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Happy **400TH** Birthday!

— Sir John Suckling —
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See pages 12–13
for six cool ways
to celebrate Sir
John's birthday



Schedule of Events



- Thursday 10a—Board of Directors Meeting
- Thursday 6:30p—All Star Competition
- Friday 8a—Tournament of Champions
- Friday 3:30p—Cribbage Bowl
- Friday 8p—Grass Roots Volunteers Meeting
- Saturday 8:30a—JPW/ACC Open
- Sunday 9:15a—Consolation Tournament

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My Deal

by David Aiken



I know of no other game that can claim descent from a 400-year-old swashbuckling literary wannabe—but cribbage can.

The world's greatest card game was invented in the early 1600s by **Sir John Suckling**, one of the English Cavalier poets who supported King Charles I during the English Civil War.

Truth be told, it is debated whether Suckling technically invented this great game. His main contributions may have been to tidy up the rules and, perhaps, popularize the game at the royal court. It is possible that he coined the term *cribbage* (then spelled *cribbidge*), since the earliest known use of the term dates to 1630 according to the authoritative *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Born on February 10, 1609, Sir John will turn 400 next month. And the ACC and the Sands Regency will celebrate Suckling's quadricentennial during the JPW/ACC Open on February 7–8. As if playing the world's greatest card game were not reason enough, there are many

other good reasons to come to Reno.

During the first weekend in February, you will be able to meet some of Suckling's descendants, obtain a special postmark from the USPS celebrating Sir John's 400th B-day, and win a fabulous prize for holding a 16-hand/9-crib combination in honor of 1609—the year of his birth. In addition, two current CW Contests give you an opportunity to cash in on Sir John's big idea. Go to pages 12–13 for more details on all these happenings.

Please join me in Reno next month to celebrate the birth of our patron saint.



Many people supplied material for this issue—much of it under a tight deadline. My thanks to **Mike Blackburn, Don Brown, Brian Brunsting, Jay Fulwider, Jeff Gardner, Graeme Gossett, Janet Johnson, Cy Madrone, Bob McCabe, Joan Rein, Larry Samet, Jeff Shimp, Ray and Nancy Wanke, and Barbara Woodward.** Heidi Rosenau, marketing manager at the Frick Collection, supplied the Suckling image on the cover.

If you cannot attend the ACC Open in Reno next month, you may obtain this special postmark commemorating Sir John Suckling via mail. Affix correct postage to an envelope or postcard of your choice and address it to yourself or someone else. Insert cardstock of postcard thickness in the envelope to protect from bending. Place it in a larger envelope addressed to:

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Unsung Heroes

Your tribute to the unsung heroes—the vast majority of ACC members, who have an intense loyalty to a Grass Roots Club and play few sanctioned ACC events—was an excellent focal point. The article on **Hazel Weichseldorfer** was one of the best human-interest stories I've seen printed in Cribbage World. You are to be commended for recognizing the value of the story and its impact on the ACC membership.

Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen (Napavine WA)

Cutting at Both Ends

Not many times when cutting for deal do you cut a King and not lose. Conversely, not many times does your opponent cut an Ace and not win. Oddly enough, both of these happened in sequence. I cut a King and had all but conceded the deal, but my opponent generously also cut a King. After reshuffling, my opponent cut an Ace, and I un-generously matched it. On the third try I won the deal. I got my comeuppance when I met this opponent in the consolation tournament, and he proceeded to double skunk me. My hat is off to my opponent, **Bob Julian**, who was gracious in losing the deal and even more gracious (and humble) while double skunking me. It is never fun to be double skunked, but an opponent like Bob certainly takes some of the sting away.

David Shifflett (Pacific Grove CA)

Reader Response: 29-Crib

In the November *Cribbage World*, **Roger Wanic** (Lombard IL) asked if anyone has ever had a 29-crib during an official ACC event? Apparently no one has done precisely this, but several people have come tantalizingly close:

- **Jim Blough** (Kentwood MI) scored an official 29-crib in Grass Roots play at Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI, while playing **Kate Rexford** in October 1988.
- **Bob McCabe** (Milwaukee WI) had a 28-crib at the 1993 Capital City Open in St. Paul MN.
- **Ruby Ellison** had a 29-crib at a club (not Grass Roots) in Medford OR while playing against **Gerald Hahn Jr.** (Winston OR) in 1997.
- **Graeme Gossett** (Prineville OR) had a 29-crib in the doubles event at the 2001 Timber Capital Classic in Canyonville OR. His partner was **Margery Clark** (Bend OR).

So do you want to make cribbage history? All you have to do is be the first person to have a 29-crib in a sanctioned event!

**Reader
Alert!**

Dudley Dumaine
(Cynthiana KY) in-
quires about a crib-
bage program for
Macs. Can anyone
supply this info?

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
West Bend Classic (West Bend WI; Oct. 5)	Gene Biegler	112 players HQ. Donald Tofte (45) 1. Donald Flesch (147) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (105) 3. Rudolph Rogutich (70) 3. Doug Endries (70)	59 players HQ. Tony Danihel (18) 1. Ed Heinowski (60) 2. Jeanne Wauters (40) 3. Tony Danihel (24) 3. Daniel Minesal (24)	29-hand: Jeff Lut*	
Cape Cod Classic (Yarmouth MA; Oct. 26)	Jack Puleo	98 players HQ. Raymond Cook (45) 1. Raymond Cook (147) 2. Donna Laffleur (105) 3. Paul Griffin (70) 3. Susan Cousins (70)	42 players HQ. James Flaherty Sr. (15) 1. Harold Cook (60) 2. Joyce Vanelli (40) 3. Carl Deyette (24) 3. Linda Chambers (24)		
North Pole Open (Marinette WI; Oct. 24–26)	Jeanne & Roger Wauters	109 players HQ. John Kolby (40) 1. Frank Danielski (147) 2. Rhynold Shave (105) 3. Jerome Fischer (70) 3. Alan Lindner (70)	84 players HQ. Donald Flesch (21) 1. Diane Waite (84) 2. Robert Julian (60) 3. Warren Sondericker (40) 3. Tom Briski (40)	28-hand: John Bianco	Warm-Up: Dale Rohm Friday: Frank Danielski Saturday: Gary Haelefrisch
Sunshine State Classic (Kissimmee FL; Oct. 31–Nov. 1)	Ray & Nancy Wanke	62 players HQ. John Blowers (50) 1. Robert Milk (105) 2. Ted Lee Southland (70) 3. Jeff Raynes (42) 3. Bill Richmond (42)	50 players HQ. Dave Yaeger (18) 1. Larry Phifer (60) 2. Chris Parsons (40) 3. Beatrice Cook (24) 3. J. Douglas Kelliher (24)	28-hands: Herve Danis* Shamus O'Connor*	Doubles: Jim Wysocki & Mike Elkins Friday: Esther Rolfe Saturday: Harry Maiden GRAND SLAM!
Edmonton Autumn Classic (Edmonton AB; Oct. 31–Nov. 2)	Dwayne Pankiw	35 players HQ. Gwellyn Striker (40) 1. Suzanne Lamoureux (105) 2. Lewis Skidmore (70) 3. Gwellyn Striker (42) 3. Herbert Schaar (42)	26 players HQ. Reg Bishop (12) 1. Kim Israel (40) 2. Doris Sanders (24) 3. Gary Wirth (12) 3. Reg Bishop (12)	28-hand: Leonard Baron*	Early Bird: Gordon Armstrong High Rollers: Doris Sanders Saturday: John Lalonde Last Chance: Lewis Skidmore
Black Butte Bonanza (Sisters OR; Nov. 1)	Winona Johnson	31 players HQ. Mills Brubaker (45) 1. Roy Hofbauer (70) 2. Jerry Blackman (42)	23 players HQ. Todd Malmgren (18) 1. Margery Clark (40) 2. Richard Pierce Jr. (24)		

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
San Jose Fall Classic (San Jose CA; Nov. 1)	Stan Katzman	68 players HQ. Ervin Bentz (30) 1. Evelyn Gillmore (147) 2. Ervin Bentz (105) 3. Mary Herrmann (70) 3. James Langley (70)	38 players HQ. Roland Hall (12) 1. Roland Hall (60) 2. H. Ross Njaa (40) 3. Michael McCammon (24) 3. Tad Pilecki (24)		
Veteran's Day Classic (Reno NV; Nov. 8-9)	Bill Irons	262 players HQ. Shane Ward (65) 1. Shane Ward (252) 2. Larry Phifer (196) 3. Barbara Stockham (147) 3. Gerald Klein (147) 5. H. Ross Njaa (105) 5. Annett Elfert (105) 5. John Galbreath (105) 5. Paul Hatcher (105) 9. Dick Nash (70) 9. Anthony Lucich (70) 9. Dave Gott (70) 9. Nancy Lorenz (70) 9. Ken Stanko (70) 9. Justin Martin (70) 9. Jeanne Jelke (70) 9. Tom Cookman (70)	174 players HQ. Jason Shumate (27) 1. Jackie Doppelt (112) 2. Al Jean Simpson (84) 3. Cres Fernandez (60) 3. Chresmon Ching (60) 5. Sharon Hejmanek (40) 5. Ed Bloom (40) 5. Gordon Reid (40) 5. Brian Bedrosian (40)	29-hand: Charles Dolge* 28-hands: Les Rasmussen* Erik Plante* Kathleen Seiferlein*	Doubles: Gary Getty & Brad Archer Sunday: Todd Malmgren
Charm City Classic (Baltimore MD; Nov. 9)	Bruce Sattler	50 players HQ. Norm Ferbert (60) 1. Jack Howsare (105) 2. Mary Grothe (70) 3. Paul McFarland (42) 3. Phyllis Schmidt (42)	34 players HQ. Dutch Gehrich (15) 1. Peter Lerch (60) 2. Andy Laventure (40) 3. Maynard King (24) 3. Howard Terry (24)	28-hand: Howard Terry*	Saturday: Mitch Blanks

* = in a sanctioned event

continued

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Topaz Fall Tournament (Topaz NV; Nov. 11–13)	Valerie Sumner	51 players HQ. Cy Madrone (55) 1. James Langley (105) 2. Roy Cook (70) 3. Jason Shumate (42) 3. Cy Madrone (42)	36 players HQ. Mel Ashley (18) 1. Michael McCammon (60) 2. Jerold Montgomery (40) 3. Rickie Mack (24) 3. John Harvey (24)	28-hand: Kerry O'Connell*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Patricia Echard <i>Tuesday:</i> Delynn Colvert <i>Wednesday:</i> Duane Toll <i>All Events:</i> John Prehn
Longest Beach Classic (Long Beach CA; Nov. 14–15)	Rosemary Hendricks	81 players HQ. Duane Toll (55) 1. Frank Ornie (147) 2. Jeanne Jelke (105) 3. Lowell Bailey (70) 3. Joanne Randolph (70)	54 players HQ. Jack Moritzky (15) 1. Nancy Hawkins (60) 2. Michael Derrick (40) 3. Jack Moritzky (24) 3. Lenard Yarnell (24)	29-hand: Susan Scott* 28-hands: Frank Ornie* Laurie Crosslin	<i>Saturday:</i> Kent La Rue <i>High Rollers:</i> Rick Pierce <i>Doubles:</i> Jack & Mildred Moritzky <i>Crybaby:</i> Glen Humbert
Hampton Roads Shoot-Out (Virginia Beach VA; Nov. 14–16)	Jack Howsare	60 players HQ. Bill Whiting (50) 1. Hugh Berry (105) 2. Robert Moore (70) 3. Janet Viands (42) 3. Michael Burnham (42)	40 players HQ. Janet Meinert (12) 1. Robert Milk (60) 2. Bill Poole (40) 3. Ronald Reece (24) 3. Charles Dolge (24)	28-hands: James Klingler* Barri Gehrand	<i>Friday:</i> David O'Neil <i>Saturday:</i> Marvin Lewis
Run for the Gold (Alta CA; Nov. 15)	Peggy Walberg & Rich Ekman	86 players HQ. James Fanning (60) 1. James Fanning (147) 2. Basil Rudnick (105) 3. Michael Hurley (70) 3. Ronald Morgan (70)	56 players HQ. Annett Eiffert (15) 1. Herschel Mack (60) 2. Jim Crawford (40) 3. Annett Eiffert (24) 3. Bethany Mammon (24)	28-hand: Annett Eiffert*	
Hermiston Pro-Am (Hermiston OR; Nov. 21–23)	Bill Hill	56 players HQ. Herschel Mack (40) 1. Herschel Mack (105) 2. William Jones (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. John Hensley (42)	32 players HQ. Rex Paddock (24) 1. James Morrow (40) 2. Irma Symons (24) 3. Rex Paddock (12) 3. Willie Evans (12)	28-hand: Willie Evans*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Lynn Raymond <i>High Rollers:</i> Willie Evans <i>Doubles/singles:</i> Rex Paddock

