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EDITORIAL

The Cribbage World is a publication for all the members of the American Cribbage Congress. Its purposes, purely and simply, are to inform the membership of what is going on and to promote the game of cribbage. As the membership grows, the publication should keep pace and attempt to reflect the thoughts of all the members of the A.C.C. from all regions of the United States and Canada.

Many members have contributed materials in the past, and I'd like to promote more of this type of participation. If you have something constructive or informative to say, send it to me; if there are any questions or complaints, space will be found to air your point of view.

Beginning this month, Joe Wergin, the President of the A.C.C., will have a monthly column. The Cribbage Corner will be expanded to include articles, instruction and tips on how to improve your game by any of the membership interested in submitting a point of view. The Dead Hole will be a column to air complaints and/or opinions (within the confines of good taste and without discussing personalities).

The Cribbage World will, of course, continue to publish the Tournament Trail, Master Points, Tournament Results and The Grass Roots Reports.

It is hoped that eventually we can have an improved appearance, have more information for the membership and be a forum for all.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A Bristol, Connecticut, A.C.C. member submitted the following question: Would anyone like to handle it? If so, write to the Cribbage World.

"Two players have one card each left in their hands and the cards total 15 points for which 2 holes plus a go for a total of 3 holes is taken."

"Now two players have one card each left and the count goes to 31 for 2 holes. Why can't the go person take one more for the last card to make a total of three holes?"

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THE CRIBBAGE CORNER
+ PEGGING POINTERS +
by Dan Barlow

The following appeared in the Cribbage World in 1981. I have six such columns, submitted by Dan, which I will print during the next few months for the benefit of the new members of the Congress.

It may seem as if your opponent is the only one with hands full of 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s, but, in fact, such hands are not that uncommon. The question is: what do you lead from hands like that? I hope you just don't choose any card at random.

From 6-7-8-9, lead the 6. If you lead the 7 or the 8 and your opponent makes the count 15, your best play is the 9; 24 for three. He can then play a 6; 30 for four, plus a go. He has gained a total of four holes. That sequence happens all the time. If you lead the 9 and your opponent makes it 15 for two, you must either give up a shot at a four-card run or pair up his 6, which not only gives up a shot at six holes, but also makes the total 21 - very bad. But if you lead the 6 and your opponent makes it 15 for two, you can play the 9; 24 for two, and usually the worst that happens is that he gets a 31 or a go. Total loss is one or two holes. Sure, if your opponent holds 9-A-2-3, he will pick up four holes after you play 24 for two, but then you get three of them back with the 7-8 you still hold. When holding a 9 and a 6, the 6 is the better lead.

From 7-7-8-9 or 7-8-8-9, lead the 8. If you lead the 9 and your opponent makes it 15, you could end up pegging nothing while he pegs a whopping total of seven holes on his first two cards. If you lead the 7 or 8, at least you get 24 for three if he makes it 15. Why choose the 8 over the 7? Because no matter which one you lead, he can get 30 for four with a six if you make it 24, but he may hold a 7 instead of a 6. In that case, he gets 31 for two if you lead the 8; he gets 31 for five if you lead the 7.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

LUCKY PLAYERS

by Joseph Petrus Wergin

Absolutely nothing compares to a lucky player! Cribbage fans often exclaim, "I would rather be lucky than good!"

Lucky individuals disregard theories and percentages and regularly pair opponents regardless of position.

The Laws of Probability can be forgotten with lucky players since they always seem to cut the right starter card; when they need a 24-hand to go out, they get it. These individuals win more than their share of the prizes because things go right for them all the time; or so it seems!

There is a bell-shaped curve representing the lucky players at one extreme and the unlucky ones at the other. There is a small group of cribbers who consistently draw better cards than the average; and to balance this, there are people at the opposite end of the curve who rarely hold winning cards with any consistency.



Between these two extremes are the millions of others who receive winning cards on some occasions but who usually find themselves in the middle without enough points to make the playoffs.

