

# Cribbage World

## GRAND NATIONAL 39 — AT LAST!

(stories on pages 4–7 and 16–25)

**GN consy winner  
Herschel Mack and  
runner-up Billie Redell**



**GN main winner Emilio  
Perez and runner-up  
Donna LaFleur**



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*December 31 + January 1*

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80—**William Shoemaker** (CT)

*Happy Birthday in November!*

100—**Boyd McDonald** (CA)

80—**Harold Cook** (MA)

80—**Jim Marshall** (OR)

70—**Marilyn Dyer-White** (HI)

60—**Denise Fortin** (NV)

50—**Scott Earley** (FL)

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**The ACC membership odometer is still broken. Tune in next month for an update.**

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



## House Rules

During the awards ceremony at Grand National, emcee **Scott Kooistra** asked the new Master award winners, “What is your favorite thing about cribbage?” Someone answered: the people, traveling to tournaments, friendships made. Then one gold-covered Elvis-looking **Chad Frischmann** said: “House rules!” I was asked by **Dave Aiken**: “Have you ever played House Rules?” I said no; he said “they are fun.”

I like fun! I needed to know more about House Rules. A quick search on Google showed me . . . nothing. But a phone call to **Troy Thorson** and **Kathy Pacocha's** house in Loveland CO, where these rules originated, was next, and here is what I found out. There are (currently) seventeen House Rules:

1. 19-hand (aka blank hand)—you owe \$1
2. 19-crib—you owe \$1
3. 38 special (blank hand and crib)—you owe \$4
4. get your crib stolen—you owe \$1
5. three Jacks no nobs—you owe \$1
6. muggins—\$1 for each point you get mugged
7. 2 points in the crib with a 5 or A-4 combo or 2-3 combo—the dealer owes \$1 for each (example: 2-3-5-9-9 would be \$2)
8. the cut card doesn't help either hand or the crib—the dealer owes \$1
9. flush in crib—you get \$1
10. get a 2-hand and 2-crib (aka a 2-2)—you owe \$1
11. peg on every card—you get \$1
12. save your crib before counting your hand (that is, you peg more than the pone's total pegging plus hand)—you get \$1
13. have three 5s in your hand or crib and score only 8 points—you owe \$1
14. any two of the above except #3 and #6 is a doubler—that is, two or more infractions during the same deal pay double
15. the first infraction of the game or match costs double, whenever it happens
16. get a 12 or more hand and 12 or more crib—you get \$1
17. throw two points to opponent's crib and that's all they get—you get \$1

Where are you getting and sending these dollars? To and from your opponent.

Once you have played House Rules and would like to add a house rule, you may submit the suggestion to the “House Rules Committee.” If they accept your new rule, you become a House Rule Committee member.

# Your Deal



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## Dear Cribbage Family

We just wanted to say “thank you!” for voting and believing in James. His passion and dedication to the American Cribbage Congress is second on his list of greatest accomplishments. (Colton, Jack, and I get to keep the number one spot.) His countless hours of phone conversations, meetings, and brainstorming, in addition to helping at tournaments while successfully running several of our own for many years takes up more time than you can imagine. Sometimes it does get a little crazy at our house, and we will always be his #1 fans! We continue to help him in every way we can to make the ACC an even greater organization. Our support allows him to not only play a great game but to travel all over the country and make new friends who have become lifelong family. Our children have been so blessed by our cribbage family from the time they were born to this day. Whether it was baby

gifts, dinners out, cribbage games, coming to Sunnyside to watch the boys perform in school drama performances, or just having fun hanging out at our house. You have been a part of our children’s lives with your time, love, and kindness. Why do I tell you all of this? Because in one way or another the ACC has made a huge impact on our family, and we simply wanted to thank you. If you haven’t had the chance to come to Sunnyside in February (one day), May (weekend), or July (tripleheader), we’d love to meet you! Happy pegging, and may we continue making new friends who become part of our family.

*Cher, Colton, and Jackson Morrow*



Don’t worry if you’re a little confused. If you ever play House Rules, your hosts will walk you through them. Kathy said sometimes they change up who gets paid, such as the “you owe everyone playing” tournament they held one time. While they haven’t brought these rules into a sanctioned tournament, they are having fun at their house. Nobody has had to sell their jewelry to pay off their night of fun—yet.

There are several ways to change things up: low ball, toss 5s, blank hand go back 10. You can also track your pegging on a separate board, or keep track of how many points the cut card gives you. The possibilities of finding new fun variations of cribbage could lead to anything. Maybe even . . . Canadian Doubles.

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# My Deal

by David Aiken



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

I'm sure that most of my readers know what delayed gratification is. If you ever had a mom or a dad (which is probably most of us), one of them likely told you “not now” or “later” or a similar admonition when you wanted to do something. Even if your parents didn't use the term “delayed gratification,” the concept was there: you'll enjoy something more if you wait.

For the past twenty months, cribbage has been in delayed-gratification mode, as clubs and tournaments were postponed, canceled, reduced. We've seen glimmers of what cribbage could be, as a few tournaments either hung on or restarted in a much reduced form, but with all the biggies canceled—Reno, Raleigh (twice), Grand National—it was hard to imagine playing a large tourney with hundreds of people.

The pandemic-induced cribbage malaise came to an end when Grand National 39—long delayed, much anticipated—took place in Sacramento CA in September.

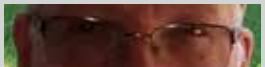
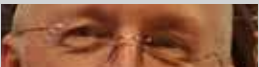

Director **Jeanne Jelke** and her crew

of indefatigable workers pulled off one of the most enjoyable Grand Nationals ever. True, we haven't played GN in two years, but this event was made enjoyable because Jeanne et al. worked their fingers to the bone in an effort to overcome insurmountable difficulties caused by the pandemic. Every GN attendee—every ACC member—owes this team of workers a huge debt of gratitude for restoring big-tourney cribbage to the Tournament Trail.

On a somewhat related note, I am happy to see the return of “Tale of the Tape.” ↓ For months now, we haven't had enough data to work with, but we finally decided that September would provide the perfect time to restart this contest, what with the reconvening of clubs and the playing of Grand National.

Thanks to **Rick** and **Rob** for (a) keeping track of their stats and (b) allowing themselves to be humiliated occasionally in print. It seems only fitting that each of us got one green checkmark in our first race out of the gate since May 2020.

Now back to GN. *continued next page*

Tale of the Tape	 <b>Rick Baird</b>	 <b>David Aiken</b>	 <b>Rob Medeiros</b>
average	55.2% (69–56)	59.7% (95–64)	✓63.6% (70–40)
biggest win	✓+82 over Jim Hefner (CA) @ GN	+41 over Jim Hefner (CA) @ GN	+63 over Jerry Kniffen (CA) @ GN
worst loss	–44 by Alan Bengtson (MN) @ GN	✓–41 by Patricia Dominguez (CA) @ GN	–43 by Robert Milk (AZ) @ GN





One of my favorite stories from Sacramento unfolded right beside me. **Robert Milk** (Queen Creek AZ) sat to my left during the Saturday main. We commiserated through some bad cards in the first eight games. When we played each other in game nine at the end of the table, we had only five victories between us.

