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CW CONTEST #11

In honor of *Cribbage World's* 400th birthday in June 2013, CW Contest #11 was held on the theme “My First Tournament.” Thirty-six members submitted stories about something memorable that happened at their first tournament.

After extensive literary analysis by the CW staff, CW is happy to announce the four winners (listed in alphabetic order):

Keith H. Clark (Houlton WI)

Tom M. Jones (Prewitt NM)

Denise Mahnken (Tillman SC)

Shari Wikstrom (Tacoma WA)

Each of these fluent essayists will receive 400 quarters (\$100, in case you don't have a calculator handy) in recognition of their essays. In addition, the four stories will appear in future CWs.

Honorable mention goes to **Barbara Barrett** (Las Vegas NV), **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI), and **Bill Campbell III** (Fort Walton Beach FL).

Thanks to all who participated. CW hopes you enjoy the stories in the coming months. **CW**

Coming Next Month

CW will print the name
of the 2014 TOC winner!

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		\$5.00 Even Q \$5.00 Graduated Q	
	8:00 a.m. Play begins		
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My Deal

by David Aiken



Peg envy cuts both ways. Most of us rejoice—perhaps not overtly, but at least inwardly—when we cut to a 24-hand or when a cut Jack gives us two points, but—truth be told—we are just a little resentful when our opponent does the same thing.

The same card that brings bliss in one deal can, just a few deals later, cause envy and simmering ire within the cribbage player's psyche. While psychologists are better suited to analyze this issue, I don't think it's too far out of line to state that selfishness plays a role in this emotion.

For many years, Central and Eastern Region players have complained that Western players have an unfair advantage because they have more opportunities to earn points. But this is a two-way street: Central and Eastern players also have an advantage, because it's easier to make the All Star teams in these regions than it is out west. Here are some numbers to back up this assertion:

MRPs earned by eighth-place players in . . .

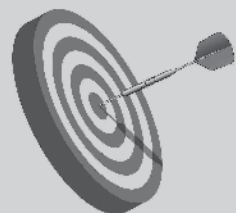
year	Western	Central	Eastern
2013	1196	873	865
2012	1365	770	696
2011	1471	800	832
2010	1268	1089	960

2009	1287	965	720
2008	1276	853	728
2007	1261	742	692
2006	1135	835	645
2005	1431	700	1007
2004	1006	880	805
2003	1241	857	822
2002	1039	675	615
average	1,248	837	782

Over the past twelve years, it has taken a minimum of 1,006 MRPs to make the Western Region All Star team—and an average of 1,248. In the Central Region, the minimum has been 675 MRPs, with an average of 837. And in the Eastern Region, the numbers are even lower: 615 minimum MRPs, with an average of 782.

In other words, if your goal is to play on the All Star team in Reno in February, it's much easier to do so if you *don't* live in the Western Region. Western players must earn at least 400 more MRPs than their counterparts in the Central or Eastern Regions. Even at a healthy pace of 40 MRPs per tourney, this means that Western players must play at least ten more tourneys each year in order to stay competitive, so it's no wonder there are more tourneys in

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Target practice: feel free to take aim at the CW editor whenever we play—but be careful, or your name might end up in the center column!

My monthly batting average

61–59 (50.8%)
in October

My biggest win of the month

53—against
Phyllis Schmidt
(MA) at Waupaca

My worst loss of the month

60—by Dan Selke
(IL) at Waupaca

Your Deal



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IN MEMORY

Duane Boyer

Duane Boyer (Chelsea MI) passed away September 26, at the age of 83. Duane was a member of Jackson Club 332 and an ACC charter member. He started going to tournaments with his wife Virginia (Gini), brother Fremont, and sister-in-law Mary Jo. Duane loved playing cards, deer hunting, bingo, going to casinos, spending time with family, and taking trips to Las Vegas. Duane will be missed greatly by his friends and family.

Louis Choiniere

Louis “Lou” Choiniere (Chicopee MA) was an active member of Club 72 for over twenty-five years. He played both Grass Roots and local tournaments with his friends Armand Hamel and Leo Gendron—the “Chicopee Connection.” He also played internet tournaments the past few years. Lou had earned his Bronze Award and enjoyed the many friends he made through the years by playing this great game. Lou will be missed!

Dan Gloekler

Dan Gloekler passed away on October 30 at age 92. He was a longtime member of Club 23 in Aurora CO. Dan was a WWII veteran. He was an avid card player and was proficient at many card games of every variety. Dan was an ACC member since the late 1980s.

Handicap for New Players?

We lose a lot of new members because they just can't compete with the good players. After racking my brain on how to handicap these new players, I may have a solution. A club could hold \$5 a week out of its prize fund to put into two pools for new members only (up to a maximum of \$25 per pool). For the first three months, if a new player finishes in the top 75% of all players present, they would win the first pool. After three months, they advance to a second pool, with the requirement that they have to finish in the top half of all players to cash. Make sure that new players know when their graduation date is. Once a pool is won by a new player, start building it up again at \$5 a week. I challenge others to come up with ways that we can retain the new members.

Dennis Misenar (Bremerton WA)

Judges are required to keep their ACC membership active in order to remain on the list of certified judges. As of October 1, six judges in the Eastern Region, six in the Central Region, and ten in the West Region had lapsed memberships. Keep those memberships up to date!

ACC membership odometer

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as of November 1

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; Aug. 31)	Alice Souza	<i>17 players</i> HQ. Angela Lee (50) 1. Kenneth Ching (70) 2. Richard Kodama (42)	—		
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; Sept. 29)	Alice Souza	<i>17 players</i> HQ. Roy Wong (25) 1. Ronnie Murakami (70) 2. Roy Wong (42)	—		
Montana Open (Missoula MT; Oct. 4–6)	DeLynn Colvert	<i>91 players</i> HQ. Tom Varnell (50) 1. Gerald Klein (147) 2. Jim Ficca (105) 3. Les Thario (70) 3. Frank Hanson (70)	<i>52 players</i> HQ. Lorna Klein (12) 1. Doris Sanders (60) 2. Carl Vennes (40) 3. Fredella Haab (24) 3. Bob Byrd (24)	<i>28-hands:</i> Bill Smith* Bud Kessler*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Lynn Raymond <i>High Roller:</i> DeLynn Colvert <i>Doubles:</i> Rex Paddock & Bill Hill <i>Saturday:</i> Gordon Armstrong
Capital City Classic (Ankeny IA; Oct. 4–6)	Dick Ogden	<i>42 players</i> HQ. Roger Grandgeorge (45) 1. Dennis Olney (105) 2. Roger Grandgeorge (70) 3. Edward Balcer (42) 3. Joe Owens (42)	<i>24 players</i> HQ. Donald Urban (21) 1. Donald Urban (40) 2. Pat Liegl (24)		<i>Friday:</i> Joe Clarke <i>Saturday:</i> Gerald Gruber <i>All Events:</i> Doug Henderson
Black Butte Bonanza (Sisters OR; Oct. 5)	Winona McDaniel	<i>54 players</i> HQ. Jason Hofbauer (40) 1. Mike McDaniel (105) 2. Winona McDaniel (70) 3. Jeanne Hofbauer (42) 3. Dan Marsh (42)	<i>26 players</i> HQ. Erik Locke (15) 1. Bryant Gilkeson (40) 2. Erik Locke (24)		
Threshold Open (West Bend WI; Oct. 12)	John Bloor & Gene Biegler	<i>36 players</i> HQ. Arthur Loveland (40) 1. Donald Flesch (105) 2. Richard Frost (70) 3. Frank Danielski (42) 3. James McCarty (42)	<i>22 players</i> HQ. James Knorr (15) 1. James Knorr (40) 2. Arlene Boeck (24)		

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
West Bend Classic (West Bend WI; Oct. 13)	Gene Biegler	<i>58 players</i> HQ. Marvin Lang (40) 1. Donald Flesch (105) 2. Haley Hintze (70) 3. Marvin Lang (42) 3. Dan Selke (42)	<i>30 players</i> HQ. Rudolph Rogutich (9) 1. Alice Korn (40) 2. Richard Horvath (24)	<i>28-hand:</i> Arthur Loveland*	
Nutmeg Open (Hartford CT; Oct. 13)	Joan Fletcher	<i>64 players</i> HQ. Armand Hamel (45) 1. David Statz (105) 2. Arne Lillimagi (70) 3. John Blowers (42) 3. Jerry Hardy (42)	<i>34 players</i> HQ. Robert Fitzgerald (24) 1. Robert Fitzgerald (60) 2. Lee Dillon (40) 3. Mathew Piechota (24) 3. William Shoemaker (24)	<i>28-hand:</i> Hazel St. Cyr*	
Waupaca Open (Waupaca WI; Oct. 18–20)	Patrick Barrett	<i>88 players</i> HQ. Alan Schaefer (45) 1. Marlene Lazachek (147) 2. James Huser (105) 3. George Stankus (70) 3. Dennis Ulberg (70)	<i>58 players</i> HQ. Bob Joslin (18) 1. Steven Steinmetz (60) 2. Beth Widener (40) 3. Bob Joslin (24) 3. Allen Schmidt (24)	<i>28-hands:</i> David Campbell* James Huser*	<i>Friday:</i> Brad Behm <i>Saturday:</i> Michael Barrett
Emerald Coast Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; Oct. 18–20)	Ray Wanke	<i>38 players</i> HQ. Jim Lunder (50) 1. Joy Barnes (105) 2. Paul Barnes (70) 3. Barri Gehrand (42) 3. Dave Parenteau (42)	<i>28 players</i> HQ. Jerry Russell (9) 1. Bill Campbell III (40) 2. Jerry Russell (24)	<i>29-hand:</i> Ron LaPointe*	<i>Friday:</i> Kelley Adams <i>Saturday:</i> David O'Neil

LEGEND
HQ = high qualifier
*** = in a sanctioned event**
highlighting = first win

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Tourney Tidbits

Six Star Race Here are current MRP standings and tourney wins for the ACC's only two Life Masters (6★): **DeLynn Colvert** (Missoula MT) and **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR):

tourney wins		MRPs	
1	DeLynn 81	1	DeLynn 39,072
2	Duane 79	2	Duane 38,470

Omission Life Master (★) **James Huser**

(Berlin WI) got a 29-hand in the Madison Masters playoffs on August 18.


Double Winner! Life Master (2★) **Donald Flesch** (Brookfield WI) won both halves of the West Bend WI doubleheader, capturing the main championships at the Threshold Open on Saturday and the West Bend Classic on Sunday.

