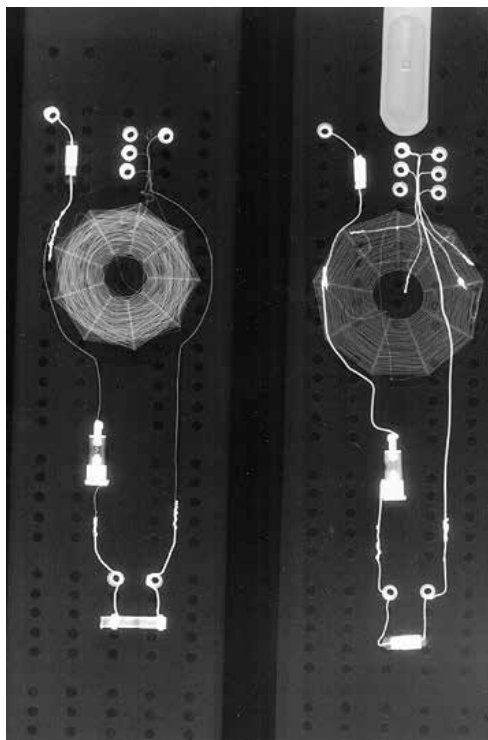
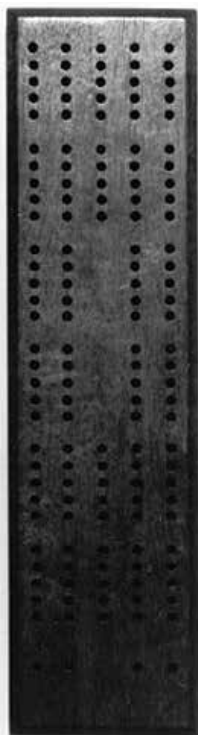


# Cribbage World



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Care packages sent to American POWs during WWII included cribbage boards that looked as if they were purely for entertainment. X-rays reveal radio receivers hidden inside the boards. *(story on page 17)*



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## David Campbell (1965–2021)

The American Cribbage Congress sadly announces the death of President **David Campbell**. David passed away unexpectedly on February 10 at age 55. A twenty-year member of the ACC, David was a first-class cribbage player and an even better ambassador of the game he loved. He served on the Board of Directors for sixteen years and was completing his fourth year as ACC president.

More importantly, David loved his friends and family. He enjoyed traveling and visiting cribbage friends around the country. The members of the ACC extend our deepest condolences to his daughter, **Kesia Campbell**; his girlfriend, **Lana Newhouse**; and Lana's daughter, **Carley Newhouse**.

The April *Cribbage World* will contain a fuller tribute to David and his dedication to the ACC. If you would like to contribute a photo or story about David, please send it via email to **[cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org)**.

In light of this tragedy, David's friends set up a GoFundMe account to aid his daughter **Kesia**. In one tragic instant, Kesia was instantaneously catapulted into the role of taking on full responsibility for (1) the mortgage on her dad's house and (2) all the expenses of maintaining a household, to say nothing of (3) ongoing student loans and (4) end-of-life expenses for David. The organizers of this GFM account are asking David's many friends to honor his life and his contributions to the American Cribbage Congress by helping Kesia overcome these financial burdens and make the transition into this next phase of her life.

To contribute to this fund, visit **[gofund.me/77175234](https://gofund.me/77175234)**.

# My Deal

by David Aiken



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

“Perfection will always be elusive.”

That was the line that caught my eye while I was reading an article about tennis great Novak Djokovic in the *New York Times* on 10/11/20.

The article continues: “Even the best tennis player loses 45 percent of the points he plays.”

In some sports—baseball springs to mind—a 55% success rate would be fantastic! But this stat got me thinking: what would happen if you won only 55% of your cribbage games? What would that look like?

At club, this means you would win only 4.95 games; if we round this up to five wins, this means that you must have two skunks just to earn the minimum of 12 points.

At a standard twenty-two-game tournament, you would win only 12.1 games. So you’d need a minimum of three (or four or five) skunks for a shot at qualifying for the playoffs.

And then in the playoffs of a main tournament, winning 55% of your games means only 2.75 wins per match, which isn’t good enough to advance to the next round. The numbers are worse in consolation playoffs, where 55% equates to 1.65

wins—still inadequate if you plan on winning the tournament.

One of the unique features of cribbage is what I call “peaks and valleys.” Every player has experienced high highs and low lows. It is just as possible to lose ten games in a row as it is to win ten in a row. But if you win only half of your games—or even 55% of them—you won’t have much success at this game.

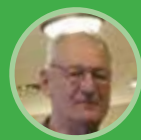
So the goal is go on a heater and win a whole bunch of games—and this is crucial—at the right time. Winning half of your games in the morning and then winning *all* of your games in the afternoon is the perfect way to qualify. Then stay on that hot streak throughout the playoffs, and your morning valley becomes an afternoon peak.

So instead of moaning and groaning the next time you are suffering through a two-win night at club or an eight-game losing streak at a tournament, simply recognize these for what they are—inevitable valleys—and chalk them up to the cyclical nature of cribbage. And then get ready for the peaks that are undoubtedly coming your way.

