

Cribbage World



Hurricane Rachel Levels the Competition *by Mary Burlington*

The second weekend in July found many avid cribbage players following Hurricane Elsa up the east coast to Bangor ME, where they breathed a sigh of relief upon safe arrival. Little did they realize that the storm would continue in the form of a twenty-four-year-old playing in her first tournament. *(continued on page 16)*





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Friday - 26th

- 3:00 PM -Early Birds 7 Games - No Playoffs
7:00 PM -Doubles 9 Games - No Playoffs

Saturday - 27th

- 9:00 AM -Main 22 Games vs. 22 Opponents
(Top 25% advance to playoffs)

Sunday - 28th

- 8:00 AM -Main Play-offs (Best 3 of 5 Games)
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- ____ \$20 Early Birds
____ \$10 Side-Pool (1/6 Graduated) Optional
____ \$25 Doubles (Per Person)
Partner's Name: _____ ACC#: _____
____ \$20 Doubles Q-Pool (Per team)

- ____ \$65 **Main: Entry Fee - Current ACC members***
*(New Players or ACC with expired memberships may join/renew at time of entry.)

- ____ \$10 Side-Pool (1 in 6 Graduated) Optional
____ \$20 Side-Pool (1 in 6 Graduated) Optional
____ \$50 Side-Pool (1 in 6 Graduated) Optional

- ____ **ACC Membership New/Renewal** (\$20 single/\$25 joint)
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Milestones!

Happy Birthday in August!

70—**Peggy Fettes** (MI)

Happy Birthday in September!

80—**Lee Foglesong** (NV)

80—**Bernie Nelson** (OR)

80—**Herschel Mack** (OR)

70—**Bill West** (IN)

70—**Gregory Bluhm** (IL)

Send info about member birthdays ending in a zero two months in advance to cribbageworld@cribbage.org or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

ACC Judges

No new judges this month. To take the judge examination send email to accjudgetest@gmail.com.

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Dedication

To become an ACC All American (top ten in MRPs) or a Regional All Star (top eight in each region) takes dedication.

For most of us who aren't used to playing in more than local or close-to-home tournaments, it means traveling three, maybe four, times a month, hitting midweek tournaments, missing the playoffs but coming back and playing in the consolation. If you're lucky, the travel time may be an easy hour drive. Three hours isn't too bad, six hours not undoable, Reno is only an eleven-hour drive. Then you also have tournaments where you must get on an airplane and fly across the country, rent a car to drive an hour, if you're lucky, three hours isn't too bad . . . yes, dedication.

You must be committed to get to the tournament, pay your entry fee, and then you must either skill your way into the playoffs or get lucky. If you are proficient or fortunate enough to qualify, you better hope your cards stay hot and that **Gordy Wise** isn't waiting for you in the first round.

The last two tournaments in the country for the 2021 season were played in Sunnyside WA. The national champion would be decided, along with several Top Ten and regional All Star spots.

Dedication—**Chad Frischmann** (Eau Claire WI—1,650-mile trip) hopped on a plane, flew across the country, caught a three-hour ride from Portland OR, and qualified in the Midweek main and Summer Classic main to pass **Laurie Logan** (Meridian ID—317-mile trip) for a spot in the Top Ten. However, Laurie is also dedicated. In the Summer Classic consolation she was high qualifier and finished second to pass Chad back. Good luck for Laurie, bad luck for Chad.

Dedication—**Keith Widener** (Clemmons NC—2,660-mile trip) was forty points behind **Rob Medeiros** for the top Eastern Region spot. He couldn't make it to the main, but, after a plane ride and shorter forty-five-minute car ride, arrived just in time to be the Midweek consolation high qualifier, then ran the tables to win the consolation and the top spot in the East, along with the #7 All American spot.

You need to be dedicated when becoming an All Star or All American, but apparently your math skills don't need to be that good. Chad Frischmann knew he was knocked out of the top ten after Laurie Logan's consolation run. Come to find out, his style of adding, with toes and fingers, was a bit off (good luck for Chad). His dedication, plane flight, drive, motel, and entry fees for the last week of the season paid off with All American spot #10.

Congratulations to all the dedicated 2021 season All Americans and All Stars!

Your Deal



Letters to CW will be printed on a space-available basis and may be condensed or edited for clarity and length (150 words maximum). Send letters to cribbageworld@cribbage.org or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404. Please include your name, city, and state.

Positivity

I wanted to let you know how much I liked and appreciated your column on slow players [August *Cribbage World*, page 6]. Your positivity was reminiscent of something Jeanne might have written.

Ross Newmann (Hillsboro OR)

Players Wanted

The new bestseller by Bill Clinton and James Patterson, *The President's Daughter*, uses cribbage for a pastime on page 368. I left two great Grass Roots clubs, in Denver and Aurora. Prescott does not have a club. Players, come out wherever you are.

Bob Rosenberg (Prescott AZ)

Two cribbage players at a small round card table, with a short board between them. The young, fashionably dressed player on the left rises slightly from his chair as he stares in triumph and displays a 28- or 29-hand (it is hard to tell which face card he is holding), while his elderly opponent—still holding his cards—stares in disbelief. An overturned snuffbox lies on the floor.

Hand-colored etching published by George Humphrey in London in 1822. Size: 8¾" x 10¼".



A Start.

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

In my March editorial I discussed the “peaks and valleys” of cribbage play. As fun as it is to win more than half of your games, merely cracking the 50% threshold won’t yield any trophies or championships. If you want to “play winning cribbage” (as **DeLynn Colvert** titled his book), the secret is to go on a heater and win a whole bunch of games at the right time. That previous editorial was a theoretical (and hopefully inspirational) discussion of the topic. Here is a concrete example of it working out in real life.

Jim Blough (Middletown MI) has been an ACC member for more than three decades. Winner of four weekend tournaments and so many club championships that we’ve lost count, this year he added yet another championship at Beer City Peggers Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI. Here are all the reasons why Jim should **not** have been club champion:

- Jim won only 51.2% of his games. He played all thirty-six weeks, for a total of 324 games, but won only 166 of them—a mere four games above even.
- Jim finished #14 in batting average (Club 71 averaged 26 players per session, so he was in the bottom half), but despite this he earned more Grass Roots Points than all thirteen players who had a better winning percentage.
- Jim took first place three

weeks at club this season—and was in last place *four* times!

- Prior to this season Jim had never scored lower than 5/2 at club, but he sank below this all four times he finished in last place.
- Jim got skunked 31 times this season. He also managed to win 31 skunks, which means a skunk was involved in 19.1% of Jim’s games.
- Jim’s net spread points (positive points minus negative points) was 320 for the entire season. This means his net spread averaged only +8.9 points per session.