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Minnesota Open (Cannon Falls MN; Nov. 21-23)	Jerry Gruber	132 players HQ. Don Pelton (40) 1. Todd Brunner (196) 2. Larry Waller (147) 3. Emilio Perez (105) 3. Penny Shepherd (105) 5. Ray Hansen (70) 5. Todd Schaefer (70) 5. Bob McCabe (70) 5. Dave Seifert (40)	71 players HQ. Keith Widener (15) 1. Keith Widener (84) 2. Jeff Shimp (60) 3. Donald Urban (40) 3. Jerome Fischer (40)		Friday: Dave Harris Saturday: Wayne Steinmetz
Yankee Classic (Rockville CT; Nov. 23)	Phil Martin	110 players HQ. Charlie Finley (35) 1. Paul Batterson (147) 2. R. James Nunn (105) 3. Charlie Finley (70) 3. Patricia Martin (70)	52 players HQ. Henry Delong (18) 1. Roger Bouchard (60) 2. Frank Corrado (40) 3. Peter Marcroft (24) 3. Chip Corrado (24)	28-hand: Greg Delaney*	* = in a sanctioned event

Tournament Tidbits

Cape Cod Classic In what is certainly an extreme rarity—if not an ACC first—a father-son combo took first place in both sanctioned events in Yarmouth MA on October 26. Son **Raymond Cook** (Middleboro MA) won the 98-player main, and father **Harold Cook** (Wareham MA) won the 42-player consolation.

North Pole Open ACC Webmaster **Diane Waite** (Oakdale MN) had a tough row to hoe on her way to the consolation championship: she beat newcomer **Kay Miller** (Withee WI), Life Master (★) **Don Flesch** (Brookfield WI), Life Master **Aggie Mikulsky** (Sobieski WI), Life Master (★★) **Warren Sondericker** (Milwaukee WI), and Life Master (★★★) **Bob Julian** (Franklin WI)—who have a combined 58,346 MRPs between them!

More Tidbits on next page



Why is Charles Dolge (Winston Salem NC) smiling? Because Barbara Woodward (Special Events coordinator at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel) is handing him \$1,000 for getting a 29-hand at the Veteran's Day Classic in Reno NV.

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name MARK MANO
ACC# 1535 FL Seat# 5

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)
1	2	16
2	3	48
3	2	05
4	2	22
5	2	07
6	2	07
7	2	21
8	2	03
9	2	25
Total Game Points	19	154
Games Won	9	NET POINTS

Signature Mark

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name ESTHER ROLFE
ACC# 1298 FL Seat# 39

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	2	24	-	34
2	2	27	-	36
3	3	40	-	60
4	2	17	-	38
5	2	29	-	40
6	2	07	-	42
7	3	33	-	44
8	2	15	-	46
9	2	06	-	48
Total Game Points	20	198	(+/-)	
Games Won	9	NET POINTS (+/-)		

Win = 2 Skunk = 3
Loss = 0
Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

Signature Esther Rolfe

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name John Groz
ACC# 1246 Seat# 14

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	2	07	-	11
2	2	21	-	13
3	2	15	-	15
4	2	06	-	17
5	3	34	-	19
6	2	19	-	21
7	2	26	-	23
8	2	02	-	25
9	2	24	-	27
Total Game Points	19	134	(+/-)	
Games Won	9	NET POINTS (+/-)		

Win = 2 Skunk = 3
Loss = 0
Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

Signature John Groz

Hampton Roads Shoot-Out During the consolation playoffs, Grand Master **Bob Milk** (Glen Allen VA) held 4-4-6-6 and threw two face cards into his crib. The 5 of Spades cut gave him a 24-hand, and the crib contained 10-J-Q-K of Spades, for 18 more points! Now that's home improvement: the cut card added 20 points to his hand and 14 to his crib!

Sunshine State Classic Here's a spooky Halloween scenario. You sit down to play cribbage on Friday night and have the best cards you've ever gotten. But when you turn in your grand slam, you discover that not only is this not good enough for first place but it can't even win second place

outright! The fifty-player event in Kissimmee FL saw not one—not two—but *three* grand slams. **Esther Rolfe** (Boynton Beach FL) took first place with a 20/9 +198, while Grand Master **John Groz** (Davenport FL) and **Mark Mano** (Valrico FL) turned in identical 19/9 +154 scorecards and tied for second. Unfortunately, John's weekend went from awesome to awful in the space of thirty-six hours: in the consolation he turned in a string of pearls!

Yankee Classic Low qualifier **Paul Battersen** (Tolland CT) outlasted everyone to take the championship—and in the process he earned enough MRPs to add "Grand" in front of "Master."

The Table from Hell

Have you ever glanced down the table on Saturday morning and—with dread—noticed several big-name players moving toward you? One exceptionally top-heavy table at the Reno Veterans Day Classic in November featured these players:

player	MRPs	award level	numerical rank
Don Brown (CA)	8,529	Life Master	70
DeLynn Colvert (MT)	31,228	Life Master (★★★★★)	1
Ira Deutsch (OR)	7,654	Life Master	93
Willie Evans (WA)	8,882	Life Master	63
Graeme Gossett (OR)	4,368	Grand Master	240
Roland Hall (CA)	11,024	Life Master (★)	36
Paul Hatcher (OR)	17,831	Life Master (★★)	9
Ben Holder (CA)	2,629	Master	503
Bob Julian (WI)	21,200	Life Master (★★★)	4
Todd Malmgren (OR)	12,227	Life Master (★)	24
Pamela Pomeroy (CA)	4,084	Grand Master	263
Duane Toll (OR)	25,851	Life Master (★★★★★)	2

total: 155,507

In a strange alignment of the planets, this table ended up with one Master, two Grand Masters, three Life Masters, and six more Life Masters with a total of *sixteen* stars between them! The “perfect storm” brewing at this table featured nine of the top hundred MRP lifetime leaders, including #1, #2, #4, and #9!

Even with this kind of firepower, four heavyweights survived the bloodbath and made the playoffs: Hatcher (who qualified #2), Colvert (#7), Julian (#9), and Brown (#41). In addition, **Bob Styczynski** (Roseville CA)—with only 613 lifetime MRPs—also qualified, proving that mere mortals can survive in the presence of cribbage deities.

Rumor has it that smiling Life Master (★★) **Jim Langley** (Red Bluff CA) assisted in the blind drawing for seat assignments—and later encountered considerable verbal abuse for this “random seating”!

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6 really cool ways to celebrate Sir John's birthday

Meet the Sucklings!

When Sir John Suckling died in 1642, he fortunately had had the good sense to reproduce. Ever since, the Sucklings have been a prolific bunch, and there are several branches of the family living today in Britain and the United States. Two eleventh-generation Sucklings—sisters Sara and Becky—are planning to attend the ACC Open in Reno next month, so don't miss your chance to meet a real, live, cribbage-playing Suckling. Rumor has it that Sir John himself might even make an appearance!

That 29-Thing You Do

Did Sir John Suckling ever hold a 29-hand (see Cribbage Quiz on page 21)? Have you? Here's an easy way to make sure that the next "29" you get is a profitable one. Enter CW Contest #3 by submitting on a postcard any whole number between 1 and 216,580 that contains a "29." If you submit the *lowest* whole number containing "29" that isn't submitted by anyone else, you will win a \$50.29 Applebee's gift card. Mail entries to CW Contest #3, P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313. See full rules in the December CW, page 26.

1609 Was a Very Good Year

Sir John Suckling was born 400 years ago next month. To honor the year of his birth—1609—all players who get a 16-hand/9-crib combination during the 22-game qualifying round of the JPW/ACC Open on Saturday, February 7, will receive a commemorative Sir John Suckling postcard and a Sands cribbage t-shirt. In addition, from this group of players we will draw one grand prize winner—a weekend suite at the Sands Regency during the July or November 2009 tournament.

Peg for the Gold

It goes without saying that the best way to celebrate the 400th birthday of **Sir John Suckling** is to come to Reno to play in—and win—the JPW/ACC Open on February 7–8. First place is worth a cool ten grand! And while you're at it, why not come a day early and play in the Tournament of Champions on Friday, February 6. The ACC Open entry form may be found on the centerfold of this issue. TOC invitations and entry forms were (e)mailed in November. The deadline for signing up is January 23, which may be done via mail or online at sandsrenoevents.com.

Share Suckling with a Friend

Many years ago, the ACC tried to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp in honor of **Sir John Suckling**. Despite yeoman efforts by many members to gather signatures, the idea was rejected because of, shall we say, Sir John's character flaws. Not to worry, Sir John is at last getting his postal recognition: a special postmark honoring his 400th birthday at the world's largest cribbage tournament. The Reno post office will set up a retail office at the Sands and make the postmark available to all players on Saturday, February 7. You can send a letter to a friend back home, mail your souvenirs home so you don't have to lug them on the airplane, or simply get a cribbage keepsake. If you cannot attend the ACC Open, this postmark will also be available by sending a SASE to Cribbage Station, Postmaster, 2000 Vassar St, Reno NV 89510-9998. See full instructions on page 4.

Poke Fun at the Cribbage Bard

What better way to celebrate the 400th birthday of the inventor of the world's greatest card game than by poking fun at him! Enter CW Contest #4 by writing a cribbage-themed parody of **Sir John Suckling's** most famous poem—"Why so pale and wan, fond lover?"—and win fame (your parody will be printed in the March CW) and fortune (a \$50.29 Outback gift card). Mail your winning entry to CW Contest #4, P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313. Full rules were published in the December CW, page 27, and are supplemented here: entries will be judged on their (a) cribbage theme, (b) faithfulness to Suckling's poetic structure, (c) humor, and (d) originality. The decision of the judges is final.

CRIBBAGE TIMELINE



1500s noddy (predecessor of cribbage) invented

1607 Jamestown VA settled by the British

1608 birth of John Milton, author of the epic poem *Paradise Lost*

• **1609** birth of Sir John Suckling, author of the not-so-epic poem "Why so pale and wan, fond lover?"



