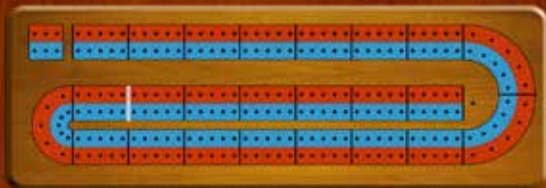


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Happy Birthday in November!

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80—**Spiro Lambros** (CA)

60—**Jay Waldschmidt** (WI)

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My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Living a life of regrets is not only pointless (do you know anyone with a time machine who can go back and change history?) but also a waste of time, especially because there are so many productive and rewarding things to fill one's life with. As Édith Piaf so beautifully sings: "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien."

Despite this, there are some things that I genuinely wish I would've had a chance to do. For example, spending more time with certain people. **Jerry Gruber** falls into this category.

I've known Jerry for close to twenty years, but since we lived 600 miles apart, we basically saw each other only a few times a year—at Reno and a few Wisconsin tourneys midway between our homes.

To the best of my recollection, Jerry and I met only three times in playoffs. Last year I finally managed to win a match against him in Appleton, but before that he had gruberized me twice in playoff finals: the 2013 Green Bay consy and the 2016 Wisconsin Rapids main.

There is a long list of people who have beaten me in playoff finals, but Jerry is the only player to have done it twice. The problem is, even when you get thoroughly outplayed and outcut by Jerry—the very definition of being gruberized—it was

hard to hold a grudge against him, what with that wry smile as he demurred that he got better cards.

When I heard that Jerry was dying, I made a pilgrimage to his home to pay my respects and say good-bye. This revealed a side of Jerry that I hadn't known previously.

His immediate and extended family—sisters Jan, Diane, and Jill plus more nieces than I could keep track of (thanks, Pam, for a ride back to the airport)—were some of the nicest people I've ever met, and they immediately pulled me into the family conclave. They regaled me with stories of Butch's youth. (Yes, that Jerry's nickname among family members; sure wish I'd've known that during our playoff matches!)

He was very proud of his heritage (as his "Padua" license plate proved), attended a one-room school, excelled in softball and golf, worked at Ford Motor Company until retirement in 2011, and after retirement volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis.

As others write elsewhere in this magazine (see page 14), Jerry was a great card player (cribbage and ten-card gin being only two of his specialties), but more importantly he was a superb human. RIP, my friend. **CW**

CW Contest

Cribbage World apologizes that the results of the latest CW Contest are still not tabulated. Stay tuned for results.

Your Deal



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Odds Beaten to Death

Playing at my Grass Roots Club 62 in Roseburg OR recently, I dealt my opponent, **Paul Wikstrom**, four 5s and he cut a ten card for 28. I moved on to the seat he occupied, held three 5s with a ten card, and my opponent, **Ray Burns**, cut me the case 5 for 28! Same seat, same deck. Maybe someone could tell me what the odds

are against that.

John Galbreath (Cottage Grove OR)

Reno

Watching *Property Brothers*, episode “Brothers Helping Brothers”: one of the guys says something about a game room and one of the brothers says: “Do you play cribbage?” Maybe they do.

Paul Barnes (Ormond Beach FL)

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



One of my greatest joys playing ACC tournaments is seeing young players come onto the scene and trying to gauge their future potential as players.

About ten years ago in Raleigh I met a young man from Texas at the Friday night satellite event; we played in game 1 or 2 and hit it off pretty well. He asked some insightful questions and played a decent game. I told him if he played tournaments consistently for the next five years he would be an All Star player. Little did I know that **Jason Matheny** would win the Grand National four years later! An accomplishment I'm still aspiring to do.

Last month at the Daniel Webster Open I met a twelve-year-old girl named **Caitlin Cunningham**. I didn't get to play her during qualifying, but I watched her play a game at lunch and was very impressed with her skill level. Her grandfather, who took her to the tournament, asked me if I wanted to play her, and I said it would be my pleasure. During the game I learned of her love of Canadian Doubles—which warmed my heart—and I asked if she would be my partner at a future CD event. Caitlin then said, “Rob you are the coolest guy I've ever met.” Well, she actually didn't, but she might have been thinking it! My good friend **Billy Cormier** was there and I told him Caitlin was already better than he was!

So all New England players remember the name Caitlin Cunningham—she could be a future Grand National champion!

Contact Rob at mrob2199@aol.com if you have a cribbage case for him to solve.