So how did Jim manage to capture the club championship with all of these statistics stacked against him? By getting points at the right time, by getting a skunk here and there—especially when it meant something. Of the 31 skunks in Jim’s favor, only five of them occurred when he didn’t get points that night—meaning that he earned 26 extra GRPs from skunks alone.

Crucially, Jim scored 12/5 five times this season. All it would have taken for him to *not* get points on those nights would be to miss one of his skunks by one point, and 60 GRPs would have evaporated from his total.

Jim led the club from wire to wire except for a single week when **Bill Stacey** went ahead by 9 GRPs. Bill won the batting championship this year with 56.8% but

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The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I always advocate having a plan for any hand, even if it turns out to be a flawed one. And believe me, I have devised many of those over my career!

You are dealer early in the game holding A-2-3-9-with K-K to your crib. This has a very good chance to be a successful pegging hand, as you have a magic 11 and three low cards, which you could possibly match if that is part of your plan. There are many times when you can outpeg the pone 3-0 or even 5-0.

But if the pone leads a 7, what do you do? Your optimistic outlook of a successful pegging hand is going to have to be altered to one where it's very likely the pegging is even. There really is no safe play here, as the pone can realistically have 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9.

So let's think ahead a bit. It's very likely the pone will score on her second card, but what is your best option for recouping those points later in the hand? I favor playing the 9 here. If pone has an 8 she could play it and pick up three points, but she could easily think you are setting a trap to play a 6 and score four or five. If she does play the 8, however, you have a very good chance of scoring a three-card run with your 3-2-A, or playing the 3 and trapping an A or 2 that pone could have.

The moral of this story is a plan is good to have, but oftentimes a backup plan is needed, and you have to think very quickly or precious points could be sacrificed.

The almost-flawless Rob can be reached at mrob2199@aol.com.

finished 30 GRPs behind Jim. **Eric Jensen** won the skunk championship at Club 71 this year, with a differential of +16, but he too finished behind Jim, by 67 GRPs.

Jim's unbelievable year allowed him to jump into the #3 slot in lifetime GRPs, just edging out **David Fournier** (Casselberry FL) and **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI) by 11 and 71 points, respectively. No doubt this threeway race will be competitive for many years to come!

Jim proved that you can be a champion even when you win just barely more than half your games. You can lose a ton of skunks and not even come close to the batting average championship, but if you

string your wins together at the right time, you can win it all!

The challenge for all of us remains what I said in my March editorial: "Instead of moaning and groaning the next time you are suffering through a two-win night at club or an eight-game losing streak at a tournament, simply recognize these for what they are—inevitable valleys—and chalk them up to the cyclical nature of cribbage. And then get ready for the peaks that are undoubtedly coming your way."

Jim didn't complain about his four last-place finishes. He simply showed up the next week and got points! **CW**

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Les Sumner Memorial (Lake Tahoe NV; June 23–25)	Bev Castillo	78 players HQ. Sharon Schaefer (45) 1. Ray Klocko (147) 2. Terry Weber (105) 3. William Macmillan (70) 3. Nick Green (70)	50 players HQ. Kevin Harris (18) 1. John Kern (60) 2. Sandy Sands (40) 3. Beverly Castillo (24) 3. A. J. Tasker (24)	28-hand: Pamela Pomeroy*	Early Bird: Cres Fernandez Doubles: Joe Horvath & Bill Kudenor Mid-Rollers: Keith Widener
Northern California Open (Redding CA; June 24–25)	Jeanne Jelke	60 players HQ. Dennis Jacobs (30) 1. Wayne Momsen (105) 2. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Dennis Jacobs (42) 3. Richard Shea (42)	42 players HQ. Alice Souza (30) 1. Margaret Fanucchi (60) 2. Andrew Laurence (40) 3. Skip White (24) 3. Mike McCammon (24)	28-hand: Lee Brock	Early Bird: Parker Corkrum Doubles: Herschel Mack & Don Dolezal Saturday: Gerald Hahn All Events: Gerald Hahn
Lobster Pegoff (Bangor MA; July 9–11)	Dave Leissner & Joe Bowen	65 players HQ. Raymond Tondorf (40) 1. Rachel Knight (147) 2. William Shoemaker (105) 3. Robert Thompson (70) 3. Ann Trotter (70)	48 players HQ. Gregory Hope (21) 1. Joseph Bowen (60) 2. Steve Angier (40) 3. Arnold Ward (24) 3. Mark Soule (24)		Early Bird: Martha Bryant Canadian Doubles: Joe Bowen & Steve Braley
Shut Up & Deal (Glenden Beach OR; July 10–11)	Jack Shumate	34 players HQ. Jerry Blackman (55) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Greg Schleusner (70) 3. Gerald Hahn (42) 3. Michael Wertz (42)	19 players HQ. James Morrow (9) 1. Petrus Maas (40) 2. Dave Yaeger (24) 3. Jason Hofbauer (12) 3. James Morrow (12)		
Marv Lang Memorial (Rockford IL; July 16–18)	Dan Selke	89 players HQ. Doug Page (55) 1. Bob Hanes (147) 2. Roland Hall (105) 3. Lewis Gurney (70) 3. Connie Ewka (70)	62 players HQ. David Sniegowski (15) 1. Dwight Christiansen (60) 2. Michael Grage (40) 3. Lee Ann Kaal (24) 3. John Schafer (24)	28-hands: Daniel Betz* Emilio Perez* Steven Steinmetz*	Friday: Wayne Steinmetz Saturday: Meg Maenpaa

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
End Is Near (Black River Falls WI; July 21–22)	Joan Rein	76 players HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (45) 1. Todd Brunner (147) 2. Allen Karr (105) 3. Joe Skibba (70) 3. Brad Behm (70)	66 players HQ. Doug Page (21) 1. Darlene Anderst (84) 2. Alan Schaefer (60) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 3. Dan Taylor (40)	28-hand: Donald Flesch*	
End Is Here (Black River Falls WI; July 24–25)	Bob Joslin	91 players HQ. Keith Widener (40) 1. Stanley Primc (147) 2. Dennis Koehler (105) 3. Robert Beckman (70) 3. Donna LaFleur (70)	62 players HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (24) 1. David Sniegowski (60) 2. Scott Sand (40) 3. Tom Briski (24) 3. Henry Brandner (24)	28-hands: Eugene Kimmes* Scott Sand* Richard Horvath*	Canadian Doubles: Al Pernicek & Ann Trotter Saturday: Lewis Gurney
Midweek Challenge (Sunnyside WA; July 28–29)	James Morrow	59 players HQ. James Langley (40) 1. Michael Sofaly (105) 2. Cecile Jensen (70) 3. Steve Duis (42) 3. Kai Lemrise (42)	48 players HQ. Keith Widener (15) 1. Keith Widener (60) 2. Darlene Stier (40) 3. Jason Hofbauer (24) 3. Joe Losacco (24)	28-hand: Jake Elwell*	Thursday: Craig Smith
Summer Classic (Sunnyside WA; July 31)	James Morrow	75 players HQ. James Abbott (65) 1. Todd Malmgren (147) 2. Matt Padrow (105) 3. Dan Fergus (70) 3. Dana McClain (70)	46 players HQ. Laurie Logan (15) 1. Greg Schleusner (60) 2. Laurie Logan (40) 3. Roy Hofbauer (24) 3. Dave Yeager (24)	29-hand: Bob Bartosht* 28-hands: Carl Vennes* James Morrow* Gordon Drummond*	Doubles: Erik Locke & Alice Souza

Oops!

