for his dollar bet and the uncanny ability to draw the last 24-hand of the night to win the side pot. He'd greet you with a smile, and that twinkle in his eye let you know that the game was on. A one-of-a-kind individual, he will be missed at the many tournaments he attended in Missoula, Spokane, Chehalis, and Sunnyside, as well as by his many friends in the Grass roots clubs.

Sir John Suckling (Middlesex, England) Cindy L. Tate (Shelbyville IN) Melvin L. Thompson (Oceanside CA) Daniel Urbigket (Casper WY) Kathy Verrill (Mapleville RI) Nathaniel Voelker (Eureka MO) Allan Walker (Reno NV) Carlene Wallis (Sparks NV) Jim Watters (Red Deer AB, Canada) James Welch (Shoshone ID) Larry Whalen (Redding CA) Lisa White (Lincoln CA)

Grand National 28

GN 28 will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 25–27, 2009. But the fun actually begins a full week before this date.

GN co-directors Jeff Shimp and David Aiken have announced that three sanctioned tournaments and more than a dozen satellite events—will be held in the course of ten days. In addition, the Grass Roots Tournament of Champions

will be held on Friday, September 25. And entrants who want to play Grass Roots cribbage on Monday–Thursday nights will have plenty of opportunity, for Michigan boasts thirteen Grass Roots clubs.

The Serial City Cribbage Classic (normally in Battle Creek) will be held on September 18–20 and will also be directed



by Shimp and Aiken. The Michigan Midweek GN Warm-up, directed by **Patrick and Linda Barrett**, takes place on September 23–24, with GN proper starting the

following Saturday.

All events will be held at the same location: **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, located near the airport on the southeast side of town (5700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546). A special cribbage rate is available for all GN players (make

reservations by calling 800.227.6963).

For more details about the Grand National Extravaganza, contact Jeff (616.850.9229; jeffshimp@charter.net), Dave (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), or Patrick (715.424.5059; barrett1@wctc. net). Go to cribbage.org to download the tournament flyers.

Cribbage Lingo

WPC : shorthand for "wrong person's crib"—what to say when you're holding 5-5-7-7-8-8 and it's not your crib.



Seventy years ago, Hank's mother taught him cribbage on a board made by her father, and this board remains one of his prized possessions. When Harry Kantas, a friend and cribbage

Henry N. Carle (Anchorage AK) Grand Master #278

mentor, came to Missoula for a tournament, he talked Hank into playing his first tournament. He qualified and lost in the first round, but Hank was hooked. When

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not playing cribbage, Hank and wife Arlene go fishing, watch their grandsons play hockey, and do their best to see the rest of the world. Last fall, they spent five weeks in Africa (where this picture was taken), and they always travel with a cribbage board close at hand.

BYOC Cribbage

by April Cook

Cribbage is alive and well at Martin Luther College (MLC) in Minnesota!

Attending college in the small Germanic town of New Ulm MN often leaves college students searching desperately for constructive extracurricular activities. Aside from repeatedly viewing the recent movie *New in Town*, starring Renée Zellweger and set in New Ulm, but not filmed here, a group of friends and I recently (re)discovered the wonderful game of cribbage.

At first, some of our classmates laughed as four girls sat around playing what they thought to be an "old man parlor game," but they were soon caught up in the fray.

To provide us with an area set aside only for cribbage, we turned a storage room into a cribbage room. A table was moved into the small space, and cheap decorations were hung on the walls, including plastic house numbers in combinations of fifteen. At this point we realized that we did not have enough extra chairs for the room, so we dubbed it "BYOC"-bring your chair-cribbage own and opened the room for play.

Though we try to play by strict ACC rules and even sometimes need to email the Board of Directors in order to solve controversial plays, occasionally we enforce a rule we call "snub crib." When, the dealer has a zero crib (that is, gets "snubbed"), the nondealer gets one point for their unintentional strategic discarding. We've even decided to make the dealer move backward 29 spaces when they have a "snub hand" and "snub crib" on the same deal—but so far this extreme situation hasn't occurred!

Playing cribbage has turned these past few months around. In a way, I guess you could say that cribbage saved our junior year from intolerable boredom and gave us something exciting to look forward to every night. And while the girls and I are still learning more about the game every time we play, we also find simplistic joy in our cherished "old man



Cofounders of the MLC Cribbage Club: Jessica Christensen, April Cook, Becca Balge (not pictured: Becky Amann)

parlor game." We hope to become a recognized campus club and begin organizing cribbage tournaments so that other MLC students can enjoy the game we've come to love. CW

GANE ON by Dan Zeisler



It was an exciting Saturday on February 28 when 68 young peggers arrived at Chicago Park School in Grass Valley CA for the 16th annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Among the highlights were 10-year-old Luna Lee, who lost the first game and then went on to win twelve games in a row and capture first place in the younger division. Shania Wood (13) traveled 500 miles from Cottage Grove OR to take second place in the older division. Kyle Herman (Chico CA), 11, won the four-game consolation, with Ger Lee (Chico CA), 17, in second.

Special thanks go to the ACC Youth Program, Sands Regency, Grass Roots Club 27 (Santa Maria CA), and ACC members Bill O'Malley, Ron Morgan, and Richard Flatto for helping make this one of the best youth events ever. Here are complete results:

Ages 12–18 (32 players)

- HQ. Alex Evans (19/8 +156)
- 1. Jake Flatto (Santa Rosa CA)
- 3. Johnathan Chester (Chico CA)
- 4. Alex Evans (Grass Valley CA)
- **Teaching Manuals**

Yet another international request for teaching manual. First France, then Germany, now Montevideo, Uruguay. Maybe in a few years from now we'll get our first ACC members from South America.

- Jim Harbeson (Clarksville IN) Chuck Althoff (Paradise CA)
- Jim Pryor (Temple TX)
- Mary Pierce (Sebring FL)
- Lenard Yarnell (Vancouver WA)
- Nanci Olson (Chanhassen MN)
- Barbara Barrett (Las Vegas NV)
- Peter French (Baltimore MD) Sir John Suckling (Middlesex, England)
- Sloane Schubert (Montevideo, Uruguay)

Dan Zeisler is superintendent of an elementary school district in Grass Valley CA and founder of the Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to Dan at 530.274.3124; danthefan@yahoo. com; or 10300 Dawkins Ln, Grass Valley CA 95949-9601.

Ages 11 and under (36 players)

- Toa Lee (15/6 +168) Luna Lee (Chico CA) 2. Shania Wood (Cottage Grove OR) Thomas Denson (Chico CA)
 - Ty Brogden (Chico CA)
 - Andy Lao (Chico CA)



Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament players in action!



Every two years the ACC holds elections for its 25-member Board of Directors. The next term of office begins on September 1, 2009, and runs through August 31, 2011. All ACC members age 18 and above are eligible to vote. Joint members will receive two issues of the April *Cribbage World* so that each member has a separate ballot.

This year thirty-seven candidates are running for election to the BOD. The biographies printed on pages 20–27 contain statements by the candidates about their qualifications, cribbage accomplishments, contributions to the ACC, and policies they plan to enact or have already have enacted.

After you have read these statements, please vote for the candidates of your choice by marking an X by their name on the official ballot on page 26. You may vote for up to 25 candidates without regard to state and regional limits, but a maximum of four from each state and ten from each region will be seated on the BOD. Each region will have a minimum of six members on the BOD.

When you are finished voting, write in the large box at lower right the number of votes cast, cut on the dotted line, add 28¢ postage (27¢ before May 11), and drop the self-addressed postcard into the mail.

Ballots must be received by May 31.

David Aiken (Ada MI): Editor of Cribbage World, director of Club 91, and co-director of GN 28. A native of Washington State, I live in Michigan, where I edit nonfiction manuscripts for university presses and dabble in bookselling. I enjoy playing cribbage anytime, anywhere - in my weekly Grass Roots club, at weekend tournaments, or around the kitchen table. I direct three sanctioned tournaments and three specialty cribbage tourneys annually. A self-styled cribbage nerd, I do have a few non-cribbage hobbies: stamp collecting and reading. If reelected to the BOD, I will continue to bring new ideas to the table, to support all branches of the ACC, to apply my detail-oriented approach to all endeavors, to listen carefully to concerns of members, and to find new ways to encourage people to play this great game.

Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI): I am 47 years old (wife Linda, two children, four grandchildren). ACC member for twenty-nine years, ACC board member since 1995, chairman of the ACC Hall of Fame Committee and Internet Committee. Midwest Tournament Commissioner and member of the ACC Ethics Committee. Director of Grand Nationals 16 (1997) and 25 (2006). Current director of Wisconsin Rapids Open and Waupaca Rotary Open. Founder and director of Grass Roots Club 120 since 1990. Former ACC VP of Operations with appointments of Rein to head up the Grass Roots and Waite to manage the website. Central Region Senior Judge. Achieved Life Master in 1997 and currently stand at 9,100+ MRPs. Achieved Grass Roots Bronze, Silver, and Gold status and currently stand at 4,100+ lifetime, fourth all time. Winner of seven sanctioned events including Grand National 16 in Wisconsin Dells and the most recent ACC/JPW Open main tournament in Reno NV. Instrumental in getting the ACC website up and running as well as TOC invites for all Grass Roots Bronze members. Please consider this longtime ACC veteran in your voting so we can keep the ACC as strong as it can be. Thank you.

George Bickford (West Springfield MA): I have been a member in good standing since the inception of the ACC in 1979. I served on the BOD in its infancy and currently have served since 1993. Currently I am the At Large Member of the Executive Committee. I am also the Eastern and National Tournament Commissioners. I have earned my Life Master (*). I was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2007 which I really consider an honor. I have been involved in the running of the Dante Club Tournament for over thirty years and also been involved with the National Open for twenty years, fifteen of these as the director of the consolation tournament. I was co-director of Grand National 14 which was held in Plymouth MA. As a member of the BOD, I was involved with the revisions of the Tournament Director's guidelines and also the revision of the Tournament Director's Information Booklet in 2006. I have served

on the Ethics Committee for thirteen years which is probably one of the more challenging committees. I would appreciate your vote allowing me to serve another two years.

