

Cribbage World



Jesse Weideman (Mellette SD) wins his first ACC-sanctioned tournament in Deadwood SD, the Wild West frontier town where legendary gunfighter Wild Bill Hickok met his demise holding Aces and Eights.





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President's Column

by James Morrow



Cribbage Christmas At the beginning of April, I attended the Oregon Coast Cluster, with four tournaments in a week, and all of them were at max capacity. Deadwood SD just finished their second annual cluster, and the number of players went up.

It's great to see our organization able to be playing again, and it was great to see our friends from Canada able to attend. These cluster tournaments worked out great for me, with several players renting an Airbnb and splitting the cost. One trip to play in four tournaments was also a gas saver.

In the rodeo circuit they have "Cowboys Christmas." It doesn't happen in December, but in the weeks surrounding July Fourth, earning the name for the numerous pro rodeos held daily throughout the Mountain West. Rodeo contestants can earn tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in this time. These weeks can make a Cowboy's and a Cowgirl's year, turning their season around if they get lucky; they could also earn their way into the National Finals Rodeo.

As the weather becomes more predictable, and the risk of snow is gone or at least decreased, one could drive to a cribbage tournament every weekend. The ACC could call June and July "Cribbage Christmas." Players not only have several weekend tournaments happening in the last two months of the cribbage season, but there are also cluster tournaments: Montana Spring Roundup, Vegas/Topaz/Reno, the National Open cluster in Durham NC, and the Sunnyside WA end-of-year cluster.

With some hot cards we could, and should, see the top eight in every region get shuffled around, as well as the All American team and the national MRP champion decided.

CRIBBAGE CHRISTMAS

- Play a lot of cribbage
- Earn Master Rating Points
- Win trophies and prize money
- Become an All American or All Star
- Have fun!

I hope everyone liked the "April Fools" article last month. Of course, it was written in April but appeared in May's *Cribbage World*. Sorry, the president has no new policymaking power. Your 26 is not guaranteed to qualify.

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We are looking for an experienced tournament director to take ownership of the

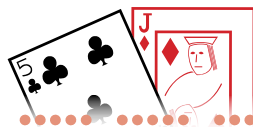
Grass Roots Tournament of Champions,
held each year at the Grand National, starting in 2023.

At the 2022 event, you will work with the current director (Jeff Gardner) to learn the ropes.

Interested directors should send a letter of intent to Ivan Wells at grcommissioner@gmail.com

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

I am writing this on my way home from the Deadwood SD cluster and another great week of cribbage.

A year ago, the Deadwood cluster took place on terra incognita. The late great **David Campbell** had asked me to codirect these tournaments after he and **Lana Newhouse** set them up in November 2020, but following David's tragic death in February 2021, I was thrust into the lead. I quickly asked some of the best tournament directors in the Central Region to assist: **Linda and Patrick Barrett**, **John Hazlett**, and **Dan Selke**. Even though none of us had ever been to Deadwood or the casino, we managed to pull off a successful four-day cribbage extravaganza.



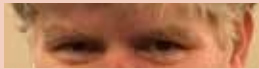
As the 2022 cluster approached, we had a bit more knowledge about the property and what to expect, but because the 2021 cluster was held in David's honor, we anticipated a drop in attendance. Not to worry. Attendance at the eight events (three mains, three consolations, two satellite) went up 40 players aggregate this year:

event	2021	2022
Deadwood Open main	176	176
Deadwood Open consy	138	150
Aces & Eights main	182	184
Aces & Eights consy	108	114
Calamity Jane main	149	162
Calamity Jane consy	82	74
Early Bird	46	41
Canadian Doubles	88	108
	969	1009

It was exciting to again see new players have their first success at this event. Last year **Wayland Kuhnel** (Lincoln NE) won his first ACC-sanctioned tourney in Deadwood. This year **Jesse Weideman** (Mellette SD) claimed this honor by winning his first tournament (see front cover).

All three regional leaders made some noise in Deadwood. **Scott Kooistra** (Central Region and national MRP leader) won the Saturday main. **Erik Locke** (Western Region leader) took second in the Friday main. And **Charlene Cohen** (Eastern Region leader) was high qualifier in the Saturday consolation.

Three grand slams at the cluster are noted on page 10. But a fourth slam deserves

Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	✓ 58.8% (57–40)	56.8% (63–48)	58.3% (28–20)
biggest win	+47 over Wayne Momen (OR) @ Newport	+40 over Bob Hanes (Ankeny IA) @ Deadwood	✓ +51 over Bob Musker (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	–39 by Audrey Hatto (AB) @ Newport	–41 by Bill Stacey (MI) @ Club 71	✓ –26 by Guy Spezzaferro (MA) @ Club 104

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recognition. **Shirley Clinebell** (Loveland CO) had never had a grand slam until the Sunday consolation. Unfortunately her timing sucked. Shirley's 16/8 +118 took second place behind a better grand slam.

We had two very close misses of extreme double-dipping. **David Bute** (Brush CO) won the first main of the weekend and came within just a few points of winning the last consy. **Don Thienel** (Omaha NE) won the Saturday consy and came within a game of winning the Sunday main.

Finally, my favorite story of the weekend. **Erik Locke** had a near perfect scorecard in the Saturday consolation. Actually, “near consistent” is more accurate. After beating **Bob Kron** (Glenrock WY) in game one, Erik lost his next eight games. ➡ Even the great ones have their off-days, which gives hope to us mere mortals.

I'm already looking forward to *Deadwood* next year. See you on April 27–30, 2023. **CW**

GAME POINTS	GAMES WON	NET SPREAD

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name ERIK LOCKE

ACC# _____ Seat# C-3 10

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	2	26		BK	C-9
2	0		32	BB	C-2
3	0		06	JP	C-5
4	0		24	JA	3
5	0		16	JA	1
6	0		08	EB	18
7	0		26	NA	C-22
8	0		15	DL	26
9	0		26	R	30
Total Game Points	2	(+) 26	(-) 153	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0	
Games Won	1	NET POINTS (+/-) -127		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	

Signature 

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
April Fools Challenge (Proctor MN; Apr. 1–3)	Gordy Jurek & Ed Balcer	64 players HQ. Steven Schneider (35) 1. Jason Hill (105) 2. Scott Kooistra (70) 3. Richard Sain (42) 3. Tim Kunst (42)	47 players HQ. Dan Taylor (18) 1. Chad Frischmann (60) 2. Frank Duresky (40) 3. Eugene Mandler (24) 3. Troy Thorson (24)	28-hands: Lewis Gurney* Bernard Brentar	Friday: Haley Hintze Saturday: Shirley Salgy All Events: Lewis Gurney
Raleigh Spring Fling (Durham NC; Apr. 1–3)	Jennifer Johnson & Megan Player	62 players HQ. Jerry Hedden (40) 1. Bruce Sattler (105) 2. Jerry Hedden (70) 3. Thomas Goeschel (42) 3. Steve Angier (42)	38 players HQ. Megan Player (24) 1. Ruben Pineda (60) 2. June Fordham (40) 3. Kristy Haught (24) 3. Scott Earley (24)		Friday: Richard Dacey Canadian Doubles: Sharon Ober & Steve Serina
Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial (Newport OR; Apr. 2–3)	Pete Larsen	99 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (50) 1. Carol Williams (147) 2. Donald Brown (105) 3. Rob Voysey (70) 3. Duane Toll (70)	76 players HQ. Betty Brumley (18) 1. Peter Jackson (84) 2. Steven Macomber (60) 3. Richard Simmons (40) 3. Bob Bartosh (40)	28-hand: Betty Davis*	
Granite State Classic (Brookline NH; Apr. 3)	David Statz & Mary Burlington	108 players HQ. Paul Petit (45) 1. Donald Thompson (147) 2. Donna LaFleur (105) 3. Joe Zimmitti (70) 3. Matthew Binkowski (70)	56 players HQ. Paul Batterson (12) 1. Paul Batterson (60) 2. Joseph Bowen (40) 3. Scott Raymond (24) 3. Greg Lawless (24)		
Spring Crip Fest (Newport OR; Apr. 4–5)	Rick Baird	81 players HQ. Ray Klocko (55) 1. Bob Bartosh (147) 2. Donald Brown (105) 3. Rick Baird (70) 3. Herschel Mack (70)	62 players HQ. William O'Malley (21) 1. Richard Simmons (60) 2. Cy Madrone (40) 3. William O'Malley (24) 3. Doug Page (24)	28-hands: Donald Brown* Bob Bartosh* Christy Lens* Terry Hatto* Pete Larsen*	

