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This is one of four stories that won first place in CW Contest #11. The first story appeared in the January CW.

### Don't Walk Alone

by Denise Mahnken (Tillman SC)

he tournament I will always remember was not my first one, but the second.

In the spring of 2002, my husband and I attended the Western New York Open in Niagara Falls NY and had a fantastic time. We agreed we would come back for the October tournament. Sadly, our marriage ended, and with the kids away at college, the weekends left way too much time on my hands.

As a particularly restless weekend approached that fall, I decided at the

last minute to drive the nine hours to Niagara Falls by myself and play in the cribbage tournament. When my husband and I had gone the previous spring, we had a great time socializing with the players, yet I was nervous to show up alone.

I need not have worried. Upon entering the playing continued on page 16

### CW Schedule

The March and April CWs will appear as a combined issue in late March. There will not be a separate April 2014 *Cribbage World*. All material for the March/April CW must be submitted by March 17.







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	12:00 pm	Lunch included with Entry Fee (time approximate)
	7:00 pm	Sat. Special, 9 games vs. 9 Opponents \$20 Entry, Optional Q's \$10, \$20, \$50
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	9:00 am	Consolation 9 games vs. 9 Opponents \$20 Entry, \$10 Q
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## My Deal



When I started directing tournaments back in 2005, Life Master (\*) Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL) gave me some excellent advice: always switch the decks of cards at the anchor positions during the lunch break.

The reasoning behind this sage advice is this: to prevent "card familiarity" by the anchor and thus give him/her an advantage not available to his/her opponents or other players in the tournament. For example, a slightly deformed card may pop up more frequently as the starter card, and this can give an unfair advantage to the player who uses this deck for 22 games.

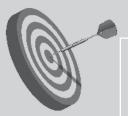
This happened to me in a single game a few years ago in the TOC in Reno (I was not an anchor). Twice in the first three deals, the 10 of Clubs popped up as the starter card. Later in the game, I was dealt 9-9-J-J-K-K. Because I needed a big hand as the pone, I held 9-9-J-J and threw K-K into my opponent's crib. Sure enough, the 10 of Clubs was the starter card again, and I made the position I was aiming for. I moved on to the next board and played

with these cards only once, but imagine this going on for 22 games.

If you are in an anchor seat, you can't help but notice this, and it would give you an unfair advantage. At a major tournament within the past five years (I won't name the tourney or the date), the high qualifiers in two of the three tourneys were anchors. I would not for a minute accuse them of cheating, but was card familiarity in play?

Swapping the decks of anchors is easy to accomplish. Pick up the deck used by the anchor on table A and move it to table B; move that deck to table C; and so on throughout the room. Then bring the deck from the last table back to table A, and you're finished. (Of course, you'll have to make sure that the colors of the decks still alternate on each table.) Or you could simply replace all the anchors' cards with new decks from your stock.

Regardless of how you accomplish this, I encourage all TDs to follow Syl's advice, as no one should have an advantage because of card familiarity. CW



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

> 62-70 (47%) in December

My biggest win of the month

40—against Daniel Pluff (MN) at American Pride

My worst loss of the month

63—by Lee Tesch (WI) at Jingle Bell Open

### Your Deal



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### Impossible—Not!

Just read the January issue of *Cribbage World* and saw your list of impossible tasks and found one that actually is possible. Number 16: "to play with the cards face up." I was at a tournament in Chehalis and watched Ras play with his cards face up against an opponent playing with cards hidden. Ras still won the game, and this happened more than once. So scratch that from your list of impossibilities. And I'll bet someone will tell you that they play cribbage in the shower too!

Bill Klem (Tulalip WA)

### a2zCribbage.com—Players Welcome

I'm looking for people interested in testing and playing on my new cribbage website: a2zCribbage.com. There's no software to download—you just log in and play against other people or the a2z Bots directly in your web browser. You can play on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. The majority of the first Internet Long Match was played on the site. You can currently play traditional cribbage, a long match, or lowball (playing to lose), with additional variations in the works. In addition to being able to play cribbage online, over time I'll be adding cribbagerelated content to the site as well, including a "mastering cribbage" section, where some of the ACC's best players—including 2014 national champion Tom Cookman and seven-time All American Jim Crawford—provide their weekly insights

on specific cribbage hands and situations. If you're interested, you can go to the site and create an account and try it out. I'm looking for all the feedback I can get to make the site even better. Are the hands realistic? What would you love to see me add? Let me know!

Paul Gregson (Antioch CA)

### A New Kind of Q-Pool

In an effort to pay all playoff qualifiers Q-money, I have instituted the system detailed below. This is to address the fact that everyone in the playoff has qualified, hence all should be paid, instead of only half of the qualifiers. This new payout schedule still returns approximately 80% of the total Q-money to the top 50% of the qualifiers. But the fact that the lower half of the qualifiers are compensated has resulted in very favorable feedback at the first few tournaments it was instituted:

top 50% of qualifiers—graduated payout next 25% of qualifiers—double the Q entry fee last 25% of qualifiers—same as the Q entry fee

Terry Weber (Madison WI)

### Egg on Face, Part 2

On my only 29-hand during sanctioned play in April 2005, I too erupted. I was

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Veterans Tournament (Placerville CA; Oct. 26–27)	Allen Amaro	59 players HQ. John Prehn (45) 1. Steve Hastie (105) 2. Basil Rudnick (70) 3. John Prehn (42) 3. Richard Wardenburg (42)	30 players HQ. Mel Ashley (24) 1. James Clark (40) 2. Frank Kiernan (24)		Saturday: Don "Grumpy" Howard
Abe Kealoha Extravaganza (Honolulu HI; Oct. 27)	Alice Souza	17 players HQ. Kenneth Ching (30) 1. Creighton Lee (70) 2. Mary Jane Esera (42)	GRAND SLAM!		
Rosemary Hendricks Memorial (Long Beach WA; Nov. 1–3)	James Morrow & Jason Hofbauer	86 players HQ. Duane Toll (55) 1. Laurie Crosslin (147) 2. Rick Baird (105) 3. Bruce Grimstad (70) 3. Bob Hodges (70)	56 players HQ. Larry Pisha (21) 1. Dennis Misenar (60) 2. Nancy Hawkins (40) 3. Jack Moritzky (24) 3. Larry Pisha (24)	28-hands: Ronald Gustafson* Lowell Bailey*	Early Bird: Lee Bennett GRAN High Roller: Peggy Scalley Doubles: Robert Brumley & Glen Humbert Saturday: Jack Moritzky
Veterans Day Classic (Reno NV; Nov. 8–10)	Les Sumner	210 players HQ. Clay Lindgren (70) 1. Ronald Reid (196) 2. Michael Rowe (147) 3. William Eilers (105) 3. Dennis Faist (105) 5. Larry Phifer (70) 5. Larry Hinrichs (70) 5. Audrey Hatto (70) 5. Michael Watson (70)	148 players HQ. Paulette Gagnon (21) 1. Tracy Yott (112) 2. Paulette Gagnon (84) 3. Doug Rodrigues (60) 3. Robert Milk (60) 5. Gary Pinkley (40) 5. Robert Medeiros (40) 5. Gilbert Bjorling (40) 5. Norman Nikodym (40)	28-hands: Tony Montooth* Margaret Fanucchi* Beverly Castillo* Robert Milk*	Early Bird: Gerald Klein Doubles: Joanne & Robert Henrikson Mid-Roller: Audrey Hatto Sunday: Donna LaFleur GRAI
Topaz Winter (Topaz NV; Nov. 10–12)	Valerie Sumner	40 players HQ. Jeanne Jelke (50) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Valerie Sumner (42)	27 players HQ. Roland Hall (24) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Dearl McCullough (24)	28-hand: Dearl McCullough	Early Bird: Dearl McCullough Mid-Roller: Lee Dillon Tuesday: Dearl McCullough All Events: Erik Locke

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Fall Classic (Vacaville CA; Nov. 16)	Stan Katzman	92 players HQ. Greg Dumas (45) 1. Annett Eiffert (147) 2. James Fanning (105) 3. Jim Crawford (70) 3. Ross Njaa (70)	58 players HQ. Avon Ray (15) 1. Don "Grumpy" Howard (60) 2. Avon Ray (40) 3. Mel Ashley (24) 3. Clay Lindgren (24)		
Fort Morgan Open (Fort Morgan CO; Nov. 16)	David Bute	44 players HQ. David Bute (35) 1. Jerry Landen (105) 2. Kathy Pacocha (70) 3. R. J. Smeltz (42) 3. Steve Sundet (42)	28 players HQ. Don Christensen (18) 1. Roger Baxter (40) 2. Don Christensen (24)	28-hands: Shirley Phelps* David Rama*	
Gobbler's Delight (Vacaville CA; Nov. 19)	James Fanning	84 players HQ. Peggy Shea (55) 1. Richard Shea (147) 2. Peggy Shea (105) 3. Ross Njaa (70) 3. Terry Higgins (70)	34 players HQ. Dennis Moore (18) 1. Charles Dunn (60) 2. Stan Katzman (40) 3. Mel Ashley (24) 3. Avon Ray (24)	28-hand: Richard Hinrichs*	
Lumberjack Classic (Longview WA; Nov. 23)	Chris McComas	40 players HQ. Elmer Rasmussen (25) 1. Michael Rowe (105) 2. Elmer Rasmussen (70) 3. Jeanne Hofbauer (42) 3. Jack Moritzky (42)	20 players HQ. Robert Brumley (15) 1. Robert Brumley (40) 2. Dennis Misenar (24)		
Yankee Classic (Rockville CT; Nov. 24)	Phil Martin	96 players HQ. Dave Pastula (55) 1. George Edge (147) 2. Gregory Gougian (105) 3. Patricia Young (NM) (70) 3. Robert Kaplan (70)	46 players HQ. Peter Setian (18) 1. Ann Somers (60) 2. Mike Misluk (40) 3. Barbara Barbour (24) 3. Jim Correa (24)	28-hands: Jeffrey Messinger* Brenda Palmer*	