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Northeast Peer (Brookline NH; Aug. 9)	Donald Janelle	54 players HQ. Phil Martin (50) 1. Phil Martin (105) 2. Mike Fetchel (70) 3. Donald Janelle (42) 3. David Flaherty (42)	32 players HQ. Scott Johnson (21) 1. Keith Widener (40) 2. Carl Deyette (24) 3. Mary Burlington (12) 3. Patrick Robrecht (12)	28-hand: Keith Widener*	
Territorial Prison Classic (Deer Lodge MT; Sep. 1-3)	Jeff Johnson	44 players HQ. Ann Trotter (35) 1. Dave Yaeger (105) 2. Sandy Sands (70) 3. Leroy Mill (42) 3. Dennis Morin (42)	30 players HQ. Kristy Haught (15) 1. Kristy Haught (40) 2. Walter Conell (24) 3. Bob Stone (12) 3. Dana McClain (12)	28-hand: Wayne Momsen*	Early Bird: Dave Yaeger Tuesday Canadian Doubles: Kristy Haught & Esther Rolfe Wednesday Canadian Doubles: Dana McClain & Richard Rudio
Montana Capital Classic (Helena MT; Sep. 4-6)	Sandy Sands & Roger McGlenn	40 players HQ. Dave Yaeger (45) 1. Dennis Morin (105) 2. Rex Paddock (70) 3. Charlene Cohen (42) 3. Larry Holman (42)	22 players HQ. Esther Rolfe (15) 1. Terry Higgins (40) 2. Esther Rolfe (24) 3. Sandy Sands (12) 3. Kathy Thompson (12)	28-hand: Robert Russ*	Early Bird: Robert Veach Friday Canadian Doubles: Kristy Haught & Esther Rolfe Saturday Canadian Doubles: Keith & Leshia Widener
Daniel Webster Open (Brookline NH; Sep. 13)	Henry & Paula Bergerson	70 players HQ. David Campbell (35) 1. Robert Medeiros (147) 2. Barry Spadea (105) 3. Donna LaFleur (70) 3. Guy Spezzafiero (70)	28 players HQ. Steven Braley (21) 1. Ann Brendle (40) 2. James Edgar (24) 3. Steven Braley (12) 3. Richard Nourse (12)	28-hand: Barry Spadea*	
Gem State Classic (Boise ID; Sep. 18-20)	Laurie & Ron Logan	74 players HQ. Cy Madrone (55) 1. Gordy Wise (147) 2. Ronald Logan (105) 3. Joe Gates (70) 3. Cy Madrone (70)	57 players HQ. Clay Collier (18) 1. Clay Collier (60) 2. Doug Page (40) 3. Kevin Mansfield (24) 3. Bryan Gurden (24)	28-hands: Patrick Healey* Dave Yaeger*	Early Bird: Betty Brumley Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & Ann Trotter

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Montana Championship (Missoula MT; Sep. 23-24)	Sandy Sands & Rex Paddock	61 players HQ. Pamela Pomeroy (70) 1. Laurie Logan (105) 2. Patrick Healey (70) 3. Gordy Wise (42) 3. Steve Hastie (42)	40 players HQ. Gary Pinkley (18) 1. Dave Yaeger (60) 2. Mary Gates (40) 3. Kevin Harris (24) 3. David Aiken (24)	28-hands: Robert Russ* David Aiken* Ann Trotter*	Early Bird: Todd Malmgren Tuesday Canadian Doubles: Sandy Sands & Kevin Mansfield Wednesday Canadian Doubles: Michelle Barthelmess & James Morrow
North Idaho Open (Hayden ID; Sep. 25-27)	Kevin Mansfield	68 players HQ. Henry Brandner (50) 1. Doug Page (147) 2. Erik Locke (105) 3. Cathy Carter (70) 3. Laurie Logan (70)	42 players HQ. Gordy Wise (12) 1. Wayne Momsen (60) 2. Alice Souza (40) 3. Gordy Wise (24) 3. Pat Reynolds (24)	28-hands: Kevin Harris* Dave Yaeger* Ernie Barnett*	Early Bird: Rick Baird Canadian Doubles: Gordy Wise & Joanne Randolph Saturday: Ivan Wells

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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.

WEBMASTER

Main task—maintaining, updating, and developing the ACC's website (cribbage.org). The webmaster will be responsible for these tasks:

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- designing and maintaining the web pages
- promoting the ACC website to increase prominence
- updating cribbage statistics

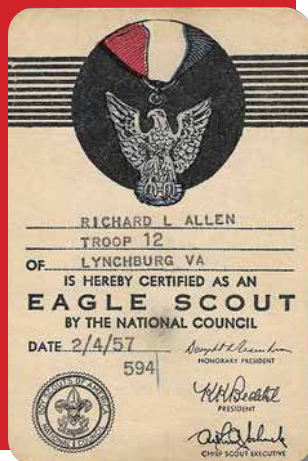
A full description of the webmaster's tasks may be found in the ACC Policy Manual, chapter 4 §VI.

If you are qualified for either position, please send email to ACC president David Campbell at acccribbage@aol.com.

MISSING EAGLE

The photo of Eagle Scouts in the October *Cribbage World* was missing Rick Allen (Richmond VA), who also attended the North Conway NH tripleheader in July. Not only was Rick most definitely

at the tourney (he finished second in the main), but he still carries his Eagle Scout card with him. Note the date on the card: Rick earned this award at thirteen years of age. He would've got it sooner except for an encounter with a Buick while on his way to school on his bicycle in February 1956!



