



Where the Wild West Lives

Deadwood, South Dakota, welcomed nearly 200 cribbage players the first weekend in April. (story starts on page 5)

Deadwood photos by Sandy Sands

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ELECTION ISSUE

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Rampart Casino Doubleheader

JW Marriott Resort 221 N Rampart Blvd Las Vegas NV 89145

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Milestones!

Happy Birthday in February! 80—Harry Farley (MI)

Happy Birthday in April! 70—Tim Smith (MI)

Happy Birthday in May! 60—Patrick Barrett (WI) 60—Wendy Pitts (WI) 60—Darnel Chevrette (MI) 60—Rick Redding (MI)

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Everybody Should Have an Uncle Barry

The first time that I went one hundred miles an hour was when I was about five years old. I was in the back seat of my Uncle Barry's dark green Firebird. I remember my cousins, my sister, and me all begging him to go 100 mph. He hesitated, but, after many "Please! Please! Please!" from us, he said, "OK, hold on." I could hear the engine roar as we sped up to 100 mph. It seemed much longer, but really was only about three seconds, then he slowed back down. To me, it was a major achievement and I was quick to tell my Mom how we went 100 mph! I can still hear her yelling "BARRY!" I asked for only one ride on his motorcycle; it was fast and mostly on one wheel.

My Uncle Barry is an excellent cribbage player. Sitting through twenty-twogame tournaments is too hard on his back, but over the past twenty-five years, we have played thousands of games. If other people are present, we will play Doubles or Captain, always playing the best-of-three to see who the "Pooh-Bah" is.

Barry's ten-year-old grandson, Brody, started learning cribbage this year to help improve his math skills. If you have ever taught someone how to play cribbage, you know the patience it takes. First, to explain the basics of the game, the combinations of cards to keep or discard, how to count and score points. Uncle Barry does not help count the points. He will wait for Brody to finish, then he will ask about any missed points. They play nearly every day. After first filling a sheet of paper with W's and L's, they started tracking their games on a tournament score card with plus and minus points. After forty games they were tied at twenty games each.

When I was in Deadwood SD, I got a message, pictures included, that Brody scored back-to-back 24-hands: one with the 7-7-8-8 combo, and the second he cut a 4 holding 5-5-6-6.

Brody is a cribbage player, thanks to the hours and help from his Grandpa Barry. The ACC needs more cribbage mentors, with the patience to teach the next generations. Everyone needs an Uncle—or Grandpa—Barry.

Did I ever tell you about the time my Uncle Barry jumped his motorcycle over a dairy lagoon?



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

The first of hopefully many annual Deadwood tripleheaders is now in the books. Since most cribbage tourneys have been shuttered because of social-distancing restrictions, Deadwood featured the five largest ACC tournaments this year, with the three mains averaging 169 players and the three consolations averaging 109 players. In total, 1,053 players entered nine events during the four-day cluster.

Deadwood Report

The large attendance was driven by several factors. First was the pent-up desire to play cribbage after far too many months with no tournaments or clubs. Another reason was the wish to honor **David Campbell** following his sudden passing in February. What better way to honor his legacy than to play in the event that he designed. The compact nature of the long weekend—three mains, three consolations, three satellites—also contributed to high attendance. Local tourneys typically draw a few dozen players, but we are seeing greater attendance at ACC events when players can play two or three tourneys on the same set of travel expenses.

Many interesting things took place in Deadwood, but I want to single out two really cool ones. Life Master **Dan Selke** (Arlington Heights IL) got his *third* 29hand ♥ in the space of eighteen months. His first one was at the Cog Midweek in October 2019, during Grand National week. The second was at the Winter Snowball Special in January 2020 in Woodbury MN. And then he found his third 29 in the Calamity Jane Open on April 4. So far the sequence of Dan's 29s has been Clubs, Spades, Hearts. He is now looking for the 5 of Diamonds to hit for the cycle!

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Have you ever had a lousy main tourney and just wanted to chuck it all and go home before the consolation? Here's why you really shouldn't do that. **Wayland Kuhnel** (Lincoln NE) suffered through a terrible morning on Saturday. He won only two of fourteen games, and his scorecard (a dismal 4/2 -203) → was the *lowest* of all 182 players in the Aces & Eights main! Undeterred, Wayland entered the consy, qualified #6, and then ran the



field to win his first sanctioned event. From worst to first! That's why you should always play the consolation.

A huge event like this doesn't happen in a vacuum. Many people were involved in running this event.

First of all, I want to think my codirectors for their marvelous help:

Linda & Patrick Barrett Dan Selke John Hazlett Terry Weber

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But it was not only the TDs who put in lots of work and long hours. Many others jumped in to help make sure everything ran smoothly:

Charlene Cohen Willie Evans June Fordham Bob Joslin Al Karr Ellen Kutz Marlene Lazachek Erik Locke Laurie & Ron Logan



event	players
Deadwood Open main	176
Deadwood Open consy	138
Aces & Eights main	182
Aces & Eights consy	108
Calamity Jane main	149
Calamity Jane consy	82
Early Bird	46
Friday evening	84
Canadian Doubles	88
	1,053

Robert Milk



James Morrow Kathy Pacocha Emilio Perez Larry Phifer Pamela Pomeroy Sandy Sands Sharon & Al Schaefer Jeff Shimp Steve Steinmetz JoAnn Talbot Troy Thorson Ivan Wells

(My apologies to anyone I omitted.)

The food was great, the casino was fun to play, the cribbage cards were hot, and the hotel staff was extremely responsive to the tournament's needs.

One final note: **Rick Pierce** (Springfield OR) made the playing boards in honor of his close friend David Campbell. Rick donated the materials and his time to make the boards. The boards were then sold after the tourney as a donation to **Kesia Campbell**.

David Campbell 1965 2021

This was the first time an ACC tournament has been held at The Lodge at Deadwood. And it was the first time I set foot on the property, since David Campbell made the initial contact with the hotel/casino last November. But it was a memorable

We have already started negotiations with the casino to hold tourneys there the last week in April for the next three years. Mark your calendar now for April 28–May 1, 2022! CW

Satellite Winners	<i>Friday:</i> Donald Flesch Sa <i>turday:</i> Dianna Larson <i>All Events:</i> Al Karr	<i>Early Bird:</i> William Eilers <i>Friday:</i> Alice Souza	Canadian Doubles: Laurie & Ron Logan <u>LEGEND</u> HQ = high qualifier * = in sanctioned event	green = grand slam red = first win
Big Hands	28-hand: Chad Frischmann* Duaine Jacob* Terry Weber* Bernard Brentar	28-hand: Jim Crawford*		29-hand: Dan Selke* 28-hand: Henry Brandner* Greg Stuecheli* Bob Joslin* Dale Magedanz* Wayland Kuhnel*
Consolation (MRPs)	<i>46 players</i> HQ. Steven Steinmetz (18) 1. Doug Page (60) 2. Gerald Parins (40) 3. Lewis Gurney (24) 3. Clay Collier (24)	 138 players HQ. Alan Schaefer (21) 1. Matt Padrow (112) 2. Robert Chase (84) 3. Terry Weber (60) 3. Emilio Perez (60) 5. Kathy Pacocha (40) 5. Bryan Gurden (40) 5. June Fordham (40) 5. Jacob French (40) 	<i>108 players</i> HQ. David Boyer (18) 1. <mark>Wayland Kuhnel</mark> (84) 2. Frank Hanson (60) 3. Patrick Healey (40) 3. John Schafer (40)	<i>82 players</i> HQ. Greg Stuecheli (18) 1. Carole Herron (84) 2. Lewis Gurney (60) 3. Richard Rudio (40) 3. Sandy Sands (40)
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Tournament	Mick Michaelis Open (Marinette WI; Mar. 19–21)	Deadwood Open (Deadwood SD; Apr. 1–2)	Aces & Eights (Deadwood SD; Apr. 3)	Calamity Jane Open (Deadwood SD; Apr. 4)

The Inside Track by Rob Medeiros ••••• ••••• ••••• ••••• •••••

Successful positional pegging requires an actionable strategy, followed by strict discipline, and the avoidance of plays that appear to be pretty simple but may in fact cost us in the long run.