1616 death of William Shakespeare

1630 earliest known use of the word *cribbage*

• **1642** Sir John Suckling flees to France, drinks poison, and pegs out for the final time



1800s cribbage rules change: six cards dealt to each player, and goal is 121 points

• **1918** Henry Clay Frick buys Van Dyck's *Sir John Suckling* (see next page)



• **1931** DeLynn Colvert born

1953 the *other* ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) founded in Greensboro NC

1974 first National Open Cribbage Tournament

1980 the *real* ACC (American Cribbage Congress) founded in Raleigh NC

• • • **1987** Sands Regency hosts the TOC for the first time

• • • **1991** first prize at ACC Open raised to \$10,000

2009 Sir John's 400th birthday party in Reno



Suckling at the Frick

The elegant galleries of the Frick Collection—an internationally renowned museum that is one of New York City's most remarkable cultural treasures—is housed in the former mansion of industrialist **Henry Clay Frick**. It contains some of the most exceptional works of Western art. Ranging from the Renaissance through the late nineteenth century, the collection includes works by celebrated artists such as Goya, El Greco, Holbein, Manet, Monet, Rembrandt, Renoir, Titian, Vermeer, and Whistler, as well as fine French porcelains, Italian bronzes, sculptures, and period furniture.

Among the many beautiful portraits on permanent view in the Oval Room of the Frick Collection is **Van Dyck's painting of Sir John Suckling**, inventor of cribbage. This oil-on-canvas portrait measures 85½" x 51¼" and was painted between 1632 and 1641. (Note: this painting will be temporarily off view from February to May 2009.) For further information, go to frick.org.



All Stars Shoot for Reno

Each year the top eight players from each region gather for one of the most prestigious and competitive matches in the ACC. The 19th All Star Tournament will be held at 6:30p on Thursday, February 5, at the Sands Regency in Reno. The Eastern Region currently holds a 7-6-5 lead. The Central Region is defending champion.

The format has each region fielding an eight-person squad, playing one game against each player from the other two regions, for a total of sixteen games. The entry fee is \$100, with an optional \$20 Q-pool.

The top eight players from each region are listed below, along with three alternates. Each player should contact his or her team captain (the first player listed in each column) to indicate whether they will be playing in this event.

Western	Central	Eastern
Erik Locke (503.754.2979)	Brad Behm (920.739.4358)	Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693)
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Mel Ashley	Robert Julian	David Campbell
Roland Hall	Les Kvien	Keith Widener
Bob Bartosh	Tony Danihel	Bruce Sattler
Cy Madrone	Wayne Steinmetz	Phil Martin
Jeanne Jelke	Bob McCabe	Bill Medeiros
Jim Crawford	Beth Witter	Earle Remington
James Langley	Douglas Henderson	Henry Douglass
DeLynn Colvert	Donald Flesch	Larry Phifer
Ronald Morgan	Jerome Fischer	Laurence Samet

Spectators
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COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

mlive.com The 15-2 in Kalamazoo Cribbage Club received a very nice write-up in the Kalamazoo *Hometown Gazette*, which resulted in five new members.

wickedlocal.com The Red Sox recently gave AL MVP **Dustin Pedroia** a six-year contract worth \$40.5 million. When he heard about the contract extension, Red Sox manager **Terry Francona**, who regularly trounces Dustin in their cribbage games, said: "I feel like I got a bump in salary because of his cribbage skills."

valdostadailytimes.com Remembering

his own time lying in a naval hospital sixty years ago with nothing to do but think about his coming tour of duty, **Don Covel** (Adel GA) has—at age 85—started making cribbage boards for fellow veterans across the country. So far he has sent 204 boards to VA hospitals.

wickedlocal.com **Harold Rouse** (Hudson MA) has been playing cribbage with his wife **Betty** for over sixty years, and he recently got his first-ever 29-hand. Betty dealt her husband the perfect hand but still managed to win the game!

The President's Column

by Jeanne Hofbauer



I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you have a successful year of pegging ahead of you.

I have been asked what goal I would like to attain in competitive cribbage. My answer is always “winning the Tournament of Champions”! (*Please*, no comments about my ability to attain my fantasy!) I look forward to the whole weekend of events held each February in Reno and think it is one of the high points of my cribbage year. I enjoy seeing many friends from all over the United States and Canada, meeting new players, and getting to connect faces to names I see published in *Cribbage World*. Plus, I look forward to a great weekend of competition.

One of the best things about the tournament is the makeup of the field, combining those who normally play only in Grass Roots or on the internet and occasional and avid tournament players. I know that Reno is not an easy destination

for many of you to get to, involving winter travel, long distances, and of course the costs. But, if you can get there and experience it at least once, I would encourage you to do so. **Barbara Woodward** from the Sands, TOC director **Joan Rein**, and JPW/ACC Open directors **Scott Kooistra**, **Roy Hofbauer**, and me—plus our huge list of volunteers—will strive to make it a fun weekend for you. And we can count on the Sands as a great host facility to provide us with many benefits, including large additions to the prize fund.

And for those of you who can't seem to get enough cribbage, there are nearby midweek tournaments before and after the Reno weekend (see Tournament Trail for details). Plus you can check out the BOD in action by observing the meeting on Thursday! Hope to see you there.

Jeanne

Tournament of Champions

The invitation-only TOC will be held on Friday, February 6, in Reno NV. The list of invitees is posted on the ACC website (cribbage.org). Entry forms may be mailed in or submitted online through the Sands website (sandsrenoevents.com).

If you do not see your name on the list of TOC invitees and you think it should be there, please contact Joan Rein:

- phone: 952.448.2459
- email: accgrassroots@earthlink.net
- mail: PO Box 306, Carver MN 55315

If you earned an invitation this year but will not be 21 years of age by February 6, please advise Joan so you can use your invitation another year.

Welcome to New Members

The ACC welcomed 106 new members during November. When you see these folks down the tournament trail or at your cribbage club, welcome them with a hearty handshake, answer their questions, and then sit down with them and enjoy the best two-handed card game ever invented.

Mary Atkins (Electric City WA)
Theresa Barnes-Holmstrom (Holt MI)
David C. Bausch (Laguna Woods CA)
Jeff Beaudin (Wyoming MI)
Rick Beck (Cathlamet WA)
Sal Benisatto (Taunton MA)
Jodie Bennett (Port Angeles WA)
John Black (Colfax NC)
Mark A. Black (Colfax NC)
Trevor Black (Colfax NC)
Gary Brandt (Hot Springs Village AR)
Donald Branscombe (Hot Springs Village AR)
Rose Branscombe (Hot Springs Village AR)
Bill Breitbach (Henrico VA)
Granville A. Brown (South Portland ME)
Robert A. Burch (Collinsville IL)
Peter Campanale (Bottineau ND)
Vernon L. Carder (Boise ID)
Jack C. Clark (Seward NE)
Bob Cunningham (Hot Springs Village AR)
Leanne Cunningham (Hot Springs Village AR)
Mark Cyr (El Dorado Hills CA)
Victor Del Grasso (Saint Paul MN)
Diana DePietro (Apopka FL)
Miles Dickinson (Westminster MD)
Catherine Dionne (Newington CT)
Russell Dionne (Newington CT)
Lawrence Doroff (Palatine IL)
Jim Duda (Jalisco, Mexico)
Tanis Edstrom (Fairbanks AK)
Joyce S. Edwards (Hot Springs Village AR)
William P. English (Wyoming MI)
Marie Fankhauser (Hot Springs Village AR)
Shawn Fox (Seal Beach CA)
Terry Gainor (Hot Springs Village AR)
Corinne J. Gams (Hot Springs Village AR)
Richard F. Gams (Hot Springs Village AR)
Jim Gavegan (Boulder CO)
Anna Giannotti (Westwood CA)
Tammy Gibbons (Beaverton OR)
Harold Goebel (Galvin WA)
Dean Goings (Seward NE)
Sandra Gores (Kent WA)
Nick Green (Kentwood MI)

Katarina Haist (Kalamazoo MI)
Craig Hania (Yuma AZ)
Craig A. Hannula (Lake Linden MI)
Sharon Harmon (Albuquerque NM)
Loren Hartinger (Stevensville MT)
Erik Hedeon (Sequim WA)
Shannon Henegar (Sacramento CA)
Doris E. Hillis (Anchorage AK)
Mike Huddleston (Ocean Park WA)
Chad Irish (Caledonia MI)
Al James (Port Angeles WA)
Carla Jays (Prince George BC, Canada)
Steve Joseph (Susanville CA)
Janet Judd (Clovis CA)
David A. Justin (Middletown CT)
Joan Kennett (North Stratford NH)
Fred Kreutzkamp (San Diego CA)
Darlene Linan (Denver CO)
Larry Lindberg (Port Angeles WA)
Edward Lizewski (Jackman ME)
Valerie Lizewski (Jackman ME)
Maxwell MacDonald (Denver CO)
David McCallum (Bay City MI)
Michael J. McDonough (Carver MA)
Alex McGuinness (Grandview WA)
Sandy Miresse (Hot Springs Village AR)
Brian Moore (Susanville CA)
Teryn Moore (Susanville CA)
David A. Morris (Wyoming MI)
Andria Murray (Winston Salem NC)
Dan Myers (Altoona IA)
Thomas E. Myers Jr. (Charleston SC)
Joane Neprud (Apache Junction AZ)
Terry Nightingale (Crescent City CA)
Bette O'Connor (Medford MA)
Dennis Olney (Ankeny IA)
Vicki L. Pagels (Norfolk VA)
Daniel Paterson (Caldwell NJ)
Charlie Perthes (Bay City MI)
Robert Phelps (Graeagle CA)
Shirley Phelps (Brighton CO)
Matthew Phibbs (Arcata CA)
Darlene Ramirez (Susanville CA)
Alan Rich (Hot Springs Village AR)

BY THE BOOK

The Right Jack is the fourth in a series of mystery novels about New York detective Sigrid Harald. The story begins with Sigrid's partner, Detective Tilden, attending a cribbage tournament at a local prestigious hotel. He is injured after a small bomb is detonated when a nearby player pegs out. (I guess not only should one count the cards in the deck before starting play, but look for loose wires in the cribbage board from now on!) The book has the usual suspects, including the rich banker, the beautiful naval officer, and the college professor, all of whom have some questionable associations or backgrounds.

Kudos to the author, a North Carolina native, for her cribbage research. The book has quite a few cribbage references that many of us can relate to. She touches on basic counting and mentions board position as strategy. Whining about blank hands is part of the background noise of the tournament. Attention is paid to the hospitality room, a staple at the National Open in Raleigh NC. The tournament in the book is played in roughly the same double elimination format of the National Open, and Raleigh is mentioned as a site where one of the characters had attended a tournament previously.

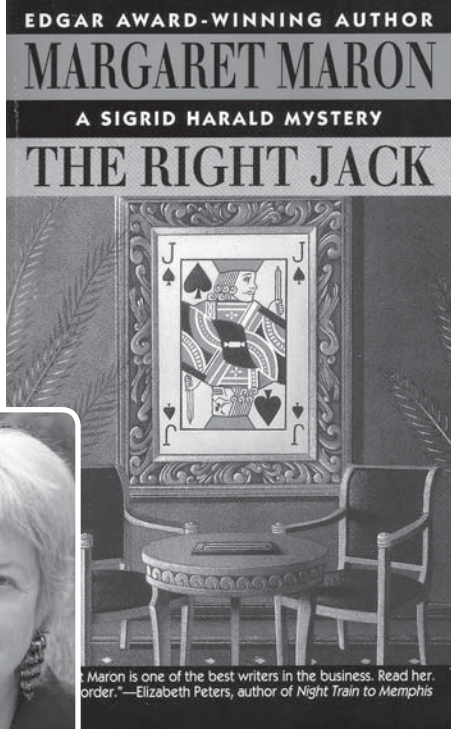
Written in 1987, *The Right Jack* is still in print. More information about Margaret Maron may be found on her website: margaretmaron.com.

A CW REVIEW BY BARRI GEHRAND

Barri plays Grass Roots cribbage at Club 119 in Marietta GA. The club uses its Tuesday night meetings as an informal book swap. Members bring in books they are done reading and share them with their fellow peggers.

