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SANDS REGENT HOTEL

AGAIN HOSTS ACC OPEN

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Hundreds of cribbage players will meet and compete in Reno, Nevada, at the Sands Regent Hotel & Casino on January 28-29, 1989, in the ACC Open.

Tournament Directors Jeff Shimp of Allegan, Michigan, and Syl Lulinski of La Grange Park, Illinois, have been working closely with the personnel of the Sands Regent to make this an event to remember.

The Sands Regent is a 670-room casino just 10 minutes from the Reno airport. It has 2 restaurants open 24 hours a day, 3 casinos, 5 cocktail lounges, beauty and barber shops, a health club and a poker room -- in other words, something for everyone.

For those of you who will be flying to Reno, be sure to make your flight reservations early enough to gain the benefit of advance reservations savings that may be available. Plan ahead and have a great time. (For more information, see enclosed tournament insert.)

The INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS ... is being directed by Joan Rein of Carver, Minnesota, and will be held on Friday, January 27, 1989. The concept of the Invitational is to bring together in the spirit of competition and good "sportsmanship" those players who have done well and have been fortunate on the tournament trail. Invitations were mailed in November, and the criteria were outlined in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

If you consider yourself a qualifier and would like to attend and you have not been extended an invitation by the time you receive this issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD, please contact Joan Rein, Box 306, Carver, MN 55315, 612-448-2459.

Let's get behind Jeff, Syl and Joan to make this January 1989 weekend the best ever. These three individuals are working extremely hard to make this a pleasurable winter weekend for all. Last year over 600 persons attended the Open -- be one of them this year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

FORWARD FOR FREEDOM

After being in mothballs for some 30 years, the USS Wisconsin battleship was reconditioned, recommissioned and prepared for active service. A class of new recruits was organized in Wisconsin, and some 140 young men and women were assigned a few months ago to this strong arm of the fleet.

Recommission ceremonies were held at New Orleans, and many Wisconsin residents attended. The USS Wisconsin will represent the state throughout the world. "Forward for Freedom" is the theme adopted.

This past week this scribe sent mailings to the Special Service Officers of the Navy and the Marines who are serving on the ship. It was suggested that Grass Roots Clubs be organized to compete with clubs in the states. The men and women serving on this great ship do have plenty of recreation time to learn and play cribbage, which has been a favorite with sailors for many years. Tournament play would help them overcome many lonesome hours.

It is believed that there could be six or more clubs organized, as the completion of men and women equals the population of many small towns. This may be the spark that will form Grass Roots Clubs in the Air Force, the Navy and the Marines.

Note:

This column requested members having sons or daughters in the services and who play cribbage to send in names and addresses so that we can send them promotional material.

CRIBBAGE IN SCHOOLS

A Congress faculty is being built up as more people are reporting the teaching of cribbage in the elementary grades. Teachers are requesting this activity because they know that a knowledge of crib helps in developing math skills.

During the last month, Ken Keller, Madison, Wisconsin, and David Proctor of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, have joined the faculty. Other people reported teaching in the schools include Jim Shores, Forest Grove, Oregon; Fletcher, Helena, Montana; Jack W. Dellich, Lincoln, Nebraska; Don Doyle and Jim Love, Madison, Wisconsin; and this writer.

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In the Congress' application to the state of North Carolina for a charter, the first objective was "to promote the game of cribbage" and another one was "to standardize the rules." Some officials have overlooked these purposes and have slanted all their activities to tournaments only.

It is our belief that cribbage promotion includes all people -- children, senior citizens, even those in retirement homes, the handicapped, etc. Promotion should not be limited to tournament prospects alone, and copies of rules should be available to everyone. How else can we standardize the rules in the United States?