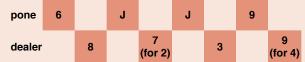
You are dealer at hole 55 and the pone is at 60. You hold 3-7-8-9 and discard Q-K; the cut is a 10. What should our pegging strategy be? Well we aren't going to be speeding down the board with this hand, so let's try to hold our opponent as close to 70 as we possibly can. If we can get a few safe pegs we will of course take them.

The pone leads a 6; what should we do? At first glance the answer seems pretty easy: most likely if we 15 it the pone will match and we will get the 31. We will outpeg him 5-2; not bad right?

Well there could be a better way. Remember that we want to keep the pone as far away from 70 as we can, so even two pegging points could eventually come back to haunt us. So how can we hold down a 6 lead with our hold of 3-7-8-9?

The 3 would be a bad response: if pone has another 6 he gets the 15-2 and puts us in a bad spot for our next play. What about the 7? That allows the pone to play a 5 for a three-card run; we would have the 8 for the four-card run, but we are vulnerable to a potential play of 4 by the pone for a five-card run. What about the 8? If pone takes a 3 card run we have the 4 card run and the probable go; but wouldn't pone lead a 7 if he had both a 6 and a 7? Most likely he is holding another 6 or a 9, so our 8 play puts him in immediate peril, as either play would open him up to at least a three-card run for us without giving him any points. If he tries to avoid the pegging and plays a picture we close out with a 31 and still have our 9, which is very likely to score 2 pegs.

This hand played out in a recent playoff match. The pegging went this way:



So the final tally this way is 6-0 in the dealer's favor—much better than the respectable 5-2 outcome that appeared pretty cut and dried at the beginning of the hand.

Contact Rob at mrob2199@aol.com if you have a pegging scenario to discuss.

New Cribbage Master 1010. Sandy Sands (Helena MT)

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

The Magedanz Chronicles

Wall of Shame Recently I saw a question about how people display their awards. Instantly it brought back memories of the great Warren Sondericker. On my first visit to their home, a converted firehouse, Warren gave me the tour. He showed me a wall with his first-place awards; next he showed me his "wall of shame," where he kept his second-place trophies. Warren collected pop tops and had milk cans full of them. He could tell you how many make a pound. I also collect them and would appreciate any you have. I donate them to help reduce dialysis costs.

3's a Crowd I'm always looking to write about things that defy the odds. During a recent nine-game event, **Steve Steinmetz** was involved six times where a 3 decided who dealt. Where it gets weird is when Steve went to the bar: he spotted a card on the bar, turned it over, and it was the 3 of Hearts!

Quote of the Day "I had five skunks, that's damn near a litter. I got skunked three times, that's damn near a litter too." —Henry Brandner

Ski Family Shines This year's Mick Michaelis Classic featured 78 hardy players. Director Al Karr called helper Don Miles to ask "Where are you?" Don replied: "I thought it was next week!" and jumped in the car to get there late. Frank and Ginny Danielski (Little Chute WI) had a nice run and qualified fifth and sixth respectively. Frank was one and done, but Ginny worked her way past Donna LaFleur, Henry Brandner, and Keith Widener to meet Dan Pluff in the finals. With skill and a little luck, Ginny won her third main. Dan may have lost but Ginny graciously gave him her eagle trophy. Ironically, her first tournament win came about thirty-five years ago at the same tournament. And, coincidentally, she is sporting her recently earned One Star ACC jacket. (It took Frosty only three tries to get the correct size, but his perseverance got the job done!)



Lightning Strikes Again At the Deadwood cluster, the newest Hall of Fame member, Richard Frost (aka Frosty), was in the playoffs against Patrick Barrett. Pat reminded Frosty about a playoff match at Eau Claire WI in the 90s. Tied at 2-2 in that match, Frosty was dealing from 47 out and Pat told him: "If anyone can deal out from 47, you can." And he did! Fast forward to 2021, and it's the same scenario



at Deadwood. Lightning strikes again, and Frosty deals out from 47. Two times in a lifetime from 47 and it's against same opponent—what are the odds? But this time Pat has the last laugh and wins the match.

Tallest in the West Since joining the ACC in 2008, I believe I have always been the tallest player at 6' 8'' This year at Deadwood, I ran into some stiff competition from **Nate Thompson** of Casper WY. Nate's 6' 7" was close but no cigar. If we had to go to the weight category for a tie breaker, I can safely say I win hands down (assuming more is better). I mentioned to Nate that I had an aunt, uncle, and three cousins from Riverton WY, to which Nate responds that he grew up in Riverton. I say again, what are the odds?



The Commish **Rick Pierce** designed, made, and donated all of the boards used at Deadwood in honor of former ACC President David Campbell. After the final tourney, the boards were sold to raise money to help David's daughter, Kesia Campbell. Many thanks to all involved who shared their time, gifts, and talents for the tournament. Our Grass Roots commissioner, **Ivan Wells**, **4** didn't think much of the board that he had to play on. He just doesn't get the respect he is due. A Deadwood player-who wants to remain anonymous for obvious reasonsleft Ivan in the starting blocks after first count. On his deal, Ivan made a good continued on page 12



Magedanz Chronicles—continued from page 11

comeback, but to no avail. He still got skunked. Sorry, Ivan.

Shades of Roland During the main playoffs of the Aces and Eights tournament, Ellen Kutz was playing Laurie Logan. Next to them was Kathy Pacocha and Betty Brumley. Ellen was losing so she stood up and did a dosido around her chair, sat back down, and started winning. All the ladies were laughing. Kathy thought it looked fun and then did a dosido do around her chair, which Betty claimed wasn't fair to do because Kathy was already winning. A while later both Ellen and Betty were winning their games, so Kathy and Laurie looked at each other and said: "Let's do it together." Both proceeded to dance around their chairs and high five and both went on to win their matches. **Emilio Perez** came over when he heard all the laughing and proclaimed: "This will be the last time four women sit next to each in a playoff match!" Personally I don't get why Emilio would object. He has four gals to hug all at one table.

Cribbage Interruptus

by David Feenie

I traveled to Australia in September 1981 to meet up with a girlfriend that—long story short—didn't work out so well.

I had met my flat mate—David Latin, aka The Kava Kid—in Fiji, and we now lived in Bondi and worked together. We played endless hours of crib on a plastic folding travel crib board. The cards were so well used they were like cloth.

Without reason, in late 1982 I decided to return home to Canada. Before leaving, David and I taped the crib board closed with the cards still inside and wrote on it the date (19/6/82), the score in matches, and this promise (using my nickname): "This board shall not be opened again until Mongo returns to Australia."

Fast forward thirty-nine years. I currently live in West Vancouver, British Columbia. Recently my son, who lives in Perth, Australia, announced his engagement. This set off a quest to reconnect with David and other friends in Australia. When I finally connected with David, one of the first things I asked was if he still had the crib board. Sure enough, he does and sent photos to prove it. We plan on having a big celebra-

tion to crack open the board. Part of me wants to leave it untouched, but I want to see if the cards are usable.

When I return in March 2022—forty years since I left—I can't wait to continue where we left off.



Grandma Phillis

by Troy Thorson

During the Deadwood cluster of tournaments, Phillis Thorson (my 91-year-old grandma) ⇒ wanted to play some cribbage. Three players from Oregon and Washington-Erik Locke, Matt Padrow, and Pete Larsen—came over to enjoy a nice breakfast at the home of Bill Thorson (my dad), along with me, Kathy Pacocha, Clay Collier, and Arun Sautter. 4 After breakfast was finished, we held a small eight-person, seven-game tournament. Phillis played everyone for a dollar, and after her first three games, Phillis was 3-0 and up three bucks, including a win over Life Master $(4\star)$ Erik Locke. Her cards turned cold for the remainder of the tournament, but she finished with a very respectable 3-4 record against an impressive field of competitors that has over 53,000 MRPs between them; she finished just one game out of the money. It was a great enjoyment for everyone and es-





pecially for my grandma. I was so happy to have one of the people who taught me to play cribbage meet some great people and experience what tournament cribbage was all about. Thanks to everyone for providing her with a day she will always remember.

