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TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The Tournament of Champions, which was held on January 31, 1986, in Sparks, NV, at Karl's Silver Club, was a tremendous success. It drew 110 of the top-rated players from all over the country, with 22 states being represented. The tournament was won by Frank Schwegl of Carpentersville, IL. In a hotly contested 6th game of a best of 7 match, Frank pegged out to beat Dick Graham of Englewood, CO. First prize was worth more than \$3,000. A beautiful trophy was awarded to Frank by Karl Bugee, the host of the tournament and the owner of Karl's. A perpetual trophy will also be displayed at the club with the champion's name engraved. Congratulations to Frank and his wife Roberta, his most avid fan. Third place was won by Duane Toll of Milwaukee, WI. Finishing fourth was Bob Plourde of Unionville, CT.

There were two 28 hands during the day. Al Dinwodie of Slocum, RI, and Walter Lewis of Solvang, CA, were the recipients. This was the most successful Tournament of Champions in the four-year history of the event. We wish to thank the entire staff at Karl's and especially Bill Abshire. Our thanks also to Billions for his efforts.

During the afternoon, a consolation tournament was held for 72 people who did not qualify for the Tournament of Champions. The event was won by Bob McCabe of Brown Deer, WI. In second place was Danny Mitchell of Crescent City, CA. Mary Connell, Sunnyvale, CA, took third over Betty Carrera of Sparks, NV. None of the winners of this tournament or the Tournament of Champions will be awarded master points because they were closed tournaments.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Arthur Fortier of Lancaster, MA, a fine cribbage player and a gentleman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President Joe Wergin has appointed a Nominating Committee which includes Everett E. Bey, Chairman; Rich Maringer and Harry Palmer.

They will nominate a state of 13 Directors to be elected to the ACC Board in the annual election slated for May. Directors whose two-year terms expire August 31, 1986, include: James Arbaster, Kissimmee, FL; John Chambers, Esmond, RI; Dellyn Colvert, Missoula, MT; Dick Graham, Englewood, CO; Scott Koistrer, Yankton, SD; Syl Lulinski, La Grange Park, IL; Ralph Wadsen, Crystal Lake, IL; Bob McCabe, Brown Deer, WI; Bob Michaels, Marinette, WI; Dale Munroe, Unionville, CT; Joe Selge, Coventry, CT; Jeff Shimp, Allegan, MI; and John Williams, Minneapolis, MN.

The Nominating Committee will submit names of people it considers to be actively involved in the game of cribbage and who would make every effort to attend meetings of the Board of Directors which are held at the National Open in Raleigh, NC, the latter part of July each year; at the Grand National Tournament in September, wherever it is held; and at a changeable site and date during the winter months. Names of potential nominees are being solicited by the committee. In addition, any person not nominated can submit his or her name on a petition signed by at least 5 active members of the ACC. Only 4 members from any one state can serve on the Board of Directors.

Suggestions for nominations to the ACC Board of Directors should be sent to: Ev Bey, P.O. Box B, Quincy, CA 95971; Rich Maringer, 5741 Rochelle Drive, Greendale, WI 53129; or Harry Palmer, 16 Southworth, West Springfield, MA 01089. Deadline is March 31, 1986.

KEEP PEGGING ALONG

MEMO TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Joseph Petrus Wergin

I work bit-by-bit during the month putting Cribbage World together. I have to submit all material to the word processor, set up galleys, and go to the printer around the third week of the month so that I have time to type mailing labels and get Cribbage World to the Post Office during the first week of the issue month. The closing date for my receiving information, through necessity, has to be the 21st of the month preceding the publication date.

I received phone calls and mail from individuals who wanted material in Cribbage World after I had gone to the printer. I feel badly about the problem because, after all, the function of Cribbage World is to inform the members on a timely basis. It's aggravating for a tournament director to find his or her tournament not listed or listed a week or two before the event.

I'm asking all tournament directors to write or call me (203) 673-4907 as far in advance as you are able and let me know the following:

Tournament name
Where it is to be held
When it is to be held
Entry fee
Name of person(s) to contact
(address and telephone)
Player limits and closing dates, if any.