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2. Michael Rowe (AK): Gem State Challenge (Sept. 8)
3. Ron LaPointe (FL): Emerald Coast Open (Oct. 19)

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MEMORY LANE



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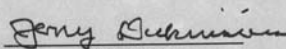
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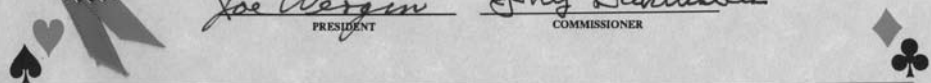
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Hal Lamon
(Auburn WA)
Grand Master #347

Hal's grandfather taught him to play cribbage when he was eight years old, and Hal still has his board. In the fall of 1998, Hal and his wife, Joyce, joined the ACC and Sea-Tac Peggers Cribbage Club 148, which Hal has directed for the past eight years. Like many other players without a specific cribbage mentor, Hal learned a lot about tournament cribbage from DeLynn Colvert's book *Play Winning Cribbage* and from Ras's classes. He has been codirector/director of the Mount Rainier Open since its inception in 2005. Hal's favorite tournament is the Oregon Coast Classic in Lincoln City OR. His toughest opponent is Rollie Heath. And his favorite cribbage moment was presenting Hazel Weichseldorfer—the oldest person ever to earn Master and

a special friend to Hal and Joyce—with her Master Award at GN 30. Hal enjoys gardening, photography, picture framing, scrap-booking, reading, and playing with his dog.

Dan learned cribbage by watching his parents play. A member of St. Paul Peggers Club 240, Dan has earned his Bronze Award. His favorite tournament was St. Croix Classic in Turtle Lake WI, and no wonder: his first win was the SCC consolation, and he won two main events there as well! His biggest cribbage thrill this season was winning the Henry Douglass pool at Grand National. When not playing cribbage, Dan enjoys bow-hunting with his grandson Jacob.

Daniel Pluff
(Saint Paul MN)
Life Master #203



Art's father, Ernest Kaleihoku Ka'ai Jr., taught him how to play cribbage. Art joined the ACC in 1993 and is a member of Alondra 29ers Club 164, where he's been club champion once and has earned his Silver Award. Art has won eleven sanctioned tourneys, starting with his first in Ventura CA in 1997. His favorite tournament is in Reno, and his toughest opponent is Dale Babb. Art enjoys golf, walking (five to seven miles a day), surfing, and visiting his grandchildren in Hawai'i.

Artland C. Kaai
(Costa Mesa CA)
Grand Master #351

Better Than Joe!

Noting the achievements of members who moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs:
1837 Haley Hintze (IL)

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the Western Region.

So instead of being jealous and envious of how green the grass is on the other side of the cribbage board, let's instead enjoy this game while we're still on the right side of the grass. **CW**

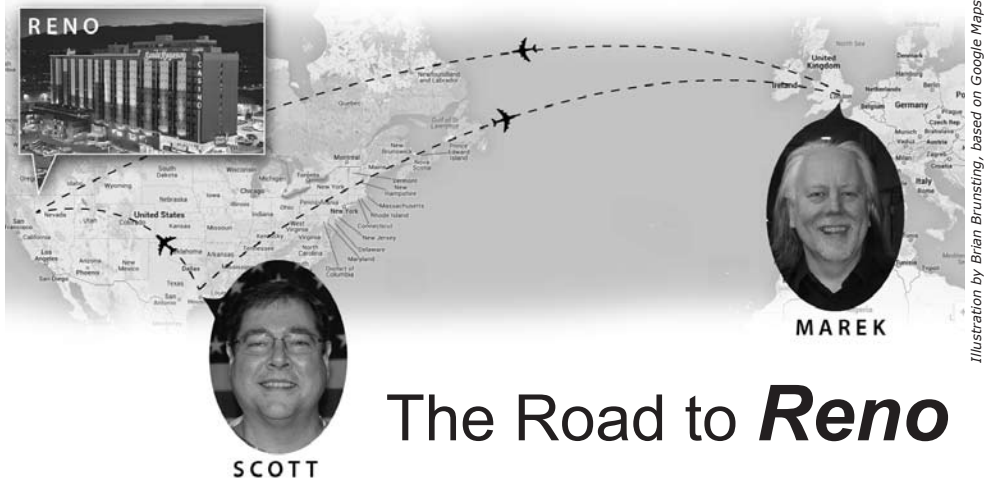


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The Road to *Reno*

by Marek Budzynski (London, England)

I learnt to play cribbage back in the late 1990s, and I have played sporadically since then. Most of the time I play with my friend **Sean**, and we play six-card cribbage. Side note: the first time I heard about five-card cribbage was when **Scott Field** mentioned it. A really small group of people in the UK play it, but they're not known outside their circle.

Because Sean is away for long periods shooting films, my sporadic playing was becoming super-sporadic. About a year ago I decided to look for a game in London. I didn't know anyone else, so I put an advert on the website Cribbage Corner. It went like this:

Hello, just found this site and posting my first topic. Been playing for around 10 years with a small group of friends and was looking for a Cribbage club/society in London but didn't find anything on the web. If there's anyone out there who would like to meet up for a game in Central London sometime please get in touch. Many thanks in advance.

I was convinced that I'd get a reply,

thinking there must be other players in London, but nothing materialized. After a month or two I gave up bothering to look at my ad, but an online search led to me to the ACC website, and I found that competitions were going on all the time all over the United States. One of them caught my eye: the ACC Open in Reno. I had been to Nevada a couple of times in the past whilst shooting art films in the desert. I never stopped in Reno, but thought what a great place to visit. It was like Las Vegas used to be, and I really liked old Vegas.

One night Sean was in his hotel looking for players in London, and the first hit was my message on Cribbage Corner. Someone had replied! I hadn't been back to look since August, so I hadn't seen the reply by TXpegger. Sean replied and passed on the details to me. I got in contact with TXpegger, who turned out to be Scott Field.

Sean and I always play in a pub on Beak Street in Soho, London, called the Old Coffee House. It is one of the last traditional pubs in central London (basically it hasn't been decorated for fifty years). It

Marek's story continued on page 12

by *Scott Field (Pearland TX)*

Last year I changed careers and started working for a company that requires travel to London occasionally. In preparation of my first trip I thought I would try to find some cribbage players in the land where cribbage began. I answered an ad on the Cribbage Corner website looking for cribbage players in central London. A fellow named **Sean** replied back with a plan to meet at a pub in central London, but due to his own travels, he would send his cribbage partner, **Marek**, instead.

Marek arranged to meet me after work near his office, at a pub called the Old Coffee House. I was running about an hour late so Marek asked me to phone when I arrived at the pub. I phoned as soon as I could see the sign, hoping to limit my tardiness. The pub was very compact and cozy, with several sitting areas, but only a handful of tables on the ground floor. I ordered a pint and told the barman that I'm there to play cribbage with the local champion. He asks: "what's cribbage?" to which I reply: "It's only the world's best card game. It uses a board and pegs for keeping score. It started right here in England about 400 years ago."

The barman says he's seen a couple guys with cards but never knew what they were playing. The pub is about half filled so I moved to one side where I could keep an eye on the door. A few minutes later Marek walks in and the barman, who is drying off a mug, nods toward him while looking at me. Marek was carrying a small plastic grocery bag, but no cribbage board was evident. After brief introductions and ordering refreshments, we sat at a small round table near the bar. Marek produced a small "seasoned" cribbage board

and cards from the bag, along with some broken matchsticks as pegs. I realized cribbage players all over the world are either frugal, sentimental, or both.

We briefly discussed rules, and Marek insisted on playing ACC tournament rules. After two times around the 60-hole board I declared the first victory by skunk. Most of the other games were closer, but I was the clear winner that evening. Marek said they wanted to get to Reno the following February and use the opportunity to create a film about their experience, as both Marek and Sean make films for a living. I said they needed to practice with a real tournament board if they were honest about their intentions to get to Reno, and that I would bring them one on my next trip.

The following month I returned to London with a tournament long-board I made from cherry with in-laid skunk line and the words "Road to Reno" laser engraved. And, of course, a set of proper pegs. Marek showed better skills at our second meeting and easily won the first game on his new board. I still took the majority of games, but the competition was much more substantial. Marek asked how he compared to the players. I told him honestly that he was as good as most of the first-time tournament players I had met and would win more than a couple of games in Reno. With renewed confidence in becoming part of the Reno experience, Marek completed the forms to join the ACC for Sean and himself, becoming UK-1 and UK-2, respectively.

Once Marek arrived in Reno he was inducted into the Space City Skunkers and included in all of our activities. **CW**

could be described as a dive, but it's real as real can be.

I was working round the corner at the time so I arranged to meet Scott there one evening in September. The scene was like something out of a cowboy movie. I walked in the side door of the pub. The barman, who was cleaning a glass behind the bar, looked up at me and nodded over in Scott's direction. He knew what was going on, there was going to be a "shootout" with cards. I was playing for the reputation of the pub. As we sat down, the barman said, "Keep it clean lads, no holding in the clinches" (a boxing reference, but that's as close to the cowboy theme as we could get).

I pulled out my board—a classic English cribbage board, with 30 pegs up and 30 pegs down. A game goes twice round, and Sean and I always play "best of three" followed by a "friendly."

Scott was good—very good—too good in fact. He beat me easily. He kept coming up with flushes. Sean didn't play flushes but the rest of the game was exactly the same, well almost. The main cultural differences are the words. We don't call it a "crib," we call it a "box." So if you put good cards in your crib, we call it "sweetening my box." I'm sure you can work out the innuendo-based humor of UK cribbage.

Scott beat me but I wanted to play him again, so we arranged another match a few weeks later on his return to London. He beat me again but not as badly as before, but one amazing thing happened. Scott brought me a present he made—an American cribbage board, with an inscription on it: "Road to Reno." I was really moved by him going to all that trouble, as we had met only once before. It meant that what-

ever happened I was going to play in Reno. Scott even met my partner, **Katie**, after we'd finished playing, so I felt that I was becoming part of the American cribbage family, even if it was after only a couple of games.

I met up with Scott one last time before coming to Reno, and once again he beat me. I didn't mind though as I knew that when I got to Reno I'd have a friend to hang out with and that I would become a token member of his "crew" from Texas.

Reno was an amazing experience, just from the fact that I'd never played that many games in that space of time. On the day of the Open I felt as if my brain had fried. I may have lost but I met some amazing people. One that stands out was **Mickey Griffin**. He took me under his wing and gave me my second American cribbage board. It was one he made for Operation Desert Storm as a gift to servicemen in the first Gulf War. I felt honored and humbled at his generosity.

After the ACC Open, Scott and I drove to another competition in Lake Topaz. When we got there it was straight into the Early Bird. Amazingly enough I was playing better than I'd ever played before and won over 50% of my games.

Anyway, the story ends like this. That evening my first game was against **DeLynn Colvert** ("the guy who wrote the book" was how he was described to me). I just thought: enjoy the game, you're playing with the best so just enjoy it. Amazingly enough I skunked DeLynn. I couldn't believe it. At the end of the competition he gave me his book *Play Winning Cribbage*, in which he wrote the following dedication: "Marek, great skunk, keep on pegging!" and believe me, I will! **CW**

Welcome to New Members

The ACC welcomed 99 new members during October. 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.