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Alsea River Open (Newport OR; Apr. 7–8)	Wayne Momsen & Carole Herron	86 players HQ. Paul Peterson (50) 1. James Morrow (147) 2. Betty Brumley (105) 3. Carol Perko (70) 3. Laurie Logan (70)	66 players HQ. James Langley (24) 1. Dave Yaeger (84) 2. William Eilers (60) 3. Erik Royland Locke (40) 3. Ann Trotter (40)		Canadian Doubles: Audrey Hatto & Terry Vandliceaf
Eau Claire Fest (Eau Claire WI; Apr. 8–10)	Dennis & Maxine Ulberg	90 players HQ. David Sniegowski (50) 1. Scott Kooistra (147) 2. Michael Henze (105) 3. Dennis Koehler (70) 3. Bryan Gurden (70)	60 players HQ. Clay Collier (18) 1. Allen Karr (60) 2. Don Thienel (40) 3. Lewis Gurney (24) 3. Steven Steinmetz (24)	28-hands: Greg Ulberg* Jeffrey Carpentier*	Friday: James McCarty Saturday: Todd Brunner
Dean Bauman Memorial #3 (Newport OR; Apr. 9–10)	Monica Newton & Dana McClain	93 players HQ. James Morrow (45) 1. Bruce McGillivray (147) 2. Duane Toll (105) 3. Dave Yaeger (70) 3. Bernie Nelson (70)	46 players HQ. Ellen Kutz (21) 1. Ellen Kutz (60) 2. Doug Page (40) 3. Rob Voysey (24) 3. Betty Davis (24)	28-hand: Diana Webster*	Saturday: Dana McClain
Pine Tree Open (Brewer ME; Apr. 9)	Joe Bowen	28 players HQ. Joseph Bowen (45) 1. Jack Chandler (70) 2. Joseph Bowen (42) 3. Peter Legendre (21) 3. Bob Miller (21)	19 players HQ. Karen Hawes (15) 1. Ethan Guyaz (40) 2. Karen Hawes (24) 3. Laurie Hardy (12) 3. Linda Kennedy (12)		
Black River Country Classic (Black River Falls WI; Apr. 22–24)	Richard Frost & Wayne Steinmetz	81 players HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 1. James McCarty (147) 2. Allen Karr (105) 3. Don Pohlman (70) 3. Dan Taylor (70)	52 players HQ. Gerald Parins (24) 1. Lewis Gurney (60) 2. Lana Newhouse (40) 3. Gerald Parins (24) 3. Betsy Miller (24)		Friday: Ellen Kutz Saturday: Laura Johnson All Events: Allen Karr

continued

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Deadwood Open (Deadwood SD; Apr. 28–29)	David Aiken, Linda & Patrick Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke	176 players HQ. Jeremy Wussow (50) 1. David Bute (196) 2. Erik Royland Locke (147) 3. Dan Selke (105) 3. Doug Whitlock (105) 5. Jeremy Wussow (70) 5. William Stacey (70) 5. Vickie Humphrey (70) 5. Sandra Stroup (70)	150 players HQ. Les Kvien (21) 1. Jesse Weideman (112) 2. Lee Dillon (84) 3. Keith Widener (60) 3. James Huser (60) 5. Richard Rudio (40) 5. Jason Matheny (40) 5. Basil Rudnick (40) 5. Terry Higgins (40)	28-hands: K. C. Carder* Ellen Kutz*	Early Bird: Steve Schneider
Aces & Eights (Deadwood SD; Apr. 30)	David Aiken, Linda & Patrick Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke	184 players HQ. Verrell Brand (45) 1. Scott Kooistra (196) 2. Clay Collier (147) 3. Basil Rudnick (105) 3. Bob Bartosh (105) 5. Doug Page (70) 5. Les Kvien (70) 5. Mike Comer (70) 5. Manuel Enriquez (70)	114 players HQ. Charlene Cohen (30) 1. Don Thienel (84) 2. David Aiello (60) 3. Dan Sand (40) 3. Jim Crawford (40)	28-hands: Candance Harmon* Leshia Widener	Canadian Doubles: Scott Sand & Eric HinnenKamp
Calamity Jane (Deadwood SD; May 1)	David Aiken, Linda & Patrick Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke	162 players HQ. Kristina Wright (45) 1. Patrick Barrett (196) 2. Don Thienel (147) 3. Richard May (105) 3. Carole Herron (105) 5. Steven Schneider (70) 5. Doug Whitlock (70) 5. Richard Frost (70) 5. Scott Kooistra (70)	74 players HQ. Carol Williams (24) 1. Marsha Mahan (84) 2. David Bute (60) 3. Wayland Kuhnle (40) 3. Jim Mahan (40)	28-hands: Alex Garcia* Sandy Sands*	

Overlooked No More

Bruce Jankowski (Green Bay WI) had a 28-hand in the Mick Michaelis Classic in Marinette, which was overlooked in the report.

Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Normally I only feature boards owned or made by ACC members. This board is an exception. Last March ACC member secretary Brenda Nason received a phone call from **Bob Klann** inquiring about interest in a cribbage board he designed and manufactures for the blind or sight impaired. Brenda emailed ACC members James Morrow, David Aiken, and Ivan Wells. Dave then sent it to me, and I called Bob for more information.

holes that can be felt by players who are sight impaired. The pegs are also large and, along with the holes, contrast nicely with the lighter wood of the board. Bob has contacted places like senior centers, nursing homes, and senior living facilities to determine interest in his boards. That is why he also contacted the ACC. I know that our ACC members are not about to give up our longboards, but we may have friends or relatives who could benefit from



Bob is from Janesville WI. He is eighty-one years old and legally blind. His brother-in-law taught him to play cribbage when he was nineteen. In the early 1960s Bob had to retire because he was losing his sight. Because of that, he began designing and making cribbage boards that could be used by the blind. He can no longer see well enough to make boards, so a wood-working friend helps him.

His boards are oversized with large

one of Bob's boards. If interested, call Bob at 608.436.5018.

I should mention that I included regulation-size playing cards in the photo in order to provide some size perspective. These cards were given to me by ACC member **Mike Coffee**. His story can be found in the August 2017 *Cribbage World*, page 20.

