

# Cribbage World



New BOD  
members  
(clockwise  
from top left):

Vicki Soule  
David Statz  
Lana Newhouse  
Sandy Sands

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# LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic at the time of the death of **Jerry “Butch” Gruber**, he requested we have two celebrations of his life after social-distancing restrictions were lifted.

All who knew Jerry knew he was a busy and well-loved man. He grew up to love competition in his life, including golf, softball, bowling, and “playing his hand” in many cribbage games and tournaments all over the country, which brought much enjoyment and numerous awards in his competitive world. His “a-ha” moment in his final days at home was a surprise when he was awarded his induction into the American Cribbage Congress Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor in the world of cribbage.

Jerry accumulated many, many friends along the way and had the good fortune of holding his very own “living wake,” hosted by him at his home in his final weeks of life, to share stories and reminisce, which were filled with good times, many laughs, and a few heartfelt tears with many of you who had the opportunity to visit with him. Thank you everyone for being such a huge part of his life. His parting words were “I was dealt a hand I couldn’t play.”



## *Celebrations of Life Details*

#1	August 8 @ 1p–5p	Padua Pub 33945 County Road 18 Sauk Centre MN 56378
#2	September 19 @ 1p–5p	Kraus Hartig VFW 8100 Pleasant View Dr Spring Lake Park MN 55432

Music at #2 will be provided by Jay’s Musical Memories  
(Jay and Mary Thacker, cribbage player friend).

**RSVP:** Jan Gruber Trustheim (janeltrustheim@msn.com or 763.229.9057)  
Diane Gruber Bartz (dbartz1022@gmail.com or 320.250.9532)  
Jill Gruber Bauer (kjmb1109@yahoo.com)

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## Milestones!

*Happy Birthday in July!*

80—**Donald Imber** (MI)

80—**Gerald Hahn** (OR)

80—**Robert Gromek** (NV)

70—**Cy Madrone** (CA)

70—**George Hardardt** (AR)

60—**Tom Cookman** (CA)

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## ACC Judges

The following new judges have been certified:

- **Donna Gardner** (Pensacola FL)
- **Les Rasmussen** (Reno NV)

To take the judge examination send email to [accjudgetest@gmail.com](mailto:accjudgetest@gmail.com).

## ACC membership odometer

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**↑14**

as of June 1

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



## Who Will Be There?

Who will be at the cribbage tournament we would not expect to see?

That was the question **Bob Brumley** asked as we drove to Helena MT. As I was thinking of people who may show up that we least expect, I threw a few names out that I thought may make an appearance.

We were fortunate enough to be staying with **Walt and Montana Conell**, who live just outside of town. I always find it interesting to see other players' cribbage board collections, awards, and assorted cribbage bling. Walt and Tana have their boards displayed mostly on a wall in the room I stayed in, and as Tana gave us the tour, she opened a cabinet and brought out a little metal cribbage board ↓ she purchased from an antique store. She said she splurged and spent 150 on it, but then she laughed and added: "Well \$1.50, that is." We mentioned that someday she should send a picture to **Jay Fulwider** as he does the Cribbage Board of the Month column and knows his cribbage board history.

Back to question of who will be at the cribbage tournament we would not expect. We headed down to play the Early Bird, and who was there we wouldn't expect? None other than Jay Fulwider himself! Since Jay lives six hundred miles away from Helena MT in the Tacoma WA area, it was quite a surprise to see him after we were just talking about him. It was as if he knew there would be a cribbage board or two that needed some history told.



The next day Tana brought her little metal board. It turned out to be brass and old (I think Jay said 1800s). Walt had a little ivory cribbage board that was in a leather cover and folded in half; I say "little" because it was actually a key chain souvenir off a navy ship. While not as old (1950s), it was rare to have the little ivory pegs still with it.

So next time you're heading to a cribbage tournament, think of someone who may be there that surprises you. And if you need some history on a cribbage board, just say "Jay Fulwider" three times, and he may appear!

# Your Deal



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## Jeanne Tribute

I am touched by what you wrote [in the June *Cribbage World*] and the smorgasbord of loving tributes to Jeanne Hofbauer. My brief encounters with her, socially as well as pegging, were warm and kind. Jeanne did us proud as our president!

*Tim Schnabel (Monroe GA)*

## Thank You to Pandemic Leaders

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those who have toiled over the past sixteen months to keep cribbage alive during the many dark days, weeks, and months of the pandemic. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed and are

most appreciated.

*Michael Rogers (Napa CA)*

## Thank You to Cribbage Family

I want to take the time out to everyone who has reached out to my family when my mother passed away. You truly are “my other family.” I love my cribbage family and being able to read the special memory letters that were sent in were very heart-warming to read. All the kind words you shared about my mother meant the world to us, and the Hofbauer family thanks you all.

*Jason Hofbauer (Washougal WA)*

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## Never Give Up ♦ by Rick Baird (Bend OR)

In January 2018, I was in the tournament finals playing **Don Allen** (Eugene OR). I was up 1–0 and dealing from 13 holes out, with Don only 5 holes out. I dealt myself 3-4-6-9-Q-K and tossed Q-K to my crib. (It wasn’t like I could actually win the game—right?) Don had enough to get out, but then this happened. First, Don cuts me a Jack for two points. The pegging went like this:

<b>Don</b>	6		9		4		5
<b>Rick</b>		6 (for 2)		9 (for 3)		4 (for 2)	3 (for 4)

Thirteen pegs without Don moving! It was very improbable, and I needed help and luck. I went on to win the match 3–0. Never give up!

*If you have a “never give up” story, please send it to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).*

# My Deal

by David Aiken




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

A good friend of mine, **Haig Kassouni**, passed away on April 18. Most of my readers won't know Haig, but he is Exhibit A in (1) why the ACC is thriving and (2) where we need to focus our energies.

Haig joined Club 91 and the ACC in February 2009. He played club fairly regularly and over the course of twelve years earned 974 GRPs, coming up just 26 points shy of his Bronze Award. An average of 82 points per season is certainly not a write-home-about stat, but—gasp!—Haig had a life outside cribbage.

With an extended family of brothers, sisters, cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews; with multiple manufacturing facilities to run as president of the Kassouni Group (specializing in plastic injection molding); with trips every year to South Africa or Wyoming or northern Quebec in search of game—Haig never hesitated to skip club whenever family or work or vacation required his time.