JUDGES' CORNER

Listed below are the new certified judges:

ID #		Durham, NC
164	Barlow, Dan	
165	Trouner, Marlene	Gresham, OR
166	Shears, Lindsey	Grass Valley, CA
167	Thomssen, Wm.	Grand Island, NE
168	Wasielewski, Walter	Jackson, MI
169	Horigan, Ed	Virginia Beach, VA
170	Stevens, Tom	Oroville, CA
171	Bays, Dennis	Clovis, CA
172	Chrabaszcz, Emil	Ware, MA
173	Sloops, Harry	Hialeah, FL
174	Mathews, John	Oroville, CA
175	Hunstad, Darrell	Nipomo, CA
176	Weltz, Robert	Buffalo, NY
177	Conell, Walter	Helena, MT

Frank Zabrowski
Monterey, CA

PEGGING POINTERS

Dan Barlow

You need four holes; opponent needs four holes; you have first count.

You have two choices. You can try to peg out before opponent does, or you can try to keep opponent from pegging out. Trather is your best bet, as the dealer has a clear advantage in the pegging game.

If you could see opponent's hand, it would be easy to choose the cards he or she is least likely to peg on. As it is, the best you can do is save cards unlikely to trap you into a run. Cards close in rank -- particularly touching cards -- are dangerous. A holding of A-A-5-Q will give you distinct options in the early play of the hand. A-A-2-3 is far more restricting and far more likely to lead to disaster. Of course, you should save enough points to go out if you peg nothing and dealer pegs fewer than four.

Underlined cards are the same suit.

1. What do you toss from 2-5-7-8-9-K?
2. What do you toss from 2-4-5-6-10-K?
3. What do you toss from A-2-3-10-J-K?
4. What do you toss from 3-7-8-9-J-Q?
5. What do you toss from 3-3-4-5-7-9?
6. What do you toss from 5-5-5-9-J-Q?
7. What do you toss from 2-3-4-7-7-?

SOLUTIONS TO QUIZ

1. Toss 7-9. With 2-5-8-K, you have a nice diversity of cards. You should manage to find safe plays.
2. Toss 4-5 and keep the flush. 2-5-10-K isn't bad, but why save the 5? You could get stuck leading it:

You	Opponent
<u>2</u>	<u>4 (6)</u>
K (16)	3 (19)
10 (29)	A (30-1)
5	Q (15-3)

3. Toss A-J. Holding all three low cards could trap you into a disastrous run.

4. Toss J-Q. If you don't keep 7-8-9, you may not go out even if you prevent opponent from pegging four holes. Keep the 3 as your opening lead. It's the card opponent's least likely to peg on. True, you're in trouble if opponent plays a 7, 8 or 9 on your 3, but with opponent only four holes from home, anything you do could lead to trouble.

5. Keep the 3s -- they give you a perfectly safe opening lead. Toss the 4 and the 5 -- they're too close to the 3s for comfort.

6. Even if you've never had a 28-hand (or 29), toss a pair of 5s. It's too easy to get trapped into leading those things.

7. Toss a pair of 7s. True, 2-3-4-7 isn't four points, but it will be after the cut. And it gives you more options during the play of the hand than you'd have holding three 7s.

The preceding was extracted from the book Miracles on Fourth Street by Dan Barlow. You may obtain the book by writing to:

Dan Barlow
4114 Livingstone Place
Durham, NC 27707

and enclosing \$7.50.

HAYWARDS 7TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

As we go to press, Kate Macdonald is still seeking a location for her February 25, 1989, tournament; she plans to tie up the loose ends shortly. For information, contact Kate at 22245 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94541, or call 415-538-2044.

DOWN THE ROAD

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Washington State	Feb. 10-12
Championship	
Haywards Tourna- ment VII (CA)	Feb. 25
Greater Boston Classic (MA)	Apr. 7-9
Greater Hermitson Open (OR)	Apr. 28-30
Minnesota Open	Apr. 28-30
Super Bowl of Cribbage (CA)	Apr. 29-30
Rhode Island Open	Apr. 30
Ben Franklin Open (PA)	May 6-7
Great Plains Classic (NE)	May 7
Belle City Classic (WI)	Aug. 11-13

PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST GRAND NATIONALS

1. All requests must be presented in person at any of the 3 Board of Directors' meetings held in the year that is 3 years prior to the year of the Grand National requested. Example: requests to hold the 1992 Grand National must be presented to the Board during 1989.

