



# CRIBBAGE WORLD

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## COLVERT-LULINSKI-PENDERGAST

### ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME

In what is not an easy feat, three of the four individuals nominated from the floor received 80% or more votes for the Hall of Fame from the 25 Directors who attended the BOD meeting in Raleigh on Friday, July 28, 1989.

The Hall of Fame vote is conducted annually, and each candidate must receive 80% or more of the vote by the BOD members in attendance. There are 10 secret ballots, and in this year's vote each candidate had to receive 20 or more votes to become elected.

Delynn Colvert of Missoula, Montana, was nominated by Butch Reynolds of Santa Maria, California. Delynn is author of the book "Play Winning Cribbage" and has won more tournaments than anyone in the history of the ACC. Reynolds stated that Colvert was being nominated for accomplishment not only the play of cribbage but also for his effort on behalf of the ACC.

Syl Lulinski of La Grange Park, Illinois, is currently Executive Vice President of the ACC, as well as Tournament Commissioner; he was nominated by Bob Madsen of Chicago, Illinois. Lulinski has given countless hours of time to the game of cribbage as a BOD member for 5 years, Director and Coordinator of the

huge ACC Open in Reno, Nevada. He was the recipient of Cribbage Master status in 1987 and in the same year also received the President's Special Award for meritorious service.

Nelson Ira Pendergast of Albany, New York, is a member of the ACC in good standing and has given tirelessly of his time and efforts for many, many years in aiding and assisting the US Veterans Hospital in Albany by volunteering his services to teach and conduct cribbage tournaments on a daily basis to veteran in- and outpatients. His volunteerism runs into the tens of thousands of hours, not only to the VA hospital but for the game of cribbage.

Dave Donovan of Albany was a spectator at the BOD meeting in Raleigh and after Pendergast won on the 6th ballot, he spoke a word of thanks. Later he stated, "I'm a tough old Marine retiree and I had tears in my eyes. Nelson was my teacher and is my friend and the BOD did the right thing." Pendergast was nominated by Dale Munroe of Collinsville, Connecticut.

Any member of the ACC can nominate a candidate for the Cribbage Hall of Fame. Address your inquiry or send an outline of your candidate's background and qualifications to any BOD member.

## THE PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

The players in Prineville led by Joe Nelson, the Chairman of the Grand National Convention and Tournament, and all Oregon members of the Congress are out to prove that the best place to hold this affair is in a small town.

Every person in Prineville and miles around knows that the peggers from all parts of the USA are there to play cribbage. They will do their utmost to demonstrate western hospitality.

Contrast this feeling to the large city and the big hotel where the people in the neighborhood don't know that the cribbers are in town.

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The Public Relations Committee has big plans for this season. Already, arrangements have been made to have a California software company distribute 60,000 of our newest brochures in its mailings.

The writer has had an idea for some five years to introduce cribbage to people dining out. It was placed on the back burner. Now, Karl Grube, a new member on the committee, came up with a better idea. Karl said, "Joe, let's draw up the basics of cribbage, print the material on placemats and supply them to school cafeterias."

What a way to teach the basics to school children!

Karl has joined this big thinker on the committee, and we are looking forward to an exciting year. Grube is a "Big Thinker."

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In the 16 years of competition in the Nation Open, the 29-hand has been very elusive. In the thousands and thousands of hands, a 29er has not made its appearance. This year in the Consolation, a lucky person would have received \$500.

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The rarest of the rare cribbage hands!

Kenneth and Kathryn Clarke of Madison, after having read the feature article on the President's involvement in cribbage promotion, reported the most unusual happening in the history of cribbage.

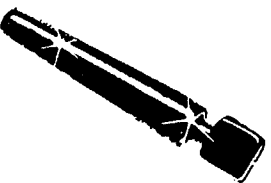
Kathryn was dealing the pack sometime during their daily three-game series, and each player received six diamonds. And to top it off, the 13th diamond was cut as starter card.

Bruce M. Bowman, the Cribbage Master specialist, reports the odds for this happening are 1 out of 79,376,694,950. Consider the fact that in a 29-hand in a partnership contest in which each player is dealt only five cards, the odds are 649,740 to 1.

