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## *Raleigh & Reno* National Open, Independence Day Classic Wind Down 1992 Season

The American Cribbage Congress' 1992 season comes to a close July 31.

This year's play has been an exciting one, with many new tournaments, and the annual renewal of established events posting new highs in attendance. The annual Master Point race has been the most competitive in years, with a score or more players having a shot at the national crown for 1992.

And for these players in the national race, the Independence Day Classic in Reno, NV July 3-5, and the National Open in Raleigh, NC July 25-27 will undoubtedly decide who comes away with the roses. Both tournaments wind down the 1992 season...and both draw huge crowds. In Reno, some 300 or more are expected, while the Raleigh meet has been drawing players nationwide in the 400 plus range for the past several years.

The Reno meet will be played at the Sands Regency, and directors Bill and Dorthalee Irons are once again expecting a large crowd in this 6th annual event. Each year, the crowds get larger and larger, attesting to the expertise of these directors.

The National Open in Raleigh is playing their 19th annual, and director Nick Pond is optimistic this year's meet will once again bring in record crowds...and maintain its record as the largest meet in the Eastern Region.

This tournament has the distinction of being one of the few that play a double elimination, best 4 of 7 format. And skunks count two games.

The North Raleigh Hilton is once again the host facility. The tournament offers a \$25 hospitality room, in addition to spacious playing areas. If you wish to attend this year's meet, don't delay, as the deadline for entry is Friday, July 10.

This National Open is the last large tournament of the season, and will probably decide the national champion...and the All-American team. In 1990, Scott Kooistra, the Yankton, SD king of cribbage won this event...and the national championship.

For details, see "Tournament Trail," this issue.

## The President's Column

### Joseph Petrus Wergin

#### News From Nigeria

Prince Sina Smash Agoro writes that he will be visiting Orlando, FL, this summer attending the Rotary International Convention. Jim Arblaster, our director and the first secretary of the Congress, will welcome the Prince in the name of the American Cribbage Congress. The gathering will attract about 16,000 Rotarians.

#### The Constitution/By-Laws

Director Jerry Dickinson was chosen by Vice-President Policy, Ev Bey, to head the Committee on Revision. Bey picked the right man as Jerry has behind him an outstanding career in Army organization. The writer believes that the Constitution and By-Laws should be published in the same booklet with the Official Rules. The membership is entitled to know about the aims and objectives of the Congress as well as the ruling By-Laws.

#### First Graduation Ceremony

With the end of the school year, 21 5th and 6th grade students of the Germantown, MD, Elementary School were presented certificates, "Cribbage in the School's Classroom Program" by teacher Fran Fountain. The diplomas were signed by President Wergin and by Fountain. The 21 students were excited with their awards, which will prove to be a great medium of publicity for cribbage and the Congress.

#### 6th Graders

Melissa Bates  
Amber Scivolette  
Jason Parks  
Susan Song  
Kristin Jones  
Kenneth Sandel  
Alicia Rodriguez  
Justin Hill  
James Shelton

#### 5th Graders

Danny Harkins  
Jeremy Hauptman  
Ruth Powell  
Tamika Peyton  
Israel Hoffman  
Brian Maynes  
Patrick McCreesh  
Dawn Moringello  
Jason Kenler

Dan Zeisler, the 8th grade teacher at the Sonora, CA, school, reports that 45 students received satisfactory grades in the cribbage courses he conducted this past school year. His students will receive their certificates when school opens this fall. Zeisler also reported the County Educational Society will be staging a summer program for gifted children. Cribbage was listed as one of the elective subjects with 20 pupils to a class, and cribbage was the first class to fill its quota.