2. If tentative approval is given after the first proposal, then a second proposal must be presented to the Board during the next year. This proposal must consist of as many finalized details as possible. Final approval may be granted after the second proposal.
3. The person in charge is required to attend a minimum of 2 Grand Nationals, preferably recent events.
4. Details for the presentation formats will be provided to the proposed host by the Executive Vice President.
5. Approximately 3 months prior to each meeting, a notice would be in CRIBBAGE WORLD listing the opportunities available for that year's proposals.

Syl Lulinski
Tournament Commissioner

TOURNAMENT

Through the generosity of the Phillip Morris Co., the ACC has been furnished with 26,000 attractive tournament scorecards. The scorecards are adaptable to any number of games up to 22.

ATTENTION 1989 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PARTICIPANTS

If you have returned your entry for the 1989 Tournament of Champions Invitational to Joan Rein and you have not received your acknowledgment by January 20, you must contact Joan Rein immediately (P.O. Box 306, Carver, MN 55315 or 612-448-2459).

Syl Lulinski
Executive Vice President

BERNARD BEATS THE ODDS!

During a recent sanctioned tournament, ACC member Joe Bernard was dealt the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of spades, and then he cut the 8 of spades. Joe was told by Mark Steinhauer, an actuary, that the odds of this happening were 16,723,070 to 1.

Syl Lulinski
Executive Vice President

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT LETS DOUBLE UP

An idea that may be worthy of consideration ... let's call January 1, 1989, Joe Wergin Membership Day. If every present ACC member would sign up one new member, we could double our membership to 10,000 strong. If you can't sign up a friend or relative, give a gift membership for \$7. With a minimum of effort, or at the very worst spending \$7, we could together make happen in a day what has taken 9 years to accomplish.

Send the name, address and \$7 to:

Jeff Monroe
P.O. Box 10486
Napa, CA 94581

SCORECARDS

If any tournament director wishes a supplier, please contact Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski, 1429 Scottdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60525.

AN OBSERVATION PLIGHT OF THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Defense is an important element in cribbage. Games are won by playing defense. The consummate cribbage player, however, uses this technique as a tool and then only sparingly.

Skillful players who use offense as their "many strategy will advance to the off rounds in more than 60% of tournaments entered, while others will advance only 10% of the time. Fortunately, no doubt. Lucky, absolutely not.

In the main, defense type players are the dominant group of those contributing to prize pots. I certainly appreciate their contributions but am concerned that they may eventually give up in despair and cease attending tournaments. Their feel luck has run out on them, as their main source of points is derived solely from luck.

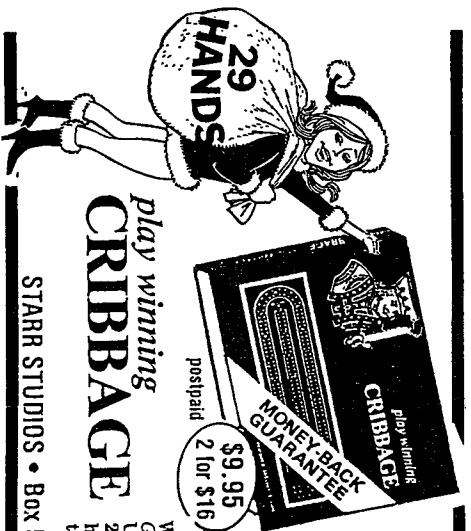
Defensive players are incredibly easy to spot. They are generally nervous and therefore lack confidence. They know they are going to lose and are seldom wrong in that prediction. That makes them prophets of sorts -- prophets of their own impending demise. Defensive players are wary of pegging runs or jumping on an opponent's card to make a pair, even when such a move is necessary to reach minimal position. The main objective is still to reach position, and to do that one must take calculated risks to

reach that venerated spot on the game board called position. That is offense. Offense may also dictate that you must intimidate your opponent. Force him or her to either match your card or stay several car lengths away. It requires about two of these situations to know your opponent well.