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## GRASS ROOTS UPDATE

Four of the five Grass Roots regions were represented at a meeting conducted in Raleigh, North Carolina, on July 30, 1989, to review progress made during the past season and to chart the course for the future. Some of the highlights follow:

A decision (arrived at through consensus of regional representatives) to further justify the GR Rating Point System by including guests in the "number of entries" figure that is used in the computation of rating points. Just as in the past, in order for players' points to be included in national competition, their memberships in the ACC must be current and they must be registered in a chartered Grass Roots club.

Also through regional consensus, a decision was made to statistically test (in parallel) a system that is derived from game point averages, with the intention of replacing the present system with that proposed, if by the end of the current season it can be concluded that the proposed system is a distinct improvement over the present system.

The group in attendance also concluded that, if a new system based on game point averages is adopted, there would be no way of recognizing long-term point accumulation; so a method for conversion of single season averages to points needs to be developed concurrently. Since all of the data needed to statistic-

ally test the proposed system is contained in tournament reports currently submitted, no new reporting requirements will be imposed on club directors.

Those in attendance at the meeting expressed the feeling that greater attention needs to be given to the development of an attractive Grass Roots awards program.

Note: Before proceeding with awards plans for the future, the 28-29-Grand Slam awards process needs to be brought up to date. Any player who has not yet received a certificate for an award that was earned during the past season should ask the club director to resubmit a 28-29-GS report to the region statistician, making sure that it includes the date of the tournament in which it was earned and to indicate on the face of the report that it is a resubmission.

Also discussed was a plan to develop an "idea book," which, it is hoped, will consist of a compilation of every innovative idea or procedure that is employed by local clubs to make local Grass Roots play interesting and competitive. It is expected that this plan will be initiated at or before the start of the new season, with the ideas submitted by club directors being consolidated at the regional level before being forwarded to the national level for further consolidation and publication.

Jerry Dickinson

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**GREETINGS  
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**WHAT:** The Crook County Grass Roots Cribbage Club invites you to participate in the kick-off of our 1989-90 season.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 21 September 1989 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Veterans Club (upstairs meeting room), Fourth and Main Streets, Prineville, Oregon

This will be the opening event of a fantastic weekend of cribbage, in conjunction with the 1989 ACC Grand National Championship, which runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Come early and join us.

Clancy Schwarz, Director  
Crook County Grass Roots  
Cribbage Club

Tournaments cannot be sanctioned and held on the same weekend if they are within 400 miles of one another.

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(Jack Miller) 4/89

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(Bill Dore) 5/89

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Cupertino Kiwanis Cribbage Tournament  
(Louis De Lu) 5/89

Elks Eye Bank \$52  
Oregon's Coastal Classic  
(Kate and John Furler) 5/89

Arapahoe Sertoma Charities \$393.45  
Sertoma Cribbage Classic  
(Dick Graham) 6/89

In the past few years there has been a great decline in the number of people smoking at the tables. So, the tournament managers now have a space on the entry form for the smokers to check instead of the players who abstain. The non-smokers are definitely in the majority. Players with no preference are being ushered into the non-smoking sections.



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## ON BLUFFING IN CRIBBAGE

"Bluffing," defined herein as deception in tactics, is inherent in most card games as a legitimate way to outwit the opponent by abnormal play. In poker, bluffing is common in the form of large or raised bets on weak hands or possibly checking (not betting) on strong hands. Bridge players make psychic bids, while gin rummy players make false discards. Within the rules of the game, bluffing is not only acceptable but even commendable and profitable, unless it is pursued to the point of consistent identification.

In cribbage the opportunities for bluffing are quite limited and in so doing may border on unethical practice. It is useful to distinguish two types of bluffing in cribbage.

1. Illegitimate (unethical) bluffing, which should be discouraged and even penalized, if continued after player complaints and warnings by judges. Among numerous examples, which may not always be intentional, are:

- a. Excessively slow discarding and pegging, accompanied by card-shifting, wrenching, gesturing and comments about the difficulty of selection or playing. We have all experienced and perhaps practiced such histrionics, which delay the play;
- b. The "false pair" in pegging, whereby the player with two cards (a pair) rotates them as if they were different denominations;
- c. Complaints to opponents (especially novices) who do not know the complainer's style that the cut card is worthless or helpful, that hands or cribs will be very poor or very good, etc.; in other words, outright lying, which may be recognized by knowledgeable players as simply harmless table talk or plain BS.