#### Memo: Public School Officials

Re: The educational value of cribbage. Cribbage is regarded by many educators as not only an excellent method but a painless one in teaching math skills to young learners. I have received many letters from educators around the world reporting success with this approach, especially slow learners. The playing of cribbage by children allows for the learning of a task by doing or experiencing an activity. The Great Pedagogues of Education and Psychology, such as Dewey, Freud, Froebel, Pestalozzi and Piaget, all formulated their learning theories of creative play on "experimental learning for children." Three decades of applied research by Margie Golik, Ph.D., Chief, Psychologist, Learning Centre, McGill-Montreal Children's Hospital, and Karl W. Grube, Ph.D., Educational Board Game Editor for the International Gamester (i), Ltd. indicates that 21 Learned Skills necessary for growth and development of children are greatly reinforced or acquired for the first time as a result of playing traditional card games such as cribbage. Source: (Reading, Writing & Rummy) and (Cribbage In Schools Program).

Cribbage reinforces these learned skills:

1. Motor skills.
2. Rhythm.
3. A sense of direction.
4. Visual Discrimination.
5. Number concepts.
6. Verbal skills.
7. Intellectual skills.
8. Social skills.
9. Vocabulary.
10. Concentration.
11. Shape and numbers.
12. Mental alertness.
13. Thinking.
14. Reasoning.
15. Color discrimination.
16. Logical decisions.
17. Competitiveness.
18. Mastery of facts.
19. Mastery of concepts.
20. Value of winning.
21. Art of losing.

## Russell Adams Takes MRP Lead

With one of the most exciting finishes in the ACC's Master Point race winding down, with but one short month to play, Russell Adams, Minneapolis, MN, has taken the lead. His 1,177 MRPs has given him a slim lead over Phyllis Schmidt's (Williamstown, MA) 1,100. Adams scored a bundle of MRPs at the recent Hawkeye Classic in Des Moines and the Madison, WI, Masters. A late report from the Eastern States Championship in Chicopee, MA had Schmidt in 4th place, after qualifying 11th, to run her total for the year to the 1,100+ range.

In the Western Region, Ray Van Orsow (1,027 MRPs), Portland, OR, and Roy Hofbauer (1,003), Washougal, WA, are slugging it out.

Other players in the thick of the competition are Larry Samet, Wellesley Hills, MA, with 987, Duane Toll, West Allis, WI with 959, Jack Marani, Quincy, MA with 943, Jim McManus, Milwaukee, with 937, and Warren Sondericker, Greenfield, WI, standing at 906. About a dozen other players have an outside shot at earning the national title, and All-American honors.

## McCabe, Ferrigno Hold Rare Combination

Bob McCabe, Executive Vice-President of the ACC was pegging with Paul Ferrigno. Oakridge, OR, at the recent Cascade Classic VII in Bend, Oregon.

Bob held 4-5-6-9 of clubs, and Paul held 5-J-Q-K (jack of spades). The 5 of spades was cut, giving both players an 18-hand! One 18 is rare, but two on the same deal? Professor Russell Adams...figure the odds on that one!

## Jack Marani, Denny Van Orsow, Mitch Bourland Earn Master Rating

Jack Marani, Quincy, MA, recently finished 18th of 244 peggers at the Rhode Island Open, earning 122 MRPs...and the title of Master. Marani is one of the Eastern Region's finer players, and is a threat to win any tournament. He is the 117th ACC to player to reach this plateau.

Denny Van Orsow, Culver, OR, recently was top qualifier at the Cascade Classic VII, and picked up more than the 7 MRP's he needed to earn his Master rating. His qualifying round scores have been outstanding this cribbage year. Denny is the 118th player to earn his Master rating.

Mitch Bourland, Prineville, OR, has won two major championships in recent years...and came close to another at the 172-pegger event in Bend, OR, finishing in the 3-4 bracket. The 164 MRP's earned sent his lifetime numbers well over the 2,000 MRP mark to earn his Master rating...and the 119th member of this select group of peggers.

