



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## BIRTH OF THE CRIBADIER GENERALS

It all started back in the days when dues were a toss-away two dollars; back when the treasury was scant and each two dollars collected was an answer to a prayer. It was during these precarious times we dared to consider promoting a junior tournament on the national level.

It was a "GO!" the moment Frank and Pat O'Connor of Dedham, Massachusetts agreed to oversee the event. Frank and Patricia were the logical choice since they had signed up nearly fifty kids, mostly relatives and a few neighbors, as members of the Congress. It's for certain they have a special way with the youngsters.

Anyway, the OConnors (Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World 1980) agreed to supervise the event and deliver the kids, while the treasurer agreed to provide the funds for a good tournament. After all, to a kid, a good tournament means hamburgers, hot-dogs, plenty of soda pop, and a few hands of that crazy old numbers game of cribbage, the eats being foremost in mind.

This is when our first "Booster Club" was born. Members were asked to remit an extra buck or two when sending in their dues. Soon we started to plead for a little bit more, and this is when the Cribadier General program was created. To have one's name entered on the scroll of the "Honorable Order of Cribadier Generals" one had to donate the hefty sum of \$25 or more. It was then the loyal following knew we really needed the money, and without hesitating they responded with open hearts and pocketbooks to wash away all our worries.

Needless to say, the inaugural national junior tournament was a huge success and the kids, all 36 of them, had a bath in soda pop. Their cheerleading parents, who happened to tag along, were also invited to partake in the feast.

Mr. Gordon Fisher of Madison, Wisconsin, has clis on being #1 on the rolls of the Honorable Order. The last we heard, he was exercising his rights loud and clear. The reputed enrollment list has since grown to 120.

The Junior Tournament is now funded with direct help from the ACC (See last month's Cribbage World, page 13). Now another booster club has surfaced with the Hall of Fame Fund as its benefactor. Not too long ago President Joseph P. Wergin came up with a place where the proprietor agreed to house our "Hall of Fame."

Every hall of fame on the face of the earth began with donations or government grants. It's a safe bet the grand old game will not be blessed by a government grant. The ball is back in our court and if anything is to be done, we cribbers must do it ourselves. When considering "how much," just bear in mind that someday you or someone close may be afforded the opportunity to show your stuff and who knows, you or that someone close may be enshrined in the Hall. So when you're paying dues, or whenever the mood hits you, send in an extra buck or two and be sure to mark it for the HOF fund AND remember every buck counts. Anyone

who donates the robust sum of \$25 or more will be commissioned a Cribbader General and will be issued a color-printed certificate, including gold seal and blue ribbon, to commemorate the occasion. Come join the Order of generous Ladies and gents and get your name on the list of cribbage world biggies. Mail donations to the American Cribbage Congress, Hall of Fame Fund, P.O. Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741-0565. And in the words of Bartle and James, TV wine cooler boys, "Thank you for your support."

J. W. Arblaster

Editor's Note: President Wergin recently appointed Mr. Jim Arblaster, the Congress tub thumper, as treasurer of the Hall of Fame Fund.

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#### PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

Luis Lizarribar of Martinez, GA, poses the following problem:

You need eight points to go out and your opponent needs ten to go out. It is his deal; therefore your first count. You are dealt:

9 9 7 7 2 1

What do you keep?

ANSWER APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS PUBLICATION.

#### AND THEY BEGGED HER TO PLAY!

Director John Swett of the Crystal Lakers #3 Club spent most of the winter inviting Dorothy Mattson to join the Illinois Club and play in the tournaments twice a month.

Thursday evening, March 6, the elusive Dorothy showed up, paid her Grass Roots dues and proceeded to give every one of her opponents a lesson that will be remembered.

She carded a perfect score — nine consecutive deuces in the nine games for 18 points and First Place!

Director John, in giving her the cash award remarked: "Once I begged a fellow into a poker game. The same thing happened."

A young man and an avid cribbage player, Dennis Honeycutt of Fresno, CA, passed away on February 26, 1986. He began playing in tournaments about a year ago and was hoping to get a Grass Roots program going in the Fresno area. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Honeycutt of Beatty, OR.

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#### ELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President Joe Wergin has appointed an election committee which includes Rich Merringer of Greendale, WI, Don Toftte of Madison, WI, and Dan Weir of Greendale, WI.