If you want me to add coffee, doughnuts, lunches, early birds, and specials, let me know and I'll get it in.

For the time being, I can no longer put tournament flyers (inserts) in Cribbage World. I had promised Ike Rutherford and Scott Koolstra I'd place the Capitol City Cribbage Open in the February Cribbage World, and I had to let them down because their material came in two boxes, four and seven days, respectively, after I had to go to the printer. Ike is mad at me for Ike, and Scott isn't speaking to me; they went to a great deal of time and expense to get their material to me, and the end result was zero.

After I get some experience under my belt and am able to work out the time constraints and the one-ounce mailing weight restrictions of Cribbage World, I'll give sufficient inserts positive consideration. In the meantime, I hope you'll bear with me.

Dale P. Wiercoe

ALL-REGIONAL TEAMS

In addition to the All-American and All-State teams that have been designated each year, the ACC Board of Directors has approved creation of All-Regional teams, which will be comprised of the top 5 tournament scorers in each of the Eastern, Midwest and Western Regions.

"The pendulum will always swing in the other direction!"

So it is with the Tournament of Champions. In 1982, the first year of the meet, 66 champions answered the call and assembled at the Riviera in Las Vegas to vie for the title. The next 2 years, the numbers fell off to less than 40 players.

With a change of scenery and an enthusiastic host, Karli's Casino in Sparks, there is an upswing. The players enjoyed Karli's hospitality, and many voiced their desire to return on January 23, 1987.

We met with the Casino staff and have tentatively agreed on additional player benefits as well as the dates. Karl said: "We will block off the entire hotel for cribbers."

ANOTHER SWING OF THE PENDULUM

The total vote in 1985 for Congress Directors was at the low point of 446. Watch the pendulum swing the other way this year. Election observers predict a record vote over the 1,000 mark.

MANAGEMENT OF TOURNAMENTS

MUST IMPROVE

During the past year we noted the lack of control in the staging of tournaments in which the tournament director competed without having a backup person taking over. Someone must be at the controls at all times, and everyone wants to play.

Perhaps the answer is to award writing points to the official who makes the sacrifice of not playing. It is done in other card meets.

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The American Cribbage Congress was organized August 8, 1979, at Raleigh, NC.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ANN ARBOR OPEN AT ANN ARBOR, MI

Main Tournament

1. David Kruse
2. Wink Birch
3. Glen Schleicher
4. Carolyn Haapala

Jackson, MI
Bay City, MI
Ann Arbor, MI
Jackson, MI

Consolation

1. Carl Bartz
2. Rheta Collins
3. Billie Coffelt
4. Fremont Boyer

East Troy, WI
Jackson, MI
Parma, MI
Chelsea, MI

WESTERN OPEN AT SPARKS, NV

Main Tournament

1. Gene Miller
2. Joe Lusignan
3. Larry Loupee
4. Warren Sondericker

Florence, MT
Salinas, CA
Newton, IA
Greenfield, WI

Consolation

1. Heidi Vinsonhaler
2. Mick Michaelis
3. Grover O'Brien
4. Danny Mitchell

Concord, CA
Marquette, WI
Chicopee, MA
Crescent City, CA

28 Hands

Jack DaRosa
Heidi Vinsonhaler
Warren Sondericker
Isabel Demale

Lincoln, RI
Concord, CA
Greenfield, WI
Concord, CA

FLORIDA CRIBBAGE CLASSIC AT KISSIMMEE, FL

Main Tournament

1. Charlie Broughton
2. Carl Claussen
3. Arnold C. Crews
4. Tracy Denninger

Orlando, FL
Kerrville, TX
Jacksonville, FL
Altamonte Springs, FL

Consolation

1. Jim Hartley
2. Haley Johnson
3. Jim Shea
4. Orville Huss

Boca Raton, FL
St. Cloud, FL
Shalimar, FL
Wild Rose, WI

28 Hands

Joe Seigle
Veronica Sosh

Coventry, CT
Boca Raton, FL

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GRASS ROOT INQUIRIES

While in Sparks, Stan Daniels of Portsmouth, VA, wanted more details about the Grass Roots Program. Daniels declared, "I've been talking about it for two years. I am going back home and make every effort to get a club organized. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm of members of the local clubs."

