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## MASTER--GRAND MASTER--LIFE MASTER

In the February issue of the Cribbage World, we mentioned that the Board of Directors decided to institute an awards program regarding Master Points. Thru the efforts of Bob Read, our former Ass't. Secretary, and Bob McCabe, our current Ass't. Sec., we have accumulated all of the Master Points that have been earned by all of our members since the Master Point system was inaugurated during the 1980-81 season. Under our new rating point system we eliminated all of the points that were given to people for attendance, the number of states represented, the number of years a tournament had been run and the rating points for percentage of payback. The number of master points listed below are points earned for finishing in the top one eighth of all sanctioned tournaments. We are unable to publish the entire list of members but we have listed the top 50 point winners.

A special awards plaque will be issued on the following basis:

1. When members reach 2,000 master points, they will be awarded a master certificate.
2. When members reach 4,000 points, they will be awarded a grand master certificate.
3. When members reach 6,000 points, they will be awarded a life master certificate.

These awards will be presented at our annual Grand  
(cont. on page 2.)

National Tournament and Banquet. Our listing will appear at the end of each year. Below are the standings as of July 31, 1984. The top 50 are:

1. BOB MICHAELIS	Marinette, WI	2,057
2. SCOTT KOOISTRA	Brooklyn Center, MN	1,912
3. DON RHODE	Marinette, WI	1,488
4. BOB MCCABE	Brown Deer, WI	1,478
5. JOE BERNARD	Libertyville, IL	1,348
6. JIM FABIAN	Naperville, IL	1,325
7. NORM WRIGHT	Madison, WI	1,184
8. LEO SCHWEDRSKY	Lyndon Station, WI	1,177
9. BOB IMMEL	Northfield, MN	1,130
10. RUDY HEBEIN	Mukwanago, WI	1,094
11. TOM GREEN	Milwaukee, WI	1,091
12. WARREN SONDERICKER	Greenfield, WI	1,049
13. ARNOLD CREWS	Jacksonville, FL	1,027
14. LARRY ROWLEY	Madison, WI	975
15. MEL KASTNER	Menominee, MI	928
16. JEFF SHIMP	Allegan, MI	851
17. JOE BROWN	St. Charles, IL	850
18. NORBERT KNECH	Brown Deer, WI	827
19. DOTLIE SCHWEDRSKY	Lyndon Station, WI	820
20. PETE KUFAHL	Merrill, WI	816
21. DAVE BARTLETT	Greenfield, WI	814
22. JOE SEIGLE	Coventry, CT	755
23. GARY HANSEN	Depere, WI	750
24. RAY BOESEL	Glenbeulah	747
25. JOHN DANIELSON	Manitowoc, WI	743
26. DICK GRAHAM	Englewood, CO	726
27. NICKY KNECH	Brown Deer, WI	715
28. BOB MADSEN	Chicago, IL	692
29. TOM PARE	New Berlin, WI	688
30. ALVINA SMITH	Lyndon Station, WI	649
31. SYL LULINSKI	LaGrange Park, IL	636
32. DON PFANNERSTILL	Waukesha, WI	629
33. FRED TILKER	Madison, WI	627
34. MARY CORNWELL	Sunnyvale, CA	621
35. JIM MORELAN	Little Canada, MN	617
36. TOM HAIGHT	Ann Arbor, MI	615
37. DON TOFTE	Madison, WI	612
38. ALLEN LICHTY	Des Moines, IA	604
39. HARRY PALMER	W. Springfield, MA	600
40. ERVIN PATRIN	St. Paul, MN	600
41. CRAIG SHELSTAD	Hastings, MN	598
42. RON LOGAN	Quincy, CA	597

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| 43. DELYNN COLVERT   | Missoula, MT     | 573 |
| 44. PAT KUF AHL      | Merrill, WI      | 565 |
| 45. CHEET MCCAFFERTY | Madison, WI      | 562 |
| 46. HARVEY COHEN     | Wilwaukee, WI    | 561 |
| 47. WARREN BUSH      | Campbell, CA     | 556 |
| 48. RALPH MADSEN     | Crystal Lake, IL | 553 |
| 49. RICH MARINGER    | Greendale, WI    | 552 |
| JACK MILLER          | Northfield, MN   | 552 |