Mr. Toftte is employed by Monroe Business Machines and Messrs. Merringer and Weir are employed by the State of Wisconsin Credit Union.

The election committee will gather, tabulate and oversee the accuracy of the ballots in the upcoming election and report the results to the President and the A.C.C. membership.

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#### NEWS FROM MESA, AZ

Charlie Fletchal, Director of the Mesa, AZ, club held a 29 hand but, unfortunately, it was not in Grass Roots competition. Charlie was involved in a match at home with his wife.

The Mesa season will be a short one this year, and most of the members are in Arizona for the winter months. However, an effort will be made to get local members to do some recruiting to carry on until the end of the season.

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#### A MILESTONE IS REACHED

IN ALBANY, NY

Nelson Ira Pendergast reports as President of the Cribbage Association and Tournament Director at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany, NY, that the one-thousandth cribbage tournament for veterans was held on March 15, 1986, in Albany.

This is quite an accomplishment, and anyone who has ever played Nelson knows he plays the game well, and I doubt if he knows how many have learned how to play cribbage because of him.

By Dan Barlow

Even the best of cribbage players haven't a chance when their opponents get all of the cards. But in many games, the cards run even, and you will win more than your share of the close games by outpeeing your opponent. This column will provide tips each month on how to do just that. Some may be things that have always been obvious to you; hopefully, a few will start you thinking.

You're early in a game against an excellent opponent. What would you lead from each of these hands:

- a. K-3-2-2
- b. Q-4-A-A?

Don't get in the habit of always leading from your pair. Good players will refuse to double up on your opening lead anyway, and if they do double up, you risk giving up 12 points if you triple. Ignore the fact that you have a pair.

If you want to bring a smile to your opponent's face, lead a five.

Teach a kid how to play cribbage and perpetuate the game.

We all know the advantage of leading from 3-2 or 4-A. If your opponent plays a ten-card, we get a safe 15-2, but are the 3 and the 2 interchangeable? No! The 3 is a better lead, because your opponent, in trying to avoid the play of a ten-card, has only three safe plays: a 7, 8 or 9. If you lead the 2, he has two additional safe plays: a 5 or 6. For instance, if he holds 4-5-6-J, and you lead the 2, he can play the 5 or the 6; if you lead the 3, his best play is the Jack. Thus, if you lead the 3, not the 2, from hand "a," your opponent will be forced to play the ten-card you are hoping for more often. In hand "b," the safe plays on your 4 would be a 7, 8 or 9; on an Ace, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are safe. The 4 is a slightly superior lead.

In conclusion, when holding two cards which add up to five, play the higher card. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how often your opponent concedes a nice, sweet 15-2....

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph Petrus Wergin

### The Secret Ballot

The Congress is relatively new, only in existence about seven years. As the membership grows, more problems arise and more regulations are necessary.

AN ELECTIONS PROCEDURE has been issued covering the following subjects: Preparation of the Ballot, Mailing of the Ballot, Instructions to Voters, Duties of the Election Board, and Conducting a Requested Recount.

Copies of the ELECTIONS PROCEDURES are being mailed to all Directors and Election Officials. The voters shall receive instructions on voting and mailing their ballots.

All steps are being taken to have a SECRET BALLOT.

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The Great Games Company of Grand Rapids, MI, is hosting a workshop on the secrets of cribbage play and tournament competition and this writer, along with Svl Lulinsky, the new Commissioner of Tournaments, and Jeff Shimp, Michigan Director, have been invited to staff the event. Friday afternoon and evening, April 25, will be used to show mall patrons some of the skills of cribbage play and the patrons will have a chance to beat the experts. On Saturday, April 26, a tournament will be staged with donated prizes given by mall businesses.

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Do we have too many Board members? Is a Board of 30 unwieldy? Should members in Utah vote for directors in the North-eastern USA?

A Constitutional Amendment is being drawn up by one of our dedicated directors for consideration.

## Keep Pegging Along

## THE LETTERS ARE COMING

Six packets of Grass Roots information were mailed out this week to people who wrote in for information on the Growing Grass Roots Program.

Richard W. Palmer of Tamworth, NH, wanted some material rushed to him while J. Paul Carlos of Lake Montezuma, AZ, sent a letter marked "important." That was too slow for Ralph Heslop of Mooresville, NC, who made a long distance call to get all the information available. The other three requests came from Wild Rose, Racine, and Stoughton, Wisconsin.