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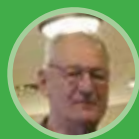


How NOT to Wear a Mask—Canine Version



The Magedanz Chronicles

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



Urban Cribbage I recently saw the term *urbanize* and it brought back memories of playing the Grass Roots club that **Don Urban** ran in Kenosha WI. Once, when holding the high poker hand of four Kings, I need my points so I toss a pair of Aces to Don's crib and proceed to cut an Ace. Don's eyes light up when I tell him what I threw. He has four Aces and knocks out my four Kings. On another occasion I "urbanized" Don. I'm holding 5-5-5 and the off-suit Jack. Don says, "It sure would be nice if you cut a 5." Careful what you wish for. I cut the case 5 for my one and only 29-hand. I wonder how Don is doing at organizing a Grass Roots club at his new home in North Carolina?

More Merry Players **Erik ("Easy Win") Locke** has booked his flight for the November 13-15 Black River Falls tournament! He said something about beating

up on **Wayne Steinmetz** and taking back his five in my pocke(t). He must be taking me up on my offer to come back anytime. Erik was ecstatic when I told him the casino is only six miles away. Erik is a good salesman, as he has talked **Ray Klocko** and **Bryan Gurden** of Nevada and **Mike McDaniel** (Eugene OR) into attending. The more the merrier. **Dan Taylor** was going to play chauffeur, but the West Coast Boys didn't want to ride in the bed of Dan's pickup truck for two hours!

Wilver Award My editor, **Dave Aiken**, always tosses me under the bus, and I usually have it coming. My turn! On page 27 of the October CW is a new Grass Roots award called the Wilver. How many points do you need for a Wilver?

Note from the bus driver: it takes fifteen hundred points to earn Wilver! **CW**



Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
(Internet Commish)

Hi internet players! Some of you have already “met” me as TD SallyAnn3 on eCribbage. My name is **Sally Henderson**, and I am the new internet commissioner. I’d like to inform you about some changes and updates.

I am posting results on the ACC Facebook page from the four eCribbage and two Game Colony tournaments held each week. In addition, I started an ACC info thread on the “wall” at eCribbage. Another change involves certificates for 28s, 29s, and grand slams in internet tourneys. Our first certificate for a 29-hand was just awarded to **Jim Gear**—congrats! An important change involves a “three strikes and you’re out” policy. Ethics and conduct are detailed at **cribbage.org/NewSite/internet/rules.asp**. It is each player’s responsibility to read the rules being run to keep up with new info. Assistant commissioner **John Schafer** and I are in the process of updating the “Play Online” section on cribbage.org. I also revised the welcome letter that newly registered ACC players receive.

We are fortunate to have volunteers to help the internet program run smoothly. **Kevin Harris** continues as registrar. We are thrilled to welcome to the team **Adam Switzer** as statistician. I can’t thank the fourteen ACC TDs enough for giving us their time and talent to run our tournaments for you, and to both eCribbage and Game Colony for allowing us dedicated times and reserved space to hold ACC tournaments on their sites. Good luck and good cards, but mostly—*enjoy!*

Feel free to email me at **accjudgetest@gmail.com**. I hope to see you soon!



internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	261	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
2	260	Daniel Crete (dec)
3	249	Sam Sinram (IA503)
4	244	Les Kvien (Les K)
5	225	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
6T	215	Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425)
6T	210	Ed Bloom (heliumman)
8	207	Kristy Haught (NC494)
9	200	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)
10	195	George Lanning (GeorgeLanning)

September Player of the Month
Mike Fetchel (mfetchCT425) @ 194 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Meg Maenpaa (megaclarinets)

Paul Batterson (ct31)

Internet 29-hands

Jim Gear (Cheyenne WY)

Cribbage Lane Challenge

Chuck Althoff (Paradise CA) and **Suzi Muller** (Chico CA) have been fortunate in that they have been able to travel this year. During one of their peregrinations, they looked up Cribbage Circle in Wakefield KS. On the same trip, they also played a game of cribbage on the north rim of the Grand Canyon. ↓

And then there were two: Texas and Prince Edward Island. Go forth and geo-navigate!

city/state	models
Houston TX	
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✓ Oroville CA	Nina Plowman
Prince Edward Island	
✓ San Marcos CA	Joe Schuck
✓ Silver Spring MD	June Fordham
✓ Wakefield KS	Chuck Althoff & Suzi Muller

Tune in next month to see the next phase in Chuck and Suzi's excellent adventure.



GERALD LEONARD GRUBER

1944–2020

(Padua MN – Minneapolis MN)

ACC Hall of Fame member

Life Master (3★)

22,213 MRPs (#15 lifetime)

32 tournament wins (#22 lifetime)

5,068 GRPs (#34 lifetime)

I'd like to think we all learned a lot from Jerry. Cribbage? Anyone who watched Jerry play obtained a wealth of cribbage knowledge and strategy. No surprise, considering Jerry finished his career with

over 22,000 MRPs, thirty-two tournament victories, a Gold Award in Grass Roots competition, and of course a spot in the ACC Hall of Fame. In addition to Jerry's extremely impressive performance

on the Tournament Trail, they also saw dedication to directing tournaments, attending tournaments, and helping other tournaments function (side pool anyone?). They also learned true sportsmanship. Many times, Jerry would lose a tough game and walk away with a smile on his face, despite the outcome. I cannot count the times I personally saw Jerry help a less experienced player with strategy and etiquette. I think it's safe to say that the entire ACC will miss a kind, respectful man.