It is not suggested that cribbage be degraded to a cold, robotic contest without banter or levity, but in tournament play these questionable forms of bluffing can be harmful to the pace of play and to the game at large.

2. Legitimate bluffing in pegging, which is defensible because it adds to the richness of the game and rewards the superior player without damaging the reputation of cribbage or the conduct of matches. Examples are:

- a. The "false flush," wherein the player plays two or three cards of the same suit to leave the pone in doubt about the holder's final card(s);
- b. The "false potential run," wherein the dealer plays a card adjacent to that of the pone who, then, fearing a longer run of four, declines a run of three. For example, dealer has a 3-FFF, pone leads off with a 4; dealer plays the 3 rather than the "safer" 10-card (F), to fend off, hopefully, a deuce or five.
- c. Leading a 5, without having 10-cards to pair the subsequent 15-play, on the assumption that the dealer does not want to yield a 2-point pair.
- d. Slight psychic delays (or speed-ups); pone leads a card below the eight; dealer has two of the same but momentarily hesitates to pair to encourage the triple 6-play, only to come back with the quadruple-12 play. Other psychic hesitations are generally legitimate, simply because regularly making them will negate their value; for example, slowness in leading one of a pair or taking a 15-2 with a 7 or 8, when it is backed up by a 6 or 9; hesitating to take a 31-go when it is the only alternative, etc.

The main point from the standpoint of ethics and fairness to others in group play is that bluffing is acceptable when there are alternative plays in the normal case. However, if no real strategy is involved, it should not be condoned. In short, there are honest bluffers and phony bluffers.

Russ Adams  
Minneapolis, MN

# GRASS ROOTS CLUB CHAMPS

## 1990 ACC OPEN

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## 1990 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Name	1988-89	Club #
George Verbeski	Madison, WI	1
Bill Hill	Hermiston, OR	2
Frank Schweig	Carpentersv., IL	3
Butch Reynolds	Santa Maria, CA	4
D. McCormick	Buffalo, NY	5
James Frank	Quasqueton, IA	8
John Mayer	August, GA	10
Jerry Olsen	Sparks, NV	11
Mitch Bourland	Prineville, OR	12
Clarence Schwarz	Prineville, OR	14
Mary Whitsett	Baker, OR	15
Ivan Lux	Minden, NE	16
Matt Kacer	Altoona, IA	17
Helene Sonntag	Vacaville, CA	21
Tracy Denninger	Orlando, FL	22
Red Alter	Aurora, CO	23
Nick Keninger	Mesa, AZ	24
Meg Angell	Helena, MT	25
Bob Plourde	Unionville, CT	26
Amelee Killion	S. Luis Obispo, CA	27
Ed Miller	Portland, OR	28
Janet Wells	Rotonda, FL	29
Joe Ramos	Warwick, RI	31
Sherman Hensell	Garberville, CA	33
Mary Jo Gross	Denver, CO	34
Charlie Bowzer	Fayetteville, NC	35
Rodney White	Burlington, VT	36
Charlette Springer	LaGrande, OR	38
Jim Hartung	Kennelworth, WA	39
Gail Estess	Duluth, MN	41
Dorothy Roun	Joseph, OR	42
Don Miller	Union City, CA	43
Bill Letson	Fresno, CA	45
John Armstrong	Salem, OR	46
Warren Bush	San Jose, CA	48
John Buresh	Saginaw, MN	49
Ken Williams	Rockland, MA	51
J.B. Mantle	Mesa, AZ	53
Jesse Jarrell	Pittsburg, CA	54
Marion Hawley	Rohnert Park, CA	55
Gordon Hart	Phoenix, AZ	56
Richard Zup	Billings, MT	57
Bob Gombartz	Raleigh, NC	58
Lloyd Kraft	Seymour, WI	61
J.C. Turner	Roseburg, OR	62
Tony McNally	Everett, MA	63
Ron Thompson	Lakeview, OR	66
Bob Sommer	Excelsior, MN	67
Cliff Allen	Spokane, WA	69
Jim Blough	Kentwood, MI	71
Bill Gudsuska	Rockville, CT	72
Tom Armitage	Plainville, MA	73
Mike Burnham	Acworth, GA	74
Don Rardin	Gresham, OR	77
Gary Fields	Hood River, OR	78
Jim Campbell	El Cajon, CA	79
Paul Mitchell	Juneau, AK	80
Frank Zabrowski	Monterey, CA	82

The 1990 Invitational Tournament of Champions will be at the Sands Hotel in Reno, Nevada, on Friday, February 2, 1990. The ACC Open will be at the Sands on Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4. Joan Rein will be the Tournament Director for the Tournament of Champions, and Jeff Shimp will be the Tournament Director for the Open. Syl Lulinski will be the coordinator for the events during the four days, including a Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, February 1.

