



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

December is a poor month for your distraught editor when it comes to getting material to fill up space in CRIBBAGE WORLD; everyone is very busy with festivities and family things this time of year. For example, I lent Plourde a few bucks because he said he needed grocery money and then he flew off (first class, no less) to Hawaii with his bride of 25 years. I'm left here to shovel snow, to run his Grass Roots and to get the December issue out by myself. It's mighty tough to find good help these days!

The end of the calendar year has rolled around again, and I'll begin by wishing every American Cribbage Congress member a joyous holiday season and a safe, prosperous and happy New Year; may everybody receive a ton of Master Points in 1988.

Let's reflect a moment on the year 1987 as it relates to the ACC. The number of tournaments increased, membership was improved, Grass Roots received enthusiastic support, and more people everywhere volunteered their time and effort toward improving our organization -- a plus year by most standards.

The big names in the national news were Bork, Hart, Ginsburg, Biden and the New York Stock Exchange (not a great year), Toll, Sondericker, and J.P. Wergin (we

all should do so well). Most of us who bothered to make New Year's resolutions wasted our time and never made whatever goals we were pursuing. Our intentions were good, but chalk off the defeat to human frailty; try again in 1988. I read somewhere recently that making New Year's resolutions produces about as much joy as being dragged behind a flatulent camel -- I have found it to be so.

For kicks, I would love to beat Harry Palmer more than once a year. I beat him in October only because he fell asleep out of sheer boredom around the 100th hole. I took my count, waited awhile for him to take his points and then muggined him and went out. He never knew what struck him!

McCabe's another one who can't wait to play cribbage against me; unfortunately, he has never fallen asleep and thus I've never found a way to beat him. I could name several others, but then you'd know why they finish so high in the Master Point ratings; if I retired from the tournament trail, they'd fall off the charts.

In any event, I've strayed way off the point; but I think I've been able to fill a little space, make a few people drowsy, and let you in on some important cribbage inside scoop.

See you next year.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

Don't get excited if you haven't received your 1988 membership card. Several thousand sets of dues expire in September/October, and the Membership Secretary is swamped. Don't forget -- he holds down a regular job 40 or more hours a week. Our policy is to process the new applications first.

Frank Zabrowski, Monterey, California, the Testing Examiner, writes that he has issued 116 Judges' Certificates. Every community should have a qualified Judge.

Many peggers are assembling in Arizona and the Southwest for the winter. Grass Roots Clubs are being formed now. Have your friends and relatives call Burt Mantlo in Mesa at 602-832-6245 or our new Board Director John Ranne at 602-299-2346. The writer's plans to go to Arizona have been delayed for family reasons.

Now, let's talk "cold turkey"! Congress officials are like the ordinary hometown preachers -- they dislike talking about money with their memberships. But, sometime or other, someone has to "bite the bullet." Here goes!

Most of the dues we collect will be paid at the old rate before the \$7 dues increase goes into effect January 1, 1988. But the expenses continue to rise, and the extra two bucks early next spring will not help if the postal rates rise.

A gentleman wrote me during the summer about the Congress and when he received the promotion material, he promptly mailed a check for \$60, saying: "Take out the dues and put the rest in the treasury. I like what I read about your organization and I want to help!"

So, \$55 went to our Treasurer Fred McGibney. The amusing thing about this incident is that the man had received no benefits, no magazine, no rating points, no tournament schedules, nor money prizes.

Many organizations have two classes of membership -- regular and sponsoring. The latter receives a gold card as they make an additional contribution of \$10, \$15, \$25, or even more, to show their great appreciation for all the benefits received.

There have to be hundreds and hundreds of you out there who belong to one or more organizations; I ask you, how many do you enjoy as much as you do the American Cribbage Congress? We are not in desperate shape financially, but we haven't any extra money to promote ourselves and thus grow and prosper. In all my years as President, I've never asked anyone for a dime to help the ACC; I'm asking now. Something must and will be done. What do you think of this approach?

Happy holidays to everyone.

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Joe Wergin in the President's Column this month is making an appeal for American Cribbage Congress sponsors. Joe raised this issue at the BOD meeting in Hartford in September, but somehow the bigger issue was whether or not to have a dues increase; and his project was somehow shuffled to one side. Joe has poured his heart and soul into our organization for almost a decade and has at all times been a dignified representative of the Congress. He's asked for help in the past, but he's never asked any one to dig in and help with financial support. His idea won't produce hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it might produce enough money to finance some promotion and advertising, which is something the ACC has never had the funds for in the past (and it still doesn't).