## NEW CALIFORNIA CLUB ACTIVATED

Fifteen cribbage enthusiasts activated the Santa Margarita Mid-State Cribbage Club on January 19 and played their first tournament. Sharon Drake, Secretary, reported that the club membership could double in a short time, as there were several guests at the first two tournaments.

Sue Ann Windham won the first tournament with 18 points and Roy Banducci finished second. In the second meet, Banducci reached the pinnacle by scoring 22 game points to the Hal Halverson of Mesa, AZ, for the season's high score. Lewis Killion placed second to Banducci with 21 points.

## CRIBBAGE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE STATE OF MAINE

Peter Gribben (MEM001C), a charter member of the A.C.C. from Portland, ME, and a teacher of history at Portland High School, reports there is growing interest in cribbage in the Pine Tree State.

Peter was instrumental in conducting an annual tournament in Yarmouth for the benefit of a Maine scholarship fund. More than 200 enthusiastic cribbage players attended the most recent tournament, which was replete with skunk pins and rolls of toilet tissue. These "prizes" were presented to those suffering the indignity of losing by 31 or more points. All prizes, whether they were for winners or losers, were donated and the students from the state of Maine were the ultimate winners as a result of the grand old game of cribbage.

**FABIAN RESIGNS AS TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONER**

Jim Fabian submitted his resignation during the month of March as tournament commissioner of the ACC. Jim is self-employed and the time requirements of his business increased substantially since he accepted the job in July 1985.

BOD member Syl Lulinski of 1429 Scotdale Road, La Grange Park, IL, (312) 352-4759, will assume the responsibilities of tournament commissioner immediately. All tournament directors are asked to contact Syl if they have any questions, and henceforth all requests for sanctioning and tournament results forms will be routed through him.

**OREGON'S GRASS ROOTS DID IT!**

Congress Secretary Bob Madsen has reported that Oregon has passed California in the number of members in our national organization.

Let's give a big round of applause to Director Jeanie Hill of the Herriston Club along with husband Bill, to Dale and Liz Brandon of Bend #12 Club, to Bill and Audrey Durn of the Prineville, (Crook County) #14 Club, to Congress Director Joe Nelson who resides in Prineville, and to all the Grass Rooters for their great efforts in signing up members for the Congress and in bringing the State of Oregon to second place, next to Wisconsin.

Grass Roots can rightfully claim all honors in this great accomplishment. It has also helped the Congress to reach it highest point in its membership total. Thanks, Oregon!

**Keep Pegging Along**

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Belle City Cribbage Classic at Kenosha, WI  
January 11-12, 1986  
Directors: Bill Harvey and Don Wrzesinske

- Main Tournament
1. C. Johnson
  2. T. Marsh
  3. M. Fingleton
  4. K. Steward

# of Entries: 116  
Kenosha, WI  
Kenosha, WI  
Miwaukee, WI  
Cambridge, WI

- Consolation
1. R. Kasprowicz
  2. B. Julian
  3. D. Zuben
  4. D. Brown

# of Entries: 27  
Union Grove, WI  
Miwaukee, WI  
Waukegan, IL  
St. Charles, IL

Masters Cribbage Championship, San Francisco, CA  
February 22, 1986

Directors: Tom Thornidike and Jim Thatcher

- Main Tournament
1. Bill Carney
  2. Harold Sontag
  3. Frank Cataldo
  4. Jesse Jarrell

# of Entries: 62  
Hayward, CA  
San Jose, CA  
Hayward, CA  
Pittsburg, CA

- Consolation
- None

Central New England Open, Marlboro, MA  
February 23, 1986

Directors: Robert De Kennipp and Paul Cormier

- Main Tournament
1. P. O'Connor
  2. D. Kiontke
  3. R. Fitzsimmons
  4. J. Chambers

# of Entries: 130  
Dedham, MA  
Hampden, MA  
E. Greenwich, RI  
Esmond, RI

- Consolation
1. R. Watson
  2. R. Ceratto
  3. J. Darosa
  4. D. Buelley

# of Entries: 52  
Beverly, MA  
Lexington, MA  
Lincoln, RI  
Randolph, MA

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Capitol City at Maplewood, MN