Joan Rich (Hot Springs Village AR)
Michael Patrick Rodgers (Anchorage AK)
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Doug Schmick (Anchorage AK)
David Schoenhaar (Hot Springs Village AR)
Jerry Schutz (Hot Springs Village AR)
Jon Selbyg (Poulsbo WA)
Renate Springsted (Hot Springs Village AR)

Phil Stephenson (Hot Springs Village AR)
Dale Stollsteimer (Hot Springs Village AR)
Richard Sullivan (Middleboro MA)
Harold Tokerud (Pahrump NV)
Todd VanDehey (Boise ID)
Roger E. Walker (Sonora CA)
Ben White (Kernersville NC)
Richard E. Wilken (Puyallup WA)
Marie V. Wilson (Hot Springs Village AR)



GAME ON



Youth Teaching Tip

As kids begin to grasp cribbage concepts, I love to see their reactions to the cut card. When they catch a cut, their eyes light up, they get ear-to-ear grins, and a resounding "yes" echoes around the room. When the cut card does nothing for them, it looks as if they lost their best friend. I let this go on for a while, as I don't want to dampen their enthusiasm. But as they prepare for tournament play, it's time to have a chat with them about the importance of a poker face while playing cribbage. After this, when I see a student get excited about, say, a 7 cut, I gently let him or her know that their opponent now knows they are holding middle cards.

Chico Youth Tournament

A youth cribbage tournament will take place in Chico CA on January 24. More than forty youths are already signed up, and this promises to be a terrific event for your child, grandchild, and all junior players. To sign up, contact **Richard Aguilera** (530.891.3107 or raguiler@chicousd.org).

Grass Valley Youth Tournament

There is still time to sign up for the 16th annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament on February 28 in Grass Valley CA. Contact **Dan Zeisler** at (530.274.3124 or danthefan@yahoo.com).

Teaching Manuals

I have sent out nearly seven hundred teaching manuals—mostly all over the United States, but also Canada, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Japan, and France. This promotes the ACC throughout the country and across the globe! If you would like a teaching manual, email me, and I will send an electronic version. Recent requests for youth teaching manuals were received from the following people. Watch for a youth boom in these areas:

- **Janet Meinert** (Richmond VA)
- **Ann Hall** (Paris, France)
- **Joe Hussey** (Columbus OH)
- **Susanna Ball** (San Diego CA)

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.

Q&A

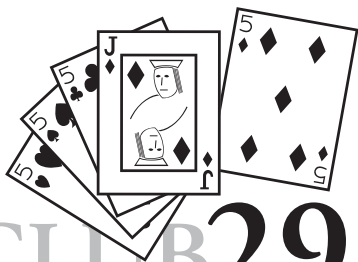
Cribbage Quiz

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

Did **Sir John Suckling** ever score a 29-hand?

Answer on page 25.

Hotel reservations for Reno may be made by phone (1-866-FUN-STAY) or by mailing the ACC Open entry form in the centerfold. The room rate is \$45 plus tax.



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New Cribbage Masters

715. Dottie Vandenberghe (Sharon MA)

716. Dan Taylor (Inver Grove Height MN)

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)

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CRIBBAGE BOWL play will begin at 3:30 p.m. sharp. DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CRIBBAGE BOWL IF YOU ARE PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. Entry fee \$50. On-site registration between noon and 3 p.m. Play 1 game vs 12 opponents. No playoffs. 100% PAYBACK plus trophies.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

MAIN TOURNAMENT play will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Limited to first 1,024 players, enter early! (Money refunded if unable to play.) Entry fee \$80 for ACC Members (\$95 for new members) includes \$20 Q. Qualifying round will consist of 1 game vs 22 opponents, cut for deal. Top 25% advance to best 3 of 5 playoff. (Finals best 4 of 7.) \$10,000.00 ADDED by the Sands Regency! PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Q-Pool 100% Payback, graduated 1 of 8. THERE WILL BE PLAYOFF ROUNDS ON SATURDAY, CHECK POSTED SCHEDULE.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT play will begin at 9:15 sharp. Entry fee \$40, includes \$10 Q. No pre-registration. Please register on Saturday night or Sunday morning before 8:30. Qualifying round will consist of 1 game vs 9 opponents. Top 25 % advance to best 2 of 3 playoff. (Finals best 3 of 5.) \$1,000.00 ADDED by the Sands Regency. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Q-Pool 100% Payback, graduated 1 of 8.

VISIT WWW.CRIBBAGE.ORG

TO ENTER THESE EVENTS ON-LINE BY PAYPAL.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: JANUARY 23, 2009

Questions? E-mail Scott Kooistra: radiowade75@yahoo.com

or call Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer: 1-360-835-3623.

Please enter on-line [small fee applies] or by mail, no telephone entries.

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Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

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Hotel Deposit \$ 51.08 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

***REMINDER: Do NOT enter the Cribbage Bowl in advance if you are playing in the Tournament of Champions.**

The Internal Revenue Service considers prize money earned in excess of \$600 as prize money which must be reported. The Sands Regency is required by law to withhold 30% of prize money of \$600 or more awarded to non-US citizens or US Citizens who do not have or cannot provide a valid US Social Security number.

November Wrap-Up

Mark Van Dyke (*loosespokes*) maintained his top position. James Gear (*Gearer*) and Michelle Barthelmess (*Frazu2*) came from outside the top 10% to positions 4 and 5, respectively. Mike Fetchell (*mfetchCT425*) also jumped into the top 10.

Don Ellis Stepping Down

Don Ellis stepped down from the internet cribbage program effective November 30. For more than five years, Don served selflessly as internet statistician, leader of tournament directors, and tournament director. His efforts directly contributed to the success of the ACC internet cribbage program. To thank Don for his service, send him email at lonestardon55@satx.rr.com.

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

date	day	time	type	scoring
Jan. 3	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 4	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 5	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 8	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 10	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 11	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 12	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 15	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 17	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 18	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 19	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 22	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 24	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 25	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 26	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 29	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	manual
Jan. 31	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Feb. 1	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Feb. 2	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	manual

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

11/08.winners

11/1	John F. Reed
11/2	Louis Choiniere
11/3	Richard Orff
11/6	Michelle Barthelmess
11/8	Monica Hunt
11/9	Michelle Barthelmess
11/10	Gerald D. Oxford
11/11	Rick Allen
11/13	Robert M. Maupin
11/15	Barbara Larson
11/16	Mike Fetchel
11/17	Tom Langford
11/20	Dennis Misenar
11/22	James Gear
11/23	Lois M. Fosdal
11/24	Philip R. Beauregard
11/29	John Schafer

Temporary Suspension of Cribbage Cup

Cribbage Cup play has been temporarily suspended. The present slate of TDs cannot conduct the Cribbage Cup on Tuesdays because of conflicts with Grass Roots play. The Cribbage Cup will resume when we have a TD who is free on Tuesdays, or when we can identify a better day for this tourney.

internet.standings

IRPs name (tournaments played)

- 1 312 Mark Van Dyke (49)
- 2 291 Ronald Boulé (46)
- 3 279 Ron Larson (65)
- 4 258 James Gear (31)
- 5 246 Michelle Barthelmess (28)
- 6 243 Barbara Larson (61)
- 7 240 Rick Allen (33)
- 8 225 Doug Henderson (37)
- 9 222 Mike Fetchel (37)
- 10 216 Jeff Crane (49)

New Statistician and TD Leader

The new ACC internet statistician is **Rick Allen**, who was the first statistician prior to Don assuming that responsibility. The new leader of internet tournament directors is **Jerry Oxford**, who will be responsible for TD scheduling and TD training. Both volunteers assumed their responsibilities on December 1.

Cribbage Quiz Answer

During the first couple hundred years of its existence as a game distinct from noddly, cribbage (then known as “cribbidge”) was a game where five (not six) cards were dealt to each player, each threw two cards into the crib, and the goal was to score 61 (not 121) points. After the pegging, each player then had only four cards to work with—three cards in hand plus the starter card. Since it is impossible to score a 29-hand with only four cards, **Sir John Suckling** could never have held a perfect hand. However, since the crib contained four cards plus the starter, he could have scored a 29-crib!

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**Nathan Malinowski
(MI) beat me by 39
at Grass Roots club**

Leading a Five

by Larry Samet

You would of course never lead the 5 when holding A-2-3-5—right? Don't be so sure. Read on.

Leading a 5 is an underused play, with multiple advantages. I lead 5s often in tournaments; in fact, I lead 5s more than anyone I know. I do it for offense, I do it for defense, and I do it in special situations.

The classic hand is a 5 and three different picture cards, say J-Q-K. If you lead a 5, which is almost always the correct play for this specific hand, your opponent may make 15-2 with any of nine cards (three Js, three Qs, three Ks) that you can match and four cards (the 10s) that you cannot. Beyond that, the play has two very specific advantages.

Defensively, if you lead a K and your opponent goes 15-2, what do you do? Pairing the 5 is suicidal, with the risk that your opponent has two more 5s and pegs 19 more holes. Leading the 5 sets you up with a safe hand, at the cost of two points, which you recoup 9/13 of the time when your opponent plays a face card. Second, leading the 5 is a very offensive play and often results in pegging many more points than you would otherwise do. Let's see how that works.

In the first scenario you lead a 5, and when the dealer goes 15-2 with a K, you pair it, for two points. Dealer goes 30 with a 5. You now lead your Q from J-Q, and if your opponent has 10, J, or K, you get three or four pegs, for a total of five or six pegs on this hand.

In scenario #2, you lead the 5, dealer

makes 15-2 with a face card that you cannot pair, and so you make the count 25. The dealer then plays two small cards (A-4 or 2-3). With your two remaining picture cards, you are set up to peg three or four points. These plays work anywhere on the board, in any position.

Those are the most common scenarios with the 5 lead, and they help offensively and defensively. But is that all? Let's look closer. For example, at times you hold 5-7-8-9. Leading the 7 is disastrous when the count goes 7, 15, 24, 31; and so is leading the 9: if the dealer makes 15-2, you are left with three bad plays: 5, 7, or 8. Leading the 8—which we all do—is bad when the count so often goes 8, 15, 24, 30, and we peg three to dealer's seven.

Instead, lead the 5! If dealer goes 15-2, you have lost two points, but you are safe. At times, this results in my favorite pegging sequence. I go 5, dealer makes it 14 with a 9, and I pair the 9 for two points. You can feel your opponent deflate when that happens.

Other hands also begin to suggest themselves. I often lead a 5 from 5-9-10-J or from 5-10-J-J, and so on. It is a safe lead and has the offensive potential similar to leading from 5-10-J-Q.

There is always the possibility the play can backfire. You go 5, dealer makes 15-2 with the face card you don't have, you run the count to 25, and then the dealer plays 3-2-1 for 31-for-5. You will find, however, that the benefits are much more reliable than the drawbacks.

You will find that a good opponent be-

gins to anticipate you and will match your 5. The defense against this is to sometimes lead a 5 from hands with two 5s, so that their play carries risk. This happens more often in home games (my son, for example, knows my every trick), but I also do it against very observant opponents who seem to remember every play I have ever made.

Lastly, there are special situations. You are at hole 111, and the dealer is in hole 110. You hold 5-6-7-8 and the cut is a Q. You need to peg two. Your capable opponent will play off if you lead 6, 7, or 8.

But what if you lead the 5? The dealer will play away from your 5, and you win if he plays 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, or 8, and you still have chances if he plays A or 9.

So—you are at hole 112, hold A-2-3-5, and cut a K. Opponent is at hole 110. You need to peg two. What do you lead? The 5 is almost a sure bet to win. You do the math.

*Life Master (★)
Larry Samet pegs up a
storm from his home
in Wellesley MA.*



Milestones!

