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INAUGURAL TOURNAMENT & AWARDS BANQUET

Here it is. All you ever wanted to know about the Inaugural Tournament & Awards Banquet and more... To begin with, it was decided to conduct our very first shindig in the state of Wisconsin. The reasoning was just plain good sense. First as a tribute to our first and only president, Joseph Petrus Wergin, who hails from the capitol city of Madison. Secondly, a great majority of our membership are Badgers, and besides Wisconsin is one hell of a cribbage state. Milwaukee won over other cities because here we have two of the better synchronized husband and wife teams when it comes to conducting a cribbage tournament, in Rich & Donna Maringer and Dan & Terry Weir, both couples are from nearby Greendale. Daniel Pewa Weir has been designated as General Chairman because he is a trusted member of the Executive Committee, the inner circle, the heart of the Congress. Reasoning also tells us that the Beer City is one great cribbage town with other cribbage havens being not too far away.

The cost per member has been set at \$56.00 each, however, those who make application on or before September 1st (1982) will receive a \$4.00 discount. Fifty-two bucks a crack - that's a hefty sum and makes you almost want to quit right there. But before you back away let's see the break-down and just what you

are getting for your hard earned money. You will be amazed we did not come up with a much higher figure (and risk being lynched).

Breakdown: First we must tell you that \$30. goes to the tournament prize fund. With 334 entries, which is highly possible, the prize fund will just barely go over the \$10,000.00 goal we are all hoping for. The truth of the matter is that we want to make it the largest cribbage prize fund ever. There are a couple of other projects in the mill which could increase the prize fund a few more thousand dollars. The Booster Club thermometer is a bit over the \$750.00 mark. On this little dilly we set the goal at \$3000.00 and we have not given up hope. All we are asking is \$10.00 to get your name on the Booster Club page in the souvenir program. The 2nd money raising effort is the sale of T-Shirts which at this very moment has not paid for itself. Would you believe we have sold only twenty T-Shirts? By the way, the small size (34-36) will fit the average woman or girl or a young teenage boy....

Next the banquet (hopefully prime rib) will set us back \$17.50 per head which includes tax and tip. That leaves us \$4.50 to pay for a five piece dance band and at least a trillion other trivial items. And we all know, it's the little things that broke the camel's back. So, in a nutshell = \$30.00 for prize fund, \$17.50 for prime-rib and \$4.50 for dance band & other items, equals = \$52.00.

We must apologize for not taking into consideration a couple of lunches and your morning coffee for two days. The total charge could have easily gone over \$65.00 per. At that price there would have been several thinking they were being taken for a ride. After this first affair we will have the experience and we are

sure we will hear from many of you, telling us what and how to improve. So bear with us. It will be better next year and better still the year after that, etcetera, etcetera, etc.

Now that we have you in the door we will proceed to clue you in about the tournament itself. It will be the qualifying round type event with 21 games played against seven different opponents. Scorecards will be marked two points for a win, three points for a skunk-win and four points if you are lucky enough to win by a double-skunk. A zero will be recorded for a loss. Peg points, plus or minus, will also be recorded and your opponent will be required to sign the card.

The master plan calls for the qualifying rounds to commence at 9:15 am SHARP, with the 7th round being completed by 3:45 pm. Master plan calls for 15 minutes per game and with a one hour and fifteen minute lunch break. The top 64 qualifiers will have their names posted to the bulletin board by 5:00 pm. Results of the "Insurance Fund" and the Players Choice Pairings will also be posted.

On Saturday morning, bright and early, the registration period will be between 7:30 am and 8:00 followed by a one hour briefing period, 8:00 to 9:00 am, the remaining 15 minutes will be allowed for those who have not made up their minds about entering the Players Choice Pairings..

During the registration period you will sign in, be issued a scorecard indicating your table and seat number, be afforded the opportunity to take-out insurance on yourself and sign-up in the Players Choice Pairings competition. You may purchase "insurance" only on yourself. You may not purchase insurance on anyone else, so please do not ask.

Speaking of "insurance" there will be two rates, both separate from each other. One premium will be the usual \$10.00 and the other will be for \$25.00. Those players who end up in the top fifty (50) of the Master Point parade for 1981-82 are not eligible to subscribe to the insurance plan with the \$10. premium, while all players are invited to enter the insurance fund with the \$25.00 premium. This will give the little guy a much better chance to collect some insurance money.

We are expecting about three times as many players to subscribe to the insurance plan with the lower premium. However, each fund could easily become a bonanza.

The insurance pay-back will be set at one out of every ten entries. Example: Let's suppose 200 players enter the \$10.00 plan and 80 enter the \$25.00 plan. In the ten dollar plan the pay-back would be to the top 20 players who paid the premium, while only the top "8" who paid the premium would share in the \$25. plan. Simple enough, right ?

Something new was recently added to the tournament trail. It started at the Master's Classic in Madison where it was called the Master Pairs. They picked up on it at the Beer City Open in Milwaukee still calling it the Master Pairs. However, there was a bit of a letdown at the Milwaukee tournament with only 75 pairs entered in the competition as compared to 140 pairs at the Classic. Another let-down would definitely mean extinction for the "Doubles" or "Pairs." It's a fun-thing and it should not go down the drain. The system has been revised with the little guy in mind. Here is how it will work so pay attention. Now it is called the Player's Choice Pairings and we're sure you are going to like it. Better still, we think more will play the Pairings game.