If you are interested in knowing what master points you have send a letter to: Bob McCabe,

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

JANUARY 12-13, 1985 LITTLETON, CO

This tournament attracted 72 singles entries and 32 pairs to the Littleton Elks Club for some vigorous competition and also to benefit the Sertoma Charities. Director Dick Graham not only works to provide a good tournament but at the same time supports a very worthy cause. Ed Lans of Colorado Springs was victorious over Hal Terrance of Denver for top honors. Third place finisher was Rick Zinn also from Denver who won over Joe Kibbey of Colorado Springs in fourth.

A consolation tournament was held with Earl Newberry of Lakewood, CO taking first place followed by Doug Halloran from Denver, second. In third place was James McCorkle of Thornton, CO and D.A. Adams was fourth.

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KARL'S KRIBBAGE KLASSIC  
JANUARY 26, 1985 SPARKS, NV

President Joe Wergin travelled west to attend this first tournament at Karl's Silver Club. He helped tournament director, Bill Irons greet 160 entrants and took the opportunity to welcome some new players to the tournament trail. However Cal Stillwell of Sioux Falls, SD who is not new to tournament play was the first place finisher over Sandra Webb of California. Two more Californians battled for third and fourth, Peggs Balsley and Robert Albrecht.

Joe Wergin reports that interest in cribbage in Nevada is growing tremendously. He was pleased with the turnout for a first tournament. There were many Californians present and quite a few people from the northwest states. Plans are being formulated to stage a big tournament at Karl's in the not too distant future.

GEORGIA OPEN

JANUARY 26-27, 1985 AUGUSTA, GA

Director Ken Cambell did it. He won his own tournament! And Luis Lizarribar, director of last year's Georgia Open placed 3rd. It is fortunate that the ACC 1st vice-president and 5 ACC directors were present at this event! After a tough battle in the finals, Eric Davis of Raleigh, NC placed second. Joe Ryan of Columbia, SC finished fourth.

In the consoslation, with 50 players, Ralph Heslop of Mooresville, NC finished 1st with Paul Woytovich of Hickory, NC finishing 2nd. Richard Ricke took 3rd and Ford Weeks of Columbia, SC was 4th.

Two 28-hands showed--the first, in the earlybird, to Lillian Samonsky of Belvedere, SC and the second in the consolation, to Peter Lerch of Fayetteville, NC.

This 2nd Annual Georgia Open drew 22% more players than the 1st and plans are already underway to show a similar increase for the 3rd Annual in January of 1986. Y'all come.

K.T.B. OPEN CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT  
FEBRUARY 2-3, 1985 MILWAUKEE, WI

Fred Katzung, Norm Thompson and Gene Biegler, co-directors of this tournament, tried a new approach by having a 36 game qualifier with a 12 game morning, afternoon and evening session. We haven't had a report on whether this system will be tried again. It seemed to be a successful format but only time will tell.

The familiar group of cribbers from Madison, WI swooped down to Milwaukee and took 3 out of the 4 top finishing positions. Taking 1st was Don Doyle who took the top slot away from Don Tofte. Rudy Rauen, a well known Milwaukee resident, took 3rd place from Garry Ninedorf. The final matches were very close.

The ever present Bob "Mick" Michaelis of Marinette, WI took the top prize in the consolation beating out Vic Lyngaas from Middleton, WI, a suburb of Madison. Vincent White, Racine, WI, came away with 3rd place beating out Joe Brown of St. Charles, IL.

GREAT PLAINS WINTER CLASSIC  
FEBRUARY 3, 1985 LINCOLN, NE.

Attendance at this tournament more than doubled from last year's according to director Jack Wunderlich. The next tournament is scheduled for May 5 in Lincoln, NE.

Eloise Heinke of Lincoln played 24 cribbage games to win the Great Plains Cribbage Tournament. She was one of 128 players from six states to compete. Larry Loupee, Newton, Ia was 2nd, Larry Kacer, Altoona, Ia. came in 3rd and 4th place went to Ron Morris of Lincoln.