Dave Carey (Nokomis IL)
turns 70 on January 11

E. E. Lewis (Grass Valley CA)
turns 80 on January 24

Stat of the Month		Percentage of eligible players who played in the TOC:		eligible entrants		players	
	%		%				
2003	41.6	508	1,221				
2004	41.7	540	1,296				
2005	38.8	524	1,352				
2006	39.7	552	1,391				
2007	39.9	568	1,424				
2008	36.9	548	1,486				
2009	TBD	TBD	1,533				

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ACC Awards



Herschel Mack
(McKinleyville CA)
Life Master (★) #51

Herschel joined the ACC in 1994, won his first tourney at the World Championship in Quincy CA in the late 1990s, and since then has won eighteen more events. His favorite tournaments are the Tax Relief (with three championships and two runner-up trophies—why not?) and the Humboldt Bay Classic, which he and his wife founded and ran for eleven years. A member of Grass Roots Club 194 (Eureka CA), he has been club champ too many times to count. Herschel's toughest opponents are, by region, Phyllis Schmidt, Wayne Steinmetz, and Jim Langle. His favorite cribbage moment this year was winning the Alta CA consolation and the Hermiston OR main in back-to-back weeks. Away from the cribbage board, Herschel follows the

Portland Trailblazers and enjoys playing scrabble with his ninety-year-old mother. And once a week this retired university professor reads aloud to second graders.

Don is one of the ACC's really nice guys. He's been around forever (he joined in 1981), served on the BOD in its prehistoric years, and is a member of the original Grass Roots club: Madison #1. But he's really fun to be around because he doesn't take himself too seriously. That's why he sometimes wears a T-shirt with "Mr. Cribbage" on the front, while the back reads: "A legend in his own mind." Don learned this great game from Buddy Baer, looks to Larry Rowley as his cribbage mentor, and considers Leo Schwedsky to be his toughest opponent. While not collecting MRPs, Don collects stamps and eye wash cups.

Donald T. Tofte
(Madison WI)
Life Master #160



Bob Bartosh
(Sacramento CA)
Life Master #161

Bob learned to play cribbage from his grandfather many years ago. He joined the ACC in 2002 and in just a few short years has made the All American team twice, won seven tourneys, and been champion of Club 343 in Elk Grove CA three times. Bob counts Duane Toll, Jim Langle, and Ron Morgan as his mentors. Favorite tourneys: Topaz NV and Smith River CA. Toughest opponent: Jackie Doppelt. Favorite cribbage moment this year: when Pam Pomeroy got her Grand Master. Bob's non-cribbage interests include family, sports, and poker.

Joe Seigle taught Paul how to play cribbage and encouraged him to join the ACC in the mid-1980s. After twenty-two years Paul won his first tournament—the Dante Club consolation in 2007—and in the past three months has won two more. Prior to this, the highlight of his cribbage career was being high qualifier at the 2004 GN in Atlanta. His toughest opponent is Bill Shoemaker. Non-cribbage interests include watching UConn basketball, the Red Sox, and the Phillies. Now retired, Paul spends his time playing Grass Roots cribbage at the Metro-Hartford Club 26 and teaching ESL and citizenship classes.

Paul Batterson
(Tolland CT)
Grand Master #276



Cribbage Board of the Month

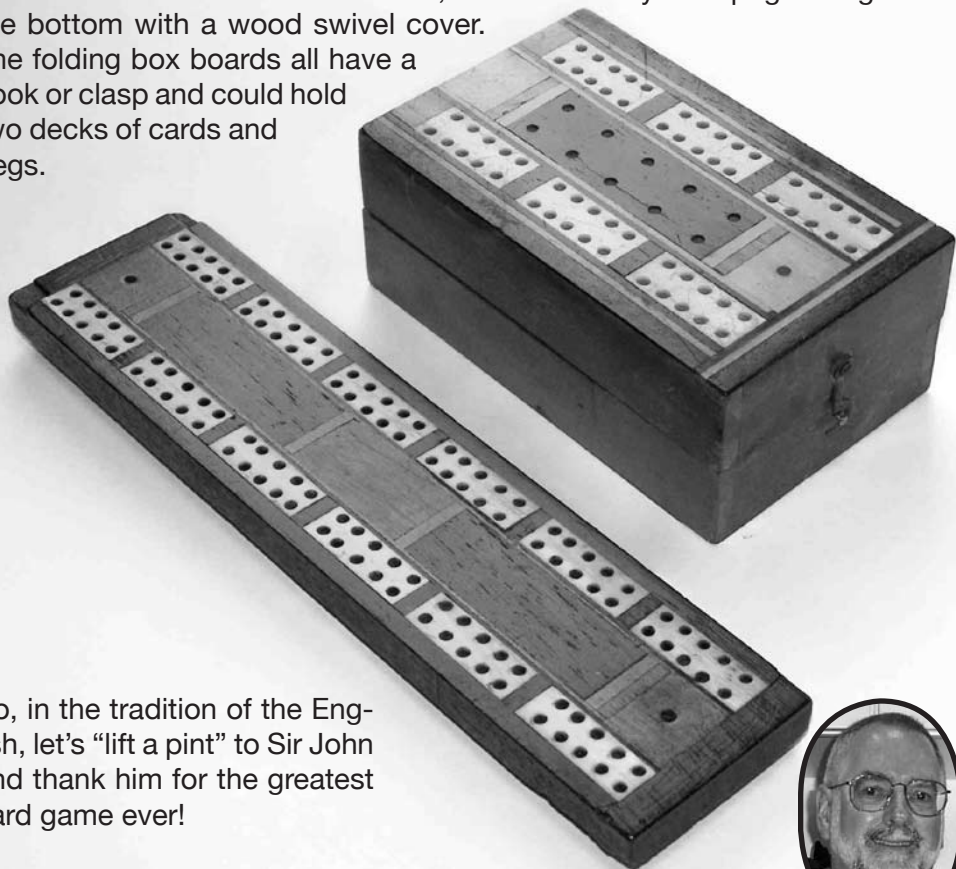
BY JAY FULWIDER

Most ACC members know that the game of cribbage was invented by Englishman **Sir John Suckling** sometime in the 1600s.

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Sir John's birth on February 10, 1609, this month's column features two English boards. These are very typical of English cribbage boards, with wood and bone inlay.

Almost all English boards have a single "game hole" at each end. And most of the flat boards have four wooden "bun" feet attached to the bottom with a tack or nail. The flat boards have peg storage, usually with holes on each end and a brass swivel cover, or occasionally with peg storage on the bottom with a wood swivel cover.

The folding box boards all have a hook or clasp and could hold two decks of cards and pegs.



So, in the tradition of the English, let's "lift a pint" to Sir John and thank him for the greatest card game ever!



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.

GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

as of 11/08/2008

Division 1

Points ♦ Name (Club)

150	Lawrence Hussey (343)
146	Tad Pilecki (54)
132	Floryan P. Sowinski (139)
130	Lyle R. Lund (215)
129	Susan A Sirianni (306)
128	Carl Stone Jr. (194)
126	Russ Cuckler (290)
126	Albert N. Miller (314)
125	Mariette Debaugh (230)
124	Dennis Koehler (120)
123	Keith W. Forrest (69)
123	John Hiland (6)
123	James L. Kahue (110)
118	Pete Johnson (156)
118	Michael S. McCammon (11)
118	Dave Stratford (100)
117	Tom Cookman (194)
116	Michael J. Foley (109)
114	Charles Collins (300)
114	Thomas M. Halatsis (295)
114	Bill Medeiros (72)
113	Joe Dunn (202)
113	Greg Schleusner (222)
112	Tom Calvert (119)
112	Brenda Carson (71)
112	Robert Milk (178)
111	Thomas Mintner (6)
110	James A. Clark (337)
110	John Simac (25)
109	Phillip Babcock (89)
109	Sharon L. Liotta (89)
107	David Boyer (300)
107	Jerold E. Montgomery (159)
106	Larry Morse (6)
105	Norbert Upton (215)
104	Frank E. Hanson (198)
104	Vern Mierkey (190)
104	Bob Prochnow (337)
103	Robert A. Read (22)
102	Harry Hastings (204)
102	Erik Royland Locke (28)
102	Gary Wirth (261)
101	Susan Chambers (113)
101	Steven D. Hays (305)
101	Joe Lilley (350)
101	Jim McKnight (100)
100	Joy Barnes (230)
100	Jay Fulwider (148)

Division 2

Points ♦ Name (Club)

87	Rick Vee (96)
83	Terry Bond (38)
82	Nick Vowell (38)
79	Carl L. Heath (38)
77	Wendell Woodard (219)
69	Richard Caiazzo (267)
68	Leroy Schecher (96)
64	Amelee Killion (27)
62	Ralph Haynes (219)
62	John F. Wichland (220)
61	Franklin Robinson (245)
60	John Mandigo (219)
59	Tom Bombaci Jr. (245)
59	Dennis Lunn (219)
56	Jane Cannizzaro (5)
54	Ruth Viennuau (130)
52	Richard F. Bett Sr. (5)
51	Al Logan (111)
51	Dorothy Westerlund (267)
50	Cindy Rowe (38)
48	Leon Korba (27)
46	Claire Hebert (219)
45	Helen Davis (111)
45	Louis Vienneau (130)
45	Whip Wilson (220)

Division 3

Points ♦ Name (Club)

69	Michael Maloney (353)
66	Henry Douglass (102)
61	Jon Taylor (24)
55	James Sizemore (354)
50	Orbin Hatton (354)
45	Bob Herzog (150)
44	David Rauh (353)
43	John Alig (24)
43	David Shreve (102)
42	Ray Lanoue (150)
40	Richard Sanphy (353)

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).



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 or 7916 Eagle Rock Ave NE, Albuquerque NM 87122-2753.

Corner

Club directors and statisticians—four months of the current season have passed and a lot of tournaments are still not posted. If your tournaments have not been posted, it's probably because some players have not yet paid their ACC or GR fees *or* you have not entered the completed tournaments into the GR website. Please follow up and bring your tournaments up to date. Questions?—email your regional statistician.

Club 232 (Chehalis-Centralia WA)—**Jim Tuning** scored a rarity—the Royal Ann—in mid-November. He held suited A-6-7-8 and cut an Ace. (Can you find all 17 points in this hand? Can you score a Royal Ann in the crib?) Nine Royal Anns have been scored in our club, or once every 59,121 deals, which makes this more than seven times rarer than a 28-hand. Even though our club pot pays \$75 for this beauty, the Royal Ann is rare because most players generally hold a double run of middle cards instead of the flush. Not only does this give you ten or twelve points before the cut, but a middle-card as the cut gives you a shot at twenty-four points. Because of this, the frequency rate and the mathematical prob-

abilities are miles apart on this hand. *submitted by Ras*

Golden Horseshoe Club 342 (Burlington ON) will start up on Tuesday, January 6. This is the first Grass Roots club in eastern Canada and joins existing Canadian clubs in Edmonton AB, Kelowna BC, Prince George BC, and Vancouver BC. We hope to increase ACC awareness and membership in Ontario's "Golden Horseshoe." Registration is at 7p at Royal Canadian Legion #60, 828 Legion Road (off Grahams Lane and opposite Prospect Street, one block south of Fairview Street). Contact club director **Hal Mueller** for more info (905.973.5643 or cribbage@mountaincable.net). *submitted by Hal Mueller*

Gold Country Cribbers Club 306 (El Dorado Hills CA) has moved to a new location: we now play every Wednesday evening at the El Dorado Hills Senior Center, 990 Lassen Lane (at the corner of El Dorado Hills Blvd). If you are out our way, please stop in for an evening of fun. Three players recently scored 28-hands: **Marvin Merrill** (GRRT on October 10), **Marge Neifert** (October 27), and visitor **Gordie Brown**

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Rule of the Month—Mixing the Hand with Other Cards

If a player mixes his or her hand with the crib or pack before it is counted and pegged and before the opponent confirms the count, the player forfeits the count of the hand. If the crib is involved and the dealer mixes the crib with the pack, the dealer forfeits the crib count.