Alaska

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Alberta

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Luc Pomerlean (Leduc)

Arkansas

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James Carlson (Vacaville)

Jack Crawford (Laguna Woods)

Donald Dauro (Simi Valley)

Julie Gilmartin (Buena Park)

Thomas Gilmartin (Fullerton)

Robert Heselton (Oroville)

Martha Keeling (Crescent City)

Laura Koretsky (Sacramento)

Vincent Marques (Sonora)

Pat McFadden (Rancho Cordova)

Angie Steele (Clearlake)

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Colorado

Becky Dominic (Clifton)

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Tarrance Mianji (Grand Junction)

Connecticut

Robert Srubas (Granby)

Florida

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Jon Pettigrew (Pensacola)

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Cindy Clark (Post Falls)

Mike Clark (Post Falls)

Illinois

Sandra Chavez (West Chicago)

Richard Dixon (Dekalb)

Vickie Kreider (West Chicago)

Bob Reilly (Bartlett)

Maine

Jimmy Jaynes (Phippsburg)

Massachusetts

Michael E. Bruno (Attleboro)

Laura Dunphy (Cambridge)

Carolyn Fallon (Lynn)

Robert Griggs (Wales)

Stephen Johnson (Cambridge)

James F. Loan (South Yarmouth)

Michigan

Terry Carlson (Battle Creek)

Sandra L. Cooney (Houghton)

Jesse Crampton (Kalamazoo)

Michael S. Fockler (Jackson)

Richard Long (Kentwood)

Arthur Maycroft (Comstock Park)

Betty Reno (Gladstone)

Earl Reno (Gladstone)

Minnesota

Craig Lamb (Chaska)

Rick Mosselle (Saint Cloud)

Caleb Newman (North Branch)

Hunter Newman (North Branch)

Joshua Newman (North Branch)

Timothy Shaw (Lakeville)

Bino Villones (Duluth)

Missouri

Carolyn F. Crum (Union)

Montana

Sky S. Jones (Bozeman)

Nevada

Mary M. Gatewood (Pahrump)

New York

Robyn J. Boldt (Hamburg)

Tony Caraco (Olcott)

Oregon

Jim Kropilak (Portland)

Robin Nickel (La Grande)

Jeff Santell (Portland)

Rhonda Sollars (Salem)

South Dakota

Mark Heirigs (Menno)

Texas

Richard Langland (Irving)

Robert E. Smith (Dallas)

Virginia

Jean Bidegare (Fairfax)

Michael J. Bulger (Fairfax)

Nancy H. Lee (Henrico)

Washington

Don Bourgo (Sequim)

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Gary Eby (Pasco)

Cherrie Franklin (Port Angeles)

Connie Gonzalez (Wenatchee)

Dennis Grothaus (Spokane Valley)

Mike Hammond (Seattle)

Thomas Hargan (Puyallup)

John A. Pfahl (Buckley)

Ed Vanderstoep (Oak Harbor)

Jon F. Walters (Auburn)

Wisconsin

Henry Brandner (Medford)

Don J. Kaiser (Colby)

Marlene H. Kaiser (Colby)

William Matchopatow (Cecil)

Dale Metcalf (Madison)

Harry Tolbert (Kenosha)

Wyoming

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Suggestions for Old CWs

When you're done reading *Cribbage World*, instead of tossing it in the recycle bin, how about passing it on to a potential member? Leave back issues of *Cribbage World* at the doctor's office, laundromat, RV park, senior center, service club, library, barbershop—anywhere that people have time to kill. Get creative and see what happens! Extra copies of *Cribbage World* are available free of charge. Contact CW (address on page 3) for more info.

didja know?

- Q. Who is the Grass Roots Commissioner? A. Joan Rein.
- Q. Who is the Grass Roots Statistician? A. Kristy Haught.
- Q. How many points does it take to reach the Bronze level? A. 1,000.
- Q. How many points does it take to reach the Silver level? A. 2,500.
- Q. How many points does it take to reach the Gold level? A. 4,000.
- Q. Is there anything beyond Gold level? A. Yes—Platinum at 6,000 GRPs.
- Q. When do I get my award once a level is reached? A. A letter is sent out in April or soon after, if you reach a level late in the season. You make your choice of awards and send the form back to the awards procurer. Awards are ordered all at the same time and delivered to your club around September or presented at the Grand National awards banquet.
- Q. Who is the awards procurer? A. Jeanne Wauters.
- Q. Who should I contact if I am having a problem with GRPs? A. There are three in this order: (1) your club director, (2) your regional commissioner or statistician, or (3) the Grass Roots Commissioner.
- Q. Who are the regional commissioners and statisticians? A.

region	commissioner	statistician
2	William MacMillan	Dave Schwartz
4	Annett Eiffert	Russ Winther
6	Marlene Lazachek	Don Hannula
9	Dave O'Neil	Cathy Perkins

—Ron Logan (ljlazmt@aol.com)

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••••• LONG MATCH LEDGER •••••

by Brion Neeley (Scottsdale AZ)

One of the most intriguing parts of the long match tournament format is the scoring method.

Most long matches follow a simple scoring system: 3 points for a win and 4 points for a skunk. Spread points don't matter—just wins and skunks. As discussed in last month's column, the 3/4 scoring system devalues the power of the skunk and allows the emphasis to shift to winning a match through regular wins instead of trying to accumulate extra game points by skunk. In an extended long match format of 18, 20, or more games, skunks plays less of a role in determining the outcome.

Although the 3/4 scoring system is the most popular, there are variations. Some long matches use the familiar tournament scoring system of 2 points for a win and 3 points for a skunk, while others offer a

simplified system with 1 point for a win, 0 points for a loss, and no extra points for a skunk. Another scoring option sometimes offered in both the 3/4 and 2/3 systems is the ability to earn 1 game point for a loss of 5 holes or less.

All scoring systems are at the determination of the tournament director. Before signing up for a long match, make sure you fully understand the scoring system used.

In addition to the long matches listed in the November *Cribbage World*, please note three new long matches listed below.

If you'd like to play in a long match, contact the director. If you're running a long match that isn't listed—or are interested in starting a long match in your area—contact **Brion Neeley** at bneeleyaz@gmail.com or 602.525.3919. **CW**

long match (geographic region)	start date	players	entry fee (side pools)	director
Front Range Long Match (eastern CO, southeastern WY)	Jan. 2014	32	\$52 (\$50)	Roger Wilson (J555529@aol.com; 303.254.4670)
Internet Long Match (worldwide)	Dec. 15	up to 128	\$20 (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100)	Dennis Misenaar (misenaar@yahoo.ca; 360.204.0932)
Two Rivers Long Match (western CO)	underway	14	\$40	Dan Vogel (dsvogel@msn.com; 970.261.1670)

Milestones!

Send info about member birthdays ending in a zero two months in advance to cribbage@iserv.net or PO Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

- Alvin Lokitz (FL) turns 80 on December 14
- Jean Owensby (NC) turns 80 on December 27
- Bruce Goff (WA) turns 80 on December 28

Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

The cribbage board featured this month is very rare and has an interesting story behind its creation. The story starts with the ACC.

In December 2012, **Danielle C.** sent email to **Dan Zeisler**, director of the ACC Youth Program, inquiring about an old cribbage board that belonged to her grandfather. Dan forwarded the email to me. I had never seen a folding Crib-Derby board before and asked Danielle to send photos.



I knew that two of my friends in the Cribbage Board Collectors Society would be interested in this board, so I sent the photos and email on to **Peter Leach** and **Terry Coons**. Peter lives in St. Paul MN, where Crib-Derby boards were made. Terry lives in Portland OR and was just completing a written history of Crib-Derby boards. She thought she was done, until she received the photos of this previously unknown board.



Peter was so impressed with this newly found board that he decided to reproduce it for the fourteenth annual Cribbage Board Collectors

Society Convention, held last September in Bloomington MN.

Peter was unable to look at Danielle's actual board, so he



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 cribbageboardsonline.com, the Cribbage Board Collectors Society website.

25 Years Ago in the ACC

The cover of the December 1988 *Cribbage World* announced the details of the upcoming 1999 ACC Open, to be directed by **Syl Lulinski** (La Grange Park IL) and **Jeff Shimp** (then of Allegan MI, now of Grand Haven MI), and the TOC, directed by **Joan Rein** (Carver MN). At its September meeting in Atlanta, the BOD voted to permanently rename the TOC in Syl's honor.

Elsewhere in this issue we read that **Duane Toll** (then of Milwaukee WI, now of Sutherlin OR) won the West Bend Classic and that **Rex Paddock** won the Montana Championship in his hometown of Missoula MT.



worked exclusively from the photos. As he looked into reproducing this board, Peter quickly discovered why the Crib-Derby Co. most likely made only a limited number of these boards. The amount of work that would go into drilling the holes, routing out the storage and hinge areas, screwing on the hinges and clasp, stenciling on the graphics, and so on, was way beyond cost effective. The Crib-Derby boards found today are one-piece wood or molded plastic (see my article in the October 2010 CW, page 14).

After some research, Peter determined that a Computer Numerical Control machine would be needed for him to make thirty commemorative boards for the convention. He found a CNC machine at the Sno-goer Co. in Minneapolis, and owner **Cory Huseby** did the computer de-

sign. The machine then drilled 399 holes, routed the hinge and storage pockets, marked the points for the rubber feet, and drilled the foot recesses. The finishing of the board was done by Finishing Touch Industries in Wyoming MN. Cory's friend Nate did the silk screening for the graphics. Snap catches were found at Constantine's Wood Center in Ft. Lauderdale FL.

Making this board was a complicated and difficult process. It just adds to my respect for all ACC members who make, drill, and finish the tournament boards that we play on. If any ACC members have an original folding Crib-Derby board, please let me know.

Al Scarantino's email address (see last month's column) is boardsbyalphonse@gmail.com.

The President's Column

by Jeanne Hofbauer



The best thing about being in the ACC is meeting so many wonderful people who become dear friends. Well, the worst thing about being in the ACC is losing those friends when they pass on. This month I am dedicating this column to four dear friends who are now gone from us. It was an honor and privilege to know them.

I met **Marion Buckley** when she accompanied her husband, Harold, to a tournament in Oregon. She did not play tournaments at that time, but at a 1997 tournament, she was asked to fill in to make an even amount of players. She graciously did it, for which she received some criticism because she was not up to tournament speed. Instead of walking away with an attitude of “never wanting to do that again,” she went on to become an accomplished player who earned her Master Award and Bronze Award and became a certified judge. Two of her favorite cribbage moments were winning the 1999 Mid-Summer Tourist Classic in Anchorage AK and holding a 29-hand at the Washington State Open on March 9, 2002. Marion and Harold traveled many miles to play in tournaments, as they lived in Edmonton AB. They promoted the ACC and started Grass Roots clubs and tournaments in Alberta. She had a knack of getting merchants to give prizes for fundraising raffles to support the tournaments. Marion was always friendly and generous, giving Canadian and RCMP flags and souvenirs to many people. Marion was a

member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for nineteen years and had been injured twice in the line of duty. Marion and Harold were living in her hometown of Baddeck NS, where she passed away on September 20, after a courageous battle with cancer, at age 62.