**LEGEND** continued

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in a sanctioned event
highlighting = first win

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Thanksgiving Classic (North Bend OR; Nov. 29–Dec. 1)		80 players HQ. Roland Hall (50) 1. David Gilkeson (147) 2. Ira Deutsch (105) 3. Roland Hall (70) 3. Frank Ornie (70)	36 players HQ. Scott Milo (12) 1. Michael Rowe (60) 2. Scott Milo (40) 3. Rebecca Durocher (24) 3. Jones Hom (24)	28-hands: Richard Pierce Jr.* Michael Rowe*	Early Bird: Robert Brumley Doubles: Jason Hofbauer & Mike McDaniel High Roller: Basil Rudnick Saturday: Tom Langford All Events: Robert Brumley
Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI; Nov. 30)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	42 players HQ. Jeff Gardner (45) 1. James Huser (105) 2. Donna LaFleur (70) 3. Jim Blough (42) 3. Terry Weber (42)	21 players HQ. Richard May (12) 1. Richard May (40) 2. Scott Hudson (24)		Fast Start: Jeff Gardner Best Finish: John Schafer All Events: Jeff Gardner
Wishbone Open (Grand Rapids MI; Nov. 29 & Dec. 1)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	38 players HQ. David Aiken (30) 1. Phyllis Schmidt (105) 2. Doug Page (70) 3. David Aiken (42) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (42)	29 players HQ. John Schafer (18) 1. Terry Weber (40) 2. Jeff Shimp (24)	28-hand: David Aiken*	Fast Start: David Aiken Best Finish: Sue Schenk Saturday: Roy MacKenzie
Hawaiʻi State Championship (Honolulu HI; Dec. 1)	Alice Souza	17 players HQ. Tsarkie (35) 1. Alice Souza (70) 2. Roy Wong (42)	_		
Jingle Bell Open (Marinette WI; Dec. 6–8)	Al Karr	66 players HQ. Bernard Brentar (60) 1. Gene Biegler (147) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (105) 3. Allen Karr (70) 3. Donald Flesch (70)		28-hand: Doug Page* RAND LAM!	Friday: William Davy Saturday: Bernard Brentar Leaski: George Stankus Triune: Tom Berry
Greater Orlando Open (Altamonte Springs FL; Dec. 6–8)	Dave Fournier	72 players HQ. Doug Kelliher (40) 1. Rick Allen (147) 2. Howard Terry (105) 3. Jack Howsare (70) 3. Bruce Sattler (70)	52 players HQ. Joe Daesch (24) 1. Raymond Wanke (60) 2. Donna LaFleur (40) 3. Lee Dillon (24) 3. Larry Phifer (24)	29-hand: Bradley Gronli 28-hand: Cynthia Wark*	Friday: John Blowers Saturday: Donna LaFleur

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Lost Coast Day After (Eureka CA; Dec. 8)	Rick & Peggy Shea	21 players HQ. Peggy Shea (45) 1. Roland Hall (70) 2. Peggy Shea (42)	18 players HQ. Dale Taylor (9) 1. Dale Taylor (40) 2. Don Dolezal (24)		
American Pride (Mishicot WI; Dec. 13–15)	Al Karr	51 players HQ. Emilio Perez (50) 1. James Huser (105) 2. Emilio Perez (70) 3. Donald Patrin (42) 3. Donald Urban (42)	26 players HQ. John Hazlett (12) 1. Richard Frost (40) 2. John Hazlett (24)		Doubles: Donald Patrin & Edward Balcer High Roller: Marlene Lazachek Saturday: Marvin Lang GRAI All Events: Donald Flesch SLAI
Western Washington Open (Poulsbo WA; Dec. 14)	Robert Maupin	34 players HQ. Roland Hall (35) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. Lowell Bailey (70) 3. George Mackie (42) 3. Hal Lamon (42)	22 players HQ. Mike Tucker (12) 1. Mike Tucker (40) 2. Gary Duvall (24)		
Santa Special (Kissimmee FL; Dec. 15)	Ray Wanke	48 players HQ. Donna Zuben (45) 1. Vince Conley (105) 2. Kristy Haught (70) 3. Donna Zuben (42) 3. James Wysocki (42)	30 players HQ. Shamus O'Connor (12) 1. Jerry Burgess (40) 2. Dorene Carloni (24)	28-hands: Dorene Carloni* Victor Campanale* Shamus O'Connor*	
Noon Moon (Anchorage AK; Dec. 21)	Arlene Carle	21 players HQ. Elizabeth Thornlow (55) 1. James Sizemore (70) 2. Kenneth Hunt (42)	_		
Maryland Holiday Cribbage (Linthicum MD; Dec. 27–29)	Tom & Linda Brent	58 players HQ. Phyllis Schmidt (40) 1. Phyllis Schmidt (105) 2. Frank Ruff (70) 3. Jim Lunder (42) 3. William Shoemaker (42)	36 players HQ. Larry Phifer (18) 1. Jack Howsare (60) 2. Larry Phifer (40) 3. Randell Denissen (24) 3. Bruce Sattler (24)	29-hand: Linda Warner* 28-hand: Larry Phifer*	Early Bird: Frank Ruff Saturday: John Noblet  LEGEND HQ = high qualifier

\* = in a sanctioned event continued

highlighting = first win

<b>hafer</b> John		Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
	23 players			Last Chance HQ: Austin Adams
Schaffle Schafer & HQ.	HQ. Joy Shimp (45)			Last Chance winner: Sue Schenk
(Jackson MI; Dave Boyer 1. Jeff Shimp (70)	eff Shimp (70)			
•	2. Beth Widener (42)			

### **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):

to	urney wins	MRPs		
1	DeLynn 81	1	DeLynn	39,198
2	Duane 80	2	Duane	38,853

Jingle Bell Open Bernard Brentar (Bergland MI) didn't get a great start in the main on Saturday, but he then won every game after lunch to become high qualifier in the main and followed this up with a grand slam on Saturday night—for an awe-inspiring nineteen wins in a row! There must be something about mornings, however, for Bernard then nosedived out of the playoffs first thing on Sunday morning.

American Pride #1 Life Master (\*) James "Little Moose" Huser (WI) and Life Master (2\*) Richard "Frosty" Frost (WI) rode together to the tournament—and took home both trophies in the same car. This is the second time that this dynamic duo has accomplished this feat!

American Pride #2 Life Master Marvin Lang (Woodstock IL) is on a grand slam streak unseen since 2006, when Travis Hafner of the Cleveland Indians slugged five grand slam homeruns before the All Star break, and six total for the season. Marv had his first grand slam of the streak on October 24 at Club 3 in Algonquin IL, and followed that up two nights later with another in the Saturday night satellite event at Marinette WI. He then prevailed in all nine games on December 14 in the Saturday satellite event at Mishicot WI. Marv has plenty of time this season to threaten Travis Hafner!

Santa Special There were only 288 games in the qualifying round (48 players playing 12 games), yet this was plenty of time for three lucky players—Dorene Carloni (Sarasota FL), Victor Campanale (Bradenton FL), and Shamus O'Connor (Orchard Park NY)—to get a 28-hand. Do the math: that's one 28-hand every 96 games!

### Milestonesi

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.

Amanda Moquin (FL) turns 30 on February 4 Jack Van Barneveld (MO) turns 70 on February 12

### **ACC**Awards



Don learned to play cribbage from his dad—Ervin J. Patrin, who was the #1 player in the ACC in 1982. Don joined the ACC in 1980 when he attended a Wisconsin tournament with his dad and was

Donald A. Patrin (Saint Paul MN) Life Master (\*) #86 approached by Bob Madsen, secretary of the newly formed ACC. Don immediately joined, and his ACC number is MN-1. His first cribbage mentor was Joe Bernard and

the information he learned from reading DeLynn Colvert's book. Don has belonged to Twin City Peggers Club 240 in St. Paul for eighteen years and has earned his Bronze Award. He has won eleven tourneys. His favorites are the Reno tourneys in February. Don's toughest opponent is Jerry Gruber—and the rest of the Club 240 roster! His favorite cribbage moment this season was

finishing third in the Central Region and getting another chance to play the All Star Tourney in Reno (he took first in 2003, in his only other time to play the All Star Tourney). Don had a pilot's license for fourteen years and enjoyed golf for seventy years. He now spends his time skiing and motorcycle racing.

Several of Lowell's family members were cribbage players, but his main teacher was his father. Lowell joined the ACC in 1993 and looks to Jim Hornbacher as his mentor. Now a member of Sno-

King Peggers Club 108 in north Seattle, Lowell was club champion at Club 266 in Everett before it merged with Club 108. Lowell is a member of a select group of

Lowell W. Bailey (Everett WA) Grand Master #354

players who have won the JPW/ACC Open in Reno—and this was obviously his favorite cribbage moment of the year! His toughest opponent is Mike Rowe. Lowell's noncribbage interests include traveling, genealogy, grandchildren, volunteering, and reading. He is especially thankful for the people that he has met because of and through the ACC.