Just remember, perfection will always be elusive. **CW**

# The Magedanz Chronicles

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



**5x** The America Pride tournament had a “fiveple” dipper. **Wayne Steinmetz** got bumped out of the playoffs by **Marlene Lazachek** (who went on to capture the main title over **Buzz Koehler**). Wayne hurried to sneak into the consolation, qualified with a 12, then worked his way through the playoffs to meet **Sandy Sands** in the finals and take home first place. Wayne’s cash cab is still hot for me! My 17-card on Saturday night was just enough to beat **Dave Yaeger’s** 17 and **Wayne’s** 16. Wayne’s other cashes included first

in doubles with partner **Lee Behrens** and first in All Events. Nice weekend!

**Al Karr** ♠ sure looks great with his beard. **Joan Rein** and Al did an awesome job as usual.

The cookies were delicious, Joan.



**Cucumber Cool** Back in 2013 **Henry Brandner** (Medford WI) heard about the Greenwood WI cribbage club and decided to give it a try. He didn’t have a clue about Grass Roots or the ACC, but figured that if he got beat up bad, it was one and done. Well that night he joined. Henry had all close games—never losing by more than seven points—but still had a string of pearls with only –47. And he also posted a second string that year with –88. Hen-

ry is a joy to play because nothing upsets him. A prime example was in the American Pride consy playoffs against **Sandy Sands**. In the first game, Sandy had hands of 24 and 20, and Henry lost by only 12. In the next game, Sandy had four 16s and a 17, and Henry lost by only 7. And I won’t even mention the four 19s in a row he experienced against **Kathy Maresch**. Henry is one cool customer.

**Old Faces** It was nice to see **Don Flesch** return to cribbage at **Al Karr’s** 86-player Go Green Bay tourney. After his second Covid shot, Don resumed Grass Roots play but had to settle for second to me; the following week he turned the tables and I had to settle for second. In the Green Bay main, Don was involved in five skunks in a row, with only two of them in his favor! During the lunch break in Green Bay, I ran into **Pat Healey** (Ishpeming MI), and we talked about **Art Loveland** (Lyons MI). Monday, out of the blue, I get a call from Art. I told him how I used a play that I had used on him in the past. The play is waiting for your opponent to play his third card in a set of three before calmly saying, “Now I’ll take the pair!” Art has his Covid shots but is awaiting a stent to improve his oxygen level. I told Art that I was surprised he called me. He replied, “I was returning your call.” Oh how I hate those pocket calls.

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I'm often asked about crazy games I've witnessed. This one from a satellite event in Reno stands out in my mind.

I was finished with my game and waiting on my neighbor—a nice gentleman from the West. I had watched a few hands he played during my down time and remember thinking “he plays okay.”

So my neighbor was dealing from two out, and his opponent was 28 out. He looked at his hand of 3-7-10-Q-K-K and kept 10-Q-K-K. I thought okay, I would have kept 3-7-K-K for maximum coverage but is it really going to matter?

The cut was a 4 and I noticed the opponent perk up noticeably. Uh oh, I think, he has a 24-hand. But with the hand my neighbor held he will peg out with two goes or matching his own Kings at the end for 3.

The opponent leads a 6, and my neighbor played one of his Kings! The pegging went like this:

pone	6		6		5	4 (for 5)			
dealer		K		{go}			10	Q	K (for 1)

... which leaves my neighbor in the dead hole while the pone counts his 24-hand and wins the game.

I felt horrible for my neighbor but he took it very well—even acknowledging that he should have kept his pair for the end.

The lesson is to never take anything for granted in cribbage. You don't want to be that one-in-a-million fluke on the wrong side!

**Contact Rob at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com) if you failed to save your pair to the end.**

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# BOD

This year is the biannual election for the ACC's Board of Directors. BOD members will be elected for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2021, and ending August 31, 2023. The BOD meets twice yearly—on the day before both the rotating Grand National tournament and the TOC in Reno NV—to handle the administrative and financial business of the organization.

Any current ACC member in good standing at least eighteen years of age can submit the paperwork to run for the board. (If you think another member should run for the BOD, please contact them directly and encourage them to file the paperwork.)

Candidates must submit an email containing a statement that they wish to run for the BOD, how you want your name printed on the ballot, ACC number, address, phone number, and a biography (200 words max). Letters and biographies

must be sent via email by April 1 to the chair of the nominating committee, **Ellen Kutz**, at [ellenkutz@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenkutz@yahoo.com).

In addition, all candidates must submit a high-resolution digital picture for publication in *Cribbage World* by sending it via email to [cwed152@gmail.com](mailto:cwed152@gmail.com) (do not send photos to Ellen). Photos (head shot only) should be in sharp focus with no distractions in the background.

Biographies and the ballot will be printed in the May *Cribbage World*. To be eligible to vote, members must be at least eighteen years old, have current membership when the ballot is mailed, and have a valid mailing address. Joint members who normally get only one CW will get two in May. And members who normally read *Cribbage World* online will receive a paper copy in May.

Online voting will be available, or paper ballots may be mailed with a postmark no later than May 31. Candidates will be notified by the ACC's acting president after the results have been certified by the VP of Policy. The official results will be published in the July *Cribbage World*. **CW**

## Reminder

Given the pandemic swirling around us, some of us are (rightly) concentrating on other events in our lives. But in order to vote for candidates to the upcoming Board of Directors election, you must be an ACC member in good standing, which means your dues must be paid up to date. So just in case this slipped your mind, here's a friendly reminder:

**send in your ACC dues today!**

## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

ACC member **Keith Miller** plays with Grass Roots Club 346 in Cherokee NC. Keith sent me an email newsletter from a non-ACC club that had a cribbage board he thought might interest me. The board belongs to **Jerry Plotkin**, who plays with a club named the Ashville Mountain Peggers.

