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Chinook Winds Weekday
main winner Bill O'Malley and
runner-up Pete Larsen ↑
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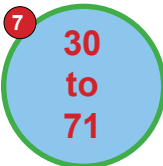


Susanville (with director Cindy Wark)
main winner Jay Shaffer and
runner-up Jim Langley ↑
consy winner Nancy Rojas and
runner-up David Aiken ↓



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Happy Birthday in December!

90—Nathan Arent (MI)

70—Patricia Crooks (NV)

Happy Birthday in January!

90—Theresa Segal (NJ)

70—Carole Herron (OR)

70—Jon Kline (CA)

70—Christy Stevens (NV)

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Where's Dale?

Can you find all nine mentions of Dale Magedanz in this CW? (this one doesn't count)

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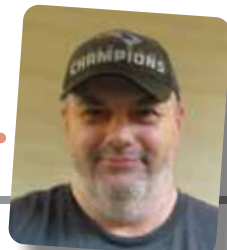
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President's Column

by David Campbell



Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.

Old age is when you're forced to.

—Bill Vaughn

2020 is upon us and I wish each and every one of you a wonderful New Year. As in life 2020 is going bring some changes for us in the ACC. **Diane Waite** has been the webmaster of cribbage.org for just over fifteen years and has decided to step away this year. I want to personally thank Diane for all the work she has done over the years and all the work that she did setting up our new website. If you see Diane please make sure you take the time to thank her for all her time and effort she spent over the years.

In next month's issue we will be looking for a replacement for Diane, so if you are interested make sure you apply for this position. We will likely make the decision in Reno in March.

Speaking of Reno in March, the entry forms are out, and I hope that many of you can make the trip this year. The

Sands has spent a great deal of money upgrading the building and surrounding areas and I am sure it will be quite different than we remember. Sad news from Reno is that **Barbara Rainey**, our favorite host, has decided to retire from her position at the Sands and will be greatly missed by us all. The time and effort that she has put in for us all over the last thirty-five years to assure Reno is fun for all will never be matched by anyone I am sure. I also want to thank her for everything she has done for us and hope you all do also when you see her next.

Finally, we need to address marketing and some new ideas for the ACC to attract and retain new members. If you have a marketing background or even some ideas please share them with me at acccribbage@aol.com. We need to make 2020 the year we start to grow again, and I look forward to your emails with ideas or if you want to help.

Happy New Year to you all! **CW**

25 Years Ago

The cover of the January 1995 *Cribbage World* plugged the upcoming Reno tournaments: TOC and JPW/ACC Open.

Elsewhere we read that **David Clemmey** (Mansfield MA) won two consecutive tournaments: the 182-player Western Massachusetts Open in West Springfield MA and the 142-player Yankee Classic in Manchester CT; that **Marlene Lazachek** (Franklin WI) won the 120-player Polish Open consy in Appleton WI directed by **Frank and Ginny Danielski**, a tournament that was revived last month by Frank and Ginny's daughter, **Jane Vander Loop**; and that **Bill Becker** (Bend OR) won the 110-player Kah-Nee-Ta Classic near Madras OR.



Nominations
for Hall of Fame
due January 31

Cribology

by Dale Magedanz
CW's Milwaukee correspondent

LUNCHITIS—a common malady caught by cribbage players after a good morning round. Example: **Steve Steinmetz** scored 27/12 in the morning at the North Pole Open. After ingesting a severe case of lunchitis around noon, Steve lost his next eight games. A well-timed slap to the back of his head helped him win the ninth post-lunch game and qualify. After his best start ever, if he had not won that game or the next one, he would not have qualified.

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 or 888.734.4464 (9a–11a Pacific Time).

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My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Do you dream about cribbage?

They say that you don't truly know another language until you start dreaming in it. I don't know that I'm fluent in cribbage, but I do dream about it.

Sometimes it's a normal cribbage activity like playing a game with a friend or traveling to a tournament. But sometimes it involves struggle, like counting my hand or repeatedly counting the cards in the deck before a game starts to make sure there are fifty-two of them—and getting a different number each time!—or futilely cross-checking scorecards.

After I started directing tournaments in 2005, in the week preceding the tournament, I would frequently have a recurring dream, usually for several nights on end.

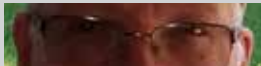
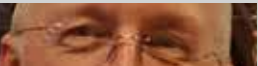
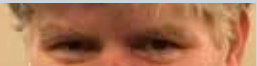
In my dream, I was late for playoffs on Sunday morning. This wasn't a simple case of not getting to the playing room in time to get the playoffs started. Rather, I was late for *my* playoff match!

Sometimes I would forfeit a game, sometimes I missed the entire match and lost the chance to play in the next round.

In my dream, I was always puzzled that no one—no one!—ever came and told me my match was starting. Need I remind you that I was the tournament director? What, they couldn't find me? Or didn't have the chutzpah to say, "Get your butt in the seat"? I've probably forfeited more playoff games in my dreams than I have actually played!

I'm happy that I seldom have this dream anymore. I'd like to think that this is because directing has become less stressful over the years and so I don't fret about it as much as I used to.

But maybe, just maybe, I don't have this dream because there is little likelihood that I will qualify for the playoffs. And why worry about something that isn't gonna happen?! **CW**

Tale of the Tape	 Baird	 Aiken	 Medeiros
average	53.2% (67–59)	✓57.4% (154–114)	56.1% (37–29)
biggest win	+55 over vs Karen Holdstock (OR) @ Club 12	✓+61 over Bill Homrich (MI) @ Club 71	+48 over James Rhodes (CT) @ Yankee Classic
worst loss	✓–43 by Jean Mendenhall (OR) @ Club 12	–54 by Gordy Wise (WA) @ Susanville	–55 by Bob Russell (MA) @ Club 104

Your Deal



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World Series of Cribbage

Some of us in the UK are rather cheekily thinking of organising a World Series of Cribbage over here, probably in London, not unlike—we think—the World Series of Baseball in the US. We would very much like to invite players over to compete—or even have first a Ryder Cup-style match between the UK and USA (bringing Europe in as and when they play the game!). These are very novel ideas and equally difficult to organise, but I think it

would capture the imagination of many people, not least to bring different generations together to play the game we love. I have taught cribbage in a primary school to 10- and 11-year-olds and organised a mini-tournament against some old-age pensioners, which was a great event. I hope to organise the WSOC from a small league in southeast London but will contact every league I can find in the UK.

Peter Cordwell (pcordwell08@gmail.com)

Sir John Suckling Board

In 1985 **DeLynn** made what he called the **Sir John Suckling Commemorative Board** to honor the 350th anniversary of the invention of cribbage. DeLynn said he sold five boards, but *Cribbage World* has already learned about six of them. If you own

one of these, please contact cribbageworld@cribbage.org so we can compile a complete census.



Cribbage Quiz

It's the start of the game, and neither player is dealt any odd cards; the cut card is a 3. After the pegging and counting of both hands and the crib, the pone stands at 30 points and dealer at 71. What cards did each player hold, and what cards were in the crib?

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ACC membership odometer

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as of December 1

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Madison Masters (Madison WI; Sept. 28)	Terry Weber	47 players HQ. Bob Kiley (30) 1. Dale Magedanz (105) 2. Arlen Algrem (70) 3. Bob Kiley (42) 3. Clay Collier (42)	26 players HQ. Al Pernicek (18) 1. Al Pernicek (40) 2. Pete Severson (24) 3. Dennis Koehler (12) 3. Allen Karr (12)		
Jackpot Classic (Morton MN; Oct. 4-6)	Steve Post	78 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (40) 1. Gerald Gruber (147) 2. Cassandra Briggs (105) 3. Al Pernicek (70) 3. Bob Joslin (70)	32 players HQ. Frank Duresky (12) 1. Pete Severson (40) 2. Earl Fox (24) 3. Frank Duresky (12) 3. Arthur Loveland (12)		Friday: Reuben Sufka Saturday: Joe Imholte
Western New York Open (Hamburg NY; Oct. 4-6)	Robyn Boldt	23 players HQ. Michelle Gryka (20) 1. Michelle Gryka (70) 2. Jim Correa (42) 3. Ron Drake (NM) (21) 3. Paul Eichler (21)	18 players HQ. Ron Drake (6) 1. John Schafer (40) 2. Daniel Shirk (24) 3. Meme Schafer (12) 3. Ron Drake (12)		Early Bird: Charlene Cohen Friday: Vincent Przepiora Canadian Doubles: Daniel Shirk & Ron Drake
Crescent City Open (Crescent City CA; Oct. 11-13)	Kai Lemrise	46 players HQ. Gerald Hahn (35) 1. Richard Hinrichs (105) 2. Duane Toll (70) 3. Scott Milo (42) 3. Danny Mitchell (42)	27 players HQ. Jan Osborn (12) 1. Mike McCammon (40) 2. Susan Humphreys (24) 3. John Cogburn (12) 3. Jan Osborn (12)		Early Bird: Scott Milo Doubles: Chris Poole & Tom Wheeler Saturday: Cres Fernandez
Salem Classic (Salem OR; Oct. 18-20)	Rick & Kim Simmons	68 players HQ. Richard Simmons (50) 1. Matt Padrow (147) 2. Bill Mero (105) 3. Nicholas Trujillo (70) 3. Lowell Bailey (70)	34 players HQ. Scott Milo (21) 1. Marty Symons (60) 2. Paul Hatcher (40) 3. Frank Ornie (24) 3. Joanne Hampton (24)		Early Bird: Richard Winfield High Roller: Gordy Wise Doubles: Frank Ornie & Skip White
Colorado Fall Classic (Lakewood CO; Oct. 18-20)	Katy Mayo	34 players HQ. David Bute (55) 1. Leland Johnson (105) 2. Richard Tomsick (70) 3. Larry McKinney (42) 3. Randy Berger (42)	16 players HQ. Dan Vogel (12) 1. Jim Rosso (24) 2. Dan Vogel (12)		Canadian Doubles: Les & LeRoy Johnson Saturday: Sara Sanner