The bare fact is that defensive players rely solely on luck to win games, so they pose no threat whatever. Luck is a fleeting thing and, while games and even tournaments are won on luck alone, those wins will be few and far between.

This disease of always playing defense is endemic in tournaments, but it need not be. I have the solution. Determine your luck/skill ratio. Are you 90% luck and 10% skill? Most defensive players are in this category or close to it. Skillful (offensive) players will rank closer to 80% luck and 20% skill. Luck requires no skill but is quite undependable. Skill is a learned technique and is with you always. Be aggressive. Start intimidating your opponent before he or she tries putting you to the test. Improve your luck/skill ratio to at least 85/15. You will gain confidence, and eventually that ratio will improve to 80/20 or even 75/25. You will then win or place in many tournaments entered. Pegging is offense and is also the ACC logo, KEEP PEGGING. That amounts to much more than 15 2 and 31 for 2.

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SYNOPSIS OF ACC BOARD MEETING

September 23, 1988
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

23 Directors present; 7 absent; 2 visitors.

Minor corrections to the July 29 minutes were approved.

Treasurer Fred McGibney reviewed the financial report and presented a final 1989 budget of \$47,200, projecting a net income of \$2,585 for the coming year. In a brief discussion on Bud Coggins' concessions contract, with revenues being minute, it was noted that the two-year contract expires in February 1989.

New criteria for the Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World award will be developed by Del'ryn Colvert and Liz Brandon, with future nominations to be made from the membership and election by the Board of Directors.

Tournament Commissioner Syl Lullinskis proposed procedures for future proposals to host the Grand National Tournament were adopted. Basically, these require that the proposal be presented in person three years prior to the tournament year requested, with tentative approval the first year and final approval given the second year. Sponsors must also attend two recent Grand Nationals and present as many finalized details as possible.

The subject of suspension or expulsion for cheating was deferred to the Reno meeting.

Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe and Treasurer Fred McGibney were asked to review Life Spouse criteria and prepare a revised proposal for the Reno meeting.

President Joe Wergin discussed membership promotion and suggested approaching the education area, grade schools to college. Further suggestions are being solicited for consideration at the Reno meeting.

Scott Koosistra reported formation of his new Tournament Guidelines Committee, indicating that regulations concerning one-day tournaments will be proposed at the Raleigh Board meeting in 1989.

Discussion concerning "Honorary Directors" was tabled to Reno in order to allow Del'ryn Colvert more time to make his presentation.

Butch Reynolds' study of the Master Point system was discussed, but the Board voted down any change in the present arrangement or changes in the Grand Master and Life Master awards requirements.

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Bob Madsen, chairman of the Nominating Committee, proposed reelection of the four officers for another year, and the motion carried unanimously. In the quickest vote with the least discussion at a meeting of the last year, those elected were: President, Joe Wergin, Madison, Wisconsin; Executive Vice President, Syl Lulinski, LaGrange Park, Illinois; Vice President-Policy, Ev Bey, Quincy, California; Vice President-Operations, Harry Palmer, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

By a vote of 21 to 2, the Board adopted Bob Julian's suggestion for addition of Section K to Article V of the Constitution: "A person expelled from the Board of Directors shall not be eligible to run for or hold the position of Director for the next term."

Awards chairman Delynn Colvert announced that 37 awards would be presented at the Grand National awards banquet.

Grass Roots Commissioner Jerry Dickinson reported 66 clubs, with expectations of 70-80 this year. He discussed their regional organization, distributed a financial summary, and promised a club directory to all Board members as soon as it is published.

Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski discussed tournaments for the 1987-88 year, indicating that tournaments are growing in number. His report was published in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Criteria for invitations to the 1989 and 1990 Tournament of Champions were approved with minor changes. These criteria were published in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Discussion on rules changes was tabled until the Reno meeting, when Chairman Dick Cornwell will present a number of proposed rules changes to be included in the new rules books due for reprinting.

A proposal to form a committee for long-range planning was approved.