I liked Jerry's folding leather travel board, so I exchanged emails with him to learn more about it. I should mention that I have around ten folding leather travel boards. The problem with these small pocket sized

insulation, and your new pegs are ready to go!

Another thing intrigued me about this board. Look closely and you will see that the track markings and arrows indicate that one player starts on the inner track and continues on that track up and down the board. The second player goes up and down on the outer track. That makes this more of a race track board. Twice around for a 121-point game.

Jerry and his wife are retired school teachers. Early last year they were planning a river cruise in Eu-



travel boards tends to be lost pegs. Jerry's board has a metal tube with a cork to help store the pegs. Even if you should lose the pegs, they are made of copper electrical wire. Simply go to the hardware store, buy a few inches of the right size wire and color you like. Strip off part of the

rope. Jerry bought his board online thinking he might encounter fellow travelers who would like to play. Unfortunately, Covid-19 changed their plans. Maybe this year, Jerry and his board are ready. **CW**



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

# ACC Organizational Changes

Despite our sorrow at the loss of **David Campbell**, the ACC must continue to function as an organization, and so per the ACC's constitution, when there is a vacancy in the presidency, the current executive vice president—**James Morrow**—is automatically promoted to the position of acting president.

The executive committee then tapped BOD member **Rick Shea** as acting executive vice president to fill Morrow's previous position. Both acting officers will remain in these positions until the election of new officers at the ACC's annual meeting at Grand National in Sacramento.

The executive committee also appointed **Jennifer Johnson** to fill out the remainder of David's term on the board of directors.

Finally, **Mark Soule** (Woolwich ME) was appointed Eastern Region tournament commissioner. Mark had worked as David's backup in recent years, so he is familiar with the requirements for this position. Mark's contact info is **soule1994@comcast.net** and 207.442.9001.

As we mourn the loss of our president and friend, we wish these new appointees all the best.

## ACC JOB OPENING

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Main task—processing membership applications (new and renewal). The following requirements are necessary to accomplish this task:

- 10 hours per week
- detail-oriented approach to work
- computer and software literacy
- understanding of basic accounting principles

A full description of the membership

secretary's duties may be found in the ACC Policy Manual, chapter 4 §II, although applicants should note that we are retooling and streamlining this position.

**NOTE:** *because of David Campbell's death, we are unable to access information on his computer, so we are reopening the search for membership secretary. If you previously applied for this position, please resend your application to the email address below.*

**If you are qualified for this position, please send email to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org)**



### Never Give Up ♦ by Robert Smothers (Greensboro NC)

On January 1, I was playing against **Donna Guinard** (Greensboro NC), and she was in the dead hole, while I was 18 holes out with the deal. I deal myself A-A-A-A-4-5, so I play the four Aces, while Donna plays 3-4-6-Q and discards 7-King to my crib. The cut card is a King, and I peg 3 points to Donna's 0. Donna remains in the dead hole, I score a 12-hand and a 6-crib to win the game. Never give up!

*This is the last "never give up" story that we have on file, but surely there are other stories worth telling. Please send your story to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).*





## Theresa Bernstein

The February *Cribbage World* contained a collage of pictures featuring cribbage (thanks, **Joe Zimmitti**). One of the items was a painting entitled *Cribbage Players*, by Theresa Bernstein. Here's a bit more about this modernist painting.

An American artist, painter, and writer, Bernstein died in 2002 just a few days short of her 112th birthday. She is best known as a representative of the Ashcan School of painting and also recognized as a member of the Philadelphia Ten, an influential group of female artists. Today some of her artwork is on display at the National Gallery of Art and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

An oil on canvas measuring 50" x 40", *Cribbage Players* resides in the Martin and Edith Stein Collection.

In 2015, an appreciation of Bernstein's body of work by Benedict Duffy appeared in **arttimesjournal.com**. Duffy had this to say about our painting:

The two men in *Cribbage Players* are staged around a circular card table, empty but for the necessities of their game. An empty chair sits askew at the far edge with an abandoned hand of cards in front of it, as if Bernstein herself got up for a moment to paint this canvas between turns. . . . *Cribbage Players* . . . neatly summarizes an important tension of Bernstein's worldview. There is an immediately recognizable intimacy in the picture: it registers as more of a still life of two old card players rather than a double portrait, doesn't it? The quietness of this moment asks the viewer to look without requiring much in return. But as you study their game, the players become visually lost in a profound sense of *stuff*. Of all the business of the background, only a handful of items are recognizable. A sturdy black

stove planted between them and a lantern on the floor under the man on the left complement the warm palette and hint at the cold weather they withstand. A saw faces the man on the right as he contemplates his next move, a shortcut to the idea that his adversary has put him "on a razor's edge." Beyond these items, the image rides on the painterly uncertainties of chameleonic blending of these men with their cluttered context. They obey and resist the mayhem of brushstrokes that brought them to life, and insist on their humanity in a context that is broadly recognizable and yet indeterminate. Socially, politically, and domestically, life at beginning of the 20th century was becoming unfixed. What you are looking at is dialectic between peaceful figures and their precarious context, a recurring theme for Bernstein. She always flirts with abstraction but never commits to it entirely, because in her eyes, life underlies abstraction.