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Boston Regional (Malden MA; Oct. 20)	Bev Gobiel	137 players HQ. Dave Yaeger (45) 1. Erik Locke (196) 2. Jimmy Jaynes (147) 3. Nancy Riccio (105) 3. Guy Spezzaferro (105) 5. Russell Leberman (70) 5. Allen Swope (70) 5. Frank Bogus (70) 5. Mathew Piechota (70)	62 players HQ. Bob Russell (27) 1. Roland Hall (60) 2. Paul Gregson (40) 3. Troy Thorson (24) 3. Frank Abernathy (24)	28-hand: Laurie Hardy*	
Cog (North Conway NH; Oct. 21-22)	Pat Llewellyn	116 players HQ. Bobby Adams (60) 1. Bobby Adams (147) 2. Mary Jane Esera (105) 3. Roland Hall (70) 3. Fred White (70)	96 players HQ. Allen Karr (21) 1. Dave Yaeger (84) 2. William Macmillan (60) 3. Tammy Gibbons (40) 3. Richard Weston (40)	29-hand: Dan Selke* 28-hands: Troy Thorson* Alice Souza*	Potluck Doubles: Al Gaudreau & James Klinger High Roller: Joe Zimmitti
Kancamagus Krawl (North Conway NH; Oct. 22-24)	Fred White & Marilyn Dyer	197 players HQ. Phyllis Schmidt (60) 1. Donald Flesch (196) 2. James Morrow (147) 3. Phyllis Schmidt (105) 3. Fred Blanc (105) 5. Mike Misluk (70) 5. Wayne Steinmetz (70) 5. Lana Newhouse (70) 5. Peggy Shea (70)	184 players HQ. Joe Gates (18) 1. Richard Shea (112) 2. Joyce Betz (84) 3. Jeff Shimp (60) 3. Terrance Cushman (60) 5. Herschel Mack (40) 5. Carl Deyette (40) 5. Karen Crutcher (40) 5. Joe Gates (40)		

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LEGEND

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* = in sanctioned event
blue = grand slam
red = first win

Dan Selke
(Arlington Heights
IL) won a set of
personalized
cribbage pegs from
Brian Savage (see
ad in August CW) for
being the first ACC
member to hold a 29-
hand in a sanctioned
tournament after
September 1.

**Nominations
for Hall of Fame
due January 31**

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Grand National 38 (North Conway NH; Oct. 25–27)	David Campbell et al.	334 players HQ. Daniel Betz (60) 1. Betsy Miller (252) 2. Erik Locke (196) 3. Kathy Pacocha (147) 3. Fran Ward (147) 5. Chad Frischmann (105) 5. Kevin Mansfield (105) 5. Barbara Stockham (105) 5. Rhonda Perry (105) 9. Herschel Mack (70) 9. Steve Angier (70) 9. Alice Souza (70) 9. Willie Evans (70) 9. Neal Friets (70) 9. Fred White (70) 9. Dave Yaeger (70) 9. Daniel Betz (70)	180 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (21) 1. Carole Herron (112) 2. James Morrow (84) 3. Virginia Grogan (60) 3. Joseph Bowen (60) 5. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 5. David Campbell (40) 5. Richard Pierce (40) 5. Arthur Loveland (40)	29-hands: Roman Obermeier* 28-hands: Troy Thorson* John Schafer* Cres Fernandez* Mark Smith* John Alig* Jeff Gardner* Ethan Guyaz* Junko Larsen Robert King Marsha Mahan Frank Abernathy	Grass Roots: Ron Logan Mount Webster: Peter Grant Canadian Doubles HQ (Thur.): Jerry & Laurie Hardy Canadian Doubles winners (Thur.): Sandy Sands & Kevin Mansfield Mount Adams: Howard Terry Mount Monroe: Paul Batterson GRTOC: Jason Hofbauer Mount Pierce: Jonathan Pinyan Canadian Doubles (Friday): Erik Locke & Brian Heroux Mount Madison: Trevor Poole All Events: Troy Thorson
North Pole Open (Marinette WI; Nov. 1–3)	Jeanne Wauters	84 players HQ. Donald Flesch (40) 1. Joan Rein (147) 2. Donald Flesch (105) 3. Marlene Lazachek (70) 3. Gerald Gruber (70)	50 players HQ. Richard Horvath (30) 1. Jeff Wussow (60) 2. Henry Brandner (40) 3. John Swett (24) 3. Chad Frischmann (24)	28-hands: Kathy Hendrickson* Marsha Mahan* Tony Danihel* Paul Kilkelly*	Warmup: Arthur Loveland Friday: Wendy Pitts Saturday: Norman Wood All Events: Gerald Gruber
Gold Dust West Fall Classic (Carson City NV; Nov. 1–3)	Jeanne Jelke	62 players HQ. Alice Souza (60) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Basil Rudnick (70) 3. Angelo Torrice (42) 3. Annett Eiffert (42)	48 players HQ. Dan McPherson (21) 1. Sylvia Bergquist (60) 2. Carole Herron (40) 3. Margaret Fanucchi (24) 3. Heidi Glashan (24)		Early Bird: Heidi Glashan Canadian Doubles: Jay Shaffer & Doug Dresbach Saturday: Gary Galetti All Events: Beverly Castillo
Lee Bailey Salute (Merritt Island FL; Nov. 1–3)	Susan Finazzo & Tim Jurek	43 players HQ. Donna Zuben (35) 1. David O'Neil (105) 2. Tracy McKeivley (70) 3. Donna Last (42) 3. John Gella (42)	28 players HQ. Barbara Berg-Fennessey (18) 1. Barbara Berg-Fennessey (40) 2. James Borgan (24) 3. Mary Ellison (12) 3. Dan Michela (12)	28-hands: David Smith* Paul Barnes*	Friday: Doug Kelliher Saturday: Galen Friend

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Topaz Winter Classic (Topaz NV; Nov. 4-6)	Valerie Sumner	42 players HQ. Cy Madrone (40) 1. Ray Klocko (105) 2. Gary Galetti (70) 3. Jeremy Krieger (42) 3. John Harvey (42)	28 players HQ. Cynthia Wark (12) 1. Cynthia Wark (40) 2. Ronald Morgan (24) 3. William Eilers (12) 3. Carole Herron (12)		<i>Early Bird:</i> Cynthia Wark <i>Doubles:</i> Pamela Pomeroy & June Fordham <i>Mid-Roller:</i> Cres Fernandez
Susanville Fall Classic (Susanville CA; Nov. 6-8)	Cynthia Wark	56 players HQ. Pamela Pomeroy (50) 1. Jay Shaffer (105) 2. James Langley (70) 3. Ray Klocko (42) 3. Gary Pinkley (42)	45 players HQ. Herschel Mack (15) 1. Nancy Rojas (60) 2. David Aiken (40) 3. Charlene Cohen (24) 3. Mike McCammon (24)	28-hands: Margery Clark* Nancy Rojas*	<i>Canadian Doubles:</i> Herschel Mack & Don Dolezal <i>Thursday:</i> Cres Fernandez
Veterans Day (Reno NV; Nov. 8-10)	Valerie Sumner	186 players HQ. Richard Shea (60) 1. Bob Bartosh (196) 2. Nancy Rojas (147) 3. Alan Schaefer (105) 3. Richard Flatto (105) 5. Bob Schmitt (70) 5. Michael Rogers (70) 5. Sharon Schaefer (70) 5. Erik Locke (70)	116 players HQ. Don Thienel (24) 1. Cres Fernandez (84) 2. Cynthia Wark (60) 3. Jackie Doppelt (40) 3. June Fordham (40)	28-hands: Alan Schaefer* Jeremy Krieger* Reiner Talmet	<i>Early Bird:</i> Ray Peterson <i>Canadian Doubles:</i> Thomas Chew & Bob McMahon <i>Mid-Roller:</i> Cres Fernandez <i>Sunday:</i> Nancy Rojas
Dianne Gurney Memorial (Black River Falls WI; Nov. 8-10)	Wayne Steinmetz	65 players HQ. Dale Magedanz (65) 1. James McCarty (147) 2. Donald Flesch (105) 3. Ellen Kutz (70) 3. John Syftestad (70)	40 players HQ. Emilio Perez (18) 1. William Davy (60) 2. Allen Karr (40) 3. Emilio Perez (24) 3. George Lavalley (24)	29-hands: Christine Zager x2* 28-hands: Joe Skibba* Frank Duresky*	<i>Friday:</i> James Huser <i>Saturday:</i> James Huser
Charm City Classic (Aberdeen MD; Nov. 8-10)	Bruce Sattler	36 players HQ. Eric Davis (35) 1. Matt Easterbrook (105) 2. Michael O'Brien (70) 3. Frank Bis (42) 3. Jerry Hedden (42)	27 players HQ. Jack Howsare (15) 1. Scott Harker (40) 2. Jack Howsare (24) 3. Nancy Roncetti (12) 3. David Statz (12)	<div> LEGEND HQ = high qualifier * = in sanctioned event blue = grand slam red = first win </div>	<i>Friday:</i> Laurie Schmitz <i>Saturday:</i> Janice Blanc

