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Think Big!

by
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“THE STATE OF THE CONGRESS”

The American Cribbage Congress is marking its fourth anniversary on August 6, 1983, with great plans for the coming season.

It was organized in Raleigh, NC, in 1979 for the purpose of promoting cribbage events and standardizing the rules. Congress officials have made every effort to keep the welfare of the players foremost.

GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: The second annual tournament is scheduled for September 30th, October 1st and 2nd in Springfield, Massachusetts, and this great conclave will attract leading officials and players from all over the country.

Harry Palmer, chairman, reports that his committees are making every effort to stage a super tournament. The Grand National last year was held in Milwaukee with Dan Weir as the chairman. The affair gave the Congress a very auspicious beginning

Continued

In Springfield, the Early Bird Flight on Friday evening will begin a full weekend of cribbage playing and entertainment.

AWARDS BANQUET: The Congress will honor individuals who have demonstrated great skill and leadership in cribbage programs. Also honored will be those persons who have made outstanding contributions and sacrifices for the general welfare of our 'game'.....

Awards and citations will be presented to: Mr and Mrs Cribbage World; Hall of Fame electees; The All American Team; All American Ladies Team; The Master Rating Points Champion; and the Best Recruiter of the year. The President's Special Award will go to two deserving members for outstanding deeds.

HALL OF FAME: Four persons were inducted into the newly created "Cribbage Hall of Fame" last year in Milwaukee. They were selected by the Board of Directors and it was necessary for each inductee to receive 80 percent of the vote.

Guidelines provide that three people may be elected this year. However, there may be less if the 80% requirement is not met.

The four who were enshrined last year are: Sir John Suckling, who invented the game in England in 1635; Joseph Petrus Wergin, President of the Congress, Nick Pond of Raleigh, Congress Vice President; and James W. Arblaster, the Secretary.

Plaques will be presented to all new Hall of Famers.

THE CONSTITUTION: When the original Constitution was drawn up and adopted, it was difficult to ascertain all the needs and the problems which would arise. A number of items have proved unworkable. The Congress has had growing pains. The Constitution Committee will present an updated version at the Board meeting in Raleigh this month.

PUBLICITY PROGRAM : Leaders throughout the country have submitted articles to daily and weekly newspapers. Probably the largest newspaper to feature

a cribbage article was the Los Angeles Times with a story early in May, 1983.

The Feather River Publishing Company of Quincy, CA also devoted a great deal of space in its five weekly Plumas County newspapers. Director Everett Bey gets the credit here.

This scribe has a personal contract with the Irwin Zucker Agency which features "Promotion in Motion" for their clientele consisting mainly of Hollywood stars.

During the last seven months radio, TV and newspaper interviews were made in Des Moines, Las Vegas and Madison covering cribbage items from the formation of the Congress to the sanctioning of tournaments. As a result of this exposure, the Congress has signed-up for membership and tournament play a considerable number of people.

Several interviews will be scheduled for the fall and winter seasons.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: The experiment of bringing the top rated tournament and league players together at Las Vegas enjoyed moderate success as 66 All Stars gathered at the Riviera Casino & Hotel for the first annual tournament. Participation was held down by short notice, the December date, and the fact that many vacations had already been taken.

It is expected that the 1983 meet, which is again being staged in Las Vegas, will attract at least 100 of the qualified players. A new feature, the Las Vegas Open, will be staged the same week-end to give friends and spouses of the stars the opportunity to compete in one of the Casinos on the world famous Miracle Strip....

NATIONAL RATING SYSTEM: This is a popular promotion as we all like to be Number One (#1) or a top rated player.

Leaders for the past several seasons will be invited to play in the Tournament of Champions which is chaired by Dick Graham of Englewood, Colorado.

MR & MRS CRIBBAGE WORLD: The recent election gives us a new royal couple who will be crowned at the Annual Awards Banquet in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Previous and the reigning honored couples are:

1980 - Frank & Patricia O'Connor	Deham, MA
1981 - Edward & Mary Bowes	Wilton, MA
1982 - Jim & Marlyne Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL

This program attracts a great deal of attention....

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: The Congress Rules Committee has worked hard during the last several months to revise the rules and make the necessary corrections, especially in the language.

The Description or Mechanics will be spelled out and inserted as Rule No. 1, thereby making it necessary to renumber the existing rules.

Several national advertisers have been contacted to sponsor the printing. A total of 6,000 copies were printed in 1981 and this year at least 10,000 copies will be made available.