Kurt Bloeser (Phoenix AZ): I'm a retired banker and can bring many skills in the area of finance, general business, communication, and nonprofit board management. I've chaired United Way. Chamber of Commerce, and other 501(3)c corporations including community and children's theater companies. Four is about my annual average of weekend tournaments, even though I'm retired. I find that my bank consulting business, grandkids, other activities, etc. gets in the way of attending as many tournaments as I'd like. I feel that puts those of us in this "station of life" at a disadvantage reaching goals for award levels. This isn't anyone's fault and I'm not complaining: however I think some other avenues of rewardaward recognition might be considered, such as achievement average per tournament attended. Are we just after points or are we after improving our games? I want to serve the membership in anyway possible and I'm not afraid of making tough decisions. I'm also in the process of writing a cribbage book, that's about why we play (with bios of interesting ACC members). I love the game, brought my Dad to Reno three months before he passed away, it was a highlight of his life.

Kathy Blough (Kentwood MI): I live near Grand Rapids MI. I have been playing cribbage since 4/18/1987 (the day I met my husband) and been a member of the ACC since September of that year. I was on the BOD a few years ago and would like to request your votes again. I took my responsibilities as a representative very seriously. I took a lot of pride in being prepared for board meetings and for the business of the ACC. One unique opportunity that I headed up for a few years was arranging and staffing of an ACC booth at GAMA, a gaming convention in Columbus OH. I have been a perennial volunteer in Reno since 1988. My husband Jim and I have started two Grass Roots clubs in the Grand Rapids area and supported a number of folks in Michigan, helping them get their clubs started. Finding new ways to get exposure for the ACC and this great game and the wonderful people I have met over the years has been my primary focus, on or off the BOD. Thank you for your consideration.

Donald Brown (Long Beach CA): After thirty-two years, I retired from the California State University system where I served as a senior administrator in the financial and entrepreneurial offices of the CSU Chancellor. I've been a member of the ACC for about fourteen years, attained the Life Master rating and the Grass Roots Bronze award. I have directed and co-directed several tournaments. In addition to its other business I believe the board needs to address thoroughly and thoughtfully the review of such controversial issues as the proportionate distribution of players, tournaments, and income by region; the election process; board term limits; etc. While I have great respect for the board, in my opinion, these and other subjects have not received the consideration they deserve. During my working years I served on and chaired several committees so I am familiar with BOD structure and business methodology. Based on my experience and interests I believe that I could bring a new perspective to the board by means of my proven analytical skills and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. In short, I would bring to the board commitment, enthusiasm, and respect for the game, the players, and the governing body.

David Campbell (Parsonsfield MA): age 43. married with two children. I have served three terms on the BOD. I was ACC Bookie of the Year in 2001-2002 and was a member of the All American Team that year. Currently Life Master and director on NNECC in Portsmouth NH each February. I ran the Grand National in Maine in 2007. I am currently on the Ethics Committee, the Rules Committee, and the All American Team ideas and discussion committee. If reelected to BOD I would like to find ways to attract new members and find ways to help people learn more about playing cribbage. I would appreciate your vote for the upcoming election. Lastly please take the time to vote for any candidate you think will help the ACC grow, whether it is me or anyone else. Thank you for your consideration.

David Clemmey (Mansfield MA): I would appreciate your vote to serve on the BOD of the ACC. I have been active in the ACC and the Grass Roots program since 1987/88. I was the director of the Ed Donahue Cribbage Club for many years; I am currently co-director. I have been the director of many tournaments in Massachusetts. I am a certified judge and besides judging, help as needed in tournaments. I have over 13,000 MRPs and twenty-three tournament wins. I ask for your vote as board member from the East. Thank you.

Jackie Doppelt (Vacaville CA): The laughing lady of crossword puzzles and backrubs would like to give back to the game that so captivates her. I have played ACC cribbage for twenty years and am a Grand Master. I am the president of Club 21 in Vacaville CA and have been for eight years; I also ran local tournaments. I would like to see more transparency from the board and commit*continued on page 22*

tees. I want to see the Western Region split into two parts to obtain more equal representation based on population.

Annett Eiffert (Citrus Heights CA): I have been a member of the ACC since 1991 and have enjoyed volunteering for our organization in many capacities: tournament director for thirteen plus years; ACC judge since 1994; twice elected to the BOD (1997-2001) serving on the Elections. Compensation, and Ethics Committees: former Grass Roots National Tournament Commissioner: member of the Hall of Fame Voting Panel since 2006; and many years of experience assisting at tournaments. For fifteen years I have been director of the River City Peggers, one of the ACC's largest Grass Roots clubs with sixty active members. The tournament trail has been good to me. Along the way I have earned my Life Master and have reached Silver level in Grass Roots. Professionally. I manage staff, projects, and contracts and serve on my company's board of directors. I am a very proud member of the ACC. We do a lot of things right, from encouraging the volunteer spirit of our members to recognizing their cribbage achievements and facilitating fair play. As a member of the board, I will bring my organizational skills, positive attitude, and leadership abilities to continue to further these goals.

Martha Fingleton (Milwaukee WI): Current Executive Vice President, BOD (2005-present), Life Master, Senior Judge, tournament helper, Hall of Fame. Former All American (1997), tournament director, National Tournament Commissioner, Rules Committee, BOD (1989-1998). I am the current Executive VP and am eager to continue serving the entire membership of this fine organization in that capacity. I am well known for considering all sides of an issue, thinking and speaking clearly and logically, telling the truth-even when unpleasant-and cutting through nonsense to the heart of the matter at hand. I run the meetings of the BOD in an organized and efficient fashion. The ACC, devoted to a game we all enjoy, has been very good to me, and I owe a debt of gratitude which I would like to continue to pay.

Charlie Finley (Enfield CT): I joined the ACC in 1983 and played in many tournaments all over the country since then. I became a judge in the late 1980s, and along with Jim Law founded Grass Roots Club 72 (Longmeadow MA). Jim and I also started the January Super Lite Cribbage tournament in 1989, and I have been running it with my wife, Judi, for the last few years after Jim decided to retire. I have also been a co-director of the Grand National in Portland ME, as well as co-director of the Dante Club Open the last few years with George Bickford and feel the experience will be beneficial to any who require help with tournaments. I have founded two companies that are still growing since 1989 and feel this experience will be valuable in helping us to grow and become the best there is. I appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

Graeme Gossett (Prineville OR): A member of the ACC since 1995. I have achieved the ACC Grand Master rating and the Grass Roots Bronze rating. Patti and I co-direct the Oregon Championship Tournament, one of the longest continuously run tournaments in the West. In addition. we assist in several other tournaments. I retired in 1994 from the company I started in 1973, turning the operation over to my youngest son. Over those twenty-one years. I gained skills in money management, customer relations, and personnel relations. I feel that those skills would be an asset on the BOD. If elected, I will work to equalize the regions, update the election process in such a way that members are voting for candidates from their own region, and, ultimately, shrink the size of the BOD to increase functionality.

Roland Hall (Napa CA): ACC member for twenty years. While raising my two children, I served on the BOD of Napa Little League and Napa Girls Softball League. I have bachelor's degree in math and ran my own real estate appraisal business for twenty years. Prior to retiring and temporarily moving to Vermont for two plus years to take care of my mom, I was director, statistician, and treasurer of the Napa Grass Roots Club 100 for five years, running five GRRTs, five GRNTs, and ten ACC tournaments. I love playing cribbage and meeting new players. I've played in seventeen different states and two Canadian provinces. The ACC is a great organization and has given me a lot of enjoyment. I've read the back issues of Cribbage World on the website and have seen how the ACC has grown and changed over the last twenty-nine years. What has happened to the junior players from the early days? We should reach out to them. How about setting up something on the website so members can vote on controversial issues? I will work hard for the board, like I have in my other endeavors throughout my life. Please support me. Thanks.

Donald C. Hannula (Lake Linden MI): Age 58, wife Deborah, member since 2001. Earned Master February 2008. ACC judge since 2006. Started Grass Roots Club 333 (Lake Linden MI) September 2006 which currently has thirty members. Ran a cribbage booth at county fair August 2008 to promote cribbage and gained six new members for the club. I attend between ten to fifteen

tournaments per year, the closest of which is 160 miles away. I have played in ten different states so far. I plan on starting youth cribbage this spring. If elected I would continue to aggressively promote cribbage to the public and expand membership. I would listen to and represent all members. I would appreciate your vote.

Sharon Heitmanek (Missoula MT): I am retired from a management position at the Missoula Elk's Lodge where I was employed for twentytwo years. I have been a member of the ACC for eighteen years and have achieved the rating of Life Master and my hope is to one day become a One Star player. I am honored to be currently serving on the BOD. I am directly involved with the Ethics Committee as the chairperson. As evidenced by my past performance I am willing to attend meetings and stay actively involved to best represent all members of the ACC in every region. My commitment to you is I will represent vou honestly and fairly. I would sincerely appreciate your support. I serve as co-director for the biannual Montana tournaments. I volunteer my assistance for many other tournaments including the JPW/ACC Open. Please take the time to choose the members you want to represent you. Win or lose let's all join together and show good sportsmanship and most of all have fun.

Jeanne Hofbauer (Washougal WA): Since I joined the ACC in 1985, I have enjoyed traveling to tournaments around the United States and Canada, meeting some of the friendliest and best people that any organization could hope to have as members. I have enjoyed serving on the BOD as recording secretary, and also on the Rules, Awards, and Restructuring Committees. I have earned the Grass Roots Silver award and my Life Master (*) award. I have received the President's Award, and last year had the honor of being elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame. I have directed many tournaments, including two Grand Nationals, the Oregon Coast Classic, and the JPW/ACC Open in Reno. I have been a judge for several years. As the current President of the ACC, I believe that it will continue to be a great organization and would like to be there to help shape its future. Please give me your vote and the privilege of serving on the BOD.

