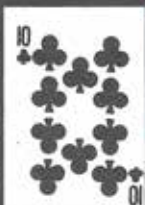


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**2019**

July  
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## DeLynn Coard Colvert

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1931–2019

A **DeLynn Memorial** will be held in junction with the Oregon Coast Classic in Lincoln City OR on May 1–3, 2020. Watch *Cribbage World* for details.

### Online Condolence

What a great contributor to cribbage and the ACC. They are in trouble at the cribbage table above now. RIP.

*Monica Newton (OR)*

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Staring contest with the photographer, Reno 2019

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## Abbreviations

AAT	All American Team	GN	Grand National
ACC	American Cribbage Congress	GRPs	Grass Roots Points
AST	All Star Tournament	MRPs	Master Rating Points
CW	<i>Cribbage World</i>	PWC	<i>Play Winning Cribbage</i>

## DeLynn Coard Colvert—A Life

Just hours before the 2018–19 cribbage season drew to a close, **DeLynn Colvert** pegged out for the last time on July 30. For years he fought against the odds, but finally the game was over.

As one online obit summed up his life: “DeLynn managed to violate all laws of physics, engineering, medical science, and biological science. He also broke most traf-

photo: Kerry O’Connell



fic laws in North America. Despite all his best efforts, he managed to live an active and full life, passing away peacefully at the age of 87 in his home.”

DeLynn is survived by his wife Marilyn, sons Coard and Ian, daughter-in-law Valerie, and sister Lorrie.

Grand old man of the grand old game, éminence grise of cribbage, G O A T (Great-est Of All Time), elder statesman, crib-

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



Junior College yearbook photo

bage icon, Babe Ruth of cribbage, cribbage ambassador par excellence—whatever you want to call him, DeLynn will always be at the top of any list.

Born in a railroad boxcar in Stanley ND in 1931—the second of four children—DeLynn’s early years entailed wandering around the southeastern United States, as his family moved to Florida in 1935. After stints in Columbia SC and then back to Florida, he finally returned to and lived most of his life in Missoula MT.

The son of Swedish descent via Richard Coard (“R.C.”) Colvert and Anna Tarczanin, DeLynn had three siblings: Lorrie Carpino (born 1930), Harold Colvert (1933), and Carol Pierson (1936), with a half-brother, Donald Tarczanin, born many years later in 1950.

While living in Florida as a teenager, DeLynn graduated from West Palm Beach High School and Palm Beach Junior College. He attended the University of Florida but earned both his BA and MFA from what was then called Montana State University (see nearby box ↓ for clarification on the university name). DeLynn was the first person to earn a Master of Fine Arts from the university in 1958. A mural he created as part of his master’s degree still features prominently in the University of Montana cafeteria (→ centerfold).

In the 1950s, DeLynn sampled a wide variety of experiences: deckhand on a Great Lakes freighter; paratrooper in the Korean War with the 503rd Airborne Regiment of the US Army (earning the rank of Sergeant); muralist, cartographer, portrait artist, and illustrator in

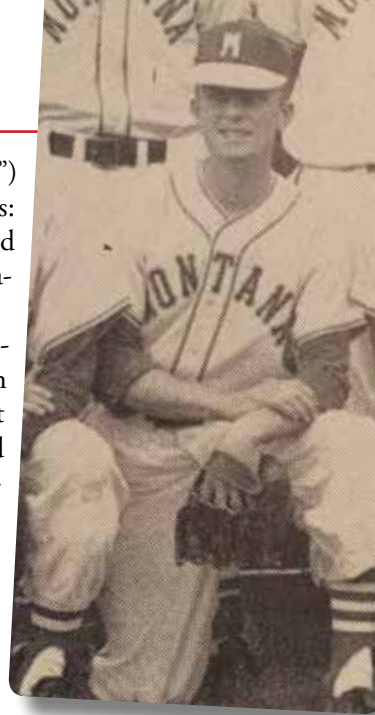


photo: Valerie Moore Colvert

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### What’s in a Name?

Confused about where DeLynn went to college? So is the Montana university system! The title page of DeLynn’s Master’s thesis clearly states Montana State University, but every online reference to the thesis—to say nothing of the mural itself being located on the UM campus in Missoula—states that he graduated University of Montana in 1958. So what gives?

Today the universities are official known as Montana State University–Bozeman and the University of Montana–Missoula. Previously MSU/B had other names (State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and Montana State College). Confusingly (perhaps too mild a term), UM/M had been called both the State University of Montana and Montana State University. And it is this last name that appears on DeLynn’s thesis. Whew!







photo: Valerie Moore Colvert

Missoula and far beyond; and amateur and semipro baseball player, coaching/playing on the university team and playing semiprofessional baseball in the Pioneer League into his forties.

DeLynn began working for the US Forest Service as an illustrator with the Missoula Technical Development Center. This led to a career in the graphic arts, in which he illustrated books for several Montana authors and churned out illustrations for a variety of

publications. As far as cribbage players are concerned, DeLynn's career culminated in the artwork that he drew for the five editions of *Play Winning Cribbage* and that he sprinkled liberally throughout the pages of *Cribbage World* during his seventeen-year tenure as editor.

Along life's journey, DeLynn married Marilyn Johnson and raised two sons: Coard and Ian. (**Coard** was the maiden name of DeLynn's paternal grandmother Mabel, and it became DeLynn's father's middle name, DeLynn's middle name, and the first name of DeLynn's oldest son.)

The habit of travel baked into DeLynn's DNA in his early years set the pattern

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



DeLynn with sons Coard and Ian

for both vocation and avocation, but DeLynn always returned home to Missoula. In recent years, DeLynn spent the winters in southern, sunny climes far away from Montana's frigid and snowy winters. This year was no different, but he stayed with family

in Arizona well past the normal snowbird exodus.

In early July a combination of health issues led first to hospitalization and then to hospice.

With the end approaching, DeLynn wanted to die in Missoula, so Ian drove him twelve hundred miles to Montana, arriving at home in Missoula just hours before DeLynn's last breath.

To the end, however, DeLynn remained lucid and expressed great vigor for life.

DeLynn drove over one million miles traveling to cribbage tournaments. At these tournaments, we saw him in familiar garb: baseball cap with brim pulled down over his eyes, pouch of pegs hanging around his neck, short-sleeve polo shirt or T-shirt, covered by a fleece jacket or vest in colder months.

These outward elements disguised what was arguably the greatest cribbage player ever. While his stats are impressive—Life Master (7★), All American twenty-six times,

photo: Rick Westerman

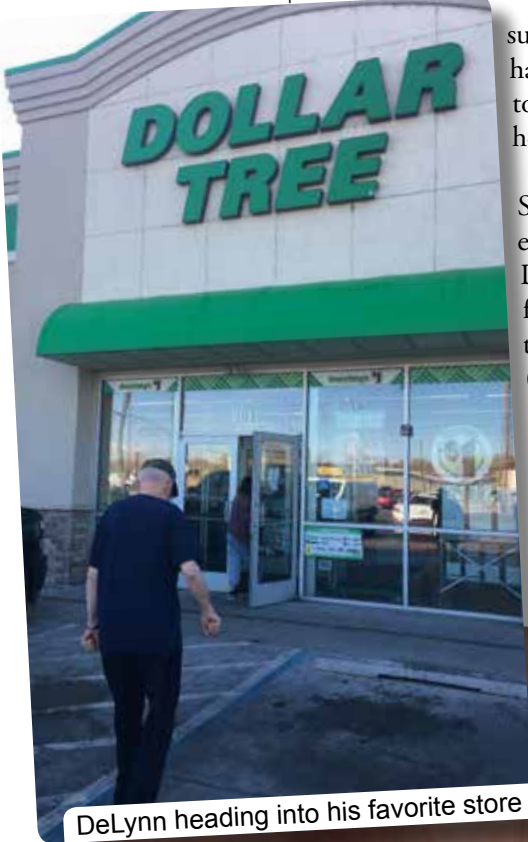
national champion five times, Hall of Fame inductee—DeLynn made his quest for points and awards harder when he published *Play Winning Cribbage*—the definitive book on cribbage—in 1980. As players began reading his book and incorporating his ideas into their play, it



photo: Kerry O'Connell



photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



DeLynn heading into his favorite store

suddenly became harder for DeLynn to win! But win he did.

Sir John Sucking invented cribbage, but DeLynn perfected it. While the 26-theory (in various permutations) has been around for many decades, DeLynn gave it empirical support and singlehandedly invented modern cribbage strategy. The modern game is based on



DeLynn and la

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



Breakfast on DeLynn's 87th birthday



his insights, and anytime someone gives you a playing tip, they are standing on DeLynn's broad shoulders.

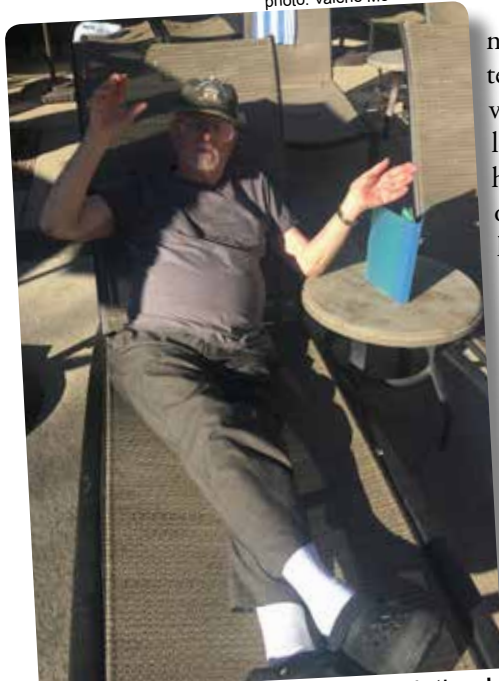
photo: Valerie Moore Colvert

n, one week before the end

But more

impressive than DeLynn's stats and cribbage accomplishments, however, are the ways that he touched the lives of ACC members. This magazine contains stories and pictures from just a few of the thousands of cribbage players whose lives were improved because they knew DeLynn.

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



Relaxing at the pool in street clothes!



Celebrating New Year's Eve, 2017

How do you measure a man's life? The numerical value is 87y 9m 20d. But in terms of actual value, DeLynn's life looks very much like what you see on the following pages. While DeLynn has pegged his last game, he will live on in the memories of the thousands of players whose lives he touched.

To paraphrase a line from the *Prairie Home Companion* movie: "The death of an old cribbage player is not a tragedy." It is cause for celebration, and celebrate we will. This *Cribbage World* issue is devoted to the life and legacy of DeLynn and contains stories, memories, and photos from ACC members around the continent.

In keeping with DeLynn's frequent signoff on letters and email: "Peg on!"

Rest in peace, my friend. **CW**

—by David Aiken

# DeLynn—from A to Z



CW Jan. 1999, page 1



PWC 5th edition, page 20



**A** **All American** twenty-six times (→ page 13).

**B** **Baseball** player—DeLynn played amateur and semipro ball for many years.

**C** **Cop**—one of DeLynn's favorite headline words when he was CW editor, as in "Colvert Cops Chinook Winds."

**D** **DeLynn** (no space, capital L)—not De Lynn, not Delynn—is the correct spelling of his name.

**E** **Editor** of *Cribbage World* for almost seventeen years (202 issues).

**F** **Frugal**—DeLynn was known to pinch a penny or two.

**G** **Graphic artist**—DeLynn spent his career in the graphic arts (→ page 36).

**H** **Honda Civic**—DeLynn put over half a million miles on his favorite car attending tournaments all over the Western United States—and farther afield (→ page 24).

**I** **Idaho**—the state where DeLynn won his first tournament in 1981. Where else did DeLynn win tourneys? (→ Quiz #1 on page 12).

**J** **Jake the Snake**—DeLynn's fictitious combatant in *Play Winning Cribbage* (→ page 26).

**K** **Knowledgeable**—DeLynn was practically a Renaissance man, fluent in many languages: graphic arts, baseball, politics, statistics, and—of course—cribbage!

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**L** **Lifetime** MRP leader for more than twenty-six years, the last twenty-four of them consecutively.

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**M** **Missoula** and **Montana**—where DeLynn lived most of his life.

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**N** **Numbers Nut**—DeLynn's own term for himself (November 1987 *Cribbage World*, page 2).

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**O** **Old-fashioned**—when DeLynn published his last issue of *Cribbage World* in December 2006, he was still doing it the old-fashioned way—by pasting up each page on a light table.

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**P** **Postage**—DeLynn purchased old stamps at discount from stamp dealers to save money on postage (→ **F** above). This 2016 envelope used stamps issued (left to right) in 1987, 1963, 1963, 1959, and 1972.

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**Q** **Quintuple**—DeLynn won five national championships:

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**R** **Reno**—DeLynn won three tourneys in Reno (1992, 2009, and 2011) and attended BOD meetings and directed the national All Star tourney there for over three decades.

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**S** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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1986  
1991  
1997  
1998 (tie)  
2017

# DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MOSAIC MURAL

by

De Lynn C. Colvert

R. A. Montana State University  
1997

Presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements  
for the degree of

Master of Arts in Art

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

1998

U

CW Oct. 2005, page 1



**Rookie of Year Mark Soule Shines  
GNXXIV: DeLynn Colvert**

The Cribbage World Magazine in Lincoln City, Oregon, was given with cribbage players from throughout the U.S. and around the world. The magazine is the only one of its kind. It is a quarterly publication and is the only one of its kind. It is a quarterly publication and is the only one of its kind. It is a quarterly publication and is the only one of its kind.

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X

T

**Team play**—DeLynn was known for organizing team competition at many tournaments he attended.

U

**University of Montana**—where DeLynn earned the first MFA granted by the university (→ centerfold) and played baseball and captained the team.

V

**Verbacious**—DeLynn delighted in painting pictures of victories using verbs. In addition to **cop** (→ C above), **nail** and **top** figured prominently in his reportage. But he would also note victories with *break the ice, burn hot, capture, plug, roll, run the table, sizzle, smoke, take home the bacon, take all the marbles, walk away with, zip*, and many more.

W

**Winner** of 93 sanctioned events—hence the very appropriate title of his book: *Play **Winning** Cribbage* (→ page 24).

X

**Xploit**—DeLynn's proudest cribbage exploit was winning the 2005 Grand National main.

Y

**You da man!** A frequent email signoff used by DeLynn.

Z

**Zero**—the number of points that DeLynn wanted to see in his opponent's crib!

photo: Vicki Soule



DeLynn playing Mark Soule in Grand National 24 finals in Lincoln City OR in 2005

**Q&A**  
**Colvert Quiz #1**

In how many states did DeLynn win tournaments?

Answer on page 23.



year	rank	MRPs	DeLynn's MRP
1981-82	unknown	84	
1982-83	#24	331	Note: the MRP system in use today differs markedly from that used in the ACC's early years. It underwent several revisions, most notably in 1991 and 1997. With each revision, early MRPs were converted to their modern equivalent. The MRPs in this list are converted points and may not match MRPs listed in early <i>Cribbage Worlds</i> . Where known, DeLynn's ranking number is used from these early years, regardless of how the MRPs were adjusted.
1983-84	#80	158	
1984-85	#10	443	
1985-86	#1	827	
1986-87	#4	1178	
1987-88	#7	1056	
1988-89	#6	1159	
1989-90	#5	1498	
1990-91	#1	1689	
1991-92	#12	972	
1992-93	#7	1131	
1993-94	#8	1080	
1994-95	#8	1358	
1995-96	#4	1507	
1996-97	#1	1731	
1997-98	#1T	1331	
1998-99	#3	1324	
1999-00	#6	1164	
2000-01	#3	1335	
2001-02	#2	1542	
2002-03	#3	1672	
2003-04	#3	2039	
2004-05	#39	806	
2005-06	#17	1009	
2006-07	#11	1180	
2007-08	#13	1111	
2008-09	#6	1422	
2009-10	#5	1650	
2010-11	#3	1953	
2011-12	#6	1453	
2012-13	#5	1629	
2013-14	#5	1543	
2014-15	#25	983	
2015-16	#132T	392	
2016-17	#1	1746	
2017-18	#19	1037	
2018-19	#218T	148	
total		44,671	

26x = All American  
5x = All American + National Champion



photo: Valerie Moore Colvert

CW Feb. 1996, page 9

## DeLynn and son Ian

CW July 1991, page 19

### Your Editor Has No Respect

DeLynn Colvert's son, Ian, was at school one day talking to his friends, "You know, my dad is a real nut about cribbage!"

A pal replied, "Oh, really? Me too!"

Ian, a bit skeptical, "Do you know what cribbage is?"

"Yeah, it tastes great!"

*My son Ian does know what cribbage is...he even gives me a hand from time to time with Cribbage World chores. But he doesn't play cribbage (he's a computer nut).*

*the editor  
cribbage nut*

### Great Shot!

We all know cribbage is not much of a spectator sport. Many of our championship matches are almost totally ignored by the remaining players in the hall...and even the game of golf doesn't rate very high in that category.

But I must relate a golf story. Bear with me.

I was playing with my 120-pound string-bean son (Ian) in Hemet, CA over the holidays...and he has a swing even bigger than that of John Daly. He just isn't as big. But, the clubhead speed generated is simply awesome. And when he hits the ball square, it really goes!

We were teeing off on the 10th hole, and six other golfers were sitting on a nearby bench waiting their turn. The hole was a short 323-yard par-4. Knowing Ian could possibly drive the green, I turned to these six golfers and said: "Hey, this skinny kid has a chance of driving this green!" They just looked at me blankly, and I turned away.

Well, Ian hates me bragging about him, and he overheard my comment. He was doing a slow burn. He took three slow, deliberate, enormous swings. His face was flushed, and I could tell I had made a booboo.

He teed up the ball and took his usual full, fast, swing. Bam! I've never seen a ball travel so fast off the clubhead...and straight as an arrow for the green, dead on line for the pin. The ball came to rest some 12 feet below the hole! 323 yards! What a shot! I let out a shriek! "Great shot...wow!!!"

I turned to look at the six golfers on the bench. They just stared at the green and said nothing.

But when I picked up my bag to walk off the tee box, one of the six said to another "Well...we won't have to wait for these guys..."



### Online Condolence

It was an honor to play one of the greatest of all time, and the man who (literally) wrote the book. "Great cribbage players never die; they just peg out." *Terry Higgins (CA)*



### Online Condolence

A true gentlemen and scholar. His knowledge in his books will be his legacy for years to come for upcoming generations.