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River City Fall Classic (Sacramento CA; Nov. 15–16)	Nancy Rojas & Jennifer Bolles	72 players HQ. Cres Fernandez (55) 1. Dennis Jacobs (147) 2. Annett Eiffert (105) 3. Cres Fernandez (70) 3. Paul Gregson (70)	27 players HQ. James Clark (15) 1. Patti Whiteaker (40) 2. Margaret Fanucchi (24) 3. James Clark (12) 3. Brock Lee (12)	28-hands: Wayne Glashan*	Doubles: Nancy Rojas & Doug Dresbach
Polish Open Returns (Appleton WI; Nov. 15–17)	Jane Vander Loop	76 players HQ. Henry Brandner (80) 1. Lewis Gurney (147) 2. Donald Flesch (105) 3. Robert Beckman (70) 3. Patrick Healey (70)	38 players HQ. Jeff Gardner (12) 1. Jeff Gardner (60) 2. Ellen Kutz (40) 3. David Aiken (24) 3. Allen Karr (24)	28-hands: Rick Kuehn* Henry Brandner*	Friday: Jane Vander Loop Saturday: Henry Brandner
Chinook Winds Weekday (Lincoln City OR; Nov. 21–22)	James Morrow	54 players HQ. Todd Malmgren (60) 1. William O'Malley (105) 2. Pete Larsen (70) 3. Todd Malmgren (42) 3. Cy Madrone (42)	50 players HQ. Jason Shumate (15) 1. Roger Wilson (60) 2. Terry Greenawald (40) 3. Jason Shumate (24) 3. Skip White (24)	28-hands: Don Dolezal* Rick Baird*	LEGEND HQ = high qualifier * = in sanctioned event blue = grand slam red = first win
Chinook Winds Open (Lincoln City OR; Nov. 22–24)	Pete Larsen	113 players HQ. Gerald Hahn (45) 1. Skip White (147) 2. Cy Madrone (105) 3. Roy Hofbauer (70) 3. Gary Louderback (70)	66 players HQ. Roland Hall (21) 1. John Galbreath (84) 2. Don Dolezal (60) 3. Mike McCammon (40) 3. Michael Wertz (40)	28-hands: Tammy Gibbons* Terry Ryckman* Rich Ekman*	
Wishbone Open (Grand Rapids MI; Nov. 29 + Dec. 1)	Dave Aiken & John Hazlett	46 players HQ. Donna LaFleur (50) 1. Donna LaFleur (105) 2. Daniel Betz (70) 3. Doug Page (42) 3. Ann Trotter (42)	35 players HQ. Emilio Perez (9) 1. Kathy Pacocha (60) 2. Harry Williams (40) 3. Emilio Perez (24) 3. Sue Schenk (24)		
Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI; Nov. 30)	Dave Aiken & John Hazlett	50 players HQ. Dan Selke (55) 1. Terry Weber (105) 2. Jerald Adams (70) 3. Dave Yaeger (42) 3. Roger Brown (42)	37 players [consy/lite] 1. Kevin Harris (45) 2. Ann Trotter (30) 3. John Schafer (18) 3. Clay Collier (18)	28-hands: Scott Fritz* Gary McCuskey*	Canadian Doubles (rotation partners): Al Karr

We recently received word that a big hand at the National Open in July reported to *Cribbage World* as a 28-hand was in fact a 29-hand. CW offers its belated congratulations to **Jeff Seidenstein** (Raleigh NC) on this 1-in-216,580 beauty!

Ancient History

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)

Cribbage Quiz Answer

Both players were dealt three pairs: they both held 2-2-4-4 and both threw 6-6 into the crib. The 3 cut gives each player 18 points, and the crib yields 24 points. The pegging goes like this (the 2s and 4s could be played in either sequence):

pone	4	4 (for 6)	2	2 (for 6)
dealer	4 (for 2)	4 (for 12)	2 (for 2)	2 (for 13)

Note: this same scenario could also have played out if the crib held 3-3-3-9, but it is unlikely that either player—let alone both of them—threw 3s away from 2-2-4-4.

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



A common debate I have with many of my cribbage friends is the merits of the 2-3 discard versus the 7-8 discard to your own crib. Obviously these are two of the most attractive throws to your crib.

Let's say it is the first hand of the game and you deal yourself 2-3-5-7-8-K; what do you discard? My instinct is to favor the 7-8 discard. The 2-3 might score more 6-point and 10-point hands, but the 7-8 yields more 12s and 16s, and the occasional 20 or 24. As dealer of the first hand I would rather go for the Big Bang rather than the steady consistency that the 2-3 discard brings.

Many of you will probably disagree. Please feel free to email me and let me know your rationale. You might even sway me over to the 2-3 camp! The relative pegging value of each hand is pretty close, although I think that 2-3-5-K pegs slightly better.

I'll be waiting for those responses!

Whether you discard 2-3 or 7-8, Rob would like to hear from you at mrob2199@aol.com.

ACC *Awards*



Erik is currently the #7 player in lifetime MRPs (25,673), the #3 player in lifetime wins (69), the #4 player in All American awards (11), a Silver Award winner (3,149 GRPs), owner of the second best yearly total (2,779 MRPs), plus he sits atop the leader board again this year, with double the points of his nearest competitor—and all by the age of 35! Given that he has obviously taken the game to a level that most of us can only dream about, CW asked Erik to give a motivational speech to the rest of us. Here's what he had to say: "In life and in anything you do, you should have the mindset that you're are going to win, be the best, come out on top. Every tournament, work, game with my friends I am going to win. Is it going to happen all

Erik Royland Locke
Wood Village OR
Life Master (4★) #7

the time? Negative! Should you be disappointed that you didn't succeed? Absolutely! Just like being a kid learning how to ride a bike, get back up and try again!" The photo shows Erik photobombing Brittany Pichette (nee Pierce) accepting her trophy for winning the 2013 long match directed by Paul Hatcher.

Donna learned to play cribbage in a bar, taught by her cousin. She joined the ACC in the early 80s (when she was Donna Doolittle) and has played constantly since then. She has been an Eastern Region All Star a dozen times and is well known for her Douglass-esque "Side Pools." She has won twenty-seven sanctioned tourneys and oodles of satellite events. Donna enjoys singing in the Bristol Chorale, playing bingo, and cruising with husband Lenny in their '57 Chevy. Her favorite cribbage moment this year was taking second in the TOC. She says: "I love the ACC, not just for the competition but also for the camaraderie. What a great group we have in our cribbage family."

Donna LaFleur
(Bristol CT)
Life Master (3★) #20



Gerald Hahn Jr.
(Winston OR)
Life Master (★) #112

{Jerry's words} I learned the basics of cribbage in the late 50s at the Brookings pool hall. I joined ACC in December 1991 and credit the late DeLynn Colvert for the tournament cribbage part. In 1998 I joined Club 62 in Roseburg OR and have been club champion twice. I am a Gold Award winner and was director for twelve years. My first tournament win was Medford 2000, and I have now won ten tournaments. I obtained my One Star rating at Crescent City in October by being high qualifier. My favorite tournaments are the TOC and ACC Open in Reno and Lincoln City. My toughest opponent is Ras (Elmer Rasmussen). My favorite cribbage moments this year are earning my One Star and promoting cribbage at the Fremont

Middle School weekly with my club members (thanks to Tracy Meyer, a teacher there). I am very fond of our Grass Roots club and what they do for cribbage. My noncribbage interest are rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals and Blues plus the LA Rams, pinochle, ponytail canasta, and growing blueberries.

New Cribbage Masters

- 993. Don Hansen (Albany OR)
- 994. Ann Trotter (Green Bay WI)
- 995. Dennis Johnston (Concord CA)
- 996. Mike Rozmiarek (Green Bay WI)



Steven Steinmetz
(Caledonia WI)
Life Master #258

Steve's grandmother taught him to play cribbage at an early age. He joined the ACC in 1990 and has Jerry Gruber as a cribbage mentor. Steve is a member of the club that made Milwaukee famous, and he earned his Bronze Award at Club 6 just a few weeks ago. Steve has won eleven sanctioned events. His toughest opponent (no surprise here) is big brother Wayne. Steve's favorite tournament is Marinette, and his favorite cribbage moment this year was beating Dale Magedanz when dealing from 32 out. The cut was the 5 of Clubs; Dale pegged nothing with his 15-hand, while Steve pegged four points and then had enough points to win the game! Steve enjoys fishing, bowling, and spending time with family.

On a fluke (or was it a coffee table?), Richard read in his local newspaper that Jim Langley (Red Bluff CA) had been deemed the national cribbage champion. Being a second-generation kitchen-table player, this marinated in Richard's brain until one rainy night in February 2005 he journeyed to Red Bluff to meet this guy and his ACC cohorts. Richard soon sniffed the Tournament Trail glue and began collecting those addictive MRPs. Richard plays in Club 205 in Redding CA, where he has earned his Silver Award and has been the local champion three times. His favorite local nemesis is club director Jeanne Jelke. Bidirectional snorts, sparks, and whines are all common when they play. Last season, Richard's favorite experience was winning one of two Las Vegas tours while his traveling buddy, Mike Tungate (Oroville CA), won the other. The Uber driver really enjoyed hearing all about this as they traveled back to the airport. Richard is retiring from his career as a water engineer with the California Drinking Water Program at the end of 2019 so he can continue and expand his cribbage adventures.