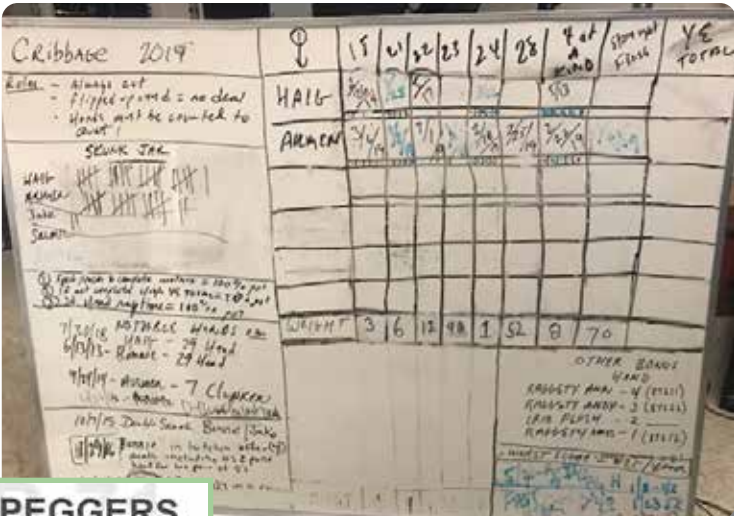
As an avid outdoorsman, Haig loved dogs (especially his three Brittany's ) , hunting, fishing, and skeet shooting. His indoor loves included yoga, cribbage, and collecting a variety of treasures through live and online auctions.

Despite the vast difference in our companies' bottom lines, Haig nevertheless took a strong interest in my bookselling business. He never saw me without asking how sales were, and his financial advice was invaluable. He and I looked at two properties together as potential joint ventures to house his collecting interests and my book inventory. When neither of those worked out, he introduced me to his banker, who ended up underwriting the loan that allowed me to buy a retired church building that is now my residence and business.

Haig chafed under Covid restrictions. He obviously followed state regulations at his manufacturing business, but he re-



ally didn't like the intrusion the disease made into his dining choices, his gym, and his cribbage club. So when club resumed in 2020, he chose not to play because of social-distancing requirements. And after a second shut-



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name	Haig Kassam				
date	4/13/20		seat no. 21		
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1	2	18	-	TK	22
2	-	-	22	H	26
3	-	-	17	TAS	30
4	2	12	-	M	29
5	2	02	-	DEO	25
6	2	30	-	AKN	17
7	-	-	28	SMQ	13
8	-	-	04	ROM	09
9	2	04	-	JEF	23
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down that lasted into early 2021, he didn't come back until April 13, which would be the last time he played club. ⬅

On that night, Haig and I played in game six. During his 30-point beatdown of me, we spent the entire time talking about his hunting camp in northern Michigan and my new house. When he found that that I now owned a church bell, he immediately offered to buy it. "Why?" I asked. He thought it would be cool to install at his hunting camp to call everyone in for meals.

Whatever Haig turned to, he jumped in wholeheartedly. He and I spent hours discussing the probability of various cribbage hands, and then he assigned a monetary value to each one. This became the basis for lunchtime games at Haig's office between him and his brother, Armen, and all of it was meticulously recorded on a white board. ⬆

When I asked if he would provide scorecards for our club, he readily agreed, and over the years he probably made us more than 10,000 scorecards free of charge.

Haig was always on the lookout for all

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things cribbage, so he passed on to me a batch of National Open–branded playing cards (from the era when the NOCT gave free cards to each participant). Haig found the cards in an auction lot and knew that I loved this tourney, so voilà, they were mine! ↑

The last time I saw him, Haig gave me photocopies of four articles from the *Wall Street Journal* that mentioned cribbage. The most relevant one is featured in the nearby box, but the others also have intriguing titles and stories, if you care to look them up:

- “Chess Is a Netflix Star. How about Other Games?”
- “Surviving the Coronavirus without a Screen”
- “How the Coronavirus Killed Its First Female Victim in the U.S.”

In pre-Covid days, Haig and I would play every month or so at his office or at a local deli. Regardless of where we played, I never played a game with Haig that was

not thoroughly enjoyable—win or lose. When he beat me at club on April 13, I gave him a dollar after the game and said, “I want this back next week.” Sadly, next week never came.

### COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

At the end of an insightful article in the *Wall Street Journal* lamenting the time he wasted playing solitaire during the pandemic, actor **Tom Hanks** writes: “Solitaire squanders what is precious. Don’t ever play solitaire again. But cribbage? With my son, who I rarely can beat? Anytime!” To read the entire essay, go to [wsj.com](http://wsj.com) and type “cribbage” in the search box.

<http://www.google.com>

To read the full obituary of a life well lived, go to [obits.mlive.com](http://obits.mlive.com) and type “Kassouni” in the search field (be sure to select the options “Grand Rapids Press” and “past 6 months”). I especially like this line from his obit: “Haig was passionately involved in the project of living.”

May we all be so lucky and dedicated to living. **CW**

## CLUB 29

1. Joan Rein (WI): Wisconsin State Championship (Oct. 17)
2. Charlene Cohen (FL): North Pole Open (Oct. 24)
3. Dan Selke (IL): Calamity Jane Open (Apr. 4)

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Peg for Pink (Marinette WI; May 7–9)	Al Karr	86 players HQ. Henry Brandner (60) 1. Terry Weber (147) 2. Lee Tesch (105) 3. Marlene Lazachek (70) 3. Brad Behm (70)	66 players HQ. Gerald Parins (12) 1. Edward Balcer (84) 2. Gerald Parins (60) 3. Charlene Cohen (40) 3. Jerry Newhouse (40)	28-hands: Brian Gauthier* Ann Trotter* Rick Kuehn* Russell Bentley*	Friday: Brian Gauthier Canadian Doubles; Gerald & Joseph Parins
Washington State Open (Sunnyside WA; May 14–16)	James Morrow	74 players HQ. Kevin Mansfield (45) 1. Matt Padrow (147) 2. George Mackie (105) 3. Gordy Wise (70) 3. Jason Hofbauer (70)	44 players HQ. James Seufert (18) 1. Hal Lamon (60) 2. Betty Brumley (40) 3. Jason Howells (24) 3. Scott Touchette (24)		Early Bird: Bob Bartosh Doubles: Erik Locke & Alice Souza Saturday: Dan Fergus
Cribbage Weekend in America (Appleton WI; May 14–16)	Terry Weber	78 players HQ. Lana Newhouse (40) 1. Brad Behm (147) 2. Bob Kiley (105) 3. John Schafer (70) 3. Darlene Anderst (70)	55 players HQ. Frank Danielski (18) 1. David Boyer (60) 2. Frank Danielski (40) 3. Edward Balcer (24) 3. Al Pernicek (24)	28-hand: Aimee Hackett*	Friday: Jeff Wussow Saturday: Wendy Pitts
Brat Strop Open (Kenosha WI; May 28–30)	Dan Selke	85 players HQ. Scott Kooistra (55) 1. Scott Fritz (147) 2. Jeff Gardner (105) 3. James McCarty (70) 3. Jane Vander Loop (70)	53 players HQ. Les Kvien (12) 1. Chad Frischmann (60) 2. Jeff Wussow (40) 3. Les Kvien (24) 3. Terry Weber (24)	28-hand: Jane Vander Loop*	Friday: Adam Switzer Saturday: Larry Morse

### LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

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# BOD ELECTION

The results of the 2021 election for the ACC's Board of Directors were announced in early June by acting president **James Morrow**, after having been certified by election supervisor **Megan Player** and vice president of policy **Keith Widener**.

The successful candidates include twenty-one incumbents and four new members: **Lana Newhouse**, **Sandy Sands**, **Vicki Soule**, and **David Statz**.

The number of ballots returned (644) was the second lowest total since 1989, but with the membership plunge precipitated by the pandemic, only 4,897 were mailed this year. As a result, 13.15% was a decided improvement on 9.2% from the last election cycle.

According to Widener and Player, 358 ballots were cast online, or 55.6% of the total ballots cast. All ballots were counted and none were tossed out. While a few of the paper ballots had irregular codes, disqualifying those ballots would not have affected the makeup of the BOD.

The best news about this election is that thirty-three candidates were on the slate, including twelve new candidates.

The biggest surprise was that the Western Region seated only nine directors. This is the first time since 1995 that the Western Region has not had

## The 2021–23 BOD

order	name	votes	region
1	David Aiken	465	C
2	Dan Selke	464	C
3	Patrick Barrett	419	C
4	Keith Widener	417	E
5	Terry Weber	398	C
6	Rick Shea	392	W
7	James Morrow	391	W
8T	Richard Frost	371	C
8T	Roland Hall	371	W
10	Todd Schaefer	367	C
11	Mark Soule	359	E
12	Tammy Gibbons	357	C
13	Lana Newhouse	356	C
14	Willie Evans	339	W
15	Jason Hofbauer	328	W
16	Jeanne Jelke	324	W
17	Jennifer Johnson	318	E
18	David Statz	304	E
19	David O'Neil	303	E
20T	Rick Allen	301	E
20T	John Hazlett	301	C
22	Vicki Soule	296	E
23T	Sandy Sands	295	W
23T	Fred White	295	W
25	Cy Madrone	277	W

ten directors. The Central Region now has nine members, and the Eastern Region has seven.

The new BOD term runs from September 1, 2021, until August 31, 2023. Their first official actions will take place at the ACC’s annual meeting in Sacramento on September 24. At that time, the BOD will elect five officers from among the twenty-five directors: President, VP–Marketing, VP–Policy, VP–Operations, and VP–Competition. All ACC members are encouraged to attend this meeting to meet the new directors and to see how the sausage is made.

Four BOD members did not run for reelection: **Jeff Shimp**, **Valerie Sumner**, **Diane Waite**, and **Henry Bergeron**. The ACC thanks them for their years of dedicated service. **CW**

Electronic Ballots Cast (2013–2021)

year	ballots		
	total	online	percent
2013	1,001	536	53.5
2015	852	433	50.8
2017	994	537	54.0
2019	566	234	41.3
2021	644	358	55.6

Voter Participation (1989–2021)

year	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
ballots mailed	5202	6923	6600	6834	6620	7282	6943	7330	7129	7057	6773	6821	6658	6447	6196	6085	4897
ballots returned	1788	1897	958	775	1049	2353	1305	813	1212	854	1012	1207	1001	852	994	566	644
percent returned	34.4	27.4	14.5	11.3	15.8	32.3	18.8	11.1	17.0	12.1	14.9	17.7	15.0	13.2	16.0	9.3	13.2

## Unsuccessful Candidates

order	name	votes	region
26	Teri Murdy	273	W
27	Ann Trotter	270	C
28	Joe Bowen	218	E
29	Betty Brumley	217	W
30	Bryan Gurden	211	W
31	Kim Simmons	203	W
32	Kevin Harris	182	C
33	Laura Clark	123	W

Regional Representation on the BOD (1995–2021)

year	Western	Central	Eastern
1995	8	10	7
1997	10	9	6
1999	10	9	6
2001	10	8	7
2003	10	9	6
2005	10	7	8
2007	10	8	7
2009	10	8	7
2011	10	6	9
2013	10	7	8
2015	10	8	7
2017	10	9	6
2019	10	9	6
2021	9	9	7

# The Magedanz Chronicles

**Quote of the Tourney** The Cribbage Weekend in America tournament had several quotes to choose from. I disqualified at least seven “I hate this game” for overuse. Of course, in a tournament where two 26 cards made the playoffs, you can see why. This brings us to “I couldn’t fight my way out of a wet paper bag” and good ol’ Henry Brander’s “I couldn’t get a 29 even if I picked out the cards.” You be the judge—and you don’t even have to be a certified judge.



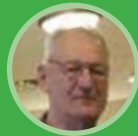
**Two of Everything** Besides **Al Karr** getting all gussied up ♠ for his Peg for Pink tournament, strange things occurred to me. Just getting a 24-hand is hard enough. In the main I was fortunate to get two of them, but both were in my crib. The other odds-defining occurrence was when one opponent got two different 4s of a kind against me. I say again and again, what are the odds?

**Triple Smoothie** **Dan “Smoothie” Selke** ↓ has had three 29s since October 2019. Those three 29s were accomplished by having the Club, Spade, and Heart cut. After taking six months off from playing tournaments due to Covid-19, he recently started back at it. He pa-



tiently waited for the magic 5 of Diamonds on June 5 at America’s Dairyland tournament to complete getting all four suits. But, to no avail, the 9 of Spades was cut. He should have consulted with **Lyle Lund**, who was at the same tournament and who started the record of getting a 29-hand in back-to-back games. Unfortunately, **Chad Frischmann** begged Lyle for the lesson, and Chad got the 29-hand when Lyle cut the 5 of Hearts. Keep on trying Dan.