*Darlene Stier (AZ)*



# DeLynn's Cribbage Awards

6/1981	Joins ACC. The June 1981 <i>Cribbage World</i> (which is mislabeled May 1981) says no ACC members lived in Montana (page 5); the July CW mentions DeLynn and contains the first PWC ad, so he must have joined the ACC sometime in June.
8/31/1983	First finish in the top fifty MRP leaders for the season.
7/1985	Sits atop the Western Region for the first time.
10/1987	Master Award (2,000 MRPs) presented at GN 6. ✓
10/1988	Earns Grand Master (4,000 MRPs). ✓
7/28/1989	Elected to Hall of Fame.
2/4/1990	First ACC member to reach Life Master (6,000 MRPs). ↓
11/7/1992	First ACC member to reach Life Master (★) (10,000 MRPs). ↗
11/10/1996	First ACC member to reach Life Master (2★) (15,000 MRPs). ✓

CW Oct. 1987, page 1

Cribbage Masters  
2,000 Master Point Plateau  
Reached in 1986-87

DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT
Jim Fabian	Naperville, IL
Syl Lulinski	LaGrange Pk., IL
Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI
Jeff Shimp	Allegan, MI

CW Oct. 1988, page 1

Cribbage Masters  
4,000 Master Point Plateau  
Reached in 1987-1988

Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI
DeLynn Colvert	Missoula, MT
W. Sondericker	Greenfield, WI

CW March 1990, page 7

**DeLynn Colvert, Scott Kooistra become ACC's First Life Masters**

On February 4th, after 11 years of play, DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT, and Scott Kooistra, Yankton, SD, became the first and second players to earn Life Master...a plateau of 6,000 Master Points.

Both players won their 2nd round playoff matches at the huge ACC Open in Reno to go over the 6,000 mark. DeLynn won his match 3-0, and at 7:50 AM had his 6,000 points. Scott won his match 3-1, and at 8:18 AM was the second Life Master...a mere 28 minute difference after 11 years pegging!

Both Colvert and Kooistra are 5-time All-Americans.

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**Online Condolence**  
A cribbage icon second to none.  
*Keith Widener (NC)*



## DeLynn Colvert Earns ACC's First Star Award

### Reno's Veteran's Day Classic Draws Record 390

Life Master DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT, qualified 93rd (of 98), but his cards came alive during the playoffs, and he captured the title, \$2,200, and in the process earned the first Star Award in the ACC's history, running his MRP's to a whopping 10,140 lifetime.

CW Sept. 2000, page 4

DeLynn Colvert (MT) earned the ACC's first 3-star rating by taking home 56 MRP's in the Main Event. His lifetime score? 20,021!

CW Nov. 2003, page 34

#### AWARDS

**LIFE MASTER - FOUR STARS**  
1 - DE LYNN COLVERT, MISSOULA, MT

7/23/2000	First ACC member to reach Life Master (3★) (20,000 MRPs). ↑
9/14/2003	First ACC member to reach Life Master (4★) (25,000 MRPs). ↑
8/29/2007	Presented Meritorious Service Award.
8/29/2007	Presented President's Award.
10/28/2007	First ACC member to reach Life Master (5★) (30,000 MRPs). ↓
2/28/2011	First ACC member to reach Life Master (6★) (35,000 MRPs).
9/21/2013	Receives Western Region Outstanding Volunteer award.
6/15/2014	Second ACC member to reach Life Master (7★) (40,000 MRPs).

CW Dec. 2007, page 16



**DeLynn Colvert**  
**(Missoula MT)**  
**Life Master (★★★★★) #1**

The ACC's first five-star superstar is DeLynn Colvert. DeLynn's goal was to achieve his five-star rating by age 75. On October 10, he turned 76—and fell a measly four points short of 30,000 MRPs! In a profile celebrating a unique achievement in the history of the ACC, it might seem politically incorrect to mention a shortcoming of the honoree, but DeLynn freely told CW what happened.

While playing the ninth game of the Reno consolation in July, DeLynn picked up his front peg and lost 16 holes. This cost him the game and kept him from qualifying for the playoffs, where he would have earned a minimum of 4 MRPs and thus achieved his goal of "five at 75." If even the great ones make mistakes occasionally, it gives hope to us mere mortals.

But on to DeLynn's recent achievements. At the Montana Championship in Missoula MT on October 5–7, DeLynn not only won the high rollers event on Saturday night, but he continued his hot streak and won the main tourney the next day. Throughout the entire weekend,

DeLynn won an astounding 76% of his games!

Undaunted in his quest for five stars, at his very next tournament (Salem Classic on October 28), DeLynn qualified for the consolation—and claimed his fifth star.



Thanksgiving, 2018

all photos: Valerie Moore Colvert



Asked if she plays cribbage, Valerie says: "I played once with DeLynn as a partner. Even with his dementia, he played superfast, and we won. I had no idea what happened."





**DeLynn and daughter-in-law Valerie**



The night DeLynn bought a car and drove to Mesquite AZ with four cop cars and a helicopter in pursuit!



# DeLynn and the Board of Directors

1982	runs unsuccessfully for BOD
1983	appointed to BOD by Joseph Wergin
1984	elected: #9 with 224 votes ↓
1986	elected: #6 with 425 votes
1988	elected: #4 with 912 votes
1989	elected: #9 with 994 votes
1991	elected: #4 with 1,109 votes
1993	elected: #2 with 714 votes
1995	elected: #1 with 591 votes
1997	elected: #1 with 744 votes
1999	elected: #1 with 1,644 votes
2000	<i>elected ACC president</i>
2001	elected: #1 with 817 votes
2002	<i>elected ACC president</i> →
2003	<i>elected ACC president</i>
2004	<i>elected ACC president</i>
2005	elected: #1 with 740 votes ↘
2006	<i>resigns ACC presidency</i>

year	President's Awards Presented by DeLynn
2001	Al Lindner (Greenwood WI)
2002	Larry Hassett (Roseburg OR)
2003	Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL)
2004	Bob McCabe (Milwaukee WI)
2005	Diane Waite (Saint Paul MN)
2006	Tom Lewis (Albuquerque NM)

CW Oct. 2000, page 19

## President's Column

*By DeLynn Colvert*

At the recent Board of Director's meeting in Eau Claire, WI, I was elected President by a slim margin of 11-10. This is a great honor for me to represent the 7,000 plus members of the Congress as your President. In many ways this is a shock and surprise, as I am a player, not a politician. I may not be the right person at the right time for the job. However, I promise to do the best I can for our members, and hope we can move forward and enjoy our game.

{snip}

So let's move on. Give me your support. Cribbage is a great game, Let's enjoy it, continue our fair play, and extend our great camaraderie to new members and expand our game into the 21st Century. Let's make Sir John Suckling proud of us!

*DeLynn Colvert*

### First BOD bio

CW May 1984, page 1

DELYNN COLVERT - MISSOULA, MT

I am director of the Montana Open and Montana Championship tournaments. I authored a book "Play Winning Cribbage", representing a 20 year study of data resulting in my "26 theory" presented in this illustrated book. I was the first Congress member from Montana.

DeLynn Colvert

### Last BOD bio

CW May 2005, page 18

**DeLynn Colvert**, Missoula, MT: LM\*\*\*\*, AA(19), BOD, CW editor, Awards, HOF. If elected, I will work to continue our friendly competition in sanctioned play, emphasizing fair play and standardization in scoring nationwide. I will support our Grass Roots organization and all endeavors promoting the grand old game of cribbage. If surplus monies accumulate, I will work for perks for our members, such as bumper stickers, static cling signs, added awards, and possibly added prize money for our Grand Nationals. I have been a long-time member of the ACC's BOD, and am honored to be currently serving as President.

CW Dec. 1981, page 10

### CW report of DeLynn's first win

**WALLACE, ID:** The inaugural Silver Valley Open was captured by author and all-around-good-guy, DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, MT. Lynn said it was easy as writing the book, "Play Winning Cribbage."



# GAME ON by Dan Zeisler



It was always with mixed emotions when I sat across the table from Mr. Colvert. Here was my opportunity to boast about beating the best in the world, but it usually ended up end being an ugly zero on my scorecard. Regardless of the outcome of the game, DeLynn never failed to ask me about the Youth Program, and would share his belief of how important it was to the future of the ACC. On one occasion a few years ago when we were talking, I realized that the advanced youth cribbage classes I taught were mostly strategies I learned from reading DeLynn's book. I'm sure that other teachers have also used DeLynn's winning techniques when working with our younger players. With that said, it is heartwarming to know that the next generation of cribbage players will have a little bit of Mr. Colvert in them every time they toss a card on the table

The cover of the October 1994 *Cribbage World* reported that **DeLynn Colvert** "nailed the 154-player inaugural Longest Beach Classic" in Long Beach WA. He also won the Saturday Night Special. DeLynn appears elsewhere in this CW at these places:

- 3 name and address on masthead
- 4 assures Stan "The Man" Daniels that Stan will get a 29
- 5 #1 in list of Top 100 Lifetime MRP earners (11,606 MRPs)
- jokingly says he will get chewed out by ACC treasurer
- 9 Fred McGibney for producing such a large *Cribbage World* the previous month (32 pages)
- 10 editorializes on a reader's letter to CW
- 12 listed as director of Mexican Championship Cruise
- 14 writes a quarter-page article about his new design of Tournament Trail
- 14 ad for PWC
- 16 named as having well over 200 MRPs in the current season
- A short article about his role in the upcoming Mexican cribbage cruise
- 16 concludes this way: "This will be Colvert's first break is some five years of typing, laying out, labeling, sacking, and mailing CW! No whining, please!"
- 16 editor's name and address on back cover



**25**  
Years Ago

## DeLynn Tidbits from CW (2007-2016)

In the High Rollers event at the Oregon Coast Classic, DeLynn Colvert (MT) realized that if he won the last game he would likely be the winner. Needing 14 points, he called on the dealer to “deal me three 5s and a Jack.” Remarkably, the dealer complied. Counting first, DeLynn won the game and the event! (*June 2007, page 11*)

★★★★★★

Before Jim Langley sat down to play DeLynn Colvert for the Portland championship a few years back, he asked DeLynn if he wanted to split the prize money. DeLynn said no. After each of the first two games—which DeLynn won—he repeated the offer, and both times DeLynn said no. As luck would have it, Jim came back and won the final three games and kept the first-place prize money all to himself! (*July 2007, page 12*)

★★★★★★

As Life Master (★★★★★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT) and Life Master (★★★★) Duane Toll (Sutherlin OR) approached the end of second street during a game in the Topaz consolation, they noticed two extra holes at the end of the board. The two highest rated players in the history of the ACC looked at each other, looked at the board, then discovered that they had started playing at the wrong end of the board! They decided to complete the game in the wrong direction, and Duane got skunked (but didn’t he end up on the real fourth street?). Hmm—between them they have 9 stars, 107 tournament wins, and 55,852 MRPs—and they need a traffic cop?! Perhaps at their next tournament, the director could appoint someone

to show them which way to move their peps. (*September 2008, page 9*)

★★★★★★

Life Master (★★★★★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT) posted the top combined score in the TOC and ACC Open main: 61/28 +448. (*March 2010, page 10*)

★★★★★★

Life Master (5★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT) made a swing through the Western Region in July—playing tournaments in Susanville, Reno, Lake Topaz, Alta, Antioch, Portland, and Sunnyside—and came up with 550 MRPs! (*September 2010, page 10*)

★★★★★★

Meanwhile, over in the 396-player GN consolation, Diane Crandall (Santa Ana CA) was high qualifier with 19/8 + 137. But it was the #58 qualifier, Life Master (6★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT), who outlasted the competition—and losing only two games during the playoffs—to capture the consolation title. (*November 2011, page 8*)

★★★★★★

Life Master (6★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT) scored a skunk in five consecutive games in the Peg for the Border main! (*March 2013, page 8*)

★★★★★★

After a very un-DeLynn-like year, Life Master (7★) DeLynn Colvert (Missoula MT) is on a tear. In his last five events, he has taken first, first, first, fifth, and second! He has already amassed more MRPs in less than three months than he earned all of last year! (*November 2016, page 12*)

## All Star Tournament

The national All Star Tournament was created by DeLynn in 1991 as a vehicle to display the talents of the ACC's best players. It features the top eight players from each region in a grueling sixteen-game tourney held on Thursday evening before the Tournament of Champions in Reno each winter.

Despite playing the AST twenty times, DeLynn had only moderate success in the event. He took first place only once → (scoring 25/12 +126 in the 2003 edition), but he was a member of all six Western Region team championships (1992, 1994, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2009).

In February 2019 the AST was renamed the DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament.

CW March 2003, page 6

This match is always hard-fought and played at a brisk pace. The West finally had the top scorer in the 13th edition... Three-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) (25 12/16 +126).

All serious at 2013 All Star tourney



photo: Brian Baer

photo: Rick Westerman



Clowning around at 2018 AST—  
his last All Star Tourney

### Online Condolence

We all know that DeLynn loved to find those lucky pennies in the parking lot before playing in a tournament. Once on the way to a tournament I found a quarter in the parking lot. I asked DeLynn what it means to find a quarter instead of a penny. He told me that a quarter was twenty-five times luckier than a penny. What a guy. Rest in peace, my old friend.

*James Clark (CA)*

### Quiz #1 Answer

DeLynn won sanctioned ACC tournaments in nine states, one province (Alberta), and one international country (Mexico). Which leads to. . .

Q&A  
Colvert  
Quiz #2

In what state did DeLynn win the most tournaments?

*Answer on page 24.*

	date	tourney	type	city state
1	10/18/1981	Silver Valley★	M	Wallace ID
2	10/30/1983	Idaho State Championship	M	Wallace ID
3	12/16/1984	Las Vegas Open	M	Las Vegas NV
4	10/20/1985	Idaho State Championship	M	Wallace ID
5	8/31/1986	Portland Open	M	Portland OR
6	9/21/1986	Blue Mountain Open	M	La Grande OR
7	12/14/1986	Elbow Room Championship	M	Missoula MT
8	8/1/1987	Bill Mitchell Memorial	M	Crescent City CA
9	6/19/1988	Cascade Classic	M	Redmond OR
10	9/17/1989	Capital City Classic	M	Helena MT
11	1/9/1990	Winter in Portland	M	Portland OR
12	2/17/1990	Oregon State Championship	C	Prineville OR
13	10/28/1990	Idaho State Championship	M	Wallace ID
14	12/9/1990	Kah-Nee-Ta Open	M	Warm Springs OR
15	1/6/1991	Winter in Portland	M	Portland OR
16	2/24/1991	MGM	C	Green Bay WI
17	5/19/1991	Snake River Open	M	Nyssa OR
18	9/22/1991	Capital City Classic	M	Helena MT
19	10/27/1991	Idaho State Championship	M	Wallace ID
20	5/3/1992	Oregon Coast Classic	C	Lincoln City OR
21	7/12/1992	Lewis & Clark	C	Yankton SD
22	11/8/1992	Veterans Day Classic	M	Reno NV
23	10/3/1993	Montana Championship	M	Missoula MT
24	3/6/1994	Capital City Classic	M	Saint Paul MN
25	6/12/1994	Medford Lions Open	M	Medford OR
26	9/18/1994	Longest Beach	M	Long Beach WA
27	3/19/1995	Timber Capital Classic	M	Roseburg OR
28	7/23/1995	Devil Mountain Caper	M	Martinez CA
29	10/22/1995	Mexican Open	M	Lake Chapala MX
30	3/10/1996	Northwest Open	M	Baker City OR
31	9/8/1996	Blue Mountain Open	M	La Grande OR
32	10/20/1996	Goblins & Ghosts	C	Hermiston OR
33	5/18/1997	Bill Mitchell Memorial	C	Crescent City CA
34	3/28/1998	Winnemucca Classic	C	Winnemucca NV
35	7/26/1998	Portland Summer Open	M	Portland OR
36	11/8/1998	Peg for the Border	M	San Diego CA
37	12/13/1998	Chinook Winds Open	M	Lincoln City OR
38	2/14/1999	Minnesota Valentine Special	C	Maplewood MN
39	10/3/1999	Montana Championship	C	Missoula MT
40	4/19/2000	Timber Capital Classic	C	Canyonville OR
41	10/28/2000	Salem Fall Classic	C	Salem OR
42	5/6/2001	Greater Hermiston Open	M	Hermiston OR
43	11/25/2001	Thanksgiving Day Classic	M	Canyonville OR
44	3/31/2002	Montana Open	C	Missoula MT
45	11/24/2002	Reynold's Xmas Wrap	C	Antioch CA
46	12/8/2002	Chinook Winds Open	M	Lincoln City OR

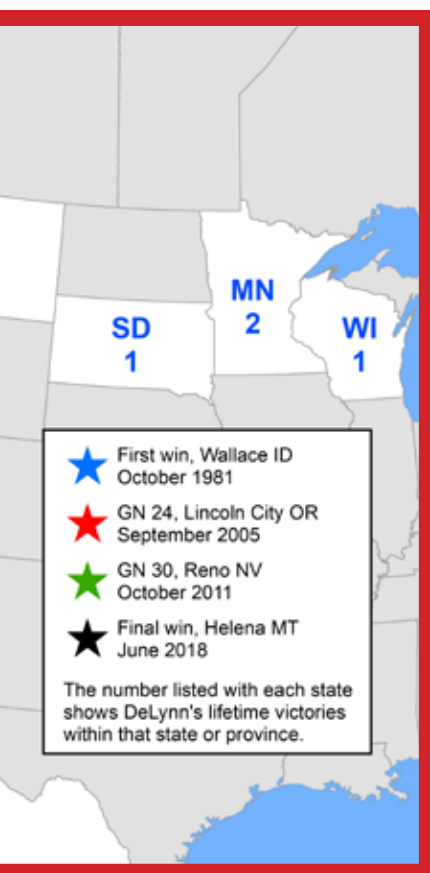


### Quiz #2 Answer

One could be forgiven for thinking that Montana was where DeLynn won the most. In reality, **Montana** ranks a distant third with only 13 tourney wins, following **Oregon** (28) and **California** (15). Not to worry, DeLynn ruled supreme in Montana and has more wins in that state than any other player in history.