It was a 29-hand that **Martha Bryant** (Port Charlotte FL) scored in the Treasure Coast Open on June 12, not a 28-hand as previously reported. *Cribbage World* apologizes for this error.

Update

Info about first tournament wins did not reach *Cribbage World* in time for the August magazine. The following players won their first tournament in June:

Aimee Hackett
(@ Independence Day consy on 6/27)

Steven Braley
(@ Granite State Classic consy on 6/13)

Tournament Trail Season Wraps Up

Okay, let's just get this out of the way up front: this was a wonky cribbage season.

Thanks to everyone's least favorite virus, numbers were down in every cribbage category this year: players, points, tournaments, awards.

But there was one constant: Life Master (4★) **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR) won the national championship. Again. This is Erik's fifth national championship (having won previously in 2008, 2014, 2018, and 2020), and it caps his first back-to-back championships. Erik now trails only Life Master (8★) **Duane Toll** (Sutherlin OR) in total national championships, who has won nine times. (**DeLynn Colvert** won four times outright and tied another time for the championship.)

In addition, by winning two main tour-

neys this year Erik moved past DeLynn's lifetime total of sixty main wins. DeLynn won his sixtieth main at the age of eighty-six; Erik won his sixtieth and sixty-first mains at age thirty-seven.

Want more out-of-the-ordinary stuff?

- This season the top fifty players in all three regions earned a combined 46,966 MRPs. In the 2018–19 season—the last non-Covid season—the same group of players earned 97,814 points—more than twice as many points.
- This season the three players at #50 in each region averaged 153 MRPs; in the 2018–19 season the #50 players averaged 354 points—again showing a decrease of more than half. And in one region (Eastern), player #50 didn't even hit triple digits.

• This is the fewest All Americans that the Western Region has had since 1997, when they placed only two players on the team (**DeLynn Colvert** and **Rollie Heath**). And it is the most All Americans that the Central Region has had since 2014, when they also had four.

The *Cribbage World* statistician thinks a strong case could be made to blame Justin Bieber for these declining numbers, but the more likely reason is the

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2021 ALL AMERICAN TEAM

rank	MRPs	player	region	AAT*
1	1,337	Erik Locke (Wood Village OR)	W	13
2	1,259	Dave Yaeger (Kettle Falls WA)	W	3
3	1,086	Ann Trotter (Green Bay WI)	C	2
4	941	Doug Page (Oostburg WI)	C	4
5	841	Terry Weber (Madison WI)	C	2
6	783	Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)	W	7
7	768	Keith Widener (Clemmons NC)	E	5
8	687	Robert Medeiros (Dorchester MA)	E	6
9	685	Laurie Logan (Meridian ID)	W	1
10	636	Chad Frischmann (Eau Claire WI)	C	1

*AAT = number of times on All American Team.

See James Morrow's column on page 4 for more cool stories about All Americans.

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smaller number of tournaments available to players in each region.

While both coastal regions were under lockdown, the Central Region—and “Central Region” basically means Wisconsin—dominated the Tournament Trail. Wisconsin hosted sixteen of the Central Region’s twenty tourneys. Eastern Region players had only seven tournaments to choose from, and all but one of them were in New England. Meanwhile, the Western Region managed to shoehorn twenty-six tournaments into the shortened season, but eighteen of them came in the last three months of the season.

For those of you who didn’t do the math

in the previous paragraph, this means the ACC sanctioned 53 tournaments this season. Again using the last non-Covid season as a benchmark, in 2018–19 the ACC sanctioned 203 tournaments. Almost any cribbage player can quickly compute that this is a drop of nearly 75%.

So while not a lot of records were set this season, every one of us can look forward to the blank slate that is the 2021–22 season. May the numbers for tournaments, players, and points all go up. And good news: as this issue of *Cribbage World* goes to press, Erik Locke has only 21 points, so the race for the next national championship is still wide open! **CW**

**YGN4
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poned**

After lengthy deliberations, directors Dan Zeisler and Don Howard have postponed Youth Grand National 4 until 2022. The current spike in the new Covid variant and the fact that many youth are unvaccinated led to this decision. As much as the ACC advocates youth cribbage, it is our greater duty to promote the safety and well-being of youth. Stay safe, and see you next year.

New Cribbage Masters

- 1011. Matt Padrow (Scappoose OR)
- 1012. Scott Fritz (Owen WI)
- 1013. Raymond J. Tondorf (Webster MA)
- 1014. David Boyer (Battle Creek MI)
- 1015. Todd Brunner (Forest Lake MN)

CLUB **29**

1. Joan Rein (WI): Wisconsin State Championship (Oct. 17)
2. Charlene Cohen (FL): North Pole Open (Oct. 24)
3. Dan Selke (IL): Calamity Jane Open (Apr. 4)
4. Chad Frischmann (WI): America's Dairyland (June 5)
5. Martha Bryant (FL): Treasure Coast Open (June 12)
6. Bob Bartosh (CA): Summer Classic (July 31)

Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Both of these boards were manufactured and distributed by a combination of W. C. Horn, Bros. & Co. (Newark NJ) and R. F. McCrillis Mfr. (Norwalk OH). Horn/McCrillis boards are easy to identify because they are stamped (embossed) on the bottom. Both are model C-235. The older version has a brass peg storage slider on its side; the newer version has the brass slider on the bottom. Both have original pegs, which is quite rare.



The older board ↑ belonged to my wife's grandfather, **Lodver Hage**. Lodver came to the United States from Norway in 1905. He traveled west on a wagon train and homesteaded in central Montana. My wife and her cousins agree that this was Lodver's first store-bought board. Most likely, it was purchased in the early 1920s through a Sears or Wards catalog.



