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pages 4, 6,  
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info on the ACC's  
response to  
Covid-19.

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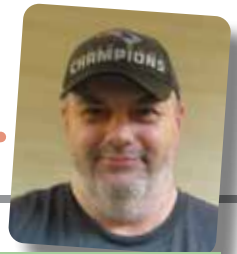
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# President's Column

by David Campbell



*Here is the statement that the ACC issued on March 14 about Covid-19*

The Executive Committee (David Campbell, James Morrow, Keith Widener, Terry Weber, David Aiken) of the American Cribbage Congress recommends to all our players that the safest personal decision for all of our players is to stay away from tournaments and Grass Roots gatherings until the virus has passed. The ACC lengthened the Grass Roots season by one month (to June 30 for club play and to May 31 for GRNT) in order to allow everyone across the country additional time to complete this season.

Regarding weekend tournaments, all three commissioners (David Campbell, Richard Shea, Patrick Barrett) recommend the same: that players avoid large gatherings in the near future. The commissioners and the Executive Committee have limited powers when it comes to canceling sanctioned tournaments. In many cases in the near future, federal and state government will likely make the decision for many of these tournaments. It is our opinion (based on the ACC's Policy Manual) that the ACC has the power to cancel only one tournament and that is the ACC Open, because it is an ACC event run by the ACC. If Reno was next week, we undoubtedly would have canceled it due to the severity of the situation in the world currently.

This is a very trying time for us all, and it is our hope that our 6,000+ members across the country all are lucky enough to not contract this horrible virus.


**Paul Gregson** (Brentwood CA) resigned from the Board of Directors on March 14. Per ACC policy, the next highest vote-getter in the most recent election takes his place on the BOD. This is an unusual year in which only twenty-six people ran for the BOD and the only unsuccessful candidate has already been named to fill a previous vacancy. In lieu of explicit instruction in the ACC's Policy Manual, the Executive Committee appointed **Cy Madrone** (Santa Barbara CA) to the BOD, who was the highest unsuccessful vote-getter in the 2017 BOD election not currently serving on the board, thus replacing Paul with another director from the same region and state.

## Cribbage on Postcards

Yes, **Suckling Airways** is a real thing. Established in 1984 by Roy and Merlyn Suckling, it began operating in 1986 out of Ipswich in Suffolk County in England. Later relocated to Cambridge and renamed ScotAirways, it ceased operations in 2013.




This unused postcard  features a Dornier 328 at Southampton Airport in 1998. It is Ash Cards #A-5 and was printed by Croft Litho in Eastbourne.

CW could not discover whether Roy Suckling is related to Sir John, but here is a photo of Roy with another of his company's planes. 

CW would like to hear from any ACC members who might have flown



on Suckling Airways and have memorabilia (ticket stubs, in-flight magazine, etc.) from their flight.

*If you have a postcard that mentions cribbage, contact Cribbage World at [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org). *

# My Deal

by David Aiken



Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

I've written four editorials this month.

Since I recently returned from Reno, exhausted and worn out (too many late nights!), I first composed an homage about my annual pilgrimage to the cribbage capital of the world.

And then, at the front end of news about the novel Coronavirus scare, I wrote an editorial about the danger of both overreacting and underreacting to this basically unknown disease.

As Coronavirus morphed first into Covid-19 and then into a pandemic, and as the ACC's Executive Committee (on which I serve as VP of Competition) developed a public statement (see page 4), I wrote about our response to the disease and how best to continue playing cribbage under the few constraints then in place.

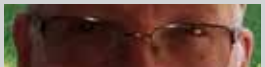
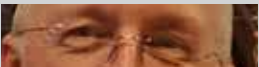
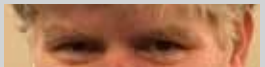
Which brings me, finally, to this—my fourth—editorial about playing cribbage during quarantine—a quarantine of unknown length and indeterminate severity.

As of mid-March my cribbage club in Grand Rapids is canceled (we play in an American Legion, which along with

all bars and restaurants in the state was shut down by the State of Michigan); our GRNT is postponed (our hosts were rightly concerned about several dozen players bringing germs into their house); and all cribbage tournaments in my immediate vicinity (and now nationwide) are canceled or delayed for months.

Despite these strictures, I'm not about to give up playing the world's best card game, so here are some tips to help us all in the coming weeks and months:

- First and foremost: don't do anything stupid (read: don't get yourself killed).
- Play with (or teach) members of your household who are isolated with you.
- Play online. Go to **cribbage.org/inter** **net** for help getting started.
- (Re)read DeLynn's *Play Winning Cribbage*.
- Join Daily Cribbage Hand (**dailycribbagehand.org**) and learn how to play difficult hands.
- Watch Ras's videos on cribbage strategy (go to **youtube.com** and type "ras cribbage" in the search box).

Tale of the Tape	 <b>Baird</b>	 <b>Aiken</b>	 <b>Medeiros</b>
average	62.7% (42–25)	54.8% (131–108)	✓65.9% (60–31)
biggest win	+43 over Sue Bridwell (OR) @ Club 12	+44 Jennifer Bolles @ Redding	✓+50 over Bob Russell (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	✓-44 by Bernie Nelson (OR) @ Redding CA	-61 by Rod Hovey (MI) @ Club 321	-55 by Ron Musolf (MD) @ Hampton Roads

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Sometimes in cribbage we have to do the most with the least amount to work with. For example, you are dealer to start the game, and you deal yourself the scintillating A-2-6-7 with Q-K to your crib. The cut is a King, and the pone leads a King. How do you proceed? Well, you could whine but let's skip that option.

It certainly looks like you are going to peg one and have a 2-hand/2-crib, but can you do better in the pegging? With the King lead, I'm surmising the pone has one of these combos: four pictures, three pictures and a 5, or two pictures and two 5s. None of these are exactly thrilling for our game outlook, but it gives us a chance to plot a pegging hand to improve upon the 1-1 pegging outcome that usually results from these particular holds.

If you play an Ace on the King lead, instead of the usual 6 or 7 response, you will get immediate information on the pone's hand. If she responds with a picture for 21, the pegging will result in a 1-1 outcome and it's likely she has a 16-point hand.

If she responds with a 5, it's likely she has a big hand, but now you can gain a few extra points in the pegging. Play the 6 to make it 22 (obviously the pone doesn't have a 4 or she would have made it 15), so if dealer has another 5 you will outpeg her 2-0. If she has all pictures remaining you get the three-card run of 5-6-7 and the go, so you outpeg her 4-1. She still has a big hand to our 2-2 but at least you have cut into the lead by two or three points with this play.

Remember every little point helps—especially when you start out with a 2-2!

**When was the last time Rob had a 2-2? You can contact him at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**

- Practice safe pegging: wash frequently, sanitize (or discard) shared playing equipment (pegs, boards, pens, cards), stay home if you are sick—you know, all the stuff your mother taught you.
- Above all: follow the law. If your state or municipality has banned gatherings of ten or more people or has put a moratorium on travel, by all means do what you are asked/required to do—if not for your sake, then for the sake of those

most at risk, which by the way comprise a large percentage of ACC members.

We—our organization, the country, the world—will survive this. But we just have to be smart in the meantime. While cribbage may be curtailed for the foreseeable future, there will come a time when we sit across the board from each other and thank our lucky stars that we can once again play the world's greatest card game.

CW

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Rives Junction Open (Rives Junction MI; Dec 27–29)	Jerry Adams & David Aiken	28 players HQ. Sue Schenk (50) 1. Sue Schenk (70) 2. Andy Stireman (42) 3. Haley Hintze (21) 3. David Boyer (21)	19 players HQ. David Boyer (9) 1. John Schafer (40) 2. David Sniegowski (24) 3. Eric Jensen (12) 3. David Boyer (12)	28-hand: David Aiken (CD)	<i>Friday Canadian Doubles:</i> Sally Henderson & Dan Selke <i>Saturday Canadian Doubles:</i> Terry Weber & Andy Stireman
Wisconsin Dells Deal (Lake Delton WI; Jan. 3–5)	Terry Weber	72 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (70) 1. Edward Balcer (147) 2. Dan Selke (105) 3. Ann Trotter (70) 3. David Guyse (70)	54 players HQ. Glenn Gauthier (15) 1. Keith Widener (60) 2. Henry Brandner (40) 3. Allen Karr (24) 3. Glenn Gauthier (24)	29-hand: Doug Page*	<i>Friday:</i> Jane Vander Loop <i>Saturday:</i> Emilio Perez
Portland Winter (Portland OR; Jan. 17–19)	Stephane Akin	90 players HQ. Gary Louderback (80) 1. Paul Hirschmann (147) 2. William O'Malley (105) 3. Jeremy Krieger (70) 3. Dan Marsh (70)	49 players HQ. Joe Losacco (21) 1. Jason Hofbauer (60) 2. Charles Breider (40) 3. Maria Quist (24) 3. Sharon Demers (24)	28-hand: John Quist*	<i>Early Bird:</i> James Morrow <i>Doubles:</i> Jeff Smith & Dave Wittman <i>Saturday:</i> Valerie Nozick
Georgia Open (Savannah GA; Jan. 17–19)	Kelley Adams	70 players HQ. David O'Neil (40) 1. Howard Terry (147) 2. Frank Abernathy (105) 3. Jean Bidegare (70) 3. Jeff Raynes (70)	42 players HQ. David Smith (15) 1. Jerry Schrum (60) 2. Norman Hiliard (40) 3. Charlene Cohen (24) 3. Barbara Yates (24)	28-hand: Phil Jones*	<i>Friday:</i> Keith Miller <i>Saturday:</i> Brian Daugherty
Medeiros Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; Jan. 24–26)	Vicki Soule	70 players HQ. Jim Maffa (85) 1. Frank Reddy (147) 2. Dave Gobiel (105) 3. Henry Bergeron (70) 3. Patrick Robrecht (70)	44 players HQ. Jerry Hedden (21) 1. <b>Sandra Plechota</b> (60) 2. Mary Alice Russell (40) 3. Lee Dillon (24) 3. Phyllis Schmidt (24)		<i>Friday:</i> Barry Spadea <i>Canadian Doubles:</i> Jim Maffa & Kenny Flynn <i>All Events:</i> Frank Reddy

# LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in sanctioned event

**blue** = grand slam

**red** = first win

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Main (MRPs)</b>	<b>Consolation (MRPs)</b>	<b>Big Hands</b>	<b>Satellite Winners</b>
Peg for the Border (La Mesa CA; Jan. 31–Feb. 2)	John Kern	34 players HQ. Artland Kaai (60) 1. Pamela Pomeroy (105) 2. Artland Kaai (70) 3. Art Whitney (42) 3. Rick Kimberlin (42)	16 players HQ. Leroy Zahn (12) 1. Dan Marsh (24) 2. Barbara Stockham (12)		<i>Doubles:</i> Margaret Fanucchi & Bob Prochnow
Humboldt Bay Winter Classic (Eureka CA; Feb. 7–9)	Rick & Peggy Shea	44 players HQ. Sheryl Brekke (40) 1. <b>Jim Willits</b> (105) 2. Bernie Nelson (70) 3. Peggy Shea (42) 3. Don Dolezal (42)	33 players HQ. Herschel Mack (21) 1. Wayne Momsen (60) 2. Bob Bartosh (40) 3. Carole Herron (24) 3. Aiden Lashway (24)	28-hands: Robert Walker* Andrew Laurence*	<i>Doubles:</i> Aiden & Deborah Lashway <i>Saturday:</i> Rick Shea
Orlando Open #1 (Winter Park FL; Feb. 8)	Dave Fournier	98 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (50) 1. Anthony Yaeger (147) 2. Robert Medeiros (105) 3. Keith Miller (70) 3. Joy Barnes (70)	70 players HQ. Keith Widener (18) 1. David Alken (84) 2. Kathy Pacocha (60) 3. Troy Thorson (40) 3. David Fournier (40)		
Orlando Open #2 (Winter Park FL; Feb. 9)	Dave Fournier	86 players HQ. Susan Finazzo (40) 1. Keith Miller (147) 2. Donna Last (105) 3. Susan Finazzo (70) 3. Robert Medeiros (70)	36 players HQ. Lana Newhouse (12) 1. Lee Dillon (60) 2. Lana Newhouse (40) 3. David Alken (24) 3. Mary Burlington (24)	28-hands: Dave Fournier* Galen Friend*	
Go Green Bay (Green Bay WI; Feb. 14–16)	Al Karr	91 players HQ. Bob Joslin (70) 1. Fred Adolphson (147) 2. Max Steplyk (105) 3. John Jaroskiński (NM) (70) 3. Bob Joslin (70)	54 players HQ. Amy Michaletz (18) 1. Dale Magedanz (60) 2. Jeff Wussow (40) 3. Tony Larson (24) 3. Allen Karr (24)	29-hand: Gene Biegler*	<i>Friday:</i> Jeff Shimp <i>Doubles:</i> Donald Flesch & Emilio Perez

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Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach VA; Feb. 14–16)	Jack Howsare	44 players HQ. Jack Howsare (45) 1. Kevin Harris (105) 2. Bernard Whitfield (70) 3. Rick Danielson (42) 3. Janet Viands (42)	32 players HQ. Matthew Easterbrook (12) 1. David Sniegowski (40) 2. Bruce Sattler (24) 3. Michael Becker (12) 3. Jim Correa (12)	28-hand: Ron Comer*	Friday: Michael Becker Saturday: Thomas Goeschel
Winter U.S. Open (West Covina CA; Feb. 16)	Norm Nikodym	31 players HQ. William Eilers (30) 1. Cy Madrone (70) 2. Sharon Schaefer (42) 3. Dave Yaeger (21) 3. Ashwini Dabak (21)	20 players HQ. Roland Hall (18) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Beth Fleischer (24) 3. Jim Jones (12) 3. Robert Galbraith (12)		
JPW/ACC Open (Reno NV; Mar. 7–8)	Peggy & Rick Shea	640 players HQ. Cy Madrone (85) 1. Bryan Gurden (315) 2. Keith Miller (252) 3. Jason Eck (196) 3. Vicki Soule (196) 5. Dan Taylor (147) 5. Paul Gregson (147) 5. Bob Joslin (147) 5. Rhynold Shave (147) 9. Gerald Gruber (105) 9. Duane Schubauer (105) 9. William Wolfe (105) 9. Gene Rice (105) 9. Bruce Sattler (105) 9. Kurt Nordlund (105) 9. Richard Shea (105) 9. Bob Hanes (105)	478 players HQ. Sally Henderson (21) 1. Lee Tesch (144) 2. Dick Lind (112) 3. Janice Blanc (84) 3. Patty Vowell (84) 5. Alan Peterson (60) 5. Scott Harker (60) 5. William Stacey (60) 5. Cathy Rendon (60) 9. Gerald Klein (40) 9. Betty Brumley (40) 9. John Hazlett (40) 9. Chris Kim (40) 9. Ginny Danielski (40) 9. Rob Voysey (40) 9. Troy Thorson (40) 9. Ronald James (40)	28-hands: John Gentry* Ronald Logan* George Moore* David Suhr* Patti Whiteaker*	All Star Tourney: Central Region Canadian Doubles: Barbara Barbour & Charles Booker Cribbage Bowl: Les Rasmussen TOC: Erik Locke

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**OOPS!**  
The blue  
highlighting in March  
tournament results  
(pages 8–10) should  
have been red. Those  
were first wins, not  
grand slams.

# Tourney Tidbits

## Wisconsin Dells Deal by the Numbers

- TD **Terry Weber** set the room 72 players, and exactly 72 players showed up for the main.
- The main finalists were the 2 bottom qualifiers: **Ed Balcer** and **Dan Selke**.
- **Doug Page** had a 29-hand (his 5th life-time!) against **Buzz Koehler**—and was still behind in the game.
- The consy had 54 players—exactly 75% of main.
- **Henry Brandner** had only 2 losses in the consy playoffs—the last 2 games of the finals versus **Keith Widener**.
- 2 tournament co-directors—**Keith Widener** and **Dan Selke**—made the finals of each tourney.
- **Jane Vander Loop** had 20/8 on Friday, losing only 1 game by 3 points when her opponent pegged out.
- **Jeff Shimp** (aka Michigan Jeff) was 4x better than **Jeff Gardner** (aka Ohio Jeff) in the main: 40/17 versus 10/5.
- No 28s showed up in the main; it took a 29 to qualify.
- Finally—in the “what might have

been” category: because he had 8/4 after 8 games, **Terry Weber** skipped his last game in the consy in order to get a jump on the tournament paperwork. As it turned out, an 11/5 qualified. And in a spectacular improvement over his Saturday performance, the 11/5 that qualified was **Jeff Gardner's**!

**Predator Cribbage** At Humboldt Bay Winter Classic in February, 27 of 44 players had at least one tourney win, with a total of 514 wins between them. But none of the sharks factored into the tournament results, as two guppies swam to the top of the food chain. ↓ High qualifier was **Sheryl Brekke** (Eureka CA), sporting only 176 MRPs before this tourney, and the winner was **Jim Willits** (Bayside CA), who didn't own a single MRP. Jim defeated Life Master (3★) **Bob Bartosh** (41 wins), HQ **Sheryl Brekke**, Life Master **Peggy Shea** (3 wins), and Life Master (★) **Bernie Nelson** (18 wins). Not bad for a minnow!

## CLUB 29

1. Ivan Wells (NM) – Aug. 3
2. Duane Toll (OR) – Aug. 8
3. Dan Selke (IL) – Oct. 21
4. Roman Obermeier (WI) – Oct. 26
5. Christine Zager (WI) – Nov. 9 (#1)
6. Christine Zager (WI) – Nov. 9 (#2)
7. Dan Selke (IL) – Jan. 11
8. Doug Page (WI) – (Jan. 4)
9. Gene Biegler (WI) – (Feb. 15)



# The Magedanz Chronicles

*Minor tweak to the March edition of the “Magedanz Chronicles” (necessary because of an overzealous editor): It was not that no 28 cards qualified at Wisconsin Dells Deal. Rather, no one had a 28 card. That’s rare!*

**King Dale** At the Go Green Bay consy, **Dale Magedanz** knocked out director **Al Karr** and went on to win it. Al harbored no hard feelings and blew the king a kiss. Plus Dale has a cool crown of light. ➡

**Milwaukee ♥ Madison** As a Reno warm-up, on February 27 the “Milwaukee Four” carpooled to Madison Club 1. Madison’s **Fred Adolphson**, coming off his first main win at Green Bay, took first place with a 17. **Don (aka Boat Anchor) Flesch** took second with 16/8, **Dale Magedanz** took fourth with 13/5, and **Wayne and Steve Steinmetz** took fifth and sixth with 12/6. Steve really likes Madison’s 24 pool, as he won it the last two times.



**#\$@&% 5-Cut** During the Susanville main, **Don Thienel** (Omaha NE) was playing **June Fordham** (Annapolis MD). Don was 18 out and dealt himself 4-5-6-6. After a 5 was cut, he has plenty to win the game. Don counts June’s position at 22 and plays perfect defense, holding her to no peg points. At first glance, June’s 5-5-K-K appears to be 20 points, but after a quick recount she ferrets out the extra two and claims the game. Don was later heard to say: “I hate this [adjective deleted] game.”

**Puyalluped? Pahrumper?** We all know by now what “Gruberized” means. At Reno I’m playing this nice lady and looking to get my first win of the day. She is 20 out counting first. I hold her to no pegs and things are looking good until she turns over her last card for a 21. I was just Puyalluped by a Puyalluper.

*Editor’s note: always wanting to give players their due, I attempted to track down the name of the “nice lady” in this story so we could give her credit for reaching down Dale’s throat and ripping his heart out. I asked online and contacted several players from the Puyallup club, but we struck out. At which point, Dale wrote again: “I think I got the wrong city. Instead of Puyallup I think it was Pahrumper. Give me a break, they both start with P. It will still make a good cribology term: I got Pahrumpered by a Pahrumper.” So . . . if you live in Pahrumper—or Puyallup . . . and if you played in Reno in March . . . and if you beat the tallest guy in the room . . . let Cribbage World know and we’ll print your picture in the next magazine.*

Stories from the Tournament Trail by Dale Magedanz  
CW's Milwaukee Correspondent

**Two for Drew** The Central Regional was lucky to have **Andy Stireman** ↓ as a sub on the All Star team. Andy missed the top eight last season by a single MRP. His stellar play in the All



Star Tourney (story on page 33) garnered him the top dawg spot with 25/12 +101. Andy always says “two for Drew” when a Jack is cut for him. I altered it slightly. I played **Trevor Poole** twice for 1-2 and won both games. ↑ Now it’s “two from Poole.” (Note: the slogan on Andy’s t-shirt reads: “I skunked a man in Reno just to watch him cry.”)

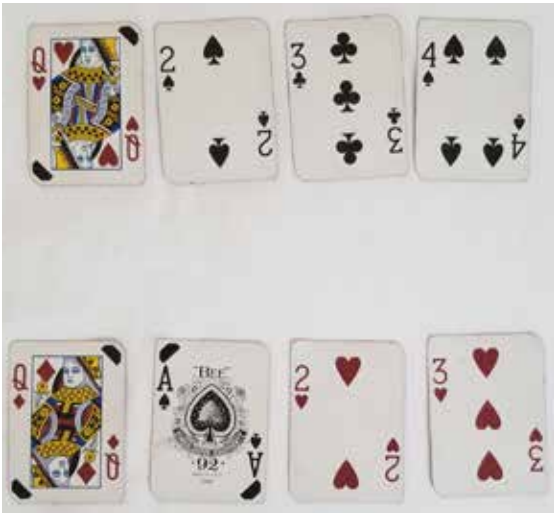


**Wrong 5** Playing in the Topaz Mid-roller I had a nice three-win start. Then I am up against **Jeanne Wauters** (Denmark WI). After her fast start with a 17 and several other cuts, I run her down on fourth street. I’m still 16 out counting first when Jeanne deals me four 5s. I lead a 5, and she fifteens it. I make the count 20, and Jeanne plays an 8 for a go. I play my third 5, and she plays a 7.