# Tournament Wins



28	Oregon
15	California
13	Montana
11	Nevada
11	Washington
5	Alberta
5	Idaho
2	Minnesota
1	South Dakota
1	Wisconsin
1	Mexico
93	total wins

	date	tourney	type	city state
47	6/8/2003	Las Vegas Open	M	Las Vegas NV
48	7/26/2003	Portland Open	M	Portland OR
49	8/23/2003	Oregon Trail Classic	M	The Dalles OR
50	11/2/2003	Edmonton Halloween Open	M	Edmonton AB
51	6/6/2004	Mount Saint Helens Classic	C	Longview WA
52	4/24/2005	Greater Hermiston Open	C	Hermiston OR
53	9/18/2005	Grand National 24 ★	M	Lincoln City OR
54	6/22/2006	Alberta Midweek	C	Edmonton AB
55	6/25/2006	Alberta Open	M	Edmonton AB
56	4/15/2007	Oregon Championship	M	Prineville OR
57	7/15/2007	Canadian Midsummer Classic	C	Edmonton AB
58	10/7/2007	Montana Championship	M	Missoula MT
59	2/14/2008	Topaz Winter Open	C	Topaz NV
60	3/1/2008	SoCal Open	C	Long Beach CA
61	10/5/2008	Montana Championship	M	Missoula MT
62	4/19/2009	Washington State Championship	C	Centralia WA
63	5/24/2009	Greater Spokane Valley Open	M	Spokane Valley WA
64	6/14/2009	Canadian Summer	M	Edmonton AB
65	7/5/2009	Independence Day Classic	C	Reno NV
66	11/19/2009	Topaz Winter Open	C	Topaz NV
67	11/22/2009	Three Rivers Open	C	Florence OR
68	7/10/2010	Run for the Gold	M	Alta CA
69	7/29/2010	Lamb Weston Midweek	M	Sunnyside WA
70	11/12/2010	Susanville Fall Classic	C	Susanville CA
71	12/5/2010	Bear River	C	Loleta CA
72	1/8/2011	Peg for the Border	M	La Mesa CA
73	5/14/2011	Columbia Classic	M	Hermiston OR
74	7/28/2011	Midwest Challenge	M	Sunnyside WA
75	10/2/2011	Grand National 30 ★	C	Reno NV
76	11/11/2011	Susanville Fall Classic	M	Susanville CA
77	11/16/2011	Topaz Winter Open	M	Topaz NV
78	12/9/2012	Winter Classic	M	Eureka CA
79	12/22/2012	Winter Solstice Open	M	Ventura CA
80	8/25/2013	Mount Rainier Open	C	Tacoma WA
81	9/1/2013	Montana Capital Classic	C	Helena MT
82	1/12/2014	Pacific Coast Championship	M	Monterey CA
83	2/5/2014	Susanville Spring Classic	C	Susanville CA
84	3/30/2014	Gold Dust West Spring Fling	M	Carson City NV
85	7/25/2014	Weekday Challenge	C	Sunnyside WA
86	8/31/2014	Montana Capital Classic	M	Helena MT
87	8/7/2016	Territorial Prison Classic	M	Deer Lodge MT
88	8/21/2016	Mount Rainer Open	M	Tacoma WA
89	9/4/2016	Montana Capital Classic	M	Helena MT
90	11/16/2016	Topaz Winter Open	C	Topaz NV
91	5/21/2017	Washington State Open	C	Sunnyside WA
92	7/28/2017	Weekday Challenge	C	Sunnyside WA
93	6/10/2018	Montana Eagles ★	M	Helena MT

# Play Winning Cribbage

CW July 1981, page 27

ACC members who didn't live near DeLynn know him through his book **Play Winning Cribbage**, first published in 1980 and now in its fifth edition.

DeLynn served as his own best sales pitch. One had only to look at his success on the Tournament Trail to know he knew what he was talking about. But DeLynn was the consummate salesman, constantly setting up a sales table at tournaments and advertising PWC extensively in *Cribbage World*. Over the course of thirty-two years (from July 1981 to November 2012), he placed over three hundred PWC ads in CW.


*Cribbage Congress Members,*

*We feel our book "Play Winning Cribbage" and our proven winning theory will give you a new perspective about this great game of Cribbage.*

**And as a bonus to American Cribbage Congress members, we will pay the postage! Just tell us you're a member.**

*Nobs to you all!*

*DeLynn Colvert*  
DeLynn Colvert  
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First ad for *Play Winning Cribbage* in *Cribbage World*

But what really sold the book were his cogent explanations, wry humor, and stark illustrations—elements that he subsequently carried over to his tenure as *Cribbage World* editor. **CW**



edition	year	pages	CW ads
1	1980	128	104
2	1993	154	53
3	1997	154	129
4	2010	146	15
5	2015	146	0
<b>total</b>			<b>301</b>

## Online Condolence

The cribbage team on the other side just gained an All Star.

*Marilyn Dyer (HI)*



DeLynn playing Elizabeth Milodragovich (MT). Liz's father, Eli Milodragovich, is memorialized as the "Serbian football player" in the first edition of PWC as having played 5,053 games against DeLynn, most of them at lunch and on breaks when Eli and DeLynn worked together at the US Forest Service. Here is DeLynn's tongue-in-cheek explanation of how

photo: Rick Westernman

PWC was conceived. ↓



DeLynn's ubiquitous sales setup, Reno 2018

PWC 1st edition, inside front cover

Years ago DeLynn Colvert pitched horseshoes with a Serbian football player from Butte, Montana. Every day the shoes flew back and forth, and every day Colvert would dutifully record the scores on a graph. And almost every day, Colvert took his lumps. The Serbian was just too good for him.

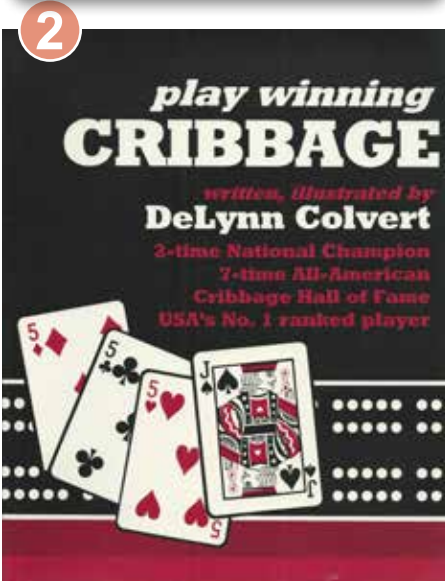
After a few months of pitching shoes and recording scores, DeLynn abruptly upped the wager on *Mondays*. The Serbian football player never did figure it out. Despite winning most of the horseshoe games, he was losing money. You see, Colvert discovered that after a weekend of drinking that potent Serbian Slivovitz, the Serb's horseshoe game paid the price on Mondays.

With this kind of warped thinking, DeLynn Colvert embarked on his Cribbage career. . .carefully plotting every game on charts, and carefully averaging every hand.

And after twenty years he did some more plotting. "My God, Jake, do you realize that at eight minutes a game, and figuring an eight-hour day, five-day week, that I have played Cribbage an equivalent of one year, three months, and five days . . . I've wasted my life away!"

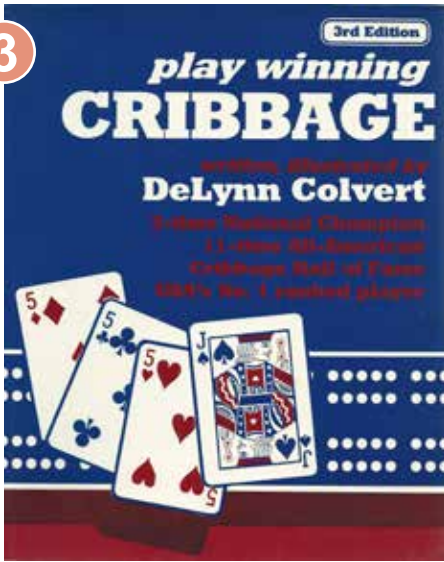
And Jake the snake responded, "Geez, DeLynn, you oughta write a book."

And he did. . .





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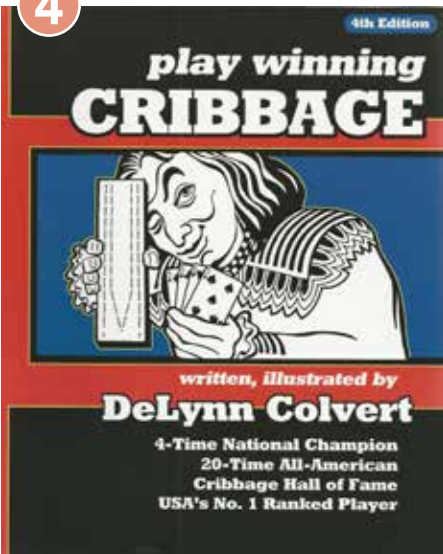
### Online Condolence

For all of us who joined the ACC without knowing anyone and without . . . a cribbage mentor of our own, DeLynn helped us become Masters by selflessly sharing all. RIP, sir!

*Paul Gregson (CA)*

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tion of  
PWC's  
birth.

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## A PEGGER'S TALE

DeLynn Colvert

Years ago, being a numbers nut, I began a compilation of cribbage statistics to see if the game could be beaten by skill ... not luck, as so many players have implied. We've all heard the statements of long-term competition: "Well, I won 499 and Joe won 501" ... almost like flipping a coin to determine a winner. And being this "numbers nut" and having a competitive nature, I set out to see if the winning edge could be improved.

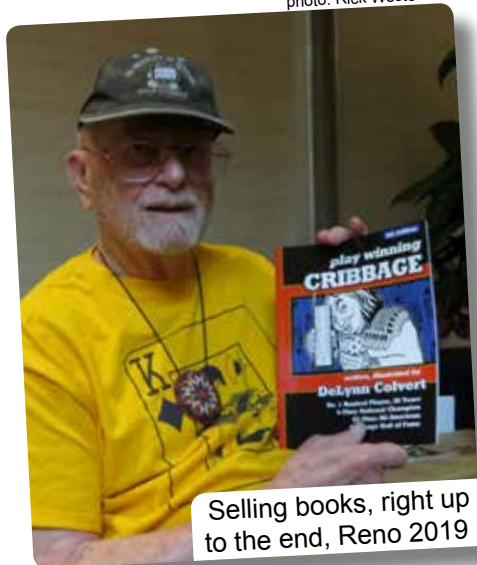
I was playing my friends at a 53% winning clip. Could a thorough analysis raise this percentage? Well, to make a long story short, I collected and analyzed thousands of numbers. Numbers of all sorts; points per non-dealer hand, points per dealer hand, pegs per non-dealer, pegs per dealer, deals per game, percentages for blank hands up to the maximum. It was quite a workout, and it took years to get a substantial sample. And slowly I modified my game. I edged up to 55% ... 56%. I began to work out a theory of play. After analyzing reams of numbers, my winning percentage again inched up slowly. After much experimentation, I settled on a "26-Theory" that seemed to produce the greatest winning percentage.

One day, thumbing through a book on cribbage at a bookstore, I was shocked to see that the author's numbers conflicted with mine ... and no precise information such as when to play on or off was given the reader; the book was in the 8th reprint! Wow! I felt my numbers were proven on the playing table. As a graphic artist with experience in the publishing game, I just had to tell the world about my "26-Theory."

So I spent my life savings on my book, *Play Winning Cribbage*, and began selling through mail order by placing small ads in national magazines.

Lo and behold, one of my first customers was honorary Master Player Dagg Henderson. "Why not join the American





Selling books, right up to the end, Reno 2019

### Online Condolence

RIP, nothing but 29s now.

*Mark Benge (CA)*

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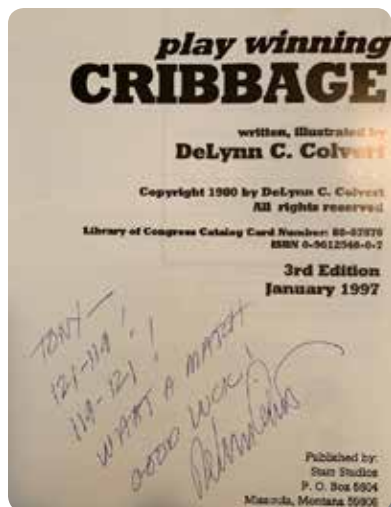
Cribbage Congress?", he wrote. Well, I immediately joined, becoming Montana's first member. President Joe Wergin appointed me to the Board, and I began organizing tournaments in Montana, as well as playing in other tournaments throughout the country using my "26-Theory" in competition.

My first few years were shaky (playing at about 57%), but by refining my play, the winning percentage reached 60.38 in 1986 and culminated in a national #1 rating! As a three-time All-American winner, I feel my numbers are, indeed, solid!

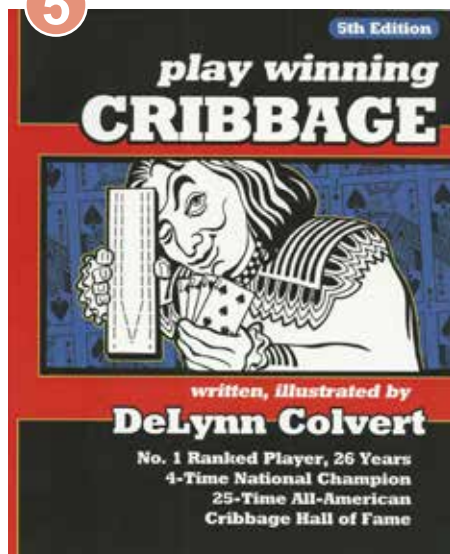
This has certainly been an exciting time in my life ... I've met many wonderful, competitive players from all over the country. I'm convinced cribbage players are the greatest group of people around. It's easy to see why the American Cribbage Congress continues to grow.

... And to this great group, keep pegging!

DeLynn signed most copies of PWC that he sold, frequently including a sentiment. This one records the results of his match with Anthony Yaeger (FL). Says Tony: "Years ago at a tournament with two-games-against-each-opponent format, I played DeLynn in one memorable match, with two incredibly close games. After the match was over I asked DeLynn to sign his book with our scores."



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DELYNN POTPOURRI

photos: Valerie Moore Colvert



DeLynn celebrating second place at Cascade Cribbage Classic (↖), and playing a pickup game at the bar (↑).

CW May 1986, page 2

#### COLVERT WINS CRIBBAGE TITLE

DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, Montana, has claimed the 1986 American Cribbage Congress national championship after winning the Portland Open Cribbage Tournament. Colvert's victory in Portland gave him 827 points in the masters division for this cribbage tournament season, which ended August 31. His total topped the 791 points amassed by runner-up Frank Schweig of Illinois. Another Missoula man, Rex Paddock, finished second in the Portland tourney. DeLynn said he traveled 19,400 miles this past year playing in cribbage tournaments all over the country. "I've got the fever," DeLynn said. "It's crazy but it's a lot of fun."

DeLynn's first national championship

GN12 program

Starr Studios wishes the  
best of luck to all our  
Grand National XII  
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Read **"Play Winning Cribbage"**  
written & illustrated by  
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Players attending GN12 in Missoula  
would save 95¢ on PWC!

## Red-Faced Two-Star Player

DeLynn Colvert, the ACC's only two-star player, relates a low point in his pegging career occurred at Yankton, SD's Lewis & Clark Open.

After scoring his worst qualifying score ever in the Main Event (15 GP's), he gamely entered the Consolation. In game 4, and still mathematically alive for the playoffs, found himself 7 points from winning. His opponent needs 8 pegs to win, dealing. Colvert held 8-9-9-10, with first count. Knowing he cannot lose with this nice hand, he leads a 9. The pegging: 9-3-10-9....31 for 2! Surprised by the 9 play for 31, but still the game is his. He leads a 9, and his opponent plays an 8 (and being in a shell-shocked state from the day before) plays his 8, for a pair, and nervously says "You better not have the 3rd 8!" His opponent simply smiled, and slowly turned an 8! Colvert pounds the table and writes a zero on his card! His opponent smiled again, and played the 8 on the table, pegged out and claimed a 5-point win!

Halfway through the next game, Colvert realizes the pegging went 9-8-8-8! 33 for 7! Needless to say, he failed to qualify!

## Waterloo!

Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) has probably played as much tournament cribbage as any player in America.

At the recent Chinook Winds Open (OR), he met his Waterloo! Playing Barbara Corradi (WA) in the first game of the Saturday Night Special, he was stunned when, after the smoked had cleared, he had to pick up his pen and write a -76 on his card! This is his worst licking in some 18 years of tournament pegging!

Even the great ones make mistakes (←), and get stomped (↑)!

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



DeLynn and Rex Paddock celebrating a doubles win.

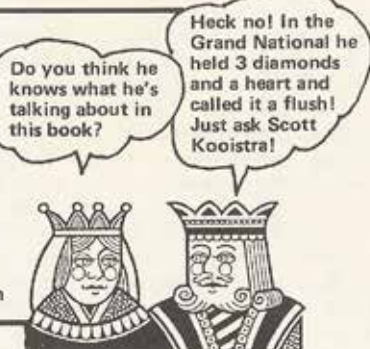
CW Oct. 1989, page 17

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DeLynn was not above poking fun at himself, as seen in this PWC ad. Scott Kooistra recalls: "I played DeLynn in the tournament, and he claimed a flush, when it wasn't. So, of course, I got the four point overpeg, and I remember it played a key role in determining the [outcome of the] game."



# DeLynn and Grass Roots

DeLynn didn't play Grass Roots clubs often over the course of his cribbage career.

Grass Roots records no longer exist for the early years, so all we know now is that prior to 2004, DeLynn had 79 GRPs. During the 2004/05 season, he played twice at Club 46 (Salem OR) and scored both times (13 and 15). He also

This season's total (76) brings him to 242 lifetime GRPs, or not quite one-quarter of the way to Bronze.

Given this scant evidence, but bolstered by his success elsewhere, it is intriguing to think about how high DeLynn might've have finished in GRPs if he had played club on a regular basis. CW

CW Feb. 2005, page 9

**Colvert, Mackie, Gogolin Top Grass Roots Region II Regional Event**  
Four-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) came away with the win at the Region II's Grass Roots Regional event, scoring a 32 15/18 +224 card. Grand Master George Mackie (WA) took 2nd (32 14/18 +292) and Life Master Jim Gogolin (OR) finished 3rd with a 32 14/18 +243.  
Region II Commissioner Pat Ward reported some 455 players and 37 clubs participated in this event.

had a 32 card in the GRRT ↑, giving him 60 GRPs for the season.

During the 2005/06 season, he again played only twice at Club 46 and again scored both times (15 and 12). Adding these brings him to 166 GRPs.

And that's where he stood for more than a decade.

During the 2018–19 season DeLynn played with Screaming Eagles Club 408 (Surprise AZ) and scored 12+ GRPs in six of the sixteen weekly tourneys he played. His worst outing of the season was 4/2 –81, but even with that his winning average was 54.2%. The last time DeLynn played Grass Roots was February 4, when he scored 14/6 +90. →

Given that DeLynn was the first ACC member in Montana shouldn't his number be MT-1? While that may seem logical, in the mid-1980s the ACC's Founding Parents sorted member names alphabetically within states and then reassigned ACC numbers, so DeLynn became MT-8.