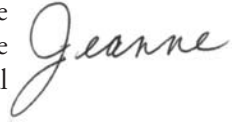
Lucille Endicott and her husband, Ike, were married for sixty years before Ike passed away. Lucille lived on for six more years, but was just biding her time until she rejoined him on August 22 at the age of 87. They were fixtures at tournaments in the Pacific Northwest and played in the Bend OR club. Lucille earned her Master Award and Bronze Award. They lived in central Oregon and directed tournaments in Redmond for several years. Lucille was one of the best cooks I have ever met; my family enjoyed their hospitality on many occasions. She could knit and crochet beautifully and made afghans for relatives and friends. She created many of them with a cribbage theme with card symbols and cribbage boards for tournament fundraising raffles. There were no patterns or directions for these; she was talented enough to create them on her own. She was very artistic and painted many pictures, most of them with central Oregon high desert scenery theme. She loved games, with cribbage of course being her favorite. Lucille and Ike managed Elks Clubs and hunted and fished together. They were fun to be around and were the kind of friends you were so grateful to have.

One of my favorite ACC memories is the day **Harvey Honeycutt** won the 1989 Grand National in Prineville OR., while onlookers cheered “HAR-VEE, HAR-VEE.” Harvey was a true gentlemen who treated everyone as though they were a dear friend. He loved to play all kinds of games; card, dice, and board games were always on tap when you spent time with him and his loving wife, Bev. He loved to sing, had a great voice, and knew the words to a zillion songs. He had a wonderful sense of humor and had so many original little sayings. Harvey spent most of his life living and working in construction in southern California. When he retired they moved to a rural area outside of Klamath Falls OR and joined the ACC early on (his ACC number is OR-4). Roy and I traveled to several Grand Nationals with them and had such good times. Harvey had earned his Life Master Award. Harvey was a true hero, serving in WWII as a captain in the US Army Air Corps, flying sixty-six successful missions in his P-38 over Europe. He earned many medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Harvey was reunited with Bev on October 21, at the

age of 91. He had been diagnosed with several types of cancer in the spring and chose to forego chemotherapy. Harvey truly enjoyed life and was always grateful for the blessings he received.

One of the friendliest people I ever met on the cribbage trail was Jim Keeling from Spokane WA. Jim always had a smile and a joke to make you laugh. He loved to play cribbage and was always promoting the ACC. Jim and his wife, Joyce, played in many tournaments in the Northwest and especially enjoyed doubles, because they always played as partners. Joyce says that Jim was not only her husband but her best friend as well. Jim had earned his Master Award and Bronze Award and also served as a senior judge. Jim was a retired fireman and had lived his entire life in Washington State. He passed away on November 26, 2012. I know his sunny disposition is missed by all who knew him.

I am so grateful to be a member of this organization, which has given me the gift of meeting people like these four. They have all been inspirational to me.



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COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

perkinselearning.org Perkins eLearning has instructions for cribbage for blind students, using an adapted cribbage board, differentiated pegs, and a deck of brailled playing cards. The board is 33" x 14.5", with rubber feet at the four corners to keep it from slipping. Slots on each side of the board are lined with rubber matting to keep the cards in place. A card holder at the top of the board holds the discards. The pegs are differentiated by color (on the

head of the peg) and by a notch on one player's set of pegs.

npr.org **Nick Offerman** (star of the NBC sitcom *Parks and Recreation*) was on the November 8 episode of “Wait Wait . . . Don't Tell Me!,” the NPR news quiz show. During an interview with host **Peter Sagal**, Offerman revealed that his workshop makes cribbage boards (offermandwood.com). Listen to the entire interview at npr.org.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014:

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GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

as of November 6

DIVISION 1

rank GRPs name (club)

1	334	Lewis Skidmore (261)
1	135	Michael Rowe (600)
2	103	Gary Katz (374)
3	99	Donald Haller (333)
4	99	John Sviarich (299)
5	98	Nick Sampson (368)
6	98	Jack Shumate III (127)
7	96	Jim Hornbacher (232)
8	96	Jim Tanner (124)
9	95	Randell Denissen (124)
10	95	David Hayden (391)
11	93	Thomas Schroeder (357)
12	92	Daniel Shanoski (295)
13	91	Henry Carle (177)
14	89	Bruce Goff (243)
15	89	Angelo Torrise (190)
16	89	Ian Travers (211)
17	89	Garrett Van Scyoc (100)
18	87	Clinton Deisenroth (193)
19	87	Mark Hauser (295)
20	86	Richard Munroe (162)
21	85	Ron LaPointe (276)
22	85	Bill Link (600)
23	84	Dennis Lang (309)
24	84	Wilbur Paul (346)
25	83	James Fanning (306)
26	83	Paul Hatcher (46)
27	83	Steven Stanley (79)
28	83	Tommy Warhurst (162)
29	82	Rick Baird (12)
30	82	Gerald Bender (391)
31	82	Michael Watson (62)
32	81	Jerald Adams (332)
33	81	John Colletto (162)
34	81	Joseph Cornelissen (147)
35	81	David Guyse (120)
36	81	Richard Shea (194)
37	81	Liz Stockdale (12)
38	80	Charlie Douthit (211)
39	80	Jesse Felgentrager (62)
40	80	John Jansky (94)
41	80	John Pfenning (229)
42	79	David Boyer (300)
43	79	Natalie Calarco (336)
44	79	Al Doucet (288)
45	79	Paul Hirschmann (285)
46	79	Carol Self (321)
47	78	Douglas Benson (243)
48	78	Deelia Copeland (307)

49	78	Harry Gelson (168)
50	78	James Hogen (240)
51	78	Jerome Jansky (94)
52	78	Gerald Klein (309)
53	77	Richard Jaspers (379)
54	77	Michael Lemay (375)
55	77	Bob Lewis (46)
56	77	Michael Morgan (106)
57	76	Paul Barnes (230)
58	76	Hazel Carlson (276)
59	76	Peter Chroscinski (309)
60	75	Maurice Laplante (309)
61	74	Tom Anderson (356)
62	74	Karel Kon (110)
63	74	David Statz (314)
64	73	Rob Gilly (395)
65	73	Bruce Grimstad (108)
66	73	Scott Lavigne (375)
67	73	Jerome Schiessl (120)
68	72	Ron Crampton (321)
69	72	Adam Fitzhugh (272)
70	72	Richard La Crosse (218)
71	72	Donald LeVack (307)
72	72	Robert Milk (600)
73	72	Gary Rasmussen (232)
74	72	Todd Schaefer (240)
75	72	Jimmy Yee (162)
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77	71	Roger Carr (276)
78	71	Roger Latvala (321)
79	71	Chris Zager (199)
80	70	Annett Eiffert (162)
81	70	Norm Ferbert (178)
82	70	Al Greenlee (388)
83	70	Charles Hill (243)
84	70	Larry Holman (600)
85	70	Matthew Lederer (356)
86	70	George Mackie (148)
87	70	Robert Smith (106)
88	70	Mike Sudduth (339)
89	70	Donald Urban (213)

DIVISION 2

1	65	E. J. Opinski (600)
2	61	Dick Ault (154)
3	59	Suzanne Rollo (154)
4	56	Bill Poole (5)
5	54	Jason Matheny (281)

DIVISION 3

1	61	Jim Melson (392)
2	45	Ted Balsimo (24)
3	45	Ronald Gustafson (600)



Grass Roots



COMPILED BY TRACY YOTT

Reader contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com

Following up on my article concerning slow play, I've recently heard about the use of game timers in some clubs. While the purpose of this is to help speed up the game(s) and finish in a reasonable amount of time, I'm not convinced that this is in the best interest of member retention.

According to Grass Roots Commissioner **Joan Rein**, the idea of using a game timer was originally intended to be a temporary solution. At the end of 15 minutes, the leader is declared the winner and the points between the front pegs become the spread points. It was felt that this was a better solution to playing short games (3/4 or even half games), which alters board position strategy.

Instead of using the timer for the slowest players only, some club directors decided to apply the timer to all players. We've all had the occasional game with less than average hands and cribs, which results in a longer than average game. These rare and irregular games between normally fast and skilled players should not be determined by a timer. Game timers should also not be used to determine the outcome of games of players with physical disabilities.

In my experience, it is best to work directly with the slow player(s). Identify the problem (typically socializing) and implement a solution. If an inexperienced player is taking too long to set the hand, work with them and give them pointers on how to

set a hand quickly and effectively. This can be done for 15–20 minutes

before each tournament by dealing six cards face up and asking the player how they would hold the hand as dealer and pone. Communication and support are imperative to improving the situation.

If your club has developed successful methods for dealing with slow players, I'd appreciate hearing about them. If your club uses a game timer, I'd also like to hear if this is accomplishing your objective. All of this info will be used for a future column. Thank you!

Colebrook Cohorts Club 219 (Colebrook NH)—on October 10 it came to the last game of the night when **Stanley Mullins**, with eight wins in his favor, faced **Diane Holman**, who didn't have a win. Was he going to get a grand slam, or was she going to win the game and take it all from him? Stan won the game, and Diane went home with the dreaded string of pearls, taken from **Kathi Woodard!** Although Stan won all nine games, he was not the top player that night. **George Reno** took first with 19/8 +182, while Stan's 18/9 +75 was good for *only* second. *submitted by Annie Laughton*

Club 72 (Longmeadow MA)—two years ago, club member **Charlie Finley** won Grand National 30 in Reno. Not to be outdone, club member **Mary Burlington**

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GrassRoots Awards

SILVER AWARD

Terry Pederson (284), WI

BRONZE AWARD

John Colletto (162), CA

Judy Fasani (222), CA

Beth Fleischer (227), CA

Dorothy Hauk (309), BC

Richard La Crosse (218), MI

Gloria McLeod (240), MN

Wayne Pinguoch (354), AK

Bob Sheppard (98), OR

Michael Sofaly (148), WA

Mike Tucker (243), WA

Jack Van Barneveld (288), MO

went to Atlanta this year and accomplished the same feat, winning the title at Grand National 32. That gives Club 72 *two* Grand National champions in the past three years. Charlie and Mary are regulars at our Grass Roots tournaments, and both play tournaments around the country. Congratulations to Mary for her win this year, and to Charlie, a Gold Award winner and Life Master (★), for the special recognition he received at this year's event for his lifetime of contributions to this great game. *submitted by Peter Vangness*

Halifax Area Club 230 (Port Orange FL)—we had visitors from the north, way north. **Chuck and Sondra Kaplan** from Wasilla AK dropped in to liven up our night while visiting Sondra's mother, who was ill. Sondra's mom passed on, and we want to wish her our condolences. *submitted by Paul Barnes*

Casco Bay Club 375 (Portland ME)—our

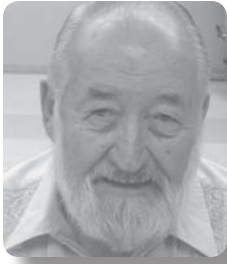
first 29-hand came in week seven. The skunk bank was bursting at the seams, and **Glenn Morin**, a founding member of the club, drew the 5 of Spades to hit the best hand you can get in cribbage. *submitted by Lance Browne*