I play my final 5, and she promptly plays a 6 for a run of three and pegs out. I guess I led the wrong 5!

**She’s Being Mean!** Also in the Topaz Mid-roller: during game nine **Ellen Kutz** says to me: “**Joyce Betz** is being mean to me. Take it out on Dan” (Joyce’s hubby). So I skunk Dan. My 15/7 was no match for Ray **Klocko’s** impressive four-skunk 20/8, so I settled for second place.

**Aggressive Play** I watched this hand unfold at Topaz Lodge between **Bill O’Malley** (Salem OR) and **Mike Henze** (State Center IA). → Bill leads a 3 and Mike pairs it. Bill plays a Q and Mike pairs it. Bill plays 4, and Mike plays his Ace for 31. Bill drops his 2 and Mike pairs it for 3. Nine pegs to zero, with aggressive play being the key. Feels great when it works out.



# ACC *Awards*



**Sue Schenk**  
(Newaygo MI)  
Grand Master #438

{*Sue's words*} My father-in-law taught me how to play cribbage but he always played 31-for-2 and last card for 3! When I first started playing Grass Roots, that did not go over well. I told my father-in-law that, and that did not go over well either! I joined the ACC in 1990. Keith Widener would be my number one cribbage mentor, among many others who have given me advice over the years. I was club champion twice, and my first tournament win was Potawatomi Peggers in Stevensville MI. I don't remember the year, but neither I nor Wayne Steinmetz will forget that one! I have won sixteen tournaments (eight of each variety) and earned my Grand Master rating at the Wishbone Open. My favorite tournament was Niagara Falls, but sadly it doesn't exist anymore. Tom Edwards has always been my nemesis. Besides cribbage, I am addicted to Words

with Friends. I am also a fair-weather fisherwoman and love to spend time with my family. My most rememberable cribbage moment came when playing Syl Lulinski and I was holding 4-4-6-6 hoping for the 5—and it was cut! Syl was holding 5-5-5-J and the cut 5 matched his Jack for his first 29!

Jennifer's dad taught her to play cribbage when she was ten. She joined the ACC in 1997 after seeing an advertisement for a cribbage tournament in Minden NV; the director gave her Annett Eiffert's number to call for info about a Sacramento club. She joined River City Peggers Club 162 and is now club treasurer and directs two tournaments each year with Nancy Rojas. Jennifer's first tournament win was in Paradise CA, and she earned her Grand Master when she won the Schaefer Shuffle consy in Henderson NV. Her favorite tournament is Carson City, and her toughest opponent is Jim Langley. Jennifer enjoys most card games, especially pinochle. She and her husband love to sail and ride jet skis on Camanche Lake, near their second home.

**Jennifer Bolles**  
(Sacramento CA)  
Grand Master #439



**Henry Bergeron**  
(Webster NH)  
Grand Master #442

{*Henry's words*} I joined the ACC in 1998, and my cribbage mentor is my wife Paula. My first tournament win was in West Springfield MA at the 2003 October Occurrence. I have won four tournaments. I earned my Grand Master rating at the Medeiros Memorial tournament in Wolfeboro NH. My favorite tournament obviously is the Daniel Webster Open, which Paula and I have directed since 2001. My toughest opponent was the late Bill Medeiros. My favorite cribbage moment this year was earning my

Grand Master rating. Besides playing cribbage, I enjoy other card games, puzzles, gardening, and watching the Red Sox and Patriots. I have three cats: Cleo, Rascal, and Muggins.

## *New Cribbage Masters*

1001. Robert Beckman (Cannon Falls MN)
1002. Larry C. Leidenheimer (Duluth MN)
1003. Tim Schnabel (Monroe GA)
1004. Dearl McCullough (Sonora CA)
1005. Doug Dresbach (Sacramento CA)



**Fran Ward**  
**(Cary NC)**  
**Grand Master #443**

Fran met Dave Lambeth during their freshman year at NC State back in 1963. He ran into him again in 1978, and Dave taught him how to play and got him to go watch the National Open in 1982. Fran joined the ACC the following year, when he played the National Open for the first time. He doesn't have an official cribbage mentor, but he likes to run "what would you do" questions by Larry Phifer and Jeff Raynes. A member of the tough Raleigh Club 58 (three Golds, seven Silvers, numerous Bronzes—competition that keeps him humble, he says), Fran has been club champion once. Fran's first tournament win was the 2003 Virginia Championships, and he's now won five tourneys. His first and still favorite tourney is the National

Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh. His favorite cribbage moment this year was qualifying ninth in the Reno consy. Fran has been very lucky when it comes to big hands. In 1985 he held the first ever 29-hand in North Carolina tournament play in Southern Pines. All told, he's held four 29s and fifteen 28s in Grass Roots and tournament play. The highlight was a single game in Grass Roots in 2015 when he had a 28-hand followed two deals later by a 29-hand—against his original teacher Dave Lambeth! Fran says that "I know 'real' players are more interested in the skill-related numbers, but I must admit, I'm a great fan of luck too!" Non-cribbage interests include reading, walking, and traveling.

## Better Than Joe!

*Noting the achievements of members who move past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs.*

Fred Adolphson (WI)  
 David Boyer (MI)  
 Chad Frischmann (WI)



**Follow-up: Robert Read** (Ringgold GA) posted on Facebook that the postcard featured in the March 2020 *Cribbage World*

(page 7) is franked with a 1¢ scarlet King Edward VII stamp and canceled in London on March 27, 1907. The stamp comes from a set of sixteen issued in 1902–11 and is Scott #128, watermarked (wmk30) Imperial Crown with Perf 14. Its catalog value is \$1.60.

## MIA

The USPS has returned mail for the following members (city and state are from last known address). Do you know where they are? If so, please contact the membership secretary at [acc@cmspan.net](mailto:acc@cmspan.net) or 888.734.4464 (9a–11a Pacific Time).

- Sabine Brady (Roseburg OR)
- Cade Cameron (Chehalis WA)
- Mike Daniels (Puyallup WA)
- Bryom Devine (Vineyard Haven MA)
- Richard Dixon (Kingston IL)
- Dick Ehlert (Missoula MT)
- Ronald Goble (Superior WI)
- Chris Israel (Northfield MN)
- John Kelly (Port Charlotte FL)
- Dean Link (Corvallis OR)
- Nathan McCormick (Sanford FL)
- Milton McDaniel (Juneau AK)
- Shirley Michaelis (Redlands CA)
- Bob Nomura (Crescent City CA)
- A. W. Sweet (North Bend OR)
- Mert Wagner (Fort Walton Beach FL)
- Linton & Della Walker (Prince George BC)
- William Wilson (Milo ME)
- Dan & Susan Winslow (Pleasanton CA)

At the time this article went to press, Grand National 39 in Sacramento is still on. The GN 39 leadership team hopes everyone is staying safe and that the drastic measures we are all enduring will see us through the Covid-19 pandemic. The leadership team is closely monitoring the situation and is working on contingency plans as the effects of the pandemic evolve. For the current status for GN 39, please visit the GN39 website: [acccribbage.wixsite.com/cribbage-gn-39](http://acccribbage.wixsite.com/cribbage-gn-39) or our Facebook page.

In the meantime, we are moving forward with plans to make Grand National 39 truly “grand” for participants as they “Rush for the Gold!” You may still book your rooms soon at the beautiful Doubletree by Hilton to ensure the cribbage rate of \$119 plus tax for a standard room. Entry flyers for the 49er Stampede Midweek and GN 39 Rush for the Gold



are available on the ACC website. (In the event that GN 39 is postponed or cancelled, everyone who has preregistered will receive a full refund.)

The second of three drawings for the progressive raffle was held in Reno on March 8.

Twenty-eight prizes were drawn (see the GN 39 website for a list of prizes, donors, and winners). Undrawn tickets remain in the final drawing, currently scheduled for June 28 in Reno. The final drawing may be rescheduled depending on circumstances. We hope to resume selling more tickets as soon as weekend tournaments start up again. Proceeds will help offset expenses for the GN, thus benefitting players by enhancing the prize fund. Virtually all the prizes were donated—many thanks to the donors who are acknowledged on our website.

More info next month. Stay tuned!

—by Jeanne Jelke, GN 39 director

## Never Give Up!

by Jay Fulwider (Seattle WA)

About fifteen years ago I was playing in one of my first tournaments in Sunnyside WA. I lost my first six games, and my seventh game—against **Jack Shumate**—was heading for another loss. Following a pegging mistake on my part, Jack stopped and leaned across the table. He quietly told me: “You are not concentrating! Other players here are depending on you

to win a few games. Start concentrating!” I lost that game, but listened to Jack. My cards and concentration turned at the same time. I went on to qualify and even got a bye. Thanks to Jack, now I never give up.