**DeLynn's last Grass Roots scorecard, at Screaming Eagles Club 408 (Surprise AZ), on February 4, 2019**

**ACC Grass Roots**  
Official Scorecard  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ ACC# \_\_\_\_\_ Seat# 1  
Name COLVERT MT-8  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State MT-8 12

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	0		04	<i>[Signature]</i>	2
2	3	36	<del>100</del>	<i>[Signature]</i>	4
3	2	21		<i>[Signature]</i>	6
4	2	07		<i>[Signature]</i>	8
5	2	08		<i>[Signature]</i>	10
6	2	10		<i>[Signature]</i>	12
7	3	50		<i>[Signature]</i>	14
8	3		10	<i>[Signature]</i>	16
9	0		28	<i>[Signature]</i>	18
Total Game Points	<u>14</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>92</u>	Games Points: Win 2, Skunk 3, Loss 0.	
Games Won	<u>6</u>	Net Points(+/-) <u>90</u>		Player must verify totals and sign below	
Signature <u>42 DeLynn</u>					





DeLynn playing Cruz Wales (AZ) during 2019 Roadrunner Classic (Tempe AZ), a tournament hosted by DeLynn's home club, Screaming Eagles.

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## Grass Roots Clubs Alive and Well in Oregon

*Cribbage World* editor DeLynn Colvert made a swing through Oregon the first week of May and played in three of Oregon's Grass Roots clubs: Albany (club 113); Salem (club 46); and Portland (club 28). The winners? Albany's club saw Diane Harvey post a super 18 GP's to win. Salem's Paul Hatcher scored 15 GP's, and Portland's Bud Ferrigno took honors with 16 GP's.

Paul Hatcher directs Salem's action...and he offered \$10 to the player that beat *Cribbage World* editor Colvert the worst! What a dirty turn of events! Of course the very first player (Bob Landon) won by 37 points to take the ten spot!

However, *Cribbage World* reports that Grass Roots play is, indeed, alive and well in Oregon!

### Online Condolence

I first competed against DeLynn back in 1961 on the baseball diamond. He was a fierce opponent in that game too. We often talked baseball at crib tournaments. Rest in peace, DeLynn.

*Robert Russ (MT)*

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## Terrorists Terrorize CW Editor

Cribbage World Editor DeLynn Colvert was in California recently and decided to try a little Grass Roots action with the 4th Street Terrorists (Club 54, Concord, CA).

Oops. Big mistake! Terrorists Mac McGuigan double-skunked Colvert by a whopping 62 points.

An to make matters worse, the California flood made travel north another terrorizing event for Colvert. Montana blizzards are easier to endure, according to Colvert. He says you can shovel snow...but not rain!

DeLynn gathered 177 signatures for a petition to the USPS to issue a commemorative cribbage stamp (May 1982 CW, page 6). Phyllis Schmidt (MA) gathered 590 signatures.



## DeLynn Cribbage Boards by Jay Fulwider

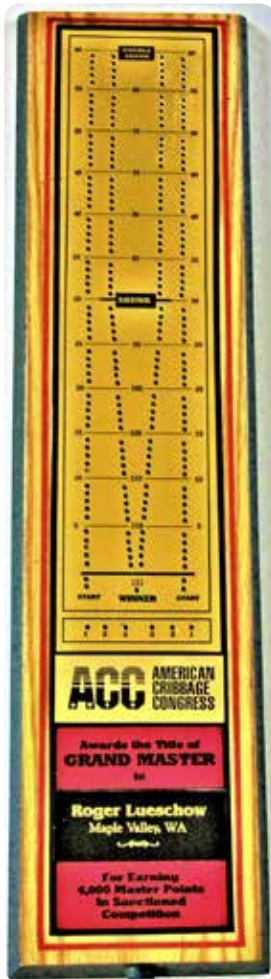
The first board this month was awarded by the ACC to my friend, Roger Lueschow, for achieving his Grand Master rating. This ACC award board and hundreds more were made by **DeLynn Colvert**.

DeLynn passed away in July and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the entire ACC. The best way to describe DeLynn is that he was an “ACC Superstar.” He was a Life Master (7★), ACC Hall of Famer, former *Cribbage World* editor, author of *Play Winning Cribbage*, ACC tournament director, toughest opponent for many ACC players, master cribbage board maker, and just a plain

old good guy. For the many ACC players who have won one or more of these boards, I hope you will treasure them. Over the years they will become rarer and will always remind us of DeLynn.

I will never win one of DeLynn’s boards. Therefore, I want to thank Roger’s wife, Lana, for giving me his Grand Master board ← after he passed away. It hangs in my den and will always remind me of Roger and DeLynn.

The second board was also made by DeLynn. He told me that he made only five Sir John Suckling Commemorative Boards, ↑ so they are very rare. You can read more about this board in my July 2013 column, which is available online at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org). Click on “Cribbage World” and follow the “Archives” link to July 2013, page 15. **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).



**Editor's note:** I have the unique privilege of having earned the last Master board that DeLynn made. I earned my Master at the National Open in Raleigh NC on July 25, 2009, and mine was the very last Master Award earned that season. While he continued to make boards for higher awards after 2009, this ended up being the last year that DeLynn made Master boards, so I am very proud to have this distinction. I earned Master #730 in the history of the ACC; it would be cool to figure out who was the very first person to earn a Master board made by DeLynn.

—David Aiken



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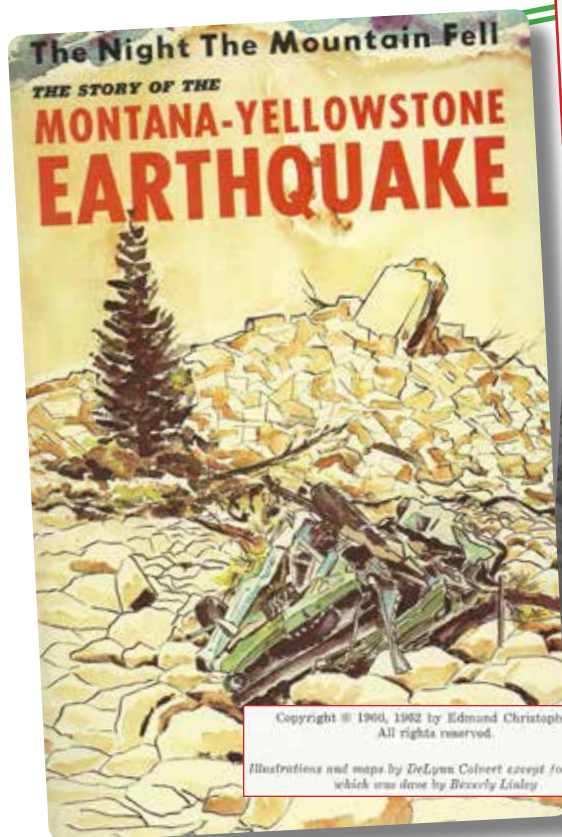


## DeLynn as Artist by Don Gilder

Few people realize what a talented artist DeLynn Colvert was.

An MFA graduate at the University of Montana in 1958, DeLynn pursued his craft on a six-month European tour in 1963. He was granted a leave of absence from his job with the US Forest Service.

A water-color specialist, he produced about seventy-five paintings on his 15,000-mile sojourn—everything from a melon seller in Lisbon, wrapped in a large cloak during a record cold, to a German railway station in Bremen. He traveled to destinations as distant as Norway, Gibraltar, and Istanbul.



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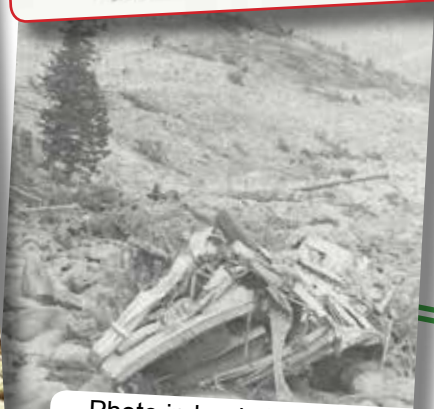


Photo in book that DeLynn used as model for front cover

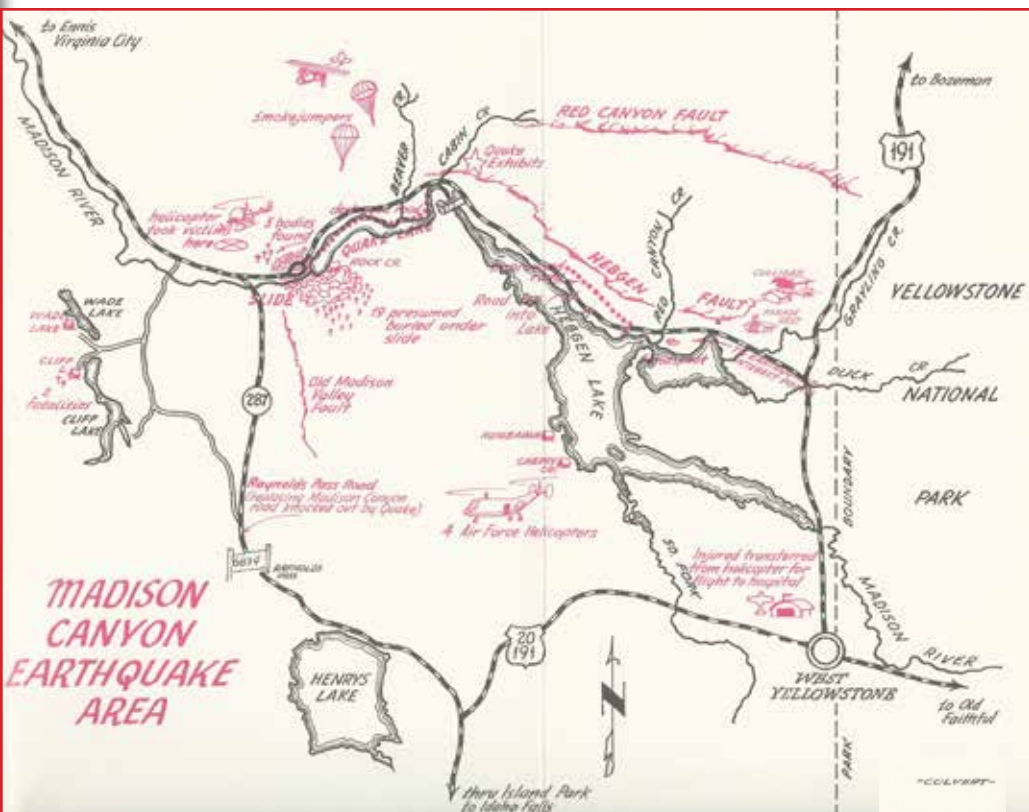
DeLynn's artwork crossed stylistic boundaries and used various media, as seen in the examples on pages 36-49.





He considered himself a naturalistic style painter. In an interview with a *Great Falls Tribune* reporter (published 11/3/63), DeLynn said that water colors were “faster” and were “pure color, livelier, snappier.”

Never one to dodge controversy, perhaps his most significant European painting was entitled “The Wall and Peter Fechter.” It was of the Berlin wall dividing the Germanys during the Cold War and showed a cross erected in front of the wall where a young East Berlin man was shot while attempting to escape.



In 1963 thirty-five of DeLynn's paintings were displayed at the Gary Cooper Gallery of the Montana Historical Society in Helena. By 1963 his work had been exhibited in almost all states, as well as Mexico and Canada. CW

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DE LYNN COLVERT TO THE RESCUE

I've received several comments and a few letters from members during the past month on the appearance of our publication. The consensus was that the masthead "Cribbage World" and the elliptical world that's appeared on our front page for many years were becoming dated and ready for retirement.

DeLynn Colvert of Missoula, MT, graciously offered his talent and a few days after we had discussed this subject in Sparks, NV, he sent in a couple of choices. DeLynn and I hope you like the "new look."

photo: Valerie Moore Colvert



The artist at work.

From the onset of his CW editorship, DeLynn applied his artistic skills to entertaining, educating, and encouraging cribbage players. ↓

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CW ART BY DELYNN





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## DeLynn's Mural at the



DeLynn created this mural of the Missoula skyline entirely from scratch. He dug 800 pounds of clay, mixed it to the proper consistency, formed bricks that were cut into thin layers, applied colored glaze, recut the layers into individual tiles (tesserae), and then fired the tiles. The next step was sketching the artwork on twelve 4'x6' plywood panels, spreading adhesive in two-square-foot sections, setting the tiles in place,





and applying grout after each panel was finished. After all twelve panels were completed, they were mounted on the wall and framed. The resulting mural—six feet high and forty-eight feet long—contains 72,000 tesserae and took 500 hours to create between January and August 1958. DeLynn's thesis (→ page 44) provides a step-by-step description of the process—and notes that he spent a grand total of \$159.84 on materials!

photo: Karl Paddock



photo: UM Dining







*Cribbage fever . . . catch it!*

catchphrase added by DeLynn to the end of many CW stories

## DeLynn's Mural at the University of Montana



### CRIBBAGE ON THE WEB

To read DeLynn's master's thesis describing how he created this mural, go to [scholarworks.umt.edu](https://scholarworks.umt.edu) and click on the link to "Theses, dissertations, and professional papers," then type "Colvert" in the search box.





photo: UM Dining





all photos: Valerie Moore Colvert

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Watercolor by DeLynn when he was in Europe, picturing a second-class bar, where everyone had to stand.

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Watercolor by DeLynn when he was a student at University of Montana.

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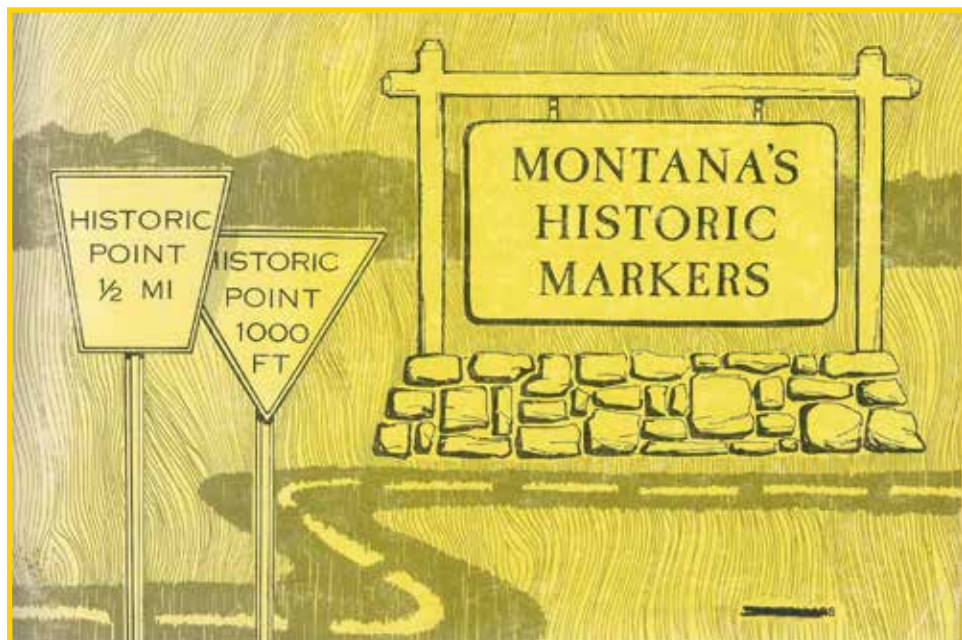
Watercolor by DeLynn of Glacier Park.

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Watercolor by DeLynn, made in Italy.







Front cover ↑, title page ↗, back cover ↘, and copyright page ↓ of book about Montana highway signs illustrated by DeLynn.

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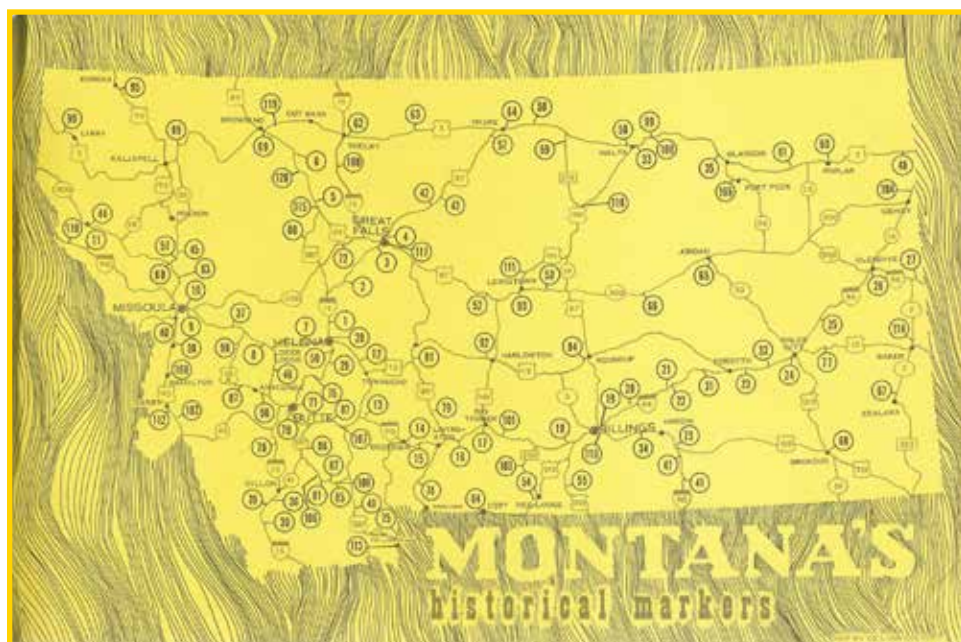
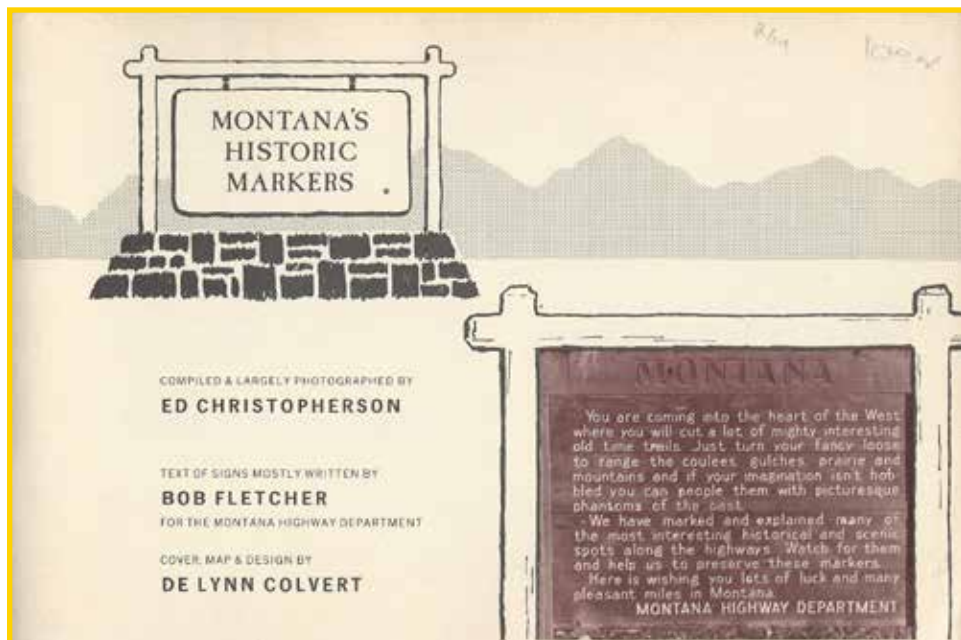
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His book started me down the cribbage rabbit hole. Grateful for it and the signature he added to it. Rest in peace.