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## ***Eastern Region Update...***

### **Paul Gallagher "Doubles" in Connecticut**

**North Windham, Ct, May 17** - Paul Gallagher, Avon, MA, scored a rare double in winning the 102-pegger Connecticut Championship...he also took honors in the qualifying round, picking up a grand total 160 MRP's. Jim Tucci, Saco, ME finished 2nd, followed by Grand Master Harry Palmer, W. Springfield, MA in 3rd, and Charlie Finley, Enfield, CT in 4th. Charlie has been on a roll this cribbage year, and stands at the 500 MRP mark for the year. Larry Samet, Wellesley Hills, MA, qualified 3rd and finished 14th to run his MRP total to the 1,000 mark for this cribbage year, keeping his national title hopes alive.

66 peggers stayed around for the consolation, and Henry DeLong, Woburn, MA took the title. Joe Cornelissen, Halifax, MA finished 2nd, with Joe Beauregard and Jim Russell in 3rd and 4th. Beauregard hails from Pawtucket, RI, and Russell from Longmeadow, MA.

New member Mike Mecca from Williamsport, PA enjoyed his first sanctioned event by scoring a 28-hand.

Directors Bill Shoemaker and Joe Seigle report this event will be held again next year on May 16.

### ***Author of Cribbage Book John Chambers Takes Eastern States Phyllis Schmidt Earns Grand Master***

**Chicopee, MA, May 31** - Author John Chambers, Providence, RI, captured the 2nd annual Eastern States Championship, besting Bernard Lusic, Bristol, CT in the final playoff match. Irving Torre, Mansfield, MA finished 3rd. Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown, MA, took a fine 4th place finish, and coupled with qualifying 11th, earned 132 MRP's, sending her 1992 cribbage season MRP total to the 1,100 mark...putting her well over the magic 4,000 MRP lifetime total to earn Grand Master. Only Russell Adams, the national point leader from Minneapolis has scored more this cribbage year. In addition, Phyllis becomes only the second woman to earn Grand Master and the 18th in the history of the American Cribbage Congress.

The consolation event winner was Tom Horigan, Stoughton, MA. Local Grover O'Brien finished 2nd, followed by BOD member Joe Ramos in 3rd and Jim Cundy in 4th. Both Joe and Jim hail from Warwick, RI. In the main event qualifying round Philip DeJoseph, Bramtree, MA, took honors, followed by Stan Tkaczuk, Wareham, MA, Herb Boreham, Tauton, MA, and Les Jordan, Groton, CT.

## **Central Region Update....**

### **Scott Henderson Wins Madison Masters Classic XIV**

**Madison, WI, April 26-**Local pegger Scott Henderson picked up a nifty 200 MRP's in winning the recent Madison Masters Classic XIV and made a move into the top 50 in the Central Region for this cribbage year. If he can hold his position for two more months, he will qualify for next year's Tournament of Champions. Douglas Page, Little Chute, WI picked a bundle of MRP's with a fine 2nd place finish. Frank Trojan, New Brighton, MN, has been on a roll this cribbage year, and continues his run with a 3rd place finish....and moved up to 8th in the Central Region standings. Tom Maresh took 4th and stands at 349 MRP's for the year. Denver's Ed Blecker took the sizeable consolation event, edging Joan Veith, Sun Prairie, WI in the final playoff match. Max Steplyk, Waukegan, IL scored that elusive 29-hand (no. 10 for this cribbage year nationwide) and will receive \$100 from the ACC for this sanctioned gem. Directors Gaylord Matti and Jerry Dickinson once again drew a sizeable crowd for this event.

### **Michaelis Tops 96 Peggors in Iowa**

**Des Moines, IA, May 3-**Life Master Robert "Mick" Michaelis, the Marinette, WI bomber came to Des Moines in 1991 and took home the Hawkeye Classic title....and in 1992 he made a rare repeat performance. And this trip was not an easy one, as he had to get by Russ Nelson, the Arizona King in the final playoff match. Shelly Vadnais, Oakland, MN took 3rd, followed by veteran pegger Charlie Fletchall in 4th. Fletchall hails from Grimes, Iowa. Frank Trojan continued his winning ways with a consolation win. Arlan Sodahl, Ames, Iowa took 2nd, followed by Roberta Schweig, Carpertensville, IL in 3rd, and Gene Mikulsky, Sobieski, WI, in 4th. Roberta's husband, Frank, scored a 29-hand...only the 11th player this cribbage year to turn that trick! Fletchall's run was aided by a 28-hand.