CW



Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards 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 **budandotis@msn.com** (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line).

New Members

86 last month

Alaska

Terry Volkman (Anchorage)

California

John Aiello (Forestville)
Steve Carr (Anderson)
John Crawford (Diamond Springs)
Bob Doria (Sylmar)
Gerald A Ducey (Walnut Creek)
Dennis Frunk (Anderson)
Allan Johnson (Santa Maria)
Joshua Lee (Antelope)
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Katie Pifer (Battle Creek)

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Sandra Brace (Rerner)
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Ben Lampron (Edina)
Dave Martin (Hermantown)
Steve Schneider (Askov)

Missouri

Connie Peine (Troy)
Edward Peine (Troy)

Montana

Wes Bruski (Helena)
Stacy Murray (Anaconda)
Judy Powers (Anaconda)
Kathy Puccinelli (Anaconda)

Nebraska

Brian Mahaffey (Blair)
Susan K Mahaffey (Blair)

Nevada

Diana Adams (Reno)
Josh Berberman (Sparks)
Kristopher Gilles (Boulder City)
Leaf Kaboli (Reno)
Elizabeth Powers (Sparks)

Oklahoma

Adam Bernstein (Oklahoma)

City)

Oregon

Mary Guss (Lincoln City)
Erika Hadlock (Portland)
John Rhodes (Brookings)

Pennsylvania

Steven Rosner (Elkins Park)
Rachel Rose Shalev (Bryn Mawr)

South Dakota

Roger Flategual (Sioux Falls)
Noah McGregor (Tea)
Rich Mette (Sioux Falls)
Mark Oberg (Sioux Falls)
Aspen Taylor (Tea)

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Denise Barabe (Tacoma)
John Barabe (Tacoma)
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Rhonna Lee (Spokane)
Rena Priest (Bellingham)
Joshua Robnolte (Auburn)
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GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET POINTS	
14		7		+56	

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 ACC#: 142665 Seat#: 84

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)	Opponents (Name)	Verification (S/N)
✓	2	07	MB3	
✓	2	04	RG	
✓	2	04	EJS	6-8
✓	2	11	QM	B12
✓	2	15	BM	B16
✓	2	13	RS	B13
✓	2	02	KAT	BA
8				
9				

Total Game Points	NET POINTS (+/-)	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0
14	+56	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.
Games Won	7	

Mike Meyer

Night and Day

At the Washington State Open in Sunnyside in early May, At the Washington State Open in Sunnyside in early May, Michael Meyer (Longview WA) had only two speeds: on or off. He started with a grand slam 14/7 +56 ← in the Early Bird (good for first place). In the main, the first half was 0–11, and the second half was 11–0. ➡

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD
 Name: MIKE MEYER
 ACC#: 142665 Seat#: 4512

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)	Opponents (Name)	Verification (S/N)
1	0	29	3A	11
2	0	10	3A	7
3	0	27	5	3
4	0	35	2	4
5	0	03	2A	8
6	0	47	3A	41
7	0	06	50	16
8	0	15	VR	20
9	0	13	4	24
10	0	30	6	21
11	0	29	10	17
12	2	23	41	13
13	3	41	PT	9
14	2	02	110	3
15	2	08	22	2
16	3	45	101	6
17	2	03	32A	10
18	2	23	2	14
19	2	08	11	12
20	2	10	22	22
21	2	01	23	23
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35	2	01	22	22
36	2	01	22	22
37	2	01	22	22
38	2	01	22	22
39	2	01	22	22
40	2	01	22	22

Total Game Points	NET POINTS (+/-)	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0
11	-61	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

Mike Meyer

Dale's Tales

Cribbage Stories by Dale Magedanz
CW's Milwaukee Correspondent

Earthshattering My golf partner **Wayne Steinmetz** must have missed the lesson in Cribbage 101 about not skunking your first opponent. In the first game of the 90-player Cribbage Fest, Wayne skunked his first opponent. He then got cold, dropping the next eleven games for an earthshattering 3 card before the lunch break. Wayne didn't let lunchitis affect him by winning seven of ten in the afternoon, but where are you going with a 17 card? You are headed to the consy! Wayne tried a new strategy there: skunking his last opponent. But when you lose the first eight games, it just doesn't matter. You still have another earthshattering 3 card!

Gruberization at Its Finest Game four of the main playoffs at the Eau Claire Cribbage Fest had Iowa's **Mike Henze** (April *Cribbage World*, page 5) down 0-2 dealing from 52 out against **Scott Kooistra** (Yankton SD). Mike warns Scott that he is gonna get "Gruberized." Mike deals himself 4-5-5-7-8-J and tosses 7-8 into his crib. Of course a 6 is cut, giving him a 16-hand. Scott had tossed A-7 for a 16-crib for a whopping 32 holes. Now for the follow up to that kabangie cut. Mike is still eighteen out when Scott dealt him 7-7-8-8 and with the 9 cut you have Gruberization at its finest. Just the way Jerry would have played it. Scotty had the last laugh in game five as he never looked back, blowing away Mike in the process.

Tutu **Al Karr** is known for choosing a charity for the tournaments that he runs. At the Peg for Pink, benefiting the American Cancer Society, he came up with an

optional event. For a \$2 entry, you could get into the tutu contest. If you had a 2-hand and a 2-crib, you would have to wear the tutu. When the timer went off, whoever was wearing the tutu kept 50% of the funds that were raised. Here is **Kristina Wright** (Appleton WI) sporting the tutu around her neck. Nice that it matched her shirt and her pegs.



Cribbage World Contribution Just as **David Aiken** looks to me for contributing articles, I have my eyes and ears out there, doing the same for me. I have previously said that I like **Henry Brandner** as a source, because he always remembers the numbers. **Steve Steinmetz** is another example of a steel trap for numbers and how it played out. My newest source is **David Aiello** of Kenosha WI. I believe he started Grass Roots play in 2018 and al-





ready has a few club championships under his belt. My sources tell me he joined because **Emilio Perez** wanted more competition. Be careful what you wish for! One of the pitfalls of writing articles is using the same person, including myself, too much. It's the nature of the beast. It's not about blowing my own horn. It's about telling funny, unusual, and odds-defying happenings made easier by being involved in them. One thing is for certain, I enjoy retelling the stories in writing, but couldn't do what Dave Aiken does every month without fail and now in color.

Strange Night With fourteen players at Club 1 (Madison WI), April 21 started for me like most Thursdays: slow. Come to find out, I had the wrong pegs! **Fred Adolphson** shows me his hand—four 5s—and asks if he is holding it correctly. Without a word from me, he keeps the 5s, and the 10 of Diamonds cut gives him a 28 and he wins by 20. Fred is my next opponent and I borrow a pair of fast pegs from **Jane Vander Loop**, who also changes her pegs. We both skunk our next two opponents. As the night wears on, no one can keep it going, ↓ and 11 takes first,

second, third, and fourth. A logjam of eight 10s was followed by one 8 and one 4. Think about it, fourteen players and no points awarded. Reminds me of Club 241's GRNT with a high of 23.

Aiello Big Hands I've previously mentioned about Kenosha's Brat Stop being a great place to get 28- and 29-hands. Some good and some not so good. Kenosha Club 197's **Dianna Larson**, soon to be a Milwaukee Club 6 pegger member, was 74 out and **Dave Aiello** was 29 out. Dave gets a 28 cut, leads a 5, desperately trying for a go. His go final came when Dianna plays two cards to make 31. Ouch, a double stinky. The second Aiello tale involves **Terry Kueker** (Racine WI). Terry gets a 28 cut, thinking "Yes, I'm not getting skunked." Not so fast! Dave went out before he could count it. Yup, another stinky.