Caveman Peggys Club 395 (Grants Pass OR)—the new club is off to a great start, with club leader **Rob Gilly** recording the club's first grand slam and 28-hand. **Darryl Overstreet, Kathy Southwick, and Mike Chanquet** are also off to fast starts. A special thanks to **Kevin Sapp, Jerry Hahn, Joan Rein, and Dave Swartz** for their assistance. Thanks to **Ed and Gloria Way** for their support. We appreciate and embrace all visitors. *submitted by Rich Ekman*

Western New York Club 5 (Hamburg NY)—once again our little group of players has had a grand slam. **Bill Poole** had one last season, and **Russ Bentley** got his on the fourth week of play. Congrats to **James Klinger** for earning his Bronze Award. *submitted by Merry Coburn*

Rez Peggys Club 346 (Cherokee NC)—on the second night of the new cribbage season, **Eddie Paul** qualified for the Bronze Award. The same evening, **Keith Miller** earned 12 GRPs by winning four games all by skunks! *submitted by Wilbur Paul*

Bay de Noc Peggys Club 218 (Gladstone MI)—**Rosemarie Bossom**, in her first year of Grass Roots, got a 29-hand while playing **Ellen Swenson**. Rosie won the skunk jar and the high hand of the night and is so excited about Grass Roots cribbage. Club 218 has been in existence since 1995, and Rosie is one of three new members this year. **Joe Aird** is the club director and has not had a 29-hand since 1956. *submitted by Donna Aird*



Jay's mother taught him to play cribbage when he was nine years old (sixty-seven years ago). He joined the ACC in 1990 and is a member of Solano 29ers Club 21 (Vacaville CA). He's been club champion four times, thanks no doubt in part to the mentorship of his mother, who passed away at the age of 86 in 1986. Jay was a licensed fishing guide for forty-seven years (be sure to ask him about the famous people he's had in his fishing boat). He also collects coins and was the outdoor columnist for three California newspaper for over thirty years, reporting on fishing and other outdoor activities. Jay has earned his Master Award in tournament play.

Jay R. Sorensen
(Stockton CA)
Gold #26

Phil's father taught him the basics of cribbage. After years of playing bar cribbage with the boys from work, Phil and a friend went to a tournament in Windsor CT and got their asses kicked. There he met Hall-of-Famer Rit Alkas, who became Phil's mentor and persuaded him to join Hartford Metro Club 26 and the ACC in 1988. Phil has earned his Life Master (★) and won fourteen tournaments. He began directing Club 26 in 1992, has been club champion twice and Division I champion once, and earned his Gold Award on the first night of play this season after coming up 9 GRPs short last year! With three One Stars, two Life Masters, five Grand Masters, and six Masters in his club, Phil says that anyone from the Hartford area is his toughest opponent! His best cribbage moment this year was beating Rob Medeiros in the Come Monday semifinals by getting a 24-hand with a 14-crib!



Phil Martin
(Newington CT)
Gold #33

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Edmonton Club 261 (Edmonton AB)—fresh off her recent achievement of reaching Grand Master in weekend play, **Audrey Hatto** decided it would only be fitting to take the lead in club points as well. Audrey finished with a 29-card at our recent GRRT, torching the competition in the process with a 19-point grand slam in the afternoon. **Doris Sanders** and **John Zawaduk** also earned 27 points at the GRRT. *submitted by Gary Wirth*

Timber Capitol Club 62 (Roseburg OR)—on September 17 **Gerald Hahn Jr.** scored a 20-point grand slam; on October 15 **Sid Hohbein** held a 28-hand; and on October 22 **Tracy Meyer** held a 28-hand. **Jesse Felgentrager**, a freshman in high school, joined our club this year and is currently in second place with 80 points. He started the year by winning only two games but has been on a terror since, receiving points six


weeks straight, with a 65% winning rate. Jesse has even impressed eight-time ACC champion **Duane Toll**. Some people would call this beginner's luck, but maybe he had good cribbage teachers last year. Keep up the good work, Club 62 members. There is nothing better than promoting cribbage to our youth. *submitted by Jerry Hahn*

Truckee/North Tahoe Sharks Club 222 (Truckee CA)—**Judy Fasani** came to club in October just three points short of her Bronze Award, and after splitting the first eight games with a skunk she knew another skunk was in order. Despite missing three points on third street, she pegged out on director **Greg Schleusner** to earn her Bronze! **Daryl Mills** and **Ben Holder** have jumped out to the early season lead. They were joined by **John Dundas**, as he turned in a two-week total of 32/13 +285 before heading out on vacation (he must have needed

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Scorecard of the Month

Inert Larsen (Waukau WI) won eight games at Club 370 in Omro WI on October 20—but ended up with a negative spread! He won eight close games by a total of 57 points, but in game five **Lana Newhouse** (Neenah WI) walloped him by 59 points, wiping out all his positive points and leaving him at -2! Not to worry, Inert still took first place!

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a little cash for the trip). *submitted by Greg Schleusner*

Lincoln Club 127 (Newport OR)—welcome to **Stan Wilson**, our newest member. Congratulations to **Walt Howell**, the top finisher in our GRRT with a 29 card. Nice 26-point cards went to **Pete Cameron** and **Terry Ryckman**. Big thanks go to visitors **Tammy Gibbons**, **Ross Newmann**, **Paul Hatcher**, and **Rollie Heath**. Finally, congratulations to **Jack Shumate III** for earn-

ing his Silver Award on Halloween night! *submitted by Monica Newton*

McMinnville Peggers Club 376 (McMinnville OR)—a special event happened on October 28. Member **Earl Stonebrink** was dealt a hand with four fives for a value of 20 points. The very next hand he dealt himself another four fives but this hand was worth 28 points! *submitted by Ron Boulé*

Crystal Lake Club 3 (Algonquin IL)—to all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! Club 3 has enjoyed a great deal of growth recently, with an average of twenty players showing up weekly. At our October 24 meeting the elusive grand slam was achieved by both **Dan Selke** and **Marv Lang!** **Haley Hintze**, the reigning club champion the past three years, is off to the races once again, scoring points in seven of nine sessions! **Bob Riley** and **Roberta Schweig** were the winners of the best costume awards on Halloween night! *submitted by George Stankus*

Cereal City Club 300 (Battle Creek MI)—our club has a skunk pot that pays out 50% for a 28-hand and 100% for a 29-hand. So when **Larry Hayward** got a 29-hand (his first!), he collected the entire amount. The next hand, **Paul Crisher** (sitting next to Larry) had a cut for a 28-hand, but missed. The next hand, **Dave Boyer** got the cut for a 28-hand—but won nothing! The only good thing was that Dave won his game, but Larry couldn't, even with the 29-hand! *submitted by Dave Gerke*

Paradise Peggers Club 110 (Honolulu HI)—we changed the name of our club to Paradise Peggers Cribbage Club. Our old name led many to think that we played on the North Shore of Oahu rather than in town, so they never attended! We are also

in the process of creating a Facebook page to attract new players. We instituted a new specialty hand that carries over if no one gets it. After three weeks “18 in the crib” was won by **Karel Kon**. **Alice Souza** earned her Bronze Award when she beat **Fred White**, but high card of the night went to nonagenarian **Lambert Wai**. Peggin’ in Paradise! *submitted by Fred White*

Hot Springs Village Club 359 (Hot Springs Village AR)—**Paul Smith** scored the first 28-hand this season. **Gary Brandt** earned his Bronze Award. We would like to invite cribbage players up north to come down to Arkansas and hole up during the winter. We play every Thursday evening at the local bowling alley. Winter in Arkansas is a great way to continue playing cribbage, golf, and even enjoy some fishing without having to break through the ice. You might like it so much, this could be your new home! *submitted by Julie Hardardt*

Palm Beach County Club 241 (Lake Worth FL)—strange goings-on at Club 241. We had thirteen players, and no one earned 12 GRPs! The high card for the night was held by **Sal DiTommaso** with a 11/5 +30. That was followed up by eight players with 10 points each! *submitted by Joe Daesch*

Christopher’s Crusaders Club 43 (Fremont CA)—there is a tight race for the club lead early in the season. Club champion from 2011–12, **Charlie Dunn** has a slim seven-point lead over **Jim Crawford** (only 125 GRPs from his Silver Award) and an eight-point lead over **Reginald Lennie** (only 67 GRPs from his Bronze Award). Second-year member **Loren Lookabill** continues his relentless chase, only thirteen points behind the leader. The second quarter of play should prove to be very interesting. *submitted by Tracy Yott*

Sierra Nevada Club 11 (Reno NV) had a crazy October. It started with **Clay Miller** getting a 28-hand; then two weeks later he got a grand slam! If that wasn’t enough **Stuart Anderson** also got a grand slam—on the same night! And if that wasn’t enough; they both had 19/9 with one spread point difference. To top that off, **Len Overholser** came in third with 18/8! A week later **Ray Gonzales** had a grand slam, and **Ron Morgan** laid down a 28-hand. It’s going to be impossible to top a run of luck like that! *submitted by Valerie Summer*

Club 107 (St. Joseph MI)—on November 6 **Norm Ferguson** succeeded in getting a string of pearls. This is the first one for our club in approximately five years, although many of our members have come close in the past. *submitted by Barbara Miller*

Alaska Club 177 (Anchorage AK)—we’re not sure whether to say “congratulations” or “we’re so sorry,” but **Marie Osterback** missed a string of pearls by one spread point on November 6. Better luck next time, Marie! *submitted by Arlene Carle*

Orange County Club 227 (Laguna Woods CA)—on October 30, we had eighteen players. Sixteen players got skunked a total of twenty-three times that night, setting a new club record! *submitted by Paul Yellon*



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING • SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

WESTIN HOTEL PERIMETER NORTH • ATLANTA GA

(presented in condensed form)

President Jeanne Hofbauer called the meeting to order at 9a. Directors present were Dave Aiken, Pat Barrett, Dave Campbell, Tom Cookman, Annett Eiffert, Willie Evans, Richard Frost, Roland Hall, Don Hannula, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Ron Logan, Bill Medeiros, Bob Milk, Dave O'Neil, Larry Phifer, Bruce Sattler, Todd Schaefer, Phyllis Schmidt, Peggy Shea, Jeff Shimp, Wayne Steinmetz, Valerie Sumner, Keith Widener. Approved absence for Charlie Finley.

The agenda was approved, and the minutes of the February 7, 2013, BOD meeting were approved.

Old business: (1) Eiffert announced that the ACC trademark has been approved for ten years at a cost of \$275. (2) Eiffert reported on her tournament where the higher-seeded player dealt first in the playoffs, with opinions pretty evenly split.

Election of officers: President: J. Hofbauer unanimously reelected. Executive VP: Schaefer unanimously reelected. VP-Policy: three nominations: Widener, Sumner, and Milk; Widener elected. VP-Operations: Campbell unanimously reelected. Member-at-Large: two nominations: Shimp and Hall; Shimp reelected.