*Jared Ketterman (IN)*

# Memories of DeLynn

I feel like we have lost a good friend who shared so much to all of us in his book. DeLynn and I played in a semipro baseball game in Watertown SD many years ago. We did not play against each other until I struck him out. Cribbage will never be the same without him.

*Rollie Heath (OR)*

DeLynn, I'll miss seeing you on the cribbage trail. Thank you for sharing your cribbage knowledge. It's made me a better player, along with many others in our organization. I'll always remember the game we played in Salem OR five or more years ago. I was dealing, we're both at the end of second street, an 8 was cut, and you say, "Game's over." I look at my 6-7-7-8 hand and wonder why. You lead a 7 and the pegging goes like this:

DeLynn	7		7 (for 6)		8		6	
Roland		7 (for 2)		7 (for 13)		8 (for 2)		6 (for 3)

I outpeg you 20 to 6. But your cards stayed hot and mine cooled, and you did win the game. DeLynn was always a winner.

*Roland Hall (CA)*

When I joined the ACC in 1985, I didn't know much about strategy. I never had a mentor and therefore I was self-taught. I credit DeLynn's book *Play Winning Cribbage* for making me as good as I am. I enjoyed reading his book and getting guidance. DeLynn and I have a lot in common—we make a game of being tightwads! Some things we have in common are things that other tightwads do. Both of us like to pick up coins from parking lots, vending machines, pay phones, etc. Both

of us collect aluminum cans. Both of us park in a way so that we don't have to back out. However, I was surprised to find out that he and I are the only ones with a certain tightwad habit. As far as I know, only he and I park toward the sun so we can see coins in the sunshine. Finally, I really enjoyed listening to his stories. DeLynn had a lot of interesting stories, especially about Ty Cobb and baseball. DeLynn was one of a kind, and I am truly going to miss him.

*James Langley (CA)*

My first tournament was back in 2001 in Bend OR, and I remember playing the High Roller satellite. During the course of the night I played DeLynn, and I got skunked. I was somewhat nervous being my first tournament and with how quickly he played and counted his hands. When I got an opportunity after that, I always stood behind him watching how he played so I could pick up tips (before Duane Toll moved to Oregon). Off the boards he was a great storyteller, from hearing how he saved Connie Mack's life to some of his bizarre adventures—hence why he was *Cribbage World* editor. The ACC lost one of the best ambassadors to ever play the game. You may be gone, but you are not forgotten. RIP, Mr. Colvert.

*Erik Royland Locke (OR)*

DeLynn was amazing. The books he wrote improved every reader's game. His artistry and humor made the books enjoyable. In 1986, my first trip to Missoula to play in his tourney was prompted by his flyer, which said a Goodyear Blimp would fly over the playing area. Upon arrival, sure enough, an inflatable blimp the size of a

breadbox was above the tables. This was just one example of DeLynn's wit and humor. RIP, Old Friend.

*Willie Evans (WA)*

One of my fondest memories of DeLynn was playing him in the Susanville CA consy and leading in game 3 after scoring a

20-hand to have good lead. I picked up my front peg to score a 12-point hand and lost the points. DeLynn asked what I had done, and I told him of my mistake. He shook his head said it was dumb rule. He went on to win the match and the consy. What a gracious man, he will be missed.

*Michael Rowe (AK)*



## DeLynn: An Empty Space in Our Hearts

*by Jeanne Hofbauer*

Many friends and acquaintances from our ACC family have passed on whom I will sorely miss and remember fondly. None more so than DeLynn Colvert. DeLynn was a friend to our whole family. He stayed at our home, and we stayed at his. We traveled with him. We spent many hours talking with him.

I think that DeLynn was the best cribbage player that ever was and ever will be. I spent many hours standing quietly behind him observing his play. That was pretty easy as he was almost always in the playoffs and I was not. He always had the time to answer my questions. He was truly my best mentor.

DeLynn was a very interesting person and lived a life full of participation. He was an artist, baseball player, championship cribbage player, author, husband, and father.

My whole family has many stories about him. One of my personal favorites was when we rented a nine-passenger van and drove to Yankton SD for Scott Kooistra's tournament. We picked DeLynn up on our way.

DeLynn won the early bird tourna-

ment and offered to take a few of us to dinner. And you know, he was admittedly frugal. Well, the list of dinner guests grew and grew, and he ended up spending much more than his winnings!

I did most of the driving, and in my younger days I had a heavy foot on the gas pedal. South Dakota had, at that time I think, a 90 mph speed limit, which I took full advantage of. As a passenger in the rear of the van, DeLynn thought we were going pretty fast, so he timed the minutes between mile posts and declared exactly how fast I was driving. (Maybe a little over 90!)

DeLynn was very dedicated to the ACC. He gave it his all, serving as president, *Cribbage World* editor, board member, and tournament director. He directed many tournaments in Missoula, and they were well run and had great payouts. He made hundreds of tournament trophy boards and made the awards for Grand National for many years. And he was a great help to me during my presidency.

His absence will leave a considerably empty space in our hearts and in the ACC. **CW**



## Memories of DeLynn

When I qualified at my very first TOC, DeLynn was my first opponent! He beat me. The next day in the main I was lucky enough to play him again, and I beat him. Never played him again. You will be missed, DeLynn!

*Mary Ann Kelliher (FL)*

A long time ago at a tournament in Hudson WI, in the Friday night satellite, I played DeLynn and won. I told him that was the only game I won. He sighed deeply and said, "Don't tell anyone that."

*Laura Johnson (MN)*

I got to play DeLynn only once, in a satellite. I didn't beat him but pegged eight points to get over the skunk line. He muttered several words under his breath, which carried on until second street in his next game. A couple hours later he turned in his scorecard—a grand slam. He seemed like an intense competitor until the very end, and left a legacy no player will ever exceed in terms of contributions and competition. I wish I could have played him more. And I'm envious of everyone who did.

*Terrance Cushman (ME)*

Got to play DeLynn three times during a tournament. I barely beat him the first time. He said, "Well done, young man." The next two times he skunked me and almost double skunked me. Both times he said to me: "Pay back." We both laughed. What a wonderful and great memory.

*William Barnes (WY)*

The second time I played DeLynn at the Blue Mountain Open in La Grande, he had already qualified with 28 by the six-

teenth game. I beat him in the twenty-first game for his fifth consecutive loss, and he was beside himself for the Q money he was losing with each loss. He lost the last game too. In twenty plus years, he beat me only once—the last time we played. There will be a great void in my cribbage world without DeLynn.

*Tom Anderson (OR)*

I was nineteen, playing my first tourney at the Silver Dome in Upper Michigan. I clearly remember playing DeLynn and Joe Bernard in consecutive games. DeLynn was constantly patting me on the back for good playing, even though I beat him, and Joe was the same. Very kind and supportive men.

*Michael Barrett (WI)*

Years ago in Reno I saw Tina and DeLynn coming down the opposite side of the table. I was fortunate to not have to play DeLynn but had to play Tina. Before we played I met DeLynn at the coffeepot and told him to play along with a joke I was going to play on Tina. Halfway through the game I called for a judge. Tina asked what she did wrong, and I looked at DeLynn. DeLynn asked what was wrong, and I asked him the penalty if your opponent rubs your leg. He quickly replied: "10 points."

*Phil Martin (CT)*

When I was fairly new to tournament cribbage, I played DeLynn at the Portland tournament. He had the lead on fourth street, and it looked like a sure win for him. By some miracle I pegged out from behind. At this time I did not have any

idea of the caliber of player I had just beat. He just smiled and said “you’ll do” and “good game.” Always a gentleman.

*Lisa Spellenberg (CA)*

Like all great players, you had to catch DeLynn when he was cold. The first time I actually beat him was during a main in Monterey. I pegged nine points on him in one deal (after which he was fit to be tied) and held on to win the game. But he swept me in the first round of the Vacaville main, the only time I had the privilege of meeting him in the playoffs. Whether it was through his book or in person, he taught me a great deal about cribbage—and life.

*Terry Higgins (CA)*

I played DeLynn once in playoffs. I was really good at missing points and proceeded to miscount A-2-2-3-10 as 12. He looked up at me with an expression like, “How’d you even qualify?” Or, maybe it was to give me a chance to correct it. But

I didn’t know it was 14, and he could have stared at me all day long, and I wouldn’t have changed it. Tom and I call that the DeLynn Hand. Also, there was a poetry competition a few years ago in *Cribbage World* that I won. I remember him coming up to me, one eye slightly closed, and saying, “How’d you win? I should have won. I needed that \$50.” He shook his head as he shuffled off. He was a character, and I enjoyed his sense of humor.

*Lavonne Cookman (CA)*

I played DeLynn in a tournament and won. Somebody asked me if I knew who I had just played. Knowing now, I lost to him the three more times we played that weekend.

*Chuck Stephens (ID)*

I played DeLynn in the playoffs at Tacoma, which was only my second tournament. I thought that the playoffs were two out of three games, so when I won the first

## DeLynn: Mr. Cribbage

*by Duane Toll*

DeLynn deserves the title **Mr. Cribbage**. He drove with one car over 500,000 miles to play cribbage. I was fortunate to travel some of these miles with him. In 2003 we took a trip from Missoula to Edmon- ton. The stories he told were endless. The

man loved cribbage. He played in every satellite event at a tournament. DeLynn’s accomplishments and contributions to cribbage are amazing. This shows us his true love and dedication to cribbage. **CW**

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### ***Toll, Colvert Win on December 8, Take MRP lead***

Two veteran ACC peggers posted identical results on December 8. One-Star Duane Toll (WI) was tearing up the track at the Eau Claire Classic (WI), and two hours later on the Oregon coast Three-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) was winding down a win at the Chinook Winds Open, boosting both players into the MRP lead in a virtual dead-heat, sharing it with the streaking Master Cres Fernandez (CA). Details below:

**The DeLynn–Duane competition was a common theme for decades.**

# Memories of DeLynn

two I started to walk off. He said, “Where you going? I have to win the next three games.” So confused was I that I let him win the third game and skunked him in the fourth game. He was beside himself.

*Richard Winfield (WA)*

The very first tournament I played (Showboat, Las Vegas), I didn’t know anybody but I quickly learned who DeLynn was. It was shortly before the main started when someone put a highchair in DeLynn’s spot instead of the normal chair as joke on him about crying and complaining. ↓ He took it in stride as the joke it was meant to be,

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## Las Vegas Tidbits

Three-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) went to his assigned seat as play began...and found a baby’s high chair awaiting! *Hey, I know I whine a bit, but this is going too far! Good thing I can take a joke! But, hey, I think this chair just had to be for Bob Julian’s spot. I’m sure a mistake was made! Heheheh! Ed.*

and everybody had a good laugh at his expense. My second favorite memory was at the Roadrunner in Arizona some years ago now. DeLynn called to me from across the room and said, “Give me \$5.” Naturally I asked why and he said, “I want you on my team.” This meant the world to me to have him think enough of my game that he actually wanted me on his team. I couldn’t get the \$5 out of my pocket fast enough. What a great player. I feel honored to have had so many great conversations with DeLynn at so many different tournaments.

*Bryan Gurden (NV)*

My DeLynn story: winning against the Master in Susanville CA (July 2, 2015). As

dealer I was 21 points out, while DeLynn as pone was 12 points out. Here’s how the pegging went:

DeLynn	4		4 (for 6)		3		5 (for 4)	
Margery		4 (for 2)		4 (for 12)		2 (for 3)		5 (for 4)

Walking away, DeLynn was overheard stating to himself: “I needed those #\*@ two points!” I am going to miss him.

*Margery Clark (OR)*

I originally met DeLynn at the Lake Topaz tournament in 2009. We played. I won. I was scared to play him, knowing who he was and having heard that he hated to lose. He was kind throughout the game, though it was obvious he was going to lose, even teaching me how to play different hands. I bought one of his books and he autographed it for me. Fast forward to 2018. Playing in the Sun City club, who shows up to play? DeLynn. I reminded him of the game we played, and how he was a gentleman, teaching me as we went along. And I reminded him of his reputation, thanking him for not getting pissed off. He looked down and away from me, then started a chuckle that must have lasted five minutes. He thanked me for the memory and the laugh.

*Jim Whitson (AZ)*

I had the privilege of playing in the Western Region and getting to know DeLynn pretty well. On a Sunday morning in Sunnyside WA about an hour before the consolation was to start, DeLynn walks into the building and asks if I know anything about car stereos. I told him I had a little knowledge on them and asked what was



## DeLynn the Storyteller

*by Audrey Hatto*

I'm not sure how to tell a story about one of the best storytellers I knew. I was enthralled with DeLynn's stories, and if you heard one of his stories, that meant he liked you and was comfortable with you, so you would take it as a compliment.

I met DeLynn in the early 2000s when I joined the ACC, and there was an instant bond. He became a very dear friend, advisor, teacher, and mentor. I can honestly say my cribbage life will never be quite the same.

One story DeLynn would tell is about a man by the name of Milo Roinstad. He traveled with DeLynn for many years, and they played many a game of cribbage. After Milo passed away, it was discovered that he had saved every \$5 bill he ever won off DeLynn!

People called DeLynn frugal. Not with me—I can't count the bottles of Baileys that awaited me when I got to Ruby's Hotel in Missoula or the number of din-

ners he bought (of course, he only bought when he won something—so obviously almost every time we were together). Yes, he did turn the car off when going downhill to save gas.

I started codirecting with DeLynn about twelve years ago when Sharon Hejtmanek was no longer able. I sent him a text (because even back then, his hearing was minimal) and offered to co-direct, and he wrote back and said if I had not offered, he was giving up the Missoula tournaments.

If I made the playoffs and DeLynn did not qualify, you would see him standing behind me watching the game. If I got a cut, at the end of the hand, I would give him a High Five. I will so miss that!

When I decided to run for the Board of Directors, instead of writing my own bio, I asked DeLynn to write it for me, and I sent it in word for word. How could I not get voted in with DeLynn's endorsement?

I could go on and on about this wonderful man who enriched not just my life, but the lives of so many others but I will just say for now: God bless you, My Friend—I miss you so much! **CW**



photo: Audrey Hatto

DeLynn and his Albertan friends in Missoula, 2005 (left to right): Jack Lycklama, Alice and Eric Drazek, Suzanne Lamoureux, Audrey Hatto, Lewis Skidmore, DeLynn, Evelyn Osaka, Terry Hatto, Herb Shaar

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wrong. He said his satellite radio had quit working. As I sat there in the car pushing all the buttons and trying to see what was wrong, up walks Brittany Pierce. She asked what was going on, and I told her; she then asked DeLynn the one question I had not: "When you bought the car, did they give you a free subscription to satellite radio?" He said that indeed they had given him that. She asked for how long and he said three months, and then it dawned on him that his three months were up and now he had to actually pay for the service. I don't know if he ever paid for the service to get in reinstalled.

*Jason Hofbauer (WA)* ➔

In my very first year of competing and at my first large tournament (Portland), I made the playoffs and met DeLynn in the second round. In one game I somehow kept five cards when throwing to DeLynn's crib (very embarrassing!). Of

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## *Tiger Woods of Cribbage?*

Jason Hofbauer, the teen-age son of Jeanne and Roy Hofbauer, sat down for the final match in the 122-pegger Consolation at Portland's Winter Open. His opponent was Life-Master Two Star DeLynn Colvert.

Hofbauer confidentially announced to Colvert that he is the Tiger Woods of Cribbage! Colvert replied, "Bah humbug, we'll see about that!"

Well, Colvert did see about that...Jason won two quick games by a rout and the championship! Colvert was last seen mumbling about this new Tiger Woods...

course my hand was dead, and it cost me the game. After the match when I asked DeLynn about buying a copy of the first edition of his book, he joked that since I had helped make him a lot of money by my faulty play, he would sell me the book at half price. Little did I know how much I would learn from the discount that he offered. He was my friend for life after that unexpected generosity.

*Herschel Mack (OR)*

## DeLynn: 28 Minutes to Fame!

*by Scott Kooistra*

In February 1990, DeLynn and I were in a neck-and-neck race to see who would be the first ACC Life Master (6,000 MRPs). He reminded me of that before the Reno tournament at the Sands. We both qualified in the main and were in the same quadrant on the same playoff board. We each won our two matches on Saturday night, and first thing Sunday morning we are seated next to each other in the playoff round. DeLynn was probably a better cribbage player but I felt I was a faster player so I proposed that we bet a

beverage on who could reach Life Master first. We each won our match. My opponent turned out to be very talkative and slow, so DeLynn hit the 6,000-MRP level about 28 minutes before I did. Then, he walloped me in the fourth round of the playoffs! I bought DeLynn a beer later that afternoon—using a free token from the Sands. We chuckled about that for many years afterward. RIP, DeLynn—you are the greatest! (And thanks for dozens of logo golf balls through the last three decades!) **CW**

### Sir DeLynn Colvert

For me, when DeLynn paid you a compliment on a particular play it was the highlight of the tournament! Last time I saw DeLynn he bought me a drink to thank me for buying so many of his books and sending them around the world!

*Kerry O'Connell (CA)*

It was Sunday of my very first tournament: Reno, February 2013. All play had been completed. Jeanne Hofbauer called DeLynn, asking him to bring down a copy of *Play Winning Cribbage* for me. Down he came, book in hand. He signed it for me, right there in the main crib room at the Sands. Then comes June and Susanville: I had just checked in to a mini-suite at Diamond Mountain when I notice DeLynn leaving. Turns out, the place was full. So we right there became roomies. We roomed together many times over the following

years, in most of the Western states. We talked a lot of baseball—I listened, mostly. (His Connie Mack story is especially delicious.) And we shared our views on various issues of the day—we kept ourselves entertained, and sometimes we even agreed. I am proud to think of DeLynn as the Greatest Cribbage Player Ever. See you on the other side, Old Buddy.

*Mark Fletcher (WA)*

Prior to attending my first tournament in Portland OR, my friend loaned me DeLynn's book and told me all about him. I was so excited I got to the playing hall quite early and was sitting there working on a cribbage quiz when the man himself walked in. DeLynn was virtually always the first one to arrive at a tournament. He walked over and sat down across from me and asked me what I was doing. I told him about the quiz, the answer I was stumped

## DeLynn as Traveling Companion

*by Roy Hofbauer*

In the early 90s I had the distinct pleasure of traveling on the cribbage trail with DeLynn. I was still a member of the work force, but had had back surgery and was unable to work for several months, so I had the opportunity to go to lots of tournaments.