One of the more mystifying things to new ACC members is the confusion caused by two parallel rating systems for weekend/weekday tournaments and for local clubs. The key term here is *parallel*: just as two parallel lines never meet, so the MRP and GRP systems never intermingle. The systems are totally separate, and points do not cross from one system to the other. *Cribbage World* explained MRPs last month—in a separate article, of course—so now it’s time to do the same for GRPs.

GRP stands for “**G**rass **R**oots **P**oint,” and GRPs are earned only at local Grass Roots clubs. Only Grass Roots members can earn GRPs—and typically only when playing in their home club (see below). There’s a simple formula for calculating GRPs: earn at least 12 game points at clubs in Divisions 1–3 or at least 8 game points in a Division 4 club, and the number of GRPs you earn is equal to your game points.

MRPs may be earned year-round, but GRPs are not earned during the off-season (usually June, July, and August—but extended during the pandemic; see page 23).

There are four Grass Roots divisions, with three of them based on the frequency of club meetings: weekly (Division 1), twice a month (Division 2), or monthly (Division 3). All of these divisions play nine-game sessions. A fourth division, fittingly named Division 4, plays six-game sessions and can play up to thirty-six sessions annually.

The exception to the home-club rule mentioned above is that if you do not

play the full number of weekly sessions at your home club (e.g., thirty-six weeks in a Division 1 club), and then play at a nearby club or while on vacation, you can earn GRPs to fill out the full complement of allotted sessions. For example, if you play thirty weeks at your home club and ten sessions at other clubs, the first six of these visiting sessions will go on your record, to give you the full thirty-six weeks. These not-at-the-home-club points count toward your lifetime GRP total, but not toward the club championship.

In addition to weekly play, the Grass Roots program also includes two other events: the Grass Roots Regional Tournament is conducted in the fall, and the Grass Roots National Tournament in winter and spring. These unique tournaments allow local players to compete against players throughout their region or the whole Grass Roots organization—without incurring travel expenses. Both events are eighteen-game tourneys, and if you earn at least 24 game points, the number of GRPs you earn is equal to your game points.

After you’ve earned GRPs for several years, they start to add up, and when you collect 1,000 GRPs, you reach the Bronze Award level. Keep racking up GRPs, and you could earn one of these levels:

award	GRPs needed	members @ this level
Bronze	1,000	2,000
Silver	2,500	550
Gold	4,000	142
Platinum	6,000	9
Diamond	10,000	0



No one has hit Diamond level yet, but who knows, the first person to do this might have learned to play cribbage during the Covid-19 shutdown and joined a Grass Roots club just this year!

Still have questions about GRPs and Grass Roots clubs? Check out the Grass Roots Policy Manual, available online at [cribbage.org/grassroots/manual.asp](http://cribbage.org/grassroots/manual.asp).

*Next month: ironing out IRPs.*

**While we are on this topic, here is a letter received by CW this month:**

Thanks for the article “Mastering MRPs.” Mystery solved. I look forward to reading about GRPs. One thing I’d like to see incorporated in that article is an explanation of the numbers appearing on the upper right corner of the membership card.

—Rod Kazmerzak (*Sun Prairie WI*)

**CW responds:** since Rod asked the question, we asked him to be our guinea pig. Here is a photo of Rod’s ACC member card:



The numbers in question are clustered in the upper right corner of Rod’s card. The first line, labeled “ACC,” shows that when this card was printed last year, Rod had 124

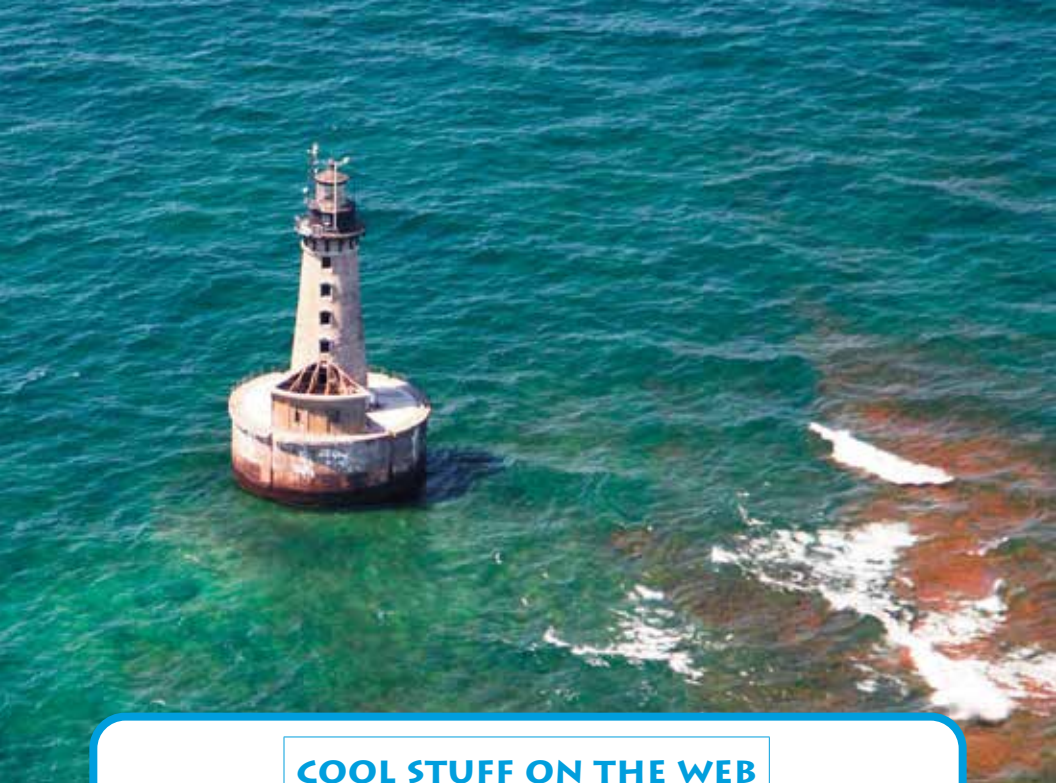
*Cribbage World* occasionally receives queries about why GRRT and GRNT results count toward club championships. The implication is that it is unfair to count these points because . . .