Every member-family will receive a copy as one of the benefits of being associated with the Congress.

CONGRESS CONVENTION 1984: The first Grand National Championship Tournament and Awards Banquet was staged in Milwaukee in 1982 and the 1983 affair will be held at Springfield, Massachusetts early in October. Bids have been tended by Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Las Vegas and Orlando to host the 1984 conclave. The Board of Directors will make the selection at Springfield..

CRIBADIER GENERALS: Under the guidance of CG Arnold C. Crews, the Keeper of the Seal, the organization has grown and has provided financial support to several Congress programs.

Baseball type caps, bearing the Cribadier insignia, have been recently issued to members until the stock was exhausted. Now T-Shirts, bearing the Congress Togo, is what they are handing out to all new members of the Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals.

MEMBERSHIP: The Congress set a new record in total memberships with 2645 for CY 1982-83. Even though the cribbage year ends August 31st, the recruiting year ends June 30th. Bylaws allows that anyone joining the Congress on or after July 1st will be a member for the following CY...

With the new season about to begin, membership should pass the 3000 barrier.

COMMEMORATE STAMP CAMPAIGN: The program to convince the Philatelic Division of the US Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating the 350 years that the game of cribbage has been around plus the fact that it is a very popular pastime in the United States, has slowed down and lost its initial big push.

About 19,000 signatures were obtained on petitions requesting a stamp to honor our game. Some thirty enthusiasts circulated these papers.

With the coming of the new season we must put new life into this campaign and it must be done with people writing to their Senators & Representatives with the request.

We haven't been refused. The petitions and letters have been tabled and it is now up to you to exert all the pressure possible. Our hope lies in contacting these officials.

WRITE YOUR LETTERS TODAY

JUNIOR PROGRAM: The youth program needs a transfusion as it is now confined to the New England area. Frank & Pat O'Connor have conducted our National Junior tournament for the past three years and have done an outstanding job.

The National Junior Tournament will probably not be moved from the Bay State area until the junior membership is strong in some other part of the country. Over 60% of our junior members are living in Mass. The cost of signing up a junior is only one dollar.

1983-84 WILL BE A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CONGRESS

ELECTION RESULTS

It happened again ! This year Robert Michaelis, the Tri-Cities conductor, is the victim of the ByLaws. It's a fair rule and it's for sure Mick isn't going to raise a rumpus about it.

Last year, if you recall, Bob Julian, the Milwaukee beer can specialist, was the fifth-man-out. This year old Robert made it.

William Penrose Campbell III of Shalimar, Florida is the gent who gets in through the back door. Billy has been a member of the Board since day one.

We hated to see founding father Hargie Hargesheimer, of Hamburg, NY, not make it. Gene Lindgren of St Paul got the axe too. It has come to the point where a guy has to get out on the tour and campaign if he wants to stay on the job.

Election Results:

Joseph P. Wergin	583	Madison, WI
Nick Pond	421	Raleigh, NC
Robert L. Immel	381	Northfield, MN
Daniel P. Weir	377	Greendale, WI
Frank T. O'Connor	348	Dedham, MA
Arnold C. Crews	340	Jacksonville, FL
Robert Julian	295	Witwaukee, WI
Everett E. Bey	290	Quincy, CA
Mary Cornwell	283	Sunnyvale, CA
Maxine Maddox	260	Wilmington, NC
James Fabian	259	Naperville, IL
William P. Campbell	256	Shalimar, FL
Robert M. Michaelis *	289	Marinette, WI
Richard Cornwell	250	Sunnyvale, CA
Harry Palmer	241	Springfield, MA
Elbert Hargesheimer	237	Hamburg, NY
Gene Lindgren	234	St Paul, MN
Joseph Seigle	229	Mansfield Depot, CT
Joseph Mazur	152	Hobart, NY

Thirty-four percent of the members voted. That is 893 out of 2645 - a fraction better than last year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the close of the recruiting year (June 30th), Congress membership was a healthy 2645 members, a 15 percent increase over last year.

We missed our main goal of 3003 in 83. That's two years in a row we dropped the ball on that one. However, we did have members in every state but the bite-your-tongue goal happened to be "ten members" in every state.

I think we're going back to the "members in every state" goal because that appears like it might be a problem this year.

For the past two years we had just one member in Delaware. This lady recently passed on to the great 29-crib in the sky. We also had a two year member in Louisiana who ups & moves out of state.. Some good came of this recent move, it doubled our strength in Utah.