—Todd Schaefer



To quote what Jerry said the last time we visited: "I had a good run." His enshrinement into the Cribbage Hall of Fame topped off forty years of contributions he made to the ACC. I had the opportunity to travel with Jerry from coast to coast playing cribbage, but more importantly sharing experiences and calling him a friend. I have been gruberized too many times to mention, always with that smile. When he lost it was the same reaction, but mix in the red face and his honest graciousness. I was honored that even in his last days, he called to check in and just visit. His family was by his side in hospice care at his home. They were such wonderful hosts and truly celebrated him. There was a parade of friends he shared his life with to the end. There will never be another Gruber.

—**Bob Joslin**

Jerry has been a friend for years, many games of cribbage and gin and Saturday night dinners. He was known for standing for hours on the mezzanine in Reno collecting for side pools. As years went by, more and more people got in his pools that he had to get help and upgraded to table and chairs. He was humble, quiet, never said anything bad about anyone. He was amazed at the number of people who came to visit and called after he came home from the hospital—never realizing he was one of the most liked and respected guys around.

—**Marlene Lazachek**

Many cribbage players know what it is like to be gruberized. This is the one I remember most. Jerry and Brett Brunner were playing the last game of Grass Roots season, and the winner would be crowned club champion. Jerry had several club championships under his belt;

Brett had none, so I was pulling for Brett. They are on fourth street and Brett was in great position. Jerry was 23 holes out with first count. He holds 4-5-5-6 and cuts a 5 for 23 points. Game over. I was lucky enough to be a part of Jerry's crew driving around the Central Region. On these trips we knew we would not be going hungry. Jerry knew all the restaurants along the way, usually in a small town with a family cafe. If he didn't like their desserts, we would be stopping at Dairy Queen. Club 240 will never be the same. We got to see Jerry every week! He will be missed from Club 240 and from coast to coast.

—**Dan Pluff**



Jerry was like the brother I never had. We traveled together to many tournaments in the Midwest for years. He was always a gentleman and willing to help at any tournament. Many years ago we played at Burnsville MN, and I pegged a five-point run. He said he didn't think it was there, but I thought it was. We finished the game and he moved to the next opponent. On

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the second hand of that game he looked at me and said, “That run was not there”; and I said “I know”—although I didn’t realize it until after the next hand. We had many laughs over the years about that. His final words were. “I was dealt a hand I couldn’t play.” He is a huge loss. He is missed very much but I guess they take the best first.

—**Joan Rein**

I joined the ACC family in 1985. As with all families, losing a member is difficult. Jerry’s passing hit me especially hard. When the word got out that Jerry was sick, Valerie and I sent a card wishing him a speedy recovery and that I hoped to see him in Reno in March. A short time later Jerry called. He sounded great, his voice was strong. I said “Jerry, thanks for calling. How are you doing?” He responded, “Not good. And I’m calling to say goodbye.” I will be eighty years old shortly, and the call was something I had never experienced before. I told him not to give up and that we would get together in Reno. He told me that would not happen. He said, “You have been a good friend and I wanted to call.” I told him I loved him and he said he loved me too. After we hung up, I lost it. I know Jerry made other calls to other friends with similar messages. The strength and courage to make contact with friends tells a lot about his character. Jerry will be missed big time. Rest in peace, old friend.

—**Willie Evans**

A toast to the memory of Jerry. Jerry was truly one of a kind. A big part of going to tournaments was his company and competition. I played him many games of cribbage in tournaments and probably a thousand games of gin over the years

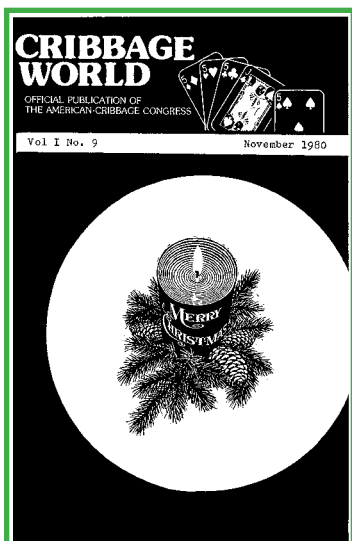
and can attest that he was equally tough and wily at both games. RIP my friend.

—**Don Flesch**



Minnesota has lost its cribbage icon. When I first joined the ACC, Jerry was one of the first players I got to know. We became friends from day one. I enjoyed my matches with Jerry. He was an excellent player and win/lose *his attitude was the same*. He played the game the way it should be played—with *good sportsmanship*. He was a good ambassador for the game of cribbage. He had a knack for coming from behind to beat you, or as we referred to it, you had been *gruberized*. In November of last year I experienced my first 29-hand against, you guessed it, Mr. Gruber. I guess in the future I’ll always think of my friend when someone gets a 29-hand. I can’t imagine cribbage without Jerry. He will definitely be missed. Rest in peace, my friend!

—**Rod Mandler**



40 Years Ago

The very first listing of the All American Team was printed, and early ACC promoter **Arnold Crews** (Jacksonville FL) was at the top of the list; Arnold would finish the year as national champion. ACC membership passed the 700 mark for the first time; the top four states were Connecticut (176 members), Wisconsin (104), Massachusetts (78), and Florida (56).