Cut or Alternate? If you ask **Cynthia Wark** (Hudson OH) which she prefers, you'll probably get an emphatic "alternate deal!" The twenty-game main at the Deadwood Open had Cynthia trying her hardest to win a cut. Even cutting a 2 against **Carol Williams** (Oceanside CA) wasn't low enough. After twelve games of coming out second best, lucky 13 was her first win! Luck was not with her long as she hit the brakes, losing the cut in games 14–19. She finally won the cut on the last game. Not too shabby: lost only 18 of 20 cuts!

Easy to Spot During a game in Deadwood SD, I'm holding three Deuces and lead one. My opponent stays off. I play another Deuce, and he jumps on it! I triple him and kiddingly say: "You must not



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read my column. You have to wait for me to play the third one before safely taking a pair." I notice **Scott Kooistra** (Yankton SD) smiling after overhearing me. Loyal readers are easy to spot.

Almost Perfect **Dave Aiello** (Kenosha WI) qualified for Aces and Eights consy in Deadwood SD. He proceeded to crush the competition by sweeping his first four opponents and the first game of the finals for nine wins in a row! That is where his hot streak ended, and he lost the next two to consy winner **Don Thienel** (Omaha NE). You know what they say about which game is hardest to win? The last one!

Joke Overheard at Peg for Pink: What is the difference between a puppy and a cribbage player? After six weeks the puppy stops whining.

Too Many? What's wrong with this picture from the Peg for Pink main playoff? **↓** It has way too many **Steinmetzes** in it! While high qualifier **Steve** is busy taking out brother **Wayne**, their nephew **Jimmy McCarty** is doing the same to **Ellen Kutz**. Steve remained hot, taking out all challengers for first place.



Good Game Another saying by Jerome Tork (Wisconsin Rapids WI): "It's always a good game, if you win."

Pay Attention During a game at Deadwood, a player was observed to overpeg, short count a hand, and overcount a crib. Funny thing is his opponent didn't see a thing.

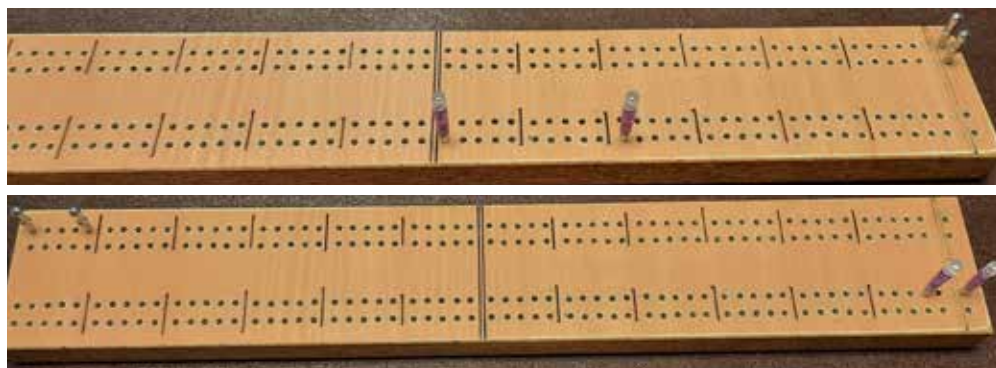
When in Doubt, Flush Mr. Flush, **Marv Lang**, was smiling from up above as he watched the play of **Sara Sanner** (Colorado Springs CO) and **Jimmy McCarty** (Kenosha WI). Their hands in the Peg for Pink main were nothing but odds defying. Sara had a 15-point Spade flush and then turned over her 10-point Heart flush crib. Not to be outdone, on the next hand Jimmy had a 15-point Club flush. Two hands later, he has an 18-point Diamond flush. How does he do it? After Jimmy gave me the details, he asked me if I wanted to know the cards? I asked him if he meant all of them and he replied yup. Simply incredible.

Beginner's Luck At Deadwood, not all of the luck (good or bad) was at the cribbage tables. Late one night, Bob Kiley

and Emilio Perez were playing three-card poker. Emilio decides to call it a night, and Bob invites Kristina Wright (Appleton WI) to try her luck. This was her first attempt at the game. On her third hand, the dealer turns over A-K-Q of Hearts. The dealer then turns over Kristina's cards, which includes the

10 and Jack of Hearts for a Royal Flush on the six-card bet. Her \$5 bet paid 1,000-to-1 for a cool \$5,000. How does Kristina feel about it? She thanks Emilio for calling it a night. Next, there was Kathy Pacocha (Loveland CO) and her favorite slot: Buffalo Stampede, which she hit for \$2,700. But she told me it was nothing compared to Reno. After a hour and forty-five minutes of free spins in Reno, she cashed out \$16,000! To show her appreciation for the services of the six cocktail waitresses, she tipped each of them a crisp \$100 bill.

Double Stinky at the Pinky How cards can change. At Peg for Pink, as **Jason Kabara** (Pulaski WI) began playing **Jane Vander Loop** (Sun Prairie WI), he told about his Grass Roots club on Thursday, where he won eight out nine games with three skunks. Well, Jane knew she had to step up her game—and that she did. After her first deal, she was in hole 30 ♠ and waiting for Jason to join the game. At the end, she was in hole 121 while he was at hole 60. ♠♠ What a turn of events for Jason.



The ACC has purchased insurance for clubs and tournaments. Tournament and club directors should request a certificate of insurance only if the facility they play at needs it. Directors can find the form on the ACC's website under this link: [Tourney > Forms and Instructions](#).

Gene "Big Moose" Biegler (West Bend WI) is seeking information about charter members of the ACC. If you are one of these members, or know someone who was, please contact Gene at 262.305.2980 or travelwithmoose@gmail.com.

ACC *Awards*

Doug learned cribbage so long ago that he can't remember who taught him, but he thinks it was his mother. He joined the ACC in 1993. Doug doesn't have an official cribbage mentor, but learns by watching and trying to improve. He doesn't live near a Grass Roots club now, but until about 2008 he played in Club 90 in Appleton, where he was club champion several times. Since winning the Polish Open main in 1992, he has won thirty-four tourneys, including one just a week after his ninetieth birthday! Two of Doug's favorite tournaments are Topaz and Marinette. For most of Doug's life, golf was his #1 non-cribbage interest, but bad knees necessitated his retirement. He traveled with Ethel Sherwan seven times to Europe, twice to China, three times to Mexico, and all over the United States. He loves college and pro football and has been known to pass up cribbage tournaments to watch weekend football. In a previous life, Doug was a teacher and basketball coach in Wisconsin. His coaching record is 227 wins and 122 losses, with two conference championships at Colby and five at West De Pere. He was Metro Coach of the Year twice. After an additional fifteen years as high school principal, he has now been retired for thirty-one years.