Richard Hinrichs
(Redding CA)
Life Master #260



Lee Chambers
(Albany OR)
Grand Master #431

{Lee's words} I learned cribbage from my high school best friend's dad—a true cribbage fanatic. He made us play often but I don't think we ever won a game against him, and our interest soon waned. Six years later, when stationed in Germany, the bartender in the Officers' Club asked each new incoming officer if he played cribbage. His name was Dieter Wolke, and he was beyond fanatic; we soon started playing for \$10 a game and a dollar a hole, no small sum in those days. I think I put all nine of Dieter's kids through college but I learned to count! Seven years later I started playing in Salem. I met Susan there, and we have been playing together and at tournaments ever since. We eventually

formalized a club: The Albany Cribbage Aces Club 113. We joined the ACC in 1985, and my first tournament win was the Oregon Coast Classic in 1987. I never had a cribbage mentor other than Susan, but I always had highest respect and admiration for Harvey and Beverlee Honeycutt for the way they won, and lost, the game. I have won six sanctioned tournaments, plus boards in many more, but I have never been a high qualifier. I seem to get 29-hands fairly often, but I am famous for losing the games I get them in. When not traveling, I play a consistently bad game of golf.

Better Than Joe!

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

Joyce Betz (MI)
William Cormier (MA)
Kevin C. Harris (FL)
Donna Zuben (FL)

The Magedanz Chronicles

Oh Henry! On page 22 of the September *Cribbage World*, I reported on the slow start that **Henry Brandner** (Medford WI) had at the Steinmetz/Frosty Shuffle, being skunked his first four games. During the consy playoffs at the North Pole Open, he had an awesome—but opposite—run. In ten games he double-skunked all four opponents and also had two regular skunks, but it was good for only second place! Here are his opponents and the game results:

playoff round	opponent	Henry's results
first	Dale Magedanz	double-skunk + skunk
second	Tom Briski	win + double-skunk
semifinals	John Swett	loss + skunk + double-skunk
finals	Jeff Wussow	loss + double-skunk + loss

Dianne At the **Dianne Gurney Memorial** in Black River Falls WI in November, **Wayne Steinmetz** kicked things off with the introduction of **Lewis Gurney** (Eau Claire WI) and told of how he and **Frosty** picked up the tourney after Lewis and Dianne retired from hosting. Lewis introduced sixteen family members in attendance, many of whom played in the events. Lewis demonstrating his culinary skills by baking twelve large pans of apple bars for the players and family. This tournament had many firsts to boast about. Dianne must have guided the hand of good friend **Christine Zager** (Owen WI), as she cut the 5 of Hearts for her first



ever 29-hand. After the lunch break Dianne went back to work guiding her hand to cut the 5 of Spades for Chris's second 29-hand! Chris won the first game but was not able to count the second hand, as her opponent went out from 14. **Jimmy McCarty** (Caledonia WI) won his first main over **Don Fleisch** (Brookfield WI) no less. I tell ya, it's that Steinmetz blood!

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



MMA Cribbage **Ellen Kutz** (Wauwatosa WI) “congratulating” **Jeff Gardner** (Sidney OH) on his win against her in the Polish Open Returns consy finals in Appleton WI on November 17. At the next tournament Jeff’s limp was barely noticeable. Jeff says he harbors no hard feelings toward Ellen but requests to be notified in advance when full-contact cribbage rules will be in effect.



Not Even Nobs! At the North Pole Open I was talking with four Michigan “Yoopers” from Club 368, who told me about an unreal event in their Thursday doubles league. **Jim and Jack Strongman** versus **Jim Maki** and **Jim Laso** all hand 19-hands, and when the crib was turned over, guess what they found? A 19-crib!

Reverse Gruberization #2 During the playoffs of the North Pole Open main, **Joan Rein** (Green Bay WI) continued her reverse Gruberization (see December CW, page 18) by taking out **Jerry Gruber** (Minneapolis MN) in the semis and then went on to win it all by beating **Don Flesch** (Brookfield WI). Now that Joan has retired as Grass Roots commish, she’s back on her game!

Oops! CW received the following note from **Bob Jackson** (Hancock MI):

In the December *Cribbage World* on page 18, it was reported that “Dale Magedanz was playing **Bob Jackson** (Hancock MI).” Well, being **Bob Jackson** of Hancock MI, I can say that I was *not* there in Lac du Flambeau WI, fine a tournament as I’m sure it was. I have not had a 24-hand since week 2 or 3 of club play, but that is another story. And, as much as I would like to get my name in *Cribbage World*, it should be by an actual accomplishment like getting a 29-hand or a grand slam in club play. A correction is in order so that the actual **Bob Jackson** who was there gets the recognition he is due.

After digging deeper into this issue, we discovered that the player in question was **Bob Jackson** of Duluth MN. Our apologies to Duluth Bob for this oversight, and our congratulations to Hancock Bob for getting his name in *Cribbage World* three more times!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020: INVITATION ONLY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS play begins at 8 a.m. on Friday. This is an ACC **invitation only** event. ***Please check the list of players eligible for the TOC, posted at cribbage.org, before registering.*** Entry fee \$125, includes \$25 Q-Pool. \$4,000.00 added by the Sands. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies. 1 game vs 16 opponents, top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs. (Finals best 3 of 5). Graduated Q-Pool paid to all qualifiers. Muggins will be played in the TOC. Invitational director: Todd Schaefer cribbageawards@comcast.net 651-338-8116, Patrick Barrett 715-323-5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com.

CRIBBAGE BOWL play begins at 3:30 p.m. sharp on Friday. Entry fee \$50. ***PLEASE DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CRIBBAGE BOWL IF YOU ARE PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.*** On-site registration between noon and 3 p.m. Friday. Play 1 game vs 12 opponents. No playoffs. 100% payback plus trophies, pays 1:5. Cribbage Bowl director: James Morrow 509-830-2318 the29seeker@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020: ACC OPEN MAIN TOURNAMENT. Be seated by 8 a.m. Entry fee \$80, includes \$20 Q-Pool and \$3 ACC Sanction Fee. Qualifying round, 1 game vs 22 opponents, cut for deal. Top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs. (Finals best 4 of 7). \$10 per player, up to \$10,000.00 added by the Sands Regency! PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies. Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers. Directors Rick Shea 707-599-460 lv2dve4ab@gmail.com, Peggy Shea 707-444-3161 Co-Director Scott Kooistra 605-661-7081 sakrwb75@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020: CONSOLATION play begins at 9:15 a.m. Entry \$40, includes \$10 Q-Pool and \$1 Sanction Fee. No pre-registration. Qualifying round 1 vs 9. Top 25% to best 2 of 3 playoff. (Finals best 3 of 5). \$1,000.00 added by the Sands Regency. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers.



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1st ENTRY: ACC# _____ ☐ \$125 TOC* ☐ \$50 C. Bowl* ☐ \$80 Open ☐ Dues
Name _____ ☐ New to ACC

Address (if different) _____

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Daytime Phone OR E-Mail Address _____

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***REMINDER: Do NOT enter the Cribbage Bowl in advance if you are playing in the Tournament of Champions.**
The Internal Revenue Service considers prize money earned of \$600 or more as income which must be reported. Sands Regency is required by law to withhold 30% of prize money of \$600 or more awarded to non-US Citizens without US TIN numbers and a US address, or US Citizens who cannot provide a valid US Social Security Number.

Cribbage Solitaire

We all know that the more you practice playing cribbage, the easier it becomes to recognize 15s, runs, and flushes. This leads to quicker play and a deeper understanding of the intricate strategies of the game. Many young students of the game who are taught in a school or club setting do not have anyone at home to play with to improve their game. Providing them with a fun solitaire game gives them the outlet to practice as often as they wish. Here is the game I recommend.

Lay five cards face up in a row, and toss a sixth card face down into the crib. Then turn another card and place it with one of the up cards to begin to form a cribbage hand. Keep turning up one card at a time until each of the first five cards has a second card with it; you *cannot* put a third card in a hand until all the others have two. After you have completed the second



round of laying cards out, place another card face down into the crib. Continue doing this until you have five hands of four cards each and four cards in the crib. Then cut the deck and turn over the starter card to use as the fifth card in each of your hands. (The photo shows a sample deal.) Use a cribbage board to tally the points in each hand and the crib. Shuffle the deck and cycle through this procedure three times. If you reach hole 121 by the end of the third deal, you win!

If you find hole 121 to be too easy in three deals, for an additional challenge you can set the goal higher, 132 or 144 points.

*Thanks to **Dan Zeisler** (Grass Valley CA) for this month's cribbage variant.*



Oregon Coast Classic

“Nothing is permanent except change.”

—Heraclitus

“Some changes look negative on the surface, but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge.”

—Eckhart Tolle

“Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.”

—Robert C. Gallagher

Remember the saying “when one door closes, another opens”? Well, we are experiencing that now. After twenty years of holding our Oregon Coast Classic at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City OR, we must change our dates. The casino notified us on November 27 that they were no longer offering us the first weekend in May, starting in 2020. The person we work with at the casino told us that April/May and September/October were their prime convention dates and they were missing out on booking larger events. He offered a few other dates to us, only two of which were on weekends. One was the third weekend in February, which we did not think would be too great, as it is only two weeks before the JPW/ACC Open in Reno and it is usually not the season for walking on the beach, which many of our entrants always enjoyed in May. The other weekend was on the 4th of July. We would not have even considered this weekend if we

had not heard that the July Reno tournament had been moved to a different date. After talking to Rick Shea, Western Region tournament commissioner, and between ourselves, we decided to go for the 4th of July weekend.