25 Years Ago

Longtime ACC member **Louis Caccia** (Newtonville MA) won the Grand National main, played in Plymouth MA and directed by **George Bickford** (West Springfield MA) and **James Ready** (Stoughton MA). **Henry Douglass** (Reidsville NC) took second, **Scott Kooistra** (then of Champlin MN, now of Yankton SD) was third (note: this tourney included a playoff for third/fourth). Elsewhere we read that **Lee Chambers** (then of Corvallis OR, now of Albany OR) won the 206-player Longest Beach Classic on his birthday!

Never Give Up

by Doug Page (Oostburg WI)

Years ago in the Green Bay Grass Roots club, I was playing a lady by the name of **Edith Bunker**. (Well, actually her name was **Eileen Bunker**, but I called her Edith to tease her.) She was in the dead hole, and I was dealing from 19 out. I dealt her a blank hand, and she pegged nothing. I pegged two and had a 6-hand and a 10-crib. I won the game when I got a gon on the next deal.

Never give up!

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


Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

The cribbage board featured this month was a gift to *Cribbage World* editor **David Aiken**. The board has an interesting history that I will get into after Dave tells us about receiving this gift. The ball is in your court, Dave.

[Dave's words] What have I missed most during the Covid-19 quarantine? You might expect the editor of *Cribbage World* to say the #1 thing he misses is playing cribbage. But, truth be told, the main thing I miss is seeing cribbage friends. Most of us learned years ago that we attend club and go to weekend tournaments not because—gasp!—we get to play cribbage but rather to see our friends.

On the first day of the North Conway cluster in New Hampshire in late July, before I had played a single game of cribbage, I and my traveling companion met up with a group of long-unseen New England friends for lunch at a local watering hole, the Muddy Moose. After Covid-induced fist-bumps, almost the first thing that my good buddy **Jerry Hardy** (Topsham ME) said to me was: "I have a cribbage board for you!"



A couple hours later, as we made our way to our cars, Jerry handed me this beautiful/gorgeous/unique (pick one—or all three) board.  A work buddy had given it to him, and Jerry passed it along to me for my board collection.

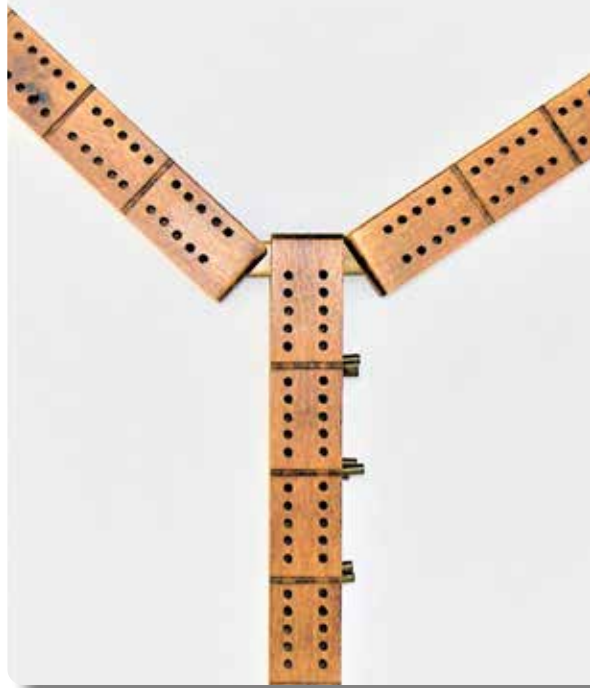
Jay will fill in the details about this board, but I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to Jerry and that I miss seeing him and my other Muddy Moose lunchmates: **Laurie Hardy, Mary Burlington, David Statz, and Jeff Shimp.**

[Now back to Jay] Dave's board is known as "the Liberty" cribbage board. It was manufactured by Marketing Services of Maine Inc., based in Yarmouth ME. The first photo is the Liberty board as it comes out of the box. The second photo (top of next page) shows how the board unfolds to accommodate three players. This board was sold during the 1970s and '80s. I got this board, box, and instructions from the collection



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).

of Bette Bemis. In last month's column I mentioned that Bette was the founder of the Cribbage Board Collectors Society (CBCS) and also the author of *Cribbage Boards, 1863–1998*. In addition, she ran a business, "Bette's Cribb," selling cribbage novelties and boards. In the box with this board I found one of Bette's paper order forms advertising this board. The description says the Liberty board is "a reproduction of a unique colonial 3-way cribbage board found in Maine." The board was handmade and originally given only to family and friends.



It turns out that another earlier version of this board was made by Westcraft of Berwick ME. The earlier version was patented on 12/09/1947 with Pat. No. 2,432,167. I have only seen a photo of the Westcraft board. The only difference I can discern is that the three track ends are much more rounded (streamlined) than the Liberty board.



ACC member **Peter Gribbin** (Portland ME) sent me information ten years ago about a similar board called "The Sparhawk Cribbage Board," made by Old Sparhawk Mills in South Portland ME. I have not been able to contact Pete for more information. Does anybody out there know more about the Sparhawk board?