Roy Hofbauer (Washougal WA): I have served on the BOD since 1989 and as Western Region Tournament Commissioner since 1990. I've served on the Rules Committee and the Ethics Committee. I am a senior judge and a tournament director of the Oregon Coast Classic and the JPW/ACC Open in Reno. I have earned the Grass Root's Silver award, the Life Master (*) award, and the President's Award. I was very honored to be elected to the ACC Hall of Fame in 2007. I am a retired crane operator and was also a union shop steward. If elected, I will work hard to represent and protect the membership. I have enjoyed my work on the BOD and hope you will continue to support me with your votes.

Bart Jaeger (Lincoln NE): Ten years ago I started coming to cribbage tournaments with my dad when I was fifteen years old. In the last ten years, I have achieved my Master rating, won six sanctioned tournaments, been secretary/treasurer of our local cribbage league for the last seven years, have assisted at surrounding tournaments, and am in the process of starting up and directing a tournament in Nebraska. However my main concern is when I begun plaving I was the voungest one at the tournament and now ten years later I am still one of the youngest to be in attendance. I worry about the future of the ACC and who will be left plaving when I'm retired and can live it up. That is why I would like to be elected, so that I can serve the ACC and try to get more young people involved so that future generations can enjoy the game as much as we all do.

Bob Julian (Franklin WI): Retired after forty-year career as corporate president and board chairman of a corporation doing innovative work with major corporations involved in manufacturing of aluminum cans for beverage industry. Life member 1980, BOD member twenty-two years during previous term as VP-Operations coordinated selection of Larry Hassett as Membership Secretary and Roger Wilson as Treasurer and instituted new procedures for these offices. Also completed bonding of all ACC offices handling significant amounts of money and was in charge of handling case which resulted in ACC receiving restitution of \$30,000 at minimal cost and legal expense. Served as director of publicity and promotion during which time our membership doubled. Worked on many other committees. Won Guy Pence Award for most outstanding recruiting of new members twice. Coordinator of first Grand National in 1982. Co-director of largest Grand National, #18 held in Las Vegas in 1999. Helped establish original set of rules in 1982. Life Master (★★★), four-time National Champion, selected to Hall of Fame in 2005. I participate in tournaments throughout the United States and feel I fairly represent all of the country on the BOD.

Ron Logan Sr. (Ronan MT): I would like to be considered for election to the BOD. I have been a member for many years, having joined shortly after its inception, while living in the northern California town of Quincy. I now reside in Montana, *continued on page 24*

spending winters in Arizona. I have attained the rank of Grand Master and am currently a senior judge. For the past ten years I have been co-director of the Roadrunner Classic Tournament in Arizona. It has been my privilege to function as head paymaster (along with my wife, Laurie) at the JPW Open and Tournament of Champions each February in Reno NV. I am also a member of Grass Roots Club 24 in Mesa AZ. If elected, I will strive to be open-minded, consider all information, and make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the ACC and its members.

Herschel Mack (McKinlevville CA): Retired professor of communication from Humboldt State University. Attained the rank of Life Master (*) and is a two-time ACC All American. I am also active at the Grass Roots level playing in Club 194 (Eureka CA) and have achieved the Silver award. I and my wife, Rickie, were founders and directors of the Humboldt Bay Classic tournament for eleven years and continue to direct tournaments we started in Medford OR and Woodland CA. I currently serve on the BOD and am chair of the Rules Committee. I would like to complete my work as chair of the Rules Committee. We are close to completing a revision of the rulebook and should have a new one sometime within the next year. If you ask other members of the BOD (or those who attend BOD meetings) they will say I come well prepared and make valuable contributions to what we do at that level. I strongly encourage you to vote, and hope that many of you will give me your support. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Cv Madrone (Santa Barbara CA): I learned the game at a camp in Wisconsin at the age of ten and played competitive cribbage prior to the founding of the ACC joining within the first year. I have competed in twelve states and have directed over twenty-five tournaments as well as assisting in the crosschecking, organizing, and judging of numerous others. I support the splitting of the West into two regions. Why is it that no more than four directors can reside in one state, vet there is no requirement that no more than one director can be from the same club and/or familv? How does that encourage greater representation and diversity? I would work towards instituting that as a rule with the understanding that currently serving directors would not be subject to the rule. I have an architecture degree from the University of Oregon and work part time for a civil engineer. I have served as president and presently am treasurer of a BMW Riders Club. I believe that my skills of analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, common sense, and ability to

articulate my thoughts would be an asset to the ACC and its BOD.

Robert Milk (Glen Allen VA): Hi fellow peggers! It is an honor and privilege to serve on the BOD. I have been an ACC member for about fifteen years and presently serve on the board. I actively participate in the meetings and bring an open mind to new ideas and proposals. I serve as the ACC Internet Tournament Commissioner. In this position I negotiated a business partnership that has added about \$10,000 to the ACC general fund each of the past couple of years, with virtually no expense to the ACC. I also serve as a judge and gladly assist at nearly every tournament I attend. Thank you for considering me for the BOD. Even if you do not vote for me, please take the time to review the slate of candidates and vote for the candidates of your choice. We are a national organization and hopefully through personal contact or through Cribbage World, you are aware of their contributions to the ACC. Each candidate deserves your consideration for your votes.

Norm Nikodym (Ontario CA): Live with my wife Glenda. Our children are grown. U.S. Army (Army Security Agency) 1959-1962. Worked much of my life as analyst or director in information technology. Retired, but consult for several school districts. Joined ACC in 1994. Since 1999 director of growing Grass Roots Club 68. In West Covina run five ACC open tournaments and a Grass Roots Regional each year. Started Laughlin NV tournament this year. Serve as judge, tabulator, and helper. Attained Bronze and Master ratings. Won twelve tournaments. Proud of the ACC and want to make it bigger and better. Attended eight of the last ten ACC board meetings. Created a "Double the ACC by Year 2016" group with goals of (1) helping ACC members and Grass Roots clubs with membership promotion and (2) doubling membership of the ACC by 2016. I consider increased ACC membership a major priority. Will work to make information about board activities more available. Will represent all members equally without regard to where they live. Ready to take the time to make a difference. Thanks for vour consideration. Please vote.

Catherine Perkins (Bear Creek NC): I am a charter member of the ACC and have served on the BOD since 1989. During my tenure on the BOD I have actively served in a wide variety of positions and on numerous committees. I have been an ACC judge since the inception of the program and as a Senior Judge serve as Head Judge for many tournaments throughout the Southeast. I have directed the National Open Cribbage Tournament and the Raleigh Grass Roots club for more than

twenty years. I seek your vote so that I may continue working for the benefit of all members.

Larry Phifer (Raleigh NC): I've been an ACC member since 1993 and a judge since 1998. I am a Life Master and a Silver award in Grass Roots. I direct the March Madness tournament in Raleigh. I have played in tournaments all around the country and have met many of you. I recently retired and now have time for my two passions: my grandkids and cribbage. I feel the urge to contribute as much as I can to the ACC. I have some ideas that I would like to present to the members. Thanks for your support.

Joan Rein (Carver MN): The ACC and its members bring me lots of joy. Thank you for allowing me to represent you on the BOD in the past. I have enjoyed serving each and everyone of you. I am open to one and all of our members. If you have concerns you may call me or write me at anytime and I will do my best to work with you and the board to offer the best solution for all. My cribbage accomplishments include Life Master, Bronze, and Hall of Fame. Most of you know me as the Grass Roots Commissioner, judge, helper behind the scenes, etc. My personal life includes my wonderful son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Jo. I work out of my home serving people with their insurance needs and with the ACC cribbage as well as supplying clubs with boards and pegs as needed. And I make the boards with the help of my son machining the holes.

William K. "Ratso" Roderick Jr. (Woodburn OR): They say that change is good! If so then the BOD should give the membership back the power that they hold and hold the circle of power they have. If they won't, maybe the membership's rights have been violated. Such as the realignment of ACC which some members have fought for. Have only fifteen BOD members. To have a three-term limit of two years, then step aside for at least two years until they can run again. That will bring fresh people and ideas to begin in 2015. I would like to help make this change. USMC 1953-1957, career truck driver and member of Teamsters for thirtyfive years, shop steward, safety committee, Kuk Sul Do Black Belt 1st Degree, started at age 62, got Black Belt at 67, ACC member since 1985, iudge since 2002. co-director Salem Classic.

Larry Samet (Wellesley MA): I am a twenty-threeyear member of the ACC and a past member of the board. I have helped the innovations over the years, including the All Star team competition, *continued on page 26*

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the long match, and recently, the final draft of the current Hall of Fame election procedure that was initially developed by Rollie Heath. I have been a judge and tournament director. I am dedicated to the growth of the ACC, to fair play, and to make cribbage fun. If I am elected, you will get my best efforts. Your vote would be appreciated.

Todd Schaefer (Oakdale MN): I am running for my fourth term on the BOD and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. I began playing the great game of cribbage when I was eight years old and have loved playing ever since. I have been a member of the ACC for over fifteen years and have been a regular tournament participant since 1995. I have directed the Capital City Cribbage Tournament for twelve years and have been the director of Grass Roots Club 240 for many years as well. I have also co-directed several other tournaments and served as an ACC judge for several years. I am the awards cochairman for the Grass Roots membership and have been fortunate enough to attain my Life Master rating and have earned two All American awards. I served three terms on the BOD beginning in September 1999, and I believe I have ably served our membership in many capacities during and since that time. If elected for another term, I will strive to keep our organization strong, our membership growing, and help maintain the ACC as what I believe to be a great organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Phyllis Schmidt (Williamstown MA): first cribbage tournament was at a Democratic Fundraiser in 1977. Second was double elimination tournament at Dante Club in West Springfield MA same year, I won and was hooked for life. Attended 1979 inaugural meeting in Raleigh, became director on first BOD. Life Master ($\star \star \star$), seven-time All American, received 1982 President's Award, 1992 top ACC player. Elected to Hall of Fame in 2002. Senior Judge and volunteer at most tournaments in Northeast and director of three tournaments at Dante Club. Life member of Berkshire County Women's Bowling Association and served as secretary-treasurer and president. Also served on board of Massachusetts Women's Bowling Association and elected Hall of Fame in 2004. Worked at Sprague Electric Company for forty years, as an engineering assistant, retiring in 1996. Served on Negotiating and Grievance Committees of International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers and as director of Credit Union. Cribbage has been good to me and enabled me to enjoy many wonderful friendships

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- □ 30 Larry Samet
- 31 Todd Schaefer
- 32 Phyllis Schmidt
- 33 Jeff Shimp
- 34 Wayne Steinmetz
- 35 Valerie Sumner
- □ 36 Fred White
- 37 Keith E. Widener

NUMBER OF VOTES CAST:



and trips, and I would like to give something back by continuing to serve on BOD. I will do my best to listen to and represent all members and would appreciate your vote.