- Some club members play these tournaments at other clubs where the competition may be perceived to be weaker.
- GRRT and GRNT are usually played on weekends and so some members may not be able to play because of schedule conflicts.
- Members sometimes earn GRRT and GRNT points even if their home club doesn’t host a GRRT or GRNT, thus disadvantaging those who can’t travel.
- Some players do not have the physical stamina to play eighteen games in one sitting.

Without downplaying any of these objections, the history of GRRT and GRNT helps understand why they are included in seasonal club totals. Originally clubs played forty sessions between September 1 and May 31, but because of holidays, bad weather, or other factors, many clubs found it difficult to play all forty. The upper limit was reset to thirty-six sessions, with the extra four weeks folded into the GRRT and GRNT.

Thus, the Grass Roots season could be viewed as forty sessions long, with four of those sessions in the slightly different GRRT and GRNT format. In other words, GRRT and GRNT are simply another way to earn points and prizes, so don’t overlook them in your quest to be club champion!

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## COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

It's bad enough being sequestered at home during the Covid-19 lockdown, but what would you do if you lived in "the loneliest place in North America"? That's the moniker that professional lighthouse keepers gave to Stannard Rock Lighthouse in Lake Superior because this light station is more distant from land than any other lighthouse in North America. The mainland is over twenty-five miles away.

As fascinating as the CW staff found the story of the lighthouse's construction (five years, 240,000 *tons* of rock, iron, and steel at a cost of \$300,000 in 1882) and operation, the thing that caught our eye was the comment by a 1950s lighthouse keeper that they played "a lot of cribbage." Can you think of a better way to spend months of isolation in the loneliest place on the continent?!

To read the full article, go to **[lakesuperior.com](http://lakesuperior.com)** and type "Stannard Rock" in the search box. Thanks to lighthouse aficionado **Michael Henderson** (Grand Rapids MI) for the heads-up on this article.

### *GRPs—continued from page 15*

MRPs; when ranked among all players who have earned MRPs, Rod is #5,296. The second line, labeled "GR," shows that Rod had 1,016 GRPs (yay, he made Bronze!); when ranked with all players who have earned GRPs, Rod is #2,563.

Each year that Rod plays, the point totals will increase. In fact, CW just checked up on him, and he currently has 1,118 GRPs with a #2,395 ranking. Keep up the good work, Rod, and let us know when you reach Silver!

## Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

The madcap shenanigans of the 1960s sitcom *Hogan's Heroes* are on full display in episode #5.7, entitled “Bombsight” (originally broadcast November 7, 1969).

In his trademark zany attempt to gain access to German plans for a new bomber plane, Colonel Hogan (played by Bob Crane) invents a story that one of the POWs, Newkirk (Richard Dawson), stole various items from his fellow prisoners, including “the pegs from our cribbage board” (@ 9:55).

After our intrepid Allied POWs stymie a test of the bomber—helped along by bumbling German officers—the Germans scrap their plans (betcha never saw that coming!), and Hogan happily reports to Colonel Klink (Werner Klemperer) that Newkirk “replaced the cribbage pegs” (@ 23:40).

This throwaway reference to cribbage in an otherwise unremarkable TV show actually comes from fact.

Cribbage was a common activity of prisoners of war—stretching all the way back to the Napoleonic Wars in the early 1800s. During World War II, both the British and American governments shipped care packages to POWs with food, cigarettes, clothing, toys, and the like.

The main purpose of the packages was, of course, to make the POWs more comfortable, but some of the items had hidden compartments concealing compasses, files, maps, and other items to aid prisoners escaping from POW camps. Some cribbage boards in these shipments served as radios, and placing the pegs in the right holes would tune in the BBC. (See photos on page 1 of this issue.)

In 2008 NPR reporter **Pam Fessler** did a wonderful story on this little known aspect of the war. To listen to the full story, go to **npr.org** and type “cribbage boards” or “93640350” in the search box.

Another good resource on these POW boards is an article that ACC and CBCS member **Terry Coons** (Portland OR) wrote for the Cribbage Board Collectors Society’s newsletter. Terry expertly tells the fascinating story of these boards and also has a helpful list of books on this topic. To read Terry’s story, go to **cribbageboardcollectorssociety.org** and click the “Newsletter” tab at the top of the page, then choose the May 2016 newsletter.