24 States in Deadwood

Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Florida Idaho Illinois lowa Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Montana Nebraska Nevada New Mexico North Carolina Oregon South Dakota Texas Virginia Washington Wisconsin Wyoming

We have received an inquiry asking for video from cribbage tournaments in the 1980s and 1990s. If you can help, please contact Fred White at flyinhawn516@gmail.com.





Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

In season 5 episode 4 ("The Eyesore by the Shore") of *Maine Cabin Masters*, the reinventors had to take the whole cabin down and start anew. They save some of the old wood and created a big cribbage board. Decorator Ashley Morrill ↑ is shown holding the finished product. The board became a feature of the new living room. ↓

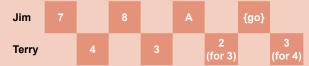
Thanks to Kelley Adams (Social Circle GA) for the heads-up on this snippet of pop trivia.



Never Give Up • by Terry Higgins (Hayward CA)

At the Napa Wine Country Fall Open in October 2016 (where I had previously never qualified or earned *any* points in all my time playing at that venue (usually going home with just a bottle of wine, won during the raffle, to drown my sorrows), I was matched up in the first round of the main playoffs against Life Master $(2 \star)$ Jim Crawford, who had regularly beaten me when we were part of the same Grass Roots club during my early years in the ACC.

Tied at one game apiece, he was in the dead hole in game #3 with first count, while I was seven out. I held 2-3-3-4, and he led a 7. There were fewer losers if I played my 4, so I did, and here's how the pegging went:



The final run of three plus the go gave me the game. I then won game #4 and the match by tripping Jim's Ace on fourth street for 31-for-8.

After beating the high qualifier three straight in the next round, in the semifinals I was well behind and out of position on third street in game #1 against frequent nemesis Life Master ($2 \star$) **Cres Fernandez**. I cut into a 28-hand to pull out a miracle win on my way to winning in five games.

In a nip-and-tuck battle against **Greg Dumas** (a former TOC winner), I demonstrated I had paid attention to how elite players win, and I won the final in five games as well.

The March *Cribbage World* article on winning percentage and the ebb and flow of tournament play was very timely. Since I began tracking my games a few years ago, I've been pretty much in that 55% ballpark in all ACC tracks (Tournament Trail, Grass Roots, and Internet Program). But I got hot at just the right time on that day four and a half years ago—batting 70.6% in the playoffs!

If you have a "never give up" story, please send it to cribbageworld@cribbage.org.

Bruce Webb (Auburn CA) reports that the letters BSRR on the cribbage medallion → pictured in the February CW may stand for Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad, which was in business from 1893 to 1929; the shield on the front is a common symbol associated with railroads. Bruce was in the antique business for many years, and he suspects that this piece is a stock jewelry item that was customized with image and engraving when it was ordered. In this case, Bruce surmises, since the jeweler did not have a cribbage hand available for the image, he simply adapted a poker hand.



BOD ELECTION

Every odd-numbered year the ACC holds elections for its 25-member Board of Directors. The next two-year term of office begins on September 1, 2021, and runs through August 31, 2023. All ACC members age 18 and above are eligible to vote. Joint members will receive two issues of this *Cribbage World* so that each eligible voter has a separate ballot.

You may vote online at **cribbage.org** or by mail. To guard against duplicate voting, each eligible voter has been issued a random four-digit alphanumeric code that must be used when voting. Located to the right of your ACC number on the back of this CW, this code will be used to gain access to the online ballot. It must also be written on all ballots sent by mail. All ballots must be mailed separately; no group mailings will be accepted.

This year thirty-three candidates are running for election to the BOD. Candidate biographies and photos (presented in random order) are printed on the next few pages. Please read these bios carefully, for they contain statements by the candidates about their qualifications, cribbage accomplishments, contributions to the ACC, and policies they plan to enact or have already enacted.

After you have read the biographies, please vote for the candidates of your choice by marking an X by their name on the official ballot on the centerfold, or you may vote via the internet. You may vote for up to 25 candidates. When you are finished voting, copy the alphanumeric four-digit code from your CW address

label into the boxes on the lower portion of the ballot, write in the large box at lower right the number of votes cast, cut on the dotted line, add postage, and drop the self-addressed postcard in the mail.

To vote, follow these instructions

VOTING ONLINE

- go to cribbage.org
- click on the "Vote Here" button
- enter the four-digit alphanumeric code from your CW address label
- select up to 25 candidates you want to vote for
- click submit
- verify your vote
- click yes

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If you have any questions about the voting procedure, please contact:

Keith Widener 336.971.8504 kwidener@triad.rr.com

All voting must take place before May 31. Mail-in ballots must be *postmarked* by May 31, and online voting must be *completed* by midnight on May 31. CW



Betty Brumley (Sunnyside WA)—I have been a member of the ACC since 1999, Life Master, Silver in Grass Roots, and club champion several times. I have been codirector in Grass Roots, and I have directed and codirected

tournaments. I am always willing to help at tournaments I travel to. I have also chaperoned at youth tournaments and helped teach our youth the game of cribbage. Now that I am retired I have more time to devote to helping the ACC by volunteering to help our great organization run smoothly. I love to cook, garden, and spending time with my grandchildren. Bob and I have been married for ten years. He is my greatest opponent. I hope to help the ACC grow and retain our membership to keep this great game going for future generations. Thank you for considering me for the BOD when you vote.



Roland Hall (Napa CA)–I joined the ACC in 1987. From 1999 to 2005, I was director, treasurer, and statistician for the Napa/ Yountville CA club. I resigned in 2005 and relocated to Vermont for two+ years to care for my mom.

I have directed six GRNTs, five GRRTs, and eleven sanctioned tournaments. I have served on the BOD since 2009 and have been a member of the Rules Committee for ten years. At the February 2013 BOD meeting, I proposed that the ACC Grass Roots program adopt our club policy to help retain new Grass Roots players. The proposal was not passed by the BOD, but, fortunately, David Aiken liked the idea and it has evolved into the "ACC Cribbage Code of Congeniality." It is now published monthly in Cribbage World and currently fifty-eight Grass Roots clubs have adopted the "Play Nice Pledge." I've played cribbage in twenty-five states and two Canadian provinces and am always willing to talk with members and present their good ideas to the BOD. I support youth cribbage and want to see the ACC grow and be here for our children and grandchildren. Please support me again. Thank you.



Joe Bowen (Bangor ME)—originally from southern California. My wife of twenty-five years and I have lived in the Bangor area since 1992. We have raised five kids (four sons and a daughter) and currently have five

miniature dachshunds. Presently, we still have our youngest two sons ages sixteen and twenty and our seventeen-year-old grandson living with us. All three of them are ACC members. I retired from crisis management work several years ago; working for the State of Maine Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. A few years ago, I retired from coaching wrestling after thirty+ years- coaching peewee to high school teams. My four boys and my grandson all have been in wrestling, three of them since age two. These days I stay busy with a small handyman business, raising the last of my boys, raising dachshunds, and of course playing cribbage. I have a very active and growing local Grass Roots club here in the Bangor area. I have been an ACC member for thirty years. I believe cribbage is a great equalizer for youth and adults, as well as beginners and the well skilled players.