**RHODE ISLAND CRIBBAGE ASSOCIATION
MARKS ITS ELEVENTH YEAR AS A LEAGUE**

Rhode Island is the smallest state in the union, and it does not have many items of interest which are considered large in proportion. One thing that Rhode Island has, which is the largest in the country, is the Rhode Island Cribbage Association; the R.I.C.A. boasts a membership of nearly two hundred.

This past September marked the start of the eleventh season of the Rhode Island Cribbage Association. It was also the start of the league's fourth chapter in Woonsocket. The other three chapters are located in North Providence, East Greenwich, and East Providence.

The Rhode Island Cribbage Association is a league of two-member teams. Forty percent of the league's members are women. Each chapter plays two Thursdays a month from September to May, with a championship tournament at the end of the season.

A league member, Jack DaRosa of Smithfield Avenue in Lincoln, won the 1985 New England Open Cribbage Championship, which was held in Vernon, Connecticut, in August.

The Rhode Island Cribbage Association was started in 1975 by John E. Chambers of Homestead Avenue in Smithfield. Since that time, the league has grown from one chapter with 30 members to four chapters with 196 members.

The R.I.C.A. is the only league in Rhode Island sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress, the national organization for cribbage players.

A JOB WELL DONE

Thank you, Bob Madsen, for the countless hours you, your family and associates have devoted to the Cribbage World.

GRASS ROOTS

MILE HIGH CRIBBER HOLDS 29-HAND

Al Page, Commerce City, Colorado, recorded the first 29-hand in the two years of Grass Root competition while playing against Kate Deslert. All players of the club witnessed the once-in-a-lifetime hand.

The Mile High Club #23 was organized by Iris Fuller, Aurora, Colorado, and she is continually signing up new members both for the Congress and the Grass Roots promotion.

MESA PLAYER SETS A RECORD

In his second club tournament at Mesa, Arizona, Hal Halverson experienced one of those nights everyone dreams about. He not only won all nine games but carded four skunks for the record score of 22 points.

Charlie Fletcher was introduced to the Grass Roots Program in Des Moines, Iowa, in early fall, and he quickly promoted a program in Mesa, where he went for the winter.

The first session there were 24 charter members, and in the last report, Charlie listed 36 entries.

Mesa plays every other Saturday afternoon. Residents of and visitors to the Phoenix area who want cribbage competition should call Charlie at (602) 985-8705.

WHAT NEXT?

Fog, snow, sub-zero temperatures, icy roads, hurricanes, and strong winds have plagued the Grass Roots Program for the past several months. In addition, we have had to cope with the deer and elk hunting season.

Several tournaments were postponed, and participation in almost every club was curbed.

The Western New York Club #5 with headquarters in Buffalo was probably the hardest hit with snow and more snow in the Great Lakes channel. In addition, Secretary Donald Shaw was hospitalized with bypass surgery.

With the coming of the New Year, all Root members are looking forward to better weather and more exciting scores.

SATURN DIVISION

"Sweet Sixteen"

1.	Dan Mills, Prineville, OR #14	67
2.	Bud Bishop, Prineville, OR #14	59
3.	John Crouch, Des Moines, IA #17	58
	Mary Riggs, Herminston, OR #2	58
5.	Jerry Gagnon, Orlando, FL #22	56
	Pat Weaverline, Mesa, AZ #24	56
7.	Frank Schweig, Crystal Lake, IL #3	55
	Sam Samuelson, Minden, NE #16	54
9.	Rob Palmer, Baker, OR #15	53
	Ken Capper, Herminston, OR #2	53
11.	Shamus O'Connor, Hamburg, NY #5	50
12.	Larry Loupee, Des Moines, IA #17	48
13.	Dave McGuire, Orlando, FL #22	47
14.	Ginny Hoover, Orlando, FL #22	47
15.	John Mangus, Aurora, CO #23	46
16.	Ken Capadaga, Crystal Lake, IL #3	45
		43