The consolation tournament went to Ron Harbers of Lincoln. He beat out Doris Matejousky, who is Eloise Heinke's sister. 3rd place was taken by Mark Kacer of Altoona who bested Fred White of Berwick, Ia.

There were 2 Nebraskans who received 28 hands, Les Sunderman of Beatrice and Ken Patterson of Lincoln.

ORLANDO ELKS CRIBBAGE CLASSIC  
FEBRUARY 15-16, 1985 ORLANDO, FL

The Orlando Elks Cribbage Classic attracted players from 15 states and 1 Canadian Province and included the American Cribbage Congress Board of Directors who were there to attend the mid-winter meeting.

Dick Graham, Chairman of the Board, walked off with 1st place as well as winning the Earlybird tournament on Friday night. He also received a restaurant gift certificate for traveling the furthest distance. Not a bad weekend for Dick who is from Englewood, CO. Dick will also be the host of the Grand National Tournament in Denver later this year. In 2nd place was Frank O'Connor, Dedham, MA, who has been runner-up 5 times in the last 4 years in both the main event and the consolation. 3rd place was won by our illustrious President Joe Wergin from Madison, WI. He managed to sneak by Mel Esser of Nokomis, FL who took 4th.

The consolation was won by LTC Bill Campbell of England AFB who beat out Ken Campbell of Modoc, SC. The Campbells are coming, they are, they are!!! The Palmer brothers from West Springfield, MA battled for 3rd and 4th with Harry beating out Charles. There was a 28 hand scored by Bob Eccli of Orlando who also picked up a cash award from the Skunk Bank.

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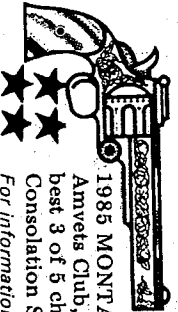
OREGON STATE CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIP  
FEBRUARY 16-17, 1985 PRINEVILLE, OR.

Over the past few years American Cribbage Congress Director Joe Nelson has become one of the most active tournament directors thru-out the country. We received his report and along with it came the news that he had recruited 150 new members who joined the congress. Joe is to be commended for his efforts. He had 234 players entered in his tournament representing 7 states. The tournament paid back well over 100%. You can't ask for anything more from a tournament director. Our hats are off to you Joe! Coverage by a Portland newspaper along with the Prineville newspaper and Bend, OR television created much interest.

Joe tells us that for the first time in the history of his tournament a player from Prineville took 1st place. Jack Rhoden beat out Otto Bartholow from Boise, ID. Roger O'Hara of Salem, OR took 3rd place over Butch Kelso from Baker, OR.

In the consolation tournament, Debbie Davis of Eugene, OR took 1st place over Dan Johnson of Prineville. 3rd place was taken by Dan Mills of Prineville. He beat out Cash Adams from Bend, OR.

On Friday night, during the earlybird tourney, Dennis Moran of Tillamook, OR had a 29 hand. It was followed Saturday by a sanctioned 29 hand. This time it was Clyde Hickey from Springfield, OR. Clyde had joined the Congress thus making him eligible for a \$100.00 check and a beautiful plaque which will be presented to him at the end of the year. There were two 28 hands. Betty Sissel of Baker and Ray Rasmussen of Bend were the 2 lucky players. Congratulations to all.



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MASTER POINTS

The following Master Point standings include all tournaments thru Jan. 13, 1985 except the Rocky Mountain Jan. 14th tournament plus the Orlando Flks Tournament in Orlando, FL on Feb. 16 and 17.