Dan Selke (Arlington IL)—I have been a member of the ACC since 2008 and rather quickly became immersed in both playing and assisting in the administration of the organization. I am currently Grass Roots national stat-

istician and serve as backup to the MRP statistician. Certified judge, current member of Rules Committee, and was on the ad-hoc committee that studied stipends paid by the ACC for various positions. Received the Central Region Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2016. Presently direct the Mary Lang Memorial and the Brat Stop Open and have codirected countless others. Also, as a "pandemic" internet player, was recently added to the Internet Committee. Taught cribbage at two senior centers and established a weekly "drop-in" club for seniors that has been meeting now for ten years. Also instructed twice an after-hours grade school program. Have won fifteen sanctioned tournaments (in eight different states), achieved the level of Life Master, and was All American in 2016-17. My passion is to give back to this great game that has yielded me so many memories and great friends. As a member of the BOD, I will continue to do my best reprecontinued on page 18

senting both newer and experienced players, to the overall benefit of the ACC.



Jeanne Jelke (Redding CA)—it has been an honor to serve on the BOD, and I am seeking my third term. In addition to chairing the Officer Nominating Committee, I participate on three other BOD committees. I have also been re-

cording secretary since September 2015. An avid player, I joined the ACC in 1999, earned my Life Master $(2\star)$, and am a five-time All American. Additionally, through my long career as a nonprofit executive director, I understand organizations and boards of directors. Since retiring in July 2013, I have dedicated many hours of voluntary service to the ACC. I am director of Club 205 (Redding Peggers) and direct ACC tournaments in Redding CA, Carson City NV, and two cribbage cruises. I am tournament director for Grand National 39 in Sacramento CA in 2021. I believe that I have demonstrated the experience, skills, and dedication to continue serving the membership of the ACC as a BOD member. If reelected, I pledge to apply the work ethic, persistence, and organizational skills that are my hallmark to strengthening the ACC.



Rick Shea (Eureka CA)—it has been an honor to represent the Western Region on the BOD for the last six years. I have continued to codirect the ACC Open as well as several other tournaments. I am also serving as the Western Region

tournament commissioner as well as a member of the Ethics Committee. The tragedies of the past year have presented us with a tremendous challenge as we move forward. If elected I will continue to do whatever is needed. Thank you for your consideration.



Kevin C. Harris (Weslaco TX)—born in Spokane WA, retired veteran US Navy 1982–2003, retired Department of Defense employee working as government contract auditor 2013–2017 and nine years (2003–2012) in administra-

tion as an assistant and supervisor. Member of ACC since 2006 currently with Travelers Club 600. Have directed tournaments in Louisiana and

Florida and assisted in others across the country. Post tournament playoff results in ACC Challonge system on the ACC Facebook page. Achieved Master status March 2020 and named to Eastern Region All Star Team for 2019-20 season. Since 2018 I serve as registrar for ACC internet cribbage (150-200 new players signed up between March 2020 and the present). My main hobbies fit right in with this organization-traveling and cribbage. I have run for this position three times prior and am excited about this fourth run. I run this time with a little more experience and exposure than the last time, and my goals are keeping active tournament play alive, emphasizing safety and keeping the camaraderie intact. I promise to utilize my time and efforts to promote the ACC all times, stressing the game and the sportsmanship it teaches to all of us. Peg on!



Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV)—I joined the ACC in 2001 and was immediately hooked on the competitive nature. I can honestly say that the ACC has changed my life for the better with the countless friends I have made over

the years, and I now ask for your vote for the BOD so I can give back to others. I started Club 400 in Las Vegas in 2013. I have been a judge for about fifteen years and feel this is where I can serve best if elected. I have worked in the gaming industry (poker) for twenty-seven years. Most of the time it has been a managerial position. There are many similarities in the way rules are applied to poker and cribbage, and I feel I could help the Rules Committee with this background. This is my first attempt to run for the BOD but I have attended the last three meeting in Reno to see what is involved to see if I could help. I think I could be an asset and would appreciate your vote.



Vicki Soule (Woolwich ME)—I joined the ACC in 2002, after playing in a Grass Roots tournament. My first tournament was the famous New England Corned Beef and Cribbage in 2002. There were over 150 people there. I

got bit by the cribbage bug. Since then, I have been traveled throughout the country playing and meeting some of my best friends. I volunteer wherever needed. I ran a club in Topsham, until the state shut us down in 2007. I have directed the Medeiros Memorial since 2009. I have been

codirector multiple times. I assisted with the 2007 Grand National in Portland ME and was a codirector in North Conway NH Grand National in 2019. To increase membership, I would look to our social media pages and expand our presence. To reach younger audiences and grow, we need to be out where people can find us. The ACC has given me friends and experiences like no other, and I would like to be able to help others have that same experience. Thank you for your consideration.



Teri Murdy (Discovery Bay CA)—I'm a baby to the ACC compared to most of the members, joining November 2017. Once joining Club 54, I immediately felt a passion for the game and organization. I feel service is vital

to any organization in order to keep it going. Starting small at first, staying to help break down the playing room and handling the raffles at tournaments. Then becoming club statistician. Five weeks before the pandemic, I started Club 441. In those short weeks we had twelve new members with others inquiring. Covid shut it down until September 2021. In late 2019, I began creating Facebook groups for individual clubs. By designing flyers for that service, advertising on Facebook and emailing directors, I've set up several club's pages. In 2019, I started running ten to twelve non-ACC online tournaments a year. Recently, I marketed and led ACC's largest online tournament. I am a member of a private organization and have held the positions of secretary (three years), publicity (two years), and treasurer (five years). All transferable skills. I hope to receive your vote for the BOD so that I may continue to contribute to this wonderful organization! All for the love of the game!



Lana Newhouse (Neenah WI)—I have been a member of the ACC since 2005. I have earned my Master Award in tournament play and my Bronze in Grass Roots. I have directed and codirected tournaments in New En-

gland for the past ten years as well as a cluster of tournaments in my hometown right before Grand *continued on page 20*

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National 37 in Milwaukee WI. I am running for the BOD to honor David Campbell's legacy. I am not David and will never be able to fill his shoes, but I hope to carry on some of this ideas and goals, especially as it pertains to the ACC focusing on the needs of the players who join more for the social interaction and pure love of the games. I promise I will always try and do what is good for the ACC as a whole. Thank you for your consideration.



James Morrow (Sunnyside WA)—I am a current member of the BOD in my third term and am seeking reelection. ACC member since 1996, served on the BOD since 2015, I am serving on the Grass Roots Committee and In-

ternet Committee. I have been Club 156 director for twenty-one years. I direct or codirect as many as eight tournaments each year. I am a senior judge and have been the head judge of the JPW/ ACC Open and TOC in Reno for the last ten years. This year I became an online tournament director, and as part of the Internet Committee I was happy to help get online Saturday tournaments scheduled as well as coordinating new online tournaments. My goals are to continue to recruit players, to promote the ACC in all aspects, and to keep our game that we all love enjoyable, fun, and friendly. I will continue to be open minded while considering all information, to continue to make the most beneficial decisions for the ACC. Thank you for considering me when you vote.



Willie Evans (Kennewick WA)—I have been a member of the ACC since 1984 and am presently a BOD member and on the Ethics Committee. Along with my late wife, Joann, we started the first sanctioned ACC tournament in the

State of Washington. Prior to this tournament, the Washington State Championship was played in Oregon because cribbage was illegal in Washington State. We appeared before the Washington State Gambling Commission in 1985 and convinced them that cribbage tournaments were an activity that should be allowed. We were suc-

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cessful in our efforts and went on to run the Washington State Championship in the Tri City area for many years. We also started a club the same year. Club 39 is still active and, I believe, is the oldest club in the state. Since I retired in 2003, I have traveled extensively to many tournaments in all three regions. I have earned my Gold Award, my Life Master ($2 \star$), all after a mere thirty plus years of mediocre play. I want to continue to establish ways of retaining and increasing our membership. Please vote.