(October 22). And **Roy Martin** had a grand slam on November 12. *submitted by John "Jack" Throne*

Club 332 (Jackson MI)—On October 15 **Austin Adams** had this year's first 28-hand. On November 12 **Lyle De Moulpied** won all nine games for the club's second grand slam. And on November 19 **James Stratton** scored his fourth 28-hand since January 1, 2008. *submitted by Walter Wasielewski*

Club 343 (Elk Grove CA)—with people taking late vacations and other things to do before winter sets in, our turnout in November forced us to miss two weeks of play. But on November 19 **Lawrence Hussey** scored his second grand slam this season, with a nice 20/9 +167 scorecard. *submitted by Joe Remlinger*

Club 54 (Antioch CA)—through thirteen weeks, there is no doubt who the best player has been this season. With 131 points in eleven tournaments, **Tad Pilecki** is one of the national leaders, averaging a remarkable 12 GRPs per event played. October 13, however, was a different story. Tad posted a 0/0 -123 string of pearls—proving that it happens to the best of us. How did he do the next week? He posted an 18/9 +101 grand slam for a rare back-to-back! *submitted by Paul Gregson*

Chesapeake Bay Area Cribbage Club 272 (Crofton MD)—on December 2 club member **Dutch Gehrlich** scored his first-ever 29-hand after playing cribbage for

GrassRootsAwards

Silver Award

Avon C. Ray (55), CA
Jerry Brisgel (55), CA
George B. Waudby (139), CA
Jack Puleo (308), MA
Duane W. Toll (62), OR

Bronze Award

Lorne Tanton (261), AB
Audrey Hatto (261), AB
Shelley Berman (79), CA
Gerald D. Oxford (98), CA
Michael G. Ardelean (295), MI
Albert N. Miller (314), NH
Whip Wilson (220), NH
Philip J. Swenson (204), WA
Glenna R. Little (243), WA
Don Kreutzer (120), WI

many years! He collected over \$110 from the skunk can, so Dutch can now take the Mrs. out to dinner! After adding two new members—**Dave Lewis** and **Bill Flammer**—we now have over twenty players on our roster. *submitted by Tom Brent*

Club 261 (Edmonton AB)—on November 26 **Chuck Tetrault** turned in a superb 19/9 +148 grand slam to take first place.

New Grass Roots Clubs

#363: Traverse City MI—Traverse City Cribbage Club; Thursday 6:30p @ Horizon Books (243 E Front St); director: T. J. Ewing (231.228.7213 or tjewing@bogwater.com)

#364: Sturgeon Lake MN—Mad House Cribbage Club; Wednesday 7p @ Ray & Marge's (36700 Lakeland Rd); director: Martin Stanley (218.372.4227 or marty55783@frontiernet.net)

His traveling companion, **Nora Wilson**, managed to win only two games, but did score a 28-hand to pick up a nice bonus. Chuck and Nora have played in only two of the first thirteen weeks of play—so one can only wonder at the damage this duo could cause should they attend more frequently! *submitted by Gary Wirth*

Club 109 (Stoughton MA)—at our tenth tournament, three 28-hands were scored: one by **Ed Ciccone** (his second of the year) and *two* by **Michelle McLaughlin**, which gives the club ten award certificates in ten tournaments. Competition is heating up for GRP leadership. **Mike Foley** is the current leader, with **Tom McLaughlin** in second place. The walking wounded are still limping, and we wish them well. *submitted by J. J. Campanella*

Club 127 (Newport OR)—**Mac McKinney** had a 28-hand but couldn't count it because the pone pegged out. A couple of weeks later, Mac cut another 28-hand, and this time he got to count it. And then on December 4 **Jack Shumate III** dealt Mac a 29-hand! *submitted by Mike Ritthaler*

Club 162 (Sacramento CA)—each year we celebrate Halloween with a Crazy Hat Contest. This year, **Larry Johnson**, **Richard**



Munroe, and **Pat Farris** took it a step further. Pat and Richard placed first and second in the most humorous category, Larry took first place for scariest. As for cribbage, Larry finished first out of forty-six players that night, so maybe it wasn't such a "drag" after all! *submitted by Annett Eiffert*

Club 140 (Sonora CA)—our fall trimester ended in mid-November, and the top four finishers were **Aubrey Cupp**, **Ed Rosenbaum**, **Frank Ross**, and **Bev Ross**. **Ed Tonneson** is still walking around with a big smile after getting his first grand slam. *submitted by Ed Rosenbaum*

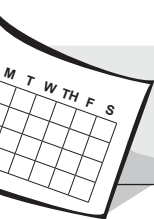
In Memoriam

Clyde Fish

Clyde Fish (Bradenton FL) passed away on December 5 at the age of 80. Co-founder (with wife Betsey) of Grass Roots club 328, Clyde was a courtly gentleman of the type not often found anymore, and he welcomed all new members into the club. Clyde loved to teach new members the secrets of counting that he had learned over the years, and he held nothing back. He will be greatly missed.

Pat Smith

Pat Smith (Sonora CA) passed away on November 14 following a heart attack. Pat's unique style of play will be missed. A former club director, Pat was GRP leader at the time of his death. In May 2008 he was very happy to get a 28-hand. To express our heartfelt sorrow at his passing, Club 140 donated to the American Heart Association in Pat's memory and welcomes other ACC members to do the same.



WEEKEND Tournaments

MRPs

as of 11/10/2008

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name	
1 808	James Langley, CA		1 736	Wayne Steinmetz, WI		1 578	Robert Milk, VA	
2 714	Duane W. Toll, OR		2 545	Donald Flesch, WI		2 476	Keith E. Widener, NC	
3 690	Roland A. Hall, CA		3 475	Douglas I. Henderson, WI		3 446	Larry Phifer, NC	
4 556	Todd Malmgren, OR		4 415	Mike Burns, MN		4 425	William J. Shoemaker, CT	
5 513	De Lynn Colvert, MT		5 404	Doug Page, WI		5 391	David Campbell, ME	
6 473	Donald L. Brown, CA		6 375	Robert Julian, WI		6 368	Susan Cousens, ME	
7 447	Jerold E. Montgomery, CA		7 341	Jerry Jaeger, NE		7 351	Paul Batterson, CT	
8 419	Jeanne Jelke, WA		8 336	Bob McCabe, WI		8 328	Donna Lafleur, CT	
9 398	Mel Ashley, CA		9 332	Frank Danielski, WI		9 300	Mark Soule, ME	
10 384	Willie Evans, WA		10 325	James Huser, WI		10 297	Ann Somers, MA	
11 379	Leslie G. Sumner, NV		11 320	Jerome Fischer, WI		11 292	Hal Mueller, ON	
11 379	Al Jean Simpson, CA		12 311	Diane Waite, MN		12 289	George E. Bickford, MA	
13 373	Herschel Mack, CA		13 300	Sharon Schaefer, WI		13 267	Roger J. Bouchard, CT	
14 364	Rickie Mack, CA		14 271	Emilio Perez, IL		14 264	Peter K. Lerch, NC	
15 357	Paul Hatcher, OR		15 262	Bart Jaeger, NE		15 260	Daniel Crete, NH	
16 347	H. Ross Njaa, CA		16 247	Lyle R. Lund, MN		16 250	Elijah H. White Jr., ME	
17 335	Rob Palmer, OR		17 236	Gary Haelfrisch, WI		17 235	Ken Patenaude, MA	
18 331	Cres Fernandez, CA		18 235	Martha Fingleton, WI		18 232	Henry S. Delong, MA	
19 327	Jim Crawford, CA		19 234	Joe Bernard, IL		19 229	John Blowers, FL	
20 320	Ervin C. Bentz, CA		20 233	Allen E. Karr, WI		20 224	Raymond Cook, MA	
21 319	Cy Madrone, CA		21 232	Dave Yaeger, MO		21 216	Jeannine Dubois, MA	
22 317	Shane Ward, CA		22 227	Roger Grandgeorge, IA		22 214	Ronald K. Reece, VA	
22 317	James Fanning, CA		23 216	Todd Brunner, MN		23 208	Michael Burnham, GA	
24 313	Michael McCammon, NV		24 205	Robert P. Chase, MN		24 202	Catherine Perkins, NC	
25 297	Bob Bartosh, CA		24 205	Marvin Lang, IL		25 201	Robert Medeiros, MA	
26 295	Jack Moritzky, WA		26 203	Rhynold Shave, WI		26 200	Peter Setian, MA	
27 279	Roy Hofbauer, WA		27 194	Tony Danihel, WI		26 200	Richard J. Andrew, NH	
28 260	Jones H. Horn, CA		28 187	Todd D. Schaefer, MN		28 184	Jim Hatch, NH	
29 253	Ira T. Deutsch, OR		29 182	Douglas M. Anderson, WI		29 182	Bill Medeiros, MA	
30 242	Lewis Skidmore, AB		30 178	Lloyd J. Heibel, MI		30 181	Jack Howsare, VA	
30 242	Barbara Stockham, CA		31 177	Ed Heinowski, WI		31 175	Phyllis Schmidt, MA	
32 241	Rich Ekman, CA		32 175	Lewis A. Gurney, WI		32 172	Robert J. Drukman, MA	
33 240	Rick Baird, OR		33 173	Lloyd L. Kraft, WI		33 170	Vicki Soule, ME	
34 236	Harvey Honeycutt, OR		34 168	Warren Sondericker, WI		33 170	Harvey Greenberg, VA	
34 236	Egon Koch, BC		35 167	Dan Selke, IL		35 156	Hugh A. Berry, VA	
36 234	Frank Ornie, OR		36 159	Jeff Shimp, MI		36 155	Jerry Gooden, NC	
36 234	Dan Marsh, OR		36 159	Jeanne Wauters, WI		37 151	Earle W. Remington, RI	
38 231	Tad Pilecki, CA		38 152	Thomas J. Koncan, IL		38 147	Lee Norris, RI	
39 228	Gerald Klein, BC		38 152	Steven Steinmetz, WI		38 147	David Samet, MA	
40 227	Sharon Hejtmanek, MT		40 151	Joy Shimp, MI		40 142	Norm Ferbert, MD	
41 221	Christy Lens, CA		40 151	Penny L. Shepherd, MN		41 139	Holli Remington, RI	
42 217	Tom Cookman, CA		40 151	Roger P. Wauters, WI		42 137	Merry Glass, CT	
43 215	Gerald Hahn Jr., OR		43 150	Doris Henken, IL		43 135	Henry Douglass, NC	
44 213	Gordon Brown, CA		44 147	Larry Waller, MO		44 134	Bud Reese, VA	
45 212	Dennis Morin, CA		45 146	Les Kvien, IL		45 132	Sal Scolaro, MA	
46 203	Bernie Nelson, OR		46 144	Gerald Gruber, MN		46 130	Merry Coburn, NY	
47 202	Sue Pisha, OR		47 142	Thomas M. Halatsis, MI		46 130	Lee Dillon, MA	
48 198	Betty Stewart, OR		48 137	W. Lee Tesch, WI		48 125	Dottie Vandenberghe, MA	
49 188	Peggy Walberg, CA		49 136	Kathy Maresch, WI		49 122	Tom Clark, NH	
50 187	Leslie L. Kovach, CA		50 135	Kay Miller, WI		50 121	John J. Noblet, VA	
						50 121	Jeff Gardner, OH	

