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Woonsocket Draws Large Crowd **Bill Medeiros Tops** **Holiday Classic**

Bill Medeiros, a veteran pegger from Shrewsbury, MA came away the winner at the sizeable 154-pegger Holiday Classic in Woonsocket, RI December 15. The winners MRP take was a lofty 160...and this takes Medeiros to the 5,900 mark (lifetime), and he is knocking on the door for his Life Master rating (needing 6,000 for that honor).

Stan Babiec, Dartmouth, MA finished a solid 2nd, and after qualifying 8th, garnered some 187 MRPs for a nice day's pegging!

Frank Sigda (South Hampton, MA), and Richard Menaik (Sag Harbor, NY) took 3rd and 4th.

1995 National Champion Rit Alkas (CT) finished 15th and has zipped into 2nd place in the Eastern Region, and is among the national leaders for this cribbage year, standing at well over 500 MRPs for the cribbage year.

Ray Tondorf, East Taunton, MA, had the hot hand in the qualifying round, taking honors.

Phyllis Aronoff, Quincy, MA, nailed the 76-pegger Consolation...and took home 44 MRPs for the effort. Sharlene Medeiros, spouse of

Bill, the Main Event winner, finished 2nd, and the family race for MRP honors continues (only 31 MRP's separate the two).

Paul Musard (N. Providence, RI) and Dudley Dumaine (Weston, MA) finished 3rd and 4th. Brenda Palmer, W. Springfield, MA, took 5th, and with the 27 MRP's earned has vaulted into 3rd place in the Eastern Region in the early going this cribbage year. She finished 9th last year, earning All-American honors, and she has her hat in the ring for yet another try again this year.

Grand Master David Clemmey (Mansfield, MA) took honors in the qualifying round.

Director Gloria Dyndur once again ran a holiday motif tournament, and drew a huge crowd, attesting to the popularity of this event. She reported some \$308 was donated to the Heart Transplant charity...and also reported three peggers scored that elusive 28-hand: Elinor Breen, Tom Scott, and Margaret Kennedy.

Dyndur is re-scheduling this event two weeks earlier next year. The match will be played November 30, 1997. Mark your calendars.

Reno's Doubleheader on Schedule For Another Record Crowd!

The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Reinstatement?

Several members of the ACC Board of Directors have been conducting surveys about the possibility of reinstating members who have been expelled for various reasons. The results confirm their opinion that expelled players should not and must not be reinstated.

It comes as no surprise to me that by a 5-to-1 majority, ACC members oppose giving expelled members a "second chance."

Inquiries were solicited in a recent *Cribbage World* as well as some 200 questionnaires being distributed at a number of tournaments. In all instances, the overwhelming opinion was that "Expelled" means Expelled, permanently and finally.

During our 17 years of existence, the ACC has expelled 14 members for proven or confessed breaches of conduct or unethical play.

In addition, four other members were handed limited months of suspension for minor violations. These four have been chastened and learned their lesson; I have no compunction about accepting them back into our association, tournaments or Grass Roots activities.

Our Code of Ethics, published as a forepage in our Official Tournament Rules & Regulations, lists eight "unacceptable practices" considered as grounds for suspension or expulsion from the ACC:

- 1- Marking cards
- 2- Stacking the deck
- 3- Secreting cards
- 4- Altering scorecards
- 5- Throwing a game or match
- 6- Unbecoming actions
- 7- Violation of rules
- 8- Detrimental actions

The first five, which cover manipulation of the cards, "hauling timber" (deliberately overpegging), changing scorecard results and other forms of connivery are examples of outright cheating. A review of past expulsions shows the following "cheating" causes for actions: altering scorecards, 6; stacking the deck, 5; and overpegging, 3. The latter three can probably be considered "housekeeping transgressions" and are usually covered by suspensions.

Webster's Encyclopedia Unabridged Dictionary defines "expel" as: "...to cut off from membership or relations...(to) drive out, drive away...syn. oust, dismiss, exile." This definition strongly implies permanence!

Apologies after the fact from an expelled person seeking reinstatement carry little weight with me. The expelled person took advantage of ACC membership participation and tried to put it to his/her own advantage. He or she knew what the penalty was for cheating and getting caught before the incident(s) occurred and made a conscious decision to cheat. He made his/her bed....let them lie in it alone!

There is no way I or other members could feel comfortable playing this once-sullied member if he/she should gain reinstatement. This cannot happen. Known cheaters must not be allowed in our midst.