Ann Trotter (Green Bay WI):—ACC member since 1986 and currently the national Grass Roots Awards Administrator. I was founder and director of Club 61 until the death of my husband in 1989 made me a breadwinner and sin-

gle mom and I set my pegs aside. Four years ago, I retired from my project management job, picked up my pegs, and hit the tournament trail. I have traveled coast to coast in my RV, with "I Love Cribbage" signs, representing the ACC. In those four years, I've been my club champion twice, top ten in the Central Division twice, and made the All American team. I am a certified judge and have volunteered at several tournaments, assisting with crosschecking and tabulation. I am passionate about finding innovative ways to increase ACC membership and supporting youth cribbage. I created and donated the "Cribbage Goddess" quilt for raffle, raising several thousand dollars for youth cribbage. I feel my project manager skills and energetic attitude will help move the ACC forward and make the game fun for not only the ranked tournament players, but for casual players too. If elected, I will do my best to be your voice.

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Tammy Gibbons (Lansing MI)—I was welcomed into the ACC in 2008 and I've been full of gratitude ever since. The last year has been a challenge for all, and I know we're eager to get back to tournaments and Grass Roots competi-

tion. Two years ago when we asked for your consideration, I was in the Western Region. Life had some other plans and I'm now back in my birth state of Michigan. I'm a judge in good standing and have many years of experience as a TD in the west. I've run a club and am a current internet TD with eleven years of experience. In 2014 I had the privilege of being appointed internet commissioner; I am very proud of the things my internet team has accomplished, but my contributions will come in a different way as I've passed the internet commissioner baton to Sally Henderson (thank you Sally!). I've had plenty of roles, and I'd like a chance to continue to help the ACC as a BOD member for another term. Thank you so much for your support and friendship. Please vote, your voice is so important!



Laura Clark (Kinston WA)-during our time in the Hermiston OR area I learned more about cribbage from Denny Edwards, Bill Hill, and the rest of the gang. I learned how to run a tournament and ran several tourna-

ments over the years. I acted as club director for a few years, and became a judge during this time as well. These years were some of the best years of my life. In 2017 we moved to Washington State for medical reasons. Missing all my friends, I established Club 434 Bainbridge Island WA. I would love to help the ACC by running for BOD. I am asking for your vote and will perform my duties to the best of my abilities. I love going to Reno as I have several family members there as well as Sacramento. I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Grand Nationals!



Sandy Sands (Helena MT)—an ACC member since 1996, I am director of Club 25 and have directed several dozen tournaments since 2012. I participate in and support tournaments in all three regions. I frequently serve

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as a resource for those wanting to start a new Grass Roots club, contributing at tournaments; logistics, cross-checking, judging, or serving in any way I can to enhance cribbage play and the ACC. When the 2020 Grand National was postponed due to Covid-19. I played an instrumental role in coordinating the Northern Rockies Loop, AKA Grand National Plan B. As an organization. I believe we must adapt. be creative, and modernize if we want to attract and retain new and vounger members to keep the ACC thriving and growing. I'm adept at social media and platforms that attract the younger generation. Many people across the organization may have seen Challonge brackets that I have posted to the ACC Facebook page. This has been a welcome activity to provide information to a larger audience about tournament qualifiers and winners. I believe I bring fresh ideas and a lot of energy and would be honored to serve on the BOD.



Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI)—age 59, wife Linda, two children, five grandchildren. ACC member and tournament player for forty-one years. Twenty-six-year member of the BOD. ACC Hall of Fame member since 2012.

Former VP of Operations and past chairman of the Hall of Fame Voting Committee. Current National and Central Region Tournament Commissioner. Founder and director of Club 120 since 1990. Current member of the Ethics Committee and panel member of the Grand National Advisory Committee. Director of Grand National 16 (1997) and 25 (2006). Codirector of Grand National 37 (2018) and 40 (2022). Current codirector of the ACC Tournament of Champions in Reno NV. Current codirector of the Lake of the Torches tournament and the Deadwood Cluster. Senior judge in the Central Region. Attained Life Master (*) and Grass Roots Platinum level. Eleven-time club champion and winner of eleven sanctioned tournaments, including GN 16 and the JPW Open in 2009. Please consider this ACC veteran when voting, thank you.



Fred White (Kailua HI)— I'm seeking reelection to the BOD! I flew back to Hawaii from Sacramento on St. Patrick's Day 2020 (from the Redding-to-Topaz swing) and have been patiently biding my time to get back to running Club 110 and also to get back on the trail! Presently I am planning on being in Sacramento for the Grand National as things start to open up! I've directed tourneys in two regions annually for the last five or six years, and you'll find me helping in some capacity at the tourneys I attend! I have been the ACC archivist for longer than I can remember and am responsible for the scanning of all of the past issues of *Cribbage World* on the website. Please take the time to read the bios and vote for those whose best interest is of the ACC. Feel free to contact me and share your thoughts!



Richard (Frosty) Frost (Berlin WI)—married fifty-two years, three children, and ACC member for thirty years. Life Master ($2 \star$), judge, and senior judge. Director or codirector of several sanctioned tournaments. Achieved

Gold Award in Grass Roots play, and club champion in three different clubs multiple times. I do travel to all regions to play in tournaments. I represented the ACC membership by getting MRPs awarded to all players who qualified. I strongly support youth cribbage by paying for their registrations at the Reno cribbage tournaments and donating supplies to youth cribbage. I believe I bring a practical approach to problem solving and will make decisions based on what is important to the ACC and its members. As my fifth term comes to a close, I promise I will represent all ACC members as we move into the future. With your vote and continued support. I will be able to represent all ACC members and give back to the game I love and respect.



David Statz (Amherst MA)—I joined the ACC in 1998. I have achieved my Life Master (★) and earned my Silver Award in Grass Roots, club champion four times. I have directed two tournaments annually for the past elev-

en years and received the Eastern Region Outstanding Volunteer award in 2017. I became a certified judge in 2009 and was appointed a senior judge in 2018. Cribbage has blessed me with a network of friends across the country and introduced me to Mary Burlington, my partner in life and Canadian Doubles. I have always wanted to run for the BOD but had planned on doing so after I retired. However, after David Campbell's

passing, I felt that I needed to step up sooner rather than later. David's focus was on serving the concerns of the regular player and that is what I hope to bring to the BOD. I want to be responsive to the concerns of those members who enjoy their club and an occasional weekend tournament. I have reached out via phone conversations to those members in connection with our annual tournaments and would hope to expand on that approach on the BOD. Thank you for your consideration.



Kim Simmons (Salem OR)—an ACC member since 2000 and director of the Salem Classic tournament since 2011. I am seeking your vote for the BOD. I am an active member in Grass Roots, internet cribbage, and am ex-

cited to get back to playing in person. I love this game, and I love the people. I try to help at tournaments, and jump in wherever there is a need helping to crosscheck, clean up, be a judge, dole out cards, and of course hand out as many laughs and hugs as I can get away with. I can't boast big accolades or level in rank (although I do have one tournament win under my belt), but that's okay: I have plenty of time left to accomplish those pursuits since I recently started the next phase of life called retirement. I have more time to be involved with the ACC and would like to contribute my life and problem-solving skills as a member of the BOD. Thank you for your time!



Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)—I first joined the ACC at the World Championship Cribbage Tournament in Quincy CA in 1981. I have codirected as many as four tournaments a year and have assisted directors in: seating ar

rangements, serving as head judge, troubleshooting, avoiding snafus, crosschecking, and flyer design. I have played in nineteen states in three regions and enjoy the diversity of our lifestyles, religious and political beliefs, ethnicities, occupations, ages, and economic position. When the pandemic was raging last year, I questioned the Executive Committee's policy of mask wearing as a " personal choice," proposing an agenda item requiring mandatory mask wearing which was ultimately voted down 9 to 13. Due to my input, the new rulebook has a color-coordinated "table of actions" making it far easier for judges to find the right rule. This should not be a popularity contest or based on how many times one has been All American. I have had experience serving as president, vice president, and treasurer of other organizations. If you value my character, tournament experience, ability to articulate and frame issues, think critically, speak truth to power, and be accessible to all members, then I would appreciate your vote.



