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Don't Forget To Vote!!

Last month you received a ballot regarding the election of members to the board of directors. Our thanks to those of you who have responded. However many of you have not taken the time to vote. There is still time. The deadline for ballots is a postmark of June 15, 1985. If you are interested in how the American Cribbage Congress is run it would be in your interest to vote for the people who you think would best represent your ideas. It is vitally important to have people on the Board who will generate new ideas especially in the area of enforcement of Congress rules. We need national representation. There are excellent representatives listed on the ballot with people who have a deep interest in continuing to make the American Cribbage Congress the national leader for the game of cribbage.

For the first time in the history of the American Cribbage Congress, we will reach a membership of 3,000 members early in the month of June. We are no longer an infant organization. We need forward thinking people. It is our firm belief that the 1985-86 season will bring major changes regarding the sanctioning of tournaments. Directors of tournaments where the rules of the Congress are ignored will no longer be sanctioned. We need your support in electing people who will help to enforce the rules and regulations of the Congress. Please take the time to vote. Thank You.

SONTAG CRIBBAGE CLASSIC
MARCH 9, 1985 SANTA CLARA, CA

We received a report from Harold Sontag regarding his tournament which was held at the Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347. Both Harold and his wife Helene ended up playing each other for first place with Helene beating her husband for the top honors. The Sontags are from San Jose. Finishing in the 3rd spot was Bud Hendrickson from Santa Clara. He beat out another California player, James Hartle, also from San Jose. It was an all California finish in the 77 player tournament which included 5 visitors from Nevada. There was a better than 100% payback reported.

Ed Demale, from Concord, CA picked up one of those elusive 28 hands during the tournament and will be receiving his 28 hand certificate shortly. There have been an unusual amount of 28 hands this year and 6 sanctioned 29 hands. Congratulations to the winners.

WORLD MASTERS CRIBBAGE CLASSIC
APRIL 13-14, 1985 MT. HOPEB, WI

There were 128 eager cribbage players at the Karakahn Inn ready to do battle, reports tournament director Charlie Steinhauser. Warren Sondericker, of Greenfield, WI, was hot as a fire extinguisher as he beat out Joe Bernard of Libertyville, IL in the final match. Ray Wileman of Edgerton, WI took 3rd place against Glen Sterlling from Plover, WI, who was the recipient of a 29 hand at an earlier tournament this year.

Ted Burchell came all the way down from New Brighton, MN to take first prize in the 84 player consolation. A trio of Marinette, WI players took the next 3 prizes. In 2nd place was last years Master Point champion Bob Michaelis. 3rd and 4th place was a brother-sister act. Betty Lagassie took pleasure in beating out brother Don Rhode.

We received no reports of any 28 hands but we are expecting to hear from Charlie regarding several hands that occurred during the weekend.

PORTSIDE OPEN CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
APRIL 20-21, 1985 PORTSMOUTH, VA

Russ Cummings, a first time tournament director, sent us a very enthusiastic report telling us that the Craddock Cribbage Club finally put the state of Virginia on the "Cribbage Map". Assisted by Stan Daniels, Dick Wade and all of the members of the club, Russ tells us they are already planning next years tourney which will be held the 3rd weekend in May.

A North Carolina contingency came to Virginia and took 3 of the first 4 spots. Jay DeJaynes, Fayetteville, ended up number 1. He beat out a former Raleigh open champion, Dan Barlow, from Chapel Hill. A home town player, Dave Rotundo from Portsmouth, took 3rd and Paul Woytovich of Hickory ended 4th.

The consolation was won by Paul Colbenson of Atlanta. He nosed out Jeff Raynes of Raleigh who had this years 6th 29 hand in sanctioned play. Jeff, the checks in the mail. Mal Harland of Norfolk, VA bested Marlene Arblaster who drove up from Kissimmee, FL. Fred Larkin, who was visiting in Virginia, received a 28 hand. Congrats to Russ and all of the winners.

SERTOMA CRIBBAGE CLASSIC
APRIL 20, 1985 LITTLETON, CO

This is the year that many tournament directors have been scoring well in their own tournaments. Dick Graham is no exception. He not only ran his usual fine tournament, which benefits the Sertoma Foundation, but he also took 1st place. Dick hails from Englewood, CO and is also Chairman of the Board of the American Cribbage Congress. He eked out a victory over Barney Greisen also of Englewood. Jerry Mittelstaedt of Arvada took 3rd place from Clarence Field of Colorado Springs.

Vaughn Trolinger, of Boulder, who will be directing a tournament on August 24th in that city, won the consolation. He also had a 28 hand. Placing 2nd was Miles McMillan of Colorado Springs. Ed Lans, also of Col. Spgs. took 3rd from Earl Newbury of Lakewood, CO.