**New Way to Lose** The consy at America’s Dairyland had unusual highs and lows for **Richard “Frosty” Frost** and **Aimee Hackett** (daughter of **Ann Trotter**). Aimee was dealing from 22 out and Frosty has almost given up, but disaster strikes! Aimee



deals herself a “38 special” (19-hand and 19-crib) and gets only the automatic one peg, leaving her 21 holes from the finish line. Frosty gets a nice hand to turn the tables and is now dealing from 14 out. So, he deals, they discard, and Aimee cuts a 5. Frosty looks at his hand of 12 and knows he has at least 2 in his crib, tasting the victory. However, the 5 matches the three 5s and 10 that Aimee held. From a 38 special to 28-hand in a minute and counting first to score the victory. That took Frosty out of the playoff picture. Good natured Frosty just shrugged it off as a new way to lose.

**Fast Start** Here's how one game started in the Brat Stop Open playoffs on May 30. The players had a combined 57 points after one deal! ↓



### The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I take great pride in maintaining my composure throughout a game regardless of good or bad luck with cards and regardless of the behavior of my opponent. Keeping our minds free of extraneous things allows us to play our optimum cribbage and maximizes our chances of winning.

At a recent tournament, I encountered a situation that greatly tested my composure, and I freely admit that I failed. Whether or not I was justified in my actions, I can tell you it involved more yelling in three minutes than in my previous twenty-five years combined.

My outburst did nothing to improve my chances of winning and in fact emboldened my opponent with the power of getting under my skin. The actual game lasted only two hands after the incident, and the odds were very much against me no matter what I did.

But learn from me and never give your opponent the satisfaction. Try to suffer in silence, as you can always go back to your room and punch your pillow a thousand times! Stay focused and hopefully you will get that 121st peg and the ultimate laugh.

Contact Robbie at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com) when you lose your composure.

# ACC *Awards*



John learned to play cribbage from his uncle, Perry Syftestad, and a friend of his parents, Mike Iverson. John joined the ACC in 1987 and the first of his ten tournament victories was in 1989 in Kenosha WI.

**John Syftestad**  
(Mount Horeb WI)  
Life Master (★) #115

John's favorite tournament is the JPW Open in Reno, and his favorite cribbage moment was winning the 2002 JPW Open. He is a member of Madison Metro Club 1, where he has won the club championship nine times. His toughest opponent is Nolan Johnson. John never really had a cribbage mentor, but he poses hands to and discusses strategy with Don Tofte and Terry Weber each week. John also enjoys gin, sheepshead, al-gow, and muttonhead. He follows Wisconsin Badger football, basketball, and hockey. For baseball John is an avid Cubs fan; he was overjoyed when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series.

{Bob's words} My father taught me how to play cribbage when I was twelve. He, my older brother, and I would play singles, and the loser had to go out and cut grass. I remember that I owned plenty of green shoes. I joined the ACC in 1983. I was a night auditor at a local hotel that held ACC tournaments. This tournament was where I won my first ever playoff match against the late Harry Langman. I soon joined Club 90 (Appleton), which I have been running for the past five years and where I have been club champion one time. I also started and ran Club 370 (Omro WI) for three years. My cribbage mentor and a person I enjoy playing is Wayne Steinmetz. At this moment, my toughest opponents are Don Flesch and John Syftestad. My favorite cribbage moment this year was traveling out to Deadwood SD with Richard Frost, Pat Healey, and Art Loveland. And I also earned my Life Master award at Cribbage Weekend In America—the first tournament I directed (with Terry Weber). My favorite tournament is the JPW in Reno. I am employed at Kitchen Fresh Foods in Green Bay, twenty-eight years as a route specialist and the past four years as northern territory supervisor. I have delivered over 6,240,000 sandwiches, muffins, pastry, and meat sticks.



**Bob Kiley**  
(Appleton WI)  
Life Master #268

## New Members

35 last month

### California

Paige MacDonald (Eureka)  
Darrin Preuss (El Centro)  
Melissa Shaw (Sacramento)  
Michael Shaw (Sacramento)

### Colorado

Bruce Heath (Morrison)  
Monte McVay (Colorado Springs)

### Connecticut

Daniel D. Dauplaise (Samford)

### Florida

Yvette Grant (Milton)  
Larry Sherrill (Jacksonville)  
Leslie Winter-Sherrill

(Jacksonville)  
**Maryland**

Thomas Becket Pahl  
(Bethesda)

### Massachusetts

Moirra Carcey-Coakley  
(Worcester)  
Tom Chabot (Framingham)  
Patricia Somers (South Easton)

### Montana

Lauren Fohl (Whitefish)  
Ian Hasson (Whitefish)  
Denise Kitchin (Missoula)  
Jacob Ronish (Missoula)

### Nebraska

Nick L. Stauffer (York)

### Nevada

Robert O. Balmer (Las Vegas)

### New Mexico

Patricia Darrall (Rio Rancho)

### New York

Nicholas Briglia (Howard Beach)

### Oregon

Emily Jackson (Bandon)  
Dan Zukaitis (Bend)

### Pennsylvania

Vance Novack (Devon)

### South Dakota

John Oien (Rapid City)  
Lynn Thorson (Rapid City)

### Virginia

Erik Johnson (Manassas)

### Washington

Scott Graham (Washougal)  
Richard Klov Dahl (Longview)  
Brodee Morrow (Sunnyside)  
E. Diann Smith (Vancouver)

### Wisconsin

Mary Dettmann (Green Bay)  
Eugene G. Mikulsky (Green Bay)

### Wyoming

Michael Stanage (Cheyenne)

## Tourney Tidbits

The cards were hot in Missoula MT! Just before the start of the main playoffs there was a faint smell of gas in the building. Out of an abundance of caution, the fire department and power company were called to check things out and give the all clear. The group of players camping behind the building got a personal visit when the firefighters found out they were “professional” cribbage players. The firefighters asked for a picture with the players, which is scheduled to appear in the Missoula Firefighters 2022 calendar!



In an “of course” footnote, **Kathy Pacocha** (Loveland CO), shown holding the sign with Fireman Bob, went back inside after this incident and did what the truck number said: she got to hole 121 more times than her opponents did. Voilà: she won the consy!