Nimble fingers find a way to skip extra holes in the pegging process. Two or three overpegged holes here and there, three or four times during a game, makes a 6- to 12-point difference, enough to win. Be alert, count the hands, watch the board and peg locations. As Founding President Joe Wergin is fond of saying: "Trust everybody, but cut the cards!"

Don't be intimidated; if you think there's a problem, call a pair of judges. If there's a continuing problem with a particular player, be sure of your accusation and then contact the Ethics Committee, c/o Paul Hatcher, chairman, 1691 Joy Hill Road S., Salem, OR 97306. Phone (503) 364-4541.

The 7-person Ethics Committee requires at least two letters of complaint before conducting its own investigation. If charges are substantiated, the Ethics Committee may hand down a suspension for minor violations or refer expulsion to the Board of Directors, the final authority. In either case, the alleged violator is given the privilege of a closed door hearing (open at his/her option) before the Board of Directors, after which a vote is taken to exonerate, suspend, or expel. Notice of the final determination is published in *Cribbage World*, with tournament directors and Grass Roots officials also being notified.

In our opinion, there is no need for anyone to fear that once-expelled persons will be given another chance to prey on ethical ACC members.

Keep peggin'....Ev Bey

Eau Claire Off & Running

Clay Collier Wins Again

Clay Collier won Grand National IX in 1990...and with the midwest as his stomping ground, has won yet another large tournament. This time around he nailed the 130-pegger Eau Claire Classic on December 8.

This was director Alan Lindner's inaugural event in Eau Claire, WI, and he got the show off the ground with a nice crowd. The host facility (Ramada Inn) proved to have a nice playing area, and Lindner is planning to renew this event again next December 5-7, 1997.

Janet Dehaven, playing out of Minneapolis, finished 2nd, followed by newly crowned Life Master Martha Fingleton (Milwaukee) taking 3rd (and nearing the 400 MRP mark for the year). Vance Heideman from Mound, MN nailed 4th. Two BOD members...Ron Hamilton and Pat Barrett...took 5th and 6th. Barrett's 97 MRP's take him over the 400 mark for the year. He is also zeroing in on his Life Master, having earned an even 5,500 (lifetime). And Hamilton is close behind, with some 5,317 MRP's earned to date.

Roger Wilson, the travelling pegger from Boulder, CO, was hot in the qualifying round, taking honors (and is over the 300 mark for the year).

1985 All-American Jeff Shimp (Shelbyville, MI) ran the table in the 90-pegger Consolation. Not only did he take qualifying honors, but won the playoffs as well. Tracy Radosevich (Medford, WI) finished 2nd, followed by Bill Erickson (Libertyville, IL) and ACC Statistician Bob McCabe (Cudahy, WI) in 3rd and 4th. McCabe is a Life Master, and is currently the ACC's 18th ranked member.

Director Lindner had excellent paybacks for the players, with Collier banking some \$900 for his first place finish. And Shimp pocketed \$475 (not counting any "Q" prizes) for winning the Consolation. Eau Claire, WI, may well become one of the Central Region's "hot spots" in years to come!

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Doris Perkins Cops 7th Yankee Classic

Master peger Doris Perkins (Quincy, MA) came away the winner at the recent 7th Annual Yankee Classic played in Manchester, CT. A sizeable crowd of 136 peggers was on hand for this event. The win came with a sizeable purse and 140 MRP's. Perkin's MRP total for this cribbage year has topped 300 and she is among the leaders in the Eastern Region.

Bob Cunningham, Ashland, MA, nailed 2nd (and is nearing 500 MRPs for the year). William Shea (E. Hartford) took 3rd, followed by Tom Clark (Candia, NH) in 4th.

Al Charlebois, pegging out of Pawtucket, RI took honors in the qualifying round.

Jim Clemmey, West Wareham, MA nailed the 78-pegger Consolation. Ted Diamond (MA), Charles Burgess, Jr. (RI), and George Webb (MA) finished 2-3-4 in spirited competition.

Director Phil Martin had this 7th Annual on track, and reports that Louis Gentile (CT) and Dick LaFlamme (CT) scored that 15,028 to 1 28-hand! No 29's showed. He also reports this event will be re-played next November 23.

Hall 'O Famer Dale Munroe Back In Action

Dale Munroe, Collinsville, CT, was inducted into the Cribbage Hall of Fame in 1991. CribbageLand hasn't seen much of Munroe in the past few years...but at the recent Yankee Classic, he was back in action with vengeance. After qualifying 18th, he finished in the 5-8 bracket in this 136-pegger event.