Now for photo #3. ◀ This board was given to me by ACC member **Lee Norris** (Kingstown RI). I spoke with him in September. He made boards, but doesn't remember making this specific board.

He said he doesn't recall using the brass pins and hinge. The board is definitely handcrafted. The brass pins appear to be quite old. So, this version of the board is a mystery. Hopefully, one of our ACC members or CBCS members can shed some light on this. CW

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

It is important not to prematurely overwhelm your students with too many advanced strategies, or specific rules such as it is a penalty to look at the bottom card in the deck when you cut the starter card, or touching your opponents' pegs. As a teacher of the game, you just want to be sure that your students grasp the basic concepts of the game and have fun as they learn cribbage. Too much too quickly will turn cribbage into a game that is perceived as complicated to learn, and interest will waiver. So, when is a good time to take your lessons to the next level? Once I see kids make "reasonable" discard and pegging decisions, done in a manner that allows a game to be played in 20–30 minutes, they are ready to be groomed for youth tournament and/or Grass Roots play. Now is the time to discuss things such as false claim of game, looking at the bottom card while cutting, and so on. It is also time to teach them about paying attention to their own game and not helping or commenting on the game being played next to them. Lastly, this is when I teach board position strategies and how to close a game on fourth street.

Youth News

A special thank you to **Doc and Sandy Nyhart** (Bandon OR) for donating several pairs of lighthouse pegs (enough to give all participants in the 2021 Sierra Youth Tournament a free set). They also had some terrific ideas for some added incentives during play, and sent me the necessary props to do so. Very grateful! Lastly, Sandy has requested my teaching manual and is committed to try to get local elementary school teachers to incorporate the teaching of cribbage into their curriculums.

Rick Pierce is now our official board maker for youth cribbage grant requests. ↓ He sent his first set of ten out to Sedona AZ to help a home school teacher start a cribbage class for youth in the community. This is what the recipient of the boards had to say: "The cribbage boards arrived tonight with beautiful pegs! I can't wait to start teaching! Thank you so much."



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Youth cribbage

Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

During the wee morning hours of a fundraising telethon that has gone off the rails, Ron Swanson (played by Nick Offerman) suggests, among other things, that he demonstrate how to make a cribbage board in episode 2.22 of *Parks and Recreation* (@ 20:00).

Nothing comes of the idea, but it would've been fun to watch him try!



CW MARKETPLACE

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Snazzy Pegs are custom-made pegs with bling. Email snazzypegs@gmail.com for pictures. \$10 a pair + shipping. Can ship anywhere in USA.

Given the uncertainty of Covid outbreaks and state-issued stay-at-home orders, it is always wise to check cribbage.org for the latest updates and/or check with the tournament director to confirm if a tourney is still on schedule.

Youth Tourneys

Feb. 20 ♦ Sierra Youth Tourney (Grass Valley CA)

April 17 ♦ Memorial Youth Tourney (Grass Valley CA)

June 12 ♦ Youth Grand National 4 (Roseburg OR)

Sept. 25 ♦ Youth Grand National 5 (Sacramento CA)

Alaska

Anjuli F. Grantham (Juneau)

California

Regan Dakin (Pleasant Hill)

Colorado

Zane Simmonds Jr (Fort Morgan)

Sharla Thrums (Weldona)

Florida

Donna Gardner (Pensacola)

William J. Zuben (Seminole)

**New
Members**
16 last month

Michigan

Mike Duffy (West Branch)

New Hampshire

Ivon Boyer (Nashua)

Ohio

Susan Werner (Fairfield Township)

Oregon

Sonya Clevenger (Albany)
Nicole Cooper (Bend)

Wisconsin

Dick Hammen (Little Chute)
Michael Holubets (Marshfield)
Cathy Schrampfer (Appleton)
Karl Schrampfer (Appleton)
Jay Waldschmidt (Deforest)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Delbert Anderst

Del Anderst, 89, passed away October 20 at his home in Lake City MN. Del loved playing cribbage and many other card games. He was also an avid and accomplished fisherman. An exceptional gardener with a green thumb, he had a beautiful garden every year. Del made the world's best hot garlic pickles, dilly green beans, and spicy Bloody Mary mix. Even though he had achieved his Master cribbage rating, his favorite competition was a Saturday bar tournament in Cannon Falls. In addition to winning first and placing many times, his only nine-game grand slam was there on December 13, 2014. Although Del was starting to suffer from ill health, he was high qualifier at the last tournament, where he played up to his ability—the Wisconsin State Championship in October 2017 at Lac du Flambeau WI. A wonderful husband, father, and friend, Del will be missed. He is survived by his wife and fellow ACC member Darlene.

John Philip Medeiros

John Medeiros (Morrisville NC) peacefully succumbed to health complications on September 23 at age seventy-eight. John was born in Fall River MA in 1942. He married Pauline Genga in 1969; they were married forty-five years and had two children. Summer weekends were always spent in the backyard by the pool, grill tools in hand. After being grown and married, John's kids and their families would return home often for swimming, barbecues, and endless games of cribbage and Scrabble. Following Pauline's death and after spending his entire life in Massachusetts, John moved to North Carolina in 2015 to live with his daughter, Jennifer Johnson, and her family. There he rediscovered his love of cribbage and joined the Raleigh Cribbage Club along with Jennifer and gained many new, good friends. John will be greatly missed by family and friends.