I purchased the second board ↑ about seven years ago. It came with the original box and instructions. The copyright date on the instructions is 1937. This updated version of Horn/McCrillis C-235 was manufactured between 1937 and 1941. We know that because brass sliders were discontinued in 1941 to help provide materials for munitions during WWII. This version of the C-235 was likely not produced in large quantities because of the war and the fact that the streamline Model C-5 came out just after the war. Kind of like the late 1940s streamlined cars, everyone wanted the sleekest looking model. CW



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

ACC *Awards*



{Alan's words} An ex-brother-in-law, Bill Jacobs, taught me how to play cribbage in the 60s. I joined the ACC in the mid-80s. My cribbage mentor was Warren Sondericker. I was a member of Club 6 in Milwaukee for twenty-five years; at the time it was the toughest club in the country. I am now a member of Club 400 in Las Vegas, but was never a club champion at either club. My first tournament win was at Jerry Gruber's Minnesota Open in 1987 over Duane Toll! I have won twelve tournaments so far (six mains and six cons). My favorite tournament in the Schaefer Shuffle West, only ten steps from my kitchen! Currently my toughest opponents are Sharon Schaefer and Bryan Gurden. Non-cribbage interests are family visits, world traveling, and classic cars.

Alan R. Schaefer
(Henderson NV)
Life Master (2★) #49

Terry was taught cribbage by his dad when he was fourteen years old. He joined the ACC in 2007 but really didn't become active until the 2010–11 season. That is also the year he won his first tournament, so he achieved his Life Master (★) rating primarily on the basis of eleven years of play. Terry has won fifteen tournaments, including the 2017 National Open in Raleigh. He has been a member of the Central Region All Star team eight times and an All American twice. Terry's service résumé is equally impressive. He has directed over thirty tournaments, including Grand National 38 in Milwaukee. His willingness to run tournaments was acknowledged when he and Dan Selke received the 2015–16 Central Region Volunteer of the Year Award. Terry has been on the BOD and served on the Executive Committee for three terms and is also a senior judge. Terry recognizes John Syftestad as his primary mentor. Terry is an avid follower of the Green Bay Packers and as a former drag racer won two NHRA national events.

Terry Weber
(Madison WI)
Life Master (★) #116



New Members

40 last month

California

Snowden Becker (Valley Village)
Matt Day (Santa Clara)
Max Ivy (Taft)
Mike Kouri (Serra Madre)
Di Lam (Monterey)
Mike Meuter (Spreckels)
Paul Spoto (Live Oak)
Dee Winn (Los Angeles)

Georgia

Andrea Davis (Kennesaw)
Bill Grace (Duluth)

Idaho

Micheal Meade (Nampa)

Michigan

Tom Kling (Midland)
Bill Plunkett (Muskegon)
Kim Plunkett (Muskegon)

Nevada

Calvin Coolidge (Pahrump)
Mavis Jean Harvey (Pahrump)
Patricia Roach (Pahrump)

New Jersey

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Cribbage Tip of the Day

If you want to be good, first believe that you are bad.

—*The Sentences of Epictetus* (Epictetus died in 135 CE)

Never Give Up ♦ *by Bob Kemp (Post Falls ID)*

At the 2019 Spokane Open, hosted by my home club (#198), I was fresh as a daisy and ready to play the main. Saturday morning, eleven games and playing the best I could, I won only four games and that was a struggle. I didn't give up but had no motivation left and was prepared to spend Sunday at church and watching sports. My games in the afternoon were just a blur; I just wanted to be finished and go home. I counted my points and ended up with 23 for eleven games. Well, I qualified fourth and had a bye on Sunday morning. I lost my fifth game on the last hand with Jeremy Krieger, who won the tournament. But I ended up in third place! I left to go home with a big smile and a few bucks in my pocket. I almost gave up—but not quite.

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

The Lobster Peg-Off, directed by **Dave Leissner** and **Joe Bowen**, began in 2016. After joining many other cribbage competitions in a forced hiatus during 2020, the fifth annual tournament was held on July 9–11, 2021. It offered beautiful scenery (after Elsa’s departure) and, in this author’s opinion, the best tournament lunch ever (the eponymous lobster).

Rachel Knight was one of the sixty-five players competing for crustacean glory at the Peg-Off. Her brother **Kevin Knight**, an ACC member residing in Hawaii, had noticed that the tournament coincided with his annual family visit to the Knight homestead in Dixfield ME. Having experienced firsthand his sister’s prowess across the cribbage board, he enrolled her as a new ACC member and signed her up for the tournament.

Rachel rewarded this largess on the part of her brother by skunking him on her way to qualifying for the playoffs with a 23/10 in the eighteen-game main. Her path to the winner’s circle required victories over Grand Master **Mat Piechota** (Ware MA), Master **Ethan Guyaz** (Winthrop ME), and **Robert Thompson** (Harmony ME). The finals found Rachel prevailing over Life Master (2★) **Bill Shoemaker** (Bloomfield CT). Post-tournament celebrations included supportive brother Kevin being treated to dinner courtesy of his champion sister.

When asked what she enjoyed most beyond the obvious exhilaration of winning the first tournament she ever played, Rachel replied “meeting the people.” She liked hearing how long people had played cribbage, how they learned the game, and how they were doing in the day’s competition. Not only was everyone very nice to her (the



Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

The popular 1990s sit-com *Frasier* featured cribbage in episode 1.20, “Fortysomething.” Frasier Crane’s brother Niles (played by David Hyde Pierce) and father Martin (John Mahoney) are playing cribbage (starting @ 3:00). Apart from Niles saying “ten” and Martin responding with “fifteen-two” as the scene opens, no other cribbage action is pictured. The (short) board and cards merely serve as external props so the actors have something to do with their hands during the dialog. As the scene progresses, Martin places the pegs in the storage holes in the end of the board, returns the cards to the box, and puts both items in a nearby cabinet.



ACC Cribbage Code of Congeniality must be working), but one unnamed benefactress gave Rachel her very first set of pegs. She received the pegs after game 1 of the tournament and used them for the remainder of the two-day event. Now that's a winning set of pegs!

The most problematic aspect of the tournament for Rachel was the number of games she had to play: eighteen on Saturday and eighteen on Sunday. Many of us more seasoned players forget the similarity of tournament cribbage to running a marathon where endurance is an asset that is built up over time. Rachel hit the proverbial wall in game 12 on Saturday but, as the saying goes, she persisted.

The youngest of five children, a sixteen-year-old Rachel originally learned cribbage from another brother, Thomas, on a rainy day at the lakeside family camp. She immediately took to cribbage, as she had always enjoyed games that utilized her math skills and required strategic thinking. She taught cribbage to multiple friends at the University of Maine, where she graduated in August 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Rachel now puts in overnight twelve-hour shifts as a med/surg nurse at

Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington ME.

Although her nursing duties make future ACC tournament play a scheduling challenge, one competition has earned a prominent position on the calendar: the 2022 Tournament of Champions. Rachel's family is very proud and excited that her Lobster Peg-Off championship earned her an invitation to the prestigious TOC, and a Knight family trip has been scheduled for March 2022. Members are coming from far and wide to cheer on the youngest Knight.