In a clear case of “playing the wrong game,” Bob dealt me a royal flush ♠ on fourth street. I tossed A-6, cut a 5 that was not a Club, and got down to hole 118. Even with the 5-cut, Bob had only a 4-hand and 4-crib and still needed six points for the win. I then dealt him two points, which he cut to six, while I pegged but a single point. Bob’s a two-point victory was the start of one of the most incredible winning streaks I have ever personally seen.

9	2	02		Aikun	13
10	3	63		CS	69
11	3	44		(A)	62
12	3	37		DS	66
13	2	02		MSM	610
14	2	09		DA	14
15	3	32		J	18
16	2	04		RE	22
17	2	12		JH	26

Bob won nine consecutive games with four skunks ♠—a stretch that added up to 22/9 +205! He ended up qualifying for the playoffs with 33/14 +107 in the #23 slot and earned a bye.

Even though my cards were blasé (or should I say blah? I finished with 18/9 -55), I was able to live vicariously through Bob’s success.

Because my mom taught me to wait for good things, I’m looking forward to my own nine-game winning streak. And I hope it starts with a two-point victory over Bob Milk!

As a final note, I want to say how nice it was to see **Boyd McDonald** (Mountain View CA) at the GRTOC in Sacramento. Boyd ♠ doesn’t play much cribbage any more, but that is understandable, given that he will celebrate his 100th birthday on November 7. Boyd has been active in the ACC since the 1990s, and he was club champion the last two years—hence his trip to GN to play in GRTOC. Happy birthday, Boyd! **CW**

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Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Pahrump Open (Pahrump NV; Aug. 14–15)	Denise Fortin	74 players HQ. William Eilers (45) 1. Charles Ramsey (147) 2. Rick Robarge (105) 3. John Alig (70) 3. Charlene Cohen (70)	42 players HQ. Ronald James (21) 1. Scott Koolstra (60) 2. Bob Prochnow (40) 3. Joann Talbot (24) 3. Ronald James (24)	28-hands: Charlene Cohen* John Bourgon*	Canadian Doubles: Brenda Nason & Pamela Pomeroy
Montana Championship (Missoula MT; Aug. 24–26)	Rex Paddock & Sandy Sands	32 players HQ. David Braach (40) 1. David Braach (70) 2. Eric Boysen (42) 3. Rex Paddock (21) 3. Tom Brown (21)	24 players HQ. Mary Gates (15) 1. William Macmillan (40) 2. Dale Newberry (24) 3. Todd Malmgren (12) 3. Mary Gates (12)		Early Bird: Robert Russ Friday Canadian Doubles: Sandy Sands & Gary Galetti Saturday Canadian Doubles: Charlene Cohen & Richard Rudio
Cooper City Classic (Butte MT; Aug. 27–29)	Gary Galetti	34 players HQ. Margery Clark (30) 1. Bob Stone (105) 2. Richard Rudio (70) 3. Margery Clark (42) 3. Rex Paddock (42)	24 players HQ. Mary Gates (9) 1. Jim Blakeley (40) 2. Leroy Mehring (24) 3. Mary Gates (12) 3. Charlene Cohen (12)		Early Bird: Dale Newberry Canadian Doubles: Ann & Anthony Trotter Doubles: Sara Sanner & Elizabeth Milodragovich
Territorial Prison Fall Roundup (Deer Lodge MT; Aug. 31–Sep. 2)	Bob Stone & Sandy Sands	36 players HQ. William Macmillan (35) 1. Ann Trotter (105) 2. William Macmillan (70) 3. Bob Stone (42) 3. Sandy Sands (42)	26 players HQ. Deborah Colbert (18) 1. Ed Scharf (40) 2. Cy Madrone (24) 3. Jim Blakeley (12) 3. Deborah Colbert (12)		Early Bird: Bob Stone Tuesday Canadian Doubles: David Hayden & Greg Dibble Wednesday Canadian Doubles: Deb Colbert & Gerald Bender
Montana Capital City Fall Roundup (Helena MT; Sep. 3–5)	Sandy Sands & Roger McGlenn	38 players HQ. Charlene Cohen (30) 1. Sara Sanner (105) 2. Philip Cammack (70) 3. Charlene Cohen (42) 3. Eric Boysen (42)	24 players HQ. Jim Blakeley (12) 1. Bob Stone (40) 2. Wayne Wyman (24) 3. Jim Blakeley (12) 3. Gary Galetti (12)		Early Bird: Barbara Stockham Tuesday Canadian Doubles: Monica Hunt & Tom Brown Wednesday Canadian Doubles: David Braach & Dan Daniels

# **LEGEND**

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win



Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Daniel Webster Open (Brookline NH; Sep. 12)	Jerry & Laurie Hardy	106 players HQ. Barbara Barbour (45) 1. Matthew Plechota (147) 2. Richard Weston (105) 3. David Flaherty (70) 3. Guy Spezzaferro (70)	54 players HQ. Terrance Cushman (15) 1. Terrance Cushman (60) 2. Jack Silvia (40) 3. John Wichland (24) 3. Roland Hall (24)	28-hands: Joe Doyle* Donna Last* William Zuben*	
Gruber Memorial (Spring Lake Park MN; Sep. 18)	Bob Joslin	72 players HQ. Timothy Shaw (55) 1. <b>Scott Sand</b> (147) 2. Robert Chase (105) 3. Mary Thacker (70) 3. Eugene Kimmes (70)	44 players HQ. Craig Lamb (15) 1. Bob Hanes (60) 2. Doug Whitlock (40) 3. Craig Lamb (24) 3. Betsy Miller (24)	28-hands: Carol Gilson* Arthur Loveland*	

## ~~Oops!~~ Oops!

#1 The CW statistician fell asleep on the job last month, because at least four people have qualified for All Star teams in two different regions. In addition to **Duane Toll** and **Kevin Harris**, as mentioned in the October *Cribbage World*, **Roland Hall** accomplished this in 2007 (Eastern) and 2008 (Western), and **Beth Lindgren** in 2015 (Central) and 2016 (Western). CW apologizes for these omissions.

#2 The CW actuary also failed to do his job right, for we learned this past month that **Paul Gregson** (Brentwood CA) was 42y 9m old when he earned his Gold Award in October 2019. Here is the sequence of youngest players to reach 4,000 GRPs:

1. Paul Gregson (42y 9m)
2. Troy Thorson (46y 6m)
3. James Morrow (46y 11m)
4. Mike Misluk (47y)

For those of you trying to do the math in your head, this means that **Erik Locke**, currently 37 years old, needs to average less than 160 GRPs a year for the next five+ years to beat Paul's record.

#3 The CW astronomer had trouble counting stars lately, and we inadvertently referred to Life Master (9★) **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR) with only eight stars in the September *Cribbage World*. CW apologizes for this astronomical error.

### New Life Masters

- 267. Brad Behm (Appleton WI)
- 269. Artland C. Ka'ai (Costa Mesa CA)
- 270. Skip White (Winston OR)

### New Grand Masters

- 445. Frank Abernathy (Garner NC)

### New Masters

- 1018. Guy Spezzaferro (Medford MA)

## COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

*Cribbage World's* intrepid cribbage board chronicler Jay Fulwider (Seattle WA) pointed us toward a website called Consumer Grouch. When you go to [consumergrouch.com](http://consumergrouch.com) and type “cribbage” in the search box, you’ll discover a page titled “A Tale of Cribbage – Boards & Fun Facts” full of—as advertised—fun cribbage facts. There’s even a picture (from the mid-1800s) of monkeys playing cribbage.