March 1-2, 1986

Director: Ike Rutherford

Main Tournament  
1. Mike Wickard  
2. Grace Cummings  
3. Steve Jacobson  
4. Frank Schweig

# of Entries: 206  
No address given  
Madison, WI  
No address given  
Carpentersville, IL

Consolation  
1. Syl Lulinski  
2. Bob Gilbert  
3. Don Nadeau  
4. Dick Ogden

# of Entries: 65  
La Grange Park, IL  
No address given  
No address given  
Des Moines, IA

Super Bowl of Cribbage, Santa Maria, CA

March 1, 1986

Director: Butch Reynolds

Main Tournament  
1. Omer Bolduc  
2. Jesse Nickell  
3. Winnie Pastore  
4. Walt Rogers

# of Entries: 68  
Salinas, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Buellton, CA

Consolation  
None

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

April 11-12-13, Montana Open Cribbage Championship  
Amvets Club, Missoula MT. Entry fee: \$30 includes pig roast, early bird doubles Friday, Saturday night special, Sunday night last chance.  
Contact: Delynn Colvert, Box 5604, Missoula, MT 59806 or call Amvets (406) 728-3137.

April 18-19-20, 8th Annual World Masters Cribbage Classic  
Karakahi Inn, Mt. Horeb, WI. Entry fee: \$44. Friday night early bird, Saturday night special-Saturday night banquet (included in entry fee).  
Contact: Charles Steinhauer, 111 North Grove Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 (608) 437-5506 or (608) 437-8983.

April 19-20, Palmetto Cribbage Classic  
Quality Inn, Columbia, SC. Entry fee: \$35.  
Contact: Al Odom, 1042 Indigo, Cayce, SC 29033.

April 25-26-27, The Greater Hermiston Open  
Elks Lodge, Hermiston, OR. Entry fee: \$31 (A.C.C. members) or \$36 (Non-members). Early bird Friday night singles and doubles. Tournament hosted by Oregon's First Grass Roots Cribbage Club.  
Contact: Jeanie Hill, 1290 West Poplar, Hermiston. OR 97838

April 26-27, Sertoma Cribbage Classic, Littleton, CO  
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden, Englewood, CO 80110, (303) 781-7854.

April 27, The Rhode Island Cribbage Open  
Valley Country Club, Warwick, RI. Entry fee: \$29 including coffee, pastries and lunch.  
Contact: John Chambers, 34 Homestead Avenue, Esmond, RI 02917.  
Call: (401) 232-1638.

April 27, 2nd Annual Albany Open  
V.F.W., 8444 Central Avenue, Albany, NY.  
Contact: Nelson Ira Pendergast, P.O. Box 82, Albany, NY 12201

May 2-3-4, 5th Annual Cornbelt Classic  
Best Western Airport Inn, 1810 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA (515) 287-6464. Entry fee: \$36, includes Saturday noon buffet, early bird special Friday night, Saturday night special.  
Contact: John Crouch, 508 Madison Place, Indianola, IA 50125.

May 3, 15th Annual World Championship Cribbage Tournament  
Plumas County Fairgrounds, Quincy, CA. Entry fee: \$60, includes coffee, doughnuts, drink, lunch and dinner. Friday night special W.C.C.T. Doubles Tournament (for those entered in Saturday tournament only) \$40 per team.  
Entry deadline: April 18, 1986.

Sponsored by Quincy Rotary Club.  
Contact: Dan Smith, P.O. Box 1515, Quincy, CA 95971 (916) 283-3292.

## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

May 4, Great Plains Open  
Airport Inn, Lincoln, NE. Entry fee: \$11.  
Contact Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503.

May 17, 3rd Annual Windjammer Challenge  
VFW Post 4551 (1/2 mile east of Illinois Rt. 83) at 75 North Avenue, Antioch, IL.  
Entry fee: \$100.  
Contact: Jeff and Sarah Clarice, 26547 West Brown Avenue, Antioch, IL 60002 (312) 395-7815 or Judy Mueller (414) 728-9284.

May 17-18, Mission Valley Cribbage Classic  
Bob's Place, Ronan, MT. Entry fee: \$20. (limit 48 players)  
Contact: Bob Starckle, (406) 676-9481.