*Cribbage World thanks **Cherie Comly** (West Chester PA) for the heads-up on the Hogan's Heroes episode, which led to further research on POW cribbage boards masquerading as radios.*

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Bob Arnold

Bob Arnold passed away on Christmas eve. A member of Club 72 in Longmeadow MA, Bob was its treasurer and director for six years. Professionally, Bob was a banker (retired vice president) and a motivational speaker for the Carnegie Institute. For those who faced Bob at club and in local tournaments, we will miss his skillful playing and his gentlemanly competition. He leaves behind his wife Peggy, who went from complete novice to a competitive pegger under Bob's tutelage.



### Frank L. Horn

At age eighty-three, Frank Horn (Pensacola FL) went to play on the biggest cribbage board on December 21. Frank was a Korean War veteran and loved his community and family. He was introduced to the ACC through his daughter, Opal Gunn, in 2006. Along with his wife, Theresa, he played—and founded—clubs in both

Missouri and Florida; he was past president of Club 396. During his fourteen years as an ACC member he played many clubs and tournaments while traveling, and he taught many people how to play cribbage, including all five of his children. Frank scored three 29-hands and many 28s, along with several strings of pearls and grand slams. He earned his Bronze Award in 2015. His friendship with members of Pensacola Peggers was so strong that they changed their venue to Frank's home to allow him to continue to play until the final weeks of his life. Three members of his cribbage family—Stephen Tedesco, Jim McDaniell, and Keith Lambert—were honorary pallbearers at his funeral. Frank is now reunited with cribbage buddies and is continuing to skunk his friends with that smile and sense of humor.

### Steve B. Johnson

Club 17 (Ankeny, IA) lost a fellow member on January 22. Steve B. Johnson (Story City IA),

age seventy-two, was an ACC life member and earned his Bronze Award last season. He was a member of our club but also played at Club 24 (Scottsdale AZ) as a visitor during the winter months. Steve always had a great sense of humor and was fun to play with. He will be greatly missed by all.



### Joyce Larsen

The Butte MT club lost one of our strongest members on January 22. Joyce Larsen (Melrose MT) was born in 1944, the ninth of fifteen siblings. She learned to play cribbage at a young age and sharpened her game playing with her family. As Joyce got older, she sponsored local tournaments and at times had up to sixty local combatants. A true addict to the game, when Club 410 incorporated in 2015, Joyce quickly joined the group and became a force to be dealt with. She continued to hold her local tourneys, now attended by some ACC players, who enjoyed the games and good food provided by Joyce. She had been unable to play this year and was missed weekly.

### Dick Ogden

Club 17 (Ankeny IA) lost a former member on January 16. Dick Ogden (Des Moines IA), age eighty-three, was an early Iowa member (IA-13) and was an avid club member until heart surgery a few years ago. Health issues prevented him from playing again. He had earned both his Master rating and Bronze Award. He also ran many ACC sanctioned tournaments in the Des Moines area over the years. He will be greatly missed by all.

### June Pafford

June Pafford (Cheyenne WY) passed away on January 25. June graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming and worked as an elementary school educator for many years. She was a founder of Club 211 in Cheyenne. In addition to playing cribbage (she earned her Bronze Award just this season), she enjoyed bingo,

## Teaching Cribbage to Adults

*Cribbage World* received a question about which book we would recommend for teaching cribbage to adults. Our editorial staff couldn't think of such a book, so we turned to the director of the ACC's youth program, **Dan Zeisler** (Grass Valley CA), to see if he could help. And here's what he had to say:

I have taught a lot of people—young and old and everything in between—how to play cribbage. Even though the basics of the game can be taught to a focused individual in a fairly short period of time, it is, in my opinion, too complex to figure out how to play without the guidance of an experienced player nearby to clarify rules and protocols that are quite confusing for new students of

the game. Simply, written instruction will not cut it, and that's why you cannot find beginning cribbage books. I truly believe that for a person to learn cribbage they need an in-person tutor who knows the game. Even after the basics are taught, they need guidance to keep them focused and to expedite the learning process. I have written a manual for teachers working with large groups of school-age students, but the manual assumes that the teacher is a cribbage player. Not sure how helpful I've been, but these are my thoughts.

If learners or teachers feel that Dan's teaching manual may come in handy, you may contact him at **danthefan@yahoo.com**.

**At the upcoming Grand National in Sacramento CA, the BOD will award the Western Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2024. ACC members interested in hosting this event must inform acting Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of their interest by August 31. Detailed information is not necessary at this time; a general plan is sufficient to consider the bid.**

traveling, and bowling. She was inducted into the Cheyenne WY Women's Bowling Hall of Fame. She will be missed by family and friends alike.

### Karen Young

Karen Young (Cheyenne WY) passed away January 16 surrounded by loving family. A fun-loving

person who loved to dance, she also played Yahtzee and cribbage. She was a founding member of Club 211 in Cheyenne and was a member of the American Legion. She loved God, family, and all animals. She will be missed by her family, American Legion family, and her cribbage family.



# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Youth Teaching Tip

Do your students relate to you on a personal level? If they do, you'll be a more effective teacher. I urge you to consider sharing some things about yourself and the game of cribbage that will help your pupils see you as a friendly, warm person they can trust and connect with. When personal relationships are established, the children will be more apt to ask questions and engage in the learning process. Some ideas on things to share include: when you learned to play cribbage, who taught you, a memorable game or funny incident you can tell, whether you've ever gotten a 28- or 29-hand or ever double skunked someone or been double skunked, if you play Grass Roots or in sanctioned tournaments, if you ever won a tournament, why you are teaching cribbage to kids. I also encourage you bring in any trophy or rare boards you may have, along with some of your favorite custom pegs.