CORNBELT CRIBBAGE CLASSIC
APRIL 27-28, 1985 DES MOINES, IA

The 4th annual Cornbelt classic was played at the Best Western Airport Inn and 74 midwest players gathered for the event. Tournament director John (Here comes the judge) Crouch presented the winner of the tournament, Ray Eichman of LaCrosse, WI, a check and a cribbage board for his 1st place finish. The runner-up was Jim Rein of Carver, MN. Bob Hanes of Ankeny, IA finished 3rd over home town favorite Al Lichty.

A Wisconsiner also won the consolation. It was Doug Aavang of Mt. Horeb, WI who took the top prize. He defeated Charlie Fletchall of Grimes, IA. Cathie Mills of W. Des Moines was the 3rd place winner over Steve Johnson of Story City, IA. There were no 28 hands.

RHODE ISLAND CRIBBAGE OPEN
APRIL 28, 1985 WARWICK, RI

The Valley Country Club was the location of this New England area classic. John Chambers, director of the event, greeted 130 players. We didn't see John's name on the list of players so we are assuming that he wanted to give everybody else a chance to win. Allen Dymon of Pompton Plains, NJ did just that. He took 1st place over John Whitman of Barrington, RI. Corrine Moore from Westminister, MA took 3rd from Tom Kerrigan of Providence.

84 players entered the consolation tournament and when it was all over Joe Beaugregard of Pawtucket, RI emerged as the victor. He was followed closely by Al Dinwoodie of Slocum, RI. In 3rd place was Don Barber of Mystic, CT. He beat out Gladys Hendrickson who hails from Holbrook, MA. John tells us that a good time was had by all of the participants. John's efforts with the Rhode Island Cribbage Association are truly appreciated by both the American Cribbage Congress and by the people who are part of that organization. His contributions to the Cribbage World are also appreciated. His column will be shown whenever we have the opportunity to do so. Thanks John.

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GREAT PLAINS SPRING TOURNEY
MAY 5, 1985 LINCOLN, NE

Once again Jack Wunderlich's Great Plains series took place at the Airport Inn in Lincoln. He gathered together 86 players for his quarterly tournament. This Springs classic was won by Ray Boly of Davey, NE. He defeated Al Lichty, a veteran player from Des Moines, IA. Ending up in the 3rd spot was Frank Williams who is from Murdock, NE. In 4th place was Joe Henry, Jr. who lives in Goff, KS. Jack's next tournament will be on August 4, 1985. Frank Williams also had a 28 hand.

The consolation tourney was won by a familiar name on the tournament trail, Larry Loupee from Newton, IA. He defeated Brent Weissert of Lincoln, NE. Gus Freed of Goff, KS took 3rd over Duane Hilbers of Omaha.

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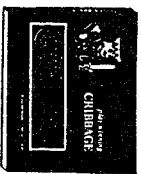
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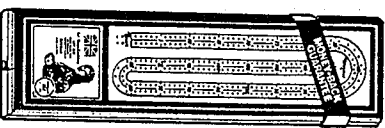
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CONNECTICUT CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 19, 1985 NO. WINDHAM, CT

Tournament director Joe Seigle reports that Pat O'Connor and son Timmy, who is a Junior member, were both semi-finalists in the Connecticut Cribbage Tournament with Pat going on to win the championship and Tim finishing 4th in the 120 player field. They are from Dedham, MA. 2nd place went to Earle Sweet of N.Scituate, RI and 3rd went to Corrine Moore of Westminister, MA.

There were 84 players in the consolation tournament and when the smoke settled Judy Fitzsimmons of East Greenwich, RI ended up in the top position. Paul Colbenson, who was a recent winner of a consolation in Portsmouth, VA, made another trip up from Atlanta to take 2nd place. Another junior member, Carl Palmer, from W.Springfield, MA was the 3rd place finisher and Jack Gauthier of New Britian, CT ended in 4th. Jim Hurn of E. Providence, RI had a 28 hand couldn't score it. His opponent went out before he could count. He'll be receiving a certificate anyway. Under the rules set up this year, it is not necessary that you play the 28 hand to receive a certificate.

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1985-1986 DUES

Our new year will be starting September 1, 1985 and during the month of July we will be billing everyone for the 1985-86 season. Dues have not been increased. They will remain the same as they were this past year. We appreciate the enthusiasm of some of our members who have sent in dues early, however, it would simplify our billing and record keeping procedures if all members would wait to send dues with the form that will be provided with the billing. Thank you for your co-operation.

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We received a letter from Don Shaw, the secretary-treasurer of the Western New York Cribbage Club, telling us of some new records that were set on May 6 during their league play. Robyn Lickfield scored 19 game points with a spread point of +124 during their 9 game session. It set a new high for them. At the same match, Donald Heider set a new all time low record of 0 game points with a -166. Don was the winner of one of the 5 tournaments during the 1984-85 season. Don't feel to bad Don. Most of us know the feeling.