DeLynn was a great traveling companion. However, on one trip to Green Bay, my car was getting low on fuel and I wanted to stop and fill up. But he knew a place where the gas was cheaper “just down the road.” I told him if we ran out of gas, he was going to do the walking.

Well, don't you know, we did run out of gas. It was starting to snow and it was cold and windy. But DeLynn manned up and got out and started walking. I felt sort of sorry for him, but felt he did deserve it. Wouldn't you know that he was not ten feet from the car and some fellow stopped and picked him up and delivered him back with a can of gas?

While traveling with him, DeLynn taught me many of the finer points of the game of cribbage. He loved to pass on his knowledge of the game, and I know many people have learned from him. **CW**



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on, which he knew immediately. We talked for a bit and it made my whole weekend (the cards certainly didn't!). When I went home and told my husband at the time, he said: "You'd think you'd just met Springsteen or something?" I did. ☺ DeLynn will always be my favorite rock star.

*Tammy Gibbons (OR)*

DeLynn was a Major League Baseball prospect. He liked to tell the story of saving Connie Mack from imminent harm while trying out for the major leagues in the early 50s. While at a tryout with the Philadelphia Athletics, he was assigned to protect the owner Connie Mack from any line drives, and sure enough he fielded a hard-hit ball that DeLynn stated would've taken Connie out. DeLynn put over 500,000 miles on his two-door Honda Civic CRX while commuting to cribbage tournaments. He liked to boast that 10% of those miles were with his manual transmission in neutral coasting down hills.

*Cy Madrone (CA)*

I played DeLynn in the qualifying round of the main event at the Susanville Spring Classic in 2014. He was dealing two

out and I was twelve out holding 6-7-8-K. I cut a 7 and managed to hold him to one peg and, I went out for my third win in a row as part of a thirteen-game win streak. I was third high qualifier and won that tourney, which is still my only first-place finish in a main. DeLynn was #1 in the nation back then, so this was a memorable win!

*Sam Sinram (IA)*

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## Paul Hatcher - All-American A Cribbage Odyssey From Paul Hatcher's Diary

*Paul Hatcher, a Master pegger from Salem, OR, had scored 390 MRP's as of mid-February. With this sizeable amount of MRP's in the bag at the 1994 season's halfway mark, Paul decided to make a try for All-American honors once again, having earned this honor in 1991 (finishing 4th nationally), and again in 1993 (finishing 8th). He planned an extended four-week odyssey that would take him to Princeton, NJ, Green Bay, WI, St. Paul, MN, and Baker City, OR, for sanctioned play. This extended journey would entail some 4,900 miles by motor home and car. Ed.*

*Friday, Feb. 18: I leave my Salem, OR, home in my motor home, bound for Princeton, OR, and the Oregon State Championship matches. Joining some 190 players for play, I managed a 9-16 finish, and picked up 106 MRP's to begin my journey on a positive note.*

*Sunday, Feb. 20: I Depart in my motor home for Missoula, MT, to join DeLynn Colvert for a two-week journey in Green Bay's MGM Classic, and St. Paul's Capital City Classic matches.*

*Friday, Feb. 22: We played in Missoula's Cribbage League...a 7-game affair won by Steve Clarke.*

*Wednesday, Feb. 23: Departed for Green Bay in Colvert's small Honda CRX, with Keith Forrest following in another car. Original plans were for an overnight stay in Dickinson, ND, but a sudden snow and wind storm closed in on Dickinson, forcing us to move on to Bismarck for the night. This proved to be a wise decision, as the roads were closed behind us.*

*Thursday, Feb. 24: Wind and snow storm continued to plague our trip, stayed overnight with a friend of Keith Forrest in Baldwin, WI.*

*Friday, Feb. 25: Arrive in Green Bay in blizzard condition. I played doubles with an Oregon friend...Daniel Miedke.*

*Saturday, Feb. 26: I failed to qualify for the finals, and Darrel and I again failed to cash in the evening's doubles event.*

*Sunday, Feb. 27: Finally, in the Consolation event, my cards came alive and I was top qualifier with a 20-GP card (10 games). However, I was eliminated in the 2nd round, scoring 18 MRP's. However, my traveling companion, DeLynn Colvert, won the Cry Baby event for the 2nd year in a row at the MGM.*

*Monday, Feb. 28: Life master Mick Michaelis invited us to play in Marinette's CR club. This event was won by Betty LaFassie. The group was very congenial, and we played in "Tutty" Thyer's nostalgic bar, emphasizing the old Chicago Cubs. For an unusual cribbage match, I highly recommend this Grass Roots club.*

*Tuesday, March 1: Drove to Milwaukee to play in Marlene Lazachek's CR club. Before play, stopped at Wren's Club in North Milwaukee for lunch. The owner is Bob McCabe, a Life Master who is also the ACC's Statistician. His hamburgers are excellent, and I highly recommend this club for food and entertainment (computer trivia, darts, and cribbage!) Life Master Jim McManus nailed the CR crowd with a super 19GP's to win the evening's match. We spent the night with a great host...Bob Julian. He certainly knew the best restaurant's in the area!*

*Wednesday, March 2: We once again joined Mick Michaelis in Green Bay to play in the Packerland Pegger's CR club. Jean Cervantes took honors, and I managed a 2nd place finish, picking up 554.*

*Thursday, March 3: We played in another CR match in Green Bay—the VFW Club—and Ginny Danieliski scored 18GP's to take honors. Our three-day stay at the Michaelis' were most enjoyable, as Shirley and Mick were great hosts.*

*Friday, March 4: Drove to St. Paul to play in the Capital City Open. Early Bird match proved uneventful.*

*Saturday, March 5: 176 peggers signed on, and I qualified 10th, picking up 33 MRP's. Colvert had the hot hand, qualifying 2nd. However, we failed to score in the Saturday night special.*

*Sunday, March 6: I was eliminated in the 2nd round, once again, and picked up 12 MRP's. Colvert, with a horseshoe in his back pocket, picked up the championship.*

*Tuesday, March 8: After a quick 1,200 mile trip back to Missoula, I played another 7-game match with the Missoula Cribbage Club. Cory Dailey, Rex Padlock's grandson took honors.*

*Friday, March 11: After a meandering trip down the Lochsa River in Idaho's wilderness, I arrived in Baker City, OR, for the NW Open. My cards warmed a bit and I finished 6th in the Time Passer (winning 530) and 2nd in the doubles (5100) with Jim Gogolin's help.*

*Saturday, March 12: Failed to qualify in the Main Event, but won \$40 in Team Play. Played Saturday night, but failed to win.*

*Sunday, March 13: Signed on for the Consolation, but failed to qualify. Headed for home in my motor home. Hugged some 4,900 miles in 24 fun filled days pegging across five western and midwestern states, playing in four sanctioned Main Events. I earned 171 Master Points to run my year's total to 560 or so.*

*Paul furnished Cribbage World a log of his trip. Since he is a retired Oregon State auditor, his books are meticulous, even recording his pick-up games along the way. How did he fare on this trip? He won 168 games, and lost 166 for a 50.3% average...far below his All-American winning season's averages. He confessed that his primary motivation is the social aspect of the game, and, win or lose, he enjoys the competition and the camaraderie. And how much did the trip cost? His total expenses were...Jed, and he won some \$959, for a net expense of \$205! Even with cold cards, he travelled through five states, 4,900 miles, and was on the road for 24 days, spending some nights in motels, and other nights in his motor home. Where can you spend 24 days away from home, travel 4,900 miles and cost only \$205? Only in cribbage! Of course, having wonderful hosts in Marinette, WI (Mick and Shirley Michaelis), and Milwaukee, WI (Bob Julian), certainly helped keep the budget in line (but not the waistline, as this trio know where to go to get fat! The restaurants in this area are more than generous!.*

*As for my personal observations, I found Paul to be a wonderful travelling companion. He is easy going, and unflappable, rarely losing his temper, and is a very generous person. His one major fault? He has this damned jelly bean jar (a huge one) that he kept refilling along the way...and I gained at least ten pounds!*

*Cribbage fever! Catch it! The editor.*

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## DeLynn and Paul Hatcher



I met DeLynn during the second ACC Tournament I attended (1987/88). We became immediate friends. We traveled to many tournaments together. I live in Salem, OR, and he lived (at the time) in Missoula, MT. I would drive to Missoula – jump in his CRX and off we would go. We once took a 9 day cribbage trip covering 10,257 miles from my house (plus a couple short trips to historical sites and of course stopping along the way to pick up pennies) before we continued on are way to the East Coast. We had a great time traveling together. During these trips he would tutor me on the fine points of holding hands, when to play on or play off, etc.

HE WAS A GREAT CRIBBAGE PLAYER AND FRIEND

*Paul Hatcher*

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## Weird, Wild MRP Finish In Portland DeLynn Colvert Wins Portland Open Paul Hatcher Wins Consolation

# DEAD HEAT: 1,331MRP'S

In 1986, Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) came to Portland for the last sanctioned match of the cribbage year simply trying to hold on to a top-ten finish. But a hot streak propelled him to the win...and the National Championship. This year, history very nearly repeated. Colvert came to the Portland event in 5th place...and ran a hot run of cards to the win, and very nearly the National Championship. The four front-running players had all bombed the Main event, and Colvert had the lead by 63 MRP's, with but the Consolation remaining.

Life Master Paul Hatcher, Salem, OR, was in a down mood, having lost his national MRP lead in the Main Event, but with bulldog tenacity, gave the Consolation a go. He qualified and began the playoffs. Colvert eyed the MRP charts, and saw that a win would give Hatcher 63 MRP's...enough to forge a tie for the national crown. He informed Hatcher (playing his first playoff match) that if he should win five matches in a row, he could tie for the National Championship. And that is exactly what he did. Losing only one game in the five matches, he roared to the win...and 1,331 MRP's for the year, matching Colvert's 1,331! In the 18-year history of ACC competition, a tie for first is unprecedented!

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## Strange Master Point Story

About three years ago the late Ed Horgan proposed the ACC change the Master Point scoring to give players equal points for equal difficulty. He laboriously constructed scoring charts for various size tournaments and presented his concept to the ACC's Board of Directors for implementation at the next BOD meeting at Napa's Grand National.

Paul Hatcher (OR) and DeLynn Colvert traveled to this Grand National in Hatcher's motor home...and with time to spare at a campground near the California border, worked on Horgan's concept in an effort to simplify the scoring. To make a long story short, they came up with the present system, requiring no charts once the basic concept was mastered.

Now, to make the first year's trial run of this system bizzare, Hatcher and Colvert ended the season in a dead-heat, Co-champions! 1,331 MRP's each!

Did these two veteran peggers know what they were doing...or what?

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During my match with DeLynn at Montana Eagles in Helena in June 2018, ↓ I was keenly reminded why DeLynn was the master cribbage player that he was. I was down 2–0, but was in position to win this game and keep my hopes alive. I had first count and needed only six points to go out. DeLynn was ten out. I led a face card, he played an 8. I didn't want to play a 5, figuring he might have another 8 for 31–2, so I played another face, for 28. DeLynn played an Ace for 29, I said go; he played his second Ace (30–for–2) and his third Ace (31–for–8) and out he went. He then very animatedly reminded me that he kept the cards he did specifically to set up that possibility. A lesson I'll not forget.

*Sandy Sands (MT)*



photo: Sandy Sands

*Editor's note: the Montana Eagles main was DeLynn's last sanctioned ACC win. What a way to capture it!*

I played DeLynn in July 2009 for the Independence Day Classic consolation championship in Reno. Before we started they asked if we wanted to play two-of-three or three-of-five. DeLynn said two-of-three, but I jumped in and said, "No, we are going to play three-of-five." So what happens? I win games one and three and would have taken first place, but De-

Lynn wins the last two games. I guess I put my foot in my mouth so DeLynn could add another championship to his long list.

*Michael Morgan (TX)*

In Prineville OR in approximately 1998 my husband and I decided to play for the *first* time at a tournament while traveling down from Alaska. Toward the end of the main event, I sat down to play this *guy*. I was very nervous just being at a tournament with so many people playing this cool game and hoping I didn't mess up. Toward the middle of the game, we were neck and neck and I started to look around, and there were people behind *me* and this guy across the table from me. Several people watching *us* play. Got down to the end of fourth street, and I needed two points to go out. I played my cards and went out. A hush came over the people; no one said a thing. Then the guy across from me said, "Why did you play *that* card and not the other?" I said, "Because I wanted to." He laughed.

So did everyone else. Later people said to me, "Do you know who you were playing?" "No." He is the *main man* in cribbage, wrote a bunch of books on it. Then I turned totally white and wanted to pass out. When I found him later, I said to him, "I played the cards that way in that game because I hadn't read any of your books yet." He laughed, a *big* laugh. He always remembered me from that game and would address me: "Hello, Alaskan girl." I loved his dry humor. I will miss him.

*Judi Piepgras (AZ)*





## DeLynn the Salesman

*by Tom Cookman*

DeLynn lived near a golf course and loved to look for stray golf balls to sell. He enjoyed stomping around in the bushes to find the lost golf balls. At a tournament, DeLynn shared just how many golf balls he actually had in his garage. I was kind of in shock when he said 15,000! Of course, in DeLynn's style, he then asked if I wanted to buy any. I thought I could sell them, so I asked if he could make me a deal for all of them. He laughed and told me he had been selling golf balls a long time but would like to get them out of his garage. He said I could have them all for \$700.

I live in northern California, but have family in Montana that I was planning to visit. We made the arrangements, and I showed up at his house. His wife was so happy to get rid of them. She said they'd had them for years. We filled up the bed of my pickup with all of DeLynn's golf balls. When Lavonne and I got home and unloaded them, it was quite an impressive

sight. I began to appreciate why DeLynn wanted to get rid of them all. They were now taking up a lot of room in my garage! Plus, DeLynn had spilled motor oil on a huge number of them, so we had to dump a majority in soapy water and scrub them clean.

I realized that because of the sheer volume, I would need to unload as many as I could as fast as I could, so I put the word out that I had them for sale at ten cents each. It didn't take long before I sold all 15,000 golf balls. They were all gone within two weeks. Soon after, I saw DeLynn at another tournament where, with a mischievous grin, he asked me how it was going with the golf balls. I'm sure he expected me to express frustration, but I told him I had already sold them all—and made \$800 profit in the process. The surprised look on his face was priceless. I loved that guy, and I'm going to miss him. **CW**

photo: Lavonne Cookman



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I met DeLynn when I first moved to Idaho in 1996. Bought his book (autographed). I might have the DeLynn world record of catching him overpegging a hand. He was dealt three Deuces and a 7. A Deuce was cut. He calmly put his cards down and counted a 20-hand. I said; “I don’t think so, DeLynn.” He looked at his hand again and again and finally saw his error. He said, “I have never had that hand in my life.” That’s a long time. Great guy and a good sense of humor. I’ll miss him.

Bob Kemp (ID)

It’s scarcely an exaggeration to say that DeLynn’s career defines modern cribbage. And yet I’ve often described watching him lose in 1999 to a ten-year-old boy who was on an 0-7 streak at the start of his first over-the-board tournament. For us cribbage pedagogues it’s a useful lesson in the humbling nature of our pastime: you can’t win every game you play, no matter how good you get! What I’m remembering today, though, is the humor and grace that DeLynn displayed throughout that spectacle. Win or lose, he was always one of the game’s most affable emissaries, a side

## DeLynn by the Numbers

	first ACC member to earn . . . Life Master Life Master (★) Life Master (2★) Life Master (3★) Life Master (4★) Life Master (5★) Life Master (6★)
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	national championships—1986, 1991, 1997, 1998 (tie), and 2017
5	editions of <i>Play Winning Cribbage</i> wins of Idaho Championship—1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989
26	All American awards
68	times on the cover of <i>Cribbage World</i>
93	sanctioned tournament wins—60 mains and 33 consolations
202	<i>Cribbage World</i> magazines produced from March 1990 to December 2006
5,452	pages in <i>Cribbage World</i> —an average of 27 pages per magazine, every month for 202 issues
8,400 (ish)	consecutive days in the lifetime MRP lead, stretching from early 1991 to May 3, 2014 (exact beginning now unknown); DeLynn also held the lead for shorter stretches in the late 1980s

### Ironman

DeLynn was the ironman of ACC cribbage, playing not just mains and consolations, but almost every satellite event on the schedule. From January 2007 to May 2018, DeLynn won 63 satellite events (not including team play or All Events):

High Roller	22
Saturday Night	12
Early Bird	11
Tuesday Night	7
*Doubles	4
Last Chance	2
Time Passer	2
Monday Night	1
Thursday Night	1
Wednesday Night	1

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\*DeLynn’s winning doubles partners were Ian Colvert, Gary Galetti, Ken Cochlin, and Paul Hatcher.

of his presence that was just as impactful as his writings and championships.

*Michael Schell (WA)*

I first met DeLynn when attending my third tournament held at the old smoky downstairs AmVets Club in Missoula, which he directed in the mid-1980s. This started a friendship that continued for the next thirty-five years. The last ten or twelve years we were roommates at all of the tournaments that we attended. Sophie and I were also fortunate to have DeLynn as a guest at our home along with many others during the last twenty-five years when we codirected the Lincoln City tournaments with the Hofbauers. He will be missed. He always did well at Lincoln City. One year he swept everything and left a half gallon on our kitchen counter. And it wasn't milk! I still see DeLynn as if he were here, and that is how I will remember him, not only as a talented individual but as a very

important person in my life.

*Bernie Nelson (OR)*

I've known DeLynn since 1992, the year I started in the ACC. DeLynn was the tournament director of the second tournament I ever attended. I purchased DeLynn's book at that tournament. His book was the fountainhead for how I played from then on. In 2001 I moved to Montana and from there started traveling with DeLynn over the next two years to twenty plus tournaments, including Grand National in 2002. We had numerous discussions about cribbage and strategy. I believe that DeLynn is the most influential figurehead since the beginning of the ACC. His book has shaped so many people and their playing styles. DeLynn was a top-flight professional. I don't remember him ever exhibiting bad sportsmanship. DeLynn will be missed. He was truly a class act.

*Mike McDaniel (OR)*

## Coasting with DeLynn

*by Ron Morgan*

In the early 90s, I traveled all over the United States and Canada with DeLynn to tournaments and BOD meetings. It was 2,500 miles to Raleigh NC from Missoula MT—one way! Edmonton AB was 1,200 miles or so. The man couldn't have lived farther away from tournaments. But dedicated he was. He was the #1 ranked player for twenty-five years.