Jeff Shimp (Grand Haven MI): Founding member of the ACC; BOD member since its inception. Tournament official (director, chief judge, chief tabulator) for many years for the JPW/ACC Open, TOC, Grand Nationals, and others. Founder and co-director of annual Potawatomi Peggers Powwow (MI). Commissioner of ACC Judges Program. Perfect attendance at BOD meetings for many years. Elected to Hall of Fame in 2001. Awards include Life Master (*) and Grass Roots Silver. Will continue to focus on clearer, more concise rules and player protection. Appreciate the opportunity to serve on the BOD and solicit your support to allow me to continue to help build the ACC. Everybody please vote!

Wayne Steinmetz (Milwaukee WI): Married, four children, and six grandchildren. Life Master ($\star \star$) and achieved Silver award in the Milwaukee Grass Roots Club. ACC member for eighteen years. Currently serving as a member of the Rules Committee. Organized and led a regional long match for the last ten years. Director of the Schaefer/ Steinmetz Shuffle (2009) and the Schaefer/Steinmetz Shuffle Special (2009). Assist the Black River Falls Classics, the Carter Classics, and the Milwaukee Challenge tournaments. Worked as ACC Central Region Senior Judge. Head judge at eight tournaments and regularly judge for large tournaments (ACC Opens, Grand Nationals, and the National Opens) as well as most of the thirty tournaments I attend yearly. Won eighteen tournaments, been All American four times, and All Regional three times. I feel that I'm a calming, friendly, and fair influence in my play as well as in judging. I hope my input on the Rules Committee will produce an improved rulebook. Helping new players learn and feel at ease is a goal I live by. As a first-time applicant for the board, I'm hoping with your vote and support I can give service to

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

- vote for up to 25 candidates by marking an X in the box by their name
- write in box at lower right the total number of votes cast
- cut on dotted line
- add appropriate postage (28¢ in U.S.)
- drop self-addressed postcard into mail

an organization and a game that I respect and love.

Valerie Sumner (Sparks NV): Objective: renomination for the BOD for the two-year term starting September 1, 2009. Summary of qualifications: current member of BOD; member of Rules Committee; over fifteen years as a member of the ACC; over fifteen years as a member of Grass Roots; eight years as director of Grass Roots Club 11; seven years as an ACC judge; six years as National Grass Roots Secretary. Awards received: ACC Master level: Grass Roots Bronze level. Main premise: I ask that you vote for me as an ACC director so I can work to ensure members rights, ideas, and concerns are always considered. I will request that any reasonable idea be put on the BOD agenda. I enjoy the game of cribbage and being able to socialize with people all over the nation.

Fred White (Kailua HI): I'm 57 and have worked for thirty years in business development for a printing company. In 2008 attained my Grand Master. I've been director of Grass Roots Club 110 for seventeen years. In that time I've also codirected over ninety ACC tournaments in Hawai'i. I am also a certified judge and have served as a judge in Reno for the JPW/ACC Open and TOC events, as well as volunteering for the tabulating of the scorecards and anything else that needs to be done! I've also become the ACC Archivist and since doing so have gotten all of the back issues of Cribbage World scanned and with the assistance of our awesome webmaster Diane Waite. have gotten them posted on the website for all to peruse and enjoy. As Archivist I am also embarking on other projects and ideas to preserve the beginnings! In advance I'd like to thank you for your consideration and most of all please vote! Lastly Mahalo and Aloha to my friend and traveling bud Charlie Rodgers who passed away on February 16 while on this past cribbage trip with me. He went out playing the game he loved.

Keith E. Widener (Clemmons NC): I am seeking reelection to the BOD. I am Life Master, judge, and charter member of the ACC. I am proud to be a current member of the BOD. Many of you know me as I play in tournaments all across the country. My primary interests in the ACC are increasing membership, making awards more attainable for all members across the country, and promoting fair play through rule revisions and ethics. I want to thank my fellow board members for their hard work this past term. We truly have some wonderful people in this organization. I would really appreciate your vote, but if I am not your choice, please at least vote. This is your ACC.

INTERNET Cribbage

February Wrap-Up

Mark Van Dyke (*loosespokes*) crept past Ron Larson (*cribbie11*) and has a shaky three-point lead on first place. By virtue of winning two tournaments on consecutive days during February, Graeme Gossett (*effeff71*) is the February player of the month.

Remember that you can earn IRPs during the first 125 tournaments in which you play; this is an increase from prior years. The TDs held 13 tournaments during February, for a total of 119 tournaments so far this season.

Please show up at least ten minutes before the start of internet tournaments. The TDs find it difficult to identify everyone who waits until the last minute to register. This will make it easier on the TDs and will help ensure that they do not miss entrants.

Return of Cribbage Cup

We are still looking at holding a Cribbage Cup in April or May on ecribbage.com. Please watch this site for updates. Get your ecribbage nick now. ACC registration and other behind-the-scenes stuff will be updated to support multiple sites.

STat of the Month

During the 2007–2008 cribbage season, the high qualifier won 39 of 337 sanctioned tournaments, or 11.6%. It is, however, easier to go wire-to-wire in a one-day event than in a two-day tourney.*

	HQ wins	%
237 one-day tourneys	34	14.3
100 two-day tourneys	5	5.0

*In a two-day tournament the qualifying round is held on the day before the playoffs. In a one-day tournament (whether main or consolation), the qualifying round and playoffs are held on the same day.

internet.standings

IRPs name (tourneys played)

- 1 480 Mark Van Dyke (80)
- 2 477 Ron Larson (109)
- 3 441 Michelle Barthelmess (66)
- 4 399 Mike Fetchel (62)
- 5 393 Jeff Crane (78)
- 6 393 Barbara Larson (104)
- 7 366 Rick Allen (62)
- 8 357 Richard Shea (66)
- 9 351 Elizabeth Miller (89)
- 10 351 Peter Stemler (68)

Joe Who?

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

- 1803 Elijah H. White Jr. (ME)
- 1772 Les Johnson (CO)
- 1757 Terry Hurtgen (AZ)

internet.tourney.schedule

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 details. Please sign up at gamecolony.com/acc at least ten minutes before scheduled start time.

date	day	time	type	scoring
Apr. 2	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 4	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 5	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 6	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 9	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 11	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 13	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 16	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 18	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 19	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 20	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 23	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 25	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 26	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 27	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Apr. 30	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
All tim	es Eastern	n. *=.	ACC mem	bers only.

2/09.winners

- 2/1 Timothy M. Julkowski
- 2/2 Nancy R. Roncetti
- 2/9 Bryan J. Gurden
- 2/12 Mark Van Dyke
- 2/14 Ray Fischer
- 2/15 Tom Langford
- 2/16 Jeff Crane
- 2/19 William A. Schultz
- 2/21 David Draper
- 2/22 Graeme Gossett
- 2/23 Graeme Gossett
- 2/26 Bob Bousquet Sr.
- 2/28 William MacMillan
- 2/29 Sir John Suckling

Milestones

Jim Blough (MI) turns 60 on April 18 Jeff Shimp (MI) turns 70 on April 30



CW acknowledges birthdays of members who hit an even decade. Send information two months in advance to cribbage@ iserv.net or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

GRASS ROOTS Clubs

Division 1

Points Name (Club)

- 258 Tom Cookman (194)
- 235 Thomas Mintner (6)
- 234 Peggy Johnson (211)
- 233 Paul Gregson (54)
- 230 Phillip Babcock (89)228 Albert Miller (314)
- 228 Albert Willer (314)
- 220 Mort Herstrom (333)
- 216 Douglas Myers (329)
- 215 Pamela Pomeroy (68)
- 214 Brenda Carson (71)
- 214 George Hicks (11)
- 213 Erik Royland Locke (28)
- 212 Gary Wirth (261)
- 212 Gordy Wise (243)
- 209 Donald Phillips (288)
- 208 Lyle Lund (215)
- 207 Iris Fuller (11)
- 206 Michael McCammon (11)
- 203 John Goe (243)
- 202 Keith Kus (333)
- 200 Mariette Debaugh (230)200 Mary McFarland (68)
- 200 Mike Misluk (26)
- 200 Dave Stratford (100)
- 199 Elmer Rasmussen (232)
- 199 Kathy Thompson (25)
- 197 Phillip Whitehouse (329)
- 195 Roy Kaufmann (43)
- 194 Joe Dunn (202)
- 194 Joe Lilley (350)
- 192 Carl Stone Jr. (194)
- 190 Mills Brubaker (243)
- 190 Craig Jensen (46)
- 190 Larry Weyer (94)
- 189 Jim Blough (91)
- 189 Michael Morgan (106)
- 188 David Gerke (300)
- 188 Pete Johnson (156)
- 187 David Boyer (300)
- 187 Harold Sontag (162)186 David Aiken (91)
- 186 Nancy Hawkins (246)
- 186 Bill Medeiros (72)
- 186 Richard Munroe (162)
- 186 Greg Schleusner (222)
- 186 Pete Severson (240)
- 186 Floryan Sowinski (139)
- 185 David LeBoeuf (162)
- 184 Tom Calvert (119)
- 182 Charles Collins (300)182 Dianne Gurney (199)

Division 2

Points Name (Club)

- 185 Dorothy Westerlund (267)
- 166 Joseph Young (251)
- 163 Nick Vowell (38)
- 152 Robert McGuire (251)
- 150 Fred Jorgensen (267)
- 141 Russell Rice (97)
- 140 Rick Vee (96)
- 138 Terry Bond (38)
- 135 Richard Caiazzo (267)
- 133 Gene Secor (97)
- 132 John Fitzgerald (356)
- 132 T. L. Gandy Sr. (356)
- 129 Wendell Woodard (219)
- 125 Bill Stefoniuk (267)
- 124 Bill Monda (356)
- 124 Billie Reddell (27)
- 123 Beverly Bliss (267)
- 122 Richard Bett Sr. (5)
- 120 Ralph Haynes (219)
- 115 Cindy Rowe (38)
- 112 Steve Bernard (96)
- 108 Carl Heath (38)
- 107 Karen Dorcas (349)
- 107 Philip Murphy (267)
- 106 Perley Davis (219)
- 106 Ken Kaufman (251)
- 106 Amelee Killion (27)

Division 3

Points Name (Club)

- 132 Jon Taylor (24)
- 123 David Rauh (353)
- 122 Warren A Gallagher (24)
- 109 Henry Douglass (102)
- 104 Orbin Hatton (354)
- 94 Michael Maloney (353)
- 93 Kenny Trepanier (353)
- 90 Christine Maloney (353)
- 84 Ronald James (24)

Division 4

Points Name (Club)

6 Sir John Suckling (00)

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

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Grass Roots

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Reader contributions are encouraged. Items of interest to Grass Roots players should be sent to Tom at tomlewis@spinn.net.