Grand National 32 Update: O'Neil reported 260 entries for GN 32, with 113 people attending the Awards Banquet.

Grand National 33 Update: Brion Neeley and codirectors Denise Fortin and Sumner said they will extend the tournament to three two-day tournaments in Phoenix AZ, with the GN being held on September 20–21, 2014. The Marriott will be the hosting hotel with a rate of \$99 per night.

Grand National 34 Update: Scott Kooistra shared information regarding GN 34 in Yankton SD. Kooistra has many sponsors for the tournament, so there will be 100% payback. Don Thienel will be hosting a weekday tournament prior to GN 34 in Omaha NE at the Comfort Inn. Thienel has secured a room rate of \$79, with free parking and a hot breakfast during the tournament.

Bids for Grand National 35: Schaefer said that we have two bids: one from Campbell to host GN 35 in Raleigh NC at the Hilton. The condition of this bid is that GN must use the same double-elimination match-play format as National Open; this bid had to be approved ASAP, as the hotel needs an answer. The second bid is only in the early stages of information gathering: Sattler has been in discussion with a hotel in Bethesda MD, but not have enough information is in hand yet. Discussion: many board members said that though they like the format of the National Open, they feel the GN should follow the traditional format. It was asked if Campbell and Catherine Perkins would reconsider hosting the GN without using the National Open format, but they were adamant that if they did it would take away from the legacy tournament that is held there in July. After much discussion, it was decided that we would not award a bid for GN 35 and will revisit this issue at the February BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene Lazachek discussed the income statement, comparative balance sheet, and cash balance sheet. Report approved. Lazachek reported that

an audit was done and it went well. The ACC had a profit for the year of \$4,129. Lazachek reported that members are coming back years after the fact and questioning their MRPs and wanting her to confirm that they received the points that they felt they had earned. This has proven to be very time consuming and in many cases she is not able to retrieve the info. There was discussion around how we could address members and their requests. A compromise was reached and Cookman made a motion that anyone wanting to question their MRPs has one year from the date the statistician enters the results; second by Barrett; motion approved.

Membership Secretary Report: Larry Hassett not in attendance and so no report given.

Hall of Fame: Barrett distributed a list of current panel members and asked that the five new BOD members select their three HOF panelists and that any BOD member who wanted to change their panelists have two weeks to submit changes. Barrett said that 98% of the ballots were returned in the last election. R. Hofbauer made clear that someone does not have to be on the BOD to be elected to the HOF.

Membership Survey: Campbell shared the results of his online survey and discussed ideas on how to increase membership and keep new members at the Grass Roots level. J. Hofbauer suggested that weekend TDs select a Cribbage Ambassador to welcome new players. Cookman volunteered to be "A Salesman for the ACC"; he asked for the list of people who do not renew their membership, and he will contact them and see why they did not renew and then provide feedback to the BOD. After further discussion it was decided that Campbell put together a committee and bring a proposal to the BOD in February regarding a membership drive. Aiken reported that Tracy Yott is the new Grass Roots Corner editor and is doing a great job of reporting stories about local clubs. There was also discussion about a class at the Sands on the Thursday night before the TOC, providing tips to improve play. Shea and J. Hofbauer will contact George Rasmussen to see if he will teach the class, then follow up with Barbara Woodward to see if she could provide a location. Shea will communicate to the BOD members when this will take place so they can drop in, and also let Aiken know so he can put it in *Cribbage World*. Members asked about paying their ACC membership via PayPal, and so Campbell will address this with Larry Hassett and report back to the BOD in February. Campbell also brought up some concerns about how we select our "Rookie of the Year." It was decided that Widener would examine the ROY policy criteria and bring back suggestions to the BOD.

Random Seating: Hall and Campbell brought up their concerns about tournaments not following a true random seating plan. The East is the only region that uses true random seating. Other areas use preassigned seating or drawing for seats from separate buckets so that some players select a different table in order to avoid playing certain players. While most everyone agrees that handicapped players and relatives should be given exceptions for seating, it should not be allowed in any other situation. BOD members discussed their ideas and concerns about

how they do random seating. It was determined that this would be taken to the Executive Committee by Widener and Campbell with a recommendation to be brought back to the BOD in February.

Q-Pools: Campbell asked why some tournaments include the Q-pool in their entry fee while other tournaments list these fees separately. There was discussion about the pros and cons of making Q-pools mandatory and if we do when do we put this into place. Campbell made a motion that Q-pools/side pools be optional with the exception of the JPW Open and TOC; second by Cookman; no vote taken. Sattler asked for the definition of Q-pool and asked that “graduated Q-pools” that do not include all qualifiers (i.e., payback 1 of 6 or 1 of 8) be referred to as “graduated side pools.” Sattler made a motion that “a Q-pool not be called a Q-pool unless all qualifiers receive equal or partial payout”; second by Campbell; motion not approved. Sattler asked that all tournament flyers state how the Q-pool will be paid out and that the sanctioning request form be changed to include the type of Q-pool the tournament director is requesting. Campbell said that the Regional Commissioners will address this concern.

Social Media Content Policy: Eiffert brought up concerns regarding personal endorsements or editorials on the ACC website and how they are being monitored. Eiffert would like to see a disclaimer saying that user-generated posts may be rejected or removed when the content of a post is off-subject or contains obscenity or other offensive terms. Milk said that he would be happy to incorporate the policy relating to advertising. This topic was tabled until February, when Eiffert, Milk, and Widener will bring it back to the BOD.

TOC: Hannula discussed ways to save time and cost for the TOC through reducing the numbers of invitations being sent to qualifiers. Hannula said the cost last year was \$1,400, primarily for sending out and printing the invites. Shimp made a motion to “reduce the TOC invite mailings by eliminating notices to second-year Master rating and above, second-year Bronze rating and above, and second-year eMaster and above”; second by Hall; motion approved. Hannula discussed the name of the TOC and thought it should not be named after anyone, but simply called the Tournament of Champions. Hannula made a motion that the “the American Cribbage Congress Tournament of Champions be known only as the TOC and have no other name”; second by Sattler; motion not approved (11-13). R. Hofbauer made a motion that the TOC be permanently named the “Syl Lulinski Tournament of Champions”; second by Sumner; motion approved (18 in favor). Hannula made an amendment that “no name be printed on the award for the TOC”; second by Sattler; amendment not approved.

Senior Judges Program: Shimp discussed the need for more senior judges and asked that we change policy to reflect the increase. Shimp said he would make the change within thirty days once he receives recommendations. Shimp made a motion to “expand the number of senior judges to ten in the Central Region, ten in the Eastern Region, and sixteen in the Western Region”; second by Milk; motion approved.

Judges Program: Widener and Aiken presented changes that need to be enforced as soon as possible. Widener made a motion to “pass the following rules and that they be given to all tournament directors to follow”; motion approved: (a) the head judge at a tournament should always be a senior judge, if one is present; (b) all senior judges

in attendance at a tournament should always be in active service; (c) two judges must always be present at every judge call, at both Grass Roots (if two are available) and tournaments; (d) after listening to both players’ stories, judges must step aside to consult the rulebook and reach a decision; when they return to the players they should, if necessary, read the relevant rule from the rulebook to support their decision; (e) once judges are called to make a ruling, they may not deviate from the rulebook; (f) the ACC should provide special badges for senior judges; and (g) all judges must be recertified when a new rulebook is issued. J. Hofbauer made an amendment to remove provision (e) from the motion; second by Shea; amendment approved. Aiken asked that the ACC establish five levels of judges with specific requirements to be met at each level before a judge is promoted to the next level. There was some discussion about the requirements; a straw poll was taken and it was decided that Aiken and Widener would ask for some feedback and then come back to the BOD in February. Widener and Aiken propose that a Judge Commission be established for receiving complaints about judges, reviewing bad judging calls and judges’ behavior, and removing, demoting, or requiring recertification for incompetent judges. J. Hofbauer asked Widener and Aiken to get with Al Miller and bring this back to the BOD.

Time Limit for Casting Ballots for BOD Elections: Aiken made a motion to “change the postmark date to May 31 for casting BOD ballots”; second by Shimp; motion approved.

Order of BOD Candidates Bios: Aiken made a motion that “names of BOD candidates be listed in random order on the BOD election ballot, with the candidate biographies appearing in the same order. Each election year, at the BOD meeting prior to the election, the President will appoint three BOD members to assign a random order to be used in the upcoming election”; second by Logan; motion approved.

CW Q&A: Cookman said he would like a page in *Cribbage World* where members could ask questions or make suggestions. Cookman said he would respond to the emails and would work with Logan on this project. Cookman made a motion that “*Cribbage World* have a new page that members use as a forum for questions and suggestions via email”; second by Milk; motion approved.

Technology Committee: Cookman feels that we need to bring the ACC up to date in the area of technology, and he would like to head a committee to review the future of the ACC in this regards. Cookman made a motion to put together a Technology Committee, with himself as chairman; second by J. Hofbauer; motion approved. J. Hofbauer said that Campbell from the Executive Committee will be in charge of this committee. Valerie Goldgeier said that she set up a website where she is currently posting results in real time for all the tournaments at Grand National. Goldgeier offered her support to the committee, and Cookman said that he will have Paul Gregson on the committee. J. Hofbauer made it clear that this committee does not replace the current MRP Committee. J. Hofbauer asked Cookman to report back to the BOD in February.

ACC Policy and Procedures Manual: Catherine Perkins distributed the new policy pages and explained how to update the BOD manual. Perkins said that we need to decide where we should add the rule regarding the limits of weekday tournaments. Aiken made a motion that we amend policy 6.D.4 to remove that line (#4) and insert “weekday tournaments held in the same venue the week before and/

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or after a weekend tournament are limited to the Legacy Tournaments” to 6.D.3 and move the current policy 6.D.3 to 6.D.4; second by Logan; motion approved.

Annual Regional Team Tourney and Additional Awards:

Hall distributed detailed information regarding expanding the All Star team to ten people from each region with the West having two teams, one from the Northwest and one from the Southwest. J. Hofbauer said that this is the same proposal that we discussed at two previous meetings, but Logan said that Hall followed the criteria required to bring it before the board, so we should hear his proposal. Hall pointed out that some players who make the All American Team are not able to play on the All Star Team due to taking only the top eight players from each region. The new format would reduce the number of games and would allow the tournament to be shorted by about fifteen minutes. J. Hofbauer expressed her concern that this has been DeLynn Colvert’s tournament and we are changing it without his support and also creating a bigger burden for the Sands. Shimp said that the West does not have equality with respect to the number of people making the team, given the number of ACC members in the West. The player increases from all regions, not just the Western, will give additional members a chance to make the team, which will increase excitement in the game. Hall made a motion to “expand the All Star team from twenty-four players to forty players (ten each from Eastern, Central, Northwest, and Southwest), starting August 1, 2014, as the beginning of the 2013/2014 season”; second by Sattler; motion approved (13-11). Shimp made a motion to amend the proposal to “make the increase to the All Star Team when DeLynn stops running the tournament”; second by J. Hofbauer; amendment not approved. Hall made a motion that “sixteen additional All Stars receive All Regional Award”; second by Sattler; motion approved.