Jerry learned cribbage by watching his mom and dad play when he was ten. He joined the ACC in 2000 and has twice been club champion at Club 370 in Omro WI. His favorite tourney is the North

Jerry Newhouse (Appleton WI) Grand Master #355 Pole Open in Marinette, which is where he won his first sanctioned event. His toughest opponent was the late, great Joe Bernard. Jerry is the king of 29-hands. He's

had so many of them (six) that he even threw two of them away to hold better pegging hands! When not playing cribbage he roots

for the Green Bay Packers and plays sheepshead.

New Cribbage Masters 857. Clay Lindgren (Reno NV)

858. Ronald A. Reid (Burbank CA)

859. Kathy Pacocha (Loveland CO)

860. R. J. Smeltz (Winter Park CO)

861. Nancy Rojas (Citrus Heights CA)

### Senior Judges

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### COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

### cbs.com/shows/elementary/video CW received this email from the Mack family (Herschel, Rickie, and Julie):

There is occasionally a benefit of watching too much television. On the television show *Elementary*, in an episode entitled "The Diabolical Kind" aired on 1/2/14, there are two brief clips involving cribbage (and using what we think is a three-track Le Count board). Curiously the cribbage is being played by a young girl and her kidnapper. In the first clip, the kidnapper invites the

young girl to play and says, "I'd very much like to get to know you. And cribbage is a brilliant way to do that." In the second clip the young girl gets a 28-hand, and the kidnapper tells her to take fourth street.

CW columnist Jay Fulwider confirms that this a Le Count model no. 1—a three-player board that had storage for cards and pegs. The metal slide cover had the Le Count name and "Pat. Sept. 1879" stamped on it. Model no. 1 was made under that patent, but not on that date; they

were made up through the early 1900s and sold through Sears and Ward catalogs. The nearby picture is of a Le Count model no. 1 owned by Fulwider.



### CRIBBAGE LESSONS FROM THE PRO!

### The End Game

More games are won and lost while pegging those last few points than by all the astute play of the previous hands. Most average games are decided by six points or less. (Study the analysis' in Chapter Six "What's the Odds?") Pegging becomes critical, to say the least, in these games. There are some keys to defensive and offensive pegging that should be basic to your game. Many of them have been covered earlier in the section on "Pegging Traps" and should be used in the end game when you're playing offensively ... you need pegs to win!

### **Defensive Pegging**

But let's start with defensive pegging. Jake needs three pegs to win the game, and it's your lead (Jake's crib). You are dealt ace-4-4-6-7-king and need four points to win the game. Keep the 4-4-7-king. The "Magic Eleven" is covered with the 4-7 combination. You have kept a small pair (4-4) to lead from, giving Jake only two chances to pair your lead card. The king gives you a safe "out" card. If Jake plays a "ten-card" on your 4 lead, for "14," you play the safe king for "24." Jake's odds of scoring "31" with a 7 are cut 25% because you are holding one of the 7's. Of course, if Jake pairs the 4 lead, the game is over as you score pairs royal for six points and win the game.

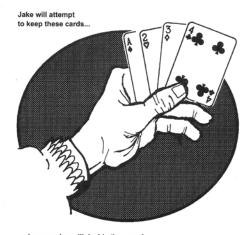
This was an easy example. Many times you will not be dealt such ideal cards. The rule to remember in defensive pegging is to always try to lead a card smaller than a 5, preferably from a pair. "Dump" your lone jack at a safe opportunity, and always play the percentage play. Count the cards that can beat you and play accordingly. Don't play hunches!

The one exception to the percentage play: you have a lone 4 (or any lone small card) and were dealt a four card combination of 6-9 or 7-8 (6-6-6-9,6-6-9-9,6-9-9-9, 7-7-7-8, 7-7-8-8, 7-8-8-8) leaving three cards to beat the 4 lead, and four cards to beat the 6, 7, 8, or 9 lead. Despite the one-card disadvantage of leading from the 6, 7, 8 or 9, this is the percentage play, as any good player (especially Jake) will keep all small cards dealt to him, knowing this will be your logical play ... and the bias of holding small cards will out-weigh the one card disadvantage.

If Jake is dealt an ace-2-3-4-7-king, the 7-king will be discarded. For this reason when counting your losers in a desperation defense, if a 6 or higher card is a loser by only one card ... lead it! If the 6 or higher card will be beaten two more times? Don't do it! Lead the small card. The law of averages will bite you sooner or later playing hunches.

Another defensive tip: Jake needs four or more pegs to win the game. Don't get caught with one small card with the count above "21." You may be trapped into a run. Either dump a lone small card in the crib, or better yet, play it early in the peg sequence (usually the second card played) to avoid a trap. And if Jake needs five or more points from the peg to win the game, don't get trapped with a 4-5-6 as your last pegging card. Get rid of these potential losers. Especially the 5. If Jake needs seven or more points, the 5 held to the last card can indeed be deadly ... being trapped into a 4-5-6 combination, or a 5-5-5.

Good defensive pegging comes from practice. Study your opponent; learn his habits. Does he always lead a 4 to a 9? Is he aggressive? Does he always hold a pair for last? Study his habits and it may be a game-saver in a tight spot. But once again, don't play hunches!



...when pegging will decide the game! Nevertheless an ace, 2, 3, or 4 is your percentage lead (see the probability chart on the next page)

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### IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIENDS

### James Q. Clemmey

James Clemmey (West Wareham MA) died on December 9. Jim was a former club director and also directed many tournaments with his brother, David, in the 1980s and 1990s. He had earned his Master Award and fell just a few points short of his Bronze Award. He will be missed by his many friends and Club 81.

### Joseph Degrazio

Joe Degrazio (Kelowna BC) passed away on December 5. A member of Club 309, he was a strong competitor and a fine gentleman. He will be truly missed in his community and at our cribbage club.

### Richard Evans

Richard "Dick" Evans (South Haven MI), 71, died on January 17. He was an extraordinary fellow who loved sports, cribbage, and his family. He was a hard worker, a

huge Michigan State fan and also was quite a prankster. He played cribbage at both the St. Joseph and Kalamazoo Grass Roots clubs. He will be missed by all.

### Jackie Smith (Mt. Pleasant MI)

Jackie Smith died on June 12, 2013, after her second courageous battle with cancer. She was one of the first members of Mt. Pleasant Peggers Club 329 when it began eight years ago. Jackie loved cribbage as well as the people she played with. She never won many games, but was always just happy to be playing. Jackie didn't receive her Bronze Award, but she had a heart of gold. Jackie enjoyed spending time with her great-grandkids, crossword puzzles, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. Jackie was the mother and best friend of Michelle Quakenbush (Club 329 director). She will be dearly missed by all club members. 15-2, 15-4, good night, Jackie.

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so flustered that I wanted to immediately start pegging. My opponent straightened me out that we had to count first. Now I am an amputee living in a retirement home, but can't play at the club because public transportation doesn't run late enough. A couple people come here to play with me occasionally.

John Shorney (Tacoma WA)

### Give Credit for Nonmembers

We are a young club and slowly building our member base. We are thankful that Grass Roots rules allow a guest four tournaments before deciding to become a member. However, once that guest becomes a member, let's give them (and the club) credit for their play. If a new member qualified for GRPs when still a guest, let's give it to them. This will include them into the ACC community and start them on their way to awards and rankings. For our club, we may not have a full six players to run a tournament some nights, but with a playing guest, we do. If that guest becomes a member, that past tournament should become valid, allowing the club to register those GRPs for all club members. Here is a simple way to be inclusive, to support Grass Roots clubs in their efforts to get new members, and keep them as longtime players.

David Long (Lower Lake CA)

## beyond board position

Cribbage is a great game. It is competitive, good for the brain, and never gets dull. It is both surprising and unfortunate that ACC membership is steadily declining. So, why are people leaving? Age, health reasons, finances, and relocation are among some of the reasons. But, by far, the number one reason for not renewing membership is that the ACC's image is tainted by "cranky" members who take the game "way too seriously."

Most of these cranky people are actually very nice, and they just don't realize how a new player perceives their behavior. I find this sad, because the ACC has given me dear, close friends, and I met them right across the cribbage board.

This "cranky" problem needs to be addressed first at the local Grass Roots level. Everyone knows that new players are nervous. Generally, they play slower than the seasoned player. This slow play will probably cause the club to end the night thirty minutes later than usual. Although this can be irritating and regular members want to share their annoyance with others, please take this conversation out of earshot of new players. These comments are driving people away.

Even worse, sometimes the comments are not just two players off to the side talking a little too loud, but are often directed at the new player. One person sent me an email that said in their club a new person came to play and was very enthusiastic. She just loved cribbage, but also loved to socialize. She was actually told to shut up and play. Obviously, she never returned, and it's not surprising this club's membership is declining. She, like most new players, expected socialization to be a major part of the cribbage game.

New players are used to kitchen table cribbage where talking to your friend/opponent is the norm, and the game is not timed. If you are a club director, you know who these cranky players are. Warn them that this behavior will not be tolerated, and if they continue, suspend them from your club. I don't want this column to be negative, but if we don't address the number one reason for our declining membership, our great organization will continue to lose members. We need new members to keep the ACC vibrant, vital, and healthy.