He's confident if he can get some financial backing from the membership, a committee can be formed to determine the most effective, least expensive way to promote the ACC.

All of us who tip the blackjack dealer when we've had a streak of good luck, put \$20 into a one-winner G or win a few bucks once in a while at a tournament, let's dig in and give a few dollars back to an organizations that's given all of us, win or lose, a lot of pleasant hours over the years.

Send Joe a check, drop him a line, do something to let him know you'll support him.

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### WEST BEND CLASSIC

West Bend, Wisconsin  
 October 11, 1987  
 Director: Gene Biegler  
 Number of Entries: 128/74

<u>Main Tournament</u>	
1. Leo Lawrence	West Allis, WI
2. T. Dahl	Blair, WI
3. Jeff Shimp	Allegan, MI
4. Norm Wright	Madison, WI

<u>Consolation</u>	
1. John Mayer	Pt. Wash'n., WI
2. Jeff Clarke	Antioch, IL
3. G. Cummings	Madison, WI
4. Al Wianacki	Milwaukee, WI

### COLORADO CHAMPIONSHIP

Littleton, Colorado  
 October 17-18, 1987  
 Director: Dick Graham  
 Number of Entries: 50/32

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Tom Steinhauer	Littleton, CO	90
2. Les Johnson	Golden, CO	62
3. David Todd	Englewood, CO	44
4. Ed Hambeck	Lakewood, CO	31

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Janet Gross	Denver, CO	16
2. H. McFadden	Green Mtn., CO	12
3. Bill Shirland	Denver, CO	8
4. C. Schaeffer	Conifer, CO	4

### SUN COAST CLASSIC

Bradenton, Florida  
 October 16-18, 1987  
 Director: Woody Stokes  
 Number of Entries: 44/22

<u>Main Tournament</u>	
1. Ray Poirier	Hiatah, FL
2. Lindsay Peever	Orlando, FL
3. Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL
4. Carol Morris	Ellenton, FL

<u>Consolation</u>	
1. Ed Thompson	Simpsonville, SC
2. Jim Herold	Ellenton, FL
3. M. Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL
4. Robert Read	Winter Gdn., FL

### GREAT GAMES FESTIVAL

Portland, Oregon  
 October 18, 1987  
 Number of Entries: 62/44

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. Brad Cordes	Portland, OR	102
2. Dot Richmond	Gladstone, OR	74
3. Joyce Gearin	Dufur, OR	56
4. Sylvia Hornbeck	Washougal, WA	43

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Phyllis Nalsh	Milwaukie, OR	42
2. Frank Ingels	Dufur, OR	28
3. Bob Grubbs	Milwaukie, OR	19
4. Steve Hofbauer	Washougal, WA	13

### CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT

San Jose, California  
 October 17, 1987  
 Director: Warren Bush  
 Number of Entries: 102/40

<u>Main Tournament</u>	
1. Byron Terry	San Jose, CA
2. Pete Boydlet	Campbell, CA
3. Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA
4. F. Zabrowski	Monterey, CA

<u>Consolation</u>	
1. Harold Sontag	Vacaville, CA
2. Henry Ferkak	Scotts Valley, CA
3. Elizabeth Rice	San Jose, CA
4. Sundae Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA

### VERMONT TOURNAMENT

South Burlington, Vermont  
 October 18, 1987  
 Director: Fred McGibney  
 Number of Entries: 94/54

<u>Main Tournament</u>		MP
1. John Chambers	Providence, RI	134
2. Rick Lemire	Burlington, VT	106
3. Joe Ramos	W. Warwick, RI	88
4. Pat O'Connor	Dedham, MA	75

<u>Consolation</u>		MP
1. Phyllis Schmidt	Williamstown, MA	47
2. Al Companion	Middlesex, VT	33
3. Neal Friets	Keene, NH	24
4. Ken Vetterline	Bar Mills, ME	18



## A NEW CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT FOR BOSTON

Word is in that a new weekend tournament is set for Boston on March 18-20, 1988.

Co-directors Harry Molloy and Larry Samet promise lots of cribbage and excitement, including a Friday night Early Bird, a Saturday Qualifying Round, and a Saturday night choice of a Pairs Tournament or a High Rollers singles event. Sunday will feature the Championship Playoffs, a Consolation Round Robin and a Last Chance.