## Full Circle

The last time **Scott Sand** (Brainerd MN) played at the final table—on March 17, 2019, at Capital City Tourney in Woodbury MN—he found the incomparable **Jerry Gruber** waiting for him. As was his pattern, Jerry “gruberized” Scott, who had to settle for second place. It seems only fitting, therefore, that Scott ➡ not only made the finals at the Gruber Memorial main but also won the event for his first sanctioned win!



## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



At the recent Grand National in Sacramento I had a hand that still has me thinking about the right way to play it and whether I misplayed it when it occurred. So with that context I'm reaching out to you—the ACC Universe—to aid me in unraveling this problem.

Here is the situation: I have first count needing eight, and the dealer needs three to peg out. I was dealt A-5-5-6-9-J. There is a delicate balancing act here between keeping a hand that has the best chance to provide me with the extra two points I need and the right hold that will limit the dealer's chances of pegging out.

I'm asking for your input here, so I'm not going to push you one way or the other by revealing my decision-making process. Next month I will give you my thinking and the results of the hand. I will also mention the person who gives me the best reasoning for keeping the best hand.

So, ACC Universe put your thinking caps on!

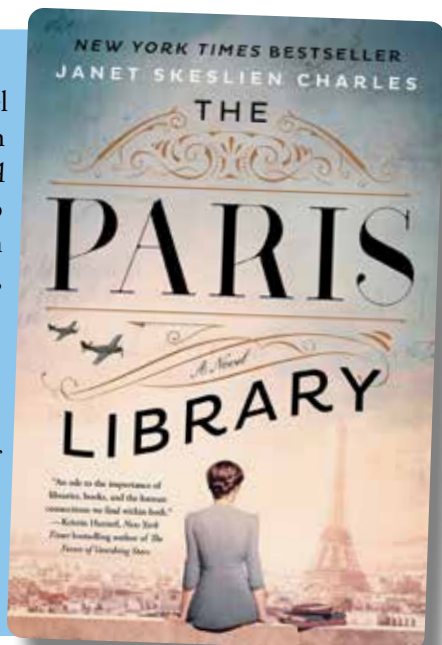
**Rob Medeiros (aka Mr. Universe) can be reached at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**

## Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

Janet Skeslien Charles's wildly popular novel *The Paris Library*—which hit bestseller lists in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*—tells the intertwined stories of two women, separated by four decades and an ocean but united through a love of books. Odile, growing up in 1939 Paris, tells Lily, growing up in 1983 Montana, how she became engaged:

*"In those days, an enlisted man had to ask his superior's permission to marry. When Buck said no, he challenged the major to a game of cribbage—if he won, we could marry, if he lost, he had to clean bedpans for a month."*

CW doubts if any ACC member ever played a game for such high stakes.



# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
(Internet Commish)  
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Many thanks to **Jennifer Bolles** for being the delivery point for all of the internet trophies in Sacramento, and special thanks to **Rick Pierce** for shipping the “leftovers” from GN to make sure everyone receives their trophy!

Players often ask about the hierarchy at eCribbage. Simply put, **Scott Milo**

is in charge of eCribbage and all TDs who host eCribbage tourneys, and I am in charge of ACC tournaments and ACC TDs. Scott and I work very well together and strive to do what is best for both the ACC and the eCribbage site. **Damien Blond** is the owner of eCribbage and has final say in any issues on his site. The ACC is his guest, and we appreciate being able to hold ACC-sponsored tourneys there, as well as on Game Colony.

TDs with a green badge are in the training process; those with a red badge are able to TD solo; and those with a blue badge have extra tools to manage players and the site. Blue badges are Scott (*Sgt\_Pegger*), Tammy (*MistressofCribbage*), Ross (*PegWhisperer*), Rebecca (*Karma*), and myself (*SallyAnn3*). Some TDs host only eCribbage tournaments, and some are also approved by me for ACC tourneys. Some are TD for both types. Please welcome Sue (*alatraya*) to the ACC TD team!

I will be in Germany until mid-February. With a six-hour time difference from “eCribbage time,” I won’t be able to host tourneys, but I will be able to manage the ACC tourneys, post daily winners on the ACC Facebook-Community page, as well as continue my other job as ACC Judge Testing Coordinator. If I don’t respond quickly to email, it is either because of the time difference or because I am taking care of my newest granddaughter!

## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	262	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
2	241	Bernard Kitheka (Wanzelu)
3	232	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)
4	228	James Morrow (29seeker)
5	220	Reuben Sufka (butchsuf)
6	212	Jeff Raynes (jeffraynes29)
7	204	Sam Sinram (IA503)
8	202	Scott Earley (scottcrib)
9	196	William MacMillan (WY00191L)
10	190	Debra Moulies (debncorbin)

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### Player of the Month

**Sam Sinram** (IA503) @ 130 IRPs

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*

**James Logue** (tripleJamesL)

### Internet 28-Hands

**James Morrow** (29seeker)

# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Teaching Tip

This is the perfect time of the year to teach cribbage to my family members. Once everyone is on board, you can do what my family does and have an annual "Turkey Trot Around the Board" family cribbage tournament. We have a perpetual trophy for the winner, individual prizes for the highest hand of the night, and a special recognition anytime someone gets skunked. A highlight for me is seeing three generations (we are nearing four) all laughing and engaging in a fun activity together. Need help teaching a new player? I have a manual I'd love to send you to get started. Request one at [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com).

## News

**Jay Fulwider** (CW's Cribbage Board of the Month columnist) writes regarding senior cribbage: *I totally agree with the benefits seniors derive from playing cribbage. There are a lot of seniors out there who are or were cribbage players. Many of them just need someone or somewhere to play. My wife and I run a cribbage club at the West Seattle Senior Center. We normally have 12–16 players. We have time for only four games, but that is plenty for most of our group. We use donated long boards and ACC scoresheets. We play a standard 121-point game, but slower players play 91 points. Everyone puts \$1 into a pool that pays first, second, and third. Last place gets 25¢! It is great fun and the center tells us that we are the loudest and most fun game group.*

I include Jay's note here to make a point: it is very easy and rewarding to volunteer at a local senior center and run a cribbage club. I would be happy to provide tips to any ACC member interested in doing this.

Many thanks to **Bobby Adams**, **Chuck Altoff**, **Laura Clark**, **Bill O'Malley**, **Greg Schleusner**, and **Jack Shumate**. Between them, they mustered up a \$75 donation to the ACC's Youth Program while playing at the Shut Up and Deal tournament in July.

## Teaching Manuals

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

- **Justina Bricka** (St. Louis MO)
- **John Lambert** (Santa Rosa CA)
- **Larry McMillian** (Bainbridge Island WA/Palm Desert CA)—teaching seniors
- **Kyle Verhovshak** (Missoula MT—DeLynn's hometown!)



# Recap of the 2020/21 Grass Roots Season

*by Grass Roots Commissioner Ivan Wells*

Two extended seasons in a row: may we never have another! I will declare the season extension a success, as the numbers would have been so much worse without it, but it was confusing and exhausting for everyone involved.