### **Fred Dettling Takes Off in Illinois**

**Eigin, IL, May 17-** Fred Dettling is a retired airlines pilot...and he "took off" again at the recent Northern Illinois Spring Classic, taking home all the marbles in this 80-pegger event. Not only did he win the event, he also scored the only 28-hand for the weekend. Recently crowned Master pegger Don Tofte, Madison, WI took 2nd, followed by Marv Lang, Woodstock, IL, and Mike Blatt, Rockford, MI, in 3rd and 4th. Life Master Duane Toll picked up the 36-pegger consolation event, keeping his hat in the ring for national honors this cribbage year (20 points IS 20 points!) Charlie Fletchall is keeping his hot run alive by finishing 2nd. This Grimes, Iowa pegger is a threat to win anytime!

## **Western Region Update...**

### **Ray Van Orsow Earns 142 MRP's for 5th Place Finish Gary Motley Nails Cascade Classic VII**

**Bend, OR, June 7-** Grand Master Gary Motley, Gresham, OR, won the 172-pegger Cascade Classic VII, and is making a late-season charge for national honors. With the 180 MRP's, Gary has reached the 600 MRP plateau, with one short month remaining in this cribbage season, and has an outside chance at repeating his 1990 and 1991 All-American awards. Stu McIntyre, Astoria, OR finished 2nd and picked up a nifty 169 MRP's. John Wright from nearby Warm Springs took 3rd. Mitch Bourland, Prineville, OR, finished 4th, and with the 150 MRP's earned his Master rating...the 119th ACC member to achieve this ranking.

Bruce Wridge, Portland, OR took the 131-pegger consolation crown. Local Dale Brandon took 2nd. Dorothy Westerlund finished 3rd, and coupled with her recent Oregon Championship title at nearby Prineville this February, continues her hot run in central Oregon. This Sherwood, OR pegger now stands at the 500 MRP mark for this cribbage year. Roger Lueschow, Maple Valley, WA finished 4th, and has been burning up the track lately...especially in the qualifying rounds.

In the satellite events, Jeff Monroe, the ACC's hard-working membership chairman from Napa, CA, won the high-roller event, and Roger Lueschow teamed with Gene Sissel, Baker City, OR to win the doubles. LaPine, OR pegger Frank Lake is unbeatable lately, and cashed the Saturday Night event. Other highlights in the main event was Denny Van Orsow's fine 37 GP high-qualifying score, earning 60 MRP's...and his Master rating. And by finishing a fine 5th in the main event, Ray Van Orsow, Portland, OR, keeps his hat in the ring for the national championship, as the 142 MRP's earned in this event puts him at 1,027 MRP's for the year, and currently stands a close 3rd place nationally.

Directors Rob Kirkpatrick and Sue Snyder handled the huge crowd in fine style and all events proceeded smoothly. As usual, Marvis Reynolds' handling of the "paperwork" and her playoff boards were a big help in the tournament's continuity.

### **Heidi Glashan Captures Bill Mitchell Memorial**

**Smith River, CA, May 24-** Heidi Glashan, Pittsburg, CA took a short hop north and took home the bacon at the 62-pegger Bill Mitchell Memorial, played this year at the Ship Ashore Resort in Smith River. Michael Hayden, San Jose, CA, finished 2nd, with local John Flynn in 3rd, followed by tough-pegging Laurie Logan, the Quincy, CA queen of cribbage. Jim Taylor took a trip south from Bend, OR, and paid for his trip with a consolation win in this 38-pegger event. Life Master Jesse Jarrell, Pittsburg, CA earned a few more MRP's to keep his All-American hopes alive with a 2nd place finish. (standing at 800+ MRP's). Forest Grove, OR pegger Dorothy Conroy continues her winning ways with a 3rd place finish. Rookie tournament director Vern Ward did a great job managing his first tournament.