So you see we are in for a hectic time meeting our 1984 goals before we start. We're going to need your help more than ever before. We should be able to muster over 4000 members in 1984because we have a new cribbage rules book coming out. We are backing up on our 1984 secondary goal, "Members in Every State." But, believe me, we need help.....

= TOP TEN =

Wisconsin	595
California	246
Massachusetts	173
Florida	144
Rhoda Island	139
New York	135
Minnesota	123
Illinois	121
Nebraska	115
North Carolina	93

- MASTER POINT PARADE -

The stats below are for forty tournaments, six more since the list was published last month.

Added to the list: Rock County, Sertoma, Cornbelt, MCCT, Cupertino Kiwanis & Beer City. The reports of the MGM and South Shore Open (MA) remain incomplete.

The Congress BoD may have to decide the fate of these delinquent tournaments. Shall partial points be awarded or no points be awarded ? That is the question (?).....

The MGM report is the worst. It fails to include a roster of the players, that's ten points for each contestant down the tube. There was no indication of who or how many played in the Consolation, so everyone who took part in this event, from the winner on down, will not be awarded points; and not the first dollar was reported so no points can be given for the payback percent. Beautiful report (?)..

With the South Shore Open the payback percentage is the only question.

We hate to see players screwed out of Master Points. There are many players who end up less than ten points away from making the All American team or an All State team. This should never be.

We honestly believe the sanctioned events have a greater attendance than if they were not sanctioned. If the tournament operator wants sanctioning, then he is obligated to take on the simple responsibilities that go with it.....

1. Robert McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	641.05
2. Scott Koositra	Brooklyn Park, MN	623.08
3. Norm Wright	Madison, WI	573.79
4. Jack Miller	Northfield, MN	541.11
5. Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI	523.58
6. Mary Cornwell	Sunnyvale, CA	499.99
7. SYT Lulinski	Lagrange Park, IL	497.51
8. Dave Bartlett	Greenfield, WI	463.68
9. Warren Bush	Santa Clara, CA	431.44
10. Jim McManus	Milwaukee, WI	428.29

- TIME SCHEDULE -

Friday - September 30, 1983:

Early Bird Registration	7:00 pm
Early Bird 1st Flight (9 Games)	7:30 pm
Early Bird 2nd Light (9 Games)	8:00 pm

Saturday - October 1, 1983:

Registration	7:30 - 8:00 am
Orientation	8:00 - 8:45 am
Pairs Registration	8:45 - 9:00 am
Qualifying Games 1-12	9:00 - 12:00 am
Lunch Break	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Qualifying Games 13-20	1:30 - 2:30 pm
Saturday Special (9 Games)	2:45 - 5:00 pm

Saturday Evening:

Cocktail Hour	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Dinner	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Presentation of Awards	8:00 - 9:00 pm
Cocktails & Dancing	9:00 - 1:00 am

Sunday - October 2, 1983:

Registration & Briefing	8:00 - 8:30 am
Championship Round #1	8:30 - 9:45 am
Second & Third Rounds	9:45 - 12:15 am
Consolation (9 Games)	10:00 - 12:15 am
Lunch Break	12:15 - 1:30 pm
Championship Semi Final	1:30 - 2:45 pm
Consolation Play-Offs	1:30 - 4:30 pm
Championship Finals	2:45 - 4:00 pm
Early B/Sat Spec Play-Off	3:00 - 6:00 pm

* Early Bird/Sat Special Play-Off could get underway as early as 1:30 pm. Check it out before you leave the area.

Schedule arranged so as to allow participation every night.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grand Championship | 35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Saturday Special (2:30 pm) | 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Consolation (Sunday am) | 20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance Fund (Main Event) | 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance Fund (Main Event) | 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance Fund (Consolation) | 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Play-Off (Early B & Sat. Spec) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grand National Pairs (ea) | 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Awards Banquet (Sat Nite) | 20.00 |

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Founded August 6, 1979 in Raleigh, N.C. the American Cribbage Congress is chartered as a non-profit and fraternal organization.

It promotes the noble game of Cribbage, pioneers and develops many programs for the benefit of its members, and promulgates fraternal friendships among Cribbage players everywhere.