What do you think? Let me know at tomjcookman@gmail.com.

### CW MARKETPLACE

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**CW** classifieds are an economical way to reach all ACC members. One month = \$15; six months = \$60; one year = \$100. Contact 616.401.8311 or cribbage@iserv.net

### • • • • • • • • • • LONG MATCH LEDGER • • • • • • • • • • •

by Brion Neeley (bneeleyaz@gmail.com or 602.525.3919)

### Internet Long Match Expands

Internet long match tournament director Dennis Misenar has declared the first edition such a great success that he plans to start a new tournament in every even numbered month, beginning with February. Contact Dennis at misenar@yahoo.ca or 360.204.0932 for more details.

### Long Match FAQs

Can I enter more than one long match? Yes. If you're fortunate enough to be in a part of the country covered by more than one long match, you can enter as many as you'd like. You can also play the internet long match concurrent with in-person tournaments.

Do I earn MRPs in a long match? No. Long matches aren't sanctioned by the ACC at this time.

How much time does a long match take to complete? Depending on the number of entrants, geographic area covered, and whether a tournament is single- or doubleelimination, a long match can take anywhere from just a few months to nearly a year to complete. Keep in mind that some players are more motivated or have more available free time to finish their matches than others. Contact the tournament director of your local long match for more information.

How do I start a long match in my area? The key is finding enough players to fill out your planned bracket. If you can easily find sixteen players (or more) to play in a tournament, start one. If you think you'd have a hard time finding sixteen players, consider expanding the area you'd want to cover. Contact club directors in your area as well as the best and most active cribbage players around you to see if there's enough interest to start one. Wherever a long match is played, it has proven to be a popular format among the competitors.

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room for the early bird, I was quickly put at ease as I was greeted and welcomed by many familiar faces.

While finishing up the early bird with my last opponent, I asked about the casino and he said, "A few of us will be walking over after dinner, walk with us. I don't want you to walk alone." He had no idea that his words, said so simply, would do as words often do: shoot like an arrow to a place of need. From someone I had known only a few hours, those words—"I don't want you to walk alone"—touched a hurting place in my heart and eased it.

No one there knew how hard my life

had changed from one season to the next. They simply did what cribbage players do: remain true to the good, the right, and the honorable—and have a damn good time along the way.

Laughs, encouragement, camaraderie, good will, meals, donuts(!), the sheer joy of playing a game I love with others who love it—all made for a fantastic weekend.

My heart went on to heal, and the going was tough, but that weekend of cribbage in Niagara Falls was my first step toward what turned out to be a wonderful new road. That weekend is a treasure of a thing I carry with me still. CW

100000 to New Members during December. 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.

Alberta

William Goody (Spruce Grove)

#### Arizona

Bryan Hooppaw (Scottsdale)

### California

Scott R. Christenen (Fremont) Patrick Donnelly (Guerneville) Troy Fletcher (Crescent City) Carol Lord (Ontario) Larry Parrish (Carmel)

### Colorado

Cheryl L. Brand (Grand Junction)

Kirk Jones (Lakewood)

Tom Revm (Denver) Jim Themel Jr. (Colorado Springs)

James R. Themel Sr. (Colorado Springs)

### Connecticut

Marty Duchow (Unionville) Florida

Charlotte M. Cook (Cocoa Beach)

Lynn C. Davis (Port Charlotte) Vickie J. Johnson (Kissimmee) Larry Monet (Kissimmee)

#### Illinois

Ulrich Dillitzer (Aurora)

Brad Weyers (Sperry) Michigan

Charles R. Allen (Westland) Arlene Macfarlane (Gladstone) Minnesota

David Hafferty (Rochester) Pat Lauer (Minneapolis)

### Montana

Ray Eaton (Kalispell) Susanna Eaton (Kalispell) Carol Molyneaux (Helena)

### Nebraska

Mark Goldberg (Omaha) Jeff Moberg (Omaha)

#### Nevada

Lee Latzig (North Las Vegas)

### Oregon

Kathlien J. Case (Grants Pass)

Dan Hanes (Baker City) Robert E. Hartzell (Roseburg) Beverly Beach State Park

(Newport)

### Cody Taylor (Baker City)

### South Dakota

Gerald Hausman (Yankton) Edward L. Kniffen (Tyndall)

Wayne Dilworth (Universal City) Virginia

Ronald Calta (Fairfax) George J. Fenzl Jr. (Springfield) David Tober (Oakton) Wanda Warner (Oakton)

### Washington

Andy Blaser (Vashon) Erin Blaser (Vashon) James Gaffney (Vancouver) Dana McClain (Battle Ground)

### Wyoming

Gerald Buss (Menasha) Jeremy Miner (Eau Claire) Gary Valleskey (Two Rivers)

### **Better Than Joe!**

Noting the achievements of members who moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs:

1738 Steven Campanale (FL) 1732 Mike Emerson (CA)

### PPM CHALLENGE

Frontrunners in the Points-per-Main Challenge

player	tourneys	MRPs	PPM
1 Peggy Shea	10	483	48.3
2 Mike McDaniel	10	412	41.2
3 Don Flesch	14	539	38.5
4 Bill Shoemaker	6	220	36.7
5 Phyllis Schmidt	16	571	35.7

- 2. Michael Rowe (AK): Gem State Challenge (Sept. 8)
- 3. Ron LaPointe (FL): Emerald Coast Open (Oct. 19)
- 4. Karen Lyon (CA): Crescent City Open (Oct. 19)
- 5. Pamela Pomeroy (Norwalk CA): Fall Festival (Nov. 3)

### **Cribbage Board of the Month**

BY JAY FULWIDER

**Paul Peterson**, of Sno-King Peggers Grass Roots Club 108, sent me some photos of the board I am featuring this month. Some friends of

Paul found the board at a garage sale. Since they were not cribbage players, they thought their cribbage-playing friend would like it. As luck would have it, I also have the same board. Because of that, Paul did not have to go through the hassle of trying to photograph the board on a smooth white background and email test photos

back and forth with me.

This is actually a "classic" b o a r d. Over the



years, many folks drilled toilet seats for cribbage boards. In the 1980s, the Kingstone Co. started to sell this board as "The Trainer Cribbage Board" (Model #CB106) that was made in Taiwan. They continued to sell this board into the 1990s. Many of these boards now show up on eBay. The board measures 7" by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " and is fairly playable. It can be used as a "twice

around race horse board," or up and down each side twice like traditional boards. Still, nothing beats the tournament long boards that

we are used to.

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Jay Fulwider roots for the Seattle Seahawks and 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.

## The President's Column



Complaints are often heard at cribbage tournaments. This is not exactly a big revelation to you, I am sure. I would like to discuss one of the real "hot-button issues" that gets complained about the most: the distribution of the prize fund.

But let me first say that you should remember that a tournament director is doing you a favor by running a tournament. So if you are going to make a complaint, have the courtesy to talk to the director first rather than airing your issues to everyone else. The issue may get resolved without any controversy this way. And both the director and the complainant can perhaps get something positive from the experience.

The ACC does not dictate to a tournament director how to pay out prizes, other than to say that 85% of the prize fund, which is the total of the entry fees for that event, must be a player benefit. What is a player benefit? Of course the prizes themselves, any food or snacks made available, charitable contributions, trophies, the \$2 per person sanctioning fee, and any souvenirs such as a pin or pen. Room rent, supplies, mailing expenses, and so on need to come out of the other 15%. Also, the "ACC Tournament Regulation and Guidelines" states: "No director is allowed to profit monetarily from any tournament. (Playing in the tournament without paying an entry fee is considered a monetary benefit.)"

One of the ways you can help a director

to keep expenses down is to stay and eat at the venue where the tournament is held. Many lodges and hotels give rent breaks based on the business that the tournament brings in. Another way is to donate snacks such as candy or donuts to the tournament, or money to pay for them.

Years ago, I remember seeing a suggestion that the first place winner should get 20% to 25% of the prize fund. I still think that this is a good starting place. I learned from **DeLynn Colvert** about the graduation of payouts, making each round progressively higher, with a larger gap between the amounts as you go toward the top. This seems to be a very widely accepted method.

Tournaments are meant to be a fun and challenging contest held for your entertainment. They can be a great social experience, where you can make great friends. And like most forms of entertainment, they are going to cost you. But it is up to you how much you want to spend. There are usually a lot of choices as to events and pools. And of course there is always the chance that you could be a winner and get your "investment" back, perhaps with "dividends"!

### Will you be my friend?



If you are on FaceBook, add **American Cribbage Congress** to your list of friends.

### December Wrap-Up

Mark Van Dyke (*loosespokes*) jumped over Bryan Gurden (*egabbirc1*) to claim first place. By virtue of winning four tournaments during December, Richard Shea (*thirtyonefor14*) is the December player of the month.

### internet.schedule

Internet tournaments are held throughout the week. Log on to cribbage.org/internet and click "Tournament Schedule" in the right column to see the current schedule. Anyone can play in ACC internet tourneys, but to earn IRPs you must be an ACC member with a screen name certified for internet tourneys. Register at cribbage.org/internet/reg.asp. Log in at least ten minutes before start time. All times Eastern.