## Western Region Update (continued)

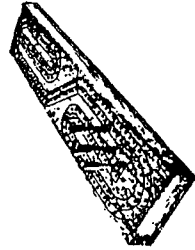
### Gary Sand Snake River King

**Nyssa, OR, May 24**—Gary Sand, Kennewick, WA, has had many "near misses," but he crashed into the winner's circle in the small farming town of Nyssa, OR, and claimed the Snake River crown. Bill Hill, Hermiston, OR, was on a roll for the weekend, winning the high-roller event, and finished 2nd, to easily pay for his trip down to the Snake River. Gil Johnson, Spokane, WA took 3rd, and the Pacific Coast king, Bernie Nelson, took 4th. Bernie hails from Pacific City, OR. Paul Nolz, Redmond, OR claimed the consolation event in a tight final playoff tussel with Lucille Endicott, Prineville, OR. Ernie Standard, Island City, OR finished 3rd, and Jack Holt, Portland took 4th. The Snake River Open's reputation as a small, friendly tournament was upheld by Michelle Park's expertly run tournament with generous paybacks. The Snake River also continued awarding many fine trophies. If you want a trophy, come to the Snake River Open!

### Colorado Cribbage

#### Bob Madsen Takes Sertoma Classic

**Englewood, CO, May 23**—Bob Madsen, the Chicago King of Cribbage, won the small, but animated 36-pegger Sertoma Classic, earning 40 MRP's, and another 5 for qualifying 4th. Bob is now knocking on the door for his Grand Master rating. Roger Wilson, Boulder, CO, took 2nd in the playoffs and in the qualifying round. Roger is Colorado's only player to crack the top 50 in the Western Region this season. Local Pamela Ehrich continues her winning ways by taking 3rd (and winning the doubles event, teamed with Harvey Luckett). Steve Hatton, Lakewood, CO, finished 4th. Chris Wilson, Longmont, CO edged Lola Clay for the consolation crown.



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## Steplyk, Schweig Score 29-Hands

Max Steplyk, Waukegan, IL, scored 29-hand number 10 at the recent Madison Master's Classic XIV, in Madison, WI. April 25 will be long-remembered by Max.

Lucky number 11 was scored by Frank Schweig, Carpentersville, IL at the Hawkeye Classic in Des Moines, IA, May 2.

These Illinois players will receive \$100 the ACC awards for a sanctioned 29-hand.

### **Corrections**

**Walter Swanson Takes South Shore Classic Consolation**  
**John Hanson Takes 3rd in Belle City Classic Consolation**

*Cribbage World* received erroneous reports concerning winners at the recent South Shore Classic and Belle City Classic. Walter Swanson won the 142-pegger consolation event at the South Shore Classic, and John Hanson took 3rd in the Belle City consolation.

The ACC's Master Point compilation has been corrected.

## Grand National Adds "Early Birds"

The Grand National is scheduled for September 18, 19, and 20 at the Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Directors Tom Gallagher, Jerry Lemke, and Bob Miller have added an "Early Bird" feature. They will play doubles Friday night (\$30 per team) and a \$100/10 game singles match will also be played. This "high-roller" event will be limited to the first 32 that sign up!

As usual, the Grand National will have a Saturday night Awards Banquet (\$15.45 per person). See "Tournament Trail" this issue for more details.

### **Charlie Ball Sez**

#### **"Give 'Em a Gift Subscription"**

Everett, WA pegger Charlie Ball recently gave his daughter and son-in-law a gift membership to the ACC...and he says "Why don't all ACC members buy a membership for a son, daughter, pop, mom, friend, neighbor or what have you? A great gift for a birthday, Christmas, get well or just good American Cribbage Congress friendship!"



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