## Youth News

The ninth annual Youth Memorial Tournament slated for April 17 in northern California has been canceled due to the continued lingering of Covid-19. Likewise, there will be no youth event in Roseburg OR in June. The next hopeful sanctioned event will be YGN 4 in Sacramento in conjunction with the Grand National in September.

Discussions regarding an online youth event are underway. This would allow kids from all over the country to match their skills. More info to follow.

A special recognition to **Sheryl Awtonomow** (Cocoa FL) for her generous donation of three trophy boards and one teaching board to the youth program. As soon as in-person play resumes, these boards will find their way into the hands of young players.

Remember, when you host a sanctioned youth tournament, up to three trophy boards are available upon request. Contact me at [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com) for more details.

## Teaching Manuals

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

- **Spike Flanders** (Silver City NM)
- **Michael Hay** (Sacramento CA)
- **Donna Paul** (Puyallup WA)
- **Jill Barrett** (Puyallup WA)



# Your Deal



*This letter to the editor deserves to be read in its handwritten original form.*

DAVID AIKEN  
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2-9-21

HERE IS the DEAL I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT TODAY!  
My GRANDFATHER TAUGHT ME CRIB AT 10 YEARS OLD.  
I TAUGHT ALL MY RELATIVES. I AM 92 & STILL  
LEARNING! My SON CLARK BRINKER & I PLAY OFTEN.  
A YEAR ± AGO I GOT CLARK & HIS 2 SONS  
TO COME TO OUR CLUBS TOURNAMENT. WE HAD 3 GENERATIONS  
OF BRINKERS THERE. None of them had EVER been in a  
tournament <sup>-EXCEPT ME!</sup> My SON CLARK WON 1st PLACE & HIS SON  
JUSTIN TIED FOR 3rd place. Tobin my other GRANDSON  
& I FLAMED OUT. Clark & I PLAYED the 1 DEAL HANDS  
that PRODUCED 74 points. PROBABLY A WORLD RECORD! CLARK  
was DEALER. Starter card was 3. I pegged 16 & CLARK  
pegged 17 = 38 PEG points. CRIB WAS 9876 + 3 starter FOR  
8 pts. TY'S WAS 1223 + 3 starter FOR 16 pts. CLARKS  
WAS 4456 + 3 starter FOR 14 points. SO TOTAL POINTS FOR  
3 HANDS + PEGGING IS 3 HANDS CLUBS

CLARK 14  
TY 16  
38 + 38 = 74  
Pegging

15-2  
Ty [2] [3] [1] [2] BO-1  
CLARK [4] [5] [6] [4]

HOPE TO MEET & PLAY YOU SOON!

THANKS, Ty Brinker

# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
(Internet Commish)



Congrats to assistant internet commissioner **John Schafer**, who is now only the fourth ever internet Life eMaster (★)! He joins **Mike Fetchel**, **Dan Crete**, and **William MacMillan** for that honor.

Did you know that all ACC members who play at eCribbage can have a logo added to their bling/detailed stats page? Message me, Scott, Tammy, or Ross to add it (i.e., those of us with a blue TD badge), but please avoid asking while we are working as the tourney TD.

The International Cribbage Day match-play event was a huge success! Thanks to all who participated and especially to director **Teri Murdy** for her endless hours of work to host this event (editorial teaser: next month's column features Teri). I'd like to thank the ACC for its donation of a special jacket made by **Cher Morrow**, as well as **Tammy Gibbons**, **Meg Maenpaa**, and **Ross Newmann** for their donation of one year PRO each. These will be award to the semifinalists. Thanks to **James Morrow** for his work gathering prizes!

Speaking of ICD match play, I am happy to announce the winner of this tourney: **Sue Edwards** beat **Nancy Rojas** in the finals; **Brian Baer** and **Pat Liegl** were the other semifinalists.

Special thanks to those who donated PRO memberships for the week of prize tournaments. eCribbage owner **Damien Blond** donated four years of PRO and extended the PRO memberships for the following donors: **Meg Maenpaa**, **Mike Fetchel**, **Ross Newmann**, **Carol Miller**, **John Delaney**, **Ed Bloom**, **Frank Olney**, and **Beth-any Hornbeck**. I am grateful to all of them, and the ACC donation, as well. Many, many thanks!

## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	759	Sam Sinram (IA503)
2	606	Peter Legendre (legend397)
3	603	Kelly Ann Burgar (lilthummp)
4	577	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
5	565	Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425)
6	537	Teri Murdy (Terim)
7	509	Ronnie Murakami (Hapegger)
8	499	Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
9	496	Bob Hanes (ia801)
10	493	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)

### Player of the Month

**Peter Legendre** (legend397) @ 200 IRPs

*New Life eMasters (★) (10,000 IRPs)*

**John Schafer** (netview85)

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*

**Roger Baxter** (rdbaxter1)

*New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)*

**Terry Higgins** (terryhi)

**Debra Moulies** (debncorbin)

### Internet Grand Slam

**Peter Legendre** (legend397)



# Grass Roots

Corner

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Given the continuing effects of Covid-19, the Executive Committee extended the 2020–21 Grass Roots season and the deadline for the Grass Roots National Tournament, as follows:

- GRNT—deadline extended to July 11
- Grass Roots season—ends on August 15

Because the number of active clubs and players is down significantly from previous years (only 58 of 204 chartered clubs are playing), we made some cost-saving adjustments to the award program for this season (no division champs and no Rookie of the Year will be declared, and top 10% rated players will not be calculated). We will reevaluate the numbers in May to see if further changes are warranted.