In March 2021, only 97 clubs had recorded tournament results; we finished the season with 141 active clubs. Here are some other season stats:

- 3,139 Grass Roots members (75% of pre-pandemic numbers)
- 676 GRRT players (35% of pre-pandemic numbers)
- 1,388 GRNT players (70% of pre-pandemic numbers)

The awards program is under the direction of **Ann Trotter**, who has done a great job resolving issues with suppliers and

award selection. She is processing awards on a quarterly basis, which significantly improves “recipient satisfaction.”

At the recent BOD meeting in Sacramento, the board approved a proposal to merge Divisions 2 and 3 into Division 1. All clubs are now Division 1 (nine games per session) or Division 4 (i.e., Lite Clubs, six games per session). Both divisions may play up to thirty-six weeks per season.

In addition, a batting average competition will be initiated this season. We will award a plaque to the player with the highest batting average, plus the top 8% of players according to batting average will be invited to the TOC.

Thanks for your continued support of Grass Roots. Let's play cribbage!



*{Jeff's words}* It's been a long journey to this Gold Award. Unlike many players, I started out playing cribbage tournaments and came to Grass Roots later. My first tournament was the 1982 National Open in Raleigh NC. A daunting first experience, but I loved it and have never missed the National Open since that year. Sadly the tournament was canceled the last two years, but should be back and better than ever in 2022. Make it part of your cribbage bucket list to come and check it out. I played a few other local tournaments each year and dabbled occasionally at Club 58 in Raleigh. I started playing there regularly in the late 90s and continue playing there to this day.

**Jeff Raynes**  
**(Cary NC)**  
**Gold #154**

Fast forward to March 2020. I returned from Reno, and Covid was the story of the day. I needed only about 60 points for Gold, but that would have to wait. Club 58 shut down for a year, restarting this April. In the interim, I discovered how much fun internet cribbage is. I just missed the Top Ten in my first season, but I'll keep trying. If you're looking for more cribbage in your life, give the ACC internet cribbage games a try. Once Club 58 restarted, the pent-up enthusiasm showed in our attendance. We averaged about 25 players a night in our shortened season, which ran into mid-August. I was two points out of the club lead going into the last tournament, but luckily had a 12 that night while the club leader was less lucky. So, I ended the season with my fifth club championship. Stay safe and let's all enjoy the game we love. We can all come through this with our health intact if we work together. May your opponents all be good sports and your pegs stay far apart.





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

# Grass Roots

Corner

Hopefully all club directors have seen the news from Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells** about updates for the software that are now in place. The new ACC membership secretary is **Brenda Nason**. She can be reached via email at [membership@cribbage.org](mailto:membership@cribbage.org) or the old-fashioned way:

**ACC Membership Secretary**  
**9620 Las Vegas Blvd S #E4 PMB 202**  
**Las Vegas NV 89123-6508**

It's only a few weeks into the season, but some clubs are already heating up. At Club 94 (St. Cloud MN), **Jerry Jansky** scored the rare 29-hand on September 15.

Club 440 (Bandon OR)—**John Hogue** got a grand slam ➡ on September 28.

Club 148 Sea-Tac Peggers (Federal Way WA) is off to an unusual start. In week one, then-guest-now-member **T'ya Layton** got a 28-hand in the second game of her first-ever club tournament. In week two, member **Gary Duvall** scored a 28-hand—against **T'ya**! In week three, regular visitor **Jon Walters** took his turn with a 28-hand, the club's third in three weeks! Week four didn't see any 28s, but at the end of the night there was not one, not two, not three, but four 12/6 cards in the running for payouts.

Club 164 (Huntington Beach CA): **Don Brown** may have the best start of the year: 67 points in his first four weeks played!



## GrassRoots *Awards*

### GOLD

152. Lynn L. Gillespie (Kennewick WA)

158. Dave Schwartz (Spokane WA)

### SILVER

Dale K. Babb (CA), 419

Harold L. Green (WY), 211

### BRONZE

Ruth Hillman (MI), 368

Dick Lind (CA), 82

### Customized Playing Cards

I'm a new member at Hartford Metro Club 26. I think it would be really cool if Grass Roots clubs designed artwork for a custom deck of playing cards to represent each club. Maybe with general parameters set by the ACC, but leaving it to each club to design their own decks. People would love to collect them, clubs could gift them, etc. Major companies like Bicycle have models for organizations to do this already. I think this would be really awesome.

*Matthew Binkowski (South Windsor CT)*



## Midweek Main—Wire to Wire #1

In the first tourney of the Grand National cluster in Sacramento CA, 202 players showed up for the mid-week main. And **Rick Baird** ➡ (Bend OR) really showed up, posting 40/18 +323—his personal best. Rick then ran the table in the playoffs, winning all five matches:



- first round: bye
- second round: **Jim Hefner** (Vacaville CA)
- third round: Grand Master **Basil Rudnick** (Isleton CA)
- fourth round: Master **Don Dolezal** (Medford OR)
- semifinals: Life Master (★) **Gerald Hahn** (Winston OR)
- finals: **Alan Andrews** (Wausaukee WI)

Over the course of this two-day event, Rick won 34 games and lost only 11, for a .756 batting average.

## Midweek Consy—Lost Pegs

**Jeff Raynes** (Cary NC) accidentally left his pegs in the board after the main qualifying on Wednesday. They were returned to him in time for the 172-player consolation, and he used them to good advantage by scoring 19/8 +157—thus showing why he's one of the toughest players in the Eastern Region. After a first-round bye, Jeff's pegs felt they had done enough for the day, as he lost to **William MacMillan** ↑ (Cheyenne WY), who went on to win the tourney.



Bill did something during Grand National weekend that no other champion did: he won the tournament without benefit of a bye. All of the other winners had a first-round bye, but Bill had to slog his way through six tough matches:

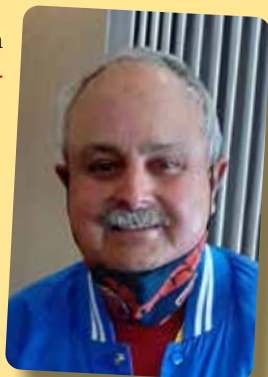
- first round: **Jerry Schrum** (Ocala FL)
- second round: Life Master (★) **Jeff Raynes** (Cary NC)
- third round: **Ivan Wells** (Tijeras NM)
- fourth round: Life Master (2★) **Keith Widener** (Clemmons NC)
- semifinals: **Marty Duchow** (Unionville CT)
- finals: **Michael O'Brien** (Mount Airy MD)

## GN39 Main—Finally!

After a long-delayed wait, Grand National 39 kicked off on Saturday morning with 324 eager players in attendance. After twenty-two grueling games, **Lee Ann Ka'ai** (Lake Dallas TX) posted 40/18 +274 to become the high qualifier.

Six past Grand National champions qualified for the main playoffs: **Jim Crawford** (2004), **Duane Toll** (2010), **Mary Burlington** (2013), **Larry Phifer** (2014), **Jason Matheny** (2015), and **James Morrow** (2018). Alas (for them, but not for their opponents), none of them made it past the fourth round. Matheny had the most success, going 3–1, but the rest of the previous champions won only three playoff matches between them.