### Junior Program Donations—Thanks to the following members, who have donated to the Junior Program.

Gregory L. Bluhm (Channahon IL) Dave Bosio (Cement City MI) Francis Buckley (Calgary AB) Patricia M. Corbari (Costa Mesa CA) Bruce D. DeSchepper (Sioux Falls SD) Gary Eldridge (Delray Beach FL) Charles Francis (Warren RI) Jim Gates (Madison WI) Leo P. Gendron (Chicopee MA) Dorothy Hauk (Kelowna BC) Tom Highshoe (Cotati CA) David Jacka (Saint Paul MN) Donald A. Janelle (Manchester CT) Keith Johnson (Sacramento CA) Kevin J. Lee (Saint Louis MO) Nancy H. Lee (Henrico VA) Mike Maiden (Sarasota FL) Dani McCarthy (Kailua HI) James A. Murphy (Skamokawa WA) Richard Orff (Hopedale MA) Anita Powers (Green Bay WI) Hoss Reynolds (Baker City OR) Doug Venne (Reno NV) Rick Westerman (Wenatchee WA) Keith Grant Wilson (Liscomb NS)

Anthony Yaeger (Ponte Vedra Beach FL)

### standings

### IRPs name (tourneys played)

- 1 495 Mark Van Dyke (74)
- 2 480 Bryan J. Gurden (64)
- 3 471 Timothy M. Julkowski (69)
- 4 447 Don Eastwood (62)
- 5 444 George R. Lanning (76)
- 6 417 Bradley Gronli (75)
- 7 408 Richard Shea (46)
- 3 390 John Dellarsina (82)
- 9 369 Nancy R. Roncetti (58)
- 10 366 Sam Sinram (83)

### tourney.winners

- 12/1 Billy Barnes (BillyCA5177)
- 12/2 Roger D. Baxter (rdbaxter)
- 12/3 non-ACC winner
- 12/4 Timothy M. Julkowski (Tim\_Oregon2854)
- 12/5 William A. Schultz (floydandzep)
- 12/7 Nancy R. Roncetti (nunzia)
- 12/8 Diana Thurston (Baker145)
- 12/9 {results not posted}
- 12/10 non-ACC winner
- 12/11 Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
- 12/12 Rick Baird (Rickyticky2201)
- 12/14 Bradley Gronli (Dakesh)
- 12/15 Wayne King (WKing621)
- 12/16 Richard May (rcmay5)
- 12/17 George R. Lanning (georgelanning)
- 12/18 Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
- 12/19 Mark Van Dyke (loosespokes)
- 12/21 George R. Shea (ksanka)
- 12/22 Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
- 12/23 William A. Schultz (floydandzep)
- 12/26 Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
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- 12/28 John Dellarsina (ca2281)
- 12/29 Richard Ortado (richieort)
- 12/30 Joshua Kurz (poet205)

## by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

After teaching hundreds of kids cribbage, I cannot stress enough how important it is to emphasize runs during the pegging process. So often, inexperienced players are guilty of leading into runs or of getting runs and not seeing them. Here is a great challenge to give your students after they have grasped the basics of cribbage. (When I present this challenge, I like to put my students into groups of three, so they can work together, and in the process the more advanced players can teach their peers.) Player A holds A-3-5-7. Player B holds 2-3-4-6. Player A leads first. Show the order that the cards can be played to get the most pegging points possible between the two hands. After you have figured this out, start again and show how to play these cards (with A leading first again) in a sequence that will yield the least amount of points. You'll be shocked at the variety of answers kids come up with for the most points, but they usually can solve the challenge correctly in regards to the least points. Try it yourself. For the answer, see page 25.

### Youth News

Important date change: the Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament that was slated for Saturday, February 22, in Grass Valley CA, has been changed to Saturday, March 1. 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 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 530.263.7468.

In 2013 the ACC-sponsored Youth Program sent 125 cribbage boards to teachers across America to assist in the teaching of cribbage to their students. When ACC members make donations to the youth cribbage program, this is an example of what some of the contributions are used for.

Dan Zeisler is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.274.3124 or danthefan@yahoo.com).



DIVISION 1
rank GRPs name (club)
1 73 Ronald D. Gustafson (600)
1 206 Henry N. Carle (177)
2 195 David L. Hayden (391)
3 188 Michael M. Rowe (600)
4 182 Don Dolezal (395)
5 179 Paul Hirschmann (285)
6 176 Garrett Van Scyoc (100)
7 175 Gerald Bender (391)
8 175 Dennis Lang (309)
9 170 Jack B. Shumate III (127)
10 169 Mike Sudduth (339)
11 168 Tom Anderson (356)
12 167 Herschel Mack (600)
13 164 Douglas P. Benson (243)
14 164 Gerald Hahn Jr. (62)
15 164 Michael Holmes (390)
16 163 Haley Hintze (3)
17 163 Gary Rasmussen (232)
18 161 Paul Hatcher (46)
19 160 Jim Hornbacher (232)
20 157 John G. Goe (600)
21 157 Donald Haller (333)
22 156 Rick Baird (12)
23 155 Walter Howell (127)
24 153 Bruce Grimstad (108)
25 153 Carol Self (321)
26 150 Michael Crume (377)
27 150 Wilbur Paul (346)
28 150 Dan Vogel (224)
29 149 Frank Corrado (26)
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31 149 Thomas Schroeder (357)
32 148 Roland A. Hall (100)
33 148 George Mackie (148)
34 147 Betty Brumley (156)
35 147 Ike Burford (321)
36 147 Al Doucet (288)
37 147 Robert Milk (600)
38 147 Clifford Ruble (347)
39 147 Howard L. Terry (600)
40 147 Rick Weichseldorfer (148)
41 146 Rich Ekman (395)
42 146 Bob Lewis (46)
43 146 Daniel P. Shanoski (295)
44 144 Clinton Deisenroth (193)
45 143 Ian Travers (211)
46 142 Richard La Crosse (218)
47 141 John A. McCready (104)
48 139 David Gerke (300)
49 139 Alan Phillipo (308)
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### Grass Roots

### COMPILED BY TRACY YOTT

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

By the time this issue hits the streets, a new feature will be available on the Grass Roots website (accgrassroots.org). As requested and discussed by a few members and Joan Rein at the Veterans Day Classic tournament in Reno in November, a schedule of Grass Roots National Tournaments (GRNT) will be available so members can find a GRNT in their area. The schedule will also list Grass Roots Regional Tournaments (GRRT) at the start of next season.

Club directors running a GRNT are asked to login to the admin section for their club and click on the "Schedule" link under GRNT in the left menu. Scheduling a GRNT should take less than a minute. The club's regular playing location is the default and can easily be changed.

Members looking for a local GRNT can then click on the GRNT schedule link available on the home page. A list of every GRNT scheduled will be available, sorted by date, which can be filtered by state to find a local tournament. Travelers can perform multiple state searches to find a tournament to play in.

As tournaments are played and results are entered by the GRNT directors, the results of both individual tournaments and national standings will be available. It is hoped that with this new system, Grass Roots points (GRPs) will be posted much sooner instead of having to wait until June

when all GRNT results are tallied and posted.

This is another great feature that makes the Grass Roots website even more user-friendly. Thanks to webmaster **Paul Gregson** for making it happen. Previously, the Grass Roots website was used primarily by club directors and statisticians for admin purposes (club tournament schedule, tournament results, and reporting statistics). It is now becoming a useful resource for all Grass Roots members and a source of information for cribbage players who randomly find the site in a search for cribbage-related resources.

Sonora Club 140 (Sonora CA)—at our recent club tournament, new member Deana Zay had a 28-hand in a game that also featured Deana and her opponent both getting 24-hands at the same time. Deana won the game by just one point. Exciting stuff, eh? On December 17, at our regular Tuesday night get-together, Rita Henderson achieved a grand slam. Her winning night included three skunks, adding up to 21/9 on her card. You can't do much better than that! submitted by Dan Foye

Tri-Valley Peggers Club 337 (Livermore CA)—director Bob Prochnow exhibited the epitome of dedication/addiction to cribbage on December 10. He showed up to play in our regular cribbage club tournament one and a half hours after being continued on page 24

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Grass Roots Corner—continued from page 23 released from a six-day stay in the hospital. We are happy to report that Bob is doing well after having his gall bladder and seventeen stones removed! submitted by Vicki Billingsley

Kenosha Club 197 (Kenosha WI)—another Steinmetz is up-and-coming! Val Degerstedt (Wayne's sister), playing in her first Grass Roots season, had her first ever grand slam on December 11, earning her high honors for the evening. Director Don Urban had visions of a record-setting session when he started out with 14 points in the first five games. But it was not to be, as he lost the last four games and settled for third place. submitted by Don Urban

Orange County Club 227 (Laguna Woods CA)—on the last meeting of the calendar year, ninety-year-old director/founder Paul Yellon hit a grand slam with a 19/9 +163 card to finish out 2013 with a bang! submitted by Paul Yellon

Central Wisconsin Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI)—Jerome Tork has been toiling away at Club 120 for over twenty-three years with much success. Jerome has been club champion and Silver Award winner, held a 29-hand and numerous 28-hands, but has never captured the elusive grand slam-until now. Jerome won all nine games on December 12 with the lofty score of 20/9 +151. A rough calculation shows that it took Jerome about 850 tournaments to get his first grand slam. That same night John Siewert was presented the Silver Award, the ninth in club history. John might be the eldest player ever to receive the Silver Award as he turns ninety in February! submitted by Patrick Barrett