Jennifer Johnson (Morrisville NC)—I was appointed to the BOD in 2021 and am running to renew my seat. I am a relative newcomer to organized cribbage—having joined the ACC in 2016 though I've been playing

for more than forty years. I learned competition ropes in Club 58 in Raleigh, and since then, I've taken over directorship of the March Madness tournament and codirect the National Open Cribbage Tournament. At tournaments, I am always willing to help with anything a director may need. from running side pools to cross-checking cards to signing in players. Behind the scenes, I've written user guides for the Grass Roots website and am on the Grass Roots Committee. I'm the Eastern Region GRRT director and next year will also be the GRNT director. I've created advertisement copy for Cribbage World and redesigned the Grass Roots award certificates. I was a member of the ACC IT Committee and am now a member of the ACC Centralized Software Committee, I want to take my passion for the game, my will-do attitude, and my organizational and technical skills to help the larger ACC organization in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration!



Mark Soule (Woolwich ME)—I have had the pleasure of being your board member for the last four years and have attended all scheduled meetings. I am chairman of the Awards Committee and member of the Nominat-

ing and Hall of Fame Committees. I am the Eastern Tournament Commissioner. I have been an ACC member for seventeen years. I started playing cribbage at eight years old, taught by my grandmother and fell in love with the game. I am a certified judge and a senior judge. Ranked Life Master, I was Rookie of the Year in 2005. I received my Bronze Award in Grass Roots. I run two tourneys yearly in New England. Having trav-

eled around the country playing tournaments, I have made quite a few friends from coast to coast. One of the major issues the ACC has is declining membership. I would like to come up with ideas to promote the ACC to attract new members and advance our technology to attract members of all ages. If elected, I will be presenting these ideas for improvement. I will listen to all members and represent their ideas at meetings. It would be my pleasure to serve as a BOD member.



Rick Allen (Richmond VA)—I am running for reelection to the BOD and would sincerely appreciate your vote. I have been an ACC member since 1991 and am a Life Member. I am a judge, have directed the Virginia Cham-

pionship tournament for twenty-eight years, am the director of the Richmond Cribbage Club and have been club champion, have won twelve tournaments, have been recognized as an Outstanding ACC Volunteer in the Eastern Region, maintain the statistics for the Youth Master Point program, and have served as the ACC internet statistician. I have reached the level of Life Master, attained the Grass Roots Silver Award, and am an internet Life eMaster. I have played in tournaments in all three regions and have assisted with tournament operations, including cross-checking scorecards, judging, and tabulation, at several Grand Nationals, ACC Opens, and other sanctioned events. If reelected, I will continue to bring my experience and observations to BOD service to enhance the quality of our events, retain current members, increase our membership, and consider new and innovative ways to improve our organization. Thank you for your consideration.



John Hazlett (Grand Rapids MI)—my term is coming to a close. And I have decided to run for another. While the first year was a learning experience getting my feet wet and learning what it means to be a BOD member, the last

year has been quite different and, while not traveling, I have pushed myself to become more active. I have recently been given the opportunity to become the webmaster for the ACC website. I will endeavor to clean, update, and create new content for the site, while continuing to expand the project of moving to a single source for the ACC's records. It is not a task for an individual but calls for many of us looking forward to take on this challenge, in ideas and decisions. It starts with the BOD, and I hope to be a part of it. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.



Todd Schaefer (Oakdale MN)—I am running for the ACC BOD and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. I have loved playing cribbage for nearly my entire life and have been an ACC tournament participant since

1995. I am a current codirector of the Tournament of Champions in Reno NV. I have directed the Capital City Cribbage Tournament in St. Paul MN for over twenty years and the Cribbage Bowl in Reno for ten years. I served as director of Club 240 for thirteen years. I am a senior judge in the Central Region. I have been fortunate enough to attain my Life Master (*) rating, twice attaining All American. I have served several terms on the BOD beginning in September 1999, and I believe I have ably served our membership in many capacities since then. I have served on the Executive Committee and have served on the Ethics Committee for several years. If elected for another term, I will strive to help the ACC recover from an extremely challenging year. Thank you for your consideration. Please vote!



David O'Neil (Tucker GA)—it has been my honor and privilege to have served as a member of your BOD since 2012. I am once again soliciting your support for another twoyear term. In addition to serving as a BOD member

over the past ten years, I am a senior judge, have served as club director (fourteen years) and statistician (twenty-four years), have directed two Grand Nationals (2003 and 2013), and have been a Grass Roots Regional Commissioner since 2005. I am currently chair of the Rules Committee. Since joining the ACC in 1995, I have directed or codirected nearly seventy sanctioned tournaments. Your vote for an additional BOD term would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, and happy pegging.



Terry Weber (Madison WI)—member of Club 1 and an ACC member since 2007. I've earned my Life Master and am seven-time Central Region All Star and All American. I have fourteen ACC sanctioned tournament

wins and am also a senior judge. I have served on the Executive Committee the past six years. Also received the 2017 Central Region Volunteer of the Year Award. I am an ACC tournament director, having conducted thirty-two tournaments. Currently coordinating three tournaments a year. Directed Grand National 38 in Milwaukee WI in 2018. I originated the idea of the hybrid Q-pool that is now being used at a number of tournaments around the country, including the JPW/ ACC Open and the TOC in Reno. I would appreciate your vote for the BOD in order to help solve issues such as member retention and tournament attendance. Please vote for your BOD.



David Aiken (Coopersville MI)—cribbage promoter, whether sanctioned play (club director for fourteen years, director of 50+ ACC tourneys in nine states, BOD member for fourteen years) or nonsanctioned events (long matches,

Michigan All Star Tourney, Canadian Doubles) anything to get people playing the best card game ever invented. Thank you, Sir John Suckling!



Jason Hofbauer (Washougal WA) – I am chairperson of the Hall of Fame for the ACC, although it is some work, I enjoy doing it for the organization and helping get members into the hall. I have now served my first term on the BOD

and it was an honor serving for not only me but for the membership. I have been around the ACC for a long time (twenty-five+ years), in fact, since I was a boy watching my parents play. I met some of my best friends and traveled to many places because of the ACC. I would like to help take the ACC into the future and see it continue to grow. I have some ideas that could be beneficial to the organization. I am forty-two years old and work as a groundskeeper for a memorial property. I have codirected a tournament in Long Beach WA for seven years and assist at numerous other tournaments, including setup and tabulating committees in Reno. Please take the time to read through the bios of the other candidates running. they are taking time out of their everyday busy lives to want to run for the BOD of this wonderful organization. Thank you for your time.



Keith Widener (Clemmons NC)—many of you know me as I travel extensively across the country playing cribbage. Over the years I have voluntarily served as ACC VP of Policy and Ethics, been a member of and chaired

numerous committees, codirected several tournaments, and only missed one BOD meeting in fourteen years. As a charter member of the ACC, I have earned the Silver Award, Life Master ($2 \star$), and been All American four times. As a senior judge I strive to administer the rules in a fair and just manner. I don't think my college education as an engineer has anything to do with cribbage, but I am a logical thinker and am not afraid to think outside the box and introduce new ideas. I have already proven that I can work with members from every region for the good of the ACC, and I would very much appreciate your vote. For me, serving the ACC is strictly a labor of love. All y'all vote! And let's have fun!

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Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

This cribbage board was given to me by ACC member **Don Thienel** of Omaha NE. The board

came from an estate sale and was given to Don by a friend. Unfortunately the pegs and peg cover are missing. Also, we don't have any history on it.

I do know that it is carved from soapstone and has an Asian motif. The carving is done very nicely, but who-

ever drilled the holes needed a little more practice. After some research, I have determined it is Japanese. The two carved dragons have three toes, \clubsuit which indicates it came



from Japan. The Chinese also carve dragons, but their common dragon has four toes and their royal dragon has five toes.

Since this board came from an estate sale, my guess is that it was a souvenir from occupied Japan following WWII. I wish that everyone would write a little history on the bottom of their special boards. I don't mean that all of you with dozens of trophy boards need to do that, but



you must have a few that are very treasured and should carry some history with them.