With the field cleared of past champions, Life Master (★) **Emilio Perez** ➔ (Waukegan IL) won his second major, having previously won the ACC Open in 2015. Here's how Emilio became winner of the 39th annual Grand National:



- first round: bye
- second round: **David Bute** (Brush CO)
- third round: Life Master (3★) **Robert Medeiros** (Dorchester MA)
- fourth round: **Arne Gallagher** (Seattle WA)
- fifth round: Life Master (2★) **Willie Evans** (Kennewick WA)
- semifinals: **Carl Vennes** (Spokane WA)
- finals: Life Master (3★) **Donna LaFleur** (Bristol CT)



## GN39 Consy—Wire to Wire #2

Newly minted Hall of Famer **Herschel Mack** ◀ (Gold Hill OR)—and by “newly minted” we mean less than twenty-four hours after his HOF induction ceremony—posted the top score (17/8 +139) in the 210-player Grand National consolation. But that wasn't enough for this octogenarian (he turned eighty on September 13), as he rolled through the playoffs without losing a single game, proving once again why there's a “Life Master (3★)” tag in front of his name.

After winning his first game of the morning, he lost his second game to **John Harvey** (Coleville CA) by six points, which would be his one and *only* loss of the day, as he went on to win seven straight games in the qualifying round and bested each opponent in the playoffs in two straight wins, winning a total of seventeen games in a row! After his first-round bye, he two-and-oh-ed these players:

- first round: bye
- second round: Master **Ann Trotter** (Green Bay WI)
- third round: Master **Kristina Wright** (Appleton WI)
- fourth round: **Dick Pedersen** (Medford OR)
- semifinals: Life Master **Dan Selke** (Arlington Heights IL)
- finals: Master **Billie Reddell** (Morro Bay CA)

For those of you keeping score at home that means Herschel went 18–1 on Sunday, for a .947 batting average.

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with other GN satellites, and the number of games was changed from twelve with alternate deal to nine with cut for deal to match standard club play.

Director **Jeff Gardner** (Lewis Center OH) reported lots of enthusiasm at the event, as club champions from the past three years competed to see who would be the champion of club champions.

The Central Region had the best showing, with six of the top seven scores. Leading the pack was **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI), who posted a grand slam 19/9 +151. ➡

In addition to the official GRTOC plaque for the champion, a piece of folk art ➡ was donated

## GRTOC

The Grass Roots Tournament of Champions was held in conjunction with Grand National 39 in Sacramento. After a pandemic-induced void in 2020, the GRTOC pulled in 74 players, even though overall attendance at GN was lower.

GRTOC was moved from Friday to Thursday evening to avoid conflicting

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	
①					
<b>OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD</b>					
Name <u>Patrick Barrett</u>					
ACC#		Seat# <u>57</u>			
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number	
1	2	30	OM	58	
2	2	01	RND	61	
3	2	30	RNV	65	
4	2	01	RF	69	
5	2	20	RDS	73	
6	3	32	RR	76	
7	2	06	CR	72	
8	2	02	RB	68	
9	2	29	VEE	64	
Total Game Points	19	151	0	Win = 2	Skunk = 3
Games Won	9	NET POINTS (+/-)	151	Loss = 0	
Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.					
Signature <u>Patrick Barrett</u>					



by **Hoss Reynolds**, a member of North-east Oregon Club 38 in Baker City OR. This hand-carved piece shows two people playing cribbage. (Thank you, Hoss!)

Next year's GRTOC will be held in Omaha NE just before Grand National 40.

## GN Events

event	players	1st place	2nd place
First Strike Singles	86	Rob Medeiros (MA)	Kris Bailey (CA)
Strike It Rich Singles	52	Richard Frost (WI)	Art Kaai (CA)
Grass Roots Club 162	34	Dick Zeiner (CA)	Ted Canepa (CA)
49er Stampede Midweek Main	202	Rick Baird (OR)	Alan Andrews (WI)
49er Stampede Consolation	172	Bill MacMillan (WY)	Michael O'Brien (MD)
Mother Lode Singles	84	Zelma Strandell (AZ)	Mary Jane Esera (HI)
Grass Roots TOC	74	Patrick Barrett (WI)	Dale Magedanz (WI)
Panning for Gold Singles	90	Bill O'Malley (OR)	John Goe (WA)
Claim Jumper Singles	144	Dick Lind (CA)	Al Schaefer (NV)
Klondike Canadian Doubles	180	Zelma Strandell (AZ) & Ginger Grogan (MN)	Tom Highshoe (CA) & Denny Spero (CA)
Gold Nugget Singles	27	Sara Sanner (CO)	Dennis Jacobs (CA)
GN 39 Rush for the Gold Main	324	Emilio Perez (IL)	Donna LaFleur (CT)
GN 39 Consolation	196	Herschel Mack (OR)	Billie Reddell (CA)
<b>total attendance:</b>		<b>1,665</b>	

## GN Qualifying

The high qualifying scores in both main tournaments in Sacramento was an envious 40, and both were personal bests for their proud owners. **Rick Baird** (Bend OR) posted 40/18 +323 on Wednesday, and **Lee Ann Ka'ai** (Lake Dallas TX) posted 40/18 +274 on Saturday. Lee Ann's best card before GN was a 32—so she bested her personal best by 25%!

The GN main saw a lot of big scorecards: four 35s, one 36, two 38s, and two 40-point cards. The other 40 was turned in by **Michael Duffy** (Temecula CA). Michael's 40 was also a personal best, but two lousy spread points put his 40/18 +272 in second place behind Lee Ann.

Continuing a recent trend, a 27-scorecard is frequently not good enough to qualify. On Wednesday, only two 27s qualified, and on Saturday no 27s and even one 28 failed to make the grade.

event	HQ	score	LQ	score
49er Stampede main	Rick Baird	40/18 +323	Trevor Poole	27/13 +99
49er Stampede consy	Jeff Raynes	19/8 +157	Scott Kooistra	12/6 +6
GN 39 Rush for Gold main	Lee Ann Ka'ai	40/18 +274	Jones Hom	28/12 +172
GN 39 Rush for Gold consy	Herschel Mack	17/8 +139	Terry Weber	12/6 +8 (84)

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## The Magedanz Chronicles — Grand National Edition —

*Sacramento Stories by Dale Magedanz  
CW's Milwaukee Correspondent*



I'm playing **Bob Murray** (East Windsor CT) and am desperately trying to avoid the skunk.

I'm dealt 5-6-7-8-8-J. I toss 5-J and cut a Queen. My 12-hand comes up short; when Bob turns over a 17-crib he responds: "I've got a boatload." Stinky for me.

In the midweek tourney, **Jane Vander Loop** (Sun Prairie WI) is playing **Nancy Rojas** (Sacramento CA). Each is about twelve out with a 5-cut. Nancy leads a 4 and Jane plays a 3. Nancy follows up with her second 4, to which Jane plays her second 3 and states: "Who is going to give in first?" Well, Nancy plays her third 4 and Jane quickly plays her third 3—and the laughter begins. The 5 doesn't help either hand, and nobody gets any substantial pegs. Jane goes on to take the game. Here's a **Magedanz Challenge**: put these hands ➡ together with the 5-cut and determine the number of total points with all nine cards. My head hurts already.