Other serious inquiries were made by Al Swanson of Anchorage, Al, who said, "We have a lot of players up there. It sounds like it would be a great idea."

Lindsey Shears and Harry Dunlap of Grass Valley, CA, said that we would hear from them in the near future.

DELYNN COLVERT TO THE RESCUE

I've received several comments and a few letters from members during the past month on the appearance of our publication. The consensus was that the masthead "Cribbage World" and the elliptical world that's appeared on our front page for many years were becoming dated and ready for retirement.

Delynn Colvert of Missoula, MT, graciously offered his talent and a few days after we discussed this subject in Sparks, NY, he sent in a couple of choices. Delynn and I hope you like the "new look."

Of interest to aspiring cribbage players in the Milwaukee, WI, area:

Cribbage Instruction and competitive play is held on Mondays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Bethel Brinton Community Center, 2555 South Bay Street (Bay View). Call 421-5494 for information.

THE RUMOR MILL SPARKS, NEVADA

The rumor is that Marian Quackenbush did so well at single deck blackjack that she made an offer to buy Karls Casino from her winnings.

No poker slot machine is safe in the hands of Bob Flourde of Unionville, CT. Bob held an Ace and Queen of Clubs and drew the King, Jack and Ten of Clubs. Lights, bells and sirens went off, and I'd hate to tell you how much that paid. The money was sent home via Britnik armored car. What poker skill this man possesses!!!

This rumor is so hot that no names can be mentioned for fear ofibel. The Director of the National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh, NC, a guy who is usually around until the last gun is fired, had actually turned in for the night by 9 p.m. on the eve of the Invitational Tournament; the time zone changes got to him, he said!!!

PROGRESS REPORT POST-STRICKAL RECOVERY

Jim Anibaeter, Kissimmee, Fl, Bob Madsen, Miles, IL, and Joe Wergth, Madison, WI, underwent surgery recently, and I've seen and talked to each of them during the past month. These three long-time members of the ACC are back on the tournament trail, and I'm pleased to report they're doing extremely well and are as fit as ever.

Date B. Munroe

"Your tournament doesn't have to be the largest to be the best!"

MASTER POINTS

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	Lingoh, NE	11/3/85
River City	LaCrosse, WI	11/9-10/85
Belle City Open	Kenosha, WI	1/11-12/86

ACC		EASTERN REGION	
RANK	NAME	CITY	POINTS YEAR

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

ACC		MIDWESTERN REGION	
RANK	NAME	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

HONORARY CRIBbage MASTER

Dagg Henderson of Waterford, CT, has been designated an Honorary Cribbage Master by the ACC Board of Directors. The Board made the appointment at its meeting in Sparks, NV, on January 30, 1986.

Mr. Henderson, well known in cribbage circles, is a charter and lifetime member of the ACC, a former Board member, and is designated as 001 among the Connecticut membership. He was awarded the honor for long-time devotion to the game, his support of the Congress, and his enthusiasm for cribbage in general. Mr. Henderson has a unique collection of cribbage boards, which he has willed to the National Open Cribbage Tournament held annually in North Carolina.

The American Cribbage Congress is preparing a plaque to be presented to Mr. Henderson to honor his appointment as Honorary Cribbage Master.

ROOT DIRECTORS VISIT SPARKS

Several Root Directors made the trip to Sparks to compete in the Tournament of Champions and/or the Western Open.

Butch Reynolds came from California; Liz and Dale Brandon, Bill Dunn, Jeanie Hill and Rob Palmer from Oregon; Charlie Fletchall from Mesa, AZ; and Bob McCabe from Milwaukee, WI.