Cribbage World welcomes Munroe back...and perhaps after a five year "rest" he could back up *Cribbage World* again. Munroe was *Cribbage World* editor from 1986-1990. His dedication to cribbage and the enormous work performed in publishing our trade magazine earned him his Hall Of Fame honors.

Syl Lulinski Reports High Interest in 1999 Grand National
Executive Vice-President Syl Lulinski reports several applications have been received for the Western Region's 1999 Grand National. Stay tuned!

Gillespie Scalps 'Em At Kah-Nee-Ta

Lynn Gillespie, Kennewick, WA, earned his Master rating in style! He nailed the Kah-Nee-Ta Championship January 5.

This 79-pegger event was played at the resort lodge and casino in central Oregon...and the accommodations were first class! This facility has added a casino, in addition to their hot spring pools, golf course, and riding stables. Players wanting to relax and unwind in a serene atmosphere, this is the place to play.

Fabian Nelson, Salem, OR, found the house conducive to fine pegging, and he took home 2nd. Rick Elsea, Beaverton, OR finished 3rd, followed by Doug Brown, a newly crowned Grand Master from Pasco, WA in 4th.

Director Jim Waldorf was in the money all week-end, beginning with a doubles win (with Carroll Evans as partner), and he also took home the "Q" money with a nice 34-GP card. 52-peggers played the Consolation and Lee Chambers, a Master peger from Corvallis, OR won going away. Carolyn Blackman (Bend, OR), John Furler (Tigard, OR), and Paul Hatcher (Salem, OR) finished 2-3-4. Hatcher recently earned Life Master, and he continues to pile up the MRPs.

George Rasmussen (WA) won the playoffs in the High Roller, but the "Q" money went to Rollie Heath (OR). The Friday Time Passer had Hatcher as the winner.

Directors Waldorf and John Hatfield had no trouble running this show, as the facility provided excellent playing areas, making it almost impossible to irritate any players in this setting.

Ralph Reynolds Scores 7th 29-Hand
At the Kah-Nee-Ta event, Ralph Reynolds, Prineville, OR, nailed the ACC's 7th 29-hand of the season.

Paul Nolz, Redmond, OR, put on his best "poker face," walked up to Ralph and solemnly told him that the ACC no longer gives \$100 for a 29. About an hour later, Ralph approached CW's editor and plaintively asked when the ACC had stopped giving the \$100. Not to worry, Ralph, the \$100 is yours!

Sisters Duke It Out In Sacramento

132 players came from four states to play in the 2nd Annual River City Open, and it came down to two sisters vying for the championship! Margaret Larsen (Hayward, CA) and Mary Ryan (San Lorenzo, CA) showed no quarter, as these two sisters battled for the \$1,000 first place prize. Larsen prevailed, but Ryan's 2nd place \$700 was well received, nevertheless.

Director Bill Pope guessed that proud dad John Ryan was treated to a fine dinner that evening!

David Webber (Citrus Heights, CA) nailed 3rd, followed by Bill Wakeman, a newly crowned Master from Hayward, CA, in 4th.

David Thorne (Sonoma, CA) posted the high qualifying card (39 18 +232). This honor came complete with a trophy and a Weber barbecue. Thorne finished 8th in the playoffs and continued on to win the Cry Baby, picking up two more trophies along the way.

The 62-player Consolation was won by Adrian Levy (Lafayette, CA). Helen Bolstad, a Master pegger from Martinez, CA, grabbed 2nd.

In Friday night's action, Sara and Boyd Home, Redondo Beach, CA, made a valiant effort to defend their Doubles crown from last year, but came up one game short, finishing 2nd to Doug Busch and Richard Wardenburg, two peggers from Auburn, CA. Busch and Wardenburg bested the 46-team field and took home \$500.

A whopping seven 28-hands showed, but no 29's. The lucky peggers scoring the 28's: Morris Ross, Marilyn Brown, Jennifer Horne, Ken Nelson, Helen Bolstad, Anna Abbott, and Bob Padgett.

Co-directors Pope and Annett Eifert, reported a generous 100% payback in cash and player benefits. The players were generous, too, as they donated many foodstuffs to help needy families in the area. And Pope and Eifert thank Jennifer Horne for her organizational help. This River City Open is fast becoming one of the better California events. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual to be played next November 21-23.

Missing Members, Where Are You?