When talking with **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR) at GN39, he told how years ago, the National Open in Raleigh had the American Playing Card company as a sponsor. They sent a representative to the tournament. At Duane's first Raleigh appearance, he had to play the rep. Before the match, the rep said he knew a little about the game, which turned out to be *very* little. Dewey mugged him in every game—too many points to mention. **Jim McManus** (now deceased) was watching and said that he had a better chance of beating Duane and he had a bye!



This year's GRTOC was held in Sacramento CA. Retired TD **David Aiken** assisted **Jeff Gardner** in his first run as TD. The Central Region dominated the field of 74, taking first, second, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh places. Leading the field was **Pat Barrett's** grand slam 19/9. ➡ Pat's awards included a hand-carved figurine of two old gents



playing cribbage. I missed my grand slam by three holes, but it just didn't matter. I still would have finished second.

I questioned **Roland Hall** (Pownal VT) about the proper direction to circle your chair for good luck. Without hesitation, he said clockwise. During his consy playoff match against **Keith Widener** (Clemmons NC), I watched Roland circle his chair on two occasions. To no avail, but he was true to his word. However, after losing, maybe he should shake it up and try counterclockwise.

The Grand Ballroom at GN39 was a great venue in which to play cribbage—except for one small detail. The air conditioner worked too well! **Kathy Cushman** (Sparks NV) and **Zelma Strandell** (Mesa AZ) bundled up for their playoff match, ➡ while **Emilio Perez** (Waukegan IL) and **Willie Evans** (Kennewick WA) took matters into their own hands and moved their playoff match into the warmer reception area. ↓



During the midweek main, **Rick Baird** (Bend OR) is playing **Jim Crawford** (Sierra Vista AZ). Rick is dealing from 29 out, and Jim is reaching for a pen to mark his win.

The cut gives Rick a

20-hand and a Spade flush 9-point crib to steal the game. In the very next game, Jim is playing **William MacMillan** (Cheyenne WY). The cut gives Jim a 16-hand and a 17-crib to snatch the pen from Bill's hand. Jim tells Bill he got a "Baird cut."

**Robert Medeiros** (Dorchester MA) was off to a fast start in the midweek main with three wins. His fourth opponent was **Kirsten Brokken** ➡ (Houston TX). On the first hand, he jumps ahead 31 to 4. Rob was feeling good, but as we all know, it ain't over until it's over. Kirsten clawed her way back into the game. On the last hand of the game, she held 6-6-9-9 and the 9 cut finished off Rob by 25 holes. A 52-hole swing from the first hand!



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## GN Journal: Eight Days of Cribbage

by David Long

The journal that follows started at my home club in Lakeport CA and ended the following week at the same club. I'm a .500 player, so to challenge myself I placed Grand National 39 in between these weekly tournaments.

### *Monday, September 20: Club 389 (six games)*

Our weekly tournament had six players with two new prospects. I ended with 8/4 +35, which was good for first place.

### *Tuesday, September 21: First Strike Singles (nine games)*

Using this first foray in the weeklong cluster to get the jitters out before the 49ers Stampede Midweek Main showed how little I was ready. **Robert Milk** and **Robert Medeiros** handed me a dose of reality with 4/2 -66.

### *Wednesday, September 22: 49ers Stampede Midweek Main (twenty-two games)*

Entering with high hopes that last night was a fluke, but that was quickly extinguished as I lost my first four games. Though I did win a game from **Robert Milk**, during my game with **Duane Toll** I fell apart with pegging and counting errors. Ended with 12/6 -206.

### *Wednesday, September 22: Strike It Rich Singles (nine games)*

Continued my fantastic playing form with 6/3 -150.

### *Thursday, September 23: 49er Stampede Midweek Consolation (nine games)*

Ditto with 4/2 -92. With the afternoon off, as the saying goes: "When the going gets tough—go shopping." So I visited the local mall for some R&R.

### *Thursday, September 23: Mother Load Singles (nine games)*

After a bit of a nap, seeing many faces—or should I say eyes—of players, I started with a skunk win and a skunk loss, but quietly held on, winning one from **Jerry Hahn** and a nice visit with **Jim Crawford**, ending in 15th overall with 13/6 +31.

### *Friday, September 24: Panning for Gold Singles (seven games)*

Lacking my full cups of coffee, fogged-up glasses due to masking, today's task was to make everyone I met look good. Finished with 0/0 -146.

### *Friday, September 24: Claim Jumpers Singles (nine games)*

After lunch in a midday event, many of my opponents saw that I was struggling with my pegging, hand count, and technical FUBARs. Many thanks to **Dick Lind**, **William Shoemaker**, **Terry Higgins**, and especially **John Alig**. Final was 5/2 -107.

### *Friday, September 24: Gold Nugget Singles (nine games)*

This was only a small group of players due to the Canadian Doubles event, still the cards did not favor me. Friendly conversation with little game stress. Met a few new players who came in just for the weekend. Final was 6/3 -92.

*Saturday, September 25: GN39 Rush for the Gold Main (twenty-two games)*  
Playing ACC members E to Z (**Erik Locke** to **Zelma Strandell**). In the first half I batted .500, but in the second half that slowly diminished. In one game I overthink my endgame position: I was 8 points out, had 8 in hand, but choose to keep 6, with hopes of blocking my opponent's pegging as well picking up two points to go out. One word: not. I let that game get away. Final card was 17/8 -119.

*Sunday, September 26: GN39 Rush for the Gold Consolation (nine games)*  
Saw a few new faces from across the US during this final event at Grand National 39. Maybe due to all the previous games played, not getting enough sleep, or the feeling that the end was near, I was tired. My math was off, my pegging count was slow, I made mistakes. My final card was 6/3 -156.

*Monday, September 27: Club 389 (six games)*  
Regular weekly tournament had me chatting with club members about GN39, about the different experiences noted above, saying that by the end of the week I felt exhausted, and my mind was numb. Still, I would not hesitate diving into Grand National again. My night with the home club was 7/3 -16.

*Statistics for eight days of cribbage*

games played	126
games won	42
game points	88
batting average	33.3%
point spread	-1,084
hands of cribbage*	1,512

*\*Figuring twelve hands per game.*

*David is director of Lake County 29ers Club 389 in Lakeport CA.*

**GN Player of the Week**

**Zelma Strandell** ➡ (Mesa AZ) was one of the big winners in Sacramento. On Thursday, Zelma won the 84-player Mother Lode Singles event. On Friday, Zelma teamed up with **Ginger Grogan** (Forest Lake MN)—whom she had never met before—to win the 180-player Klondike Canadian Doubles. If winning two events was not enough, Zelma then made a deep run into the GN main playoffs on Sunday and made it all the way to the quarterfinals.



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Na Folsom, CA					
AC PS 20A					
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number	
1	0		31 FZ	B11	
2	0		16	7	
3	2	14		4	
4	0		26 BK BS		
5	0		01 LB	3	
6	0		15 DH	B1	
7	0		25 RW	520	
8	2	10		B-24	
9	0		18	B-28	
10	0		22	B-25	

Cribbage World has often mentioned how important it is to never give up and how peaks and valleys factor into the ebb and flow of tournament play. Here's Exhibit A for both topics.