Southeast Michigan Club 295 (Rochester Hills MI)—our club has used all of its

### **GrassRoots** Awards

### **SILVER**

Mike Misluk (26), CT John Ruffilo (229), MI Chuck Yeomans (117), VA

### **BRONZE**

Scott Attridge (232), WA Clyde V. Awtrey (74), GA Wes Du Mont (38), OR Junko Larsen (28), OR Miriam Reid (340), BC David Schoenhaar (359), AR

skunk jar proceeds for charity for many years now. The Kimberly Ann Gillary Foundation provides automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to schools. The units are lifesaving in cardiac arrest situations. The skunk jar amounts have exceeded \$1,000, and the club became eligible to designate a school for a new unit. An area school has received one, and the club was publicly thanked for its consideration. See kimberlysgift.org for more information. submitted by Roger Peterson

Lincoln Club 127 (Newport OR)—it was an early Christmas present on December 12 for Dean "Doc" Bauman. He held four 5s and cut a face card for a nice 28-hand. Way to go, Doc! *submitted by Monica Newton* 

Twin City Peggers Club 240 (St. Paul MN)—Darlene Althaus started the year off right and scored a 29-hand on January 1. It was her second Grass Roots 29-hand in two years. *submitted by Dan Taylor* 

St. John's Club 118 (Portland OR) has seen a *grand* amount of grand slams this year. Eighty-two-year-old Dot Mickow has

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2	2.	25	2	2			
3	3.	35	1 4 G	14			
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had two perfect cards (her latest is pictured above), while **Georjean Wilkerson** and **Larry Antijunti** have each had one. And we're only about halfway through the season! *submitted by Tammy Gibbons* 

Square Peggers Club 91 (Grand Rapids MI)—twenty-two members gathered for our annual Christmas party on December 17. After eating our fill of holiday goodies and exchanging gifts, we sat down to play—and proceeded to beat each other up! Only two players—Steve Rooks and Art Maycroft—earned 12 or more GRPs (only 9.1%!). Things could have easily tipped the other way, as fourteen players were just one win away from getting points. So much for sharing the Christmas spirit! submitted by Dave Aiken

Club 107 (St. Joseph MI)—on December 18 we had only eight players. And that night we had not one, but two 28-hands! The first one was held by Terry McNeal,

### No Free Ride

When a players leaves early, do not give an automatic win to players. The rule is: if a player gets sick and leaves in the early part of play (up to four games), give the entry fee back and toss the scorecard. After that, count the scorecard and no refund is required (but allowable). Players who leave early due to illness or family emergency are not penalized. Players are penalized (by suspension from club play) if they leave early because they had a bad card, didn't want to play someone, had a disagreement, and so on. Do not in any instance award 2 game points for a win and 10 spread points to anyone who would have played the player who left early. Always have the player who needs the game play someone else. They need to earn the win. It is not fair to the other club members to have someone win by default. For more information, contact Grass Roots commish Joan Rein at accgrassroots@ earthlink.net or 952.448.2459.

and two games later **Barbara Miller** had the other. *submitted by Barbara Miller* 

River City Peggers Club 162 (Carmichael CA)—we had a favorable report from Bill Maciej. Bill is doing much better and is back with us at 100%—and even better, as he scored 14 GPs his first night back! Once again, club president Annett Eiffert makes her club proud. Recently, Annett made her way to the Big Apple to meet up with Cedric the Entertainer on Who Wants to be a Millionaire. The results of her trip will be aired on March 10–11. So in just a couple of months we will find out how close to the million Annett came—or did she make the million?! submitted by Nancy Rojas

The answer to the challenge in this month's Game On column are 36 points and 2 points.





Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
	MRPs	name		MRPs	name		MRPs	name
1	1119	Erik Locke, OR	1	934	James Huser, WI	1	821	Larry Phifer, NC
2	989	Roland Hall, CA	2	630	Donald Flesch, WI	2	587	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
3	732	Duane Toll, OR	3	546	Beth Widener, WI	3	556	Robert Medeiros, MA
4	569	Mel Ashley, CA	4	517	David Aiken, MI	4	468	Mike Fetchel, CT
5	559	Michael Rowe, AK	5	458	Joy Shimp, MI	5	385	David Statz, MA
6	535	Peggy Shea, CA	6	441	Douglas Henderson, WI	6	372	Donna LaFleur, CT
7	511	Tom Langford, CA	7	429	Terry Weber, WI	7	369	Mary Burlington, MA
8	471	Richard Shea, CA	8	382	Richard Frost, WI	8	364	Keith Widener, NC
9	426	Herschel Mack, OR	9	377	Doug Page, WI	9	354	David Campbell, ME
9	426	Clay Lindgren, NV	10	357	Jeff Shimp, MI	10	339	Jack Howsare, VA
11	412	Mike McDaniel, OR	11	332	Tony Danihel, WI	11	336	Jeff Raynes, NC
12	409	James Clark, CA	12	325	Arthur Loveland, MI	12	328	Richard Andrew, NH
13	404	Ira Deutsch, CA	13	324	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	13	318	John Blowers, FL
14	376	DeLynn Colvert, MT	14	323	Donald Urban, IL	14	295	Joe Daesch, FL
15	367	James Langley, CA	15	320	Daniel Pluff, MN	15	293	Lee Dillon, MA
16	365	Lowell Bailey, WA	16	301	Marvin Lang, IL	16	292	Laurie Hardy, ME
17	363	David Bute, CO	17	283	Marlene Lazachek, WI	17	288	Jerry Hardy, ME
18	343	Michael Watson, OR	18	268	Edward Balcer, MN	18	272	Jim Lunder, FL
19	331	H. Ross Njaa, CA	19	263	Frank Danielski, WI	19	264	George Edge, RI
20	316	Jeanne Jelke, CA	20	243	Richard May, IL	20	254	Paul Barnes, FL
20	316	Winona McDaniel, OR	21	241	Steven Steinmetz, WI	21	244	Harold Cook, MA
22	308	Jones Hom, CA	22	231	Emilio Perez, IL	22	236	Sara Sanner, FL
23	305	Pamela Pomeroy, CA	23	226	Arlene Boeck, WI	22	236	Brian Baer, NH
24	298	Robert Milk, AZ	24	219	Richard Horvath, WI	24	224	Rick Allen, VA
25	296	Bob Bartosh, CA	25	212	Jerry Newhouse, WI	25	220	David Fournier, FL
26	277	Annett Eiffert, CA	26	198	Patrick Barrett, WI	26	216	William Shoemaker, CT
27	276	Rick Baird, OR	27	192	Jeff Gardner, IN	26	216	Connally Thomas, FL
28	274	Norman Nikodym, CA	28	183	Allen Karr, WI	28	211	Jim Correa, NJ
29	273	Margaret Fanucchi, CA	28	183	Thomas Koncan, IL	29	206	Dave Pastula, CT
30	269	Cy Madrone, CA	30	182	Jerome Tork, WI	30	202	Catherine Perkins, NC
31	254	Charles Dunn, CA	31	168	Gene Biegler, WI	31	193	Barbara Barbour, CT
32	249	Gilbert Bjorling, AZ	31	168	Haley Hintze, IL	32	191	Raymond Cook, MA
33	247	Frank Ornie, OR	33	165	Gerald Gruber, MN	33	189	Bruce Sattler, MD
34	241	Kathy Pacocha, CO	34	164	George Stankus, IL	34	179	Terrance Cushman Jr., ME
35	239	Bryan Gurden, NV	35	163	Alphonse Scarantino, MI	35	177	Paul Finley, CT
35	239	Richard Pierce Jr., OR	36	158	Sandra Stroup, IL	36	176	Joy Barnes, FL
37	238	Alan Schaefer, NV	37	157	Bart Jaeger, NE	36	176	Donna Zuben, FL
38	236	Dennis Misenar, WA	38	154	Steven Williamson, WI	38	175	Curtis Barbour, NC
39	232	Michael Duffy, CA	39	153	Scott Hudson, IL	39	174	Howard Terry, FL
40	230	Steven Yellon, CA	40	150	Connie Ewka, MI	40	172	Susan Cousens, ME
41	227	William Eilers, CA	40	150	Dennis Olney, IA	41	166	Mike Haggerty, GA
42	222	Artland Kaai, CA	42	145	John Schafer, MI	42	165	Cynthia Wark, MD
43	221	James Fanning, CA	43	142	Donald Patrin, MN	43	163	Rick Bryant, MD
44	219	Andrew Lynch, CA	44	136	Roger Grandgeorge, IA	44	159	Ann Somers, MA
45	212	Stan Katzman, CA	45	135	Vince Conley, TX	45	158	Robert Fitzgerald, CT
46	211	Ronald Reid, CA	46	113	Betty Briggs, MI	46	154	Roger Bouchard, CT
47	206	Peter Jackson, CA	47	112	Dan Selke, IL	47	148	Gregory Gougian, MA
48	205	David Gilkeson, OR	48	103	John Hazlett, MI	48	147	Paul Statz, NH
49	204	George Mackie, WA	49	100	Robert Chase, MN	48	147	Hazel St. Cyr, ME
49	204	Michael McCammon, NV	50	95	David Boyer, MI	50	145	Albert Miller, NH

### Tournament Trail

### CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### **ACC Tournament Commissioners**

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region		
Roy Hofbauer	Patrick Barrett	David Campbell		
30937 NE 23rd St	5821 Griffith Ave	1321 North Rd		
Washougal WA 98671	Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494	Parsonsfield ME 04047		
360.835.3623	715.424.5059	207.730.2051		
roynjean@teleport.com	gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	acccribbage@aol.com		