May 17-18, Portside Cribbage Tournament  
Holiday Inn, Waterfront, Portsmouth, VA. Entry fee: \$36 including coffee and Saturday lunch. Early bird Friday night special.  
Contact Stan Daniels or Russ Cummings, P.O. Box 2095, Portsmouth, VA 23702, (804) 485-2857.

May 18, Connecticut Cribbage Championship Tournament  
North Windham, CT. Entry fee: \$31, includes coffee, doughnuts and lunch.  
Contact: Joe Seigle, 825 Flanders Road, Coventry, CT 06238 (203) 742-7234.

May 31-June 1, Minnesota Open Cribbage Tournament  
Sheraton Park Place Hotel, Golden Valley, MN. Entry fee: \$41 including Saturday lunch.  
Contact: Minnesota Open, P.O. Box 3202, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Call Joy (612) 588-5122 or George (612) 890-2106.

May 31-June 1, Sertoma Cribbage Classic  
Littleton, CO.  
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110 (303) 781-7854.

June 21-22, Cascade Cribbage Classic  
VFW Hall, Redmond, OR.  
Contact: Dale Brandon, 64795 Wood Avenue, Bend, OR 97701.

June 21-22, Milwaukee Challenge Cribbage Tournament  
Midway Motor Lodge, Airport. Entry fee: \$49 including Saturday lunch (\$5 of entry fee will benefit the Leukemia Society of Wisconsin).  
Friday and Saturday night specials.  
Contact: Martha Fingleton (414) 374-0082.

There are 79 ways to hold no count in six cards.

# MASTER POINT PARADE



## HOW MASTER POINTS ARE EARNED:

TOURNAMENT MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS.

Qualifying Round: Top 1/8 earns one-quarter points, i.e., 100 players, top qualifier earns 25 points, 2nd earns 23, etc.

Main Tournament: Top 1/8 earns full points, i.e., 100 players, champion earns 100 points, 2nd earns 92, 3rd earns 84, etc. If 40 or more players, BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 40 bonus points, 2nd earns 20, 3rd earns 10 and 4th earns 5. In this example, No. 1 earns 140 points (100 + 40).

Consolation Tournament: Top 1/8 earns one-half points, i.e., 64 players, 1st earns 32 points, 2nd earns 28 points, 3rd earns 24 points, etc. BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 20 bonus points, 2nd earns 10 points, 3rd earns 5 points and 4th earns 3 points. In this example, No. 1 earns 52 points (32 + 20).

## EASTERN REGION

RANK	NAME	CITY	POINTS YEAR
1	DEVEREAUX, LELIA	SOMERVILLE, MA	210
2	MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA, NH	188
3	FRIETS, NEAL	KENESE, NH	168
4	PICCIANDRA, ROMOLO	MANSFIELD, MA	163
5	BERHAUPT, ED	SCHENECTADY, NY	150
6	GILLIS, FRAN	MILLIS, MA	146
7	MOLLOY, HARRY	MILFORD, MA	140
8	BICKFORD, GEORGE	AGAWAM, MA	136
9	O'CONNOR, FRANK	DEDHAM, MA	132
	PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD, MA	132
11	LEPAGE, ROCH	WILTON, CT	130
	RYAN, JOE	COLUMBIA, SC	130
13	MONROE, BABE	HONEA PATH, SC	124
14	SEIGLE, JOE	COVENTRY, CT	119
15	PACKARD, LEON	FAYVILLE, MA	114
16	DINWOODIE, AL	SLOCUM, RI	112
17	CORBETT, FAYDENE	WILMINGTON, NC	111
18	AMATO, MARCO	W. SPRINGFIELD, MA	102
19	MOORE, CORINNE	WESTMINSTER, MA	99
20	BUCHANON, LEROY	PORTSMOUTH, VA	98
21	LAFERRIERE, RICHARD D.	WINOSKI, VT	96
22	LANIER, LUTHER	JACKSONVILLE, NC	95
23	WOTOVICH, PAUL	HICKORY, NC	94
24	STRONBERG, STUART	W. SPRINGFIELD, MA	88
25	BELLEMARE, MAURICE	SPRINGFIELD, MA	86