JUPITER DIVISION

"Sweet Sixteen"

1.	Len Davy, Madison, WI #1	146
2.	Fred Tilker, Madison, WI #1	138
3.	Gil Tollen, Bend, OR #12	132
4.	Roberta Dyer, Bend, OR #12	123
5.	Sue Snyder, Bend, OR #12	120
6.	Vince Capaul, Madison, WI #1	116
7.	Bo Van Orsow, Bend, OR #12	115
8.	John Tilker, Madison, WI #1	112
9.	Ray Statz, Madison, WI #1	111
10.	Bud Hauge, Madison, WI #1	109
11.	Marguerite Williams, Bend, OR #12	108
12.	Paul Dyer, Bend, OR #12	94
13.	Scott Henderson, Madison, WI #1	86
14.	J. Dickenson, Madison, WI #1	85
15.	Wei Basini, Bend, OR #12	83
	K-C. Kingery, Madison, WI #1	83
	Larry Rowley, Madison, WI #1	83

HELENA CLUB #25 IS ACTIVATED

With the guidance of Dan Fletcher, the Helena Club was formed and its first tournament was staged on Tuesday, January 14, at the Moose Club. Twenty players are expected to be the charter members.

Welcome to the Project!

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AN APOLOGY

The Tournament Trail in last month's Cribbage World failed to mention Joe Nelson's Oregon State Cribbage Championships, which will be held February 15 and 16 in Prineville, Oregon, at the Crook County Fairgrounds. You still have time; contact Joe at (503) 447-1548 or (503) 447-7581.

Joe expects a large turnout, and we wish this hardworking member of the A.C.C. Board of Directors all the best--Joe, we're sorry for the oversight.

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

February 8-9, Fairfield Cribbage Tour
Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield, CA. Entry fee: \$41 including coffee and lunch.
Contact: George Halterman, 1314 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533.

February 8-9, Florida Cribbage Classic
Quality Inn East. Entry fee: \$36 including lunch. Friday night early bird, Saturday night special and consolation.
Contact: Florida Cribbage Association, P.O. Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

February 15-16, Oregon State Cribbage Championships
Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR. Entry fee: \$31 (A.C.C. members) or \$36 (Non-A.C.C. members)
Contact: Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 706, Prineville, OR 97754. Call: (503) 447-1548.

February 22, Fifth Annual Willows Tournament
Willows Elks Club, Willows, CA.
Contact: Carl E. Martens, P.O. Box 666, Willows, CA 95988.

February 22, San Francisco Masters Cribbage Tournament
Cathedral Hill Hotel at Van Ness Avenue and Geary, San Francisco, CA. Entry fee: \$100, including coffee, doughnuts, buffet luncheon.
Contact: Jim Thatcher (408) 286-3864 days; (408) 269-5893 evenings; or Tom Thorndike (415) 864-5150 days; (415) 341-4590 evenings.

February 23, Central New England Open
Marlboro Moose Lodge, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, MA.
Contact: Paul Cormier, 28 Washington Street, Marlboro, MA 01752. Call (617) 485-4252.

March 1, Super Bowl of Cribbage
Santa Maria Elks Lodge, Santa Maria, CA. Entry fee: \$75 including coffee, lunch, dinner, and awards.
Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

March 1-2, Capitol City Cribbage Open
Maplewood Holiday Inn, St. Paul, MN. Entry fee: \$36 including lunch. Friday night early bird, Saturday night special.
Contact: Ike Rutherford, 3048 Netnorlin Court, Maplewood, MN 55109. Call: (612) 770-9324

March 15-16, Warren Swett Memorial Tour
American Legion Post 171, Crystal Lake, IL. Entry fee: \$35 including lunch on Saturday. Early bird 8 p.m. Friday night.
Contact: John Swett (815) 459-4276 or Ralph Madsen (815) 459-2713.