The tournament will be held in the Boston theater district at the Quality Inn-Downtown (formerly the Hotel Bradford), and it is within walking distance of the Freedom Trail and shopping.

Bring the family to Boston and welcome the springtime. (See Tournament Trail this issue)

## AN UPDATE ON JUDGING

As of November 1987, there are 121 certified Judges of the American Cribbage Congress. The most recent judges are as follows:

Bellamy, Ron	Denver, CO
Dempsey, K.A.	Clackamas, OR
Franklin, Lee	Aurora, CO
Hepburn, Ruthine	Portland, OR
Hotbauer, Roy	Washougal, WA
Killion, Amelee	San Luis Obispo, CA
Killion, Lew	San Luis Obispo, CA
Lackey, Ivan	Seaside, CA
MacDonald, Wm.	Fresno, CA
McGibney, Fred	S. Burlington, VT
Mckibbin, Sam	Gladstone, OR
Perkins, Cathy	Bear Creek, NC
Pyknen, Maxine	Aurora, OR
Rasmussen, Kurt	Portland, OR
Reader, Chuck	Seapose, OR
Sontag, Helene	Vacaville, CA
Swain, Barbara	Monterey, CA
Van Orsow, Ray	Portland, OR

In November 1987 Revised Test #3 was issued to new potential judges. It has been updated and clarified.

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All of the above ideas were initiated by President Joe Wergin.

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I'm sure you understand that it's impossible to write and thank every person who sent a card and condolences to Terry and me after the untimely and tragic death of our daughter Lisa on June 12, 1987.

Lisa attended and competed in several tournaments for part of her 17 years and was known to many of you.

I'd like to express a sincere thank you for the kindness and consideration of so many friends.

Harry Palmer  
West Springfield, MA

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DELAYED

Jim Law, Membership Secretary, reports he's inundated with new membership applications and asks your indulgence for the delay in getting out renewal membership cards; everything should be mailed within a short period of time. He has given priority to the new members, and each new membership involves the mailing of a card and rule book and a great deal of intensive handwork. Remember, there isn't any salary involved here; it's all volunteer time!!

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## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

January 23-24, Rocky Mountain Championship  
Littleton Elks, 5749 South Curtice, Littleton, Colorado. Entry fee: \$31.  
Coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pool, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tournament.  
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 East Hampden, Englewood, CO 80110, 303-781-7854.

January 23-24, Georgia Open  
VFW Post 3200, I Gun Club Road, Augusta, Georgia. Entry fee: \$38. Friday  
Early Bird, coffee, doughnuts, Q-Pools, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Luis Lizzaribar, 262 Greystone Drive, Martinez, GA 30907, 404-860-2686

January 23-24, Belle City Classic  
Apple Valley Lodge, 5005 Washington Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Bill Harvey, 3223 Kensington Square Road, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-4236.

January 30, Clackamus Classic  
Cypress Inn, 9040 S.E. Adams, Clackamus, Oregon. Entry fee: \$30. Friday  
Night Doubles, coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Pat Crozier, 14491 SE 172, Clackamus, OR 97015, 503-658-5595.

February 5, The Tournament of Champions  
(by invitation only - no Master Points awarded)  
Sands Regent Hotel, 345 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$100. Invitations will be mailed to those qualified to enter. See criteria in October CRIBBAGE WORLD.  
Contact: Joan Rein, Box 306, Carver, MN 55315, 612-448-2459 (home), 612-448-2801 (work).

February 6-7, American Cribbage Congress Open  
Sands Regent Hotel, 345 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$46. Coffee, danish, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Syl Lulinski, 1429 Scotdale, LaGrange Park, IL 60525, 312-352-4759.

February 7, Great Plains Classic  
Airport Inn, I-80 and Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$14.  
Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-477-2900.

February 12-14, Florida Classic  
Quality Inn, Florida Turnpike at Exit 65, Kissimmee, Florida. Entry fee: \$36.  
Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation.  
Contact: Jim Anblastner, Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32742, 305-396-8615.

February 19-21, Arizona State Tournament  
Elks Club, 243 South Mesa Drive, Mesa, Arizona. Entry fee: \$41. (\$46 non-ACC member). Early Bird, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Charlie Fletchall, 2248 Floyd Drive, Mesa, AZ 85205, 602-985-8705.