We do not blame Chinook Winds for changing our dates. It was a business decision. They have been generous sponsors for twenty years now and said they will continue with the same benefits as offered previously. We have had a great working relationship with them and hope that this new opportunity will be advantageous to them and to our ACC members. They have also agreed to set aside a block of rooms for the cribbage players, as July is a popular time at the coast. We hope many of you will come and walk through that new door with us. More details will be on the flyer, which will be available soon.

—Jeanne, Roy & Bernie



GN 39 Traveling Trophy Traverses the Country!

Thanks to **Charlene Cohen**, known affectionately as CC, the Traveling Gold Pan Trophy for GN 39 has already logged thousands of miles and visited hundreds of cribbage players! Since the last CW issue, CC and the Traveling Trophy have been spotted in Glendon Beach MA, Depot Bay OR, Grand Rapids MI, and Milwaukee WI. Stay up to date with CC's travels on Facebook and the GN 39 website. We hope you'll catch gold fever with CC's enthusiasm and "Rush for the Gold" in Sacramento 22–27, 2020. Book your rooms early at the beautiful Doubletree by Hilton—see the flyers on the ACC website or visit [acccribbage-gn-39](http://acccribbage-gn-39.wixsite.com/cribbage-gn-39) for details.

The first of three drawings for the progressive raffle was held in Reno on November 10. **Bruce McGillivray** won the major prize of two nights and two buffet dinners donated by the Sands Re-

gency, and **Jay Shaffer** won a \$50 Amazon gift card. Twelve other people won prizes as well (winners are posted on the GN 39 website). The next drawing will be in Reno on March 8. Along with at least fifteen other prizes, there will be two major prizes in the second drawing: a Spa Suite, \$50 dinner certificate, and bowling package at the Gold Dust West in Carson City; and an overnight stay package at the JW Marriott in Las Vegas. The grand prize—free entry into GN 39, two nights at the Doubletree by Hilton, dinner and breakfast for two, and a \$250 Visa Card toward travel—will be drawn at the June tournament in Reno. Proceeds will help offset expenses for GN 39, thus benefiting players by enhancing the prize fund.

Next month: information about GN 39 satellites and other events. Stay tuned!

—by Jeanne Jelke, GN 39 director

The 19-Button

by John Portune

When fortune deals you a zero-point hand or crib, relieve your frustration with a press of the button on this fun little device.

Cribbage enjoys many charming traditions. One perhaps wee-bit less delightful is a nineteen-point hand. As we all know, no hand or crib can score 19. But without a peg to move, what's a player to do?

My weekly cribbage group thoroughly enjoys this little addition to each table—a small talking box. When the button is pressed, it makes a suitable sound for the deadly 19-hand. The whole group giggles when they hear the sound, knowing that an opponent as fallen into “the pit.”

The unit is a 3D printed shell, with a big 19 on top, made on my 3D printer. It encloses an inexpensive recordable talking box (normally used to add voice to a stuffed animal), available from amazon.com (search for “bear mill recordable sound module”).

3D printers are becoming commonplace with DIY hobbyists these days. You can likely find a friend who owns a 3D printer, and a growing number of UPS stores have 3D printers at minimal cost. The 3D printer files may be downloaded for free at

w6nbc.com/cribbage. There are two files: the shell and the number 19. Glue the two pieces together, and the voice box simply slips into the shell.

You can record any sound you like by playing a sound file on your computer and holding the talking unit in front of the computer's speaker. Or you can record your own voice saying something appropriate, but be kind! A quick internet search for free sound files found three that fit the occasion: a turkey gobbling, a police siren, and a fire alarm.

Cribbage is a wonderfully social activity. These little boxes have added pleasure to my cribbage playing, and I hope it will at your club as well.

John presses the 19-button much too often at Santa Maria CA. You may contact him at jportune@aol.com.



GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

Can we all commit to these four resolutions in 2020 to better the game of cribbage?

- When I play someone I do not know, I will look them in the eye and introduce myself prior to the start of play.
- When I finish a game, I will shake my opponent's hand and thank them for the game, regardless of a win or a loss.
- Before moving on to my next game, I will make sure the cards are neatly stacked, the pegs are placed back in the starter holes (if the player coming up is not using their own pegs), and any garbage I've generated during the game is not left behind.
- I will teach the great game of cribbage to at least one person in 2020.

The first three resolutions are etiquettes I teach to every student who crosses my path. We need to model these behaviors for new players to maintain the integrity of the game. The last resolution will assure that we continue to promote the game we love so much. Happy New Year!

Youth News

A couple months ago, I received a request for a teaching manual and start-up kit of ten boards from **Katherine Kirby**, a fourth-grade teacher at Monarch Grove Elementary School in Los Osos CA. Since that time, things have really taken off in her classroom. She now has two volunteers from the Santa Margarita Grass Roots Club, **Randy Azelton** and **Sandy Plake**, assisting on a regular basis. In addition, a fellow teacher has taken note of the enthusiasm generated by Ms. Kirby's students and has requested a set of boards so she can begin teaching her students next year.

Two Youth Grand Nationals in 2020? There is a distinct possibility there will be two YGNs this year. The first one is scheduled to take place in Roseburg OR on June 13 (see flyer at [cribbage.org](#)). We are also looking at having a second YGN in conjunction with Grand National 39 in Sacramento CA on September 26.

Teaching Manuals

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

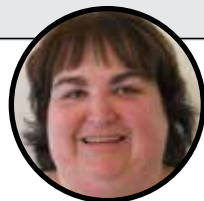
- **Randy Azelton** (Atascadero CA)
- **David Bowen** (Boston MA)
- **Jill Schmitt** (Holdingford MN)
- **Kevin Smith** (Blaine WA)

INTERNET Cribbage

IRPs

BY TAMMY GIBBONS

internet director // maggiesweet@gmail.com



internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	389	William MacMillan (WY00191L)
2	304	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
3	299	Kelly Ann Burgar (lilthumpper_)
4	299	Sam Sinram (IA503)
5	287	Ian Travers (Bloke82)
6	287	Mel Ashley (Mellifluousone)
7	283	Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425)
8	253	Pat Liegl (patco1950)
9	253	Peter Legendre (legend397)
10	220	James Gear (Gearar7)

October Player of the Month

William Schultz

(floydandzep)—135 IRPs

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"It takes just seven ordinary, imperfect shuffles to mix a deck of cards thoroughly, researchers have found. Fewer are not enough and more do not significantly improve the mixing."

COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

That is now a 1990 article in the *New York Times* begins. The article describes the mathematical proof for this statement, performed by **David Bayer**, professor of mathematics at Columbia University. Saying that the deck is completely mixed after seven shuffles means that any card is as likely to be in one place as in another. This has obvious implications for cribbage.

Written by **Gina Kolata** and published on January 9, 1990, the article is entitled "In Shuffling Cards, 7 Is Winning Number." With the advent of online archives in 1996, the article was digitized and is now available on the web. To read the complete article, go to newyorktimes.com and type "shuffling cards" in the search box.

For a complementary viewpoint, **Persi Diaconis**, Stanford Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, demonstrates that washing the deck for one minute is as effective in randomizing a deck as riffing seven times. To watch the video, go to youtube.com and type "best (and worst) ways to shuffle cards" in the search box.

Alaska

Audrey White (Juneau)

British Columbia

Doreen Kirby (Kelowna)

California

Andre Blakney (San Diego)
Edward Calcaney (Sunnyvale)
Tyler Carlson (Sacramento)
Dianne Edmonds (Los Altos)
Guy Heald (Pleasant Hill)
Robert Kelly (Soulsbyville)
Chris J. Klyse (El Dorado Hills)
Mark Lordier (Tuolumne)
Sally Mecham (Bethel Island)
Denise Menorske (Seaside)
Valerie Mintram (Lincoln)
Ken Pimental (Petaluma)
James Price (Donville)
Roger Sodergren (San Diego)
Glenda Taylor (Carmichael)
Steven Verissimo (Marina)

Colorado

David Benedetti (Westminster)

Florida

Jack Logsdon (Milton)
Brian McWaters (Rockledge)
Evelyn Pazera (Kissimmee)
Eugene W. Steinbring (Belle Isle)

Georgia

Laura Lynn Lafleur (Newman)

Hawaii

Kevin M. Knight (Mililani)

Illinois

Timothy L. Barr (Sugar Grove)

New Members

72 last month

Tom Mallers (Huntley)

Maryland

Cass Cooney (Swanton)
Jim Cooney (Swanton)

Massachusetts

Deborah Chadwick (Ludlow)
Dawn Combra (Oak Bluffs)
Richard Combra (Oak Bluffs)
M. C. Lamarre (Oak Bluff)
Ruth Lebovitz (Attleboro)
Janet Paquette (Oak Bluffs)

Michigan

Lisa McCulloch (Royal Oak)
Edsel Syrjala (Champion)

Minnesota

Erica Gilson (Mounds View)
Wayne J. Gilson (Mounds View)
Laurence Podobinski
(Maplewood)
Ben Statz (Saint Paul)

Montana

Shelley Emerson (Butte)

Nevada

Kathy Crawford (North Las Vegas)
David R. Harkin (Reno)
Richard Moselle (Las Vegas)