### GN 39 Program Ads

Attention Grass Roots clubs, family, and friends of award recipients! Here's a great way to honor your club champion and/or someone special who has reached a cribbage milestone or earned an award over the past two years. Place an ad in

the program booklet for the upcoming Golden Gala Awards Banquet on September 25 at Grand National 39 in Sacramento. There's no better way to celebrate and say thanks!

Send email with your ad copy and ad size (see rates below) to **jjelke@charter.net**. Mail check (payable to GN 39) to Jeanne Jelke, 1808 Saltu Dr, Redding CA 96002. The deadline is July 31.

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	6:30 pm	Awards Banquet, Dinner & Dessert	\$45
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# 29

## Cutting a 29-Hand, Revisited

by Michael Rogers (Napa CA)

I first discussed this with Andrew Laurence a year or more ago. Andrew published the question in the May 2020 *Cribbage World* (pages 24–25), and Dan Selke replied in the June 2020 *Cribbage World* (page 8). Here's the problem, with all the correct probabilities worked out.

You need to cut the right (and only) 5 to make the hand, as you already hold three 5s and the right Jack. The starter deck has 32 eligible cards (top 4 and bottom 4 are not eligible). There are 6 other ineligible cards—4 in your opponent's hand plus the 2 they threw into the crib.

That means there are 46 cards where the magic 5-card could be (52 minus the 4 in your hand and the 2 you threw into the crib). What are the odds of cutting the magic 5?

Most say "1-in-40"—that's the size of the starter deck—which is a 2.5% chance of cutting the 5. Well, not true—only 32 cards are eligible—which would make it a 1-in-32 or 3.125% chance. But that is deceptive logic; the fewer cards you have to cut from, the higher the odds of finding the right 5! The odds are a little more

nuanced than that. Here's the complete answer.

There are 46 cards where the 5-card you are seeking could be—anything not in your hand or in the 2 cards you threw in the crib:  $52 - 6$  cards = 46 possible places.

Of these, 32 are eligible in the starter deck for cutting the magic 5—so that's a 32-in-46 chance of finding the 5—or a 69.57% chance. But, there is only a 1-in-32 chance of the hitting the 5 in the 32 you select—that's a 3.125% chance of you finding the right card in the 32 eligible cards.

So, we now have  $69.57\% \times 3.125\% = 2.174\%$  chance of cutting the sought-after 5-card.

The simplistic 1-in-40 chance of cutting the necessary 5-card is 2.5%, but in real terms, it's a bit less—only 2.174%, or about 1-in-46. These same odds hold true if you have any three-of-a-kind and are looking to cut the remaining one.

Nevertheless, it's always a good bet to hold the three 5s and the right Jack—you never know your luck. **CW**



Do you ever wonder why tournament directors tell you to check the deck of cards before you start playing? Here's one reason why. This hand was dealt out in game 11 of the Rampart Open main, which means that ten and a half games were played with a defective deck before both 8s of Clubs showed up in the same deal. (The 9 of Clubs was missing.) Check the decks!



Win with Humility  
Lose with Grace  
Do both with Dignity

*Graphic by Teri Murdy (Discovery Bay CA)*

## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

This classic “29” board is probably one of the most popular cribbage board designs ever. I featured this board in an early column (July 2008, page 22). Edward M. Hirst of Burnaby BC designed and registered his board in Canada. Edward had polio as a child and was confined to a wheelchair. From 1953 until his death in 1960 he handcrafted these boards in his workshop. They were mostly for family and friends, so the original boards are very rare. I have never seen one.

Following his death, Hirst’s family gave permission for two Vancouver BC companies to manufacture his boards. My board was made by Ryco Sales Ltd. Inside the card and peg storage area, Ryco included a history of Hirst and his board.

These boards are still manufactured today. They are mainly made in Taiwan out of a single piece of wood. They no longer have card storage or the history of the board. Because of how this board has evolved, the manufactured boards first made in Vancouver BC are also becoming rarer.

The “29” board is a 121-point cribbage board. It is actually just a “curvy” version of our ACC longboards. That makes the newer, smaller boards perfect for travel. They will fit in a purse or briefcase easily. Happy pegging! CW



### HISTORY OF THE “29” CRIBBAGE BOARD

The first Number “29” Cribbage Board was originated by Mr. Edward M. Hirst of Burnaby, British Columbia, in 1953. At the age of 28 Mr. Hirst was overcome by polio, which left him paralyzed from the hips down, and as a consequence confined to a wheel chair. It was under these conditions that Mr. Hirst turned to his woodworking ability to produce a livelihood for his young family. From a number of items which he was able to design and produce came the “29” Cribbage Board, which proved to be a most popular item, not only with Cribbage players but with everyone who saw it. However, many people who wanted a “29” Board were unable to buy one, because of the very limited quantity which Mr. Hirst was able to manufacture personally. Following Mr. Hirst’s death in 1960 no further supplies were available until early in 1962, at which time production of the now famous “29” Board was undertaken by another Vancouver manufacturer.



**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).

# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Youth Teaching Tip

What is the most difficult cribbage concept to grasp as a beginning player? After years of teaching nearly 500 youngsters this wonderful card game, it is clear to me that the answer is pegging. There is so much to pegging: setting up your opponent, maximizing your opportunities to hit 15s and 31s, playing into runs and seeing them when you do. I cringe when students carelessly set up their opponent for a run while pegging, and then their counterpart plays into the run but doesn't see it and misses points. So how do you get your pupils to elevate their game with solid play during pegging? I dedicate the first part of my introductory lessons to just pegging. For the first ten minutes of class I emphasize pegging strategies by dealing four cards to each player, going through the pegging process, and then shuffling and doing it again. This can really help accelerate the learning curve of novice players.

## Youth News

Many thanks to **Bill Barnes** (Cheyenne WY) for his generous donation of seventeen quality cribbage boards to the youth program. One board made of deer antlers will be used as a trophy at YGN4. The others will be given to teachers and/or students of the game. It is people like Bill who allow the ACC Youth Program to readily meet the needs of our next generation of cribbage players.

The only thing kids love more than seeing their name in print in a national publication is their picture as well. Please send me a photo of your child or grandchild playing cribbage (include name, age, town, and how long he/she has been playing), so it can be published in an edition of *Cribbage World*. What a simple way to create a lifelong family keepsake.