Doug Page
(Oostburg WI)
Life Master (4★) #8



{Sue's words} I learned cribbage as a child from my grandparents in Nebraska. I joined the ACC in 1994 after I saw a *Games Magazine* centerfold about national competition for Monopoly, Go, Chess—and Cribbage! I was shocked that cribbage had organized competitions. A phone call ensued, and the rest is history. Roger Wilson is my cribbage mentor, although I have learned much by playing so many different opponents. A member of Club 23 in Aurora CO, I have been club champion a couple times. In 1996, in my second Reno tournament ever, I finished second of 1,020 players. I played Syl Lulinski in the second round and ACC president Ev Bey in the semifinals and lost to Bruce

Sue Edwards
(aka CO434Sue)
(Denver CO)
Life Master #272

Wridge in the finals. I had no idea about the money until they counted out a bunch of \$100 bills into my hands! I pick up my Life Master Award at the 2022 Reno tourney—along with a case of Covid! I loved Scott Kooistra's Yankton tournament. That's where I learned from Mick Michaelis and where they held a duplicate cribbage tourney one year. The thing I love about cribbage is that you can always learn. You can always work to improve your game . . . big steps at first . . . then incrementally smaller, but perhaps more impactful adjustments and learnings. Non-cribbage interests include geocaching (I have found at least one geocache every day for 4,600+ straight days), competitive volleyball, Denver Broncos and the Avalanche, bridge, and grandchildren.

COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

An article posted on April 24 on the website of the *Portland Press Herald* lauds the benefits of playing cribbage—especially during the pandemic shutdown. The article focuses on cribbage in Maine, but manages to quote a certain *Cribbage World* editor on why cribbage is better suited for in-person competition. To read the full article, go to pressherald.com and type "suddenly playing cribbage" in the search box. Thanks to **Laurie Hardy** (Topsham ME) for the heads-up on this article.

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Last week I enjoyed a thoroughly engrossing Grass Roots playoff match versus the sagacious pegger **Kenny “Pythons” Flynn** in Club 104.

The match came down to the fifth game, with Kenny having first count needing seven and me needing six. I dealt myself 2-5-8-Q-K-K and kept 2-5-8-Q—not my ideal choice to peg six points. The cut is a Q and Kenny leads an Ace—what to play next?

My thought process is that if Kenny has a 4 with that Ace or picture cards he has enough points, and our cards won't match up to enable me to peg six. My only chance is for him to have a middle card hand with one or two Aces. And I can somehow score a 15 or match with his second card.

So I play my 2, making the count 3. Kenny counters with a 7 to make it 10; I play my 5 for 15. He plays an Ace for 16; I make it 26 for the go. I now need to peg three with my last card. Kenny plays a 7, and I play my 8 for 15-for-3 and the win.

Obviously that was a very fortuitous break for me—and very unlucky for Kenny—who played his hand the only way he could. The lesson to be learned is to evaluate the cut card, the opponent's lead card, and your cards before playing your first card. You very well could be limited to beating only one particular hold that the pone could have, but if you play the wrong card on your first play that opportunity will be wasted. Try to put your opponent on a hand that your hold can peg against, and then tailor your pegging strategy on that assumption. You will steal a game here and there.

Rob Medeiros steals games every time he plays.

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The reference to “Grass Roots playoff match” in Rob’s column above seemed unusual, so CW asked him to explain. Here’s what he said.

Club 104 (Malden MA) has a unique format for our end of the season playoffs. We divide our first thirty-two weeks into four eight-week quarters, with the top two players according to winning percentage in those quarters qualifying for the end-of-season playoffs. Once a player has qualified in one quarter, his percentages are exempt in the other three. Playing a minimum of six weeks out of eight is required.

On the playoff week, while the eight competitors play their best 3-of-5 matches (playoff seeding is determined by overall season winning percentage), club director **Brian McCoy** treats the rest of the players to a fine assortment of foods and desserts and a free night of cribbage, with prizes for everyone at the end of the night.

This year **Frank Bogus Jr.**—or Bogey Junior as he is known in the club—took the title by defeating both **Jim Maffa** and **Frank Reddy** in the dead hole of game 5! He then proceeded to take out yours truly in a modest four-game match.

***Editor’s note:** does your club hold special events like this one at Club 104? If so, let us know, because other clubs like might to try them.*

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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I encourage all internet players to read “Tournament Rules for Internet Play” on the ACC website, paying extra attention to the following, recently updated section 3:

To compete officially in ACC Internet tournaments and earn Internet Rating Points (IRPs) players must be ACC members in good standing, and must be certified by the ACC Internet Registrar for Internet play. Players become certified once they have registered their screen name(s) using the internet membership online form. ACC membership dues must be paid and current, and the Registrar must receive confirmation of this from the ACC Membership Secretary. Players that have allowed their yearly membership dues to expire will no longer earn IRPs at the end of that same month. Once dues are renewed, it is the responsibility of the member to also reregister their screen name to be able to start earning IRPs again. During the lapsed period between dues expiring and dues renewal, it is possible for the member to earn IRPs only during the same month as the dues payment, and will accumulate forward from there. There will be no going backward to calculate IRPs during the lapsed months--they will be lost. This process must be repeated to earn IRPs each time a member lets their ACC membership dues expire.

As with MRPs and GRPs, IRPs cannot be earned if a player is no longer active in the ACC member database. If your ACC dues expire and you pay to renew them—even if they’ve been expired for only one month—you must reregister your screen name with the ACC internet secretary at **accinternet29.wixsite.com/internetreg**.

Player of the Month
Sue Edwards (CO434Sue) @ 166 IRPs

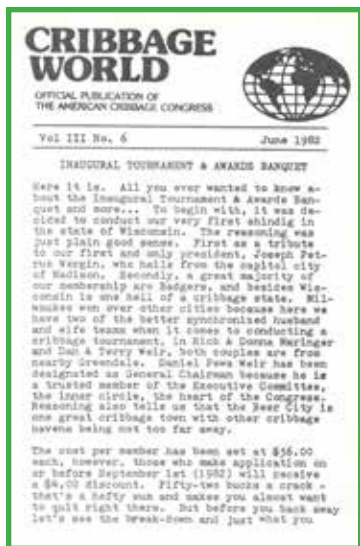
New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)
Scott Milo (Sgt_Pegger)

Internet 28-Hands
Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1069	Paul Gregson (a2zCribbage)
2	964	James Morrow (29seeker)
3	923	Bernard Kitheka (Wanzelu)
4	873	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)
5	863	Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
6	833	Roger Wilson (rogerw29)
7	790	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
8	784	Reuben Sufka (butchsuf)
9	781	Sam Sinram (IA503)
10	777	Jim Correa (Dio)

At that point, you will be reactivated to continue to earn IRPs, but there is no grace period beyond the month you actually renewed to grandfather in missed IRPs. To be safe, I encourage you to renew your ACC dues six weeks before your expiration date, found on the back of your *Cribbage World* address label.



40 Years Ago

The April 1982 CW announced the first event in Milwaukee WI of what would eventually come to be known as Grand National. The entry fee was set at \$52, distributed this way: \$30 for prize fund, \$17.50 for awards banquet (it was not optional), and \$4.50 for “dance band and



other items.” The qualifying format was twenty-one games (three games against seven players); game points of 0–2–3 were awarded as we do nowadays, except 4 GPs would be awarded for a double skunk!