WESTERN REGION

1. KEN JOHNSON	Santa Maria, CA	231
2. MILO ROINSTAD	Missoula, MT	220
3. BUD HENDRICKSON	Santa Clara, CA	207
4. WALTER LEWIS	Solvang, CA	201
5. PLUMAS STOKES	Quincy, CA	191
6. DAMON HANDLEY	Cupertino, CA	183
7. TROY HAYNIE	Los Gatos, CA	157
8. EMMETT SCHUMER	Martinez, CA	149
9. MILES DAVIS	Molalla, OR	147
10. DICK GRAHAM	Englewood, CO	136
11. MURVIN SCARBROUGH	Baker, OR	119
12. DELYNN COLVERT	Missoula, MT	117
13. BILL KRUSE	Seward, NE	106
14. IVAN LUX	Minden, NE	103
15. PAT DESCHAMPS	Lolo, MT	97
16. HAZEL COLLINS	Lincoln, NE	88
17. GEORGE BUTSCHER	Santa Clara, CA	85
	Baker, OR	85
	Concord, CA	80
19. DEANE HOWLAND	Concord, CA	79
20. LEO MIGHT	Missoula, MT	77
21. GEORGE FINNEY	Novato, CA	77
22. AL SHAW	Lincoln, NE	75
23. KEITH POWELL	San Jose, CA	72
24. MARIAN KUHRE	San Jose, CA	69
25. JACK WUNDERLICH	Napa, CA	66
	Lincoln, NE	

EASTERN REGION

1. GROVER O'BRIEN	Chicopee, MA	272
2. ALBERT MILLER	Nashua, NH	174
3. CLIFF ROBBINS	W.Springfield, MA	128
4. GERARD GAGNON	Orlando, FL	106
	Joe Beauregard	106
	Alan Wheel	106
6. TERESA EPPERMAN	S. Burlington, VT	98
7. FRANK O'CONNOR	Springfield, MA	94
	Dedham, MA	94
9. RICHARD CLUCKEY JR.	Thomaston, CT	90
10. JOHN CHAMBERS	Esmond, RI	82

11.	BILL CAMPBELL	Shalimar, FL	82
12.	HARRY PALMER	W.Springfield, MA	79
13.	JOSEPHINE MCRAE JIM SHEA	N.Swansea,MA Shalimar,FL	78 78
15.	AL DINWOODIE	Slocum,RI	71
16.	MEL ESSER	Nokomis, FL	63
17.	DICK BENNETT HOWARD BURMAN	N.Providence,RI Hollywood,FL	60 60
19.	BOB SHLIFER	Enfield, CT	59
20.	DAVE MCQUIRE	Kissimmee, FL	50
21.	GEORGE BLOW RUSSELL CUMMINGS	Burlington,VT Portsmouth,VA	47 47
24.	SHIRLEY LASNIER CARL PALMER	Cranston,RI W.Springfield, MA	47 45
25.	ROB ODENTZ	Springfield,MA	44

MIDWEST REGION

1.	TED KLIOHA	N.Chicago, IL	430
2.	LEO LAWRENCE	West Allis, WI	386
3.	JEFF SHIMP	Allegan, MI	288
4.	RAY BOESEL	Glenboulah, MI	260
5.	SYL LULINSKI	Lagrange Park, IL	252
6.	GENE BIEGLER	West Bend, WI	235
7.	DENNIS THIEL	Milwaukee, WI	222
8.	JOE WERGIN	Madison, WI	215
9.	JOE BERNARD	Libertyville, IL	212
10.	SHIRLEY FITZPATRICK	Milwaukee, WI	210
11.	RONALD SATHER	Northfield, MN	200
12.	GRACE CUMMINGS	Madison, WI	194
13.	SCOTT KOOLSTRA	Brooklyn Center, MN	190
14.	PATRICK FLANNICK	Franklin, WI	185
15.	BILL HARVEY	Sturtevant, WI	182
16.	BOB MADSEN	Chicago, IL	180
17.	MARTHA FINGLETON	Milwaukee, WI	175
18.	JIM MCMANUS	Milwaukee, WI	172
19.	RON KOWALKE	Milwaukee, WI	164
20.	DAN HEMMEFER	Milwaukee, WI	162
21.	MARY BURCHELL	New Brighton, MN	154
22.	BILL CAMERON	Grays Lake, IL	151
23.	BOB GROSHANS	Pembine, WI	143
24.	GARY PAULSON	Minneapolis, MN	141
25.	LYNN NIKLASCH	Milwaukee, WI	137

Some tournament results have been reported in this months text which are not reflected in these standings.