American Cribbage Congress Official Scorecard					
ACC#		Seat#			
Name		City		State	
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)		Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	2	07		DP	12
2	2	20		DP	17
3	2	08		DP	19
4	2	27		DP	2
5	2	12		DP	20
6	2	16		DP	6
7	2	12		DP	SD
8	3	36		MS	4
9	2	20		DP	13
Total Game Points	19	160		Games Points: Win 2, Skunk 3, Loss 0.	
Games Won	9	Net Points (+/-)		Player must verify totals and sign below	
Signature		[Signature]			

American Cribbage Congress Official Scorecard					
ACC#		Seat#			
Name		City		State	
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+/-)		Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	0	03		DP	17
2	0	19		DP	19
3	0	06		DP	2
4	0	28		DP	20
5	0	21		DP	6
6	0	03		DP	SD
7	0	08		DP	14
8	0	36		DP	4
9	0	30		DP	12
Total Game Points	0	-	154	Games Points: Win 2, Skunk 3, Loss 0.	
Games Won	0	Net Points (+/-)		Player must verify totals and sign below	
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Reader contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com

Grass Roots

Corner

Club 390 (Bergland MI)—**Don Smith's** streak ended after playing in 288 straight Grass Roots weeks, eight GRRTs, and eight GRNTs. This must be an ACC record. Can anyone beat this streak?

Club 124 (Charlottesville VA) father/son **Scott and Mark Noble** scored back-to-back 28-hands two weeks in a row.

Club 354 (Palmer/Wasilla AK) is going strong. Club leader **Chuck Kaplan** posted a grand slam on a twenty-two-player night.

Jay Fulwider (CW's Cribbage Board of the Month columnist) and **Frankie Cline** run a nonsanctioned club at their senior center in Seattle WA. With the pandemic prohibiting in-person play, they use the Cribbage JD app (see ad on page 2). Eight members play four games against each other and report results to Jay. It takes about two weeks for everyone to get their games in. After five tournaments, they have had five different winners. It's a competitive group!

Club 240 (Roseville MN)—**Dan Taylor** and **Matt Skog** had mirror-image scorecards on October 16: ♠ Dan won them all and Matt lost them all, both rare occurrences, but very rare on the same night!

GrassRoots Awards

GOLD

#146. Valerie Sumner (Sparks NV)

SILVER

Dan Carr (WA)

BRONZE

John Estrella (AZ)

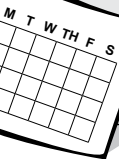
Katey Mayo (CO)

Mike Poole (CO)

{Mike's words} I started playing cribbage when I was five years old, taught by my grandmother. Mel Ashley convinced me to play in the ACC in 2000. My most challenging teachers are Ron Morgan at the Reno club (which I won three times) and Duane Toll at the Roseburg club, but Brian Bell-Irving is my toughest competitor in the Roseburg club. My first weekend win was also my never-give-up story. I went with Bryant Gilkison to my first out-of-town tourney at Paradise CA in the spring of 2002. In the main event I had 7/3 after the first four games, but then lost the next eighteen with multiple skunks. I wanted to go home and never play a weekend tourney again, but Bryant said no, he wanted to play the con and since he drove I was stuck. Needless to say I won the con the next day. My favorite cribbage year was 2006–7, when I made All American while still working full time at the Silver Legacy. I want to go to about twelve tourneys a year but Covid-19 is putting a crimp in that. I need a little over 600 points for my One Star.

Mike S. McCammon
(Roseburg OR)
Gold #147





SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of October 13

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	271	Dave Yaeger	1	244	Doug Page	1	168	Kevin Harris
2	235	Gordy Wise	2	134	Clay Collier	2	155	Phil Martin
3	217	Laurie Logan	3	130	Henry Brandner	3	152	Robert Medeiros
4	168	Erik Locke	4	117	Patrick Healey	4	110	Barry Spadea
5	167	Dennis Morin	5	108	Bob Joslin	5	94	Charlene Cohen
5	167	Sandy Sands	6	99	David Aiken	6	90	Donna LaFleur
7	151	Cy Madrone	7	88	Ann Trotter	7	75	Guy Spezzaferro
8	144	Joe Gates	8	12	Richard Frost	7	75	Mike Fetchel
9	143	Ronald Logan		—		9	72	David Flaherty
10	123	Pamela Pomeroy		—		10	68	Jerry Hardy

The full list of regional standings will return sometime in the future.

Favorite Cribbage Memorabilia

28 Hand Game 5 / WF

NAME **DAVE AIKEN**

TABLE **Dirtbag** SEAT **B2**

GAME	GAME POINTS	SPREAD POINTS	OPPONENTS SIGNATURES	ID NO.
1	0	21		114
2	0	04		B15
3	2	16		B13
4	0	02		B11
5	3	31		B9
6	2	25		B7
7				
8	2	10		B3
9	0	05		B1
TOTAL	9			

GAMES WON: **4**

Net Pts. **+34**

Checked by: **Martha Finleton**

Player must verify his totals and sign below, thus accepting the above figures as correct.