25 Years Ago

The April 1997 CW reported that **Jim McManus** (WI) won the 284-player World Championship in Quincy CA and **Herschel Mack** (CA) won the 124-player consy.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Tony Danihel

Tony Danihel (Brookfield WI) passed away at age ninety-one. He is gone but never forgotten. Tony was a character who loved to laugh, spend time with family, gamble, and play cribbage. If you were lucky enough to be his doubles partner, he'd always instruct you: “Come on, let your partner back in. Don't run the count up too high.” “The card to our crib should be a 5 or as close to one as you can get.” “Don't hang on to a single Ace to the end; it bites you every time.” Everyone's favorite was: “Stop by some night and I will teach you how to cut.” Tony loved tournaments and was always ready to play pickup games in between events. His wife encouraged his love of cribbage and urged him to go, probably because he always promised to win and bring the bacon home! He started that with his bowling career too: going and winning. Tony was never boring and his stories were crazy, but he swore they were all true. Tony's clubmates

talk about him all the time and hope that he, Rudy, Margie, and all the others that went before him are having cribbage tourneys every day! Tony had earned his Life Master (★) with 13,138 MRPs and his Gold rating with 4,211 GRPs.

Diane M. Leal

Longtime ACC member Diane Leal (Rocklin CA) passed away in March. A past member of Reno Club 11, she loved cribbage, the people she met, and the trips she was able to go on. Cribbage took her places she never thought she'd go. She'll be missed by her many friends in Nevada, California, and elsewhere throughout the Western Region.

John B. Logan

John Logan, member of Club 190, passed away in early May. He was club champion in 2017. He brought laughter, and all remember him for his smile.

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Teaching Tip

Here are four excellent reasons to teach youth cribbage:

Strengthened Math Skills—I have worked with hundreds of students aged 10–14. I have witnessed an increased skillset in basic math, a better understanding of odds and ratios, superior recognition of number patterns, and the ability to add in one's head rather than using one's fingers as manipulatives. Put together, all of this yields an enhanced confidence level in a student's approach to math regardless of whether it is subtraction, multiplication, division, or any other component of mathematics.

Critical Thinking Skills—making rapid decisions while weighing the cause and effect of possible outcomes is an essential part of brain development in our youth. What can be a better source of practice than playing cribbage? During the span of one game, students are challenged to decide what to keep in their hand, what to throw into the crib, in what sequence to play their cards in the pegging process, how to count points in their hands, and when to play offensively and/or defensively. A full workout for the brain!

Social Skills—we are now in an age where we need to make an effort to assist many kids in becoming sociably successful young men and women. All too often, this generation has become fixated on spending hours of leisure time on their computers either gaming, texting, or surfing the internet. You may argue that gaming and texting may be social activities, but they are usually done through electronic means and not in person. Cribbage allows for the development of social skills at the personal level. Through cribbage, we can teach our youth how to make friendships, how to win and lose with dignity, and how to communicate.

Generational Connection—over the years, I have received many phone calls and letters from grandparents, thanking me for teaching their grandchildren cribbage. One person wrote: "We now have a common bond when our grandkids come over. Before, they used to jump on the computer or go play outside. Now we play cribbage and have meaningful conversations. It's changed our relationship!" Can't think of a better reason than this to teach a kid how to play cribbage!

Next month: four excellent reasons to work with seniors.



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News

I am super excited to hear that **Joe Bowen** (Dedham ME) is putting on the first ACC-sanctioned youth tournament outside of California (see flyer on page 2). This is a huge step in the expansion of youth tournament play and hopefully will inspire more events to take place all over the country.

Teaching Manuals

- **Rick Baird** (Bend OR)
- **Matt Binkowski** (South Windsor CT—seniors)
- **Jimbo Boren** (San Gabriel CA)
- **Virginia Casey** (San Diego CA)
- **George Fener** (Weston FL)
- **Carol Gilson** (Roseville MN)
- **Tanya Kukral** (Zirconia NC)
- **David Spruit** (Grand Rapids MI)
- **Ivan Wells** (Tijeras NM)
- **Lindy Zinkgraf** (Mequon WI)

Youth Tourneys

July 8 ♦ New England Youth
Championship (Bangor ME)
TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111)

Dan Zeisler is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.263.7468 or danthefan@yahoo.com.



David R. Clemmey
(Mansfield MA)
Platinum #11

GrassRoots *Awards*

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Artland C. Ka'ai
(Costa Mesa CA)
Gold #166

Artland learned cribbage at age eight from his father, Ernest. Ernest and Art's uncle, Andrew Cummings, served as his cribbage mentors. He joined the ACC in 1982 and is a member of Surf City 29ers Club 164, where he has been champion nine times. His toughest club opponents are Don Brown and club director J. J. Stansfield. Art's greatest

cribbage moments this year are twofold: (1) scoring 20/8 +194 to set the ACC record for an eight-game tourney, and (2) watching his daughter Lee Ann become high qualifier at Grand National. Whenever players congratulate Art on her accomplishment, he says with a big smile: "Lee Ann is a chip off the old block!" His other interest is golf, but after a recent round with his brother Lono and Skip Smith, they suggested that he stick with cribbage, so now he just watches golf on TV. Born in Nu'uuanu Valley on the island of O'ahu in Hawai'i, the name on his birth certificate is Artland, but most people call him Art.



Margery Clark
(Bend OR) • Gold #174

Margery's brother-in-law taught her to play cribbage, and she joined the ACC in 1990. Her cribbage mentor and toughest opponent is Rick Baird, who is also director of Club 12, where she is a three-time club champion. When not playing cribbage, Margery loves to read.

{David's words, as rewritten by the meddlesome Cribbage World editor}

I learned cribbage from a friend during a boring Super Bowl party in the early 1980s (clarification: the game was boring; the party was great). I joined the ACC in 1998 and got my first 29-hand the following May during a GRNT. After falling two points short of reaching Gold on February 8 (thanks, Hal Rosenberg!), I went two weeks without points. On March 1, I won my first eight games but lost my grand slam in game nine (thanks, Tom Gole!). And then my 17/8 was good for only third place that night (thanks, Jim Blough and Jim Mitchell!). But life is good. Play cribbage.



David Aiken
(Coopersville MI)
Gold #170



Club 190 (Auburn CA)—**Kurt Wurst** scored the club's first 28-hand of the year, and **Karen Reitz** got her first-ever 28 hand.



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)—some people have a lucky shirt, some people bring their lucky pegs. Club member **Todd Johnson** has a lucky bird! We have a retired DNR warden and several sportsmen in our club, so during our GRNT lunch break, Todd brought in Wasabi, a female red tailed hawk. She is a gorgeous, docile bird, but exhibits a formidable beak and talons. Todd claims that there was no intent beyond showing a gorgeous creature of nature, but he did go 15/7 after lunch to get to 24/11 and earn Grass Roots Points. Apparently Wasabi brought Todd a fair amount of good luck for the afternoon session.

Club 68 (West Covina/Hacienda Heights CA) had a “24-hand night” on April 25. With only nine players we had seven 24-hands. A new player, **Mike Kouri**, started the spree and was given the 24-hand card. **Donna Stevenson** then proceeded to get two 24-hands with her next two opponents. The next game between Mike and **Elaine Jeché** was a double-header. Elaine was 14 holes out with first count, and Mike was 30 holes out. Elaine was dealt 4-5-5-6-7-8 and put the 7-8 in Mike’s crib hoping to peg two points then count out. Surprise, she cut a 6 for a 24-hand. She got the 24 card from Donna, only to pass it to Mike, as he also put 7-8 in his crib for another 24-hand. That’s not the end. Donna got a third 24-hand but lost the 24 card to Elaine with her second 24-hand of the evening.