Questions may be directed to Grass Roots commissioner **Ivan Wells** ([grcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:grcommissioner@gmail.com) or 505.600.5747).

Club 17 (Ankeny IA)—**Mike Henze** ↓ had his very first 29-hand against fellow club member **John Shoemaker** in the first game on January 16. They played each other again in the ninth game. Remarkably, John came back with a 28-hand against Mike. What are the odds of that, let alone cutting the same 5 of Spades?!

Club 230 (Ormond Beach FL) has had a rash of 28-hands already. The latest lucky player was **Joe Aquino**.

Club 197 (Kenosha WI) had the hottest player in the ACC last season. **David Aiello** ↓ scored 377 points and has had both a 28-hand *and* a 29-hand this year!

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Club 361 (Brewer ME)—in December, **Steve Braley** ♠ notched a grand slam, and club director **Joe Bowen** ♠ had a 28-hand. (*Disclaimer: the club plays masked, with social-distancing rules in effect; the photos were taken in a separate area.*)



## GrassRoots *Awards*

### SILVER

Jim Waldvogel (CA), 98

### BRONZE

Gary Galetti (AZ), 600  
Candace Harmon (WY), 238  
Michael Henze (IA), 17  
Joel Neugebauer (SD), 96  
Steven Strobridge (VA), 89

## Financial Assistance

The ACC does not want anyone to drop their membership because of financial hardship during the pandemic. If you need assistance paying ACC dues or if you know someone who needs help, please contact David Aiken ([cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org) or 616.401.8311).

## CW MARKETPLACE

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# 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

<del>March 5–7, 2021</del>
March 4–6, 2022
March 3–5, 2023

### TOC & ACC Open Canceled

**WI ♦ Mar. 19–21, Mick Michaelis Classic**  
Riverside Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

#### ↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓

#### SD ♦ DEADWOOD TRIPLEHEADER —In Honor of David Campbell—

Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Lane, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311).  
**Must contact director if you are playing; no mail-in entries; everything is cash at the door.**

**Apr. 1–2, Deadwood Open**

**Apr. 3, Aces and Eights**

**Apr. 4, Calamity Jane Open**

**AK ♦ Apr. 10, Alaska State Championship**  
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99507. TD: CJ Kim (907.245.2687) & Bonnie Kline

**WI ♦ Apr. 23–24, Black River Classic Spring**  
Comfort Inn, W1070 State Hwy 54, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Richard Frost (920.361.3302) & Wayne Steinmetz

#### WI ♦ May 7–9, Peg for Pink

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

#### WI ♦ May 28–30, Brat Stop Open

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

#### CA ♦ May 29, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

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

#### CA ♦ June 11–13, Northern California Open

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

#### 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

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go to **cribbage.org** for more tournament details

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

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

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

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

**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. 25–26, Grand National 39**

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fa-  
nucchi

**NE ♦ Oct. 1–3, Cornhusker Classic**

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

**OR ♦ Oct. 15–17, Salem Classic**

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

**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 Ranche-  
ria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke  
(509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

Some states are lifting  
stay-at-home orders, but  
always check **cribbage.org**  
for the latest updates and/or  
check with the tournament  
director to confirm if a  
tourney is still on schedule.

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- ELECTION SPECIAL -

How many are going to be elected ? That is a good question and the answer is = twenty-five (25). The first twelve with the most votes will be in office for two years & the next thirteen will be elected for a one year term. After this we will elect 12 or 13 each year. You may vote for as many as you wish. But not over 25. And you are allowed to vote only once. Second ballots will be thrown out, so please do not try to stuff the ballot box....

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

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**AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS**

1,020  
Players

**Records Galore in Reno**  
**Bruce Wridge**  
**Takes Home**  
**\$10,000**

Dale Kochenburg Wins TOC (and \$8,660)  
JPW/ACC Open Consolation Draws Whopping 796!

A record-breaking, 150th players from 18 states and Canada converged on the South Florida Citrus Center in Ft. Pierce the first weekend in February for a full-fledged weekend of juggling action. The juggling began Thursday evening with the annual "National All-time Great" and continued unabated through Saturday. The weekend featured a variety of juggling acts, including with neither hand raised in the APWOC Open Convention (see story).

**Joseph P. Worgin/AEC Open**  
Drive Stride, a software program from Drivestrike, costed the record drive and pulled up the price of \$10,000; and a basket of 100% to 100% last month (20) was with a relative sense to the record play. The University of Colorado, CO, is only for 4th, 5th and 6th years, managed a very low last game and took to only \$1,500.

Steve Herman (32), the ACC's youngest Grand Master, took top-springing honors. He posted an excellent 41 CUT, barely edging Charles Hall (40), who also posted a 41. Of course, he did it with fewer wins. Herman's top end earned him the only top-two tie playoff. Herman, despite losing his first playoff match, nevertheless garnered about 100 MBPs and had resulted into the National MBP race.

**JFWACC Open Consolidation**  
Another award was established from Consolidated Play to name 7th gridders injured on the football field. The funds added \$100 to this award, making it the highest contribution in the history of the AJCC.

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