The ACC Youth Program will donate \$1,000 toward YGN4 prizes in Sacramento on September 25. In addition, thanks to **Bernie Nelson** (Dallas OR) every entrant will receive a beautiful long board made by **Rick Pierce** (Springfield OR). To be eligible for this great event, one must understand the basic concepts of cribbage and be under 19 years of age. Players under 12 will play a separate event.

## Teaching Manuals

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

- **Barbara Steinkrauss** (West Yarmouth MA)

# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
(Internet Commish)  
accjudgetest@gmail.com



**Reminder:** there is only one lounge on eCribbage for every Saturday 1pm tourney, and it will always be GR9 style, at least until Grand National is over. Check in early: the program limit is sixty players.

Welcome back to the eCribbage ACC TD team **Rick Shea** (*thirtyonefor14*)! I am happy to have him back with us, especially during these busy summer months for TD scheduling. I am super grateful to **Ross Newmann** (*PegWhisperer*), who graciously assigns TDs and schedules monthly ACC tourneys at eCribbage.

*Note:* sometimes real life intervenes in the scheduling of internet tourneys. Always check the internet schedule for the latest info.

On the opening internet page of the ACC website at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org) (under “Play Online” or “Internet”), monthly news is written by assistant commissioner **John Schafer**, who is also the statistician for ACC internet tourneys. John writes the script for that page, as well as updates the list of the top 10% of IRP leaders each month.

From there, I give the bling badges on eCribbage. I am extremely grateful to John for all of his hard work each month! With the season ending July 31, I’ve added this notice:

Please note that the maximum number of tourneys to earn IRPs is 150 per season, but the program keeps track of how many tournaments each player actually plays, even though the IRPs stop being added in.

## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	971	Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
2	967	Peter Legendre (legend397)
3	898	Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
4	871	Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425)
5	851	Sam Sinram (IA503)
6	833	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)
7	810	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
8	805	Don Howard (GrumpyDopey3)
9	800	Daniel Crete (dec)
10	787	Roger Wilson (rogerw29)

[cribbage.org/internet](http://cribbage.org/internet)

[ecribbage.com](http://ecribbage.com)

[gamecolony.com/acc](http://gamecolony.com/acc)

### Player of the Month

**Bob Bartosh** (*accbob*) @ 192 IRPs

**New eMaster** (2,000 IRPs)

**Beth Van Domelen** (*qkitch*)

### Internet Grand Slams

**Larry Rozeck** (*MrFish*)

**Mark Shepherd** (*Baltazarian*)



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

# Grass Roots

Corner

## SEASON EXTENSION

**GRNT deadline extended to July 11**

**Grass Roots season ends on August 15**

Questions? Contact Grass Roots commissioner **Ivan Wells**  
(**grcommissioner@gmail.com** or 505.600.5747)

Club 108 (Lynnwood WA)—**Marc Atkinson** ♠ shows off his second 29-hand, which dropped on May 11, approximately thirty years after his first one. His new standing as a judge was a recent added bonus.



Club 368 (Ishpeming MI) has had three 28-hands recently. On April 7 **Herb Walline** scored a 28-hand, and on May 19 both **John Healey** and **Don Salo** scored 28s. The common factor is that all three 28-hands were against and dealt by the same player, **Lou Tousignant**. Some like Lou's dealing!

Packerland Peggers Club 157 (Green Bay WI)—**Aimee Hackett** ♠ scored a grand slam on May 27 with a 20 card.



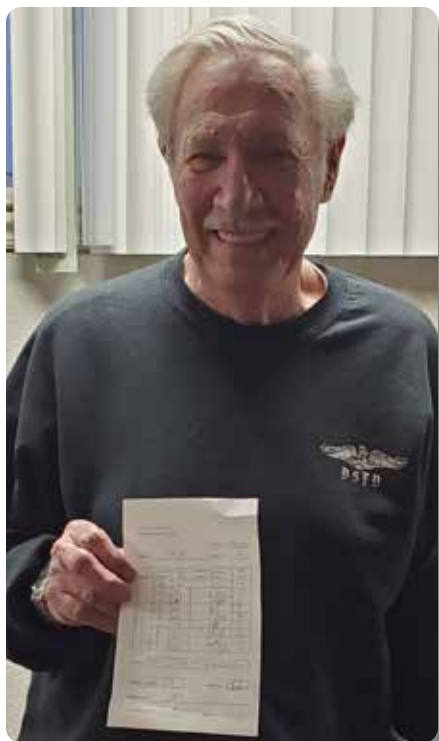
Beer City Peggers Club 71—**Jim Blough** has been leading the club all season, and here's an example why, but first some background. Each week Club 71 pays \$5 for eight special hands: 21, 22, 23, 24, Raggedy Ann and Andy, quad, and crib flush. On May 25, Jim skunked **John Schafer** by 66 points, and on a single deal in this game, Jim won three money hands: he held 4-4-4-4 and got a 7 cut; in addition, his crib was a flush, so he collected \$15!

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Club 6 (Milwaukee)—ninety-three-year-old **Rudy Rogutich** took first on May 18 with 18/8. The person who stopped his grand slam was that tall guy, **Dale Magedanz**. To prove it wasn't a fluke, Rudy came back next week with a second. On June 8 **Steve Steinmetz** and **Dale Magedanz** are both in the dead hole, and it's Dale's deal. Dale says: "You got to avoid cutting a Jack and lead to me." Steve says: "Just give me three of a kind." Dale says: "I'll pair it." And that's exactly how it went!

Club 307 (Colorado Springs CO) is pegging again. Founding member and club president emeritus **Ed Hanneman** ↓ got his first ever grand slam on May 12, 2020. New member **Connie Halstead** got her first 28-hand on May 19, and **Chuck Denham** got his gazillionth 28-hand on 6/9/21.



## GrassRoots*Awards*

### SILVER

Rich Doyle (CA), 21

Jim Egan (MI), 321

David P. Flaherty (MA), 109

### BRONZE

Dan Beuttenmuller (FL), 276

David Brokken (TX), 281

Jim Swett (IL), 3

Our weekly turnout has been fantastic; we all missed socializing and trying to qualify for Grass Roots points. Pre-lockdown honorable mentions to four members who got their first-ever big hands: **Loren Rehder** (28 on 11/6/19), **Doris Schulte** (28 on 12/4/19), **Chris Petersen** (29 on 1/3/20), and **Dorothy Paton** (28 on 1/8/20). The Big Kahuna **Russ Winther** got his first grand slam on 12/11/19. We had a great 2019–20 season and are having a great post-pandemic start in 2021.