We drove through many a snowstorm. Once we entered Montana on Lookout Pass from Idaho and did a complete 360° turn, but DeLynn just kept right on go-

ing. What a ride! We coasted down all the hills to save gas. It was six hundred miles across Montana, and there was no speed limit at the time. So trips to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa were just a blur.

I will always remember the great times and camaraderie we shared on the Tournament Trail, and all the wonderful players we met, and all the players who opened their homes to us. I'm gonna miss you, ole buddy. You were a true champion and mentor. Thanks for the wonderful memories. God bless. **CW**



# Big Hands

This list is fairly complete for post-2007 big hands, but it undoubtedly misses many big hands before this period. Nonetheless, it gives an idea of how many 28s and 29s DeLynn held over the years.

29-hands	
June 12, 1993	Cascade Classic (Redmond OR)
February 22, 2014	Yuma Snowbirds (Yuma AZ)
28-hands	
October 1982	San Jose Tourney
January 2002	Washington Championship
October 2006	Salem Classic
October 2007	Salem Classic
April 2008	Montana Open
May 2008	Gem State
April 2009	Washington Championship
November 2009	Three Rivers
April 2011	Washington State Open
September 2011	Winnemucca
March 2013	Timber Capital Classic
April 2013	Oregon Championship
November 2015	Veterans Day Classic
January 2016	Portland Winter Open
April 2016 (x2!)	Montana Championship
April 2016	Newport Midweek
May 2017	Washington State Open
February 2018	Northern California Open
September 2018	Montana Championship

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## It Pays To Whine... To Score a 29!

In the May issue of *Cribbage World*, your editor reported that Charlotte Brady scored a 29-hand in her first-ever sanctioned game...and he whined that he had played some 7,437 sanctioned games and never had one.

Well, it pays to whine, as DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT (your editor) played exactly 100 more sanctioned games...and nailed the 29 in Redmond, OR, June 12!

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## CW Editor Throws 29-Hand Away

DeLynn Colvert, editor of *Cribbage World*, recently threw a 29-hand away. Mistake? No...he was dealt a 5-5-5-5-jack. He had to throw away the 29! And you know how he whines! Hey, that rhymes!

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**28 + 28** On April 1—and this is no joke—Life Master (7★) **DeLynn Colvert** (Missoula MT) held back-to-back 28s in a game against Life Master (2★) **Willie Evans** (Kennewick WA). For those of you keeping score at home, the odds of this happening are 225,840,784 to 1 (approximately).

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## MISSOULA CRIBBAGE CLUB

The Missoula, MT Cribbage Club's Sunday match on August 12, 1984 was the site of Milo Roinstad's first "29 Hand". It came on the heels of DeLynn Colvert's "28 Hand". Delynn was still whooping it up when Milo upstaged him by scoring his "first 29". Congratulations, and thanks for sharing your excitement with us.

<b>Colvert</b>	Crazy hand at Sunnyside: DeLynn Colvert picks up four 5s, cuts 5 of Hearts, good for aggregate 30 points . . . better than 29 any day.
<b>Aiken</b>	Five 5s? That seems strange.
<b>Colvert</b>	Hey give an old fart a break. . . . Cut Jack of Hearts.

## Harold Colvert Finally Gets 29

Harold Colvert, brother of CW editor DeLynn, scored his first 29-hand ever in December. Harold said "I played six games that day, and it cost me \$4...but I guess it was worth it!" If this gem had been in a sanctioned event, Harold would have come out \$96 to the good...but no luck! Keep pegging, Harold!

## DeLynn Letters to CW (2007-2015)

Many thanks for your many cards and thank-you notes I have received for my seventeen years as editor of *Cribbage World*. As we all know, cribbage players are the best group in America. I am already missing my daily chore of typing something for the next issue. I'm sure our new editor, David Aiken, will find the job rewarding as well. See you all down the "trail"! (*January 2007, page 5*)

★★★★★★

Today is my 76th birthday (October 10). I set a goal of "five at 75" but fell 4 MRPs short! And as a cribbage player, you know that so many little breaks come and go during the year that cost points. But, hey, I am happy as a lark still being able to play cribbage and golf, even shot an 81 recently. And, better yet, poor old David Aiken is stuck with that *Cribbage World* job! I enjoyed that job, and hope you will, too! (*December 2007, page 5*)

★★★★★★

[A] letter in the May *Cribbage World* took a broadside at our elected Board of Directors. I would like to respond that I feel our BOD, both past and present, has done an outstanding job of handling affairs of the ACC. I resigned a few years ago after many years of service to this board, giving me an

inside view of the duties this group performs. And, believe me, I was impressed (and still am) with the professional handling of our affairs. We are, indeed, blessed with a great group of peggers, complete with a great group of volunteer members of the BOD. (*June 2008, page 5*)

★★★★★★

My hat goes off to Bob Madsen for his work in the founding of the ACC. In the early '80s he was a one-man gang in keeping the Congress afloat and growing. His induction into the Hall of Fame was well deserved! The Congress has lost a great one for sure. (*November 2009, page 13*)

★★★★★★

I was stunned to see a new MRP system upcoming (December CW, page 1). Of course there are many ways to earn points. What I fail to see in this proposed system is consideration given to directors and our national statistician. This will increase the workload greatly with the added names to process. And it will matter not a fig for players to gain on the leaders, as they will continue to outscore lesser players no matter what the system. I compile two reports a year, and I am not a happy camper. (*January 2015, page 5*)

## LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Hey, how about a "Can You Top This" column? This is the truth, cross my heart: I was playing a game in Clackamas Open and after 3 deals (I won the cut), my opponent scored 3 consecutive 12 hands, a blank crib and stood at 37. Only 1 peg in 3 deals. Well, this is highly unusual, so I began to keep a peg score ... and would you believe that after 10 deals, he had scored only 8 peg points!!! No pairs, no 15s, no runs, no 31s!! I pegged out on the tenth deal before he scored his "automatic," so that meant he only scored 4 peg points over absolute minimum. I don't claim any skill, but extraordinary luck. And with all this luck, I still failed to qualify for the final by 1 point (nobs, at that), missing the cut by 1 game and losing a game by my opponent scoring nobs. We could make a fortune by selling cribbage crying towels. How about it? Can't miss!!!

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DeLynn Colvert  
Missoula, MT

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DeLynn supervising A  
Vancleef during tourna

CW Oct. 2000, page 20

**No More Whining?**

Three-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) keeps making a resolution to stop his whining.

But he was whining big-time (again) at the Montana Championship. He was dealt a nifty 5-5-5-5-7-8, Oops, it was his opponent's crib. He tossed the 7-8 in this no-brainer discard. You guessed it...an 8 turned for the starter card. He lost the hand 22-20. The whining continues....

- THANK YOU -

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Missoula, Mont 59801

Mailing label from DeLynn's personal copy of the August 1981 *Cribbage World*; since this issue contains the first notice of Silver Valley Classic (below), this may well be the very means by which DeLynn learned about what would become his first tournament win. In addition, DeLynn joined the ACC in June 1981, so this is likely the second CW he received.





udrey Hatto and Terry  
ment registration, 2018.

photo: Sandy Sands

DeLynn used his new  
word more than once!

CW Feb. 1997, page 19

### **Cribbage World Coins New Word**

In last month's issue of *Cribbage World* the following was printed: "This Burlington, NC pegger finished a **nuffy** 2nd this time around..."

Nuffy?

Well, isn't finishing 2nd 'nuf???

**DELYNN POTPOURRI**



**GRAND NATIONAL  
★★★ XII ★★★  
CRIBBAGE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Missoula, Montana  
September 24, 25, 26  
★★★★★ 1993 ★★★★★

Featuring  
**1993**  
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Hosts:  
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Joker's Wild Restaurant  
Lounge & Casino**

Tournament Directors:  
**DeLynn Colvert  
Dex Paddock**

**GN 12 program**

### **Online Condolence**

RIP, DeLynn. Great guy. He once said to me: "Gosh, if I hadn't written my book, cribbage games wouldn't be so hard to win!"

*Steven Yellon (CA)*

CW April 1989, page 12

### **LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD**

Here's a little vignette if you wish to use it in CRIBBAGE WORLD:

Think you've heard all of the cribbage stories? How about this? Northwest Open, Baker, Oregon. 128 players are busily pegging away when a bird flies through an open door and frantically circles the room seeking a way out. Meanwhile, I'm playing Jim Hartung, Kennewick, Washington, a very tough match (as usual). It's the last hand of a close game. He needs a 5 or 10 card to win. I need the 3 of diamonds for my "perfect" cut. Well, up jumped the 3 of

diamonds and while Jim is bemoaning his poor fate, the bird flies by and dumps a load of droppings full in his face.

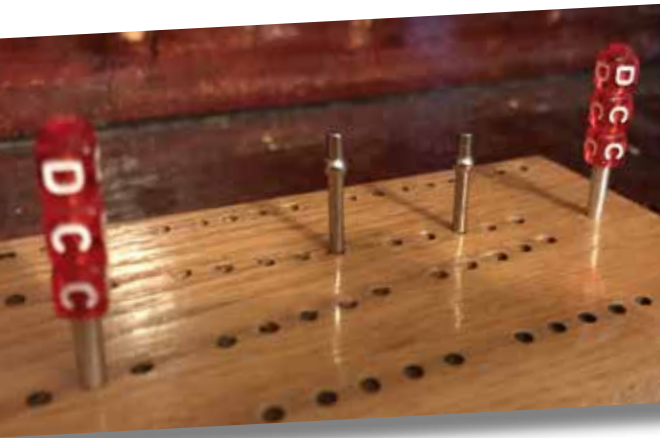
Now, if that isn't strange, how about this? Bo Van Orsow, Redmond, Oregon, is watching the bird flying around ... and he swears he said, "I'll bet that bird s\_\_s on DeLynn's opponent ... that's one of his tricks!" Believe it or not, we have 128 witnesses.

DeLynn Colvert  
Missoula, MT

# DeLynn—First . . . and Last

12/2006	edits his last CW →→
5/1/2018	last time as high qualifier: Dean Bauman Memorial main in Newport OR, winning fourteen of eighteen games
5/31/2018	last satellite win, the Saturday night event at Montana Championship in Missoula
6/10/2018	last sanctioned ACC win: Montana Eagles main, beating Sandy Sands (MT) in the finals
9/4/2018	last 28-hand, at Montana Championship, which he directed for three dozen years
9/5/2018	last tourney directed: Montana Open in his hometown of Missoula
2/4/2019	last Grass Roots outing, scoring 14/6 +90 at Screaming Eagles Club 408 (Surprise AZ)
3/1/2019	last Cribbage Bowl: second place with 22/10 +137 →
3/3/2019	last MRPs earned—at ACC Open consy in Reno
3/23/2019	last ACC tournament played: Roadrunner Classic →
7/30/2019	pegs out for the final time

Anthony DePinto (CA)	last player to beat DeLynn in playoffs, in first round of the 2019 ACC Open consy
Gordy Wise (WA)	last player that DeLynn beat (non-skunk)
Nora Maloy (SD)	last player that DeLynn skunked
Cheryl Flynn (AZ)	last player to skunk DeLynn
David Gillis (AZ)	last player to beat DeLynn (non-skunk) and last person to play DeLynn in an ACC game



Colvert, DeLynn

CARD

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Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	0		45	CM	2
2	0		22	MB	4
3	0		10	CP	6
4	0		54	Qm	8
5	2	07		R	10
6	3	36		WJG	12
7	2	08		IT	14
8	2	19		OB	16
9	2	08		MP	18
10	0		05	CH	20
11	3	35		N	22
12	2	10		Qm	24
13	0		06	R	26
14	2	21		Qm	28
15	2	23		KL	30
16	0		43	Qm	32
17	2	26		HW	34
18	0		17	ANS	36
19	0		07	my	38
20	0		13	BF	40
21	0		13	Bent	42
22	0		07	DG	44
Total Game Points	22	(+)	(-)	Win = 2 Skunk = 3	
Games Won	10	NET POINTS (+/-)		Loss = 0	
				Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	

Signature

DeLynn's last ACC tournament scorecard

GAME POINTS	GAMES WON	NET SPREAD

## OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name DELYNN COLVERT

ACC# MT8 Seat# \_\_\_\_\_

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	2	08		SW	B24
2	2	08		IN	B23
3	3	31		Q	B2
4	2	15		BH	21
5	2	25		SS	B-20
6	2	08		RLM	B19
7	0		01	22A	18
8	3	31		DEK	B17
9	2	12		C.F.	B16
10	0		11	SUE	B15
11	2	04		MH	B14
12	2	07		WT	B3
Total Game Points	22	(+) 49	(-) 12	Win = 2	Skunk = 3
Games Won	10	NET POINTS (+/-)		Loss = 0	
		+137		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	

Signature B-1

DeLynn's last Cribbage Bowl  
scorecard: #2 in 2019!

CW Dec. 2006, page 15

### Last Chance!

*by DeLynn Colvert, retiring editor*

I am known as the "Missoula Whiner" and for good reason, as I always have a tale of woe for anyone who will listen (and they are getting harder to find).

My final sad story for *Cribbage World* takes place at the Lake Topaz event. I deal the first hand in the first game of the Consolation (after failing to qualify in the Main Event, standing at 26 GP's with 5 games to go and then losing all 5). After the starter card is turned, I discover two cards have stuck together in my hand...and the hand is declared dead (losing 12 points or so). I finish the 9-gamer with a 126 +15. The low qualifier was a 126 +20. A sticky card was very costly, indeed, missing by 5 spread points!! (Watch out...2007 will be MY year!)

## A Fond Farewell

*By DeLynn Colvert, Editor*

Whew! 202 issues of *Cribbage World* done and gone! I have resigned my position as editor after a 17-year run. I leave with many regrets, but I am simply worn out. The monthly problems of production with the myriad details were aggravating, but all in all it has been an enjoyable experience. Keeping track of all my pegging pals and reporting their accomplishments (and their failures, as well) has been exciting and rewarding.

Beginning with the March 1990 issue and on thru the December 2006 issue, has been a roller coaster ride. In the early days of publication, the printing and labeling was contracted in Missoula, MT. This entailed supervising the labeling, tagging mail sacks (80 or so sacks), and hauling them to the local post office for mailing. The ACC now contracts the printing, labeling and mailing to our Minnesota printer (Wallace Carlson Company, Minnetonka, MN).

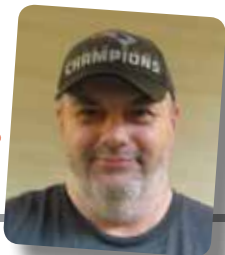
But the joy derived from this job was being in on the cribbage action. I watched and reported with amazement the Jim Langley run in the spring of 2001, as he won event after event in his run for the National Championship. And watching octogenarian Bob Julian flitting from coast to coast in quest of cribbage honors (and earning four National Championships) was quite unbelievable. And the past three years, Duane Toll's run for the records is also astounding. And who can forget Jim Crawford winning Atlanta's Grand National, and coming home the winner at the JPW/ACC Open four months later! I remember when Annett Eiffert scored a 29-hand on Saturday, and came back on Sunday for yet another. This would never be repeated I thought. But on February 29 (the "extra" lucky day of the year) in 2004, Lyle Lund scored a 29-hand in the 6th game of Green Bay's Consolation, rotated to his 7th game, and promptly scored yet another!!! The day before at this same event saw Sharelene Medieros roll to a record 46 20/22 +501 qualifying round score. I could go on and on about cribbage...but I will leave that up to David Aiken, our new editor.

It is with a fond farewell that I leave this post. I wish one and all great pegging in the future, and look forward to seeing you all down the trail. And, remember, it is my turn to win! (Well, at least my share!)



# President's Column

by David Campbell



*You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there.*

—Yogi Berra

In late July the American Cribbage Congress lost one of its perennial All Stars—**DeLynn Covert**. I am very sure there will never be anyone who has done or will do more for the game of cribbage than him. DeLynn was the editor of *Cribbage World* for seventeen years, and as a member just starting out, I looked forward to the monthly delivery of CW just so I could read DeLynn's writeups about tournaments throughout the country.

DeLynn not only spent countless hours monthly as editor, he made trophy boards for many tournaments held throughout the country and all the boards for the awards ceremony at Grand National. This while driving his Honda thousands of miles across the Western Region weekly. Thankfully for DeLynn, there are many mountains he was able to coast down in order to save on his miles per gallon.

While he did all this traveling, he proved to be one of the best players the game has ever seen. His record twenty-six times on the All American Team will be very tough to ever top. He loved the game and played as much as he could, perfecting his craft!

The biggest thing he did for any cribbage player alive was to publish his book *Play Winning Cribbage* (→ page 26). There will never be a better book that helps everyone—from the beginning player improving to the average player becoming a great player. The book lays out everything for you to improve in very easy-to-understand illustrations throughout. For this, all of cribbage should thank DeLynn for sharing his knowledge with us all.

In closing let me tell you about an event that occurred with DeLynn. In Lincoln City a few years ago many of us were staying at Bernie Nelson's beautiful home. On Saturday evenings most of the people staying there always had a little get together with pizza. On this particular night DeLynn wanted to stay and play cribbage in the satellite event. I volunteered to stay and make sure DeLynn made it home safely. The plan was for me to drive him back to Bernie's after the tournament. As we started toward the car, DeLynn said he was fine to drive so I jumped into the passenger seat and off we went.

DeLynn had just gotten a new car and desperately wanted to show me some of the features. As he drove, he started to show me how he was able to call his wife in Arizona and talk to her through the radio. All of this would

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I first met DeLynn in Reno during the 1995 season—my first in the ACC. He made the effort to track me down after qualifying was done (for the record, he qualified, I did not), and he was very gracious in telling me how amazing my rookie season was going.

He asked me if I subscribed to his 26-theory. In my head, I'm thinking what the hell is the 26-theory?! But I didn't want to appear clueless, so I gave a pretty vague, "Well it certainly has its place in the game."

DeLynn gave me a quizzical look and then offered me a copy of his book, which would fully explain the aspects of the theory that I obviously did not understand. He signed it for me and told me we would probably meet many times in the future, and he was absolutely right!

Every time we played in the All Star Tournament, before the first hand, I would always tell him, "Ya know, DeLynn, that 26-theory of yours isn't half bad." He would always get a chuckle out of that.

I said this on Facebook recently and feel it is quite appropriate to call DeLynn the Babe Ruth of cribbage. There will never be another.

**Life Master (3★) Rob Medeiros practices DeLynn's 26-theory twice every night before going to bed. He can be reached at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**

In his April column, Rob told the humorous story of playing DeLynn in Reno, where DeLynn held 7-7-7-7 and Rob held 6-6-8-8. DeLynn held enough points to win, but Rob pegged out on him. While preparing this memorial CW in DeLynn's honor, the CW editorial staff came across this little vignette that DeLynn published in the March 2002 *Cribbage World*.