First off, in the Pairs in order to cash, both your score and that of your partner, when added together, must be in the top ten percent (one out of ten pay-back). If that is the case, you are a winner so head for the pay-off line. It is possible to win more than once.

There will be three blank lines on the pairing slip where you enter the names of the players to be paired with you. You do not have to coordinate with anyone, just write down the names of anyone in the tournament, however, it would be a good idea not to sign up with anyone at your table. If you did, it would probably be your luck to skunk him three times (or vice versa).

Each time you enter a partner on your slip it will set you back a five-spot, a full slip goes for \$15.00... And you may submit as many slips as you wish, there is no limit. Should you have a winning partnership, you will be paid the full amount. The player you selected as your partner gets nothing from your pairing slip winnings. It's all yours, 100 percent.

The old system was for the partners to coordinate with each other and each place a five-spot on the pairing. Why 80 percent of the players at any given tournament would not dare ask an Arnold Crews, Len Davy, Ruddy Hebein, Erv Patrin, Wendell Riherd, Donnie Rhode or any other highly ranked player to pair-up with them. Now they have the right to select anyone they so desire. It is now freedom of choice.... How does that grab you ?

One caution, you cannot make a pairing which does not include yourself...

- MASTER POINT PARADE -

There have been 31 sanctioned tournaments so far this Cribbage Year and the following statistics include 29 of those tournaments. The Beer City Open (June 19-20) & the Gupertino Kiwanis Cribbage Classic (June 19) have not submitted reports as yet.

Back on top of the heap is Erv Patrin of St Paul. Big Erv picked up 178 points with a 2nd place finish at the Masters Classic last month. Wendell Riherd and Don Rhode picked up 50 points or so but not enough to stay in front of Mr Patrin the St Paul flash.

Ralph Madsen hung on to 4th place by picking up a mere 25 points somewhere along the line. Nice going Ralphie boy.

The biggest jump in the last 30 days was by Iris Fuller of Aurora, Colorado. Iris finished 3rd in the west coast biggie & picked up a bundle. Iris also finished well in the Sertoma Classic in Denver. Iris now leads the All American Ladies team. She is a whopping 78 points out in front.

Others busting into the top ten positions were Fred Filker of Madison (4th Masters), Len Davy also of Madison (10th Cornbelt and 1st Masters Consolation) and Lloyd Coulter of Quincy, CA, winner of the 11th Annual WCCT.

1 Ervin Patrin	St Paul, MN	601.48
2 Wendell Riherd	Forest City, IA	579.56
3 Donald Rhode	Marinette, WI	504.97
4 Ralph Madsen	Crystal Lake, IL	436.48
5 Iris Fuller	Aurora, CO	412.40
6 Allen Callstrom	Northfield, MN	402.19
7 Fred Filker	Madison, WI	375.43
8 Jim Morelan	Little Canada, MN	365.83
9 Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	359.98

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10	Lloyd Coulter	Quincy,	CA	351.02
11	Dottie Schwedersky	Lyndon Sta,	WI	334.14
12	George Butscher	Santa Clara,	CA	307.02
13	Hugh Drake	Ridgecrest,	CA	307.02
14	Larry Franzwa	St Paul,	MN	301.67
15	Gene Biegler	West Bend,	WI	300.23
16	Vic Lyngaas	Middleton,	WI	293.22
17	Norm Wright	Madison,	WI	291.92
18	John Troska	Mendota Hts,	MN	290.73
19	Allan Lichty	Des Moines,	IA	286.89
20	Nick Pond	Raleigh,	NC	281.67
21	Warren Bush	Santa Clara,	CA	279.02
22	Peggy Pritchett	Cupertino,	CA	279.02
23	Norby Kniech	Brown Deer,	WI	274.87
24	Robert Beguin	Ottawa,	IL	268.27
25	Joe Guion	St Paul,	MN	267.67
26	Jeffrey Shimp	Allegan,	MI	266.65
27	Pete Kufahl	Brokaw,	WI	263.82
28	Robert Taylor	St Paul,	MN	259.67
29	Ron Logan	Quincy,	CA	259.02
30	Robert L. Immel	Northfield,	MN	256.77
31	Jeff Clark	Antioch,	IL	255.21
32	Dennis Morelan	Little Canada,	MN	253.67
33	Daniel P. Weir	Greendale,	WI	249.88
34	Arnold C. Crews	Jacksonville,	FL	249.73
35	Jerome Knebel	Nashotah,	WI	242.27
36	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Sta,	WI	240.90
37	Clyde Heggedahl	Nerstrand,	MN	235.67
38	Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee,	WI	233.40
39	William Beckfeld	Eden Prairie,	MN	229.67
40	Bill Christofferson	DeForest,	WI	224.43
41	Robert McCabe	Brown Deer,	WI	215.02
42	Joe Bernard	Libertyville,	IL	213.27
43	Cnute Holmes	Des Moines,	IA	212.35
44	Russ Flint	Palatine,	IL	212.27
45	Leo Schwedersky	Lyndon Sta,	WI	211.40
46	Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay,	WI	209.07
47	Jack Picard	Brown Deer,	WI	199.54
48	Russell Kluth	Kaukauna,	WI	194.16
49	John Mitchell	Racine,	WI	193.21
50	Tom Opalewski	Milwaukee,	WI	192.82