Club 440 (Bandon OR)—**Kelly Young** ↓ held a 28-hand on March 30.



Here's a decision that Rob Medeiros had to make in the playoffs in Deadwood SD.

He was dealt 5-5-7-8-9-9, and it's not his crib! Rob is 17 holes out, and the dealer is 29 holes out. What would you hold?

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## Cribbage

### Tip of the Day

**“The strongest tactical move is always the one in which you will reap the highest gain at the lowest cost.”**

—Lieutenant Tuvok (played by Tim Russ) in “Learning Curve” @ 27m 5s (episode 1.16 of *Star Trek: Voyager*)

## 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).

- Todd Anderson (Portland OR)
- Earl T. Cozart (Tigard OR)
- Diana Curtis (Mills WY)
- Iva June Davis (Saint Peters MO)
- Diana DePietro (Apopka FL)
- Darrell Kitchen (Lakeside CA)
- Stan Krueger (Brush CO)
- Beth Metcalf (Lakeside CA)
- Juanita Miller (Spokane WA)
- Andrew G. Pewtherer (Rock Hill SC)
- Tommie Schleinger (Billings MT)
- John C. Yeakley (Bakersfield CA)
- Cressida Yeomans (Centralia WA)

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Carl Backers



Carl Backers (El Dorado Hills CA) passed away on May 12. Carl was a founding member and former director of Club 306 and had earned his Silver Award. Not seeing Carl and wife Connie sharing their weekly pizza before Grass Roots play just won't be the same. Carl was

truly one of the good guys and will be missed by many.

### Mike Frantz

Mike Frantz (Monterey CA), a member of Club 82, passed away after fighting a lengthy illness. He loved cribbage and will be remembered by achieving back-to-back grand slams. He is the only member to do so. Mike was also an avid

stamp collector.

### James T. Hartwell

James Hartwell (Seaside CA), a member of Club 82, lost his battle with cancer. He enjoyed playing cribbage, but he loved ice hockey more. He was a huge fan of the San Jose Sharks.

### Norman Nikodym

Norm Nikodym (Ontario CA), beloved leader of Club 68 in West Covina CA passed away suddenly on May 6. He was married for fifty-nine years, had four sons, thirteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He served in the Army in the Intelligence Agency in Korea from 1959 to 1962. He not only ran Club 68 for over twenty years, but directed four tournaments a year and two GRNTs a year. Cribbage was his passion, and he mentored many who joined him in the game. Such a quiet, caring, and giving man; he will be sorely missed.



**Wooden box made by Rick Pierce (Springfield OR) to hold the ashes of David Campbell. A memorial in David's honor in Parsonsfield ME was attended by forty-five family members and ACC friends.**

## Hard Copy

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US Navy airmen entertaining themselves with cribbage at a remote base in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. Thanks to Keith Miller (Waynesville NC) for finding this photo.

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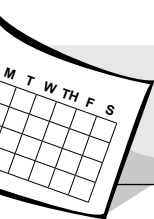
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# Tournaments **MRPs**

as of June 8

*Top 50 in each region, 100 MRP minimum*

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs	name	MRPs	name	MRPs	name
1 686	<b>Dave Yaeger</b>	1 661	<b>Doug Page</b>	1 496	<b>Keith Widener</b>
2 553	Laurie Logan	2 564	Terry Weber	2 395	Robert Medeiros
3 536	Erik Locke	3 531	Ann Trotter	3 329	Donna LaFleur
4 436	Kathy Pacocha	4 444	Wayne Steinmetz	4 208	Charlene Cohen
5 433	Bryan Gurden	5 435	James McCarty	5 201	Henry Douglass
6 385	Bob Bartosh	6 428	Jeff Shimp	6 185	Mike Fetchel
7 381	Sandy Sands	7 399	Patrick Barrett	7 170	David Campbell
8 341	Matt Padrow	8 388	Chad Frischmann	8 167	Pat Llewellyn
9 310	Gordy Wise	9 369	Henry Brandner	9 163	Jacob French
10 247	Troy Thorson	10 366	Kevin Harris	10 155	Phil Martin
11 245	Mike McDaniel	11 355	David Aiello	11 136	Barry Spadea
12 222	Winona McDaniel	12 353	Richard Frost	12 129	Rick Allen
12 222	Bobby Adams	13 339	Daniel Pluff	13 118	Patrick Robrecht
14 216	Ronald Logan	14 330	Brad Behm	14 105	Robert Baker
15 209	Pamela Pomeroy	15 321	Dale Magedanz	14 105	Albert Miller
16 204	Dennis Morin	16 317	Dennis Koehler	16 102	Richard West
17 202	Carole Herron	17 313	Bob Kiley		
18 201	Alice Souza	18 312	Robert Chase		
19 198	Cy Madrone	19 309	Lana Newhouse		
20 168	Trevor Poole	20 305	Clay Collier		
21 166	Wayne Momsen	21 298	Marlene Lazachek		
21 166	Kevin Mansfield	22 295	Patrick Healey		
21 166	Dale Weilep	23 286	Allen Karr		
21 166	Dana McClain	24 282	Ginny Danielski		
25 164	Lyford Smith	25 279	Scott Fritz		
26 163	John Alig	26 276	Gerald Parins		
27 162	Jason Hofbauer	27 262	John Syftestad		
28 144	Joe Gates	28 259	Emilio Perez		
29 135	Bob Brumley	29 257	James Huser		
29 135	George Mackie	30 249	Steven Steinmetz		
31 130	James Seufert	30 249	Laura Johnson		
32 117	Greg Schleusner	32 228	Frank Danielski		
33 116	Cathy Carter	33 221	Bob Joslin		
34 110	Terry Higgins	34 214	Jerome Tork		
35 107	James Morrow	35 208	Lee Tesch		
36 104	Carol Williams	36 202	Wayland Kuhnel		
37 102	Frank Hanson	37 193	Jim Mahan		
		38 181	Jane Vander Loop		
		39 169	Jerry Newhouse		
		40 159	Lewis Gurney		
		41 158	Rick Kuehn		
		42 156	David Boyer		
		43 153	Donald Flesch		
		43 153	Curt Thiel		
		45 152	Mark Habighorst		
		46 149	Edward Balcer		
		47 145	David Aiken		
		47 145	Adam Switzer		
		49 140	John Schafer		
		50 132	Ellen Kutz		

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**For the record, Rob tossed 5-5 to the dealer's crib. He cut a 6, for a 16-hand, but did not peg and ended in the dead hole. The dealer, however, had a small hand and only a 6-crib, so conceded the game.**

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
<b>Rick Shea</b> 707.599.4605 31for14@gmail.com	<b>Patrick Barrett</b> 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	<b>Mark Soule</b> 207.442.9001 soule1994@comcast.net

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](http://cribbage.org).

#### GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

date	city/state	TD
Sept. 21–26, 2021	Sacramento CA	Jeanne Jelke
Sept. 23–25, 2022	Omaha NE	Scott Kooistra
Oct. 10–15, 2023	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare

#### TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV
March 4–6, 2022
March 3–5, 2023

#### ME ♦ July 9–11, Lobster Pegoff

Season's Grille, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04419.  
TD: Dave Leissner (207.848.8050) & Joe Bowen

#### OR ♦ July 10–11, Shut Up and Deal

Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St,  
Gleneden Beach OR 97388. TD: Jack Shumate  
(541.574.7668) & Steve Lewis

#### IL ♦ July 16–18, Marv Lang Memorial

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

#### WI ♦ The End Doubleheader

SureStay, 600 Oasis Rd, Black River Falls WI  
54615

#### July 22–23, The End Is Near

TD: Joan Rein (952.448.2459) & Al Karr

#### July 24–25, The End Is Here

TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) & Joan Rein

#### CA ♦ July 23–25, Northern California Open

Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Ranche-  
ria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke  
(509.521.3153) & Margaret Fanucchi

#### WA ♦ Sunnyside Tripleheader

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD:  
James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

#### July 29–30, Weekday Challenge

#### July 31, Summer Classic

#### Aug. 1, Western Region Championships

#### NE ♦ Aug. 1, Nebraska One-Day Starter

Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover St, Omaha NE 68106.  
TD: Scott Kooistra (605.661.7081) & Don Thienel

#### CT ♦ Aug. 1, Patriot Kickoff

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066.  
TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Carl Deyette

#### WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader

American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne  
WY 82001

#### Aug. 6–8, Charlie Douthit Memorial

TD: William & Janice MacMillan (307.638.2398)

#### Aug. 7, Mountain View Classic One-day

TD: Troy Thorson (303.909.5125) & Kathy Pacocha

#### NV ♦ Aug. 13–15, Pahrump Open

Pahrump Nugget, 681 S Hwy 160, Pahrump NV  
89048. TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444)

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**OR ♦ Aug. 20-22, Portland Open**

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.  
TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & James Morrow

**MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup**

**Aug. 24-26, Montana Championship**

Eagles, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula MT 59801.  
TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands

**Aug. 27-29, Copper City Classic**

East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

**Sep. 3-5, Montana Capital City**

Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602.  
TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

**MI ♦ Battle Creek Doubleheader**

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

**Aug. 26-27, Michigan Cribbage Cup**

**Aug. 27-29, Cereal City Classic**

**NH ♦ Sep. 12, Daniel Webster Open**

Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: Jerry & Laurie Hardy (120.773.0319)

**ID ♦ Sept. 17-19, Gem State Classic**

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

**NV ♦ Sept. 20-21, Silver State Midweek**

Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 West Winnemucca Blvd #1, Winnemucca NV 89445.  
TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & James Morrow

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**CA ♦ GRAND NATIONAL 39**

Doubletree, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento CA 95815

**Sept. 22-23, Grand National Midweek**

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**Sept. 25, Youth Grand National 4**

Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Dan Zeisler.  
**See promo in June CW.**

**Sept. 25-26, Grand National 39**

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fannucchi

**NE ♦ Oct. 1-3, Cornhusker Classic**

Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover St, Omaha NE 68106.  
TD: Scott Kooistra (605.661.7081) & Don Thienel

**OR ♦ Oct. 1-3, Oregon Championship**

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Debra Lucas

**WA ♦ Oct. 8-10, ACC World Championships**

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Jason Hofbauer

**NH ♦ Oct. 10, New Hampshire Open**

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

**OR ♦ Oct. 15-17, Salem Classic**

Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97301. TD: Kim & Rick Simmons (503.364.1510)

**WI ♦ Oct. 22-24, Oktoberfest**

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

**NV ♦ Nov. 5-7, Gold Dust West Fall Festival**

Gold Dust West Hotel, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

**MD ♦ Nov. 12-14, Charm City Classic**

Comfort Inn, 8801 Loch Raven Blvd, Towson MD 21286. TD: Michael O'Brien (301.367.3643) & Bruce Sattler

**OR ♦ CHINOOK WINDS DOUBLEHEADER**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367

**Nov. 18-19, Chinook Winds Weekday**

TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Pete Larson

**Nov. 19-21, Chinook Winds Open**

TD: Pete Larson (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

**CA ♦ Nov. 19-21, Jerry Montgomery Memorial**

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

**VA ♦ Nov. 19-21, Virginia Beach Classic**

Four Points, 1121 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Jack Howsare

**WI ♦ Dec. 3-5, Jingle Bell Open**

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

**CA ♦ Jan. 8-9, Pacific Coast Championship**

American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933. TD: Randy Borchardt (831.277.1414) & Dick Lind

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OR ♦ Newport Doubleheader
American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365
<b>Apr. 7-8, Alsea River Open</b> TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron
<b>Apr. 9-10, Dean Bauman Memorial</b> TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana Mc-Clain

<b>WI ♦ Apr. 8-10, Eau Claire Fest</b> 29 Pines Hotel, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588)
<b>WI ♦ Apr. 22-23, Black River Country Classic</b> Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Richard Frost (920.361.3302) & Wayne Steinmetz

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In order to finalize end-of-year stats in a timely fashion, reports for all July tourneys must be submitted to the regional tournament commissioners by August 5.



### 40 Years Ago

The front cover contained a “state of the congress” summary by President **Joe Wergin** of where the ACC was after two years and what it’s goals were for the future. Inside, we find a short history of how the National Open—and the ACC—got its start in Raleigh NC through the efforts of **Nick Pond**.

### 25 Years Ago

The front cover reported that **Gene “Big Moose” Biegler** (WI) won the 190-player Menominee Casino main. Elsewhere we read that **Susan Chambers** (OR) won the Dale Brandon Memorial in Redmond OR and **Dick West** (MA) won the Connecticut Championship.



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