Invitations to those eligible for the Tournament of Champions will be sent approximately December 1, and entries and information for the ACC Open will be in the December CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Syl Lulinski  
Executive Vice President

### LATE NEWS FROM PRESIDENT WERGIN

Missouri Player Wins National Open: Luis Lizarribar, a former resident of Georgia, captured the 1989 title. Luis now resides in Missouri, a state with less than a dozen ACC members.

Dale Munroe, editor of CRIBBAGE WORLD, announced that he is considering being a candidate for Vice President-Operations, as Harry Palmer has retired from the Board of Directors.

Grass Roots: Four of the five regions met in an impromptu session in Raleigh and decided to record the "game points" in parallel with rating points as an experiment of extended competition. Butch Reynolds stated that his club has been doing that same thing for five years, and players like it.

29-hand Elusive: For 16 years and thousands and thousands of hands there hasn't been a 29-point hand in the National Open. If such a hand had appeared in this year's Consolation at Raleigh, it would have earned \$500.

Special Directors' Award: The Board voted that in the future an individual who serves the Congress in a special way may be honored by the Board.

## THE GRAND NATIONAL

Joe Nelson, director of the 8th annual Grand National Tournament at Prineville, Oregon, says everything is in readiness for this major ACC event on September 22-24, 1989.

He expects 1,000 participants in the journey, with visitors expected to commute from motels within a 50-mile range of Prineville. Many trailers, motor homes and campers will also provide quarters for cribbage players on the Crook County Fairgrounds, site of tournament play. RV parking is available at the Fairgrounds for \$2 per day; electrical hookups are \$4 per day; full hookups are also available.

Free transportation will be available to transport attendees back and forth from their motels, as well as from and to airports at Bend and Redmond, Oregon, on request.

Although the main event begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, September 23, a 9-a.m. game doubles tournament will be held Friday night, September 22, at 7 p.m. at 4 locations -- the Veterans Club, Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge and Senior Center -- while a 7-game High Roller singles tournament takes place at the same time at the Cinnabar Pine Ball Room.

The ACC Board of Directors will hold its meeting at the Cinnabar Motel banquet room at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 22.

Saturday festivities kick off with a 6 a.m. buckaroo breakfast catered by the

Prineville Ridge Runners at the Fairgrounds. This will be repeated on Sunday morning at 6 a.m.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, with orientation at 8:30 a.m. An optional G-Pool is available. At approximately 11:30 a.m., non-smokers will take a lunch break after their 10th game, with play to resume at 1 p.m. sharp. Smokers will take their lunch break at about 12 noon, after their 12th game and will resume play at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Registration for Sunday's Consolation tournament begins at 4 p.m. Saturday and continues at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The Championship final rounds begin playoffs at 8 a.m. Sunday, with the Consolation tournament revving up at 10 a.m. (9 games, 2 of 3 playoffs).

Social events include an 8-hour bus tour of Crater Lake National Park for non-players, which departs from the Fairgrounds at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Annual ACC Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday night at Carrie Foster Hall, Fairgrounds. Diners have a choice of Rocky Mountain oysters, prime rib or halibut entrees. A 6 p.m. no-host cocktail party will precede the dinner; the dinner will be followed by the awards presentation at 8 p.m.