**Shelley Frost** (Folsom CA) had a terrible morning in the GN main, winning only two of her first ten games. ⬆ But then the worm turned, and she reeled off ten wins in a row. ⬇ She lost game 21 and still needed to win her last game to qualify #73. In the playoffs she knocked off a Life Master in the first round before losing her second match in game five.

But Shelley never would've have qualified if her afternoon peak hadn't appeared at just the right time. Never give up!

11	2	28		MB	B21
12	2	18		8	B17
13	2	20		1P	B13
14	2	27		LZ	B9
15	3	32		AE	B2
16	2	02		<del>AE</del>	6
17	2	21		<del>AE</del>	10
18	2	25		DW	14
19	3	47		MH	B18
20	2	07		PH	B22
21	0		07	DWB	B26
22	2	15		BE	27
Total Game Points	28	246 (+)	161 (-)	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0	
Games Won	13	NET POINTS (+/-)		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
		105			
Signature		Shelley Frost B12			

CW has only one more "never give up" story in the pipeline. Let's keep this column going. If you have a story to share, please send it to [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).

## Cribbage Feud

As part of the entertainment at the awards banquet in Sacramento, emcee **Scott Koo-istra** (Yankton SD) conducted an informal survey of one hundred ACC members. The unscientific results were used for the “Cribbage Feud” gameshow contest between the last two All American teams at the banquet. Here are the questions and answers:

*What is the best defensive discard to your opponent’s crib?*

answer	%
9-K	43
10-K	36
9-Q	8
A-K	4
8-K	3

*What is your favorite discard (not counting 5-5) to your own crib?*

answer	%
2-3	66
7-8	17
4-5	4
5-6	4
5-J	3
5-K	3
5-Q	2

*Who is the best cribbage player in the American Cribbage Congress, currently living?*

answer	%
Erik Locke	56
Duane Toll	22
Rob Medeiros	14
Wayne Steinmetz	2
Troy Thorson	1.5
Bryan Gurden	1.5

*What is your favorite cribbage tournament to attend on a regular basis?*

answer	%
ACC Open/TOC Reno	36
Grand National	21
National Open Raleigh	12
Lincoln City OR	5
Long Beach WA	5
Deadwood SD	5
Boise ID	3
Topaz NV	3
Sunnyside WA	3

*Answers are for entertainment purposes only. Your results may vary.*



# IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

## Mel Ashley

Mel Ashley (Marina CA) passed away on September 26 at the age of ninety. Born in St. Louis in 1931, he lived in New York City and Chicago before coming to California at age ten. Following a stint in the Marine Corps (serving in Korea and Japan), he attended college in San Francisco and San Jose. Mel spent twenty-three years as an educator in the San Francisco Bay Area and Monterey County, plus one year teaching in Germany. After retirement, he found a second career as a stamp dealer, traveling to weekend stamp shows and the occasional cribbage tourney. In addition to cribbage, he enjoyed traveling, was an avid philatelist, and was an accomplished ballroom dancer, but

### A Memory of Mel by His Sister

My brother Mel (Bud to the family) was the oldest of five. He was a great mentor when it came to cribbage and dancing. He taught my twin brother and me ballroom dancing when we were in fifth grade, and then used us as his exhibitions to enlist others to join Arthur Murray. Several years ago he came to visit me in Pahrump NV and to also play in the Pahrump tournament. He insisted that I be his doubles partner even though I protested loudly. Well, we took second place, and he was so proud of our accomplishment, saying it was all my doing. No, it was his—he was the master. He was also my rock and sounding board when I lost my husband to Covid this past January. I could not ask for a better big brother, and I will miss him terribly, but he is at peace now and no longer suffering. For that I am thankful.

—*Sherry Rhine (Pahrump NV)*

not so accomplished a golfer! Mel joined the ACC in November 1988 and was a member of Club 82, where he was club champion several times and earned his Gold Award. He would help whenever needed, thus serving as club director for seven years and as director of Pacific Coast Championship for six years. He was proud to have earned his Life Master (3\*), only the twenty-second person to have done so. Mel was a great man and a cribbage legend.

## Jerry Bruff

Jerry Bruff (Coloma MI) passed away on October 4 at age sixty-one. He was a competitive cribbage player and loved all types of sports—especially his Cubs. He played cribbage in both the Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo clubs, attending his first nationally sanctioned tournament in August at Battle Creek. He was also an avid bowler with several 300 games, an 847 series, and an Superior Performance Hall of Fame award from the Blossomland USBC Bowling Association in both 2016 and 2017. He will be missed at both cribbage clubs.

## Ratso Roderick Jr.

Ratso Roderick (Salem OR) passed away on September 18 at age eighty-five. He enjoyed cribbage a lot and also loved to talk a lot while playing the game! He learned cribbage while stationed in Japan during the Korean War by a kid from Arkansas. They played cribbage while listening to country music. Ratso had earned his Silver Award in Grass Roots play and his Grand Master in weekend play. He had three 29-hands, and once he had back-to-back 28-hands in one game! He dealt the first one, his opponent dealt the second one. At the age of sixty-two he learn martial arts and earned his Black Belt at the age of sixty-seven. If you ever met Ratso you would not forget him!

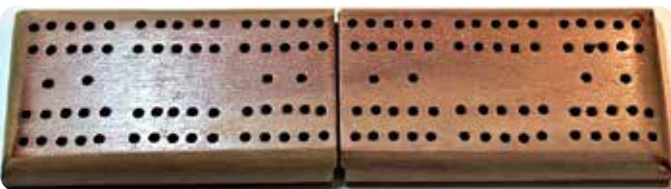


## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

I have been writing this column since May 2008. Over the years, our members have sent photos, stories, and questions about some wonderful boards. I think I have responded to everyone's email and photos. As far as using the boards for an article, here are the basic criteria: the board needs to be unique, interesting, and have a story. Sometimes I know a particular board and can add additional history. What I can't do is print a photo with no story or history. Don't let that stop you though, I still want to see your photos and provide whatever information I can.



For this month's CBOM, ACC member **Gordon Dakin** (Pleasant Hill CA) sent photos of two boards and histories from each side of his family. The metal board, likely brass, is a late 1800s English board. Gordon's 84-year-old mom remembers her father playing on it when she was very young. It probably also belonged to Gordon's great-grandfather, who emigrated from England. The two dials on the board can be used to count cribbage games won, but they were actually for counting the games of whist and euchre.