Watch out Reno—a hurricane is forecast for March!



The Magedanz Chronicles

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



Stories from The End Is Near/Here doubleheader in Black River Falls WI

Keith Widener (Clemmons NC) scored 16 points in his first six games → in the Near tournament and finished as high qualifier with 34/15. I don't want to play Keith any more, as he was very mean to me. In the three games we played (two of them are games 5 and 6 on the scorecard), he skunked me all three times—by a total 121 points. Come to think, 121 is a complete game.

Name	Widener, Keith			
ACC#	NC-48	Seat#	B30	
Game	Game Points	Spread Points	Opponents / Index	Verification / O. Number
1	2	27	5	B29
2	3	43	5	B29
3	3	36	5	B29
4	2	26	5	B29
5	3	35	5	B29
6	3	40	5	B29

Upon observing a particular bad hand I was dealt, **Pat Healey** (Ishpeming MI) says: “When you get a hand like that, you feel like just throwing it on the floor.” My response: “I would probably miss.”

Art Loveland (South Lyon MI) and I like to discuss our favorite play of waiting to take a pair against an opponent who has three of a kind and we have the fourth card of the set. The story always ends with: “And now I'll take the pair.” While playing **Buzz Koehler** (Wisconsin Rapids WI), I waited for Buzz to play his third 10 before calmly saying, “And now I'll take the pair.” I couldn't wait to share the story with Art. Art's response: “I just did that with 3s against my opponent.” Watch out when playing us!

After twenty games, **Jimmy McCarty** (Racine WI) needs five points to qualify in the Here tourney. **Richard Frost** advises him to get the skunk first and then the win. After the match, Frosty approaches Jimmy to ask if it worked, to which Jimmy replies: “I got skunked.” Guess he won't be taking any more advice from this mentor!



Bob Beckman (Cannon Falls MN) was dealing at the end of the first game against me, and I put 6-8 in his crib and cut an 8. I didn't make it to hole 121, and Bob won the game even before turning over his crib. Bob put two 7s in his crib so had an uncounted 24. In game two, I grumble when Bob gets a 24-hand. In his quiet manner, Bob responds: “You didn't let me count the first one!”

Clay Collier (Beatrice NE) lamented: “I can't win cuts.”

Al Pernicek (Lincoln NE) while losing badly to **Brad Behm** (Appleton WI) states: “At one time we were close together.”

Eugene Kimmes (Hampton MN) with his 28-hand. ◀

Tourney Tidbits

#4 Life Master (3★) **Bob Bartosh** (Sacramento CA) earned *another* 29-hand. And by “another” we mean his fourth. Bob’s previous 29-hands:

Reynold’s Christmas Wrap (November 2003)

Susanville Winter Classic (February 2009)

Susanville Summer Classic (June 2018)

Sunnyside Summer Classic (July 2021)

Don’t Forget to Flush! In honor of **Marv Lang**’s fondness for flushes, the Marv Lang Memorial Tournament paid \$5 for every flush in the crib, \$40 for a straight flush at least 10 high, and \$100 for a royal flush. Thirty-five crib flushes were claimed, but the two larger prizes were not.

Whidbey Island Rocks! The ACC World Championship will be held on October 8–10 at Long Beach WA. This tournament has been particularly beneficial to a small group of individuals from Whidbey Island WA who, although not a sanctioned club, won this event in 2017 (**Chuck Yurcina**), 2018 (**Lee Bennett**), and 2019 (**Den-nis O’Neil**)! ➔ Who will be the next winner of this prize? Will it return to Whidbey Island for an unprecedented fourth year? Stay tuned!



When the Luck Runs Out! **Alice Souza** (Ione CA) and **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR) ♠ love playing doubles in Sunnyside WA. The first time they played together there at the Washington State Open in April, they had a grand slam. At the July Summer Classic in the same location, their luck wasn’t as good. They had *only* an 18/8 card, losing game nine. But, hey, the first seventeen games of doubles were fun!



Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Congratulations to **Daniel Crete** (*dec*)—the 2020–21 internet champion! **Mike Fetchel** (*mfetchCT425*) and **Sue Edwards** (*CO434Sue*) put up a fight right until the end! It was a fun battle all the way.

On a very sad note, we mourn the passing of eCribbage TD **Meg Maenpaa** (*megaclarinets*). Meg loved hosting tourneys and was a friend to many of us on the Tournament Trail, especially in the Central Region. She will be greatly missed.

Reminder that your ACC dues need to be paid up and constantly current to keep getting your IRPs. If your membership lapses, it is up to you to *re-register* your screen name on the ACC website. Anytime your membership is not current, you stop earning IRPs until you take this step. Beginning October 1, there will be no grace period.

I'm thrilled to report that ninety-four players joined during the "pandemic internet rush" of March–July 2020, with eighty-eight more added during the 2020–21 season! To see your internet statistics, follow these instructions:

- go to cribbage.org
- click "Play Online" at the top of the page
- click on "Lifetime IRPs"
- scroll down to your name or use control-F to search for your name

I'm working on awards for both the 2019–20 and 2020–21 seasons. You can check the "Award Winners" link in the internet section of **cribbage.org** to see if you are eligible for an IRP-level award. If you aren't going to Grand National, please find someone who can bring your trophy home for you. Even if s/he doesn't go to the

banquet, it can be picked up during the weekend. Unfortunately, I won't be at GN this year, so please look for **Tammy Gibbons**, **David Aiken**, or **Kevin Harris** at GN for help.

Player of the Month

Scott Milo (*Sgt Pegger*) @ 187 IRPs

Internet 29-Hands

Betsy Miller (*weezieboop*)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1050	Daniel Crete (<i>dec</i>)
2	1035	Mike Fetchel (<i>mfetchCT425</i>)
3	1034	Sue Edwards (<i>CO434Sue</i>)
4	967	Peter Legendre (<i>legend397</i>)
5	924	Gregory Gougian (<i>gougie00</i>)
6	905	Roger Wilson (<i>rogerw29</i>)
7	901	Pat Liegl (<i>patco1950</i>)
8	898	Richard Shea (<i>thirtyonefor14</i>)
9	887	William MacMillan (<i>WY00191L</i>)
10	880	Richard May (<i>rcmay5</i>)



Grass Roots

Corner

Chippewa Valley Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)—a grand slam is always special. Our club has had only twenty-nine in twenty seasons. But the grand slam is extra special when the player achieving it is only seventeen years old. **Emma Johnson** ♠ achieved an 18/9 + 95 ♠ on August 5. Her victims (aka opponents) collectively included four club champions, three Silver-level, and two Bronze-level players. Many players don't accomplish this mark in numerous years in the ACC. Emma did it in her fourth season with our club. And this probably won't be her last!



Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)—on July 1 **Max Ulberg** scored a grand slam 19/9 + 163 *with one loss*. How can that be? Well, they had an odd number of players that night, and Max played a tenth game, which she lost by *one* point. To follow that up, on July 3 she took first place among twenty-four players

Chippewa Valley Cribbage Club			
Name <u>EMMA JOHNSON</u>			
Date <u>8-5-21</u>		Seat <u>8</u>	
GAME	GAME POINTS	SPREAD POINTS	OPPONENT'S INITIALS
1	201		213
2	206		700
3	220		CF
4	203		SS
5	206		Kathy 12
6	213		10
7	208		6
8	215		4
9	220		2
10			13
TOTAL 18		TOTALS	
		95	
		0	
		95	
GAMES WON 9		Net Pts	
		Signed <u>Emma Johnson</u>	

with a rare 12/4 card in a six-game tournament—the seventh annual Independence Day Celebration Cribbage Tournament that the club runs for the city of Altoona WI. This is one of three non-Grass Roots tournaments they run annually to promote cribbage in the Eau Claire area. Club 284 welcomed a number of new members to club through these tournaments. Club 284 even ran a tournament on January 24, 2015, in a tent *on the ice* of Lake Altoona as part of the city's Winterfest celebration. Fourteen players participated, and city administrator **Mike Golat** won the tournament with a very nice 12/6 + 77.

Club 82 (Seaside CA)—**Fred De Young** scored the elusive 29-hand, and **Ballard Cheatham** scored a grand slam his first Wednesday back!

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Mike Misluk
(Broad Brook CT)
Gold #157

[Mike's words]
My parents taught me to play when I was five. I joined the ACC in 1998 after seeing an article in our local paper, *The Bristol Press*, about Donna LaFleur, who was competing that year for the national championship.

The late Harvey Glass and late Rit Alkas were great mentors in my early years at Hartford Metro Club 26. I have been club points champ three times and club batting average champ six times. I earned my Gold on May 15 at a GRNT cohosted by Club 26 and Club 72. I had to win my last game to end up with 25 points. My first national tournament win was Medeiros Madness in Chicopee MA in 2004. Given that my club has five Gold, nine Silver, and ten Bronze members, and could arguably be the toughest club in the country, every week is a challenge. My team partner, Mike Fetchel, never makes things easy either. My favorite cribbage moment this year was losing my final game of the night on the first night after club restarted after nearly four months off due to Covid. My loss to Frank Corrado gave him the points he needed to get his Gold Award. Away from cribbage, I am very active with my kids' activities and serving on various nonprofit boards within the community.

Editor's note: if our staff mathematician did his job right, **Mike Misluk** (age 47) is the third youngest player to earn Gold. Both **Troy Thorson** (Loveland CO, age 46y 6m) and **James Morrow** (Sunnyside WA, age 46y 11m) edged past him by a few months. In a couple years, CW will check in on **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR), who currently needs 795 GRPs to make Gold and is only 37 years old.

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

Bernard Brentar (MI), 390
Jim Correa (FL), 328
Gary Duvall (WA), 148
Denise Fortin (NV), 360
Pete Larson (WA), 426
Scott Reidy (WA), 232
Michael Sofaly (WA), 148
Phil Yager (OR), 285

BRONZE

David Boynton (CA), 418
Sheryl Brekke (CA), 194
William Carlstrom (MN), 388
William Erickson (WI), 284
Gary Getty (NV), 418
Bryan J. Gurden (NV), 400
James H. Hearon III (FL), 131
Mattie Kivett (WA), 69
Ron Kramer (NM), 271
Melvin Marshall (AK), 277
Jerry Miller (IL), 3
Susan Ritter (CA), 258
Sara Sanner (CO), 307
Donna Stevenson (CA), 68
Doug Weier (OK), 436

By time this CW arrives in your mailbox, all GRTOC invitations will have been emailed. If you were a 2021 club champion and did not receive your invitation, contact **Jeff Gardner** at jeff.gardner@wright.edu or 937.602.0690.

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

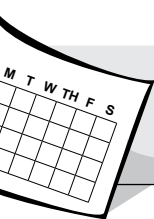
This month I'd like to change focus in this part of my column. Recently, I sent a teaching manual to **Vickie Savino** (Boise ID), who has been playing cribbage for sixty years. She is embarking on teaching seniors—not high school seniors, but folks who average eighty-five years young! Vickie looked through my youth manual and is using it with minor adaptations to successfully work with her students. There are seniors in all of our communities who need to fill their days with meaningful activities. Cribbage is something that can create new friendships, keep minds sharp, and bring endless smiles to those in their golden years. If you know of a senior center or an assisted-living facility, check to see if they would welcome you as a teacher. Don't hesitate to request my teaching manual by emailing me at danthefan@yahoo.com.

Youth News

I am very unhappy to announce that YGN4 has been postponed. After much deliberation, Don "Grumpy" Howard and I canceled YGN in Sacramento. With Covid numbers on the uptick, and many of our targeted youth too young to get vaccinated, it is in the best interest of our youth and their families to wait until there are no health restrictions before proceeding with tournament play. We will carry over the ACC Youth Program donation of \$1,000 to put toward prizes and will make sure each player in 2022 (tentatively scheduled for June in Roseburg OR) receives a beautiful Rick Pierce long board just for showing up. If you have made a financial contribution for this event, we will use it next year, or if you would like your donation refunded, contact Grumpy (916.212.2465).

If Covid is no longer a health issue, the next youth tournament will be the Sierra Youth Tournament in Grass Valley CA on February 26, 2022. More info to follow.

Got any cribbage boards collecting dust in your garage? Donate them to the ACC Youth Program and get them into the hands of young aspiring cribbage players. If you are coming to Grand National in Sacramento, I'll gladly take them off your hands there. Boards are used in three ways: they are given to classroom teachers conducting cribbage classes, used as trophy boards and/or raffle prizes at youth events, or given to students to take home and practice with. Email me if you have a board or boards for me, and I'll rendezvous with you during the weekend.