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

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

January 3, First Chance

Frantone's, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pam [REDACTED] (29.2901), 980 Pebble Beach Rd, Beaumont CA 92223 or Harold Hilbert (714.397.3222)

January 4, Second Chance

Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse #5 (Gate 9), 24200 Calle Sonora, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: donuts, fruit, juice, lunch. Contact: Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983), 2212-A Via Mariposa E, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Paul Yellon (949.837.8177)

January 9-11, Peg for the Border

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

January 9-10, 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

January 9-11, 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)

Jan. 9-11, Virginia Cribbage Championships

Steven Kent Hospitality Center, 12205 S Crater Rd, Petersburg VA 23805. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7:30p \$30/team. Sat 7:30p \$20. Sat HR 7:30p \$50. Perks:

lunch. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225

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January 10-11, Vacaville Varsity Open

Leisure World Rec Center, 100 Sequoia Dr, Vacaville CA 95687. Main \$50. Sat 7p. Perks: snacks, lunch. Contact: Jackie Doppelt (707.447.7568), 158 Carlsbad Cir, Vacaville CA 95687

January 16-18, Midwest Match Play

Comfort Inn (231.739.9092), 1675 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49444. Main \$75. **Limit 64 players.** Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Main is match-play format like National Open; consolation is standard round-robin. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301 or Jeff Gardner (937.602.0690; jeff.gardner@wright.edu)

January 16-18, Georgia Open

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

January 16-18, Pacific Coast Championship

Masonic Lodge, 48 E San Joaquin, Salinas CA 93901. Main \$62. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$10. Team \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: David Shifflett (831.373.1040), 1319 Lawton Ave, Pacific Grove CA 93950 or H. Ross Njaa

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January 17, Edmonton New Year Open

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd NW, Edmonton AB. Main \$40. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lorne Tanton (780.478.8488), 7 Steele Crescent, Edmonton AB T5A 1G4 or Doris Sanders

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January 23–25, Portland Winter Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGilivray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Sun LC \$10. All Events \$20. Contact: Tim & Ken Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th Pl #7, Portland OR 97202

January 24, Fallbrook Avocado

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

January 25, Hawai'i Open

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

January 25, Superlite Cribbage Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Charlie & Judi Finley (860.745.1143), 16 Carol St, Enfield CT 06082

January 30–February 1, Northern Calif. Open

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

February 2–4, Susanville Winter Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Dr, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Mon \$10. Mon DBL 10p \$50/team. Tue 6:30p \$25. Tue HR 7p \$50. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397), 719-780 Alexander Ln, Standish CA 96128 or Peggy Scalley (530.260.0391)

February 7–8, ACC Open

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$80 (includes mandatory Q-pool). Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Scott Kooistra (402.617.3113) or Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623); **see centerfold in this issue**

February 10–12, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Topaz NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 3p \$10. Tue HR 6:30p. Tue DBL 7p \$40/team. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Valerie Sumner or A. J. Tasker or Bob Bartosh

February 13–14, Minnesota Winter Special

Chaska VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN. Main \$45. Fri \$20. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave, Minneapolis MN 55417 or Al Booth or Joan Rein

February 14, Valentine's Day Open

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

February 14, Heart of the Peninsula

Eagles Aerie #483, 110 S Penn St, Port Angeles WA 98362. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lisa Duff (360.808.7128), PO Box 2008, Port Angeles WA 98362

Feb. 20–22, N. New England Championship

Best Western, 580 U.S. 1 Hwy Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$25. Sat DBL 7p \$30/team. Perks: lunch. Contact: David Campbell (207.793.4377), 1321 North Rd, Parsonsfield ME 04047 or George Bryer

February 21, California Championship

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

February 22, Hawai'i Open

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

Feb. 27–March 1, Hampton Roads Shoot Out

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

March 6–8, Illinois Open

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

March 6–8, Redwood Coast

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

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

March 8, Tri-Valley Tournament

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

March 13-14, Waupaca Rotary Open

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

March 13-15, Winnemucca Classic

Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 7p \$50. Sat DBL 7p \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433 *or* James Langley *or* Diane Leal

March 13-15, Colorado Winter Open

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

March 15, Nemasker Cribbage Classic

Middleboro Elks, 24 High St, Middleboro MA 02346. Main \$50. Contact: David Bowen (508.224.2051), 57 Vinebrook Rd, Plymouth MA 02360 *or* Raymond Cook

March 20-22, Capital City Open

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

March 21-22, Chico Open

Chico Eagles Hall, 20th & Mulberry Sts, Chico CA 95928. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat \$20. Perks: beverages, donuts, lunch. Contact: Dennis Jacobs (530.343.7218), 3654 Cosby Ave, Chico CA 95928 *or* Pete Jackson *or* Bob Newman

March 22, March Thaw

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

March 27-29, March Madness

Ramada Inn (800.441.4709), 1520 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC 27607. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$30. Sat 7:30p \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Larry Phifer (919.788.9701), 901 Shellbrook Ct #5, Raleigh NC 27609

March 27-29, Lovelock Open

Sturgeons Casino, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 7p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerece, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

March 27-29, Roadrunner Classic

The Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85282. Main \$57. Fri \$20. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Super-Q \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, juice, cookies, lunch. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.241.5006) PMB 001 #43, 7151E Hwy 60, Gold Canyon AZ 85218

March 27-29, Mick Michaelis Classic

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

March 27-29, Northwest Open (Sissel Memorial)

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

March 29, Ed Schweitzer Memorial

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

April 3-5, Timber Capital Classic

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

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, 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)

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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

Radisson Hotel, 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 8p \$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

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 Cousins (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

Ukrop's Supermarket, 6610 Mooretown Rd, 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, Merrilan 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. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917

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, hospital-ity 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

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96813. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahe Pl, 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 Thistle 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, 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

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 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 (360.501.6885), 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. Contact: Lee Bailey (321.652.1278), 300 S Sykes Creek Pkwy #204, Merritt Island FL 32952

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 11, Truckee River Classic

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

June 12–14, 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 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 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 26–28, Schaefer Shuffle

Kettle Moraine 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

June 28, Hawai'i Open

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

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 Ceresse, Sparks NV 89434 or Les Sumner or Peggy Walberg or Bill Irons

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

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 (320.252.5329), 1212 Washington Memorial Dr Apt 134, Saint Cloud MN 56301 or Bob Joslin

Doing Joe One Better

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

1796 Ronald K. Reece (VA)

1738 Thomas T. Beucler (MN)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING • SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

HOLIDAY INN-AIRPORT • PORTLAND OR

Executive Vice-President Martha Fingleton called the meeting to order at 9a.

Roll call was taken. Present were Dave Aiken, Joe Bernard, George Bickford, David Campbell, Martha Fingleton, Larry Hassett, Sharon Hejتمانek, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Bob Julian, Tom Lewis, Al Lindner, Herschel Mack, Bill Medeiros, Bob Milk, Ron Morgan, Cathy Perkins, Joan Rein, Phyllis Schmidt, Jeff Shimp, Valerie Sumner, Fred White, Keith Widener, Dan Zeisler. Not present: Pat Barrett (excused absence).

Martha asked to change agenda item #12. Dave Aiken had cancelled his topic. Martha asked to substitute awarding the bid for Grand National 30, since the BOD had previously voted to award GN tournaments three years in advance. Cathy Perkins moved to accept the agenda with the change to item #12; 2nd by Valerie Sumner; amended agenda approved. Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2008 meeting in Reno; 2nd by Martha; motion approved.

Agenda Item #4, Election of Officers: Joe Bernard announced that there were two nominations for the office of president, and one nomination apiece for the other four positions. Nominees as follows: President: Al Lindner and Jeanne Hofbauer; Executive VP: Martha Fingleton; VP-Policy: Larry Hassett; VP-Operations: Catherine Perkins; Member-at-Large: George Bickford. The first ballot for president resulted in a tie (12-12); after a brief speech by both candidates a second vote resulted in Jeanne being elected. Jeff Shimp moved that one unanimous vote be cast for the other four uncontested candidates, unless there was a nomination from the floor; 2nd by Valerie. Cathy Perkins moved that the nominations be closed; 2nd by Bob Milk; motions approved.

Agenda Item #5, Treasurer's Report: Bob McCabe reported that the ACC had a cash gain for the year of \$6,549. This is attributable to a full year of increased sanctioning fees, a partial year of the new membership fees, and the spurt in dues income as members availed themselves the opportunity to prepay several years at the old (lower) amount, plus higher than expected internet income. He noted the one-time expense of moving the archives to Hawaii and the cost of scanning past Cribbage World magazines to the web page. Bob announced that Marlene Lazachek has volunteered to learn the treasurer's job and has agreed to fill in for Bob on an interim basis, until a new treasurer could be appointed, should it become necessary. Martha asked that the budget for promotion and marketing be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Jeff made a motion to add \$1,000 to promotion and marketing; 2nd by Cathy; motion approved. George Bickford made a motion to approve the FY 2009 budget as amended; 2nd by Phyllis Schmidt; motion approved.

Agenda Item #6, Regionalization: Jeff Shimp had been given the task of forming a committee to study a proposal to split the Western Region of the ACC into two separate regions, and then bring a recommendation to this meeting. He had put a notice in the April CW, which drew one response. Because of such apathy, he did not form a committee, however he made some observations. He feels that the majority of the membership just wants a mechanism to play and accumulate MRPs, GRPs, and IRPs. They are not

really interested in politics, BOD elections, or number of regions. He said that one thing that seemed to be a factor in the interest to form a fourth region was the desire to play in the annual All Star Tournament in Reno, which is held on the same week as the TOC and JPW/ACC Open, and discussed some ways to change the makeup of the event. Graeme Gossett and Don Brown, who had made the Reno presentation, also spoke to the BOD. There was then discussion by BOD members and audience members. Jeff made a motion to continue the status quo of three regions; 2nd by Joan Rein; motion approved.

Agenda Item #7, Rules Revision: Herschel Mack had sent out the Rules Committee report with its recommendations. We went through the list and made suggestions, changes, and additions to it. Herschel said that he would have a few new additions at the next meeting, and that a new rule book is in the foreseeable future.

At this time, GN director Tim Julkowski asked to address the BOD with an update of the tournament. He welcomed us to Portland and said that at this time he had 481 entrants registered for the main tournament.

Lunch Break, resume at 12p

Agenda Item #9: Tom Lewis proposed the BOD eliminate the September meeting because of the financial burden to BOD members, thereby holding only one meeting per year. Discussion followed regarding the problems associated with only one meeting a year. Most of the BOD felt that this issue was already addressed in the ACC policy manual, which allows missing one meeting with an excused absence. Martha suggested that she bring back this issue at the Reno meeting as a proposed Constitution and By-Laws change, in wording that would allow a BOD member to miss up to two meetings per two-year term with excused absences.

Agenda Item #10: Dave Campbell brought a proposal to award the first deal of playoff matches to the higher seed: it could be an option chosen by the tournament director (such as playing muggins). Discussion revealed that most felt that the higher seed was already rewarded with master points, possible byes, Q-pools, etc. It was suggested that a director interested in doing this apply to the BOD for a tournament format variance. Dave Campbell made a motion to allow tournament directors the option of allowing the higher seed to have first deal in playoff matches, as long as that is stated on that tournament's notices; 2nd by Bill Medeiros; motion defeated.

Agenda Item #11: Dave Campbell proposed that a player's region be determined by where that player has lived the longest, and if a player lives in different regions for six months, then the region from which that player scored the most points shall be used as his/her home region. This is in reference to earning a place on a regional team (top eight) by using a mailing address in a different region, as could happen at present. Cathy proposed that since this is something that rarely happens we should not change the whole system, thereby creating more work. She made a motion that this be handled on a case-by-case basis; 2nd by Bob Milk; motion approved. Catherine amended the motion that in the event of a decision needing to be made between BOD meetings, the Executive Committee will do such; 2nd by Bob Julian; motion approved.