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

### WA ◆ Feb. 1, Super Saturday One Day

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

### 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 Pomerov

### 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 Kooistra (605.661.7081). See entry form in January CW.

### NV ◆ Feb. 10-12, Topaz Spring Open

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

### MI ◆ Feb. 14-16, Michigan Tourn. of Hearts

Holiday Inn Express (616.940.8100), 5401 28th Street Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546, Contact: John Hazlett (616.340.7009), 112 Gold Ave NW, Grand Rapids MI 49504

### 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

### AZ ◆ Feb. 22-23, Yuma Snowbird Tourney

American Legion, 2575 Virginia Dr., Yuma AZ 85364. Contact: Walt Conell (406.498.1461), 500 W 28th St #18, Yuma AZ 85364 or Beverly Bliss

### 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

### HI ◆ Feb. 23, Tsarkie Special

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525, Kaaawa HI 96730

### 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

### CA • Mar. 2, Winter U.S. Open

Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary Prisk

### WI ◆ Mar. 7-9, Waupaca Spring Open

Best Western (877.880.1054), 110 Grand Seasons Dr, Waupaca WI 54981. Contact: Patrick Barrett continued on page 28

### **Tournament of Champions**

The invitation-only TOC will be held on Friday, **February 7**, in Reno NV. The invitee list is posted at **cribbage.org/TOC/toc2014.asp**. If you do not see your name there, please contact TOC director Don Hannula:

phone: 906.296.9107 email: dhannula@chartermi.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.

(715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

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### CA ◆ Mar. 7-9, Lucky 7 Casino Tourney

Lucky 7 Casino, 350 N Indian Rd, Smith River CA 95567. Contact: Tom & Lavonne Cookman (707.599.6747), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503 *or* Rick & Peggy Shea

### WA ◆ Mar. 8, Western Washington Open

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

### FL • Mar. 9-19, Caribbean Cruise

Three tourneys aboard Emerald *Princess*—roundtrip from **CANCELED** Cruise contact: Roger Wilson (CONTENT OF THE STATE OF T

### OR • Mar. 9, Portland Mini

Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland OR 97230. Contact: Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942), 5701 NE St Johns Rd #7, Vancouver WA 98661

### 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

### CO ◆ Mar. 14-16, Colorado Winter Open

Hampton Inn, 137 Union Blvd, Lakewood CO 80228. Contact: Katey Mayo (720.934.6656), 660 S Youngfield Ct, Lakewood CO 80228

OR ◆ Mar. 14–16, Northwest Open (Sissel Mem.)
VFW, 1st & Valley, Baker OR 97814. Contact: Rob
Palmer (541.519.7910), PO Box 102, Baker OR
97814 or Steve Palmer

### MA + Mar. 15, Pulled Pork & Peggin'

VFW, 126 Holliston St, Medway MA 02058. Contact: Ray Cook (508.980.9443), 16 16th Ave, Wareham MA 02571 or Pat Llewellyn

### 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

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### 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 Neelev

### WI ◆ Mar. 21-23, Marshfield Open

Eagles, 1104 S Oak, Marshfield WI 54449. Contact: Tom Drexler (715.305.4956), 1511 S Locust Ave #6, Marshfield WI 54449 continued on page 30

### CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI): \$210 to Santa Claus Girls
Wishbone Open (Grand Rapids MI): \$190 to Community Action House
Jingle Bell Open (Marinette WI): \$132 Salvation Army
American Pride (Mishicot WI): \$153 to DAV of Wisconsin
Western Washington Open (Poulsbo WA): \$102 to Crystal Grange

\$20 Entry - Qs: \$10, \$20, \$50

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## ROADRUNNER CLASSIC CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2014

Main Tournament and Consolation are 100% payback after expenses All Q Pools are optional and pay 1 in 6 Graduated

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### WI ◆ Mar. 28-30, Mick Michaelis Classic

Best Western (715.732.0111), 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI54143. Contact: Al Karr (920.639.3546), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

NV ◆ Mar. 28–30, Gold Dust West Spring Fling Gold Dust West, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. Contact: Michael McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour De La Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 or Diane Leal

### LA ◆ Mar. 28-30, New Orleans Open

Holiday Inn, 110 James Dr E, Saint Rose LA. Contact: Kevin Harris (kevinharris2003@msn.com; 972.841.3977), 523 Ranch Trl #139, Irving TX 75063

### WA ◆ Mar. 30, Walla Walla One Day

Eagles, 350 S 2nd, Walla Walla WA 99362. Contact: Tom Varnell (541.938.5713), 84956 Triangle Station Rd, Milton Freewater OR 97862 *or* Wayne Von Clasen

### HI ◆ Mar. 30, Ed Schweitzer Memorial

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525. Kaaawa HI 96730

### WI ◆ Apr. 4–6, Eau Claire Fest

Best Western (715.838.9989), 3340 Mondovi 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

### MT ◆ Apr. 4-6, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, Exit 101 on I-90, Missoula MT 59802. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604. Missoula MT 59806

### OR • Apr. 4-6, 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

### NH ◆ Apr. 6, Granite State Classic

Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Rd (Rte 130), Brookline NH 03033. Contact: David Statz (603.247.4335), 108 Parlmont Park, North Billerica MA 01862

### WA ◆ Apr. 11–13, Wash. State Championship

Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia WA 98541. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 or Mary Herring (360.740.1003)

### WI ◆ Apr. 11-13, Milwaukee Challenge

Ramada (414.764.1500), 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53132. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132

### OR • Apr. 18-20, Oregon Championship

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. Contact: Margery Clark (541.385.0330), 60945 Granite Dr, Bend OR 97702 *or* Rick Baird (541.530.1112)

GA ◆ Apr. 18–20, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic La Quinta, 6260 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30328. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975), 111 Wynnes Ridge Cir SE, Marietta GA 30067 *or* David O'Neil

### WA ◆ Apr. 19, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles Lodge, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98391. Contact: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226), 10520 123rd Street Ct E, Puyallup WA 98374 *or* Dick Albedyll

### MI ◆ Apr. 25–27, Michigan Open

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

### NH ◆ Apr. 25–27, Maine Spring Fling

Best Western, 580 US Hwy 1 Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801. Contact: Susan Jaynes (207.386.1031) 16 Hope Ln, Phippsburg ME 04562

### OR ◆ Apr. 25–27, Timber Capital Classic

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

### AK ◆ Apr. 26, Alaska State Championship

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

OR ◆ Apr. 30–May 1, Newport Midwk. Tourney American Legion, 424 W Olive St, Newport OR 97365. Contact: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668), 237 NE 121st St, Newport OR 97365 or Mike Ritthaler (541.547.4269)

### 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)

### 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

### MA • May 4, Earle Remington Memorial

VFW, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Contact: Holli Remington (508.488.7949), 1315 E 700 N, Logan UT 84321 *or* Laurie Hardy

### 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

### CA ◆ May 9-10, River City Open

Elks, 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova Cribbage World 95742. Contact: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208), 4960 Arboleda Dr, Fair Oaks CA 95628

### HI ◆ May 11, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525. Kaaawa HI 96730

### MI ◆ May 16-18, Potawatomi Peggers

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

Quality Inn (336.765.6670), 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. 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

### CA ◆ May 17, California Championships

Senior Center, 6200 Hunter Dr, Rohnert Park CA 94928. Contact: Avon Ray (707.546.8967), 21 Estrella Dr, Santa Rosa CA 95403 *or* Mike Emerson

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

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 *or* Duane Toll (541.580.3221)

### 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

### CA + June 6-8, Nugget Classic

Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA

95954. Contact: Dennis Phillips (530.873.2088), PO Box 1306, Magalia CA 95954 or Barbara Allen

### MI ◆ June 13-15, Lake Superior Challenge

Elks, 597 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming MI 49849. Contact: Don Hannula (906.296.9107), 911 Front St, Lake Linden MI 49945 or Pat Healey

### CA • June 14-15, Father's Day Special

Seven Flags of Sonoma Senior Center, 300 International Blvd, Sonoma CA 95476. Contact: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605), 6282 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka CA 95503

### WA ◆ June 14, Western Washington Open

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

### WA + June 15, Daffodil Express Open

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

### OR ◆ June 18–20, Portland Summer Open

Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey, Portland OR 97230. Contact: Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141), 727 NE 128th Ave, Portland OR 97230 *or* Jeanne Hofbauer

### OR • June 20-22, Medford Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Ctr, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (541.855.1103), 5529 Sams Valley Rd, Gold Hill OR 97525 or Julie Felkins

### IA ◆ June 20-22, Capital City Classic

Best Western (515.964.1717), 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.285.6106), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

### WI ◆ June 27-29, Steinmetz Schaefer Shuffle

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 E Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Contact: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180), 710 Mansfield Cir, Hartland WI 53029 *or* Richard Frost

### OR + June 27-29, Cascade Classic

Jefferson City Senior Center, 860 SW Madison, Madras OR 97741. Contact: Debra Lucas (541.678.2402), 2879 SE James Dr, Madras OR 97741 *or* Tammy Gibbons

### HI ◆ June 29, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525. Kaaawa HI 96730

### CA ◆ July 2–4, Susanville Summer Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Dr, Susanville CA 96130. Contact: Steve Hastie continued on page 32