Three-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) had a tough weekend, highlighted by his needing 11 to win with first count, and forced to hold 7-7-7-7. He lamented, "I led the wrong seven!" as his opponent, needing 6 to win, held an 8 and 6 card!

CW March 2002, page 4

### Online Condolence

By analogy to chess, DeLynn was our Lasker, Capablanca, Fischer, and Kasparov put together. *Michael Schell (WA)*

have been fine except—as anyone who has ever had the pleasure of going to Bernie's home knows—the road there is very winding and steep. As DeLynn was playing with the radio to get the phone connected, he started to miss a corner. I yelled and he looked up just

in time to see us about to drive straight through a corner in the road. He then said, "Well I guess I will show you this tomorrow." And we made it back safely.

DeLynn will be sadly missed by us all. **CW**

# My Deal

by David Aiken



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

I am indebted to dozens of people for help in creating this special issue of *Cribbage World* honoring **DeLynn Colvert**.

First and foremost, I want to think **Ian Colvert** and **Valerie Moore Colvert**—DeLynn's youngest son and



photo: Valerie Moore Colvert

DeLynn at Ian and Valerie's wedding, 2016

## Team Effort

daughter-in-law—for their gracious help. Despite being enveloped in trauma and grief following DeLynn's final illness and passing, they unstintingly gave of their time in answering questions about Colvert family history and—especially Valerie—sharing family photos. I wish everyone exhibited the same serenity in the face of adversity that they did.

**Wallace Carlson Printing** → in Minnetonka MN is also at the top of my list, for their help with the technical issues involved in preparing this magazine (mainly the centerfold) and especially for underwriting a large portion of the printing cost. DeLynn worked with WCP for over eleven years when he was *Cribbage World* editor. When I told **Brian Turbeville** (WCP president) and **Mark Neukom** (head of WCP's preflight department) about DeLynn's passing and that we were planning a special *Cribbage World* to honor him, WCP immediately offered to print the extra pages gratis as a way to honor DeLynn. That speaks worlds about DeLynn when

people who haven't had any contact with him for a baker's dozen of years (his last CW was December 2006) jumped at the chance to honor him, even pulling money out of their own pocket to do so.

Many ACC members scoured back issues of CW looking for information about DeLynn. **Tammy Gibbons, Julie Felkins, Rusty Goodlive, Ambria Dewever, and Bob Milk** did much, but **Gary Galetti, Terry Higgins, Jason Hofbauer, Jennifer Johnson, Keith Johnson, and Chris Leishear** also contributed.

**Marlene Lazachek** and **Paul Gregson** supplied valuable info about DeLynn from the various ACC databases.

Many people—members and non-members alike—sent photos of DeLynn: **Brian Baer, Rebecca Hall, Audrey Hatto, Debra Lucas, Bob Milk, James Morrow, Kerry O'Connell, Allen Plowman, Sandy Sands, and Peggy Shea**. I want to note the extraordinary contributions by



**Rick Westerman** (who combed through his extensive library of cribbage photos), **Karl Paddock** (who tracked down DeLynn's mural in Missoula and supplied the centerfold photos), **Trail Bundy** (head of University of Montana Dining who supplied additional photos of DeLynn's mural), and—of course—the photo queen of them all: **Valerie Moore Colvert**!

I appreciate the flexibility exhibited by CW's regular contributors in adapting their articles this month to honor DeLynn: **David Campbell**, **Jay Fulwider**, **Rob Medeiros**, and **Dan Zeisler**. Other contributors willing deferred their space this month for this worthy cause.

**Jeff Gardner's** map-making skills and **Don Gilder's** research into DeLynn's artistic side contribute much to this issue.

**Barbara Woodward**, **Bob Milk**, and **John Wallen** supplied scans of DeLynn's last scorecards.

**Jeff Gardner** proofread the magazine; **David Campbell** and **Mary Burlington** were exceptionally helpful shaping the content of this issue; and **Chris Leishear** literally spent hours reading and analyzing CW back issues in an effort to determine when DeLynn's MRP reign began (alas, we cannot pinpoint the exact date).

My thanks to all of these cribbage players, and my apologies to any I failed to mention.

In death—as in life—DeLynn was a coalescing force. The multitude of voices in this magazine testify to that, and they memorialize him in a way that fits his out-sized personality. **CW**

CW Feb. 1996, page 21

## Lightning Printing Rolling With CW Printing and Mailing

Richfield MN's Lightning Printing has contracted printing and mailing CW...and this is the 4th month they have performed this job for the ACC.

Shawn Andrusko, an ACC member, is our contact at this firm. This firm has many capabilities. Those of interest to the ACC is their typesetting and layout capabilities. Shawn reports that this firm will typeset (and layout) your flyers for \$12.50 to \$20 (depending on the complexity). And they will print your flyers for \$27 per 1,000 and ship via UPS anywhere in the US free. This is an excellent price, considering the shipping is free.

If you want to insert your flyer in CW, they will print and insert for 6 cents each, by state. Minimum order is \$20 (333 flyers) You may furnish them camera-ready copy, or have them typeset for you. In any case, however, allow extra time for this service, as checking, mailing, and the myriad problems that may arise take time to resolve.

If you have any questions about this service, call or write Lightning Printing and ask for Shawn Andrusko.

In the February 1996 *Cribbage World*, DeLynn announced the beginning of what would become a long-term relationship between the ACC and **Wallace Carlson Printing** (then called Lightning Printing). WCP printed its first *Cribbage World* in November 1995, so the current CW closes out the twenty-fourth year—a total of 286 magazines (two issues were double months).

Shawn Andrusko, the ACC member mentioned as the ACC's contact at the printer, passed away in 2006.

### Online Condolences

A great person, even better rival, and dependable teammate. I am a better person and player for having known you.

*Jason Shumate (OR)*

He taught so many of us the finer points of the game of cribbage through his terrific, easy-to-read books and through his gentle, competitive spirit, for those of us fortunate enough to have played him at tournaments. Thank you, DeLynn. 29 tips of my cap to you, our friend. RIP.

*Jason Eck (OR)*

Deeply saddened by the loss of such a unique individual as DeLynn. Organized cribbage and those who pursue the finer points in this game will long remember his mastery. I built my game on his shoulders.

*Elmer Rasmussen (WA)*

# CW

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RIP, DeLynn. You literally changed our great game by writing your book. You made all of us better players. A great athlete is said to tilt the field. Well, you tilted the cribbage board. Thanks for the memories.

*Terry Weber (WI)*

## PERSONAL CRIBBAGE PEGS



Maximum of six letters. Colors: red, white, blue, purple, green, yellow, copper, pink. Price per set is \$7 + shipping. See samples. Use your imagination!

**Brian Savage**

[brivs@shaw.ca](mailto:brivs@shaw.ca)

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
<b>Rick Shea</b> 707.444.3161 31for14@gmail.com	<b>Patrick Barrett</b> 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	<b>David Campbell</b> 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](http://cribbage.org).

#### FUTURE GRAND NATIONALS

date	city/state	TD
October 22–27, 2019	North Conway NH	David Campbell
September 22–27, 2020	Sacramento CA	Jeanne Jelke
Sept. 30–Oct. 3, 2021	Omaha NE	Scott Kooistra

#### FUTURE TOCS & ACC OPENS

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV	
March 6–8, 2020	March 2022
March 2021	sometime 2023

#### MA ♦ Oct. 20, Boston Regional

Irish American Club, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Bev Gobel (781.771.1715) & Brian McCoy

#### NH ♦ GRAND NATIONAL 38

Grand Hotel, 72 Common Court, North Conway NH 03860

#### Oct. 21–22, Cog Tournament

TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Carl Deyette

#### Oct. 23–24, Kancamagus Krawl

TD: Fred White (808.351.1296) & Marilyn Dyer

#### Oct. 25–27, Grand National 38

TD: David Campbell (207.730.2051) & Lana Newhouse. *See flyer in September CW.*

#### NV ♦ Nov. 1–3, Gold Dust West Fall Classic

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

#### FL ♦ Nov. 1–3, Lee Bailey Salute

EconoLodge Port Canaveral Area, 260 E W Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island FL 32952. TD: Susan Finazzo (407.973.4620) & Tim Jurek

#### WI ♦ Nov. 1–2, North Pole Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Jeanne Wauters (920.863.3703) & Al Karr

#### NV ♦ Nov. 4–6, Topaz Winter Tournament

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US Hwy 395 S, Topaz NV 89410. TD: Valerie & Les Sumner (775.742.4241)

#### CA ♦ Nov. 6–8, Susanville Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Cynthia Wark (443.745.2236) & Kevin Murray

#### ↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 78 ↓

#### NV ♦ Nov. 8–10, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Les & Valerie Sumner (775.742.4241)

#### MD ♦ Nov. 8–10, Maryland Charm City Classic

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

#### WI ♦ Nov. 8–10, Dianne Gurney Memorial

Comfort Inn, W10170 State Hwy 54, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

#### CA ♦ Nov. 15–16, River City Fall Classic

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

#### WI ♦ Nov. 15–17, Polish Open Returns

Super Bowl, 2222 E Northland Ave, Appleton WI 54911. TD: Jane Danielski (920.475.2410) & Terry Weber

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**OR ♦ NORTH COAST CLUSTER**

**Nov. 16, Just Enough to Win**

Grange Hall, 5371 Salmon River Hwy (OR Hwy 18), Otis OR 97368. TD: Jack & Jason Shumate (541.574.7668)

**Nov. 17, State of Jefferson Championship**

Gleneden Beach Community Ctr, 110 Azalea St, Gleneden Beach OR 97388. TD: Jack & Jason Shumate (541.574.7668)

**Nov. 19–20, Depoe Bay Challenge**

Depoe Bay Community Hall, 220 SE Bayview Dr, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Steve Lewis

**Nov. 21–22, Chinook Winds Weekday**

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

**Nov. 22–24, Chinook Winds Open**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

**VA ♦ Nov. 22–24, Pre-Turkey Shootout**

Four Points, 1133 Evert Dr, Virginia Beach VA 23464.

TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.428.4646) & Sandy Shrum

**CT ♦ Nov. 24, Yankee Classic**

Elks, 9 N Park St, Rockville CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.666.8300) & Mike Fetchel

**MI ♦ THANKSGIVING DOUBLEHEADER**

American Legion, 133 44th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49548. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

**Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Wishbone Open**

**Nov. 30, Reindeer Games**

**WI ♦ Dec. 6–8, Jingle Bell Open**

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

**CA ♦ Dec. 7, Santa Slam**

Antioch Senior Citizens Ctr, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Tad Pilecki (925.378.0132) & Paul Gregson

**↓ SEE PROMO BELOW ↓**

**NH ♦ Dec. 13–15, Advent Adventure**

Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth NH 03801. TD: Robert Fitzgerald (860.568.2607) & William Shoemaker

**CO ♦ Dec. 14, Mountain View Challenge**

VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5886)



# ***New! Advent Tournament***

## **December 13-15, 2019 @ Holiday Inn I-95 at the Circle, Portsmouth, NH**

**Main: Saturday - \$73.00** (Incl. ACC Fee, Coffee, Lunch Buffet) Reg. 7:15-8:15 am. Start 8:30 am. Optional \$20 Q pool. 22 games. Top 25% qualify for Match play - 3 of 5 Payoffs. Q Pool payout to HQ will double share - all others equal shares.

**CONSY: Sunday - \$30.00** (Incl. ACC Fee) No Q Pool. Reg. 8:15-9:00 am. Start after completion of Main Event Playoff round beginning 7:45 am. 9 games. Top 25% Qualify. Playoff time TBA, Match play - 2 of 3.

**Other Events** Fri. night EB \$20 Reg. 6:30 pm. Start 7:00 pm. 9 games. Pays 1 in 6. Sat. Night Canadian Dbles: \$50/team Reg 6:00 pm. Start 7:00 pm Pays 1 in 4.

**Also** \$5 50/50 Pools Sat/Sun. \$10 pp 3-person team Main Event.

"All Events" competition \$20. Includes Fri. Main, Can Doubles.

**Lodging Special** \$89/night plus tax. Mention *cribbage tournament*. Must reserve your stay before November 15. Call 603-431-8000

**For More Info and flyer:**

**ACC:** [www.cribbage.org/tourneys](http://www.cribbage.org/tourneys)

**Bob Fitzgerald:** 860-810-2215 Dir.

**Bill Shoemaker:** 860-243-9505 Co-Dir.

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# 2020 GREATER ORLANDO OPEN

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONE DAY CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

February 8th & 9th

Winter Park Elks Club

4755 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, Florida 32792

Telephone Number (407)-671-0010



### Saturday Morning

8:00AM Main Tournament

12 Games \$70- Graduated Q-Pool \$20 lunch included

Main Tournament Registration

7:00-7:45 AM

Orientation 7:45AM to 7:55AM

### Saturday Afternoon Playoffs

12:15 PM? Playoff start time, Best 3 of 5

### Saturday Afternoon Consolation

1:00PM Registration

1:30 PM Start Consolation

7 Games \$30- Graduated Q-Pool \$10

Consolation playoffs TBA Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

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Consolation playoffs TBA Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

All Tournaments payout 1 of 4 and all Q-pools graduated will payout 1 of 6. **Muggins will be in effect all day.**

Please help by registering EARLY. A \$3.00 ACC Sanction Fee will be removed from the Main Tournament in addition to a \$1.00 ACC Sanction Fee that will be removed from the consolation.

\$2.00 for Elks Club weekend room rental will be removed from both main tournaments.

**Tournament Director:** Dave Fournier- (407)-695-1902 or (321)-200-3558

**Tournament Co-Director:** Tim & Dan Fournier

**Local hotels in the area if you are traveling and need to make reservations:**

Days Inn: (407)-961-7108 (8245 US 1792, Fern Park, FL 32730)

We have rooms blocked at \$72.80 per room (say with Cribbage)

Elks Doe's will provide lunch on both days. \$10 from each main tournament will be for lunch.

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Entry Form- 2020 Greater Orlando Open

Make checks payable to: Dave Fournier, 808 Osceola Trail, Casselberry, Florida 32707

Please complete the following:

Main Tournament: Saturday

\$70 X =

ACC# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Q-Pool: Saturday

\$20 X =

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Tournament: Sunday

\$70 X =

Telephone Numbr: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Q-Pool: Sunday

\$20 X =

ACC# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Submitted:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is Stationary seating required**

City: \_\_\_\_\_

**and needed: YES or NO**

Telephone Numbr: \_\_\_\_\_

**Walk-ins are welcome but please call in advanced and bring cash with you.**



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ACC Sanctioned Tournament



## 34TH ANNUAL

# VETERANS DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 8 - 9 - 10, 2019 – RENO, NV

Youth Players allowed to  
play in Early Bird and/or  
Consolation at discretion  
of Tournament Director:  
Please contact Valerie  
Summer before November  
1 for eligibility review.

**\$1,500.00 Added by the Sands Regency ♦ 100%+ Payback**  
**\$1,000.00 Bonus for a 29 Hand ♦ \$10.00 Casino FreePlay**

### Friday, November 8, 2019

2 pm Registration Opens for Early Bird, Canadian Doubles and Main Tournament  
3 pm Early Bird, \$20, 7 Games, No Playoffs  
7 pm Canadian Doubles, \$50 Team, 9 Games, No Playoffs

### Saturday, November 9, 2019

7 am Pick Up Scorecards, Complimentary Coffee and Danish  
8 am Main Tournament, \$63, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 22 Games, \$1,000.00 Sands Added  
5:30 pm Main Tournament Playoffs, Best 3 of 5  
6 pm Mid Roller Registration  
7 pm Mid Roller, \$20, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 9 Games, No Playoffs

### Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:15 am Main Tournament Playoffs Continue, Complimentary Coffee and Danish  
8 am Consolation Registration  
9 am Consolation, \$30, \$10 Side Pool, 9 Games, \$500.00 Sands Added  
1 pm Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of 3  
4 pm AJ's Sunday Night Special Registration, \$20, 9 Games, No Playoffs, Play 5 pm

### Monday, November 11, 2019 – Veteran's Day

6 pm Grass Roots Registration, \$10, 9 Games, No Playoffs, Not Sanctioned, Play 6:30 pm

Online at SandsRegency.com  
Proud ACC sponsor since 1986



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Bill and Dorthalee Irons

Tournament Director, Les Summer 775-342-2532, Co-Directors, Valerie Summer 775-742-4241. and Peggy Shea 707-444-3161. All Prize Funds Pay 1:4, All Side Pools Pay Graduated 1:6. Cut for deal. Current ACC membership required. Visit [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org), or join/renew at tournament.

Sands Regency Casino Hotel Rates: **\$56.35 Sunday-Thursdays, \$88.13 Friday or Saturday, INCLUSIVE, single or double occupancy. This is the price you will pay, no hidden fees or add-ons. Use form or call Toll Free 1-866 FUN STAY (386-7829) Code CRIBVET2019.**

Online tournament registration: SandsRenoEvents.com starting 9/1/19. (Small PayPal fee applies.)  
29 Hand bonus is aggregate, awarded during Main Tournament qualifying round only.  
Prizes of \$100 or more are recorded and require valid US Tax ID or SS#, or 1042-S issued and 30% withheld.  
1099 issued for cumulative prizes of \$600 or more in a calendar year.

## VETERANS DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC – NOV. 8-9-10, 2019 – RENO, NEVADA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ACC # Required \_\_\_\_\_ Stationary Seat \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone w/Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND ENTRY FEE FOR SATURDAY  
MAIN AND HOTEL DEPOSIT ONLY. PLEASE REGISTER  
FOR ALL SATELLITE EVENTS ON SITE. THANK YOU!**

- ☐ Saturday Main Tournament: \$63  
☐ Main Side Pool(s) – Optional - Circle: \$10 \$20 \$50  
☐ Hotel Deposit: **\$56.35 Sun-Thurs or \$88.13 Fri Arrival**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make Payable to: Sands Regency, Cribbage Tournament  
345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501

### SANDS REGENCY HOTEL INFORMATION

**\$56.35 Sunday-Thursdays, \$88.13 Friday or Saturday, inclusive**

- ☐ Please make me a reservation ☐ No room needed  
☐ Made with Casino Host ☐ Made by phone  
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 1 Bed ☐ 2 Beds ☐ Handicap Accessible  
☐ Smoking ☐ Non Smoking ☐ Low Floor  
☐ Other Request \_\_\_\_\_

(subject to availability at time of arrival)

☐ **Second entry, notes or other information on reverse**



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# VETERANS DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

TO BENEFIT  
VETERANS CHARITIES

**Nov. 8-9-10, 2019**

Reno, Nevada



*\$1,500.00 Added, a \$1,000.00 Bonus  
for a 29 Hand, and a \$10 donation  
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