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**MAIN TOURNAMENT** (Saturday & Sunday):

The entry fee is **\$46** with an optional Insurance (Q) pool of \$15. Entries must be received no later than **6 P.M.**, Friday, February 5. It is highly recommended that you mail your entries early to ensure receipt by the Sands Regent before the deadline. **ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6 P.M. FRIDAY.** On Saturday at 7:00 A.M. the tournament will begin with drawing for seats, orientation, rules, and then play. Play will consist of 22 games (2 games vs. 11 opponents with alternate deals). The top 25% (max. 128) will advance to Sunday's playoffs which will be elimination matches, best 3 of 5 (first 4 positions, 4 of 7, dealers provided). Pay back: **Over 100%**, Q Pool **100%** (graduated, to approximately 1 out of 8 entrants).

**CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT**(Sunday):

The entry fee is \$25 with an optional Insurance (Q) pool of \$10. Registration will be Sunday from 8:30 A.M. to 10 A.M. The tournament will begin with drawing for seats, rules and play shortly after registration closes. Play will consist of 9 games (1 game vs. 9 opponents, cut for deal). The top 25% (max. 64) will advance to Sunday afternoon playoffs for elimination matches which will be best 2 of 3 (first 2 positions, 3 of 5). Pay back: **100%** Q pool **100%** (graduated, to approximately 1 out of 8 entrants).

The Sands Regent Hotel/Casino has set aside a limited number of rooms at a reduced rate of \$29 per night, single or double occupancy. A hotel reservation form is included at the bottom of this page.

**NOTE: Regardless of whether or not you are playing in the Invitational on Friday, the Sands/Regent must have your separate entry for the American Cribbage Congress Open no later than 6 P.M. on Friday, February 5.**

If you have any questions contact:

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1429 Scottdale Road  
Lagrange Park, Illinois 60525  
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**ENTRY FORM**

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Attach a second sheet for names of additional entrants. Provide name, address, phone, and explanation of amount enclosed for each.

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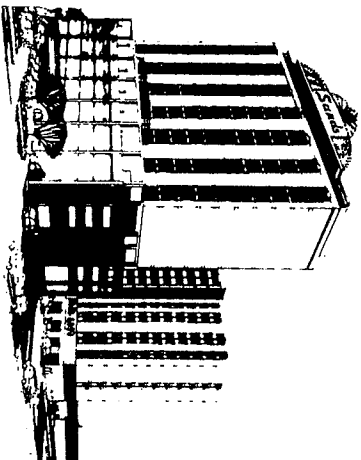
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Contact: Carl Martens, P.O. Box 666, Willows, CA 95988, 916-934-7961.

February 20-21, Oregon State Championship  
Carey Foster Hall, Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, Oregon. Entry fee: \$30. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 706, Prineville, OR 97754, 503-447-1548.

February 28, Central New England Open  
Moose Lodge #1129, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$33. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: Paul Cormier, Sr., 28 Washington Street, Marlboro, MA 01752, 617-485-4252.

March 11-12, Fairfield Tournament  
Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$42. Early Bird Doubles, breakfast, lunch.  
Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-428-4343.

March 18-20, Warren L. Swett Memorial  
American Legion Post 171, 406 Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: John Swett, P.O. Box 214, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 815-459-4276.

March 18-20, Western New York Open  
Regency Best Western, 4408 Milestrip Road, Buffalo, New York. Entry fee: \$35. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: E. Hargeshelmer, 3536 South Creek Road, Hamburg, NY 14075, 716-649-1622.

March 18-20, The Boston Classic Tournament  
Quality Inn Downtown, 275 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$40. Early Bird, coffee, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Pairs or High Rollers, Consolation, Last Chance.  
Contact: Harry Molloy, 32 Janock Road, Milford, MA 01757, 617-478-0102.

March 26-27, Super Bowl III  
Elks Lodge #1558, 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, California. Entry fee: \$85. Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Q-Pools, Sunday breakfast, Consolation.  
Contact: Butch Reynolds, 884 Blake Street, Santa Maria, CA 93456, 805-937-1911.

March 27, South Shore Tournament  
Lafayette Club, 18 Lake View Avenue, Taunton, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$33. Coffee, doughnuts, lunch, Q-Pools, Consolation.  
Contact: John Marston, 3 Samoset Street, Norton, MA 02766, 617-285-6631.