*Do you have a “never give up” story? Send it to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).*

# New Members

80 last month

## Alaska

Jess Seward (Palmer)  
Kay Seward (Palmer)  
Mike Sturrock (Juneau)

## Arizona

Hal Kerber (Surprise)  
Mick Moran (Tucson)  
Karen Stanchfield (Phoenix)  
Janine Szczepanowski  
(Litchfield Park)  
Ron Szczepanowski (Litchfield  
Park)

## British Columbia

Joe Hall (Kelowna)  
Stephen LaHay (Kelowna)

## California

Candy Alexander (El Dorado  
Hills)  
Rick Allvey (Livermore)  
Rita Allvey (Livermore)  
Judy Barnett (Susanville)  
David Baum (Los Gatos)  
Barbara Comito (Pleasanton)  
Sandra Fisher (Pleasanton)  
Valerie Frisbie (San Marcos)  
Boots Fritz (Greenville)  
James L. Goodhart (Livermore)  
Anne McArdle (Costa Mesa)  
Eric McArdle (Costa Mesa)  
Joseph D. Werdel (Santa Ana)  
Tony Wiedemann (Redding)

## Connecticut

Peter Eident (Woodbridge)  
Steve Serina (Burlington)

## Florida

JoAnne Orr (Port Charlotte)  
Dr Paul Selinger (Bonita  
Springs)  
Helen B. Thompson (Ellenton)  
Robert Turley (Bonita Springs)

## Idaho

Earl Mills (Post Falls)

## Illinois

Melissa Rapanos (Antioch)  
Thomas Rapanos (Antioch)

## Maine

David T. Berry (Bangor)  
Michael Wasilewski (Harmony)

## Massachusetts

Debbie Bastoni (Plymouth)  
Vincent Chahley (Chilmark)  
Bill Davis (Whitinsville)  
Ross Sabee (Oak Bluffs)  
Cindy Trish (Edgartown)  
Jim Trish (Edgartown)

## Michigan

Bill Stouffer (Lowell)

## Minnesota

Marilyn Kelley (Minneapolis)  
Mike Kelley (Minneapolis)  
Frank Yang (Saint Paul)

## Montana

Joseph Kiefer (Helena)  
Dan Reilly (Butte)

## Nebraska

Chip Cunningham (Blair)

## Nevada

Mark O'Driscoll (Reno)

## New Hampshire

Kate Medeiros (Bradford)

## New York

George Beams (Maryland)  
Charlene Rubillo (Maryland)

## North Carolina

Taylor Trent (Reidsville)

## Ontario

Chris Hoegy (Innisfil)

## Oregon

Shelby Bush (Bend)

Davis Christopher (Portland)  
Jenny Christopher (Portland)  
Tina Hering (Albany)  
Lee Kinney (Boardman)  
Amanda Nachman (Lincoln  
City)

Ervin M. Pierson (Gold Beach)  
David Trent (Cloverdale)  
Ed Vernon (Central Point)

## Rhode Island

Mary Gardner (Woonsocket)

## South Dakota

Daniel Sanow (Yankton)

## Vermont

Buzz Fisher (Barre)

## Virginia

Jason C. Dahlgren (Alexandria)  
Chris Durette (Suffolk)  
Susan Marchesiani (Carson)  
Sarah Navarre (Virginia Beach)  
Ernie Villamil (Suffolk)

## Washington

Heather McGuire (Kent)  
Heidi Moran (Tumwater)  
Ryan Platz (Spokane)  
Katie Terra (Spokane)  
Larry Weaver (Spokane)

## Wisconsin

Alan Conant (Denmark)  
Barry Gross (Verona)  
Jason Kabara (Pulaski)  
Joe Schmidt (Pulaski)

## Wyoming

Kristie Lundquist (Cheyenne)  
Michael Pafford (Cheyenne)

The fortieth annual Jensen Folf (frisbee golf) tournament in Michigan was a huge success.

The next generation of Folfers—sons and nephews—surprised the Jensen brothers with a beautiful cribbage board. Three of the brothers—**Chris** (Royal Oak), **Jon** (Royal Oak), and **Eric** (Grand Rapids)—are ACC members. It looks like Eric, a longtime member of Club 71 in Grand Rapids, absconded with the board!



# *Cribbage* *Covid-19* **Love in the Time of Cholera**

In her April 2016 column, former ACC President **Jeanne Hofbauer** addressed the importance of staying home from club and tourneys when you are sick. Given the current concern about health and infection in America, now seems to be an appropriate time to review what Jeanne wrote four years ago.

There are some issues that I really don't want to talk about, but several people have asked me to address a couple of them so often, that I guess I will give it a try.

The first is people coming to a tournament when they are sick with something contagious. Sharing is a good thing, but that should not include germs! It is so easy to pass along colds and other infections because we normally play in close proximity to one another. Plus we handle cards and pegs that have passed through many hands. So if you are sneezing, coughing, or know that you are sick, pass up on going to a tournament. It will probably do you more good to stay home and rest anyway. And even if you don't get any thanks for doing it, it is the right thing to do. [snip]

In case you're wondering, the second issue that Jeanne addressed was personal hygiene—another important lesson to review. Read her entire column at [cribbage.org/CribWorld](http://cribbage.org/CribWorld).

On a related note, the ACC shares with likeminded organizations a concern about Covid-19. The (inter)national governing bodies for organized backgammon, bridge, and scrabble have all issued warnings about playing their game or notices of clubs and tournaments being canceled. Our four games—cribbage, bridge, backgammon, and scrabble—share many similarities:

- close personal interaction among players
- use of shared playing equipment
- playing in confined spaces
- players more typically in high-risk populations

The ACC's Executive Committee and the BOD will continue to monitor this situation and make sure that our response remains positive, in tune with local situations, and in compliance with governmental regulations.

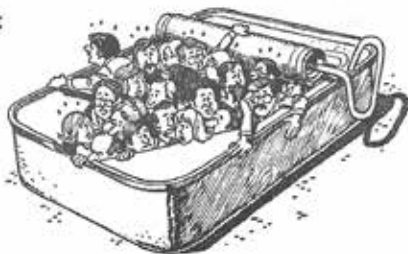
See also pages 4, 6, 38 and 43 in this issue for more on the ACC's response.

Always ahead of his time, DeLynn advocated social distancing for cribbage players long before it became necessary because of health concerns. (from April 1995 *Cribbage World*, page 11)

## **Tournament Directors:**

Give the players a break... if you have extra space in the playing halls, give 'em some "elbow room."

Unnecessary crowding is a very common practice. If you have the extra space, use it!



# Flying High!

On January 11, 2020, ACC member **Tim Schnabel** received the Wright Brothers' Master Pilot Award at a ceremony in his hometown Monroe GA.

Presented by the Federal Aviation Administration, this prestigious award recognizes "master pilots" who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least fifty years while piloting aircraft—without accident or incident.

As a young boy growing up near Boston, Tim and a buddy saved money from their paper routes and, without telling their parents, rode their bicycles five miles to Beverly Airport to take a plane ride. "Your parents know you're here, right?" asked the agent. "Of course!" they responded. After one flight, Tim was hooked!

Tim found a coach, a cheerleader, and a mentor all wrapped up in **Bill Craig**, who shepherded him through the early steps toward his private pilot license. Bill constantly affirmed, "You can do it, Tim." Through resilience and tenacity, Tim learned to fly and for more than fifty years has shared his passion for flying with both young and old.

Tim has three goals every time he takes flight: make it safe, make it fun, and learn something. We all should be so wise to have these goals—whatever we do.



Tim (left) and Bill Craig, his first flight instructor, who flew with Tim on the fiftieth anniversary of obtaining his pilot's license, December 4, 2019. Tim and Bill had not seen each other in forty-nine years. Tidbit: Tim has rented aircraft in seventeen states!

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### LEAGUE CRIBBAGE

From all indications there are three, maybe four, cribbage leagues in the country. That is quite surprising, especially to those who engage in league play. They know it to be real exciting more often than not.

There are a few of die-hards who honestly believe many more cribbage leagues would spring up if we were to mention here how the different leagues are set-up. So here goes with our first short shot.

Up in Rhode Island there is a 26 team league which operates eight months out of the year, September through May. The league gets together the first and third Thursday evenings of the month in centrally located Pawtucket where they meet in the Church of the Advent rec-hall. They come from all over that state, in fair or foul weather the schedule goes on.

A team consists of two players. The schedule calls for each team to play two matches per evening. A match consists of five games where each player on a team plays each player of the opposing team one game. The final game of the match is a doubles contest.

The winners of each match (three out of five) gains only one point in the wins column of the standings.

The league is split into two divisions with a play-off system leading to the big Super Bowl finale. At the end of the season, the player who has won the most individual games is then crowned "king" or "queen" of the league.



## 492 Players in Green Bay Capodagli, Dockter Cou Honors in Central Region Doubleheader

Some 492 peggers braved a late winter storm, and converged on Green Bay for the 38th ANCC regional play-in event. This membership drive for the 1981-82 season, and the only by December 30th, drew also-qualified 100, and played up 150 MGP in a single session. 1,000 work for the year, and the national lead.

Only one of seven MGP Tournament Teams Represented. 100 MGP (100 MGP) is a combined one of the regions, and the only by December 30th. Some also-qualified 100, and played up 150 MGP in a single session. 1,000 work for the year, and the national lead.

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## 40 Years Ago

The cover of the April 1980 *Cribbage World* talked about "cribbage leagues," an idea that eventually morphed into Grass Roots. The Rhode Island Cribbage League—directed by longtime ACC member **John Chambers** (Smithfield RI)—was the first league to join the ACC.

Elsewhere we read that **Ev Bey** was appointed to the BOD by President **Joe Wergin**. Ev was founder of the World Championship Cribbage Tournament in Quincy CA. **Charles Messina** (then of Lynn MA, now of Nahant MA) was the first member to join the ACC, and he's still a member after all these years!

## 25 Years Ago

The cover of the March 1995 *Cribbage World* announced the results of the 492-player MGM in Green Bay WI. A record 624 peggers played doubles on Friday night!

Elsewhere we read that **Gene Sissel** (Baker City OR) won the Northwest Open main and **Bob Palmer** (Baker City OR) won the consy. The forty-first running of this tournament—now renamed Gene Sissel Memorial Northwest Open—took place in early March. **Dick West** (Bellingham MA) captured the title at the 134-player Super Lite Classic in West Springfield MA.

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Marsha J. Lakmann

Redding Peggers Club 205 is very saddened by the sudden passing of Marsha Lakmann (Anderson CA) on February 25 at seventy-one years young. Retired after working for Pac Bell for forty years, Marsha had a kind heart and was friendly to everyone. She volunteered regularly for several nonprofits, including the VFW. She joined the ACC and Redding Peggers along with her very good friend, Lee Padden, more than ten years ago. Together, Marsha and Lee went on several cribbage cruises, including one to Hawaii and also the Panama Canal. We will miss Marsha's smile and willingness to help others, as well as her distinct chuckle when she bested Redding Peggers sharks Richard Hinrichs and Jeanne Jelke.

## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Most ACC members have special cribbage boards. They may be the board you first learned to play on, your first trophy board, or a first-place trophy board from a special tournament. In past columns I have suggested using a Sharpie pen to document the history and dates on the underside of these boards. Hopefully, you can pass your boards on to members of your family or friends who will appreciate and preserve them.

The three boards I feature this month are all “family history” boards. I hope my nieces and nephews will want them. In fact, a cribbage tournament would be appropriate to see who gets first choice. Here are the boards’ stories.

Board 1—this board belonged to my wife’s grandfather. ⬆ He emigrated from Norway in 1906 and homesteaded near Lewistown MT. He played on handcrafted boards until he could afford to buy this Horn/McCrillis no. C-235. He bought it in the mid-1920s, and it still has its original pegs.



Board 2—this board was purchased in 1938 by my father when he moved from South Dakota to attend UCLA. It is a Horn/McCrillis no. C-5. This board also has original pegs. It also has a



brass peg storage cover. ⬆ All Horn boards switched to wood slide covers when the brass was needed for the WWII war effort. My father taught me to play cribbage on this board in 1952.

Board 3—this board is a Kingsbridge #1016. ➡ My father bought it for me when I left home to attend the University of Washington. He wanted me to have a three-player board so he could play with my roommate and me when he visited.