Update—my January column had a story about Curtis Counter cribbage boards (check it out in the *Cribbage World* archives at cribbage.org). It turns out there was another brown/ cherry wood Curtis Counter board out there. ACC member Keith Dwyer has the same board. He sent his board to Terry Coons of the Cribbage Board Collectors Society, so she now has every version of Curtis Counter boards that we know of. I

told Terry that she is now the official Curator of the Curtis Counter Collection. (I am a fan of alliteration!)



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).

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GAME ON by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

Once you've taught a few sessions of cribbage and your students are beginning to grasp the game, it's always fun to begin your classes with what I call a "cribbage challenge." Some examples I put to them: (1) be the first person to show me an 18-point hand. (2) While pegging, the sequence goes A, 7, 2, 5, 6, 3, 4; How many points does each player get? (3) Is it possible to get a 23-point hand? Show me. This is a great warm up to get your students into a mindset ready to learn cribbage. You can also give a pop quiz. I have two of those ready to go in my teaching manual. If you haven't already got a manual, send your request to me at danthefan@yahoo.com.

Youth News

A moment of recognition for David Campbell and his dedication to youth cribbage before and during his tenure as ACC president. David supported the Youth Master Point System from the onset, always approved additional funding above the \$250 allocation for large youth tournaments, and asked many times what the ACC could do to further enhance youth involvement. When the Youth Grand National was held in Reno in 2019, he found his way into the tournament room and acknowledged the players and directors with enthusiasm. We will all miss him!

A huge thank you to cribbage board collector extraordinaire Jay Fulwider, who donated a box of more than twenty cribbage boards to youth cribbage. Thank you, Jay. If you have boards you would like to get into the hands of youth players, I'll gladly take them. I'll even pay for the postage. For more info, shoot me an email. Our sights are still set to host Youth Grand National 4 in Sac-

ramento in September. This will be a spectacular event with prizes beyond the kids' wildest dreams! More info to follow in early summer.

Teaching Manuals

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

- Kent Hanson (Glendora CA)
- Allison Segal (Phoenix AZ)
- Dawn Simmons (Grass Valley CA)

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

Internet Cribbage

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

Done—my new favorite word!

The entire "Play Online" (i.e., internet) section on the ACC website has been thoroughly updated; there are now twenty-seven links. Please take a closer look as some things have changed and new information has been added or updated. If you have never played online

ank	IRPs	name
1	851	Sam Sinram (IA503)
2	830	Peter Legendre (legend397)
3	826	Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
4	763	Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425)
5	760	Richard Shea (thirtyonefor14)
6	704	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)
7	683	Daniel Crete (dec)
8	676	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
9	675	Don Howard (GrumpyDopey3)
10	673	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)

internet.leaders

cribbage, links at the top detail "How to Join" ACC internet play, how to register your screen name, and when to play (click "Schedule"). There are ACC-sponsored tournaments every day of the week, except Friday.

In the left column list, there are several info links to help all players, including one on how to earn Internet Rating Points (IRPs). This category of awarded points is similar to GRPs and MRPs. Brand new links give detailed, step-by-step directions on how to register at both of our free host sites—eCribbage and Game Colony—and how to play on them and maneuver each site. Special thanks to Assistant Internet Commissioner **John Schafer** for being my personal webmaster to get all of my additions and revisions uploaded! Endless hours were spent on this project, and I couldn't have done it without him and his skill set. Thanks also to our brand new webmaster **John Hazlett** for polishing up the pages to make them look uniform.

Internet Player of the Month William MacMillan (WY00191L) @ 181 IRPs

> New eMaster (2,000 IRPs) Sandy Sands (now4sands) Lawrence Hatch (LarryO)

Internet Grand Slams Rick Baird (rickyticky2201) Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425) Pat Liegl (patco1950) William MacMillan (WY00191L) In addition, the ACC links in the eCribbage lobby have been updated with current information! You will find them on the top row of tabs, next to the "Tournament" tab. There are detailed explanations of both playing formats: best-of-three bracketed and Grass Roots-style nine-game. The others are direct info links to the ACC website. Thanks to **Damien Blond** for uploading my changes on his playing site for us.

Done!

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

<u>Grass Roots</u>

SEASON EXTENSION

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

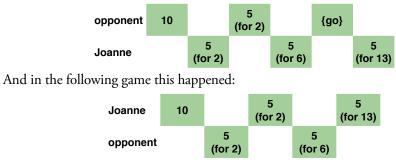
Questions? Contact Grass Roots commissioner Ivan Wells (grcommissioner@gmail.com or 505.600.5747).

Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI) has more than a few high-level players. Director **Patrick Barrett** at the Platinum Award level is at the top of that heap, and was closing in on a grand slam on March 25. The first eight games were a cruise; with three skunks and only one single-digit win, he was geared up for a powerful card. In game nine, Patrick's brother **Mike** sat across the board and proceeded to magically cut dream cards, skunking Patrick by 39 points! It didn't affect Patrick's first place, and pushed Mike into the money that night. Revenge came two weeks later, after Patrick got back from winning the Deadwood main. In game nine, Patrick needed the win for ratings points, Mike was just trying to win his fifth game of the night to save face.



Needing seven points to win, it looked like Mike's game, but not even a 5 cut helped him, losing in the stink hole. *Update:* the very next week, Patrick again lost his grand slam in game nine—this time by six holes to Lee Behrens.

Club 415 (Auburn WA)—on March 27, **Joanne Kicken** pegged a lot of points in consecutive games with 5s. The pegging in game 1 went like this:



After this pegging orgy, Joanne probably won't see a 5 for weeks!

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Grass Roots Corner—continued from page 29 Club 34 (Aurora CO) had a freaky occurrence on March 29. During a game between **Todd Hohn** and **Bruce Sweetman**, both players had a flush in their hand, which isn't all that unusual. However, when they turned over the crib, it also had a flush!

Club 336 (Merritt Island FL)—**Rhonda Perry** has our attention. In Division 4 she has nearly a 64% winning stat, and leads *all* Division 4 players so far. Wow!



GrassRootsAwards

SILVER

Carolyn Blackman (AZ), 600 Dennis R. Crooks (NV), 360 Bruce Denend (WA), 69 Steve Finnegan (MN), 240 Doug Holden (AK), 354 Ida Sanford (AK), 277 Mary Tegt (WI), 1 <u>BRONZE</u> Michael Gibson (FL), 22

Michael Gibson (FL), 22 Jimmy Jaynes (FL), 328 Marlin Lundwall (MI), 390 Debbie Stephens (ID), 202

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

David Paul Neifert

Club 306 (Eldorado Hills CA) remembers one of its most respected members. David Paul Neifert,



a club member since 2004, passed peacefully in his home on December 3, just days after his eight-sixth birthday. Dave will be remembered as one of the club's toughest beats. A lifelong player of the game, Dave first learned to play in the Navy (1952–56) and never stopped. Recognized as

a "pure cribbage player," some of Dave's most notable accomplishments were Silver status in 2019, club champion in 2007/8 (one of his proudest achievements), TOWW champ in 2011/12, a 29-hand in 2007, 28-hands in 2015 and 2020 just days before clubs shut down due to Covid, a grand slam in 2014, and the illustrious string of pearls in 2015. Dave leaves behind his loving wife of forty years, Marge, and a long list of loving family and friends.

Leroy Schecher

Leroy Schecher (Rapid City SD) should be included in the Greatest Generation. He was born on a farm near Bison SD in 1931 and passed away at home in Rapid City on March 27. Leroy had reached Bronze and enjoyed tournaments in Cheyenne, Denver, and Reno. He was a numbers man, historian, and fundraiser. He sold thousands of baseball playoff books for the Morning Optimist. In 1952 a hailstorm destroyed their crops, and he started work at Grand Electric Co-op. In 1961 he was GM and retired in 1984. In 1986 he went to work as GM of the Minnesota Valley Coop and retired again in 1996. Leroy was inducted to the South Dakota Co-op Hall of Fame in 2007. Over the years he owned several airplanes and logged 4,200 hours. The Lone Tree farm is still in good hands with his son and grandson. The Good Lord now has a Good Man and will probably keep him busy if he's not fishing or playing cribbage. For sure, he'll be missed by family and friends.