THE CRIBBAGE CORNER  
by John Chambers

THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME

Many people, including experienced players, do not understand the significance of the start of the game. It can effect your strategy and which player gets control of the game. It may also have an effect on the number of options available to you.

Let's examine the very first hand of the game. On the average, the dealer will get 3.5 points in the play, 8 points in their hand and 4.5 points in the crib for an average total of 16 points.

The non-dealer will average 2 points in the play and 8 points in their hand for a total of 10 points.

With this in mind, on the average, the dealer should have have a small advantage having the first deal. Many people may say it is not much of an advantage to deal first and they are right. But don't give up that advantage, no matter how small.

On the first hand, on the average, it is more advantageous for the non-dealer to play on than for the dealer. Why? Because if the non-dealer reaches approximately hole 17 on his first hand, with the dealer not too far ahead, the non-dealer has actually gained the advantage which the dealer had by dealing first, regardless of the minuteness of that advantage. It is still an advantage.

The dealer, on the average, has three counts to get to hole 17, so why peg in the play if it will only help the non-dealer more.

If you have any questions regarding this column or anything to do with cribbage, please send your queries to:

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GRASS ROOTS

Joe Wergin reports that the Grass Roots Program is taking off like wildfire. More and more clubs and groups are requesting charters and are getting involved. Santa Maria's California Centra Coast Crib Club is now in action and is growing week to week. Jeanie Hill's Oregon First is all thrills about the rate that their Hermiton Oregon club is growing. Bill Irons of Sparks, NV reports their application for membership is in the mail and they will be playing weekly.

The growth of the Grass Roots program is the backbone to creating new membership in the American Cribbage Congress and we are seeing those new members at major tournaments after they become involved in the G.R. program. Congratulations on your program, Joe.

AMERICA'S TOP TEN

1. BOB MCCABE	Brown Deer, WI.	198
2. LARRY ROWLEY	Fitchburg, WI	185
3. CLIFF VAN BEEK	Milwaukee, WI	158
4. CHARLIE STEINHAUER	Mt. Horeb, WI	150
5. VINCE MEICHER	Monona, WI	149
6. RAY WILEMAN	Edgerton, WI	146
7. LEO LAWRENCE	West Allis, WI	138
8. ADELIA ADAMS	Brooklyn, WI	129
9. RAY WARNER	Madison, WI	128
10. JERRY DICKINSON	Mt. Horeb, WI	127

THE LITTLE TEN

1. LEONARD SAILOR	Pendleton, OR	55
2. JOHN GOCELLA	W. Senaca, NY	53
3. KEN CAMBELL	Modoc, SC	50
4. DONALD SHAW	Hamburg, NY	49
E. HARGESHEIMER	Hamburg, NY	49
ERIC CHELLBERG	Lexington, SC	49
7. EDWIN MARSO	Buffalo, NY	48
JAMES RYAN	Hamburg, NY	48
9. JULIUS BUDWELL	Buffalo, NY	44
10. JIM FEDA	Columbia, SC	43
STAN BOCHINSKI	Tonawanda, NY	43

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRASS ROOTS PARTICIPANTS.

THANKS FOR THE NICE LETTERS

by Bob Madsen

During the past month we have received many letters from members who were very complimentary about the new rule books. We thank each and every one of you who took the time to write to us. We also appreciate the errors that were pointed out in the printing of the book. Changes will be made and inserts will be sent to all members. We don't have time to respond to all of your letters so we are taking this space to express our gratitude. Thanks again to all of you cribbers.



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THE MIS-PLAYED FIVE

by Marion Quackenbush- Lawrenceville, PA

Cribbage in Orlando was enjoyed there by all, But one humorous event is such fun to recall, It's about a fine man by the name of Jim A., Who had just played a game with Ken Cambell, they say.

When he rose from his chair you could see at a glance, The 5 of spades stuck to the seat of Jim's pants. The big joke of the day whether he won or he lost, "Had that 5 been used... and how great the cost?"

Jim's honest, kind and good as well as a great guy, So forget the misplaced 5 but how we teased, Oh! My! The things that come about make cribbage lots of fun, We won't forget the episode after all's said and done.