Committee Reports

Executive (J. Hofbauer): Campbell suggested awarding Catherine Perkins a ring and it was approved by the Executive Committee. \$200 was spent for the Salem Fair and \$250 for a stipend for DeLynn Colvert’s work on the awards.

Ethics (Logan): the committee received seven letters of complaints and issued three suspensions. Logan is trying to find the best way to communicate the end of a player’s suspension. If any BOD member has any suggestions, please email Logan.

Grass Roots (Joan Rein): 188 active Grass Roots clubs, with many requests about forming new clubs. Rein distributed reports recapping Grass Roots updates by Paul Gregson on the Grass Roots website. Gregson has put in 106 hours in the last six months. Rein reported that we are giving out more awards due to awarding points to the 12-GRP rule: 1,185 people have earned Bronze, 278 Silver, and 32 Gold.

Internet (Milk): 248 tournaments will be held this year, with an increase of 125 to 150 as the number of tourneys that players can count for points. Internet stats are online for players. Revenue increased by \$500 to \$6,300 for the year.

PR/Publicity: Hall reported a request for a form that tournament directors can fill out to use as a press release, plus some talking points that TDs can use when screening a new player to see if they are ready for tournament play. J. Hofbauer asked that the boilerplate be uploaded to the website so directors have another resource to promote

their tournament and for info to be published in Cribbage World.

Tournament Rules & Guidelines (R. Hofbauer): we purchased 60,000 scorecards, and 30 bracket boards. Sanctioning request forms and reports forms will be available online soon.

Officer Reports

President (J. Hofbauer): we spent \$2,400 for GN awards, \$180 for BOD name badges, and \$1,160 for ACC promo boards. J. Hofbauer made a motion that the “ACC purchase 100 more ACC promotional cribbage boards for the West”; second by Shea; motion approved.

Executive VP (Schaefer): we need to look for additional locations for the next GN in the East in case the Sattler location does not come through. We are also are the look-out for locations for 2017 GN in the West, as many hotels need a three-year booking. Schaefer said we need additional people on the Ethics Committee because of vacancies; one from the Eastern Region and one from the Western Region are needed.

VP of Policy (Widener): Keith said he is looking forward to serving on the Executive Committee and thanked the BOD for electing him.

VP of Operations (Campbell): Aiken is going to get a new computer (approximately \$2,000) once approved through the Executive Committee. We also have two possible candidates for a backup for Aiken.

Member-at-Large (Shimp): nothing new to report.

Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Shea. Meeting adjourned 5:15p.

Next BOD meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 9a in Reno NV.

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No internet report received this month.

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GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

One important strategy that is rarely stressed by those teaching cribbage is the value of remembering which two cards you have thrown into the crib. When I am working with students, halfway through the pegging process, I ask them if they can recall the two cards they threw into the crib. The answer is generally, "I forgot." Not an acceptable reply! By remaining clear on the cards you have thrown from your hand, it may come into play as to how you decide your next move. For instance, I am much more apt to pair a 3 if I know that a third 3 was tossed into the crib. I tell kids that being creative is an excellent way to remember the cards they throw away. For example, if you throw 2-4 to the crib, think about Willie Mays who wore #24, or if you throw a K-8, imagine what the king ate (8) for dinner. How often do you recall what you've put in the crib?

Youth News

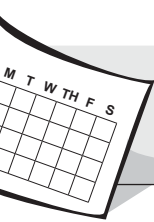
Stuck on ideas for Christmas for your kids or grandkids? How about a cribbage board, deck of cards, and a few teaching sessions? Throw in some coupons for ice cream at your favorite local creamery for after the lessons, and you've got quite a thoughtful and unique gift that will last a lifetime.

The 21st annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament is slated for Saturday, February 22, 2014, in Grass Valley CA. Last year, the event attracted 56 young players, and we are looking forward to a larger turnout this year. If you have a child who has played in the past, then you are on our mailing list and can expect a flyer either emailed or mailed to you in early January. If you'd like more information or would like to be included on the mailing list, please contact me at danthefan@yahoo.com or at 530.263.7468.

Teaching Manuals

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

- **Kris Bailey** (San Diego CA)
- **Tracy Meyer** (Roseville OR)
- **Alex Gates** (Caledonia MI)
- **Dave O'Neil** (Clarkston GA)
- **Lucy Gittings** (Wilmington NC)
- **Amy Konen** (Great Falls MT)
- **Joan Gordy** (San Diego CA)



SANCTIONED Tournaments

MRPs

as of November 4

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name	MRPs	Name
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MI ♦ Nov. 29–Dec. 1, Thanksgiving Double
 Holiday Inn Express (616.940.8100), 5401 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Contact: David Aiken (cribbage@iserv.net or 616.401.8311), PO Box 313, Ada MI 49301 or John Hazlett (jouk@aol.com or 616.340.7009)

- Wishbone Open (Nov. 29 & Dec. 1)
- Reindeer Games (Nov. 30)

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OR ♦ Nov. 29–Dec. 1, Thanksgiving Classic
 Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474; acc@cmspan.net), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

HI ♦ Dec. 1, Hawai'i State Championship
 Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI. contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525, Kaaawa HI 96730

WI ♦ Dec. 6–8, Jingle Bell Open
 Riverfront Inn (800.338.3305), 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. Contact: Al Karr (920.639.3546), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

FL ♦ Dec. 6–8, Greater Orlando Open
 Quality Inn, 151 N Douglas Ave, Altamonte Springs FL 32714. Contact: David & Nicole Fournier (407.695.1902), 808 Osceola Trl, Casselberry FL 32707

VA ♦ Dec. 7, Chanukah #3
 Hampton Inn, 4440 Park Trl, Chesapeake VA 23321. Contact: Marvin **CANCELED** (20), 4065 Cory Ln, Chesapeake VA 23321 or Mike Midgette

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CA ♦ Dec. 8, Lost Coast Day After
 Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. Contact: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605), 6282 Humboldt Hill Rd, Eureka CA 95503

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WI ♦ Dec. 13–15, American Pride
 Fox Hills Resort (800.950.7615), 250 W Church St, Mishicot WI 54288. Contact: Al Karr (920.639.3546), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

WA ♦ Dec. 14, Western Washington Open
 Crystal Grange, 2160 Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Contact: Robert Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 or Larry West

CO ♦ Dec. 14, Mountain View Open
 American Legion/VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. Contact: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686), 340 Morgan Dr, Loveland CO 80537

FL ♦ Dec. 15, Santa Special
 Elks, 1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

OR ♦ Dec. 15, Winter Won Day
 Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd Ave, Portland OR 97230. Contact: Erik Locke (503.754.2979), 22980 NE Chinook St, Wood Village OR 97060-2636 or Jason Hofbauer

MA ♦ Dec. 15, In-Between
 FFW, 126 Holliston St, Medway MA 02058. Con-

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Tournament of Champions

The invitation-only TOC will be held on Friday, **February 7**, in Reno NV. The list of invitees is posted at **cribbage.org/TOC/toc2013.asp**. If you do not see your name on the list, please contact TOC director Don Hannula:

phone: 906.296.9107

email: accgrassroots@earthlink.net

If you earned an invitation this year but will not be 21 years of age by February 7, please advise Don so you can use your invitation another year.

There are two changes in the way that ACC members sign up for the TOC this year. First, your TOC entry, ACC Open entry, and hotel registration must be combined and mailed to the Sands (use the entry form in the centerfold of this issue or at **cribbage.org**) or submitted online at **sandsregency.com**. Second, members with a lifetime invitation to the TOC will no longer be notified each year. If this is your first year to earn a TOC invitation (that is, if you are a newly minted Master, Bronze, eMaster), you will receive an invitation via email.

This means that all members need to keep their email addresses current so that TOC invitations are not diverted. To update an email address, please contact ACC membership secretary Larry Hassett at **acc@cmspan.net**.

Questions about this process can be directed to director Don Hannula.

tact: Ray Cook (508.980.9443), 16 16th Ave, Wareham MA 02571 or Pat Llewellyn

CA ♦ Dec. 21, Winter Solstice Open

Marie Callender's, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. Contact: Cy Madrone (805.455.6079), PO Box 40307, Santa Barbara CA 93140 or Kerry O'Connell (805.643.7683)

AK ♦ Dec. 21, Noon Moon

Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99501. Contact: Hank & Arlene Carle (907.345.2137), 6600 Downey Finch Ln, Anchorage AK 99516

CA ♦ Dec. 22, Solstice Redux

Senior Rec. Center, 420 E Santa Clara St, Ventura CA 93001. Contact: Mel Kranz (805.642.4932), 961 Colina Vista, Ventura CA 93003 or Judith Beay

MD ♦ Dec. 27-29, Maryland Holiday Classic

Sheraton BWI Airport Hotel (443.577.2100), 1110 Old Elkridge Landing Rd, Linthicum MD 21090. Contact: Tom & Linda Brent (443.988.8617), 200 Terrapin Grv #306, Stevensville MD 21666

MI ♦ Dec. 28, Still in the Army!

Jerry's Garage, 3930 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction MI 49277. Contact: Jerry Adams (517.206.2845),

3930 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction MI 49277 or David Aiken (616.401.8311)

MI ♦ Dec. 29, The Other Schafer Shuffle

Holiday Inn (517.789.9600), 2696 Bob McClain Dr, Jackson MI 49202. Contact: John Schafer (517.262.9153), 190 Deboer Dr, Battle Creek MI 49017 or David Boyer

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WI ♦ Jan. 3-5, Wisconsin Dells Deal

Wintergreen Resort (800.648.4765), 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI. Contact: Terry Weber (608.225.8138), 2613 Golden Gate Way, Madison WI 53713 or Keith Widener

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CA ♦ Jan. 3-5, Peg for the Border

Masonic Center, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91942. Contact: John Kern (619.469.6920), 6920 Bruce Ct, La Mesa CA 91941 or Carolyn Maston

VA ♦ Jan. 10-12, Virginia Championships

Wyndham Crossings, 1000 Virginia Center Pkwy, Glen Allen VA 23059. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225 or Janet Meinert

CA ♦ Jan. 10-12, Pacific Coast Championship

American Legion, 1110 Jefferson St, Monterey CA 93940. Contact: David

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Shifflett (831.373.1040), 1319 Lawton Ave, Pacific Grove CA 93950 or Ross Njaa

MN ♦ Jan. 10–11, Tom Winter Memorial

Moose Lodge, 1946 English St, Maplewood MN 55109. Contact: Ginger Grogan (651.235.8886), 1873 Whitaker St, Saint Paul MN 55110 or Dan Pluff

WA ♦ Jan. 11, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. Contact: Don Zeuschel (253.845.4226), 10520 123rd Street Ct E, Puyallup WA 98374 or Dick Albedyll