A buffet lunch will be available at the tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### RHODE ISLAND OPEN

Providence, Rhode Island  
April 30, 1989

Director: John Chambers  
Number of Entries: 294/178

- Main**
1. Frank Cummings Chelmsford, MA
  2. Emil Chrabaszcz Ware, MA
  3. Frank Gallo Cranston, RI
  4. Joan Thibodeau Billingham, MA

- Consolation**
1. Roy Correa Barrington, RI
  2. Debbie Logee Gloucester, RI
  3. Bill Barstow Pascoog, RI
  4. Albert LaRose Esmond, RI

### MILLER LITE CLASSIC

Pawtucket, Rhode Island  
June 11, 1989

Director: George Blessing  
Number of Entries: 174/94

- Main**
1. Paul Petit Pawtucket, RI
  2. Al Charlebois Pawtucket, RI
  3. Jim Ready Stoughton, MA
  4. Maurice Ramsey Avon, MA

- Consolation**
1. Tony Newsome Framingham, MA
  2. John Chambers Providence, RI
  3. Ed Weber Providence, RI
  4. Mark Rodrigues Portsmouth, RI

### LEWIS & CLARK CLASSIC

Yankton, South Dakota  
July 8-9, 1989

Director: Scott Kooistra  
Number of Entries: 94/72

- Main**
1. James Dahl Blair, WI
  2. Ray Boesel Glenbeulah, WI
  3. Wally Miskowic New Brighton, NH
  4. Scott Kooistra Yankton, SD

- Consolation**
1. Lew Foss Minneapolis, MN
  2. R. Michaelis Marinette, WI
  3. Bob McCabe Brown Deer, WI
  4. Arlen Sodahl Ames, IA

### INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN

Reno, Nevada  
June 30 - July 2, 1989

Director: Bill Irons  
Number of Entries: 226/144

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MP</b> | <b>Main</b>                   | <b>MP</b> | <b>Consolation</b>             | <b>MP</b> |
| 214       | 1. Pamela White Englewood, CO | 266       | 1. G. Petevich Nevada City, CA | 92        |
| 186       | 2. Pete Paradis S. Maria, CA  | 238       | 2. Butch Ehrlich Englewood, CO | 78        |
| 168       | 3. Iris Fuller Denver, CO     | 220       | 3. Helen Bolstad Martinez, CA  | 69        |
| 155       | 4. Syd Barlows S. Rosa, CA    | 207       | 4. G. Schleusner Truckee, CA   | 63        |

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| <b>MP</b> | <b>Consolation</b>             | <b>MP</b> |
| 67        | 1. G. Petevich Nevada City, CA | 92        |
| 53        | 2. Butch Ehrlich Englewood, CO | 78        |
| 44        | 3. Helen Bolstad Martinez, CA  | 69        |
| 38        | 4. G. Schleusner Truckee, CA   | 63        |

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## CRIBBAGE CAMPOUT

We've just returned from our fourth annual Grass Roots clubs campout, and I think it's time we shared this great idea with other states.

Four years ago at an Oregon tournament somewhere, a handful of Grass Roots players put their heads together and decided to create an all-Oregon Grass roots challenge. While trying to come up with a logical location, someone said, "What about at a campground?" Thus was born the annual All-Oregon Grass Roots Cribbage Campout.

The first gathering was a trial run to see how much interest there was and to come up with a workable format. It was such an enjoyable success that we decided to make it a permanent part of summer cribbage in Oregon.

Each club that is represented chooses (by blind draw) a number of players equal to the club with the fewest members present. These teams' scores from the qualifying round on Saturday determine the winners of the challenge. The victorious club gets to take possession of the beautiful travelling trophy board that Bill Dunn generously created for the event. They also earn the privilege of being the host club for the next year's outing.

Officially, the activities are planned to

run from Friday through Sunday, but there are always those of us who arrive by Thursday and can't be chased off before Monday. Friday and Saturday nights' events have featured singles, doubles, liars' crib, cribbage-to-lose; and this year we were introduced to a great new variation, Quadro-crib. The 10 or 12 game qualifier is played midday Saturday and is followed by a potluck dinner. The food alone is reason enough to return each year ... what a feast! The playoffs and consolation continue on Sunday. The host club provides trophy boards for the champion and consolation champion and usually gag awards for the other events. Entry fees are kept minimal to accommodate the families, and beefier G-pools and jackpot pools are optional for the big spenders.

Host clubs have included Crook County #14 of Prineville (1985), Oregon's First #2 of Hermiston (1986), Baker #15 of Baker (1987), Oregon's Best #12 of Redmond (1988), and this year's champs, Lakeview #66.

As other states gain more Grass Roots clubs, they might want to consider trying this sort of a challenge. We in Oregon can highly recommend it.

Liz Brandon  
Bend, OR

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