New York

Dana Davis (Farmington)

Bruce T. Miller (Sea Cliff)

North Carolina

Brenda Davidson (Sylva)

Oklahoma

Sean Curtin (Del City)

Oregon

Douglas Day (Prineville)
Kyle Dodds (La Grande)
David Givans (Bend)
Jodi Smith (Waldport)

South Dakota

Bruce Dean (Gayville)
Michael McDonald (Yankton)

Texas

Noel Benedetti (Austin)
Bert McDaniel (Austin)
Donn McGuire (Corinth)

Virginia

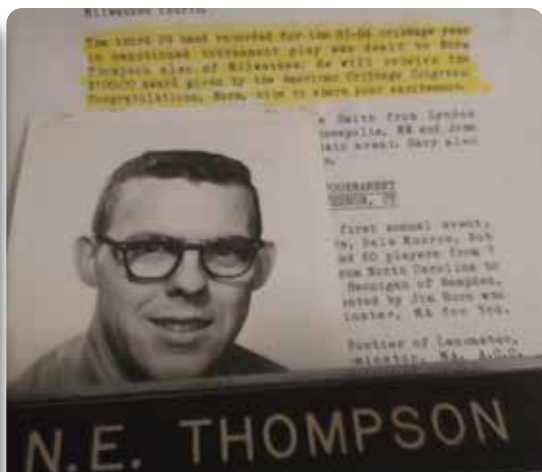
Joseph J. Caskie (Hampton)

Washington

Liz Davis (Coupeville)
Adam Evans (Olympia)
Clint Hinds (Tumwater)
Leah Marston (Federal Way)
James Maxfield (Olympia)
Michael O'Donnell (Nine Mile Falls)
Paul Wezeman (Federal Way)

Wisconsin

Sandy Bostwick (Iola)
Jed Gabel (Greenwood)
Joan Sachs (Seymour)
Clifford R. Slater (Chippewa Falls)
Glenn Smith (Chippewa Falls)
Christian Stemler (Berlin)



Still looking for mine!

Norman Thompson the Elder got a 29-hand in 1984. His son, Norman the Younger (Ellenton FL), still has the trophy

Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Ivory cribbage boards, are they treasures or trouble? Both boards pictured here are ivory. The top is elephant ivory and the other is walrus ivory. Both are works of art. Owning these boards is legal; however, selling them may not be legal and is getting very difficult to do.

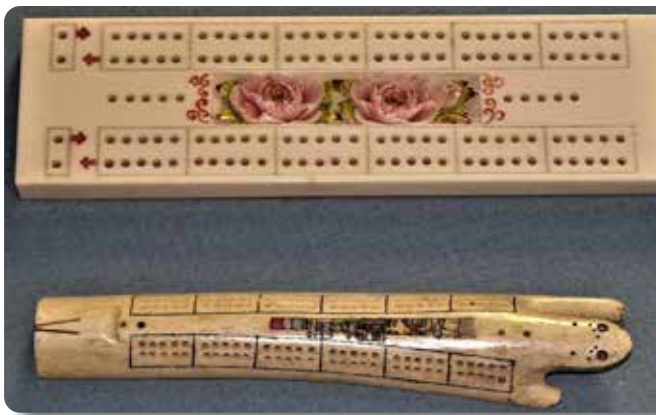
In 1973 the United States passed the Endangered Species Act banning the import of most ivory. Walrus ivory was legal if it was carved and signed by a native Alaskan artist. Also ivory pieces acquired prior to 1973 are legal to own.

Selling ivory is another issue. Recently, some states have adopted more comprehensive laws that further restrict ivory sales. Those states are California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington. If you plan on selling or buying ivory, you definitely need to check federal and state laws.

Selling ivory items on eBay has been banned since 2007. Some sellers try to get around that by listing their items as faux ivory or bone. Websites are currently clamping down on that practice. The largest English antique website, rubylane.com, has also stopped listing ivory items. Estate sales companies have to be very careful to comply with state and national laws.

So, how will I get rid of my ivory boards when the time comes? I hope my nephews will be interested in some of them. It is legal to donate them, but sometimes difficult to find takers.

Bottom line—they are both treasures and trouble. **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** (put “Cribbage Board” in the subject line).

and other memorabilia from his father’s perfect hand, including a copy of the \$100 check signed by ACC treasurer Bob Madsen. Alas, the younger Norman is still without a 29-hand.



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

Grass Roots Corner

Club 140 (Sonora CA)—**Rita Henderson** celebrated her 93rd birthday with cake and ice cream. She is the only member with perfect attendance for the last trimester and summer play. Everyone loves Rita!

Club 341 (Kissimmee FL)—**Ernie Zaremba** scored his first ever 29-hand. ↓



Club 356 (La Grande OR) took a long time to see a 28-hand this season. **Tom Anderson** scored it, not his first one, but for his first 28 pin award.

Club 415 (Auburn WA) player **Carol Volland** had a 28-hand. Four games later she had another one! Still hot, she also got the last 24-hand of the day and took third place!

Jan Viands had the first grand slam at Club 89 (Springfield VA) in over a year. It is Jan's second grand slam in twenty-four years playing weekly Cribbage Critters tournaments.

Club 240 (Roseville MN) welcomed **Rod Mandler** from Chaska by seating him across from Gold-level player **Jerry Gruber**. A 29-hand for Rod took the pressure off. The very next week, Jerry's generosity was awarded with a grand slam!

Theresa Segal ↓ has been an active member of Nibs & Nobs Club 175 (Bridgewater NJ) for many years. She turns 90 in January. Her husband, Edward, taught the whole family to play, resulting in funny names for zero hands: nothing in your hand "Aunt Clara"; nothing in the hand and crib "Uncle Ricky"; and (when playing partners) nothing in all three hands "Aunt Lauriann"! Theresa has earned her silver award and once held a 29-hand at Grass Roots.





Lowell W. Bailey
(Everett WA)
Gold #131

Lowell learned cribbage from his father, and he joined the ACC in 1993. His cribbage mentors are his dad and his cousin, Wesley Knuth. A member of Sno-King Peggers Club 108 (Lynnwood WA), Lowell has been club champion twice. A frequent tournament player (about a dozen a year), he is closing in on his Life Master Award and had won ten sanctioned tourneys. Lowell's toughest opponent at club is Laurie Kenny. Away from the board, Lowell enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, reading, traveling, genealogy, and puzzles of all kinds.



Bill Metcalf
(West Covina CA)
Gold #135

Bill learned cribbage sometime in the mid-50s while in the Navy. (He says that the rules were a bit different then!) He joined the ACC in the early 90s and looks to Norm Nikodym as his cribbage mentor. Bill has been club champion four times at Club 68 in West Covina CA. His first weekend tournament win was in West Covina in 2009. His favorite cribbage moment this year was, as pone, getting to count a 24-hand from 23 holes out to win a playoff round. In October 1962 IBM sent Bill to West Germany to provide logistical support to a US Air Force security site near Darmstadt. When he arrived, there was only one cribbage player among the 300+ personnel. Over time as more and more people watched them play, interest in the game led to many players. When Bill left in 1965, it was difficult to find table space for a lunchtime game. Non-cribbage interests include golf, reading, and enjoying retirement.



Paul Gregson
(Antioch CA)
Gold #136

Paul's parents taught him to play cribbage when he was a kid. He joined the ACC in 2000, meaning that he (a) earned his Gold in his twentieth Grass Roots season and (b) is probably the youngest ever to gold, at age 42y 270d. A member of Club 54, he has been club champion there six times (and once at Club 43). Paul plays only ten to fifteen tourneys a year, except for the 2012-13 season, when he earned All American honors. His favorite cribbage moment this year was making the final four in the TOC. Paul's non-cribbage interests are being a dad.

GrassRoots*Awards*

SILVER

Beverly Castillo (NV), 11
Norman A. Vierela (MI), 368

BRONZE

Janice Blanc (MA), 81
Al Broskovetz (MN), 399
Fran Cedrone (NH), 314
Laura Clark (WA), 434
Janell M. Hendricksen (WY), 211