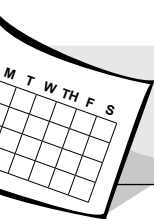


The second one is a small folding wood travel board. It is a model #810 made by the Pattberg Novelty Co. of New York. This board has its original leather case with

Gordon's paternal great-grandfather's initials. Likely purchased in New York around WWI, the board was used by his great-grandfather while traveling by ship for work purposes up until WWII. For the last four decades Gordon's parents used the board while traveling around the world. This cribbage board has literally been to every continent several times. To this day, the board continues to travel with Gordon, his wife, and his cribbage-playing family. **CW**



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



# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of September 10

Top 50 in each region, 100 MRP minimum

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 230 <b>Bob Stone</b>	1 218 <b>Ann Trotter</b>	1 269 <b>Charlene Cohen</b>
2 210 Troy Thorson	2 205 Henry Brandner	2 207 Richard Weston
3 181 William Macmillan	3 181 William Stacey	3 184 Mathew Piechota
4 177 Mary Gates	4 152 Scott Sand	4 177 Jim Maffa
5 152 Charles Ramsey	5 151 Jim Mahan	5 115 Guy Spezzaferro
6 144 Eric Boysen	6 146 Scott Kooistra	6 110 Edward Kane
7 137 Sara Sanner	7 140 John Syftestad	6 110 John Miller
8 135 Hal Lamon	8 138 Daniel Betz	8 104 John Wichland
9 129 Rex Paddock	9 121 Doug Whitlock	9 103 Barry Spadea
10 117 Leroy Mill	10 119 Kevin Harris	10 101 Louis Petosa
10 117 David Braach		



## Unknown Cribbage Board Manufacturer

Here is a cribbage board manufactured by a maker who is not listed in Bette Bemis's *Cribbage Boards, 1863–1998*—the bible of cribbage board collectors. Found by **John and Meme Schafer** at a garage sale in their hometown of Battle Creek MI, the board bears a slight resemblance to the Crib-Derby board manufactured in St. Paul MN (same general oval shape). This board has a rubber-stamped name on the back; it is somewhat hard to decipher, but probably reads as follows:



Charles H. Hodges  
1375 Washington Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Patent Pending

Since the address doesn't have a zip code, *Cribbage World's* resident boardologist **Jay Fulwider** surmises that the board was made pre-1963, when the USPS introduced this mail-sorting numeric. If anyone can shed light on this board manufacturer, please let us know at [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org).

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
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Details are accurate at time of publication, but check with the tourney director before making travel plans. For more information, visit [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org).

#### GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

date	city/state	TD
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

#### NV ♦ Nov. 5–7, Gold Dust West Fall Festival

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

#### NV ♦ TOPAZ DOUBLEHEADER

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395,  
Gardnerville NV 89410

**Nov. 8–10, Les Sumner Memorial**  
TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715)  
& Alice Souza

**Nov. 11–12, Topaz II**  
TD: Pamela Pomeroy (562.929.2901)  
& Charlene Cohen

#### MD ♦ Nov. 12–14, Charm City Classic

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

#### WI ♦ Nov. 12–14, Dianne Gurney Memorial

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

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#### NV ♦ Nov. 12–14, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

#### AK ♦ Nov. 13, Anchorage Open

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

#### VA ♦ Nov. 19–21, Virginia Beach Classic

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

#### CT ♦ Nov. 21, Yankee Classic

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.666.8300) & Mike Fetchel

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#### MI ♦ THANKSGIVING DOUBLEHEADER

American Legion, 401 N Park St NE,  
Grand Rapids MI 49525. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

#### Nov. 26 & 28, Wishbone Open

#### Nov. 27, Reindeer Games

#### WI ♦ Dec. 3–5, Jingle Bell Open

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

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#### MI ♦ Dec. 31–Jan. 1, Rives Junction Open

Jerry's Garage, 3930 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction MI 49277. TD: Jerry Adams (517.612.4455) & David Aiken

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

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

**WI ♦ Jan. 14–16, American Pride**

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

**CA ♦ Jan. 21–23, Peg for the Border**

Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91942. TD: John Kern (619.569.5036) & Bob Prochnow

**NV ♦ Las Vegas Doubleheader**

Schaefer House, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011. TD

**Jan. 29, Schaefer Shuffle Singles West**

TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

**Jan. 30, Denise's Deal in the Desert**

TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444) & Ray Klocko

**NH ♦ Feb. 4–6, Medeiros Memorial**

Windrifter Resort, 337 Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)

**AZ ♦ Feb. 5–6, Robert Milk**

Greentree Inn, 4234 S 48th St, Phoenix AZ 85040. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

**AK ♦ Feb. 12, We ♥ Cribbage**

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

**WI ♦ Feb. 18–20, Go Green Bay**

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

**VA ♦ Feb. 18–20, Hampton Roads Tournament**

Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Jack Howsare (757.699.2999) & Laurie Schmitz

**CA ♦ Feb. 25–27, Northern California Open**

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

**NV ♦ The Big One Returns**

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

**Mar. 4, TOC (invitation only)**

TD: Patrick Barrett & Todd Schaefer

**Mar. 5–6, JPW/ACC Open**

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.444.3161) & Scott Kooistra

**WI ♦ Mar. 18–20, Mick Michaelis Classic**

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

**MA ♦ Mar. 20, Cornbeef & Cribbage**

VFW, 13 Cross Rd, Uxbridge MA 015669. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle

**NC ♦ Apr. 1–3, Raleigh Spring Fling**

Double Tree by Hilton, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

**OR ♦ Newport Tripleheader**

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365

**Apr. 2–3, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial**

TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

**Apr. 7–8, Alsea River Open**

TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron

**Apr. 9–10, Dean Bauman Memorial**

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

**WI ♦ Apr. 8–10, Eau Claire Fest**

29 Pines Hotel, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588)

**AK ♦ Apr. 9, Alaska State Championship**

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. Kim (907.748.2684) & Bonnie Kline

**WI ♦ Apr. 22–24, Black River Country Classic**

Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Richard Frost (920.361.3302) & Wayne Steinmetz

**SD ♦ Deadwood Tripleheader**

The Lodge, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett

**Apr. 28–29, Deadwood Open**

**Apr. 30, Aces and Eights**

**May 1, Calamity Jane Open**

**CA ♦ Apr. 23, Napa Valley Wine Country Open**

Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Michael Rogers (510.504.6905) & Yvonne Bow-ers

**WI ♦ May 6–8, Peg for Pink**

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

**CA ♦ June 10–12, Jerry Montgomery Memorial**

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

**AK ♦ June 18, Midnight Sun Open**

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

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## 40 Years Ago

Alas, we do not have a copy of the November 1981 *Cribbage World*—not online and not in the Cribbage World Archives in Coopersville MI. If anyone has a copy, please contact us at [cribbageworld@cribbage.org](mailto:cribbageworld@cribbage.org) so we can complete our archives and find out what happened forty years ago in the ACC.

## 25 Years Ago

The front cover reported on Grand National 15 in Napa CA, where **Terry Hurtgen** (AZ) posted 44/19 +374 as the high qualifier in the main and **Mary Herrmann** (CA) won the event. The GN15 consolation was won by **Helene Sontag** (CA). Elsewhere we read that the late great **Bob McCabe** (WI) was double HQ, with the best score in both the main and consy at Wisconsin Dells Classic.



## BOD Meeting Quick Takes

- All current officers were reelected, meaning that the term “acting” is now removed from **James Morrow’s** and **Rick Shea’s** titles.
- **Jeff Shimp** and **Roy Hofbauer** were awarded Board Member Emeritus status. This honorary post is given to retired board members who provided distinguished service.
- Preliminary proposals for the 2024 Grand National in the Western Region were received from **Las Vegas NV** and **Phoenix AZ**. Formal proposals—and a vote by the BOD—will be made at the BOD meeting in Reno in March.
- Grass Roots **Divisions 2 and 3** were folded into Division 1. Grass Roots added a new award for the batting average champion.
- **Larry Hassett** resigned as ACC membership secretary effective September 30. The new MemSec is **Brenda Nason**.



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