Since I am a cribbage board collector, I have many other special boards, but I hope these three special boards will stay in our family. CW



*Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards from his home in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: “Just keep your pegs moving.” Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to him at [budandotis@msn.com](mailto:budandotis@msn.com) (put “Cribbage Board” in the subject line).*

## Reno Attendance, 2007–2019

event	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
TOC	564	544	548	494	520	506	482	452	458	436	448	446
Bowl	548	600	646	530	532	480	532	454	420	432	434	432
main	964	1,016	986	858	892	812	788	748	748	714	722	690
consy	748	794	746	648	670	616	570	568	538	494	548	524
doubles	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	336
total	2,824	2,954	2,926	2,530	2,614	2,414	2,372	2,222	2,164	2,076	2,152	2,428

# RENO

## Top Ten Reno Scorecards x Five

	TOC	ACC Open main	ACC Open consy
1	Brad Behm (30/14 +164)	Cy Madrone (43/19 +290)	Sally Henderson (18/9)
2	Jim Morelan (30/13 +186)	Kris Bailey (41/19 +273)	Zelma Strandell (18/9)
3	Bob Joslin (28/13 +150)	Doug Page (39/17 +254)	Jeanne Wauters (18/8)
4	Laurie Sagal (27/13 +188)	Jeremy Krieger (37/17 +195)	Doug Holden (18/8 +)
5	Rick Baird (27/13 +185)	Bernard Kitheka (37/17 +183)	Dave Yaeger (18/8 +)
6	Matt Padrow (27/13 +133)	Ronald Reid (35/17 +213)	Richard Scott Corbin (18/8)
7	Keith Widener (27/12 +209)	Kathy Pattison (35/17 +140)	Gerald Klein (17/8 +)
8	Glenn Pugh (27/12 +195)	Patty Vowell (35/16 +239)	Suzanne Lamoureux (17/8)
9	Trevor Poole (26/12 +189)	Bradley Gasper (35/16 +182)	Fran Ward (17/8 +)
10	Patrick Healey (26/12 +166)	Jeanne Wauters (35/16 +111)	Paul Hirschmann (17/8)

2019	2020
412	420
376	382
648	640
478	478
338	348
2,252	2,268



The Reno tourneys were completed just a few days before the onset of the health crisis that swept over the nation and the world in recent days. Attendance saw a slight uptick over last year’s numbers. If you weren’t in Reno, here’s what you missed. . . .

Pl	Cribbage Bowl	Canadian Doubles
1 (+147)	Les Rasmussen (25/12 +219)	Charles Booker & Barbara Barbour (19/8 +143)
2 (+81)	Terry Vancleave (23/11 +160)	Gary Pinkley & Dale Weilep (18/8 +105)
3 (+196)	Allan Stanek (23/10 +155)	Esther Rolfe & Michael D'Elena (17/8 +102)
4 (131)	William Stacey (22/10 +189)	Terry Higgins & Margaret Fanucchi (16/7 +159)
5 (129)	Steve Hastie (22/10 +182)	Jerry Griffin & Les Kvien (16/7 +152)
6 (8/8 +112)	Dana McClain (22/10 +165)	Henry Brandner & Patrick Healey (16/7 +120)
7 (139)	Gary Pinkley (22/10 +146)	Tom Cookman & Joseph Botkin (16/7 +110)
8 (8/8 +121)	Thomas Azevedo (22/9 +146)	Leroy Zahn & Jim Blakeley (15/7 +110)
9 (37)	Clay Collier (22/9 +121)	Dan Betz & Joyce Betz (15/7 +79)
10 (3 +69)	Doug Whitlock (20/10 +74)	Sheryl Brekke & Lisa Spellenberg (15/7 +59)

## 11 Gerald Gruber\*

Rhynold Shave

Keith Miller



\* = top 16 qualifier who finished in the top 16

# REN-O

The field was so packed that the Sweet Sixteen still contained three Masters.



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Life Master (3★) Cy Madrone, who resides in Santa Barbara CA, relaxing with beer in hand at his Reno condo after posting his HQ 43/19 +290 in the ACC Open main.

## ~ Thanks ~

We would like to thank everyone that attended the JPW Open in Reno last month. This tournament would not be possible without all the many volunteers that dedicated their time to help put on the tournaments.

Once again, Great Job!

We look forward to seeing many of you on the cribbage trail and hopefully at the Grand National in Sacramento in September.

Wishing each of you healthy, calm days during this difficult time.

*Rick & Peggy Shea*

two Grand Masters, and six players at Life Master or higher:

- Life Master (3★) **Jerry Gruber** (MN)
- Life Master (★) **Bruce Sattler** (MD)
- Life Master **Richard Shea** (CA)
- Life Master **Bob Joslin** (MN)
- Life Master **Bob Hanes** (IA)
- Life Master **Bryan Gurden** (NV)

When the pegging was all over on Sunday afternoon, Bryan Gurden had added another win—his most impressive

to date—to his lifetime total of seventeen tourney wins.

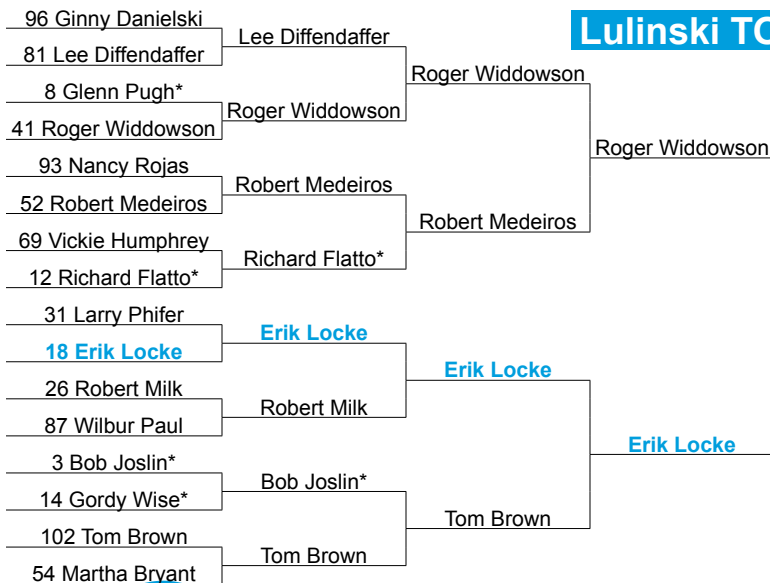
Just how much cribbage did Bryan play on Saturday and Sunday? And how many games did he win?

In the qualifying round, Bryan won 16 of 22 games; and in his seven playoff matches (after a first-round bye), he won 22 of 32 games—giving a grand total of 54 games, of which Bryan won 38, or 70.4%.



**Sam Sinram** (Ankeny IA) was high nonqualifier in the Syl Lulinski TOC, and for his almost-made-it-to-the-majors effort he receives \$100 from the Lulinski family. The ACC thanks Syl's daughter and widow, **Darice Grzybowski** and **Phyllis Lulinski**, for their continued support of the ACC in Syl's honor.

## Lulinski TOC Final 16



**ERIK LOCKE**  
TOC champion



\* = top 16 qualifier who finished in the top 16

# R E N O

**S**how Life Master (4★) **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR) the finish line, and he usually finds a way to cross it before anyone else.

He is the only player to have won three legs of the ACC's Grand Slam,

lacking only National Open (Raleigh NC) among the "big four" championships:

Grand National (2007)  
 ACC Open main (2010)  
 TOC (2014)



**Roger Widdowson**  
TOC runner-up



**Robert Medeiros**  
TOC semifinalist



**Tom Brown**  
TOC semifinalist



## TOC 29s

**Laurie Sagal** (Auburn Hills MI)

Laurie's 29 was in her crib! She tossed 5-5; her opponent was holding a low-card double run so discarded 5-Jack; and then the case 5—the 5 of Spades—the *right* 5—was cut! This was Laurie's second 29-hand, with the first coming at her home club ♠ (Rochester Hills #395) on 2/26/2014. The 5 of Spades is now officially Laurie's favorite card!



## TOC 28s

**Rick Allen** (Richmond VA)  
**Randy Azelton** (Atascadero CA)  
**Gene Biegler** (West Bend WI)  
**Carl Deyette** (East Hartford CT)  
**Rich Ekman** (Grants Pass OR)  
**Scott Johnson** (Fairfield CT)  
**Bob Joslin** (Lakeville MN)  
**Deb Kvien** (Mundelein IL)  
**Ernie Maravilla** (Santa Fe NM)  
**Jason Matheny** (Houston TX)  
**Obie Weeks** (Bonsall CA)

And now he's done it again: repeating as TOC champion!

While many spectators were anticipating a final matchup between two former TOC champs—Erik and Life Master (3★) **Rob Medeiros** (Dorchester MA), who won the TOC in 2016—Master **Roger Widdowson** (Roseville CA) had other plans as he vanquished Rob in four games.

In the other semifinal matchup, Master **Tom Brown** (Bigfork MT) gave Erik his best shot before waving the white flag.

**Bad Beat** As a reminder of how difficult it can be sometimes to win a game, here's one of the worst hard-luck stories CW has heard in a long time.

*All is well.* Life Master **Gordy Wise**

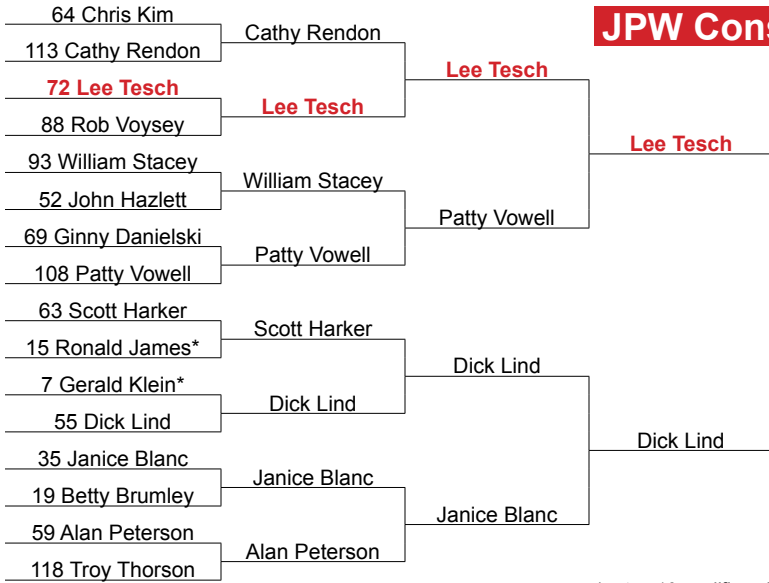
(Lakewood WA) is playing Life Master **Bob Joslin** (Lakeville MN) in the fourth round of the TOC playoffs. It's game four, and Gordy is dealing in a tie game at the end of third street.

*Not to worry.* Gordy deals himself 2-3-4-4-4-4. He holds the quad 4s, and tosses 2-3 into his own crib. Bingo! A 3 is cut, giving him a 20-hand and an 8-crib. Gordy is now only five holes out, and Bob is dealing from 32 out.