Paul Kilkelly (IL), 197

Wayne Morris (CA), 43

Dan Pohl (MI), 368

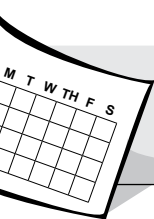
Ro Rocco (CA), 79

Les Sissel (OR), 38

John M. Skibsrud (MT), 391

Tom Wheeler (CA), 98

Larry Winrich (WI), 284



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of December 9

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 1398 Erik Locke	1 660 Donald Flesch	1 525 Donna LaFleur
2 741 Dave Yaeger	2 454 Chad Frischmann	2 493 David Clemmey
3 580 Matt Padrow	3 413 Gerald Gruber	3 341 Charlene Cohen
4 571 Cy Madrone	4 409 Ann Trotter	4 324 Robert Medeiros
5 526 Bob Bartosh	5 310 Joan Rein	5 266 Keith Widener
6 457 Roland Hall	6 309 David Aiken	6 263 Laurie Hardy
7 451 James Morrow	7 301 Dale Magedanz	7 259 Terrance Cushman
8 424 James Langley	8 285 Lewis Gurney	8 243 James Edgar
9 386 Mike McCammon	9 284 Henry Brandner	9 229 Mike Fetchel
10 348 Alice Souza	10 283 Wayne Steinmetz	10 228 Jack Howsare
11 343 Richard Hinrichs	11 264 Betsy Miller	11 225 Jerry Hardy
12 339 Tom Cookman	12 258 Terry Weber	12 214 Mike Misluk
13 327 Jason Shumate	13 252 Daniel Betz	13 213 Phyllis Schmidt
14 323 Willie Evans	14 236 Allen Karr	14 208 David O'Neil
15 322 Duane Toll	15 234 Marlene Lazachek	15 200 Carl Deyette
16 320 Jennifer Bolles	16 229 Emilio Perez	15 200 Matthew Easterbrook
17 317 Gordy Wise	17 223 Don Thienel	17 191 Frank Corrado
17 317 Cynthia Wark	18 222 John Syftestad	18 188 Jeff Gardner
19 309 Margaret Fanucchi	19 220 Clay Collier	19 187 Fran Ward
20 300 Skip White	20 218 John Schafer	20 178 Jimmy Jaynes
21 297 Kathy Pacocha	21 215 Al Pernicek	20 178 Mathew Piechota
21 297 Richard Shea	22 211 Patrick Healey	22 173 Paul Batterson
23 296 Bobby Adams	23 209 David Aiello	23 166 Paul Finazzo
24 295 Richard Pierce	24 203 Lana Newhouse	24 160 Jerry Hedden
25 292 Gerald Hahn	25 192 Thomas Koncan	25 154 Steve Angier
25 292 Jeanne Jelke	26 189 Ellen Kutz	26 153 Nancy Riccio
27 289 Carole Herron	27 187 Steven Steinmetz	27 152 Ethan Guyaz
28 288 Herschel Mack	28 183 Doug Page	28 146 William Shoemaker
29 282 Paul Gregson	29 179 Arthur Loveland	29 145 Phil Martin
30 272 Cres Fernandez	30 173 Jeff Shimp	30 140 Russell Leberman
31 265 Rob Voysey	31 164 Alan Josephson	31 139 Richard Weston
32 262 Troy Thorson	32 157 James McCarty	32 138 Mark Soule
33 255 Alan Schaefer	32 157 Bob Joslin	33 137 Esther Rolfe
34 243 James Clark	32 157 Penny Shepherd	33 137 Janice Blanc
35 240 Jay Shaffer	35 156 Richard Frost	35 136 Fred Blanc
36 237 Fred White	36 152 Rod Mandler	35 136 Joe Zimmitti
36 237 Roger Wilson	36 152 Joyce Betz	37 135 Kevin Harris
38 226 Basil Rudnick	36 152 Dan Selke	38 125 Guy Spezzaferro
39 224 Annett Eiffert	39 151 Edward Balcer	39 121 Robert King
39 224 Diana Webster	40 150 Dennis Koehler	40 119 Lee Dillon
41 217 Ray Klocko	41 149 Richard Horvath	41 114 Frank Bogus
42 215 Nancy Rojas	42 137 Arlen Algrem	41 114 David Flaherty
42 215 Jeremy Krieger	43 135 Darlene Marczak	43 112 Jim Correa
44 205 William Macmillan	43 135 John Hazlett	43 112 Michael O'Brien
45 204 Mary Jane Esera	45 131 Robert Beckman	45 110 Rhonda Perry
45 204 Bob Brumley	46 128 Scott Fritz	45 110 Roger Bouchard
47 202 Carolyn Washington	47 124 Jerome Tork	47 108 David Statz
48 198 Wayne Momsen	48 123 Larry Leidenheimer	48 105 James Ready
49 194 Michael Rogers	49 110 Pat Liegl	48 105 Allen Swope
50 188 Margery Clark	49 110 Cassandra Briggs	50 103 Barry Spadea

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Rick Shea 707.444.3161 31for14@gmail.com	Patrick Barrett 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	David Campbell 207.730.2051 acccribbage@aol.com

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

FUTURE GRAND NATIONALS

date	city/state	TD
September 22–27, 2020	Sacramento CA	Jeanne Jelke
Sept. 30–Oct. 3, 2021	Omaha NE	Scott Kooistra
October 11–16, 2022	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare

FUTURE TOCS & ACC OPENS

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV	
March 6–8, 2020	March 2022
March 2021	sometime 2023

CA ♦ SACRAMENTO 2020 KICKOFF

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823

Jan. 2–3, Kickoff #1

TD: Tom Cookman (707.599.6747) & Bob Bartosh

Jan. 4, Kickoff #2

TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Tom Cookman

Jan. 5, Kickoff #3

TD: Duane Toll (541.580.3221) & Tom Cookman

WI ♦ Jan. 3–5, Wisconsin Dells Deal

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53940. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

MN ♦ Jan. 10–12, Winter Snowball Special

Country Inn, 6003 Hudson Rd, Woodbury MN 55125. TD: Ginger Grogan (651.235.8886) & Dan Pluff

VA ♦ Jan. 10–12, Virginia Championships

Wyndham Garden, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. TD: Rick Allen (804.297.7634) & Scott Noble

AZ ♦ Jan. 10–12, Yuma Snowbirds

DAV, 954 S 13th, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Jim Blakeley (406.698.5618) & Robert Milk

WI ♦ Jan. 17–19, American Pride

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

OR ♦ Jan. 17–19, Portland Winter Open

Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey, Portland OR 97230. TD: Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141) & Jeanne Hofbauer

GA ♦ Jan. 17–19, Georgia Open

Clarion, 17 Gateway Blvd East, Savannah GA 31419. TD: Kelley Adams (404.314.4113) & Dave O'Neil

CA ♦ Jan. 18–19, James Fanning Memorial

Veterans Memorial Bldg, 130 Placerville Suite A, Placerville CA 95667. TD: Allen Amaro (916.847.6514) & Don Howard

NH ♦ Jan. 24–26, Medeiros Memorial

Windrifter Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)

NV ♦ Jan. 25, Patty's Pahrump Pegging Party

Crooks Home, 5250 E LaTerra Ave, Pahrump NV 89061. TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444) & Lee Foglesong

NV ♦ Jan. 26, Schaefer Shuffle West

Schaefer House, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

WA ♦ Jan. 31–Feb. 1, Super Saturday One Day

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224)

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CA ♦ Jan. 31–Feb. 2, Peg for the Border
Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91942.
TD: John Kern (619.469.6920) & Bob Prochnow

CA ♦ Feb. 7–9, Humboldt Bay Winter Classic
Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503.
TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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FL ♦ GREATER ORLANDO OPEN

Elks Lodge, 4755 Howell Branch Rd, Winter Park
FL 32792. TD: Dave Fournier (407.695.1902) &
Danny Fournier

Feb. 8, Greater Orlando Open #1

Feb. 9, Greater Orlando Open #2

VA ♦ Feb. 14–16, Hampton Roads Tournament
Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA
23452. TD: Jack Howsare (757.699.2999) & Laurie
Schmitz

WI ♦ Feb. 14–16, Go Green Bay
Townline Bar, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI
54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

AK ♦ Feb. 15, I ♥ Cribbage
Moose, 1136 S Cobb St, Palmer AK 99645. TD:
Marli & Doug Holden (907.631.1933)

CA ♦ Feb. 15, Fallbrook Avocado
Red Eye Saloon, 1448 S Mission, Fallbrook CA
92028. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook

CA ♦ Feb. 16, Winter US Open
Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA
91790. TD: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488) & Elaine
Jeche

CA ♦ Feb. 28–Mar. 1, Northern California Open
Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Red-
ding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) &
Margaret Fanucchi

CA ♦ Mar. 2–4, Susanville Winter Classic
Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susan-
ville CA 96130. TD: Cynthia Wark (443.745.2236) &
Kevin Murray

NV ♦ Mar. 6–8, JPW/ACC Open

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501.
TD: Rick and Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Scott
Kooistra. *See flyer on centerfold.*

NV ♦ Mar. 9–11, Topaz Spring Tournament
Topaz Lodge, 1979 US Hwy 395 S, Topaz NV
89410. TD: A. J. Tasker (775.829.1474) & Valerie
Sumner

OR ♦ Mar. 13–15, Gene Sissel Memorial
Elks Lodge, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD:
Les Sissel (541.519.1483) & Mindy Sherrieb

CA ♦ Mar. 14, Life after Reno
Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA
94509. TD: Paul Gregson (925.755.8085) & Tad
Pilecki

NC ♦ Mar. 20–22, March Madness
Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC
27607. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) &
Megan Player

WI ♦ Mar. 20–22, Mick Michaelis Classic
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

OR ♦ Mar. 20–22, Oregon Championship
Elks Lodge, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701.
TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Debra Lucas

MN ♦ Mar. 27–29, Capital City/St. Paul
Country Inn, 6003 Hudson Rd, Woodbury MN
55125. TD: Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116) & Diane
Waite

TX ♦ Mar. 27–29, Texas Shootout Classic
Holiday Inn, 5701 S Broadway, Tyler TX 75703. TD:
Beth Cline (972.612.5704) & Jeff Gonzales

CO ♦ Mar. 27–29, Colorado Winter Open
2nd Green Mountain clubhouse, 650 S Young-
field Ct, Lakewood CO 80228. TD: Katey Mayo
(720.934.6656) & Nicki Nebbia

CA ♦ Mar. 28–29, Pacific Coast Championship
American Legion, 684 Legion Way, Marina CA
93933. TD: Randy Borchardt (831.277.1414) &
Dick Lind

MN ♦ Apr. 3–5, Spring Black Bear Challenge
Black Bear Casino, 1789 Hwy 210, Carlton MN
55718. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

NV ♦ Apr. 3–5, Gold Dust West Spring Fling
Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson
City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) &
Beverly Castillo