Administering to the needs of Cribbage players on the North American continent, the American Cribbage Congress presents a well-rounded program that includes:

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★ HALL OF FAME

★ CRIBBADIER GENERAL

★ ALL-AMERICAN TEAM SELECTION

★ ALL-STATE TEAM SELECTIONS

- MASTER POINT PARADE -

11.	Leo Schwedersky	Lyndon Station, WI	425.62
12.	Judy Mueller	Milwaukee, WI	423.16
13.	Don Rhode	Marinette, WI	414.63
14.	Jack Monroe (2)	Napa, CA	393.34
15.	Norby Kriech	Brown Deer, WI	391.20
16.	Peter Dukes	Madison, WI	369.57
17.	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	363.12
18.	Craig Shelstad	Hastings, MN	357.13
19.	Larry Rowley	Madison, WI	351.46
20.	Tom Pare	New Berlin, WI	347.17
21.	Lloyd Seidel	Racine, WI	343.65
22.	Gordy Zindler	Waukesha, WI	335.73
23.	Doris Donatjes	Union Grove, WI	322.73
24.	Ken Lessmiller	Green Bay, WI	307.93
25.	William Cameron	Grayslake, IL	305.16
26.	Dick Cornell	Sunnyvale, CA	302.13
27.	Gene Biegler	West Bend, WI	296.58
28.	Jim Pershing	Milwaukee, WI	289.82
29.	Rudy Hebein	Mukwonago, WI	279.93
30.	Chet McCafferty	Madison, WI	277.05
31.	Dal Christensen	Sunnyvale, CA	274.50
32.	Jim Fabian	Naperville, IL	270.66
33.	Rob Palmer	Baker, OR	270.59
34.	Joe Bernard	Libertyville, IL	264.67
35.	Don Tofte	Madison, WI	261.92
36.	Dottie Schwedersky	Lyndon Station, WI	261.78
37.	Jim Arplaster	Kissimmee, FL	256.59
38.	Alvina Smith	Lyndon Station, WI	256.15
39.	Al Wianeki	Milwaukee, WI	255.44
40.	Ray Boesel	Glenbeulah, WI	253.84
41.	Clayton Brotski	Green Bay, WI	253.73
42.	Gerd Henken	Garner, IA	252.72
43.	Warren Sondericker	Greenfield, WI	252.00
44.	Vince Meicher	Madison, WI	249.15
45.	Joe Brown	St Charles, IL	248.53
46.	Charles Hudson	Edgerton, WI	247.21
47.	Bob Madsen	Chicago, IL	244.98
48.	Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI	243.55
49.	Delynn Colvert	Missoula, MT	239.18
50.	Jack Gauthier	New Britain, CT	238.43

(2) Jack Monroe played in only 2 tournaments.

ALL AMERICANS

At the end of the season (August 31st) the first ten rated players will comprise the All American team. Then the next best ten ladies will comprise the All American Ladies team. From there they select five from each state for the All State teams.

Besides having enough master rating points there is one other requirement for being selected to any of the teams and that is one must have played in a minimum of three sanctioned tournaments.

Here is a look at the All American Ladies team with about a little more than one month remaining in the 1982-83 season:

1. Judy Mueller Milwaukee, WI 423.16
2. Doris Donalies Union Grove, WI 322.73
3. Dottie Schwedrsky Lyndon Sta, WI 261.78
4. Alvina Smith Lyndon Sta, WI 256.15
5. Bev Christensen (2) Portola, CA 225.34
6. Sylvia Swett Crystal Lake, IL 212.80
7. Pat Kufahl Merrill, WI 205.29
8. Louise Johnson Paso Robles, CA 195.55
9. Joan Rein Carver, MN 180.32
10. Phyllis Schmidt Williamstown, MA 175.73

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If you know Colonel Jack Wunderlich then you would believe, as I do. He has already surrounded himself with a committee of professional people who he feels possess the necessary ingredients and are capable of pulling this thing off.

The tournament itself is scheduled to get underway in January 1985 and will operate through December. During the year 1984 the plan is to advertise and sell tournament playing certificates at \$35.00 per. Once you purchase a playing certificate there will be no further expense for tournament play.

They will be selling playing certificates up through June or July of 1985. The feeling here is that they will sell like hot cakes once the intermediate tournaments begin.

Certificate holders will be told where and when to report for cribbage action. The group could number anywhere from eight to 64 players, each with certificate in hand. At no time will you be playing against anyone who has less certificates than you.

The winner of the intermediate events will walk away with all the certificates. In each succeeding event the number of certificates will become greater.

At first you won't be traveling too far from home but after things get rolling you will undoubtedly have to at least travel within the state. There will be 64 contestants in the finals with 528 certificates each. The finals will be conducted in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Be advised Peggers of the Holy Board, get your certificate as soon as they come up for sale. You may become a millionaire through your favorite pastime. Card-playing pastime that is (?).....