(530.251.5397), PO Box 813, Herlong CA 96113 or Pam Pomeroy

### NV ◆ July 4–6, Independence Day Classic

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Contact: Valerie & Les Sumner (775.742.4241), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Peggy Shea

### NV → July 7-9, Topaz Summer Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89410. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner

### WI ◆ July 11-13, Brat Stop Open

Brat Stop, 12304 75th Ave, Kenosha WI. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152

WA ◆ July 11–13, Walla Walla Midsum. Classic Eagles, 350 S 2nd St, Walla Walla WA 99362. Contact: John Reed (541.938.7048), 85548 Highway 339, Milton Freewater OR 97862 *or* Ronald Blocklinger

### CA + July 19-21, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 213 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct. Antioch CA 94531

### NC • July 24-25, Open Opener

North Raleigh Hilton (919.872.2323), 3415 Old Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Contact: David Aiken (616.401.8311), 9545 28th St SE, Ada MI 49301 *or* Keith Widener *or* David Campbell

### NC ◆ July 25-28, National Open

North Raleigh Hilton (919.872.2323), 3415 Old Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Contact: Jerry Gooden (919.632.1339), 1717 Briarforest Pl, Raleigh NC 27615 *or* John Morch

### WA + July 25-27, Summer Classic

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

### CA + July 26, Summer Open

Leisure Town Center, 100 Sequoia Dr, Vacaville CA 95680. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2020), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571 *or* Jackie Doppelt

### HI ◆ July 27, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525. Kaaawa HI 96730

### NC + July 28, Come Monday

North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Contact: Fran Ward (919.377.2470), 704 Newport Cir. Cary NC 27511

### WI ◆ Aug 1-2, Steinmetz/Frosty Shuffle

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Slinger WI 53086. Contact: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180), 710 Mansfield Cir, Hartland WI 53029 or Richard Frost

### WY + Aug. 1-3, Cowboy Country Open

American Legion, 2001 E Lincoln Way, Cheyenne WY 82001. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.256.2918), 6800 Legend Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009

### NV ◆ Aug. 2-3, Hot August Nights

Gold Dust West, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. Contact: Michael McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour De La Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Steve Hastie

### OR ◆ Aug. 8-10, Mount Bachelor Challenge

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. Contact: Margery Clark (541.385.0330), 60945 Granite Dr. Bend OR 97702 or Rick Baird

### GA ◆ Aug. 15-17, Peach State Classic

La Quinta, 6260 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30328. Contact: Dave O'Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021 or Carl Squire

### WI ◆ Aug. 15-17, Madison Masters

Howard Johnson (608.244.2481), 3841 S Washington Ave, Madison WI 53213. Contact: Terry Weber (608.225.8138), 2613 Golden Gate Way, Madison WI 53713

### NV ◆ Aug. 22–24, Pahrump Open

Nugget Casino, 681 S Hwy 160, Pahrump NV 89048. Contact: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444), PO Box 3601, Pahrump NV 89041 *or* Norm Nikodym

### HI + Aug. 24, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525, Kaaawa HI 96730

### MT ◆ Aug. 29-31, Montana Capital Classic

Eagles, 715 N Fee St, Helena MT 59601. Contact: Wayne Momsen (406.502.1205), 239 Anderson Blvd, Helena MT 59601 *or* Carole Herron

### MN + Sept. 5-7, Minnesota Open

Moose Lodge, 1946 English St, Maplewood MN 55109. Contact: Gerald Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave. Minneapolis MN 55417

### ID ◆ Sept. 5-7. Gem State Challenge

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.241.5006), 4410 W Nine Iron Ln. Meridian ID 83646

### CA ◆ Sept. 5-7, Dick Hastie Memorial

Boys & Girls Club, 753 W Lowell Ave, Tracy CA 95376. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.521.5397), PO Box 813, Herlong CA 96113 or James Fanning

### CA ◆ Sept. 12-14, Battle of the Bay

Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531 *or* Tad Pilecki

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### **Years Ago** in the ACC

The cover of the February 1984 Cribbage World featured an editorial by Dale Monroe about tournaments with large entry fees. At that time, three of approximately ninety sanctioned tourneys had an entry fee of \$100. Today there is only one: the Syl Lulinski Tournament of Champions. Interestingly enough, this editorial also appears—word for word—on page 3 of this issue.

Elsewhere in this issue we read that Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL) won the Potawatomi Peggers

took second in the consolation).

Powwow in Kalamazoo MI and that Buzz Railsback (Syracuse NE) won the Rocky Mountain Championship in Englewood CO (his wife, Helen,

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### HI ◆ Sept. 28, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525. Kaaawa HI 96730

### OR • Oct. 4, Black Butte Bonanza

Tollgate Clubhouse, 69319 Stirrup Rd, Sisters OR 97759. Contact: Winona McDaniel (541.736.1363), 1771 Kellogg Rd, Springfield OR 97477 *or* Carolyn Blackman

### IA ◆ Oct. 3-5, Capital City Classic

Best Western (515.964.1717), 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

### NH • Oct. 5, New Hampshire Open

Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Rd (Rte 130), Brookline NH 03033. Contact: David Statz (603.247.4335), 108 Parlmont Park, North Billerica MA 01862 *or* Mary Burlington

### WA . Oct. 13, Daffodil Express Open

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

### WI ◆ Oct. 17-19, Waupaca Fall Open

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

### CA ◆ Oct. 17-19, Crescent City Open

Del Norte County Fairgrounds, 421 Hwy 101 N, Crescent City CA 95531. Contact: Jim Waldvogel (707.464.9168), 160 Hinky Rd, Crescent City CA 95531 *or* Jerald Cutsforth

### WI + Oct. 24-26, North Pole Open

Riverfront Inn (800.332.3305), 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54154. Contact: Jeanne Wauters (920.863.3703), 4753 Denmark Rd, Denmark WI 54208

### HI ◆ Oct. 24–26, Abe Kealoha Extravaganza

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525, Kaaawa HI 96730

### WI ◆ Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Wisconsin State Champs. Howard Johnson (605.244.2481), 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. Contact: Terry Weber (608.225.8138), 2613 Golden Gate Way, Madison WI 53713

### NV ◆ Nov. 7-9, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Contact: Les & Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434-9511

### WA ◆ Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Hendricks Memorial

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. Contact: James Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944 *or* Jason Hofbauer

### NV ◆ Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Gold Dust West Fall Fest.

Gold Dust West, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. Contact: Michael McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour De La Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Diane Leal

### NV ◆ Nov. 10-12, Topaz Winter Classic

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89410. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Les Sumner

### CT ◆ Nov. 12, Nutmeg Open

J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St, Hartford CT 06105. Contact: Joan Fletcher (860.519.5467), 7 Navaho Rd, East Hartford CT 06118 *or* Robert Fitzgerald

### WA ◆ Dec. 13, Western Washington Open

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

### HI ◆ Dec. 14, James Kahue Championship

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu HI 96818. Contact: Alice Souza (808.343.3023), PO Box 525, Kaaawa HI 96730

### WI ◆ Jan. 2-4, 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* Dan Selke

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### CA ◆ Jan. 4-19, Panama Cruise

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- •Cabo Classic (Jan. 5 & 8). Contact: Jim Langley (530.527.4606)
- Panama Cruise Open (Jan. 11 & 13). Contact: Roger Wilson (303.254.4670)
- •Jamaica Open (Jan. 16 & 18). Contact: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153)

Requests to hold a sanctioned tournament should be directed to the appropriate regional commissioner.
See contact info on page 27.

# How to Spend Your 70th/B-day! BY PAT HENDSCH

Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

hen I was getting married my mother-in-law to be asked if I knew how to play cribbage. My answer: "No." "Well, you will learn, and you will teach my grand-children to play," she said!

And I did. I taught my three children— Chuck, Victoria, and Cathi—how to play, and now I'm teaching my grandchildren.

Granddaughter Shebi (now 17) played her first tournament at age seven (the Sierra Youth Cribbage tourney). She won three games and didn't make playoffs; when I asked if she wanted to play the consolation, she said: "Grandma, I'm brain dead. I'm going to play on the monkey bars."

I now live with Victoria in Morgan Hill, and I'm teaching grandsons Sean (7) and Seamus (5) how to play. They use motorcycle and dragon pegs that I bought for them in Reno. Seamus is now practicing for the next Sierra Youth Cribbage tourney in March.

For my seventieth birthday on July 23, 2013, we went to Huntington Beach CA, where Chuck and Cathi live. I have played several times with the Huntington Beach Grass Roots club, directed by J. J. Stans-

field, when I visited the area.

Unknown to me, Cathi sent out email inviting club members to play a mini-crib-bage match to celebrate my birthday. Several club members attended, and I couldn't believe my whole family was there—three generations!—playing a birthday tournament with me.

Somehow the rotation fell so that I played each one of my kids. When someone asked them about giving me a break, all three said: "Heck no, she doesn't gave us breaks. *This is cribbage*!"

I didn't beat any of them and in fact didn't win a game from anyone! I did manage to win the 24-pot despite losing all my games. Victoria came in first, Cathi second, and Chuck third. They were all thrilled.

Needless to say, this was the most memorial birthday I ever had—and one I won't forget. I can truthfully say this is the best family sport anyone can play. Got to love it!

Pat teaches her grandchildren to play cribbage in Morgan Hill CA —and looks forward to the tournament for her 80th birthday!



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