January 24, 1848, was literally a groundbreaking date in history. In the foothills east of Sacramento CA, James Marshall discovered gold. The Gold Rush was on, peaking in 1849 with thousands of "49ers" traveling from all over to seek their fortune.

Flash forward 173+ years—to Rush for the Gold at Grand National 39 in Sacramento! Fourteen cribbage events are planned over the course of six days, kicking off on Tuesday evening. Sanctioned events feature the 49ers Stampede Midweek and GN 39. The Grass Roots TOC, to which club champions from the past three Grass Roots seasons will be invited, will be on Thursday evening. Don't miss the Golden Gala Awards Banquet on Saturday. Entry forms are available on the

ACC website, or visit the GN 39 website at acccribbage.wixsite.com/ cribbage-gn-39 for more info.

Rates at the beautiful Doubletree by Hilton are \$119 per night plus tax, dou-

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Introduction to Organized Cribbage

Cribbage Tips for the Novice and the Expert

by Norm Nikodym

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Tickets for the Progressive Raffle may be purchased until the final drawing, which will be held on June 27 in Reno. The grand prize is free entry to GN 39, two nights at the Doubletree, dinner for two, and a \$250 Visa Card. Proceeds will help offset expenses for the GN, thus enhancing the prize fund.

Join the "Rush for the Gold" in Sacramento in September!

> —by Jeanne Jelke, GN 39 director

7SANCTIONED Tournaments MRPs

WTHFS

as of April 13

	W	lestern Region		C	Central Region	al Region Eastern Region		
MRPs name		MRPs name			MRPs name			
1	633	Dave Yaeger	1	530	Doug Page	1	496	Keith Widener
2	500	Erik Locke	2	501	Ann Trotter	2	395	Robert Medeiros
3	381	Sandy Sands	3	421	Jeff Shimp	3	322	Donna LaFleur
4	366	Bryan Gurden	4	367	Patrick Barrett	4	201	Henry Douglass
5	344	Bob Bartosh	4	367	Wayne Steinmetz	5	185	Mike Fetchel
6	340	Laurie Logan	6	343	David Aiello	6	170	David Campbell
7	247	Troy Thorson	7	339	Daniel Pluff	7	167	Pat Llewellyn
8	235	Gordy Wise	8	338	Kevin Harris	8	163	Jacob French
9	204	Dennis Morin	9	334	James McCarty	9	155	Phil Martin
10	202	Carole Herron	9	334	Richard Frost	10	152	Charlene Cohen
11	198	Cy Madrone	11	309	Terry Weber	11	136	Barry Spadea
12	173	Matt Padrow	12	288	Henry Brandner	12	129	Rick Allen
13	169	Ronald Logan	13	274	Robert Chase	13	105	Robert Baker
14	166	Dale Weilep	14	273	Dennis Koehler	13	105	Albert Miller
14	166	Wayne Momsen	15	249	Laura Johnson	15	102	Richard West

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Mick Michaelis Classic: \$264 to DAV



Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Rick Shea	Patrick Barrett	Mark Soule
707.599.4605	715.323.5027	207.442.9001
31for14@gmail.com	gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	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.

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

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV

March 4-6, 2022

March 3–5, 2023

WI ♦ May 7–9, Peg for Pink

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

WA May 14–16, Washington State Open

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

WI ♦ May 14–16, Cribbage Weekend in America Mad Apple/Clarion Inn, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

WI + May 28–30, Brat Stop Open

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

ID • May 28–30, North Idaho Open

Coeur d'Alene Casino, 37914 S Nukwalqw, Worley ID 83876. TD: Kevin Mansfield (208.518.8898) & Carl Vennes

CA + May 29, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

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

CA May 30, Trailer Park Trash Tournament

Private Home, 242 Bluebird Ln, Oceanside CA 92057. TD: Carol Williams (760.525.2945) & Don Brown

MT MONTANA SPRING ROUNDUP

June 1–3, Montana Capital City

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

June 4–6, Montana Championship

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

June 8–10, Copper City Classic

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

June 11–13, Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 320 N Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Bob Stone

Springhill Suites, 2000 NW Courtyard Cir, Port St Lucie FL 34986. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Esther Rolfe

WI + June 4–6, America's Dairyland

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Ellen Kutz (414.940.7375) & Terry Weber

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

go to cribbage.org for more tournament details

NH + June 13, Granite State Classic

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

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NV + RAMPART DOUBLEHEADER

JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145

June 17–18, Rampart Casino Midweek TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809) & James Milkowski

June 18–20, Rampart Casino Open TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & James Milkowski

WI + June 18–20, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

AK + June 19, Midnight Sun ACC Open

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

NV June 25–27, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.444.3161)

NV ◆ June 21–23, Carson City Summer Classic Plaza Hotel & Event Center, 801 South Carson St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NV ◆ June 23–25, 2021 Topaz Summer Tourney Topaz Lodge, Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89410. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Cynthia Wark

NH + June 27, Live Free or Die

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

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

NE Aug. 1, Nebraska One-Day Starter

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

CT + Aug. 1, Patriot Kickoff

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

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 Fanucchi

NE • Oct. 1–3, Cornhusker Classic

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

OR • Oct. 1–3, Oregon Championship Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Debra Lucas

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

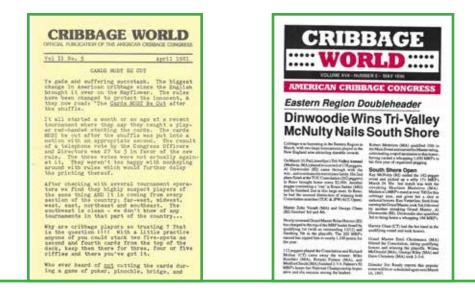
Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367

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





40 Years Ago

With the words "ye gads and suffering succotash," a major rule change was announced forth years ago: "The <u>Cards</u> <u>MUST Be Cut</u> after the shuffle." This rule was instituted in response to card mechanics who were manipulating the cards to their advantage, but it only made sense—and still does. If prizes and points are on the line, there is no room in our organization for card sharps.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced results of two Massachusetts events: Tri-Valley Tourney (Medway) and South Shore Open (South Attleboro), where we read the names of many former and current players. Elsewhere we read that **Jeanne Hofbauer** (WA) won the 130-player Timber Capital Classic and earned the ACC's 61st Grand Master award and that the late great **Joe Bernard** (IL) won the 138-player Warren Swett Memorial and earned the ACC's 5th Life Master (*).



Arizona

Charlie Smith (Sun City) California

Bruce Loberg (Fair Oaks) Daniel Parrish (Fair Oaks)

Colorado

Matthew Farr (Centennial)

Connecticut

Thomas M. Williams (Darien)

Florida

Patricia Simon (Boca Raton) Massachusetts

Jeff Angelides (Westford) Michael Doherty (Raynham) Sue Makowski (Uxbridge) *Michigan*

Karen Cabras (Kalamazoo)

Kay Johnson (Bark River) Matt Miller (Paw Paw) Michael Nangle (Kalamazoo) Dave Young (Gladstone)

Minnesota

John Guse (Lindstrom) William Murphy (White Bear Lake) Jeff Robotnik (Golden Valley)

Montana

Deb Grimm (Helena) David G. Jansma (Laurel) Kevin W. Mays (Butte) New Jersey Julie Crawford (Chester) Elizabeth Pizza (Clinton) Oklahoma Kurt Murphy (Oklahoma City) Texas David B. Sprague (Houston) Washington Michael Snell (East Wenatchee) Wisconsin Jon Apelgren (Mukwonago) Allan Martens (Green Bay) Pete Wilbur (New Berlin)