Printing of new two-color membership cards was approved.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 1989, at 1 p.m. at the Sands Regent Hotel, Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with the annual Tournament of Champions and the Congress Open.

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THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

January 13-15, Belle City Classic

Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Don Wrzesninske, 8524 Westminster Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-6360.

January 13-15, Georgia Open

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall 3200, 1 Gun Club Road, Augusta, Georgia. Entry fee: \$39. Early Bird, Q-Pool, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Luis Lizarribar, 262 Greystone Drive, Martinez, GA 30907, 404-860-2686.

January 13-15, Portland Winter Tournament

Gresham Moose Hall, 16411 NE. Halsey, Portland, Oregon. Entry fee: \$27. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, lunch (\$3), Consolation. Contact Kate and John Furler, 924 S.W. 16th Avenue, #201, Portland, OR 97205, 503-228-3664.

January 14-15, Rocky Mountain Championship

Elks Club, 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado. Entry fee: \$35. Q-Pool, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tourney. Contact: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110, 303-781-7854.

January 27, The Tournament of Champions

Sands Regent Hotel & Casino, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$100. Contact: Joan Rein, PO Box 306, Carver, Minnesota 55315, 612-448-2459. (By invitation only - see criteria elsewhere in this issue.)

January 28-29, The American Cribbage Congress Open

Sands Regent Hotel & Casino, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$50. Coffee, danish, Q-Pools, Consolation. Contact: Jeff Shimp, 2164 116th Avenue, Route #7, Allegan, MI 49010. 616-673-4550.

February 5, Great Plains Winter Classic

Airport Inn, I-80 and Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15. Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-477-2900

February 10-12, Gopher State Championship

Regency Plaza Hotel, 41 No. 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$100. Friday Early Bird, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance. Contact: Jim Mahan, 3849 Abbott Avenue W, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, 612-588-0034.

February 18, Willows Tournament VIII

Willows Elks Lodge, 150 S. Shasta Street, Willows, California. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, lunch. Contact: Carl E. Martens, PO Box 666, Willows, CA 95988, 916-934-7961.

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The American Cribbage Congress Open will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29, 1989 in Reno, Nevada at the Sands Regent Hotel/Casino. This tournament will be held the day after the Invitational Tournament of Champions.

MAIN TOURNAMENT (Saturday & Sunday):

The entry fee is \$50 with an optional Insurance (Q) pool of \$15. Entries must be received no later than **6 P.M.**, Monday, January 23. 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. MONDAY.** On Saturday at 7:00 A.M. the tournament will begin with drawing for seats, orientation, rules, and then play. We expect play to begin at approximately 8:30 A.M. play will consist of 22 games (2 games vs. 11 opponents with alternate deals). The top 25% will advance to Sunday's play-offs 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 \$30 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% will advance to Sunday afternoon play-offs which will be elimination matches, best 2 of 3 (first 2 positions, 3 of 5, dealer provided). 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 \$32 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 Monday, January 23.

If you have any questions contact: Jeff Shimp
2164 116th Ave. Rte. 7
Allegan, Michigan 49010
(616) 673-4550
SYI Lutinski
1429 Scottdale Road
LaGrange Park, Illinois 525
(312) 352-4759

ENTRY FORM

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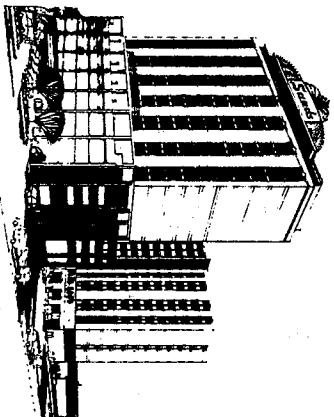
Room Rate: \$34.24 per night (\$32.00 plus 7% Washoe County Room Tax), 1 or 2 persons.

Return this form with your first night's room deposit check to guarantee your reservation. You may include your room deposit on the same check as your tournament entry. Make check payable to: The Sands Regent. Refundable if cancelled 48 hours in advance. Please send an application for casino credit.

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