The 2008–2009 Grass Roots season will be over at the end of next month and sometimes it becomes necessary for us to contact players. If you have an email address, please check with your club director to make sure your current email address has been entered into your Grass Roots record.

Club 46 (Salem OR)—on March 2 Bill O'Malley had a grand slam, to continue his very fine year. Bill has not missed a week, and through 216 games he has won 130 for 60.2%! *submitted by Craig Jensen*

Club 261 (Edmonton AB)—we would like to extend a belated welcome to Suzanne Lamoureux, who joined us as a member this season. Our inviting atmosphere must have inspired Suzanne: in only her second Grass Roots tourney, she scored a 19/9 +171 to drain our grand slam pot! To prove it wasn't beginner's luck, Suzanne then took first place in the Edmonton Autumn Classic three weeks later, netting her 105 MRPs and a permanent addiction to our group! *submitted by Gary Wirth*

Club 54 (Antioch CA)—all you have to do is ask! During the third game on February 9, Tad Pilecki dealt himself four 5s, and a face card was cut for a 28-hand. In our club, that pays \$54 (\$50 for the 28 and \$4 for four of a kind). **Basil Rudnik**, who was watching, was surprised to learn it was worth that much, and joked, "Wow, now that I

know that I'm going to get some of those." Sure enough, during the last game of the night, who shouts out "28-hand" but Basil! On March 9 **Dennis "Slick" Johnston** scored the highest point total of the season at our club. Dennis's 21/9 +210 grand slam was his best nine-game card ever and sets a tough mark for the rest of the club to top the remainder of the season. Way to go Dennis! submitted by Paul Gregson

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Club 353 (Kingston ME)—on October 23 Mike Maloney got his second 29-hand, the first one he got to count. On February 12 Christine Maloney was dealt a 28-hand, and new member Al Kassalty scored a 20point card. This was the second week in a row that Al had won eight games and twice missed a grand slam! Better luck next time!? We would like to thank Jack Puleo and Club 308 in Dennis MA for hosting the GRRT and would like to congratulate Rick Sanphy for his 28-hand and David Rauh and Kenneth Trepanier for making it into the money. *submitted by Mike Maloney*

Club 344 (Washington MO)—in less than continued on page 32

Rule of the Month—Scoring When the Starter Card Is a Jack (His Heels)

(1) When a Jack is turned up, the dealer is entitled to two points. (2) The dealer may peg out into the game hole by turning a Jack starter card. (3) If the dealer plays a card before pegging the two points, the dealer forfeits them.

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one year, club founder and director Frank Horn got a 29-hand in all three clubs he plays in on a regular basis: on April 3, 2008, Sandy Strange dealt Frank his first 29-hand at Club 288 (Belleview IL); on January 21, 2009, Harry Ramatowski dealt Frank his second 29-hand at Club 323 (Wentzville MO); and on February 20, 2009, Joe Vogel dealt Frank his third 29-hand at Club 344 (Washington MO). And to top it off, shortly after Frank's big hand on January 21 at the Wentzville club, club member Bud Arbore got a 28-hand! Over the years Frank has taught many people how to play the game and is known for sharing his enthusiasm for cribbage; even after suffering a minor stroke, he came back with a vengeance to show that nothing will keep him from playing a game that he so dearly loves. submitted by Opal Combs and Bonnie Elmes

Club 144 (Newnan GA) met for their twenty-fourth session on March 2. Gene continued on page 33

GrassRootsClub29

Joyce Lamon (148), 9/10/08 Joe Murdock (175), 10/25/08 Dutch Gehrlich (272), 12/2/08 Dusty Fitzgerald (356), 12/14/08 Bill Bingham (204), 1/7/09 Bea Cook (29), 1/8/09 Dale Weilep (69), 1/12/09 Eric Akse (305), 1/26/09 Richard Crawford (11), 2/17/09 Richard Flatto (55), 2/18/09 Fred Koury (317), 2/19/09 Hazel Weichseldorfer (148), 2/23/09 Sir John Suckling (29), 2/29/2009

GrassRootsAwards

Silver Award Sylvia Sutton (257), CA Jerold E. Montgomery (159), CA H. Ross Njaa (82), CA Iris Fuller (11), NV Ronald Whyde (25), MT William P. O'Malley (46), OR Eugene Wilkerson (118), OR Sir John Suckling (29), UK

Bronze Award Maurice Laplante (309), BC Ellouise Stowe (162), CA David Lee Franklin (205), CA Lisa M. Spellenberg (194), CA Marvin Merrill (306), CA Bob Proctor (29), FL Glenwood Matthews Jr. (178), PA Norma L. Fuller (71), MI Bob Cook (300), MI Steven Finnegan (240), MN Larry Weyer (94), MN Donald C. Phillips (288), MO Richard Lee Crawford (11), NV Peter Stemler (11), NV Darrel W. Unruh (285), OR Gary Wegener (118), OR Diana Webster (243), WA Della Cook (305), WA Gary Haelfrisch (61), WI Bonnie Halopka (199), WI Edward R. Emmer (6), WI Sir John Suckling (29), UK

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Bradshaw and **Estill Elliott** had the top scores, with Gene winning by spread points. **Nora Maloy** took home some pretty paper in the form of awards for a 28-hand and a grand slam. She is still in a tight race with **Frank Podjun** for top score in the club. *submitted by Gene Bradshaw*

GRTOC #4

The fourth annual Grass Roots Tournament of Champions will be held on September 25 in conjunction with Grand National 28 in Grand Rapids MI. This invitation-only tournament is for all club champions from the 2008–2009 Grass Roots season, plus previous club champions since 2006 who have not already played GRTOC on their invitation.

Co-directors Andrea Lawrence and David Aiken announce a policy change for GRTOC qualifying. Club champi-

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ons can play the GRTOC once for every championship they win, so long as they do so within three years of earning the championship. Thus, a 2008 championship can be used in 2009, 2010, or 2011. If the same person is champion in 2009, they can play on the 2008 championship in 2009 and on the 2009 championship in 2010. After the three-year period expires, the invitation is canceled. This policy change is retroactive to 2006 so that all 2006, 2007, and 2008 winners who may have been excluded under the old policy may play in GRTOC #4.

So if you have the GRP lead in your club—then hang on to it, for this will be your ticket to play in GRTOC #4. Invitations will be mailed this summer. Contact Andrea (213.840.1704; andreaangie6@ yahoo.com) or Dave (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net) for more details.

Online polls in which ACC members can express their opinion about topics of interest to cribbage players.

Rules: (1) all voting must be done online at **cribbage.org**; (2) you must be an ACC member to vote; (3) you can vote only once; and (4) polling closes on the last day of the month. The results of each poll will be published in the second CW following its announcement.

The qualifying rounds of two-day tournaments take two popular formats: playing one game against each of 22 opponents, or playing two games against each of 11 opponents. Which do you prefer?

- A. one game against 22 opponents
- B. two games against 11 opponents
- C. I like both formats equally well
- D. I don't like either format



as of 3/10/2009

Western Region

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Central Region

	vv	estern Region
	MRPs	Name
1	1256	Duane Toll, OR
2	1109	Roland Hall, CA
3	1101	James Langley, CA
4	749	Donald Brown, CA
5	738	Jeanne Jelke, WA
6	715	De Lynn Colvert, MT
7	702	Jerold Montgomery, CA
8	681	H. Ross Njaa, CA
9	637	Cres Fernandez, CA
10	616	Todd Malmgren, OR
11	610	Herschel Mack, CA
12	604	Bob Bartosh, CA
13	601	Mel Ashley, CA
14	567	Bryan Gurden, NV
15	535	James Fanning, CA
16	509	Rex Paddock, MT
17	498	Jim Crawford, CA
18	496	Willie Evans, WA
19	494	Cy Madrone, CA
20	487	Michael McCammon, NV
21	478	Ira Deutsch, OR
22	455	Al Jean Simpson, CA
23	436	Sharon Hejtmanek, MT
24	432	Paul Hatcher, OR
25	408	Roy Hofbauer, WA
26	405	Jones Hom, CA
27	404	Bill Mero, WA
28	395	Leslie Sumner, NV
29	387	Irma Symons, OR
30	382	Mary Herrmann, CA
30	382	Andrea Lawrence, CA
32	368	Rickie Mack, CA
33	361	Ervin Bentz, CA
34	356	Rob Palmer, OR
35	351	Frank Ornie, OR
36	350	Barbara Stockham, CA
37	344	Bernie Nelson, OR
38	334	Tom Cookman, CA
39	332	Michael Rowe, AK
39	332	Dan Marsh, OR
41	315	Artland Kaai, CA
42	295	Jack Moritzky, WA
43	293	Roy Wong, HI
44	292	Norman Nikodym, CA
45	290	Tad Pilecki, CA
45	290	Jason Shumate, NV
47	287	Mills Brubaker, WA
48	284	Bill Johnson, CA
49	283	Evelyn Gillmore, CA
50	279	Fred White, HI