MN ♦ Jan. 12, Minnesota Snowball

Moose Lodge, 1946 English St, Maplewood MN 551009. Contact: Betsy Miller (612.703.8885), 7981 County Road 39 NE, Monticello MN 55362 or Dan Pluff

GA ♦ Jan. 17–19, Georgia Open

Holiday Inn Select, 17 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah GA 31419. Contact: Carl Squire (404.983.5058), 3292 Bells Ferry Rd, Marietta GA 30066 or David O'Neil (404.296.4689)

OR ♦ Jan. 17–19, Portland Winter Open

Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR

97230. Contact: Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141), 727 NE 128th Ave, Portland OR 97230 or Jeanne Hofbauer

CA ♦ Jan. 24–26, Northern California Open

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancho Rd, Redding CA 96001. Contact: Anna Dunn (530.549.3154), 21518 Privet Dr, Redding CA 96003 or Jerry Montgomery

MI ♦ Jan. 24–26, Michigan Cribbage Cup

Holiday Inn Express (616.940.8100), 5401 28th Street Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Contact: David Boyer (269.788.1289), 110 Greentree Ln #14A, Battle Creek MI 49015

FL ♦ Jan. 24–26, Lee Bailey Memorial

Comfort Inn, 3901 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach FL 32931. Contact: Marc Leichtling (321.452.7843), 8752 Palm Way, Cape Canaveral FL 32920 or Timothy Jurek

MA ♦ Jan. 26, Finley Family Superlite Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Contact: Peter & Patti Vangsness (413.525.7787), 235 Canterbury Cir, East Longmeadow MA 01028

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CA ♦ Feb. 3–5, Susanville Winter Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Dr, Susanville CA 96130. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397), PO Box 813, Herlong CA 96113 or Pam Pomeroy

NV ♦ Feb. 7–9, JPW/ACC Open

Sands Regency, Reno NV 89501. Contact: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.444.3161), 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501 or Scott Koolistra (605.661.7081).

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NV ♦ Feb. 10–12, Topaz Spring Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89410. Contact: A. J. Tasker (775.829.1474), 2700 Plumaz St #104, Reno NV 89509 or Les Sumner

WI ♦ Feb. 21–23, Go Green Bay

Comfort Suites (920.499.7449), 1951 Bond St, Green Bay WI 54303. Contact: Al Karr (920.639.3546), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

NH ♦ Feb. 21–23, Sharlene Medeiros Memorial

Best Western, 580 US 1 Bypass, Portsmouth NH. Contact: Vicki Soule (207.442.9001), 89 Sam Moore Rd, Woolwich ME 04579 or David Campbell

CA ♦ Feb. 22, Valentine's Day Special

Senior Center, 415 N Second St, Antioch CA 94509. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531

OR ♦ Feb. 28–Mar. 2, Three Rivers Open

Three Rivers Casino, 5647 Hwy 126, Florence OR 97439. Contact: Brittany Pierce (541.514.0274), 855 56th St, Springfield OR 97478 or Winona McDaniel

IL ♦ Feb. 28–Mar. 2, Illinois Open

Holiday Inn (815.477.7000), 800 S Rte 31, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Contact: Marvin Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Ct, Woodstock IL 60098

FL ♦ Feb. 28–Mar. 2, Central Florida Open

Flamingo Waterpark, 2261 E Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Contact: Paul & Joy Barnes (386.671.6164), 2900 N Atlantic Ave #806, Daytona Beach FL 32118 or Ray Wanke

CA ♦ Mar. 1, Fallbrook Avocado

Senior Center, 399 Heald Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028. Contact: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977), 3354 Hillside Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028

WI ♦ Mar. 7–9, Waupaca Spring Open

Best Western (877.880.1054), 110 Grand Seasons Dr, Waupaca WI 54981. Contact: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

WA ♦ Mar. 8, Western Washington Open

Cystal Grange, 2160 Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Contact: Ron Gustafson (360.457.8356), 33 Doyle Rd, Port Angeles WA 98363 or Larry West

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FL ♦ Mar. 9–19, Caribbean Cruise

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- Princess Extravaganza (Mar. 11). Contact: Winona McDaniel (541.736.1363)
- Caribbean Voyager (Mar. 17). Contact: Mike McDaniel (541.736.1363)

CA ♦ Mar. 14–16, Bruce Forbes Memorial

Eagles, 20th & Mulberry Sts, Chico CA 95928. Contact: Dennis Jacobs (530.343.7218), 3654 Cosby Ave, Chico CA 95928 or Peter Jackson (530.342.2617)

NC ♦ Mar. 14–16, March Madness

Ramada, 3240 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC 27606. Contact: Larry Phifer (919.389.0680), 703 Benchmark Dr, Raleigh NC 27615

MN ♦ Mar. 14–16, Capital City Classic

Country Inn, 6003 Hudson Rd, Woodbury MN 55125. Contact: Todd Schaefer & Diane Waite (651.338.8116), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128

MA ♦ Mar. 16, Corned Beef & Cribbage

VFW, 126 Holliston St, Medway MA 02058. Contact: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613), 30 Stone St, Bellingham MA 02019

AZ ♦ Mar. 21–23, Roadrunner Classic

Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85782. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.241.5006), 7206 Desert Spoon, Gold Canyon AZ 85118 or Brion Neeley

WI ♦ Mar. 28–30, Mick Michaelis Classic

Best Western (715.732.0111), 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. Contact: Al Karr (920.639.3546), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

WI ♦ Apr. 4–6, Eau Claire Fest

Best Western (715.838.9989), 3340 Mondoui Rd, Eau Claire WI 54701. Contact: Dennis, Greg, & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588), N47999 Hamlin Rd, Eleva WI 54738

FL ♦ Apr. 4–6, Kissimmee Open

Flamingo Waterpark, 2261 E Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.8791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744 or Charlene Cohen

WI ♦ May 2–4, Black River Country Classic

Comfort Inn (715.284.0888), W10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456 or Wayne Steinmetz

VA ♦ May 2–4, Colonial Classic

Days Hotel, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.532.1405), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

OR ♦ May 2–4, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. Contact: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 or Bernie Nelson (503.440.0517)

MI ♦ May 9–11, Yooper Classic

Lac Vieux Desert Casino (800.895.2505), N5384 US Hwy 45, Watersmeet MI 49969. Contact: Don Hannula (906.296.9107), 911 Front St, Lake Linden MI 49945-1120 or Bernard Brentar

MI ♦ May 16–18, Potawatomi Peggors

Super 8 (269.429.3218), 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

NC ♦ May 16–18, North Carolina Open

TBA, Greensboro NC 27409. Contact: Robert Reister (336.831.3591), 2670 Belwick Dr, Winston Salem NC 27106 or Henry Douglass (336.349.7581)

WA ♦ May 16–18, Washington State Open

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

WA ♦ May 23–25, Greater Spokane Valley Open

Eagles, 16801 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99037. Contact: Lynn Raymond (509.928.4983), 4105 N McDonald Rd #20, Spokane Valley WA 99216 or Dave Schwartz (509.328.4022)

WA ♦ May 30–June 1, Mt. St. Helens Classic

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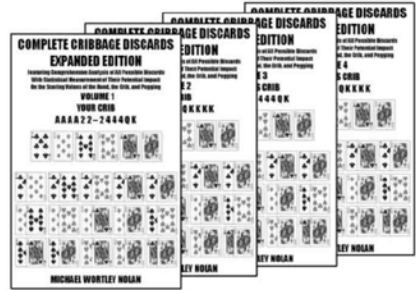
WI ♦ June 6–8, America's Dairyland Open

Howard Johnson (608.244.2481), 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53713. Contact: Terry Weber (608.225.8138), 2613 Golden Gate Way, Madison WI 53713 or Keith Widener

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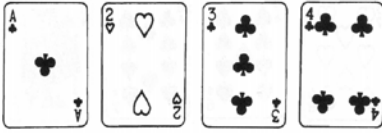
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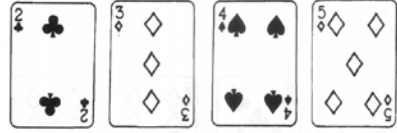
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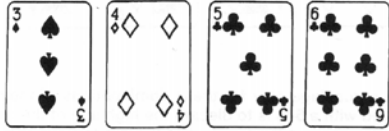
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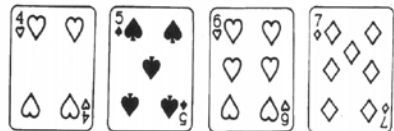
As a general rule do not hold this four-card run. Hold the ace 2-3 with a lone 9, 10, jack, queen or king if you need a 14-point hand. However, a 2-3-4 combination will escape Jake's "31" play if you are the non-dealer and making the first lead (with a 3) and Jake is holding "ten's"-5's. Also hold the 2-3-4 with a lone 6 or 8. A favorable starter card can result in a 14-point hand. In addition, keeping a "Magic Eleven" and a "sleeper" will improve your pegging score. Your lead? The 3 is the percentage play.



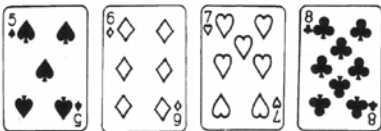
This four-card run must be played with discretion. If it's your crib, discarding a 5 with a "ten" card may be your percentage play. Jake's lead? Keep the four-card run, especially if you're playing offense. Keep the 3-4-5 in combination with a 7 or 8, however, as this hand will score 14 points with the right starter. Check the board before making your discard decision.



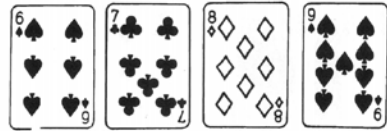
The 3-4-5-6 run is usually held as it can score 16 points (with a 6 starter). And with a 3-4-5 starter the hand will score 14. You must consider your discards if it's Jake's crib. For example, a 3-4-5-6-10-10 hand, the proper discard would be a 3-10 (Jake's crib). And if Jake will be playing defense, keep the 4-5-6-"ten" and lead the "ten." Your pegging chances are much improved with the 4-5-6-"ten" rather than the 3-4-5-6 (a tough hand to lead from when you are the non-dealer).



The 4-5-6-7 run is usually held as it also can score 16 points (with a 4 starter). But board position and discarding to Jake's crib may force the four-card run to be abandoned.



If it's your crib, breakup this four-card run if you can discard the 5 with a "ten" card. The 6-7-8 held in combination with an ace or 2 is especially desirable. The 5 in your crib is the percentage play. Jake's crib? Hold the four-card run. Again, check the board and your discards.



The 6-7-8-9 is usually left intact. A helping starter card will score 16 points. Your lead? The 8 is the percentage play, keeping the 6-7 for a possible 5-trap. Also, if Jake pairs your 8 lead, you can escape with your 9. A 6 or 7 lead, if paired, puts you in a very bad position, with no "out" (or escape) card. And a 9 lead will likely draw a 6 for "15-2," leaving you with an untenable 7 or 8 response, or pairing the 6 for "21" (and an awkward, losing situation).

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