Dave Aiken

My most cherished cribbage possession is a 2006 subpar scorecard—now somewhat faded—that has some unofficial green notations on it.

During game five against **Martha Finleton**, I was getting some great cards (which was about the only way I could beat her). After back-to-back twenty-point hands, she admonished me: “No more 20s!” I agreed—and promptly dealt myself 5-5-5-X. Martha obligingly cut the case 5 for my first 28-hand in tournament play, and I went on to skunk her by 31 holes. After being called away for a judge call, I returned to discover that Martha had dutifully noted the 28-hand at the top of my scorecard. But she also added a non-standard notation, replacing my first name with “Dirtbag” in her trademark green ink!

Martha’s impact on my life is still vivid because of this tangible evidence that hangs on my wall.

—**David Aiken (Ada MI)**

If you have a cherished cribbage possession you’d like to share, send a high-res photo and 100-word description to cribbageworld@cribbage.org.

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

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

GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

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

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV

March 5–7, 2021
March 4–6, 2022
March 3–5, 2023

AK ♦ Nov. 7, Anchorage ACC Open

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: CJ Kim (907.245.2687) & Bonnie Kline

MD ♦ Nov. 6–8, Charm City Classic

Comfort Inn, 980 Hospitality Way, Aberdeen MD 21001. TD: Michael O'Brien (301.367.3643) & the Sattler Brothers

WI ♦ Nov. 13–15, Dianne Gurney Memorial

Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

VA ♦ Nov. 20–22, Virginia Beach Classic

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

MI ♦ THANKSGIVING DOUBLEHEADER

334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Nov. 27–29, Wishbone Open

Nov. 28, Reindeer Games

WI ♦ Dec. 4–6, Jingle Bell Open

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

WI ♦ Dec. 11–13, Mick Michaelis Classic

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

Dec. 23—Deadline for North Atlantic Cruise

see full listing on next page

MN ♦ Jan. 8–10, Winter Snowball Special

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

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Some states are lifting their 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.

WI ♦ Jan. 15–17, American Pride

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

NV ♦ HENDERSON DOUBLEHEADER

Schaefer house, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011

Jan. 30, Patty's Pegging Party
TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444)

Jan. 31, Schaefer Shuffle West One-Day
TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

WI ♦ Feb. 12–14, Go Green Bay

Townline Pub, 2544 Townline Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

CA ♦ Feb. 26–28, Northern California Open

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

Syl Lulinski TOC ♦ March 5

JPW/ACC OPEN (March 5–7)

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

OR ♦ Mar. 19–21, Sissel Memorial NW Open

Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Les Sissel (541.519.1483) & Mindy Sherrieb

WI ♦ Mar. 19–21, Mick Michaelis Classic

Riverside Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

OR ♦ OREGON COAST TRIPLEHEADER

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365

Apr. 9–11, Alsea River Open
TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron

Apr. 12–13, Dean Bauman Memorial
TD: Monica Newton (541.563.5181) & Dana McClain

Apr. 14–15, Newport Midweek
TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen

AK ♦ Apr. 10, Alaska State Championship

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99507. TD: CJ Kim (907.245.2687) & Bonnie Kline

NY ♦ CRUISE QUADRUPLEHEADER

Norwegian Jade cruise ship, departing New York NY. TD: Winona & Mike McDaniel (541.525.1292)

Apr. 23, Norwegian Starter

Apr. 25–26, Nova Scotia Challenge

Apr. 27–28, Iceland Challenge

May 1–2, Norwegian Round-Up

WI ♦ May 7–9, Peg for Pink

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

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

ID ♦ Sep. 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

Sep. 22–23, Grand National Midweek
TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

Sep. 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. 15–17, Salem Classic

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

OR ♦ Nov. 18–19, Chinook Winds Weekday

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Pete Larson

Although the pandemic put the kibosh on our original plans for Grand National 39 this last September, we are pleased to announce that it's full steam ahead for 2021! Save the dates—September 21–26, 2021—and join in the fun at Grand National in Sacramento CA. The 49ers Stampede Midweek is on September 22–23, and GN 39 is on September 25–26—with lots of satellite tournaments in between.

Nearly all the arrangements in place for 2020 will remain the same. We are very pleased that the beautiful Doubletree by Hilton is offering the same rates as before—\$119 per night plus tax, double occupancy. See the revised GN 39 flyer on **cribbage.org** for the booking code and other details.

We are resuming the Progressive Raf-



fle. All previously purchased tickets are still valid—we have all your stubs!

Tickets will be available for purchase right up until the final drawing.

If there's a tournament in Reno in March, we will add another drawing for around twenty additional prizes! The grand prize—a free entry to GN 39, two nights at the Doubletree by Hilton, dinner and breakfast for two, and \$250 Visa card toward travel—will be drawn at the June 2021 tournament in Reno. Proceeds will help offset expenses for the GN, thus enhancing the prize fund. An update on new drawing dates and additional prizes will be announced in January 2021.

Stay tuned for more fun info and CC's progress with the Traveling Gold Pan Trophy—yes she still has it!

—by *Jeanne Jelke, GN 39 director*



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