	C	entral Region
	MRPs	Name
1	877	Wayne Steinmetz, WI
2	633	Bob McCabe, WI
3	623	Donald Flesch, WI
4	580	Robert Julian, WI
5	576	Mike Burns, MN
6	544	Jerome Fischer, WI
7	507	Douglas Henderson, WI
8	505	Doug Page, WI
9	488	Frank Danielski, WI
10	420	Martha Fingleton, WI
11	413	James Huser, WI
12	412	Emilio Perez, IL
13	404	Patrick Barrett, WI
14	400	Roger Grandgeorge, IA
15	353	Todd Schaefer, MN
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	348	Diane Waite, MN
16	348	Dave Yaeger, MO
18	346	Lyle Lund, MN
19	343	Allen Karr, WI
20	341	Jerry Jaeger, NE
21	327	Ginny Danielski, WI
22	303	Jeff Shimp, MI
23	300	Sharon Schaefer, WI
24	294	Robert Chase, MN
25	262	Bart Jaeger, NE
26	261	Warren Sondericker, WI
27	254	Richard Frost, WI
28	236	Cyril Schmidt, WI
28	236	Gary Haelfrisch, WI
30	234	Joe Bernard, IL
31	231	Kenneth Rosvold, MN
32	223	Beth Witter, WI
33	216	Todd Brunner, MN
33	216	Rhynold Shave, WI
35	214	Marvin Lang, IL
36	207	Thomas Kenniston, MI
37	203	Edward Balcer, MN
38	199	John Syftestad, WI
39	194	Tony Danihel, WI
40	190	Lloyd Heibel, MI
41	182	Douglas Anderson, WI
42	181	Joy Shimp, MI
43	180	Dan Taylor, MN
44	177	Ed Heinowski, WI
45	175	Ray Hansen, IA
45	175	Lewis Gurney, WI
47	173	James Heemstra, WI
47	173	Lloyd Kraft, WI
49	172	Donald Patrin, MN
49	172	William Eilers, IA
99	6	Sir John Suckling, UK
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	Е	astern Region
	MRPs	Name
1	936	Larry Phifer, NC
2	689	Robert Milk, VA
3	594	Keith Widener, NC
4	485	William Shoemaker, CT
5	465	Paul Batterson, CT
6	464	Robert Medeiros, MA
7	442	Susan Cousens, ME
8	415	David Campbell, ME
9	413	Donna Lafleur, CT
10	382	Esther Rolfe, FL
11	365	John Blowers, FL
12	351	Ann Somers, MA
13	350	Elijah White Jr., ME
14	346	Hal Mueller, ON
15	340	Peter Lerch, NC
16	333	Peter Setian, MA
17	329	Jim Hatch, NH
18	315	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
19	311	Jim Lunder, FL
20	300	Mark Soule, ME
21	292	Catherine Perkins, NC
22	291	Roger Bouchard, CT
23	290	Raymond Cook, MA
24	289	George Bickford, MA
25	263	Jack Howsare, VA
26	260	Daniel Crete, NH
27	252	Joseph White, FL
28	244	Ronald Reece, VA
29	243	Joe Lewis III, FL
30	239	Henry Delong, MA
31	235	Ken Patenaude, MA
31	235	Harvey Greenberg, VA
33	228	Jeannine Dubois, MA
34	221	Joy Barnes, FL
35 36	215 214	David Samet, MA David O'Neil, GA
30	214	Michael Burnham, GA
38	208	Harry Maiden, FL
39	207	Jeff Gardner, OH
39 39	204 204	Tom Clark, NH
41	204	David Clemmey, MA
41	202	Jeff Raynes, NC
42	201	Richard Andrew, NH
44	194	Richard West, MA
44	194	Laurence Samet, MA
45 46	189	Bill Medeiros, MA
40 47	185	Robert Drukman, MA
48	182	Bruce Sattler, MD
40 49	181	Henry Douglass, NC
4 5 50	177	John Noblet, VA
50	177	Howard Terry, VA
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Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Roy Hofbauer	Patrick Barrett	George Bickford
360.835.3623	715.424.5059	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.

NEW LISTING +

April 1, Ye Olden Cribbidge Tournament

Cavalier Hall in Twickenham, Middlesex, England. Main £60. Fri £10. Perks: greasy fish-n-chips, kidney pie, serving wenches. Contact: John Suckling (inventor@cribbidge.org), Cavalier Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, England

April 3–5, Kissimmee Open

Quality Inn, 2050 E Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri 1p 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

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

April 3–5, Houdini Challenge

Holiday Inn, 150 Nicolet Rd, Appleton WI 54911. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Brad Behm (920.739.4358), 1342½ W Spencer St, Appleton WI 54914

April 3–5, Montana Championship

Jokers Wild, I-90 Exit 101, Missoula MT 59806. Main \$60. Satellites. Perks: coffee. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 *or* Sharon Hejtmanek (406.549.2843)

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

April 10–12, Washington State Open

Sunnyside Eagles, 100 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

April 17–19, Milwaukee Challenge

Ramada Hotel (new name, same location), 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Sun LC 1p \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132

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 or Jane Cannizzaro

April 17–19, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic

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

RESCHEDULED LISTING +

April 17–19, Washington St. Championships

TBA. Main \$60. Fri 3p. Fri DBL 7p. Fri HR 7p. Sat 7p. Sun LC 2p. Perks: lunch. Contact: Elmer G. Rasmussen (360.262.9755), PO Box 161, Napavine WA 98565 *or* Gary Rasmussen (360.262.0224)

April 19, Spring U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina continued on page 36

Tips for Tournament Directors

The payout schedule at each tournament—including satellites—must be posted before the end of the qualifying round. Taking a few minutes to calculate prize money and Q-pool payouts before the start of each event (or during the first few games) allows all players to know (a) what they are playing for and (b) that the amount of prize money paid to each position was not influenced by who finished where.

CA 91790. Main \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

April 24–26, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.887.2123), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469

April 24–26, Maine Spring Fling in NH

Best Western, 580 U.S. Hwy 1 Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$55. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat DBL 7:30p \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.562.4935), 53 Berry Mills Rd, Carthage ME 04224

April 24–26, Lake Tahoe Open

Tahoe Biltmore, Hwy 28, Crystal Bay NV 89402. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sun LC \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Mike McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour De La Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Peggy Scalley

April 25, Colonial Classic

VFW, 106 Jesters Lane, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$50. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

May 1–3, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$52. Fri 3:30p \$10. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Fri HR 7p \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, pastries. Contact: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 *or* Bernie Nelson (503.392.3092) *or* Verne & Jeanette Nielsen (503.666.3528)

May 2–3, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Merrillan WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

May 3, Ocean State Classic

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$43. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917

May 9, Channel Islands Open

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

May 15–16, Win River Spring Fling

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

May 15–17, Potawatomi Peggers Pow-wow

Park Inn, 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. Main \$70. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Sun LC? \$10. Perks: cookies by the Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

May 15–17, North Carolina Open

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Sat HR \$60. Sun LC \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, hospitality room from Friday 3p on. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320 or Catherine Perkins or Keith Widener

May 17, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

May 17, Connecticut Championship

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Dr, West Springfield MA 01809. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Shoemaker (860.243.9505), 175 This-

DBL = doubles \bullet HR = high rollers \bullet LC = last chance

tle Pond Dr, Bloomfield CT 06002 or Bill Richmond or Bob Fitzgerald

May 22–24, Greater Spokane Valley Open

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

May 29-31, That's a Go!

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

May 29–31, Oregon Championship

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

May 29–31, Colorado Belle

Colorado Belle Casino, 2100 Casino Dr, Laughlin NV 89029. Main \$60. Fri 3p. Fri 6:30p. Fri DBL 7p.

Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

NEW LISTING +

May 29–31, Eau Claire Cribbage Fest

Plaza Hotel (800.482.7829), 1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire WI. Main \$55. Fri 8p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. All Events \$20. Contact: Dennis Ulberg (715.695.3588; ulbergmd@triwest.net), N47999 Hamlin Rd, Eleva WI 54738

June 5–6, Nugget Classic

Paradise Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$60. Fri DBL. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jerry Moore (530.877.1477), 1473 Patrick Dr, Paradise CA 95969 *or* Dennis Phillips

June 5–7, Mount Saint Helens Classic

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98626. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.567.6265), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626

June 5–7, Space Coast Open

Clarion Hotel, 260 E Merritt Island Cswy, Merritt Island FL 32952. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts. *continued on page 38*

GREATER SPOKANE 10 Early Bird 3PM Fri 7 games 50 Doubles 7PM Fri 9 games 25 Yourself (Partner)	May 22, 23, 24, 2009 Eagles Lodge 16801 E. Sprague Spokane, Washington	
	Cash Payouts 95% - Main Event 100% - All Other Events & Q-Pools	
☐\$50 High Rollers 7PM Fri - 10 games ☐\$50 High Rollers Q (Optional) ☐\$50 Main Event 9AM Sat 22 games ☐\$65 NON-ACC Main Event	For Area Motel Information, please call Lynn Raymond at 509-928-4983 or Dave Schwartz at 509-328-4022	
□\$10 Main Event Q (Optional) □\$10 Saturday Night Owl 9 games □\$10 Saturday Night Owl Q (Optional) Total Submitted Sunday	Mail Entries Payable to: Lynn Raymond, 4105 N. McDonald Rd. #20, Spokane Valley, WA 99216	
8AM Main Event Playoffs, Best 3 of 5	and a second first state of the	
Consolation Registration Opens 9:30AM Consolation 9 games	Name ACC #	
1:30PM Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of	3 Address	
For Further Info Call: Lynn Raymond at 509-928-4983 or David Schwartz at 509-328-4022	City State Zip Code Phone Number:	

Contact: Lee Bailey (321.652.1278), 300 S Sykes Creek Pkwy #204, Merritt Island FL 32952

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 *or* Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983)

June 7, Western Mass Cribbage Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Team \$10 x 3. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267 *or* Isabel Hyndman

June 7, pH Factor

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

June 12–14, Capital City Classic

Best Western Metro North, Ankeny IA. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

June 13, Western Washington Ltd.