RANK	NAME	MIDWESTERN REGION	CITY	POINTS YEAR
1	MICHAELIS, BOB	MARINETTE, WI		304
2	LIPINSKI, MIKE	MUNDELEIN, IL		300
3	BOOTH, AL	COL. HTS., MN		253
4	ATKINSON, BUD	NORTH CHICAGO, IL		228
5	SONDERICKER, WARREN	GREENFIELD, WI		208
6	MADSEN, BOB	CHICAGO, IL		203
	HANNA, DENNIS	ALBERT LEA, MN		203
8	LOUPEE, LARRY	NEWTON, IA		201
9	SCHWEIG, FRANK	CARPENTERSVILLE, IL		197
	BOYCE, ARTHUR	MADISON, WI		197
11	BUNTROCK, BARBARA	CEDARBURG, WI		190
12	KLIORA, TED	NORTH CHICAGO, IL		182
13	COSSACK, DICK	LITTLE CANADA, MN		172
14	JONES, RAY	PRESCOTT, WI		166
15	LULINSKI, SYL	LAGRANGE PARK, IL		151
16	CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE, WI		148
17	CUMMINGS, GRACE	MADISON, WI		146
18	LARKIN, RUSS	MAHTOMEDI, MN		145
19	LICHTY, ALLAN	DES MOINES, IA		139
20	KATZUNG, FRED	MILWAUKEE, WI		138
21	REIN, JIM	CARVER, MN		132
22	BIEGLER, GENE	WEST BEND, WI		130
23	STATZ, RAPHAEL	CROSS PLAINS, WI		127
24	GRUBER, JERRY	MINNEAPOLIS, MN		125
25	REIN, JOAN	CARVER, MN		122

RANK	NAME	WESTERN REGION	CITY	POINTS YEAR
1	LUSIGNAN, JOSEPH	SALINAS, CA		485
2	MILLER, GENE	FLORENCE, MT		291
3	JARELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG, CA		278
4	KOOISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON, SD		196
5	REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA, CA		191
7	HARRIS, NANCY	VACAVILLE, CA		191
7	CORNWELL, MARY	SUNNYVALE, CA		189
8	GILLISPIE, LOUIE	LINCOLN, NE		175
9	COLVERT, DELYNN	MISSOULA, MT		172
10	MILLS, LESTER	NAPA, CA		168
11	MURPHY, DICK	INCLINE VILLAGE, NV		166
12	HONEYCUTT, HARVEY	BEATTY, OR		162
13	THOMAS, JUDY	SUNNYVALE, CA		160
14	TOMKO, LAWRENCE	LITTLETON, CO		154
15	WEBB, SUNDAE	PITTSBURG, CA		151
16	ZABROWSKI, FRANK	MONTEREY, CA		143
17	DIBBLE, MORTON	ALAMEDA, CA		136
18	CHRISTENSEN, DALLICE	SUNNYVALE, CA		132
	AYOOB, NICK	QUINCY, CA		132
20	NASH, DAVE	KENNEWICK, WA		128
	CARNEY, BILL	HAYWARD, CA		128
22	KELSO, BUTCH	BAKER, OR		123
23	HADDAD, COSTY	AURORA, CO		117
24	SIMMONS, STEVE	DENVER, CO		116
25	GARD, CHET	QUINCY, CA		113

Have you ever been to a tournament and overheard another player stating that the other person was luckier? Have you ever thought that you would like to somehow see more skill put into the game? I have thought about these things and more.

I have thought about some of the rules and regulations for tournaments which take some of the skill out of the game. One such rule is that players must keep their cards face up after a play series has ended. The rationalization I've heard is that it is to encourage beginners. But aren't tournaments meant to determine the best player on that particular day? If beginners were never forced to turn over their cards, do you think they would ever learn that skill of remembering the already-played cards of their opponent? I sincerely doubt it. I feel that turning over the cards after a play series has ended encourages beginners and experienced players to remember the cards.

As a judge in the National Open Cribbage Tournament, I can tell you from experi-

ence that it was always easier for me to analyze the problem of the present play series, if the cards of the last series had been turned over. This means less time is taken up in a tournament in order to solve these types of problems.

Also, have you ever played doubles when a problem arose in the play? If the cards of the previous play series had been turned over, there's not much of a problem. If they hadn't been turned over, then not only the count of the play but the actual cards used during that series can be questioned. I have seen it happen where all cards had to be played over again to settle a disagreement.

Because of all these reasons, I believe that tournaments should require that the cards of the play may be turned over.

Let's put more skill, consistency, and less confusion into this game of ours.

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