Club 451 (Salt Lake UT) — **Lynette Foley** shares her first ever 28-hand. The reason she isn’t smiling is that her opponent pegged out before she could count the 28. Still, she was happy to have the hand—a first for Wasatch Cribbage Club.

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Wes Hall
(Rapid City SD)
Gold #171

At 93 years old, Wes is still a tough opponent and will get in your wallet. He feels more comfortable at home so hasn't played weekend tournaments for several years. Wes learned to play cribbage in grade school but didn't play much until joining the military; he spent thirty years in Korea, Vietnam, and finally Ellsworth AFB before retiring as Chief Master Sergeant. In 1989 Scott Kooistra came to Wall SD to help Lloyd Fenner start a club, and Wes was hooked. He credits Scott and Roger Wilson with many years of encouragement. Wes took his turn as codirector of the club for eight years, winning it three times. In 2012 and 2013 he had the most Grass Roots Points in Division II. In 2012 Wes

scored a perfect grand slam in the GRNT and set an 18-game record with 42/18 +354! (See cover of the July 2012 *Cribbage World*.)

Michael's dad taught him how to play cribbage when he was ten years old. But after learning how to play in 1966 he didn't play again until he moved to San Diego in 1990, where he met a coworker (John Shaw) from England and started playing again. Michael joined the ACC in 2001 and looks to Kerry O'Connell as his cribbage mentor. He has been club champion a half dozen times while a member at four clubs: #257 (Burbank CA), #258 (West Sacramento CA), #79 (San Diego CA), and #360 (Pahrump NV). His first tournament win was the 2003 Humboldt main. His non-cribbage interests include traveling and goldmining.

Michael D. Green
(North Las Vegas NV)
Gold #172



Mary L. Grothe
(Pasadena MD)
Gold #173

Way back in 1957, a friend (Eddie O'Neal) taught Mary how to play cribbage. In 1994 she joined the ACC and Club 178, where Bruce Sattler helped her get started and continues to serve as her cribbage mentor. Now a member of Club 272 in Crofton, Mary took first place with 15 points on April 19 and earned her Gold that night. She is the reigning club champion—at age 87!



Club
61 (Howard
WI) player **Connie
Paluda** shows off
her first-ever 28-
hand.



Elliott Havitz
(Wisconsin Rapids WI)
Gold #175

Elliott's coworker Marv Mancl taught him how to play cribbage and also served as his cribbage mentor. A member of Club 120 in Wisconsin Rapids, Elliott joined the ACC in the 1990s. He won the 2004 North Pole Open main and the 2006 North Pole Open consy. Elliott had two 29-hands last season! He also enjoys playing golf.

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Cribbage Club

Name Rod Hovey

Date 4/14/22 Seat 5

Game #	Game Points	Spread Points	Opp Initials	Seat No.
1	0	27	DL	12
2	0	25	km	10
3	0	39	JA	8
4	0	23	JP	6
5	0	18	RC	4
6	0	12	RC	2
7	0	04	MC	15
8	0	02	KO	13
9	0	13	CR	11
Total:	0	165		

GAMES WON 0 Totals

Checked by: Net Pts. 165

Player must verify higher totals & sign below thus accepting the above figures as correct.

Rod Hovey GUEST or Visitor ACC # 165

15 - 2 in KALAMAZOO

Cribbage Club

Name Rod Hovey

Date 4/18/22 Seat 12

Game #	Game Points	Spread Points	Opp Initials	Seat No.
1	2	11	km	1
2	0	21	SM	10
3	0	04	JP	8
4	0	05	SL	6
5	2	17	RB	4
6	0	13	RC	2
7	0	24	JE	11
8	2	18	RC	9
9	2	08	LH	7
Total:	8			

GAMES WON 4 Totals

Checked by: Net Pts. 67

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Rod Hovey GUEST or Visitor ACC # 13

Rod Hovey (Kalamazoo MI) has been in the ACC for twenty years. He directs Club 321 "15-2 in Kalamazoo," which as you probably guessed is in Kalamazoo. He has earned his Gold Award, which means he has averaged 200+ GRPs a year over a twenty-year span. Until April 4, 2022, he *never* had a string of pearls, but that night the wheels fell off the cribbage cart, and Rod turned in a 0/0 –165 scorecard. Then—how could this possibly happen?!—three weeks later, the same thing: 0/0 –130! Sadly, sandwiched in between these two pearly scorecards were nights of one win and four wins. So in a four-week stretch Rod went 5–31, for a batting average of 13.9%. Those things aren't supposed to happen to twenty-year/Gold Award players—but they do. So when someone whines about their bad luck in cribbage, feel free to whip out this page and show them Rod's scorecards for the month of April. Kinda puts things in perspective, doesn't it?

15 - 2 in KALAMAZOO

Cribbage Club

Name Rod Hovey

Date 4/11/22 Seat 5

Game #	Game Points	Spread Points	Opp Initials	Seat No.
1	0	03	JP	10
2	0	01	KB	8
3	0	18	MC	6
4	2	08	CR	4
5	0	02	CR	2
6	0	05	JA	13
7	0	22	RC	11
8	0	10	JE	9
9	0	03	RC	7
Total:	2			

GAMES WON 1 Totals

Checked by: Net Pts. 64

Player must verify higher totals & sign below thus accepting the above figures as correct.

Rod Hovey GUEST or Visitor ACC # 56

15 - 2 in KALAMAZOO

Cribbage Club

Name Rod Hovey

Date 4/25/22 Seat 12

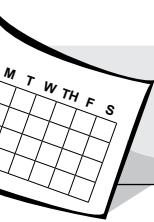
Game #	Game Points	Spread Points	Opp Initials	Seat No.
1	0	08	JE	01
2	0	05	LH	10
3	0	30	JE	8
4	0	19	JP	6
5	0	15	JA	4
6	0	22	RC	2
7	0	10	km	13
8	0	06	KO	11
9	0	15	JA	9
Total:	0			

GAMES WON 0 Totals

Checked by: Net Pts. 130

Player must verify higher totals & sign below thus accepting the above figures as correct.