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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of July 31

Top 50 in each region, 100 MRP minimum

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs name		MRPs name		MRPs name	
1	1337 Erik Locke	1	1086 Ann Trotter	1	768 Keith Widener
2	1259 Dave Yaeger	2	941 Doug Page	2	687 Robert Medeiros
3	783 Cy Madrone	3	841 Terry Weber	3	541 Donna LaFleur
4	685 Laurie Logan	4	636 Chad Frischmann	4	394 Charlene Cohen
5	619 Bob Bartosh	5	610 Wayne Steinmetz	5	333 Jim Correa
6	527 Matt Padrow	6	587 Dennis Koehler	6	228 Henry Douglass
7	520 Kathy Pacocha	7	582 Jeff Shimp	7	201 Joe Zimmitti
8	507 Sandy Sands	8	563 Kevin Harris	8	198 Lee Dillon
9	502 Gordy Wise	9	562 James McCarty	9	197 Mark Soule
10	498 Todd Malmgren	10	532 Henry Brandner	10	196 Jerry Schrum
11	491 Bryan Gorden	11	529 Lana Newhouse	11	194 Larry Phifer
12	425 Wayne Momsen	12	527 Brad Behm	12	192 Mike Fetchel
12	425 Troy Thorson	13	521 John Syftestad	13	190 Robert Baker
14	388 Mike McDaniel	14	516 Allen Karr	14	189 June Fordham
15	378 Lyford Smith	15	470 Marlene Lazachek	15	179 Pat Llewellyn
16	374 Winona McDaniel	16	439 Clay Collier	16	175 Esther Rolfe
17	373 Pamela Pomeroy	17	399 Patrick Barrett	17	170 David Campbell
18	357 Carole Herron	18	368 Frank Danielski	18	163 Jacob French
19	335 Greg Schleusner	19	367 Lewis Gurney	19	162 Phil Martin
20	325 Ray Klocko	20	355 David Aiello	20	157 William Shoemaker
21	324 Alice Souza	21	353 Richard Frost	21	155 Steven Braley
22	315 Terry Higgins	22	339 Daniel Pluff	22	152 Rachel Knight
23	308 Dana McClain	23	334 Dan Selke	22	152 Ethan Guyaz
24	298 Dale Weilep	23	334 Jim Mahan	24	151 Robert Fitzgerald
25	297 James Langley	25	333 Dale Magedanz	24	151 Patrick Robrecht
26	287 Kevin Mansfield	26	322 Scott Fritz	26	150 Joseph Bowen
27	283 Alan Schaefer	27	313 Bob Kiley	27	143 Jerry Hardy
28	266 Jason Hofbauer	28	312 Robert Chase	28	136 Barry Spadea
29	261 James Morrow	29	303 James Huser	29	133 Mathew Piechota
29	261 Bob Brumley	30	302 Gerald Parins	29	133 John McKenna
31	253 Sharon Schaefer	31	296 Steven Steinmetz	29	133 Daniel Crete
32	252 Jim Jones	32	295 Patrick Healey	32	130 Barbara Berg-Fennessey
33	246 Jeanne Jelke	33	282 Ginny Danielski	33	129 Fred Blanc
34	243 Ronald Logan	34	260 Jerome Tork	33	129 Rick Allen
35	222 Bobby Adams	35	259 Emilio Perez	35	127 David Clemmey
36	219 William Macmillan	36	249 Laura Johnson	36	122 Jim McDevitt
36	219 Rick Baird	37	239 David Sniegowski	36	122 Phillip Jenkins
36	219 William O'Malley	38	234 Lee Tesch	38	115 Louis Petosa
39	216 Trevor Poole	39	230 Haley Hintze	39	114 Debra Cotter
40	212 Darlene Stier	39	230 John Schafer	40	111 David Flaherty
41	208 Sara Sanner	41	227 Robert Beckman	41	108 Raymond Tondorf
42	204 Dennis Morin	42	224 Rick Kuehn	42	107 James Sullivan
43	202 Basil Rudnick	43	222 Mark Smith	43	105 Albert Miller
44	192 Charlette Springer	43	222 Arthur Loveland	44	103 David Statz
45	182 John Alig	45	221 Bob Joslin	45	102 Jack Chandler
46	177 Kai Lemrise	46	219 Stanley Primc	45	102 Richard West
47	174 Gary Galetti	47	217 David Boyer	47	100 Barbara Barbour
48	172 Nancy Rojas	48	212 Donald Flesch	48	97 Jonathan Pinyan
49	165 Leroy Zahn	49	208 Bob Hanes	49	94 Anthony Yaeger
49	165 Chris McComas	50	204 Jane Vander Loop	50	90 Kenneth Johnson
				50	90 Laurie Hardy
				50	90 Robert Thompson

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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Details are accurate at time of publication, but check with the tourney director before making travel plans. For more information, visit cribbage.org.

GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

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

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

@ Sands Regency in Reno NV
March 4–6, 2022
March 3–5, 2023

NH ♦ Sep. 12, Daniel Webster Open

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

ID ♦ Sep. 17–19, Gem State Classic

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

MN ♦ Sep. 18, Jerry Gruber Memorial

VFW, 8100 Pleasant View Dr, Minneapolis MN 55432. TD: Bob Joslin (902.270.3632) & Todd Schaefer

NV ♦ Sep. 20–21, Silver State Midweek

Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 West Winnemucca Blvd #1, Winnemucca NV 89445. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & James Morrow

↓ SEE PROMO IN AUGUST CW ↓

CA ♦ GRAND NATIONAL 39

Doubletree, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento CA 95815

Sep. 22–23, Grand National Midweek

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

Sep. 25–26, Grand National 39

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fannucchi

NE ♦ Oct. 1–3, Cornhusker Classic

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

OR ♦ Oct. 1–3, Oregon Championship

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Debra Lucas

WA ♦ Oct. 8–10, ACC World Championships

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Jason Hofbauer

WI ♦ Oct. 8–10, Madison Masters

Mad Apple B&B, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI TBD. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Scott Kooistra

NH ♦ Oct. 10, New Hampshire Open

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

OR ♦ Oct. 15–17, Salem Classic

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

WI ♦ Oct. 15–17, Wisconsin Championship

Lake of the Torches Resort, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

WI ♦ Oct. 22–24, Octoberfest

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

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NC ♦ Oct. 22-24, John Medeiros Memorial

Comfort Suites RDU Airport, 5219 Page Rd, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

ME ♦ Oct. 30, Spooktacular Cribbage

Vacationland Inn, 453 Wilson St, Brewer ME 044121. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & David Leissner

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

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

MD ♦ Nov. 12-14, Charm City Classic

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

WI ♦ Nov. 12-14, Dianne Gurney Memorial

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

NV ♦ Nov. 12-14, Veterans Day Classic

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

CA ♦ Nov. 19-21, Jerry Montgomery Memorial

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

VA ♦ Nov. 19-21, Virginia Beach Classic

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

OR ♦ Nov. 19-21, Lincoln City Fall Classic

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

CT ♦ Nov. 21, Yankee Classic

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

MI ♦ THANKSGIVING DOUBLEHEADER

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

Nov. 26 & 28, Wishbone Open

Nov. 27, Reindeer Games

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓

OR ♦ Nov. 26-28, Thanksgiving at the Mill

The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

WI ♦ Dec. 3-5, Jingle Bell Open

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

CA ♦ Jan. 8-9, Pacific Coast Championship

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

NV ♦ The Big One Returns

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

Mar. 4, TOC (invitation only)

TD: Patrick Barrett & Todd Schaefer

Mar. 5-6, JPW/ACC Open

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

MA ♦ Mar. 20, Cornbeef & Cribbage

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

NC ♦ Apr. 1-3, Raleigh Spring Fling

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OR ♦ Newport Doubleheader

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TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron

Apr. 9-10, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

WI ♦ Apr. 8-10, Eau Claire Fest

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

WI ♦ Apr. 22-23, Black River Country Classic

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CA ♦ Apr. 23, Napa Valley Wine Country Open

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



40 Years Ago

The front cover reported the results of the Illinois State Tournament. This was the last tournament of the season, and it had bearing on the first All American team. **Arnold Crews** (Jacksonville FL) captured the first national championship with 662.91 MRPs (yes, there were fractional MRPs back in the day).