Agenda Item #12, GN 30: Martha explained that Peggy Scalley had put in a bid to host the next Western Region Grand National tournament in Redding CA at the Win-River Casino and that it was, in effect, the only bid. Peggy plans to get the help of Annett Eiffert as co-director, and both of them have a lot of experience in ACC activities. Valerie Sumner made a motion that we award GN 30 to the Win-River Casino in Redding CA under the direction of Peggy Scalley; 2nd by Ron Morgan; motion approved.

Agenda Item #13: Dave Aiken thought we should find ways to celebrate the anniversary of the 400th birthday (Feb. 10, 2009) of the inventor of cribbage, Sir John Suckling. Dave has already requested that the Reno Post Office use a special postmark during the weekend of the JPW/ACC Open. The postmark would include the ACC logo, Suckling's name and date, and the slogan "home of the world's largest cribbage tournament." A retail postal booth would be set up at the Sands on Saturday, Feb. 7, for the availability of our members. He solicited ideas from the BOD. Joan was asked to talk to Barbara Woodward at the Sands to see if there could be some involvement on their part.

Agenda Item #14: Roy Hofbauer was asked by Mike McCammon about the ACC buying used casino cards in case lots for purchase by ACC tournament directors. Mike was at the meeting and explained that he has been contacted by a company in Las Vegas who separates decks for casinos and that we can purchase good quality cards for about \$50 per case. Mike has given many cases of cards away from the Silver Legacy, but said the sources for cards are drying up. Casinos are not changing decks as often as they used to, business is down, and the new automatic shufflers are easier on the cards. He said that they will ship a pallet (80 cases) for free to one address. Mike said he was willing to take delivery for the West as he can pick them up in Reno, but wanted to know who would volunteer to handle them for the other regions. Joan volunteered to accept the cards and distribute them to the Central and Eastern regions. These cases will be available for purchase by Grass Roots clubs and tournaments. Bob Julian made a motion that the ACC fund approximately \$4,000 for a pallet of cards to be sent to Joan, and another \$1,000 for 20 cases for Mike; 2nd by Dave Aiken; motion approved.

Agenda Item #15: Roy Hofbauer was asked by William Roderick to propose to the BOD that it say the Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting. Valerie offered to bring a flag to the meeting. Roy made a motion for the Pledge of Allegiance to be said before every BOD meeting, led by the ACC president; 2nd by George Bickford; motion approved.

Agenda Item #16: Tim had already apprised the BOD regarding the progress of GN 27 earlier in the meeting.

Agenda Item #17, Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Martha Fingleton said the committee handled three requests for funds for promotion. One unusually high amount of \$1,500 was allotted to Dave Aiken for brochures similar to "Cribbage Anyone?," to be put in approximately 25,000 runner packets for a large foot-race in Michigan and to be used by all of the Michigan Grass Roots clubs. Joan Rein said that one of the requests came from Don Hannula, who had an ACC booth set up at his county fair in Michigan, which resulted in five new members. He will be reimbursed in an amount that will not be more than \$150. Martha noted that he was grateful for the assistance given by ACC members.

Ethics Committee: Sharon Hejtmank said the committee received a complaint about a tournament director not refunding entry fees for a couple, even though they had notified him that they were not able to attend. He had told them that they would get the money back, but they have yet to receive it after more than six months. Sharon wrote the director a letter and got no response. The committee discussed this matter, and since its job is to protect ACC members, they voted to suspend the tournament director and believe the ACC should refund the \$190 to these players. If the director would like to have the suspension lifted, he can then reimburse the ACC. Bob Julian stated that he was approached by a person from Michigan who had paid in cash for a membership and rule book at the Green Bay tournament and had received neither. The BOD felt that, as policy, we will act on an individual basis in determining this type of event. It would be expected that in such occurrences the individual make a complaint in writing to a BOD member. Joan made a motion that we approve the two specific items: reimbursement of \$190 in entry fees, and the free membership and rulebook; 2nd by Jeff; motion approved.

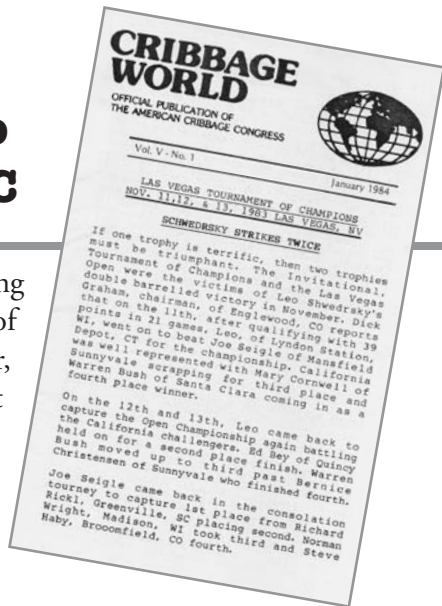
Publicity Committee: Tom Lewis has written to AARP magazine requesting that he write a cribbage story for submission, also inquiring about their advertising rates. He has received no response despite repeated phone and email inquiries. He showed the BOD labels that have been submitted by Rick Westerman, which can be affixed to card boxes with the ACC information on them. Tom thinks that it would be a good idea to have these labels on the used card boxes when they are recycled to other sources. He also said that he believes the beginner classes he teaches are one of the best methods of picking up new members, as often the parents or grandparents of the students already know how to play and learn about us through the student. Also, starting in the July 2008 CW, a page was dedicated to youth cribbage. He has contacted many players and requested that those with cribbage board collections submit their information to American Profile magazine, as in its August 12 issue there was a request for readers to discuss their individual collections. He taught a nine-session beginners class in Albuquerque for seven kids between the ages of nine and fourteen, and held a six-game ACC-style tournament for them. This generated eight new ACC members, including one parent. And lastly, a five-year complimentary ACC membership was given to Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers, as media coverage indicated that he is a cribbage player. Jeff Shimp suggested that since so many of the BOD probably belong to AARP, that we should individually contact them regarding Tom's requests.

Youth Program: Dan Zeisler praised both Tom Lewis and Mike Burns for conducting successful youth tournaments, and also Dave Aiken for getting on board with the youth column in CW. He said it has generated a lot of responses. He also wanted to acknowledge Ken Capper for sending him three huge boxes of trophy boards. He now has many boards to use for trophies at youth tournaments. He is getting many requests for his teaching manual. He has also sent out many "starter kits" consisting of long boards and cards.

Grass Roots: Joan Rein reported that the first club in Arkansas has been chartered and had thirty players the first night, the Texas club has grown to sixty players, Michigan has made large gains in the number of GR clubs, and there is a new club in Rhode Island. At this time there are 179

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25 Years Ago in the ACC



Most cribbage players fantasize about winning the TOC or the ACC Open, but very few of these dreams are realized. In 1983, however, **Leo Schwedrsky** (Lyndon Station WI) hit the jackpot by winning *both* tournaments in the *same* year—and is the only player to date to have pulled off this amazing feat. **Joe Seigle** (Mansfield Depot CT) also had a good weekend: he took second in the TOC and first in the ACC Open consolation.

Elsewhere in the January 1984 *Cribbage World*, we read that **Ron Olson** won the River City Classique in LaCrosse WI, **Ray Dalton** won the Great Plains Tournament in Lincoln NE, and **DeLynn Colvert** won the Idaho State Championship.

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active clubs.

Internet Cribbage: Bob Milk reported that there were 216 ACC-sanctioned internet tournaments, with approximately 10,000 entrants, with 24,000 games being played. Google calendar is now being used for tournament schedules. Manual counting has been expanded from one tournament to three tournaments a week, but it is proving unpopular based on the amount of entrants, but at least it was tried. He talked about Damien Blond's website. Damien has set up a demonstration area near the playing area of this weekend's tournament. Bob has worked with him for several months on the cribbage program. His site may be used as an additional playing site when he gets more power from his servers. Last year, Game Colony revenue received was \$11,000, and we just received a check for \$3,700 for the first quarter of this year. He also said that online cribbage play is dropping on all sites.

Judges Program: Jeff Shimp reported that Laurie Logan has asked to be replaced as a senior judge in the Western Region. Jeff is appointing Ron Logan to fill the position. Also for the first time a judge is being suspended from the program on the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. This judge will be notified by either Al Miller or Jeff Shimp. Jeff also distributed Shoreline Visitors Guides that have tourist information that may be useful to attendees of the next GN tournament to be held in Grand Rapids MI.

Agenda Item #18, Officers Reports:

President Al Lindner reported that the ACC is financially solid. We should look to having backup people ready to fill strategic jobs, as Treasurer Bob McCabe had reported

earlier. For instance, we have no one to replace DeLynn Colvert when he decides to give up the Awards Committee. Al also asked where he should send the liability policy for the officers. Jeanne said to send it to her, and she would put it in a safety deposit box.

Executive VP Martha Fingleton said that her information had been included in the Executive Committee report.

VP-Operations Larry Hassett reported that Fred White had completed posting the old CW issues on the website. Fred said that he will soon start on a Grand National section. He may need to request additional money from the BOD for scanning. Larry said that new Policy and Procedure Manuals and new "Cribbage Anyone?" pamphlets are in the works.

VP-Policy Cathy Perkins reported that we have good people running our programs, so the ACC is doing well at this time.

Member-at-Large George Bickford reports that he is making up new forms to be filled out by those who own ACC equipment. He would like the wording of the blind draw instructions to have "handicapped," "spouses," and "for good cause" added to it.

Next BOD meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2009, 10a at the Sands/Regency Hotel and Casino, in Reno NV.

Bob Milk requested that we consider starting all of the BOD meetings at 9a.

Bob Julian made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Dan Zeisler; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05p.

4th Street

The Little Red Gem

BY MIKE BLACKBURN

Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

I had the opportunity to play in Reno a few years back. Wow, 32 years old and playing in the world's largest cribbage tournament! The dream of winning the money sounded so good, but little did I know the life lesson I would learn.

I couldn't believe that I qualified. Was I good enough? Would the cribbage gods be on my side for the day? I called my friends to share the excitement.

When the playoffs were posted, I was matched against a woman from Idaho. We split the first four games and talked about our love of the game and the people we have met while playing. I noticed that she kept touching a red gem in her necklace and—being me—I heckled her (in fun) about her good-luck charm.

After game five, in which she skunked me, I shook her hand, wished her well, and then I heard the rest of the story.

I had noticed her emotion, her smile, and the occasional tear—building but never falling. And now I learned that she was playing in memory of her late husband, with whom she had attended the tournament in years past. Her friends encouraged her to play, since he would have wanted her to.

If that didn't make me look at the big picture, nothing would. It wasn't about who won or who made money. It was about people, friends, fellowship, love of

the game.

So when I hear the ethical question of people pegging backward, I have to ask, is the trophy, a check, or an ego-boost really what it's all about? Or is it to meet new people, have some laughs, and maybe even win a few?

In the short time I've been playing tournament cribbage, I've met some great people along the way, like the ones who take the time to help the new guy improve and teach little tricks that come only with experience.

Today, some of those people are getting older and making mistakes that a new-comer would make. But isn't it only fair to help someone out the way they helped me? If it weren't for those people, who knows how many of us would ever return? So when the question of pegging backward comes up, maybe we should take a minute to think of the "little red gem" and what we're really here for.

Thanks, Ellen. You touched me more than you know.

*Mike lives in
Cambridge WI and
directs Madison Grass
Roots Club #1 and
Madison Masters, the
long-running tourna-
ment held each August.*



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