Rod Hovey GUEST or Visitor ACC # 130



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of May 10

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 1540 Erik Locke	1 1761 Scott Kooistra	1 1083 Charlene Cohen
2 1123 Bryan Gurden	2 1272 Ann Trotter	2 893 Donna LaFleur
3 1115 Bob Bartosh	3 1055 Doug Page	3 675 Keith Widener
4 999 Rick Baird	4 830 Emilio Perez	4 591 Larry Phifer
5 804 Troy Thorson	5 814 Jim Mahan	5 566 Bruce Sattler
6 784 James Morrow	6 793 Clay Collier	6 423 Peter Legendre
7 744 William O'Malley	7 649 Chad Frischmann	7 415 Jeff Raynes
8 700 David Bute	8 640 Terry Weber	7 415 David Statz
9 647 Kathy Pacocha	9 625 Jeff Shimp	9 412 Charles Booker
10 631 Dave Yaeger	10 584 Dan Selke	10 403 Mark Soule
11 614 Ray Klocko	11 539 Henry Brandner	11 392 Marty Duchow
12 607 Ronnie Murakami	12 532 James McCarty	12 387 William Shoemaker
13 576 Todd Malmgren	13 525 Don Thienel	13 332 Jack Chandler
14 537 Carol Williams	14 521 Richard May	14 304 Robert Medeiros
15 536 Carole Herron	15 512 Kristina Wright	15 280 Paul Batterson
16 487 Bob Brumley	15 512 John Syftestad	16 266 Jim Maffa
17 471 Chris McComas	17 510 Marlene Lazachek	17 262 Barry Spadea
18 465 Sara Sanner	18 471 Allen Karr	18 259 Scott Earley
19 456 Terry Higgins	19 469 Doug Whitlock	18 259 Janice Blanc
20 438 Duane Toll	20 442 Wayne Steinmetz	20 242 Robert Fitzgerald
21 428 Betty Brumley	21 418 Steven Steinmetz	21 230 Mathew Piechota
22 426 William Macmillan	22 407 Kevin Harris	22 228 Dave Leissner
23 404 K. C. Carder	23 403 Scott Sand	23 224 Jacob French
24 378 Donald Brown	24 398 Edward Balcer	24 223 Joseph Bowen
25 376 Cy Madrone	25 379 David Aiken	25 214 Jerry Hedden
26 367 Laurie Logan	26 355 James Huser	26 210 Patrick Robrecht
27 363 Denise Fortin	27 349 John Schafer	27 207 Richard Weston
28 349 Carl Vennes	28 340 Richard Horvath	28 206 Louis Petosa
29 330 Bob Prochnow	29 338 William Stacey	29 195 Ethan Guyaz
30 324 Margaret Fanucchi	30 325 Dennis Koehler	30 188 Phyllis Schmidt
31 317 Basil Rudnick	31 323 Michael Henze	31 184 Lee Dillon
32 313 Bernie Nelson	32 316 Bob Hanes	31 184 Michael O'Brien
33 312 Herschel Mack	33 308 Lana Newhouse	33 177 Donald Thompson
34 311 Gerald Hahn	34 295 Don Pohlman	34 173 Jerry Hardy
35 310 Peter Jackson	35 294 Jason Matheny	35 170 Mary Burlington
36 305 William Eilers	36 293 Glenn Gauthier	36 167 Kristy Haught
37 296 Peggy Shea	37 282 Patrick Barrett	37 166 Diane Houle
38 287 Carol Perko	38 280 Dan Taylor	37 166 John Miller
39 278 James Clark	39 279 Les Kvien	39 164 Frank Abernathy
40 272 James Langley	40 278 Jane Vander Loop	40 161 Darlene Young
41 271 Mary Gates	41 270 Patrick Healey	41 151 Curtis Barbour
42 270 Jay Shaffer	42 266 David Sniegowski	41 151 Sandy Shrum
43 264 Joe Gates	43 247 Michelle Gryka	43 150 Barbara Barbour
43 264 Lynn Multari	44 244 Marsha Mahan	44 144 Mike Fetchel
45 262 Artland Ka'ai	45 240 Tom Briski	45 142 Matthew Binkowski
45 262 Fred White	46 237 Mark Smith	45 142 David Flaherty
47 255 Don Dolezal	47 229 Ellen Kutz	47 140 Phil Martin
48 254 Jack Shumate	48 225 Bob Joslin	48 138 Paul Petit
49 245 Elmer Rasmussen	49 224 Laura Johnson	49 136 David Peterson
50 242 Wayne Momsen	50 222 Richard Frost	50 134 John Wichland

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE			TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE	
date	city/state	TD	@ Sands Regency in Reno NV	
Sept. 23–25, 2022	Omaha NE	Scott Kooistra	March 3–5, 2023	
Oct. 10–15, 2023	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare		

MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup
May 31–June 2, Capital City Tourney Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
June 3–5, Montana Championship Eagles, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands
June 7–9, Copper City Classic East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands
June 10–12, Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.846.3065) & Gary Louderback

WI ♦ June 3–5, America's Dairyland
Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53940. TD: Ellen Kutz (414.940.7375) & Terry Weber

WA ♦ Longview Doubleheader
American Legion, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632
June 10, Jesse Jarrell Memorial TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029) & Duane Toll
June 11–12, Mount Saint Helens Classic TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029) & Duane Toll

WI ♦ June 17–19, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle
Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

NV ♦ Las Vegas Doubleheader
JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145
June 16–17, Rampart Casino Midweek TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & James Milkowski
June 17–19, Rampart Casino Open TD: James & Kate Milkowski (702.289.2739) & David Aiken

AK ♦ June 18, Midnight Sun Open
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99508. TD: C. J. Kim (907.245.2687) & Doug and Marli Holden

NV ♦ Topaz Doubleheader
Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410
June 20–22, Topaz Summer Classic TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo
June 22–24, Les Sumner Memorial TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Jeanne Jelke

NV ♦ June 24–26, Independence Day Classic
Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

MI ♦ June 24–26, Lake Superior Challenge
Rock River Lanes, 1011 N Road, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

NH ♦ June 26, Live Free or Die
Brookline Events Center, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: Jerry Hardy & Laurie (120.773.0319)

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ME ♦ July 8–9, Lobster Pegoff

Seasons Restaurant, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Dave Leissner

OR ♦ July 9–10, Depoe Bay Challenge

Depoe Bay Community Hall, 220 SE Bayview Ave, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Chris McComas

CO ♦ Mountain View Doubleheader

VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. TD: Troy Thorson (303.909.5125) & Kathy Pacocha

July 8–9, Mountain View Championship

July 9, Mountain View Open

IL ♦ July 15–17, Marv Lang Memorial

Cherry Bowl, 7171 Cherryvale Blvd, Rockford IL 61112. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Jerry Griffin

CA ♦ The Barn Doubleheader

The Barn Cafe, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza

July 16, The Barn Cafe Challenge #2

July 17, The Barn Cafe Challenge #3

NC ♦ NOCT Cluster

Double Tree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

July 21–22, Open Opener

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Mark Soule

July 22–25, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

July 25, Come Monday

TD: Fran Ward (919.377.2470)

OR ♦ July 23–24, Midsummer Open

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

WA ♦ Sunnyside Cluster

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

July 28–29, Weekday Challenge

July 30, Summer Classic

July 31, Western Region Championship

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823

Aug. 4–5, Sacramento Starter #1

TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Duane Toll

Aug. 6, Sacramento Starter #2

TD: Duane Toll (541.580.3221) & Bob Bartosh

Aug. 7, Sacramento Starter #3

TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Bob Bartosh

CT ♦ Aug. 7, Patriot Kickoff

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

MI ♦ Battle Creek Doubleheader

Country Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015

Aug. 11–12, Michigan Cribbage Cup

TD: John Schafer (517.262.9153) & David Boyer

Aug. 12–14, Cereal City Classic

TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289) & John Schafer

OR ♦ Aug. 12–14, Blue Mountain Open

American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3178) & Sue Anderson

CT ♦ Aug. 13–14, Northeast Peer Tournament

American Legion, 113 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Pat Llewellyn

NV ♦ Aug. 19–21, Pahrump Open

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

OR ♦ Aug. 26–28, The Function in Junction

Moose, 427 Front St, Junction City OR 97448. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Dan Marsh

MT ♦ Aug. 26–28, Copper City Fall Roundup

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

OR ♦ Sep. 2–4, Labor Day at the Mill

The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

NH ♦ Sep. 11, Daniel Webster Open

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

ID ♦ Sep. 16–18, Gem State Classic

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

NE ♦ Grand National 40

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

Sep. 21–22, Cornhusker Classic

Sep. 24–25, Grand National 40

OR ♦ Sep. 30–Oct. 2, Oregon Championship

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