THE CAREERAS MOVING TO CANADA

Mel and Betty Carvera, popular players in the Sparks area, want to gain experience in directing a major tournament before moving to British Columbia.

Mel will be selling his warehouse business sometime this summer and, as he is a cribbage buff, he wants to promote the Congress and organize tournaments in the Canadian province.

At the Tournament of Champions, Mel said, "Betty and I want to direct a local tournament of about a hundred players before going north. We know it is a lot of work, but we don't have anyone up there to answer our questions. Maybe Ev Bey or somebody like him will help us. We want the experience."

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS WELCOMED

Ray Statz and your Director, Joe Wenglin, stayed over a couple of days at Sparks while attending the Tournament of Champions and had the honor of playing with the Sierra Nevada Club #11 that plays at Karli's.

Although the Madison Metro representatives did not win any laurels, they had the opportunity of meeting and playing with the western group.

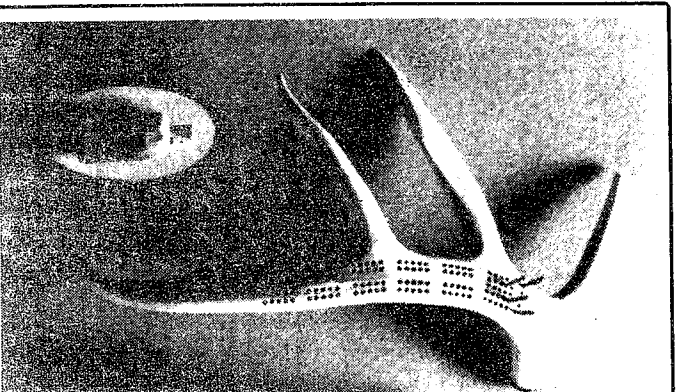
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THE CARRIAGE CORNER

by John E. Chambers

Whenever it is a player's crib, it's only natural to try to salt it. Of course, there are times when salting a crib will mean breaking up one's hand. In this case you would not salt the crib. However, there are other times when a different approach and different thinking will be needed if you are to get into position or win the game. Take the following examples:

You are dealing with 33 holes to go and your opponent needs 20 holes. Not a very good position for your three counts.

Suppose further that in your hand you have the following:

As - 2h - 3c - 4d - 10c - Kh

Okay, you say, it's my crib. I've three counts and I'm a long way from home. What should my strategy be?

1. You can do the obvious by keeping the As, 2h, 3c, and 4d, throwing the 10c and Kh to the crib.
2. You can keep the 2h, 3c, 10c, and Kh, throwing the As and 4d to the crib.
3. You can keep the As, 4d, 10c, and Kh, discarding the 2h and 3c to the crib.

Let's examine our options.

Option 1 is the obvious play, but is it the best? After all, the best you can hope for in your hand is ten points, with very little in the crib, unless you are extremely lucky.

Option 2 is better, but is it the best? There is still a possibility of ten points in your hand, with a possibility of ten more points in the crib. But you could throw the 2 and 3 into the crib to set up a possible run with a chance for twelve points.

Option 3 is the best. You are still holding a potential ten hand, plus you are discarding a 2 and 3 in which you may not only fifteens but set up a run possibility. If an ace or four is the starter, it will help both the hand and crib; if the starter is a two or three, it will help the crib; and if the starter is a tenth card (10, Jack, Queen or King), it will help both the hand and the crib.

With the above discard, there is more potential for a ten hand and a twelve crib.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GREAT PLAINS WINTER CLASSIC AT LINCOLN, NE

Main Tournament

1. Louie Gillispee Lincoln, NE
2. Bret Bishop Lincoln, NE
3. Allen Lichty Des Moines, IA
4. Darwin Bradley Brewster, NE

CONSOLATION

1. Gen Weaver Milford, NE
2. John Henry, Jr. Goff, NE
3. Buzz Paisleach Syracuse, NE
4. Ron Harbers Lincoln, NE

28 Hands

- Ken Ode Lincoln, NE
Marden Ways Lincoln, NE