*Oops!* Bob deals Gordy a dead hand, but Gordy pegs three holes and now needs only two points to win. Bob has a 14-hand and 7-crib, putting him eight holes out.

*Double oops!* As dealer Gordy pegs only a single point. Bob counts his hand and wins the game and match.

## JPW Consy Final 16



\* = top 16 qualifier who finished in the top 16

# R E N O



Which of the Reno tourneys had exactly the same attendance as last year?

*Oh, this is too easy. The answer is right here—the ACC Open Consy with 478!*



**Dick Lind**  
consy runner-up



**Patty Vowell**  
consy semifinalist



**Janice Blanc**  
consy semifinalist

The most enjoyable time during the entire Reno weekend is always Sunday afternoon, during the consy playoffs. As the competitors drop, one by one, off the playoff board, players and spectators alike are relaxed, satisfied with their showing at the World's Largest Tournament or already determined to do better next year.

The feeling of satisfaction was enhanced this year by the presence of two absolutely delightful finalists: Grand Master **Lee Tesch** (Green Bay WI) and **Dick Lind** (Spreckels CA).

They laughed and joked with each other and the spectators, each

of them perfectly at ease during the last match of the entire weekend.

**Patty Vowell** (Baker City OR) and **Janice Blanc** (Middleboro MA)—their opponents in the semifinals—had just as much fun and were equally enjoyable to watch, but their cards failed them down the final stretch.

Having won the ACC Open consy in 2018, Patty was hoping for a second championship, but came up just a little short.

Lee, on the other hand, improved on his performance of a year ago. In 2019 he was a TOC semifinalist. In 2020 he won the consy!



Two players chose just the right moment to get their first-ever grand slams in tournament play. In the ACC Open consy, **Zelma Strandell** ➡ (Mesa AZ) turned in an 18/9 +81. But with an average of only nine points per win, Zelma had to settle for the #2 qualifying spot, as **Sally Henderson** ⚡ (Grand Rapids MI) turned in an 18/9 +147 grand slam. This is only the second time in the past twelve years that an 18/9 has been high qualifier in the ACC Open consy.



# top 5 RENO



## 46 GAME SCORECARD

WI 2796

Name Behm, Brad

City Appleton WI

Game #	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponent Initials	Opponent ID Number
1	2	09		MD	A27
2	2	12		Jones	A33
3	2	03		Muh	19
4	2	15		UM	15
5	2	02		Butt	11
6	2	02		CL	A7
7	2	38		RAP	3
8	2	05		Paul	A45
9	2	30		W	41
10	0		04	B	37
11	0		22	FB	33
12	2	25		Tom	29
13	2	04		m	25
14	2	07		ON	1
15	2	06		22	17
16	3	32		DR	A13
Total Game Points	30	190	26	Games Won	
Games Won	14	+164		NET POINTS (+/-)	

Player must verify totals and sign accepting above figures as correct

Signature

*32nd/13th*



### All in the Family?

Last year Life Master (2★) **Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen** (Chehalis WA) won the ACC Open main. This year **Les Rasmussen** (Reno NV)—no relation—won the Cribbage Bowl with a grand slam! For those of you keeping score at home: in 2015 **Sue Rasmussen** (Tallahassee FL)—also not a relative—was high qualifier in the ACC Open consy! CW wonders how many people will change their name to Rasmussen before next year's tourney?

NV 469

Rasmussen, Les

Reno NV

CARD

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	2	26		BJS	B15
2	2	20		CBJ	B13
3	2	27		DP	B11
4	2	18		JP	B9
5	3	31		Jx	7
6	2	16		Shw	5
7	2	25		Shw	3
8	2	14		SH	24
9	2	16		GF	22
10	2	17		GF	20
11	2	03			
12	2	06			
Total Game Points	25	NET POINTS (+/-)			
Games Won	12	+219			

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*JCR*




TOC


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# scorecards


GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	
CA 87				(1)	
<b>OFI</b>		Madrone, Cy			
Name		Santa Barbara CA			
ACC#					

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
✓ 1	3	40		JD	C-2
✓ 2	2	13		DX	C-1
✓ 3	2	02		CK	C-21
✓ 4	3	44		Cc	C-19
✓ 5	2	18		DS	15
✓ 6	2	07		JN	C-15
✓ 7	2	18		JH	C-13
✓ 8	0		07	PK	C-11
✓ 9	3	45		SLB	C-9
✓ 10	2	15		OK	17
✓ 11	3	39		NP	5
✓ 12	2	26		me	3
✓ 13	2	10		RN	C-24
✓ 14	0		30	WPO	22
✓ 15	2	15		ghd	20
✓ 16	2	20		FW	18
✓ 17	2	14		SS	16
✓ 18	3	35		ZH	C-14
✓ 19	2	03		AL	C-12
✓ 20	2	04			
✓ 21	0		48		
✓ 22	2	07			
Total Game Points	43	345	85		
Games Won	19	NET POINTS (+/-)			
Signature					

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD					
Name <u>BOOKER / BARBOUR</u> (1)					
ACC#		Seat# <u>38</u>			
Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
✓ 1	2	17		me	37
✓ 2	3	32		WHL	36
✓ 3	2	07		AO	33
✓ 4	X		05	AK	32
✓ 5	2	10		KW	30
✓ 6	2	04		me	28
✓ 7	3	37		KK	25
✓ 8	2	04			23
✓ 9	3	37			
Total Game Points	19	140			
Games Won	8	NET POINTS (+/-)			
Signature					

## CANADIAN DOUBLES

O MI 1516 ID					
Name Henderson, Sally					
ACC Grand Rapids MI					
Game	Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
✓ 1	2	19		Cc	D-8
✓ 2	2	12		WHL	6
✓ 3	2	28		WHL	D-4
✓ 4	2	20		WHL	23
✓ 5	2	10		WHL	21
✓ 6	2	03		BW	D-3
✓ 7	2	05		WHL	D-2
✓ 8	2	27			
✓ 9	2	23			
Total Game Points	18	147			
Games Won	9	NET POINTS (+/-)			
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ACC OPEN

CONSOLATION

No one wants to qualify in all three playoff events in Reno—the TOC, the main, and the consolation—because this means you didn’t advance very far through the main playoffs. But every year a few people manage to do this, so *Cribbage World* acknowledges their achievement. Here are this year’s Reno triple-dippers, listed in order of best overall qualifying rank.

player	rank	TOC		Main		Consy	
		rank & score		rank & score		rank & score	
Cy Madrone (CA)	70	39	23/11 +99	1	43/19 +290	30	15/6 +76
Jim Morelan (MN)	93	2	30/13 +186	26	33/15 +188	65	13/6 +64
Gordy Wise (WA)	154	14	26/11 +113	29	33/14 +129	111	12/6 +1
Rick Baird (OR)	207	5	27/13 +185	103	29/13 +184	99	12/6 +23
Kevin Harris (FL)	238	90	21/9 +127	99	29/14 +63	49	14/6 +48
Lee Diffendaffer (OR)	258	81	21/10 +45	135	28/13 +82	42	14/7 +1
Roger Widdowson (CA)	289	41	23/11 +84	139	28/13 +58	109	12/6 +5

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BOD Meeting Quick Takes

- No successful candidates for **Hall of Fame**.
- All is on track for **Grand National 39** in Sacramento.
- **Diane Waite** resigned as ACC web-master.
- The ACC and the **Sands Regency** signed a three-year contract, taking us through 2023.
- The new **rulebook** will be printed and ready for use by August 1.



Reno twins! Al Kim (Anchorage AK) and David Aiken (Ada MI)

The Central Region won a fiercely battled contest in Reno. The DeLynn Colvert All Star Tourney is held annually in Reno on the Thursday evening before the TOC. This prestigious tourney was started in 1991 by the grandest old man of this game—**DeLynn Colvert**—and was named in his honor last year.

**Andy Stireman** (Lake Ann MI) missed making the Central Region All Star team by a single MRP last season, but he jumped at the chance to fill in when one of the top eight players couldn't play. And good thing he did. He turned in the #1 scorecard (25/12 +101) and led the Central Region to victory, as they posted a combined score of 154 points versus 151 for the Western Region and 100 for the Eastern Region.

But the outcome was not decided un-

til the last play of virtually the last game still going in the room, which pitted **Troy Thorson** (Western Region) against **Don Flesch** (Central Region). Both players were in the dead hole, with Troy leading to Don. Both players escaped danger with their first card, but Don paired Troy's second card to win the game and clinch the championship. If victory in this game swings to Troy, then the Western Region would've have won 153–152 over the Central Region.

**Jim Crawford** (Western Region) took second place with 24/11 +104, with two Central Region players, **Don Flesch** and **Steve Steinmetz**, in third and fourth.

With this win, the Central Region extends their series lead to 13 wins versus 11 wins for the Eastern Region and 6 wins for the Western Region.

See  
pages 4,  
6, 18, 38, and 43  
for info on the  
ACC's response  
to Covid-19.

**Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now!** When **Darlene Marczak** and **Kathy Pattison**, from Ontonagon in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, decided to attend their first Reno tournament, they knew nothing would stop them—not even a nine-hour overnight layover at LAX. A cleaning lady found cots and blankets for them, and they set

up a makeshift bedroom in a nice quiet gate. Around 4a they awoke to chatter and chuckles, only to see hundreds of people waiting to board a flight to Miami. Darlene and Kathy just pulled the blankets over their heads and went back to sleep! Once she got to Reno, Kathy qualified #7 in the ACC Open main with a 35/17 +140 and made it to the third round before elimination.



# Hall of Fame

Nine candidates were on this year's Hall of Fame ballot:

- David Aiken
- Bob Bartosh
- Willie Evans
- Jerry Gruber
- Rolland Hall
- Erik Locke
- Herschel Mack
- Barbara Woodward
- Dan Zeisler

A minimum of 75% is required to be elected to the HOF, and no candidates were elected this year. Gruber (61 votes), Aiken (59 votes), and Mack (58 votes) came closest.