April 5-6, Tri-Cities Open
The Dome, Marinette, WI. Entry fee: \$36. Friday night classic, \$50.
Contact: Mick Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143.

April 6, South Shore Cribbage Tournament
Ann's Place, Norton, MA. Entry fee: \$31 including coffee, doughnuts and lunch.
Contact: John Marston (617) 285-3183 or Ed Bowes (617) 698-9815.

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

April 25-26, The Greater Hermiston Open
Elks Lodge, Hermiston, OR. Entry fee: \$31 (A.C.C. members) or \$36 (Non-members)
Contact: Jean Hill, 1290 West Poplar, Hermiston, OR 97838

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.

SYL LULINSKI JOINS THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Syl Lulinski, a consistent cribbage winner from La Grange Park, Illinois, will begin teaching the history, rules and strategy of cribbage beginning February 18, 1986. "Professor" Lulinski will instruct at the Lyons Township Adult Education Center for five sessions (over a five-week period) of two hours each.

For those who may be interested in picking up some further insight and who reside close by, the address of the Education Center is: 100 South Brainard Avenue, La Grange, Illinois. Telephone: 354-5473.

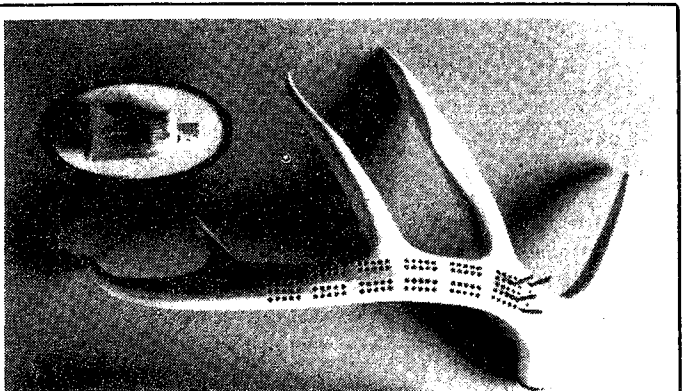
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The February edition of the Cribbage World had to be in the hands of the printer during the third week of January in order for it to be in the mail by a reasonable time. In addition, your newly appointed editor wanted desperately to make the Invitational Tournament in Nevada so he could contribute to his fellow cribbage players' good fortune. As a result of all this confusion, the Tournament Results will be collected, reported upon and brought up to date in March. Thanks for your anticipated understanding.

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MASTER POINTS

With the new reporting system that the American Cribbage Congress installed this year, there have been some misunderstandings regarding what must be reported by tournament directors. Most of the time directors have been quickly and efficiently sending in their reports along with their sanctioning fees. Because the reports are not complete, master points cannot be awarded. Those people who have master points coming from tournaments that have not been fully reported will receive them shortly. Please be patient. Tournament directors have been notified and are diligently trying to update their reports.

The master points shown below include all tournaments through January 31, 1986 except the following:

Wine Valley	Napa, CA	9/28/85
Sierra Nevada	Sparks, NV	10/25-26/85
Great Plains	Lincoln, NE	11/3/85
River City	LaCrosse, WI	11/9-10/85
Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor, WI	12/1/85
Belle City Open	Kenosha, WI	1/11-12/86
3rd Georgia Open	Augusta, GA	1/18-19/86
Rocky Mtn. Cribbage Championships	Littleton, CO	1/25-26/86

EASTERN REGION

1. LELIA DEVEREAUX	Somerville, MA	210
2. ALBERT MILLER	Nashua, NH	188
3. ROMOLO PICCIANDRA	Mansfield, MA	163
4. ED BERHAUPT	Schenectady, NY	150
5. FRAN GILLIS	Millis, MA	146
6. HARRY MOLLOY	Milford, MA	140
7. GEORGE BICKFORD	Agawam, MA	136
8. FRANK O'CONNOR	Dedham, MA	132
9. JOE RYAN	Columbia, SC	120