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bob Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 *or* Larry West

June 19–21, Medford Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. Limited to 92 players; no walk-ins. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:45p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 *or* Julie Mack-Felkins

June 20, Mountain View Open

American Legion/VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. Main \$55. Sat 6p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686), 340 Morgan Drive, Loveland CO 80357

June 21, Summer U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 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 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

June 26–28, Schaefer Steinmetz Shuffle

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Al & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037 or Wayne Steinmetz (414.353.9301)

June 26–28, Cascade Classic

VFW #4108, 1836 Veterans Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), 2908 SW Windrow Ct, Redmond OR 97756

June 26–28, CBA Casino Classic

Dover Downs Casino, 113 N DuPont Hwy, Dover DE 19901. Main \$70. Fri 7p \$30. Sat 7p \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Tom Brent (443.603.1339), 115 Brick Schoolhouse Rd, Centreville MD 21617

June 28, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

June 28, Weir River Tournament

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

July 1–3, Susanville Summer Classic

Mt. Lassen Hotel, Main St, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Satellites. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397), PO Box 401, Janesville CA 96114 *or* James Fanning

July 3–5, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri DBL \$50/team. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$25. Sun \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Les Sumner or Peggy Walberg or Bill Irons

July 7–9, Topaz Spring Tournament

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake NV. Main \$50. Tue 3p \$10. Tue HR 6:30p \$50. Tue DBL 7p \$50/team. Wed 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.392.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

July 10–12, Rockford Classic

Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St, Rockford IL 61108. Main \$73. Fri 8p. Sat 8p. All Events. Perks: lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152

2009 Colorado Belle Cribbage Tournament May 29, 30, and 31

Colorado Belle Hotel/Casino, Laughlin, Nevada

By the Colorado River, south of Las Vegas Approximately 100 miles from Las Vegas, 300 miles from Los Angeles, 210 miles from Phoenix

Hotel Information - Colorado Belle - 2100 Casino Dr Laughlin, NV 89029 For reservations call 800-477-4837, ask for "cribbage tournament." Rate good until Friday May 22, 2009. Single/Double Occupancy \$39.00 plus tax per night. Rate includes one dinner buffet.

Friday, May 29 3:00 PM Early bird (\$10 - 7 games, pays 1/6) 6:30 PM Singles (\$30 - 9 games, pays 1/6) 7:00 PM Doubles (\$25 per person - 9 games, pays 1/6)
Saturday, May 30- Pastries and Coffee8:00 AMLate Registration (\$60, \$5 late fee, Grad Q \$20 pays 1/6)8:30 AMOrientation and play begins - 22 Games vs. 22 Opponents11:30 AM - 1:30Lunch - time approximate
Sunday, May 31- Pastries and coffee8:00 AMMain Event Playoffs - Best 3 of 58:30 AM - 9:30 AMConsolation Registration - 9 games (\$30 - Grad Q \$10, pays 1/6)2:00 PMConsolation playoffs - Best 2 of 3
Questions? Norm Nikodym, Co-Director(909) 986-9454norm.crib@roadrunner.comMary McFarland, Co-Director(626) 339-8881mcfarland-enmark@hotmail.com
Early registration is greatly appreciated. If you need to cancel, your entry will be refunded. If not ACC member, one year ACC dues \$15.00 Early Bird \$10 \$10.00 Friday Night Singles \$30.00 Friday Night Doubles - \$25 per person \$25.00 Main \$60 \$60.00 Main Graduated Q (pay 1 in 6) \$20.00
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July 11, Run for the Gold

Alta Fire Dept., 33950 Alta Bonny Nook Rd, Alta CA 95701. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.587.7339), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160 *or* Rich Ekman (530.401.3627)

July 17–19, Granite City Classic

VFW Lodge, 9 12th Ave N, St. Cloud MN 56301. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. All Events \$25. Contact: Mike Burns (320.309.5580), 14266 Brookmere Blvd NW, Prior Lake MN 55372 *or* Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)

July 17–19, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$65. Fri 7p \$25. Perks: coffee, breakfast, lunch. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531

July 19, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

July 19, Yearend Cribbage Extra

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Team \$10 x 3. Perks: gift card. Contact: Isabel Hyndman (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267 *or* Phyllis Schmidt

July 24–27, National Open

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

July 24–26, Portland Summer Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillvray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Sun LC \$10. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th Pl #7, Portland OR 97202 *or* Ken Julkowski (503.788.6907)

July 29–30, Masters Midweek Challenge

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$50. Tue. Wed. Contact: Bob Brumley (509.839.6323), 1301 Lester Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944

July 31–August 2, Shut Up and Deal

Sharks Ice, 44388 Old Warm Springs, Fremont CA 94538. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: snacks, lunch. Contact: Ray Mink (510.791.5347), 37981 Lavender Cmn, Fremont CA 94536

August 1–2, Summer Classic

Sunnyside Eagles, 100 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

August 1, Summer Cribbage Fix

American Legion, 902 Cook St, Kenai AK 99611. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Karen Dorcas (907.262.4950; karendorcas@gci.net), PO Box 1164, Kenai AK 99611

August 2, Patriot Kickoff

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Carl Deyette (860.568.7418), 55 Legion Dr, East Hartford CT 06118 *or* Walt Brideaux (860.666.4858)

August 2, Tom Mills Memorial

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$35. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

August 7–9, Cowboy Country Open

American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. Main \$65. Fri 3p. Fri DBL 7p. Sat 7p. Perks: donuts, coffee, beverages. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.421.4900), 6800 Legend Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009

August 7–9, Humboldt Classic

Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake CA. Main \$60. Fri \$10. Fri HR \$50. Fri DBL \$50/ team. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, juice, snacks, lunch. Contact: Rick Shea (707.444.3161), 6282 Humboldt Hill Rd, Eureka CA 95503 *or* Tom Cookman (707.599.6747)

August 7–9, Peach State Classic

Comfort Suites, 2945 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd, Suwanee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, sodas. Contact: David O'Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021

August 9, Medway Summer Sizzler

VFW, 234 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. **Muggins**. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Earle & Holli Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd #1, Cumberland RI 02864

August 14–16, Michigan Tourn. of Diamonds

Holiday Inn Express, 5401 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), PO Box 313, Ada MI 49301 *or* Jeff Gardner (937.602.0690; jeff.gardner@wright.edu)

August 14–16, Gem State Challenge

Boise Eagles, 7025 W Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. Main \$55. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Kathy Atwood (208.353.4862), 194 E Harris Hawk Dr, Kuna ID 83634

August 14–16, Garden State Open

Crowne Plaza, 110 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Cate Correa (732.575.9510), 216 Helfreds Lndg, Bridgewater NJ 08807

August 21–23, Madison Masters

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

August 21–23, Nevada State Championship

Sturgeons Casino, 1920 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.392.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

August 28–30, St. Louis Len Wahlig Memorial

Comfort Inn, 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Limit 64 players. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$25. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee. Contact: Dave Carey (847.669.3671), 13592 Delaney Rd, Huntley IL 60142 or Marv Lang or Sandra Strange

August 30, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

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September 4-6, Capital City Classic

Eagles Lodge, 715 N Fee, Helena MT 59601. Main \$60. Fri 3p. Fri DBL 7p. Sat. Contact: Kathy Thompson (406.443.4825), 3000 Villard Ave #110, Helena MT 59601 *or* Walt Conell (406.782.5159)

September 4–6, Labor Day Special

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

September 11–13, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.887.2123), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469

September 12, Western Washington Ltd.

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bob Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 *or* Larry West

September 13, Daniel Webster Open

Nashua Elks, 120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$52. **Sign up by 9/5.** Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633), 1466 Battle St, Webster NH 03303

September 18–20, Serial City Classic

Crowne Plaza, 5100 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Fri 8p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417 *or* David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net)

September 20, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

September 23–24, GN 28 Midweek Warm-Up

Crowne Plaza, 5100 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Wed 7:30p \$20. Contact: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

September 25–27, Grand National 28

Crowne Plaza (800.227.6963), 5700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$70. Thu Swissstyle 2p \$50. Thu 7p \$20. Fri 9:30a \$20. Fri 2p \$20. Fri 7p \$30. Fri HR 7p \$100. Sat 7p \$30. Sun 2p \$10. Sun 5p \$10. Awards banquet. Perks: lunch. Contact: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417 *or* David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net)

October 3, Schaefer Shuffle Special

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: AI & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037

October 4, West Bend Classic

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

October 4, New Hampshire Open

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Blvd, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Al Miller (603.882.7204), 12 Michael Ave, Nashua NH 03062 *or* David Statz (603.247.4335)

October 10, Wonderful Woodland "Won Day"

Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St, Woodland CA 95776. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Cecil & Julie Felkins (530.669.6772)

October 10–11, Columbus Day Cribbage

Elks Lodge, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. Main \$60. Satellites. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Margery Clark (541.385.0330), 60945 Granite Dr, Bend OR 97702 *or* Scott Dague

October 11, 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 *or* Isabel Hyndman

October 16–18, Wisconsin Rapids Open

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

October 16–18, Crescent City Open

Del Norte County Fairground, 421 Hwy 101 N, Crescent City CA 95531. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Jim Waldvogel (707.464.9168), 160 Hinky Rd, Crescent City CA 95531 *or* Jerry Cutsforth (707.464.2808) *or* Vernon Ward (707.464.4510)

October 16–18, Niagara Falls Open

Quality Hotel, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat DBL 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.649.3462), 76 Raymond St, Hamburg NY 14075 *or* Jane Cannizzaro

October 23–25, North Pole Open

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

October 23–25, Emerald Coast Open

Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Scott & Jenny Bailey (850.582.5945), 1951 Waterford Ridge Rd, Fort Walton Beach FL 32547

October 24, P&G Open

Frantone's Villa Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, snacks, Iunch. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863), 3224 Yorba Linda Blvd # 624, Fullerton CA 92831 *or* Pamela Pomeroy

October 25, Fall U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 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 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