25 Years Ago

The front cover reported that **Peter Seitan** (Ludlow MA) beat **Phil Martin** (East Hartford CT) in the Raleigh finals to capture the 23rd annual National Open Cribbage Tournament. Elsewhere we read that **Bernie Nelson** (OR) earned Grand Master #64 by taking third place at the Portland Summer Open.

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NORMAN NIKODYM ★ by Elmer ("Ras") Rasmussen

I was shocked to read in the August *Cribbage World* of the sudden death of **Norman Nikodym**. There is much that can be said about this unusual human being. All cribbage flags should be flown at half-mast for thirty days.

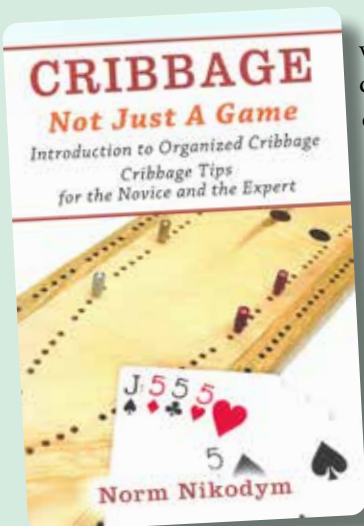
Norm was a man of great loyalty to those things that seemed important to him. He was quiet, caring, and giving on many fronts. Norm contributed money, other resources, and huge blocks of time to those things he loved. Fortunately for this wonderful game and organized cribbage, Norm attached great significance to the game we love.

He was director of Club 68 in West Covina CA since 1999. Since 2003 Norm directed sixty-eight ACC-sanctioned tourneys and served as assistant director in many others. He was a senior judge, earned Life Master status, won nineteen sanctioned events, achieved Gold status in club competition, and was club champion eight times in the last eleven years. In the last few months of his life, Norm authored a book on cribbage strategy, *Cribbage: Not Just a Game*. Of course, he dug into his pocket to cover the publishing and associated costs. That's an amazing level of personal support for the game and organized cribbage. Thank you, my dear friend!

Norm was held back in first and second grades because he failed reading. After that he made such progress that school administrators allowed him to skip the fourth grade. He went on to graduate from high school. At age 55, Norm decided that if he wanted to advance in the field of computer technology, a college degree was essential. Norm completed the course and graduated from college at age 59.

The Nikodyms were married fifty-nine years. His loving wife, Glenda, was found to be in a deep state of cognitive decline (dementia) eleven years ago. Glenda has been under home hospice care for more than a decade and still has survived far longer than doctors expected. Norm sacrificed much to care for Glenda and arrange for needed home medical services. Glenda was the center of his life, and he was fully dedicated to love and nurture her through the ravages of this horrendous disease.

Norm was very proud of Glenda and his four-generation family of thirty-four. Norm told me in an April telephone call that his family had no childhood deaths, no deaths of any kind under age fifty, no disabling injuries, and no prison time. Since age thirteen, Norm has never been unemployed. Norm described himself as



IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Donald A. Diehl

Life member Don Diehl (Bluffton IN) passed away in November. While not terribly active on the Tournament Trail, he had earned his Silver Award in Grass Roots play. His daughter reports that he enjoyed receiving and reading every issue of *Cribbage World*.

Bruce A. Hassan

Bruce Hassan (Glastonbury CT), 85, died peacefully at home on August 6 surrounded by family. After graduating from Gorham State Teachers College in 1958 with a BS degree in industrial arts education, in 1963 he began a long career at Glastonbury High School. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the State of Connecticut for his contribution to vocational and technical education. A member of Hartford Metro Club 26, he earned his Silver Award and Master rating. He won only four tournaments in his cribbage career, but one of them was the 794-player ACC Open consolation in 2008. His love for the game began at an early age when his grandfather taught him in the evenings under the light of an oil lamp, using match sticks for pegs. He shared his love of the game with anyone inter-

ested and especially enjoyed teaching and playing cribbage with his grandchildren and at a continuing education program. An avid sports fan, Bruce enjoyed watching the Red Sox and Celtics. Bruce had a great sense of humor and always put a smile on everyone's face. Bruce will be remembered as a kind and loving soul and role model. He was steadfast in his commitment to his family and faith. Bruce lived a life well lived, giving us all everlasting memories to cherish.

Thelma M. Weber

Thelma Weber (Vacaville CA) passed away this spring two days after her 93rd birthday. She was a winner on the ACC Tournament Trail and a founding member of Solano 29ers Club 21. Her play slowed in her senior years only physically, but mentally she was a tough opponent to the end. She had earned both her Silver Award and her Grand Master rating. She and her traveling companion Jackie Doppelt traveled the Western region for tournaments, including several trips to Hawaii. They were jokingly referred to as "Thelma and Louise." Thelma will be missed, but, more importantly, she will be fondly remembered for the good games and fellowship we shared.

being unlucky on only one count. He did not hear of the American Cribbage Congress until age 57!

His ailing Glenda was a robust mother of four sons. Norm was particularly proud that those four sons married, remained so to one woman, and never served any jail time. In 1989 their son Kevin graduated from West Point, Artillery Officer School, Ranger School, was assigned to the 101st Airborne, and participated with General "Stormin' Norman" Schwarzkopf in the first Iraq war. This West Point cadet did it the old-fashioned way. Kevin earned the appointment without political pull. Amazing feat!

Norm attached great importance to two other events. He enlisted in the US Army Security Agency (later INSCOM) in 1959. Norm impressed those he served by finishing first in a class of thirty-nine in Analyst School. From that, Norm advanced into the Army's Data Processing Equipment Operation School, which led him into the computer field and a lifetime career.

What a man! This country, his family, and organized cribbage should appreciate that such a man lived. I valued the substance of his character, his meek demeanor, his friendship, his commitment to the wonder of this magnificent game called cribbage, and I lament his passing immensely. **CW**



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