The HOF voting panel is comprised of the twenty-five BOD members and three voters appointed by each director. Here are the HOF panelists who voted this year:

BOD member	HOF panelists		
David Aiken (C)	Elmer Rasmussen (W)	Bob Joslin (C)	Rob Medeiros (E)
Rick Allen (E)	Michael O'Brien (E)	Joy Barnes (E)	David Statz (E)
Patrick Barrett (C)	Michael Barrett (C)	Jerome Tork (C)	Jeanne Hofbauer (W)
David Campbell (E)	Phil Martin (E)	Lana Newhouse (C)	Brittany Pichette (W)
Willie Evans (W)	Bob Bartosh (W)	Howard Terry (E)	Jim Clark (W)
Richard Frost (C)	Herschel Mack (W)	Doug Page (C)	Tom Briski (C)
Tammy Gibbons (W)	Ross Newmann (W)	Frank Reddy (E)	Jeff Gardner (C)
Paul Gregson (W)	Larry Phiher (E)	Wayne Steinmetz (C)	Erik Locke (W)
Roland Hall (W)	Ross Njaa (W)	Ron Morgan (W)	Todd Malmgren (W)
John Hazlett (C)	Sally Henderson (C)	Mary Ann Kelliher (E)	Dave Yaeger (W)
Jason Hofbauer (W)	Troy Thorson (W)	Bryan Gurden (W)	Tom Cookman (W)
Jeanne Jelke (W)	Bernie Nelson (W)	Margaret Fanucchi (W)	Scott Kooistra (C)
Pat Llewelyn (E)	Jan Blanc (E)	Laurie Hardy (E)	Barbara Barbour (E)
James Morrow (W)	Rick Baird (W)	Kai Lemrise (W)	Bob Brumley (W)
Dave O'Neil (E)	David Fournier (E)	Barri Gehrand (E)	Michael Burnham (E)
Todd Schaefer (C)	Pete Severson (C)	Ed Balcer (C)	Dan Taylor (C)
Dan Selke (C)	Dwight Christensen (C)	Audrey Hatto (W)	Gary McCuskey (C)
Rick Shea (W)	Peggy Shea (W)	Tom Langford (W)	Mike McDaniel (W)
Jeff Shimp (C)	Ron Logan (W)	Annette Eiffert (W)	Barbara Woodward (W)
Mark Soule (E)	Roy Hofbauer (W)	Phyllis Schmidt (E)	Art Loveland (C)
Valerie Sumner (W)	Ivan Wells (W)	Pam Pomeroy (W)	Duane Toll (W)
Diane Waite (C)	Ginger Grogan (C)	Mary Burlington (E)	Winona McDaniel (W)
Terry Weber (C)	Jerry Gruber (C)	Cathy Perkins (E)	Kathy Pacocha (W)
Fred White (W)	Cy Madrone (W)	Jason Matheny (C)	Brian Baer (E)
Keith Widener (E)	Clay Collier (C)	Jack Howsare (E)	Jim Langley (W)

**W = 45 • C = 29 • E = 26**

## How to Win When Dealing from 59 Holes Out\*

**\*or: How to go from thinking "I might skunk Jeff Raynes" to losing the game—in two easy steps!**

At the Orlando doubleheader in early February, Life Master (★) **Jeff Raynes** (Cary NC) is the dealer in hole 62, and Life Master **Terry Weber** (Madison WI) is the pone in hole 87. With that kind of lead, the thought flits through Terry's mind that he just might skunk Jeff—his nemesis over the years—or certainly beat him. Terry holds J-J-Q-K, Jeff holds 6-6-6-9, the crib has A-A-A-2, the cut card is a 3, and here's how the pegging goes:

<b>Terry</b>	J		K (for 1)		Q			J (for 1)
<b>Jeff</b>		6		9		6	6 (for 4)	

The pegging goes 2–4 in Jeff's favor; Terry has an 8-hand; while Jeff has an 18-hand and a 15-crib. This leaves Jeff needing 22 points with first count. Terry deals 5-5-K-K to Jeff and 5-6-7-7 to himself. The cut card is a K, and the pegging goes this way:

<b>Jeff</b>	K		5 (for 2)		K		5	
<b>Terry</b>		5 (for 2)		7 (for 1)		7		6 (for 4)

Game, set, and match to Jeff.

### ACC CHALLENGE

The ACC Challenge is a contest that compiles scores from the ACC's three biggest tournaments each year: Grand National, TOC, and ACC Open.

This year's champ is **Troy Thorson** (Loveland CO), who scored 84/40 in the three tournaments. (Troy finished in second place last year and took first place in the 2016 competition.) Second place went to **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR) with 84/39, and third was captured by **Kathy Pacocha** (Loveland CO) with 83/37.

year	winner	score
2009	Dean Bauman	89/42
2010	Wayne Steinmetz	87/39
2011	Mike Burns	93/43
2012	Rob Medeiros	100/44
2013	Rob Medeiros	89/41
2014	Jeff Gardner	87/38
2015	Ron Morgan	81/37
2016	Troy Thorson	83/38
2017	Jerry Hardy	82/38
2018	Valerie Nozick Wayne Steinmetz	84/39
2019	Larry Phifer	89/42
2020	Troy Thorson	84/40

# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament

For the first time in the twenty-seven-year history of this prestigious youth event, the same winners from the previous year repeated in both age groups. **Nathan Wilson** (Grass Valley CA, age 16) survived four rigorous playoff rounds to capture his third consecutive 12&older title. **Angelina Villalobos** (Chico CA, age 11) had a six-game grand slam in the qualifying round and then breezed through the playoffs to capture her second consecutive 11&under championship.

SYCT took place on February 22 in Grass Valley CA, with sixty-two young players turning out to compete. Kudos to middle-school teacher **Tracy Grauer** for bringing twenty-nine students from Roseburg OR, helping this to be one of the largest youth cribbage tournaments of all time. Players who had 16-point hands or better earned raffle tickets, and the winners got to choose from a variety of prizes: donated cribbage boards, custom pegs, decks of cards, gift cards, and an array of other neat items. All players also received free water bottles with the ACC logo on it courtesy of the Sands Regency in Reno NV. Here are the results:

	name (age)	city state	YMPs
12&older (46 players)			
champ	<b>Nathan Wilson</b> (16)	Grass Valley CA	48
2	Dartanyan Calvert (14)	Sutherlin OR	25
3	Daniel Burky (15)	Roseburg OR	19
4	Cash Stallworth (14)	Central Point OR	14
11&under (11 players)			
champ	<b>Angelina Villalobos</b> (11)	Chico CA	20
2	Henry Anderson (11)	Roseburg OR	10
3	Mia Stinson (11)	Roseburg OR	8
4	Josiah Calvert (11)	Sutherlin OR	5
consolation (14 players)			
champ	<b>Charles Anderson</b> (15)	Roseburg OR	14
2	Wyatt Hagan (16)	Rio Vista CA	7
3	Tanner Harris (16)	Roseburg OR	5
4	Matthew Phipps (17)	Grass Valley CA	5

## Youth News

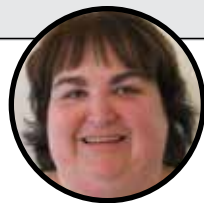
May 2 is the next big youth tournament in northern California when the ninth annual Memorial Youth Cribbage Tournament takes place. Contact Don "Grumpy" Howard (916.212.2465) or Dan Zeisler (530.263.7468) for details.

# INTERNET Cribbage

IRPs

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## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	638	Sam Sinram (IA503)
2	635	Mel Ashley (Mellifluosone)
3	525	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
4	517	William MacMillan (WY00191L)
5	477	Pat Liegl (patco1950)
6	476	Daniel Crete (dec0194)
7	468	Peter Legendre (legend397)
8	427	Scott Milo (Sgt_Pegger)
9	426	Tom Langford (yanknshank29)
10	416	Kelly Ann Bugar (lilthumper_)

*February Player of the Month*

**Sam Sinram (IA503)**

**with 123 IRPs**

*New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)*

**Jim Maffa (jmm396)**

**SYCT 12&older: Nathan Wilson (champ) and Dartanyan Calvert (runner-up)**



**SYCT 11&under: Angelina Villalobos (champ) and Henry Anderson (runner-up)**



# Grass Roots

## Corner

The fourth quarter is underway for many clubs, and awards are piling up. If someone gets a string of pearls in Club 162 (Carmichael CA), they are given a copy of a poem by famed board maker **Roy Boyles**. ➡

Club 240 (Roseville MN) players are on a roll, as another grand slam was recorded by **Brian Gjelhaug** on March 10.

Club 395 (Grants Pass OR)—**George Vujnovich** got a 28-hand on March 9—his first ever! ⬇



### Ode to a String of Pearls

by Roy Boyles

The night was young when I sat down to play.  
A “grand slam” would be mine this day!  
We cut for the deal—my King, his Ten.  
Too bad for him; I’m still going to win.  
I tried to remember all the books I’ve read,  
my brain was a jumble with what they said.  
I’m doing just fine, when suddenly I see  
the old stink hole waiting for me!  
He had 12 holes to peg, I noted with a gleam.  
Then he counted a double-double for a big 16!  
Oh well, I thought, that one’s over now;  
I can go ahead and win the rest, somehow.  
Games two through eight: much the same, I’m sure,  
although to tell the truth, my mind was a blur!  
Game nine would be a winner; I tried to stall.  
It’s just not possible I could lose them all!  
We cut for the deal, this time my Ace.  
Her Jack put her in second place.  
I brought forth all my skill and finesse;  
somehow I was going to get out of this mess!  
The game progressed, I led all the way.  
I tried not to be smug, as we continued the play.  
Game nine was almost within my grasp,  
but she counted a 24, I let out a gasp!  
Memory of that night keeps me humble, boys and girls,  
the night I won the “STRING OF PEARLS.”

Because the Covid-19 crisis has shuttered many club meeting areas and driven people inside, the ACC has extended the Grass Roots season by one month (to June 30) and the deadline for completion of GRNT to May 31.

Multiple tournaments per week—or even per day—will be permitted to allow completion of the Grass Roots season, but please be considerate of players’ capabilities and limitations.

Club 269 (Susanville CA) newbie **Judy Barnett** ➡ rocked a 28-hand her first night as a guest—and shocked the club the next week with a repeat!



**John Ruffilo** (Muskegon MI) ⬇ was born on April 24, 1930, and turns ninety this year. One of his favorite passions is playing cribbage. He and his sister, Genevieve (Tiny) Johnson, learned the game when he was nineteen years old. In 1995 John joined Muskegon Club 229 and earned two championship ribbons his first year. His winning didn't stop there. Since then, John has won multiple regular-season (1997, 2014, 2017) and summer (2001, 2007) championships. Over the past twenty-five years, John has had two 29-hands, two grand slams (most recently on January 13, 2020), and eight 28-hands. He earned his Bronze Award in 2002 and his Silver Award in 2014. He had the highest score in the 2005 Michigan All Star Tournament, scoring 40/19 +204 in the twenty-five game event.





**James Langley**  
(Red Bluff CA)  
Platinum #8

Jim learned cribbage from a couple of retired Air Force guys who worked with him at Aero Jet. He joined the ACC in 1985 and has the same mentor as many ACC members: DeLynn's *Play Winning Cribbage*. A longtime member of Red Bluff Red Hot Peggers Club 159, he has been club champion (to use the technical term for uncountable championships) "a bunch of times." Jim has, shall we say, also done okay on the Tournament Trail. He has been All American seven times, including twice as national MRP champion (in both 2001, when he set a new MRP record, and in 2003). His first tournament win came in 1990 (or thereabouts) in Oroville CA, and he now has sixty-six sanctioned wins. Jim is the #4 player in both lifetime MRPs and tournament wins, and he's closing in on his Five Star Award (so look for another story about him in a few months!). Before passing away, Jerry Montgomery was Jim's toughest opponent at club; now it is Tom Culligan. Jim also enjoys exercise, number puzzles, bridge, grandkids, and especially two

great-granddaughters. Jim is a retired water master of the California Department of Water Resources. He says he has never heard of another job that he would have enjoyed more.