October 30-November 1, Salem Classic

Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Ct NE, Salem OR 97301. Main \$60. Satellites. All Events \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, tea. Contact: Phyllis & Ratso Roderick (503.981.1004), 612 N Cascade Dr #24, Woodburn OR 97071

October 30–Nov. 1, Cribbage from the Crypt

Eagles Aerie #483, 110 S Penn St, Port Angeles WA 98362. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Fri HR 7:30p \$50. Sat 7:30p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lisa Duff (360.808.7128), PO Box 2008, Port Angeles WA 98362

October 30–Nov. 1, Abe Kealoha Extravaganza

Richardson Centre, USS Arizona Memorial Dr, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$50. Fri DBL 6:30p \$40/ team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

November 1, Dante Club Open

Dante Club, 198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: George Bickford (413.733.9288), 89 Clayton Dr, West Springfield MA 01089 *or* Charlie Finley (860.745.1143)

November 6–8, Longest Beach Classic

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 N 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. Main \$60. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$25. Perks: coffee, snacks, lunch. Contact: Rosemary Hendricks (360.858.7434), 19202 Old Highway 99 SW, Rochester WA 98579 *or* Sharon Hejtmanek (406.549.2843)

November 6-8, Sunshine State Classic

Quality Heritage Park Inn, 2050 Irlo Bronson Hwy (Rte 192), Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri DBL 1p \$20/team. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: donuts, coffee. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

November 11–13, Susanville Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Wed 3p. Wed DBL 7p. Thu 6:30p. Thu HR 7p. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397), 719-780 Alexander Ln, Standish CA 96128 *or* Peggy Saber *or* Peggy Scalley

November 13–15, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri DBL \$50/team. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$25. Sun \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Valerie Sumner or Peggy Walberg or Bill Irons

November 17–19, Topaz Spring Tournament

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake NV. Main \$50. Tue 3p \$10. Tue HR 6:30p \$50. Tue 7p \$20. Wed 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.392.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Les Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

November 20–22, Hampton Roads Shoot Out

Surfside Inn (800.437.2497), 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$30. Sat 7p \$30. Sat HR 7p. Contact: Jack Howsare (757.696.2999), 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23452

November 27–29, Thanksgiving Classic

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Thu 7p \$20. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

December 6, Hawai'i Championship

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December 12, Western Washington Ltd.

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December 20, Santa Special

Quality Inn, 2050 E Rte 192, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (727.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd Lot A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

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January 8–10, Peg for the Border

La Mesa Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91941. Main \$65. Fri DBL 7p \$80/team. Contact: Shelley & Roz Berman (619.444.7655), 1145 Naranca Ave, El Cajon CA 92021

January 15–17, Georgia Open

Quality Inn, 1052 Claussen Rd, Augusta GA 30907. Main \$65. Satellites. Contact: Carl Squire (404.983.5058), 3292 Bells Ferry Rd, Marietta GA 30066 *or* Dave O'Neil (404.296.4689) *or* Cathy Perkins (919.837.5790)

New Appointments

The death of **Joe Bernard** in mid-February left vacant two essential positions in the ACC: a seat on the Board of Directors and the Central Region Tournament Commissioner.

Per the ACC Constitution, vacancies on the BOD are filled with the next available candidate, based on the results of the last election. The highest votegetter in the 2007 election not currently serving on the BOD is Larry Samet (Wellesley MA), and ACC President Jeanne Hofbauer has announced that Larry will serve the last few months of Joe's term on the BOD.

National Commissioner George Bickford has tapped Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI) to be the new Central Region Tournament Commissioner. Requests for sanctioned tournaments in the Central Region should be sent to Patrick effective immediately:

phone: 715.424.5059 email: barrett1@wctc.net mail: 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494-9056

by April F. Day

For months now, many sectors of the U.S. economy have struggled to keep their finances in the black. The banking industry, mortgage companies, the Big Three automakers, new housing builders—all are experiencing record deficits, backbreaking loan payments, and soaring unemployment.

Recognizing that many cribbage players are also being hit by the global downturn, the ACC's Board of Directors has unanimously approved a cribbage stimulus package to help players kick-start their game. Designed to promote increased point production in all three ACC divisions, the program was enthusiastically endorsed by BOD members from every key demographic and from blue and red states alike.

Cribbage Assets Relief Program (CARP) will help players eliminate bad plays, avoid overpegging, and reduce the number of subprime judging calls. The provisions in this bill will bail out novice players by making available 700 billion pegs to stimulate the cribbage economy both in America and worldwide.

A controversial CARP amendment will require tournament directors, starting April first, to place a miniature American flag on each player's front peg so that they don't inadvertently pick it up.

The main impetus behind CARP was the 4.01% decrease in MRPs earned at weekend tournaments. BOD member **Phyllis Schmidt**—whose personal precipitous point decline this year almost singlehandedly pushed the recession into a depression—welcomed the bill as "a chance

to redeem an otherwise dismal season."

Tom Lewis, BOD member and renowned gonzo journalist, promised the support of Grass Roots players, who have long recognized that GRPs were falling in value compared to contract bridge. (When, for example, is the last time you heard the urban legend about Bill Gates and Warren Buffet teaming up as *cribbage* partners?)

In voting for the proposal, internet commissioner **Bob Milk** squelched the rumor that IRPs were going to be delisted from the New York Cribbage Exchange because their value had fallen below one dollar per point. He saw e-CARP as the best way to aid "all those internet players who can't count their hands."

The only dissension came from a few Western Region BOD members who requested that California be exempt from the CAFE standards (Cribbage Affordability and Fiscal Expenditures) in effect throughout the rest of the country.

Discussion at the February BOD meeting also included a CNBC proposal to air a program called "Mad MRPs," but negotiations were abandoned when it was revealed that Jon Stewart had invited Executive VP Martha Fingleton for a friendly chat on "Cribbage Central." CW

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Some things never change: the cover of the April 1984 Cribbage World announced the upcoming BOD election. Sixteen candidates were vying for twelve positions. In the system in place in 1984, half of the BOD was elected each year-thus only twelve slots were up for grabs.

Elsewhere in this issue, we learn that Wayne Owen (then of Green Bay WI, now

of Milwaukee) won the MGM Open in his hometown. Jeff Clark (then of Antioch IL, now of Kansasville WI) won the Western New York Open. And Gordon Arcouette and Bob Brown won the Dante Club Partners Tournament.

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The President's Column



When Roy and I first joined the ACC we played only in Grass Roots; when we finally had a chance to travel to our first tournament, we were hooked! We loved meeting people from other areas, and we definitely enjoyed the competition. To this day, my favorite part of a tournament is the main qualifying round.

I couldn't remember what entry fees were when we started playing weekend tournaments, so I compared the March 1985 and the March 2009 issues of *Cribbage World* to see what average fees were then and now (of course, inflation has raised the price of almost everything in the last twenty-four years!). I found that in twenty-four years, the average main entry fee has risen more than \$26.

date	tourneys	average fee for main tourney
March 2009	66	\$56
March 1985	13	\$29.70*

But what must be taken into consideration for any entry fee is what it includes. Some directors are good at fundraising and get benefits such as trophies and snacks donated. Some just want to run a tournament and do not want to run raffles or ask for sponsorships. Some tournaments are held in casinos, lodges, or clubs that

*Omits two tourneys that didn't list a fee and one with a very large fee of \$100. ask for minimal or no rent. Other tournaments, such as Grand Nationals, need to be held in venues equipped to handle large numbers of participants and therefore have heftier expenses. Another difference is location: some areas have much higher rents. Lunches can range from nothing to a sit-down dinner. And some tournaments are lucky enough to get additions to the prize fund added by the host venue. Obviously, the more expenses and benefits that need to be paid for from entry fees, the more the prize fund will shrink.

By ACC policy, a tournament director is allowed to use a maximum of 15% of the entry fee for expenses, and at least 85% must be returned to players in the form of prizes and other player benefits, such as meals, snacks, trophies, sanctioning fees, and charity. So you see that a lot of variables affect what happens to entry fees before becoming the prize fund.

I have heard some grumbling over the years about prizes. And I really do appreciate that members are "doing the math," because every organization needs its watchdogs. But remember that not all tournaments are created equal, and there are legitimate reasons for their differences.

Jeanne



Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

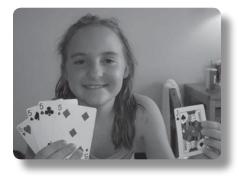
My father, Mac, taught me and my siblings to play cribbage. Many of my best memories of growing up in Vermont revolve around playing cribbage with them, especially the four-handed battles.

We lost our father in a tragic accident in early 1997. One of my favorite pictures shows us sitting at a picnic table in the shade, drinking beer and playing cribbage against each other for the last time, in the summer of 1996.

One of my few regrets in life is that my family never kept statistics of all the games that we played against each other. As a result, and apart from my much discussed slump of 1977, we can now only talk trash about who is the best player. Of course, we all think that we're the reigning champ!

Recently, I was playing cribbage with my wife. The cribbage board was sitting on an old drafting board from college, but now converted to a makeshift table on which to play games—mostly cribbage and as a place for sanctioned graffiti.

I noticed a scribbled note describing a match that my father and I played on





December 26, 1993. Dad beat me in three games, and I skunked him in my only win. More interestingly, the note indicated that I got a 28-hand in my skunk. I'd completely forgotten about it and can't believe that we hadn't noticed the note before.

This was only my second 28-hand (no 29s—yet), but with my clan being very un–Bob McCabe–like, that is, 28s and 29s don't grow on our trees like they have on his, this was a momentous occasion and one that is now documented for generations to come.

To insure no further lapses in documentation, I'm keeping a spreadsheet that shows every game that my ten-yearold daughter, Holly, and I play. To date, I'm ahead of her, but I dealt her a 28-hand while on vacation in Wyoming this past summer. She counted first, needed twenty or so, and went out with a smile! Maybe I'll have to check the family tree to see if there are any McCabes in it after all!

Holly Macfarlane and her father peg up a storm in Kalamazoo MI. Scott plays every Monday night with the "15-2 in Kalamazoo" Cribbage Club (#321). JOIN THE FUN IN

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