If any of you league secretaries have any news item you would like printed, please send that info to the secretary of the American Cribbage Congress. Thanks.

SANCTIONING OF TOURNAMENTS
by Bob Madsen, Secretary

During the past 6 months we have received several letters from concerned members of the American Cribbage Congress who have complained about the way certain tournament directors have been running their tournaments. In most cases the complaints were valid and those complaints were forwarded to the director of the tournament that had the complaint lodged against it. In some cases we received responses from the director involved and were assured that efforts would be made to correct these errors.

Some of the directors have ignored these reports of complaints. They have failed to send in tournament reports and sanctioning fees which were paid by the participants of the tournament. When we receive no report, people who have master points due them get no credit for those points because we have no way of knowing who earned them. These tournament directors will not be allowed a sanctioned tournament in the future. Beginning in the September issue, we will print the names of these directors that asked for sanctioning and then failed to follow the rules. We have begun a policy whereby anyone asking for sanctioning must fill out a form which will be sent to them on request. This form must be signed by the tournament director which states that he/she will follow the rules of play and report tournament results no later than 2 weeks after the tournament has been completed. Any variation from tournament rules will have to be approved by this office and must be put on the tournament entry form. In that way people will know in advance of any format changes by reading the entry blank. If the format change is unacceptable, the player can decline playing in the tournament. We want no more surprises the morning of the tournament.

Tournament expenses will be scrutinized thoroughly and when we find a director failing to meet a minimum of 85% payback after legitimate expenses, we will withdraw any future sanctioning. Most tournament directors do not run tournaments expecting to make money. Although there is a lot of work involved in

running a tournament, we have a majority of tournament directors who dedicate their time and efforts for the interest of the game and the enjoyment of the players. We sincerely thank them.

We have no authority to stop people from running tournaments but we do have the responsibility to only sanction a tournament that is played according to rules of the Congress and the best interests of the players. The purpose of the American Cribbage Congress is to further the game of cribbage but, most of all, to protect the players from unscrupulous directors who are running tournaments for personal profit.

The 1984-85 season will have produce approximately 70 sanctioned tournaments which is an all time record number. We may have fewer tournaments next season but it is our goal to remove from the roster any tournament that has a history of complaints regarding rules and make the tournaments that are sanctioned the best in the country. We have seen a vast improvement in almost every section of the country. We are working on the rest. Those of you that have sent letters to this office are to be congratulated. We welcome those letters. We have not been able to respond to each of you that have sent complaints but we have tried to respond to as many of you as possible.

If you attend a tournament and it is run in a manner which you know is against the rules, confront the director of that tournament. If your complaints go unheeded let us know about it. We will make every effort to correct the situation or withdraw further sanctioning. The Congress is only as strong as its members and so we depend on you to keep us informed. Thank you.

MONTANA FOLLOW-UP

Last month we reported, thru Delynn Colvert, that Leo Migt of Missoula, MT had 21 game points in 7 games. We received another note from Delynn that somebody figured the odds on getting 7 skunk games in 7 games played. The odds are 47,700,000 to 1 against this happening. That makes this fete even more incredible.

THE CRIBBAGE CORNER
by John Chambers

I have been informed that my column seems esoteric and that many people might not understand some of the terminology. Therefore, I shall dedicate this column to the defining of a number of terms which you may see occasionally in this column. I hope these terms become clear to those who didn't understand them.

Discard: That part of the game, after the deal, when each player chooses two cards from their hand and places them aside to form an extra 4 card hand for the dealer called the crib.

Play: That part of the game, after the cut for the starter when both players alternately count up to 31, beginning with the non-dealer.

Count: That part of the game, immediately after the Play, when each player counts the points in his hand. The non-dealer always counts first, followed by the dealer's hand and then the dealer's crib.

Starter: The card cut immediately after the discard which is only used as part of the game when each player counts their hand.

Playing-on: An offensive strategy to gain points during the Play by pairing, playing into run situations, or by setting up run situations. Usually done when a player is in less than favorable position.

Playing-off: A defensive strategy to avoid giving up any unnecessary points to your opponent, which could give him a better position. Usually done when one has the advantage.

Dealer: The player who distributes the cards and receives the crib.

Non-dealer: The dealer's opponent, who initiates play.
Salting the crib: The act of discarding close cards or cards which have a greater chance of helping the crib.
Balking the crib: The act of discarding wide cards which have a lesser chance of helping the opponent's crib.

I hope these definitions have cleared up any confusion you may have had. If not please write to: John Chambers, 54 Homestead Ave., Esmond, RI 02917.

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