Club 108 (Lynnwood WA)—**Jerry Nickels** scored a 28-hand on January 21, and the next week **Nick Kenny** did the same. The Sno-King Peggers hope this is a good omen after a slow start due to weather issues. ⬇



Club 306 (El Dorado Hills CA) had a blistering start to the calendar year. Two grand slams scored by **Dave Petra** and **Roy Martin**, and **Dave Neifert** held a nifty 28-hand.



Club 356 (La Grande OR)—**Carl Heath**, visiting from Baker City Club 38, had his second 28-hand in the same week. He had a 28-hand on Tuesday at his home club and got another one at Club 356 on Thursday. His scorecard added up to an awesome 21/8 +191, skunking five opponents!

Frank's parents taught him how to play cribbage, and he joined the ACC thirty-five years ago. His cribbage mentors are Scott Kooistra and Ike Rutherford. A member of Club 240 in Roseville, Frank has been club champion twice. He has won ten sanctioned tourneys and earned his Life Master (★). Frank enjoys going to the gym and playing gin. He and Karen, his wife of thirty-four years, play three games of cribbage every day.

**Frank L. Trojan**  
(Mounds View MN)  
Gold #142



## GrassRoots*Awards*

### SILVER

Tom Cookman (CA), 194  
Carl L. Heath (OR), 38  
Arthur Leno (CA), 306  
Robert Milk (AZ), 408  
Wayne Momsen (OR), 127  
Frank Newcross (CA), 258  
Pete Severson (MN), 240

### BRONZE

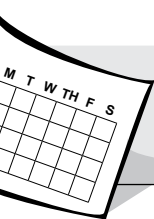
Mary Bearss (MI), 71

James G. Cole Sr. (NC), 20  
Jerri Halicki (MI), 71  
Kurt Hanson (TX), 387  
Delette Huffman (OR), 191  
Conny Lepper (CO), 224  
Forrest W. Niemi (FL), 241  
Scott Sand (MN), 94  
Jay Shaffer (CA), 371  
Bob Somers (CA), 140  
B. John Wolfe (MI), 390



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**Franklin Mint discovers  
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# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of March 13

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 1695 Erik Locke	1 869 Ann Trotter	1 738 Robert Medeiros
2 996 Cy Madrone	2 812 Donald Flesch	2 668 Donna LaFleur
3 985 Dave Yaeger	3 787 Gerald Gruber	3 644 David Clemmey
4 755 Bob Bartosh	4 654 Chad Frischmann	4 600 Keith Miller
5 742 Roland Hall	5 562 Bob Joslin	5 538 David Campbell
6 731 Matt Padrow	6 467 David Aiken	6 463 Keith Widener
7 693 Alice Souza	7 462 Allen Karr	7 403 Charlene Cohen
8 609 Duane Toll	8 449 Wayne Steinmetz	8 402 Bruce Sattler
9 600 Cynthia Wark	9 406 Dale Magedanz	9 394 Jack Howsare
10 553 Kathy Pacocha	10 387 Joan Rein	10 350 Kevin Harris
11 513 Mike McCammon	11 377 Jeff Gardner	11 344 David O'Neil
12 509 James Langley	12 376 Dan Taylor	12 330 Mathew Piechota
13 508 John Kern	13 374 Jeff Shimp	13 316 Laurie Hardy
14 502 Tom Cookman	14 371 Terry Weber	14 314 David Statz
15 488 James Morrow	15 365 Edward Balcer	15 304 Jerry Hedden
16 464 Paul Gregson	16 356 Clay Collier	16 301 Terrance Cushman
17 462 Richard Hinrichs	17 355 John Syftestad	17 289 Mike Misluk
17 462 Troy Thorson	18 340 Henry Brandner	18 287 Frank Abernathy
19 453 Bryan Gurden	19 337 Doug Page	19 281 Mark Soule
20 446 Jeanne Jelke	20 328 John Schafer	20 276 Mike Fetchel
21 443 Margaret Fanucchi	21 323 Lana Newhouse	21 272 Jeff Raynes
22 430 Gordy Wise	22 317 John Hazlett	22 269 Frank Reddy
23 418 Bobby Adams	23 297 Lewis Gurney	23 256 Lee Dillon
24 407 Richard Shea	24 292 Richard Frost	24 251 Larry Phifer
25 391 Jeremy Krieger	25 277 Betsy Miller	25 246 Jim Correa
25 391 Jennifer Bolles	26 274 Don Thienel	25 246 Phyllis Schmidt
27 381 William O'Malley	26 274 Dan Selke	27 245 Fran Ward
28 371 Carole Herron	28 273 Daniel Betz	28 244 Peter Olson
29 366 Willie Evans	29 268 Emilio Perez	28 244 Matthew Easterbrook
30 347 Skip White	30 254 Robert Beckman	30 243 James Edgar
31 346 Pamela Pomeroy	30 254 Marlene Lazachek	31 240 Jerry Hardy
32 343 Gerald Hahn	32 252 David Sniegowski	32 230 Janice Blanc
33 341 Richard Pierce	33 251 Arthur Loveland	33 227 Vicki Soule
34 340 Cres Fernandez	34 250 David Aiello	34 216 Paul Batterson
35 338 Carolyn Washington	35 234 Ellen Kutz	35 215 Bernard Whitfield
36 330 Ray Klocko	35 234 Al Pernicek	35 215 Frank Corrado
37 329 Patty Vowell	37 233 Fred Adolphson	37 214 Esther Rolfe
38 325 Nancy Rojas	38 232 Larry Leidenheimer	38 213 Carl Deyette
39 321 Herschel Mack	39 211 Patrick Healey	39 200 Mary Burlington
40 319 Diana Webster	39 211 Penny Shepherd	40 199 Donna Last
41 317 Alan Schaefer	41 210 Bradley Gasper	41 189 William Shoemaker
42 310 Carol Williams	42 208 James McCarty	42 184 Paul Finazzo
43 309 Wayne Momsen	43 197 Rhynold Shave	43 183 Michael Burnham
44 308 Rob Voysey	44 192 Thomas Koncan	44 182 Anthony Yaeger
45 299 Terry Higgins	45 190 Dennis Koehler	45 179 Scott Harker
46 295 Gary Louderback	46 187 Steven Steinmetz	45 179 Nancy Riccio
47 282 David Bute	47 182 Bernard Kitheka	47 178 Jimmy Jaynes
48 277 James Clark	48 181 Thomas Beucler	48 177 Patrick Robrecht
49 267 Bob Prochnow	49 177 Richard Horvath	49 176 Michael O'Brien
50 264 Basil Rudnick	50 171 Sue Schenk	50 174 Howard Terry

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

Many tournaments have been canceled or postponed due to governmental restrictions on travel and meetings of large groups. Before traveling, go to [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org) for the latest updates, and always check with the tournament director to confirm if a tourney is still on schedule. The following is an abbreviated list of tourneys and TDs through the rest of the season.

**AK ♦ Apr. 11, Alaska State Championship**

TD: Toya Winton (907.240.2004)

**MI ♦ Apr. 24–26, Michigan Open**

TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289)

**CA ♦ May 1–3, Humboldt Bay Spring Classic**

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**WI ♦ May 1–3, Peg for Pink**

TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

**CO ♦ May 9, Mountain View Doubleheader**

TD: Troy & Kathy (970.669.5886)

**MI ♦ May 14–15, Michigan Cribbage Cup**

TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289)

**WA ♦ May 15–17, Washington State Open**

TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224)

**MI ♦ May 15–17, Potawatomi Peggers**

TD: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229)

**WI ♦ May 22–24, Brat Stop Open**

TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875)

**CA ♦ May 23, EEC Barnyard Bonanza**

TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

**CA ♦ May 24, Red Eye Open Trio**

TD: Carol Williams (760.525.2945)

**MT ♦ May 26–28, Montana Spring Roundup**

TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333)

**WI ♦ May 29–31, Americas Dairyland**

TD: Ellen Kutz (414.353.6800)

**MT ♦ May 29–31, Deer Lodge Spring Roundup**

TD: Jeff Johnson (702.717.3578)

**MT ♦ June 2–4, Copper City Classic**

TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892)

**WA ♦ June 4–7, Mt. St. Helens Doubleheader**

TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029)

**NH ♦ June 4–7, North Conway Tripleheader**

TD: David Campbell (207.730.2051)

**MT ♦ June 5–7, Montana Capital Spring Open**

TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284)

**CA ♦ June 12–14, Jerry Montgomery Memorial**

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153)

**MI ♦ June 12–14, Lake Superior Challenge**

TD: Don Hannula (906.370.9107)

**OR ♦ June 13, Youth Grand National**

TD: Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465)

**NV ♦ June 18–21, Rampart Doubleheader**

TD: James & Kate Milkowski (702.768.8753)

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311)

**WI ♦ June 19–21, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle**

TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180)

**AK ♦ June 20, Midnight Sun ACC Open**

TD: Marli Holden (907.631.1933)

**NV ♦ June 22–24, Topaz Summer Classic**

TD: Valerie Sumner (775.742.4241)

**CA ♦ June 24–26, Susanville Summer Classic**

TD: Cynthia Wark (443.745.2236)

**FL ♦ June 26–28, Treasure Coast Open**

TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023)

**NC ♦ June 26–28, March Madness**

TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232)

**NV ♦ June 26–28, Independence Day Classic**

TD: Valerie Sumner (775.742.4241)

**NV ♦ June 28–30, Gold Dust Summer Open**

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153)

**NH ♦ June 28, Live Free or Die**

TD: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633)

**OR ♦ July 3–5, Oregon Coast Classic**

TD: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623)

**ME ♦ July 10–12, Lobster Pegoff**

TD: Dave Leissner (207.848.8050)

**IL ♦ July 10–12, Marv Lang Memorial**

TD: Daniel Selke (847.977.3875)

**OR ♦ July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal**

TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668)

**WI ♦ July 16–17, The End Doubleheader**

TD: Joan Rein (952.448.2459)

TD: Bob Joslin (952.448.2459)

**CA ♦ July 17–19, Devil Mountain Caper**

TD: Tad Pilecki (925.378.0132)

**NC ♦ July 23–24, Open Opener**

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311)

**WA ♦ July 23–26, Sunnyside Tripleheader**

TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

**NC ♦ July 24–27, National Open**

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626)

**NC ♦ July 27, Come Monday**

TD: Fran Ward (919.377.2470)



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