AZ ♦ Apr. 3–5, Roadrunner Classic
Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85282.
TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Peggy Cunning-
ham

WA ♦ Apr. 3–5, Washington St. Championship
Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave, Chehalis WA
98531. TD: Channing Holmes (509.393.3003) &
Dan Carr

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Reindeer Games & Wishbone Open: \$680 to Johnson Cancer Ctr (Muskegon MI)

AK ♦ Apr. 11, Alaska State Championship

Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: Toya Winton (907.240.2004) & C. J. Kim

WI ♦ Apr. 17–19, Eau Claire Fest

29 Pines Hotel (Sleep Inn), 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588)

FL ♦ Apr. 17–19, Snowbird Sendoff

EconoLodge, 260 E Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island FL 32952. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Ken Johnson

OR ♦ Apr. 17–19, Cascade Classic

Jefferson County Senior Ctr, 860 SW Madison St, Madras OR 97741. TD: Debra Lucas (541.678.2402) & Rick Baird

NH ♦ Apr. 19, Granite State Classic

Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

MI ♦ Apr. 24–25, Michigan Open

Quality Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289) & John Schafer

WI ♦ Apr. 24–26, Black River Country Classic

Comfort Inn, W10170 State Hwy 54, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Richard Frost (920.361.3302) & Wayne Steinmetz

OR ♦ OREGON COAST CLUSTER

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365

Apr. 24–26, Alsea River Open

TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron

Apr. 27–28, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

Apr. 29–30, Newport Midweek

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen

WI ♦ May 1–3, Peg for Pink

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

CA ♦ May 8–9, River City Open

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro, Fair Oaks CA 95834. TD: Nancy Rojas & Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636)

NC ♦ May 15–17, North Carolina Open

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Robert Reister (336.831.3591) & Henry Douglass

Youth Tournaments

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**Feb. 22 ♦ Sierra Youth Tourney
(Grass Valley CA)**

TD: Dan Zeisler (530.263.7468)
& Don Howard (916.212.2465)

**May 2 ♦ Memorial Youth Tourney
(El Dorado Hills CA)**

TD: Don Howard (916.212.2465)
& Dan Zeisler (530.263.7468)

**June 13 ♦ Youth Grand National 4
(Roseburg OR)**

TD: Dan Zeisler (530.263.7468) & Tracy Grauer (541.440.4044 x5427)

WA ♦ May 15–17, Washington State Open

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224)

CA ♦ May 23, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

WI ♦ May 22–24, Brat Stop Open

Brat Stop, 12304 75th St, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Emilio Perez

WI ♦ May 29–30, America's Dairyland

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Milwaukee WI 53223. TD: Ellen Kutz (414.353.6800) & Dale Magedanz

CA ♦ June 12–14, Jerry Montgomery Memorial

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

MI ♦ June 12–14, Lake Superior Challenge

Elks Lodge, 597 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Don Hannula (906.370.9107) & Pat Healey

AK ♦ June 20, Midnight Sun

Moose, 1136 S Cobb Street, Palmer AK 99645. TD: Marli Holden (907.631.1933) & C. J. Kim

NV ♦ June 22–24, Topaz Summer Tourney

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US Hwy 395 S, Topaz NV 89410. TD: Valerie Sumner (775.742.4241)

CA ♦ June 24–26, Susanville Summer Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Cynthia Wark (443.745.2236)

NV ♦ June 26–28, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Valerie Sumner (775.742.4241) & Peggy Shea

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FL ♦ June 26–28, Treasure Coast Open

Hilton Garden Inn, 8540 Commerce Centre Dr, Port St Lucie FL 34986. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Ken Johnson

OR ♦ July 3–5, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. TD: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623) & Bernie Nelson

IL ♦ July 10–12, Marv Lang Memorial

Cherry Bowl, 7171 Cherryvale Blvd, Rockford IL 61112. TD: Daniel Selke (847.977.3875) & Mike Cavanaugh

OR ♦ July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

Gleneden Beach Community Center, 110 Azalea St, Gleneden Beach OR 97388. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Jason Shumate

CA ♦ July 17–19, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Tad Pilecki (925.378.0132) & Paul Gregson

WI ♦ THE END IS . . .

Quality Inn, 2901 Hummingbird Rd, Wausau WI 54401

July 16–17, The End Is Near

TD: Joan Rein (952.448.2459) & Al Karr

July 17–19, The End Is Here

TD: Bob Joslin (952.448.2459) & Joan Rein

MI ♦ Aug. 7–8, Cereal City Classic

Quality Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289) & John Schafer

Never Give Up!

by Don Brown

2010 Medford OR consolation. I'm sitting on 11/5 with one game to go. An 11 seldom makes the playoffs, so I pretty much have to win the ninth game. Fourth street, and I'm dealing 26 out, and the pone (a woman I've never seen before or since) is four holes out. Hopeless, but I have to deal.

I deal myself 5-7-J-Q-K-K. Ordinarily, with this hand the 5-7 goes into my crib without much thought. However, I thought that keeping the nickel might give me a little more flexibility in the unlikely event that flexibility even came into play. After discarding, the pone cut a Jack, and I'm now 24 out.

I detected a little grimace at the cut and decided to play as carefully as possible. She led a Queen, if I hadn't kept the 5 I would have probably paired the Queen to stay out of a run. In that situation though if she had a 5 she was out with at least four points. I played the 5; now 22 out. She played another Queen and I said

"go"; she disgustedly laid down A-2 for one point. I played my J-Q-K for a run of three and a go for four; now 18 out. She took her pair, which put her in the dead hole. I counted my 16-point hand; now 2 out. I flopped the crib, her King plus my King = two points. I win the game, qualify, and win the tournament.

If she kept the King she would've cut into an eight-point double run but rather than playing it that way she opted to keep A-2-Q-Q and discarded the King, thinking that she could peg two points with that combination. I can't fault her logic because if I hadn't played the 5 and/or if I'd held a second card with a value of 5 or less she makes a minimum of two points. Fortunately for me the cards fell perfectly, allowing me to luck out and beat her. About 95% luck, but once every decade or so miracles happen.

*Do you have a "never give up" story?
Send it to cribbageworld@cribbage.org.*

OR ♦ Aug. 14–16, Blue Mountain Open
American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850.
TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3178) & Sue Anderson

WA ♦ Aug. 21–23, Mount Rainier Open
AmVets, 56th & Tyler, Tacoma WA 98371. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.213.3755) & Valerie Nozick

TX ♦ Sep. 18–20, Texas Shootout Fall Classic
Hilton, 5805 Granite Parkway, Plano TX 75024. TD: Beth Cline (214.417.4439) & Jeff Gonzales

ID ♦ Sep. 18–20, Gem State Classic
Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

CA ♦ Sep. 18–20, Battle of the Bay
Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Paul Gregson (925.755.8085) & Tad Pilecki

CA ♦ GRAND NATIONAL 39
Doubletree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento CA 95815
Sept. 23–24, Grand National Midweek TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
Sept. 26–27, Grand National 39 TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fannucchi

CA ♦ Oct. 9–11, Crescent City Open
Lighthouse Inn, 681 US 101 S, Crescent City CA 95531. TD: Kai Lemrise (707.954.9735) & John Cogburn

OR ♦ Oct. 16–18, Salem Classic
Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97301. TD: Kim & Rick Simmons (503.364.1510)

MA ♦ Oct. 25, Boston Regional
Irish American Hall, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Bev Gobel (781.771.1715) & Brian McCoy

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

John L. Hays

John Hays (La Grande OR) played his last game of cribbage with Blue Mountain Peggys Club 356 on October 17, taking second place. John passed away the next day. He was a great player and competitor (he had earned his Bronze Award), traveling to many tournaments. John is definitely missed at club.

Timothy James Morrissey Jr.

The Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club lost a great friend, master cribbage player, and charter member on November 9. A longtime professional firefighter, Tim celebrated his 80th birthday on May 29, succumbing to the ravages of pancreatic cancer. After diagnosis, Tim's days dwindled to a mere twenty-two. As Tim neared the end, the love of his life, Sue, sang a favored song "Somewhere over the Rainbow." Tim was a masterful cribbage player, averaged 14.8 game points per week in an official quarter of GR play, won a Grass Roots National Tournament, and finished second in the Tournament of Champions. Tim won and lost with amazing grace. He was known by those he played as a good sport and true friend. The lives of many were tempered by his wit and congeniality. The wonder of this game built the bridge to many positive human interactions. Those who came to

know Tim are deeply saddened by his passing.

Richard Eugene Price

Richard Price (Camarillo CA), 82 years young, passed away peacefully on April 9 after a lengthy illness. After high school Richard was conscripted, became an expert at Morse code and was buried with full military honors. He was a loving husband, brother, son, friend, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved ballroom dancing, watching sports, and playing cribbage. His name is on the perpetual trophy for Club 193 for 1997/98 and again in 2016. He had earned his Bronze Award. His jokes and competitive fun nature are sorely missed.

Kin Worth

Kin Worth, 95 years young, passed away peacefully on August 28. A member of Club 193 for over thirty years, she was a pistol and a great cribbage player! She never ate a taco because, she said, "one shouldn't have to turn your head sideways to eat"! Kin was a tough nut to crack, endearing and stubborn at the same time, she always dressed impeccably, a degree of old-school elegance not often seen at cribbage, hair always coiffed, and perfectly self-polished nails! Club 193 is missing her and her bags and bags of avocados from her abundant tree!



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