The following members are "missing." If you know their whereabouts, or if you are on the list, notify Jeff Monroe, ACC Membership Secretary, PO Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581. Call 1-888-PEGGING:

Robert Bradshaw, LaGrange, GA
John Chisholm, Redding, CA
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April Patton, Salem, OR
David Shaff, Minneapolis, MN
Darrell Unruh, Sandy, OR
Pamela Kay Walker, Tahoe Vista, CA
Raymond Weber, Buffalo, NY
Larry Williams, Hampden, MA

In Memoriam

Ed Horigan

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Ed passed away January 7 after a battle with cancer at the age of 55. Ed was a mainstay on the ACC's Board of Directors and his long and diligent work on the Master Point Rating System is nearing fruition. An advocate of equal points for equal difficulty, regardless of size of tournaments proved his regard for fair play and sportsmanship. He will be long remembered for his dedication to his fellow players and for his excellence playing the game, having earned Grand Master. Ed will be sorely missed by all our players nationwide.

J. C. Turner

Roseburg, Oregon

Master pegger J. C. passed away December 24 after a long and difficult battle with cancer. J. C. served in the U.S. Navy and acquired a great skill in cribbage at an early age. A great sport and friendly competitor, he will be long remembered by his many friends in the Northwest...and nationwide.

Myrna C. Denend

Port Orchard, Washington

Kitsap Peggers GR 204 has been saddened by the Christmas day loss of its most loyal and enthusiastic pegger. Myrna was a charter member and treasurer for the past two years. Her quick wit, wise counsel, and cheerful play will be missed by all her pegger friends in the Puget Sound area.

Terrorists Tirade by Mary Gladish, Concord, CA

Down to River City many Terrorists did sail and quite a number of them managed to prevail! Lucille and Dick Owens copped third in Friday Doubles; Millie Coffey and Mary Gladish got sixth for their troubles.

**Heidi Glashan, Lucille Owens, Morrie Ross and Ann Sheeran qualified in the Main. After second round they suffered pain. Sundae got fifth in Saturday nite special.
(At least one of us did quite well.)**

**Adrian Levy won the Consolation...
beating Helen Bolstad...to her consternation.**

**Bob Clark came up a dandy fourth.
Mary Gladish did fifth to eighth...to her remorse.**

**Heidi and Sundae won two of the prizes in the raffle...
with only three in the offing, they still can baffle!**

Jim Broadhurst Tough On Home Turf

The Southern Oregon Lions Open, played in Medford, OR, was won by local Jim Broadhurst November 17. Broadhurst is tough on his home turf as he also took qualifying honors...and a nifty 87 MRP's in this 55-pegger event.

Dan Mitchell came over the pass from California (Crescent City) and grabbed 2nd, followed by Herschell Mack (CA) and Edwin Park (OR) in 3rd and 4th.

I. V. Graham (MT) was in the thick of it all weekend as he qualified 2nd and finished 5th, taking home a combined 51 MRP's.

George Rasmussen, Chehalis, WA, padded his nation-leading MRP score a bit by taking the 40-pegger Consolation, adding another 20 MRP's to his yearly take. Keith Blackman (OR), David Stahlhut (CA), and Kevin Gaynor (OR) finished 2-3-4.

Directors Marvis & Ralph Reynolds reported \$5000 was donated to the Lions Sight and Hearing Center in Medford. This event sported donated trophies and other donated prizes, allowing for excellent cash paybacks. This duo plan on renewing this event again next Oct. 3-5.

Bob Gromek's Inquiry Answered

Bob Gromek, Las Vegas, NV, is contemplating a bid for the 1999 Grand National for his home Riviera Casino in Las Vegas. And, if successful, he was also contemplating cash prizes for any four-of-a-kind during play. However, being a little nervous about the odds of this happening, he inquired via the cribbage grapevine just what the odds might be for this 4-of-a-kind occurrence.

Bruce Bowman and Russell Adams got wind of this problem and came up with these odds:

Bowman: "Considering 450 players playing 99,000 hands and 49,500 cribs, a 50% midrange would produce some 240-262 4-of-a-kind hands. He advises Gromek 'Don't make it \$100...that would cost you on the order of \$25,000!'

Russell Adams: basing his analysis on 500 players (and ignoring cribs) comes up with about 176 of these gems (at 595 to 1 odds). However, if he throws in cribs, he agrees with Bowman, and comes up with 250 of these hands (148,500 hands at 595 to 1). *Cribbage World* hopes Gromek gets the bid...and pays, let's see, how about \$50 each! The Riviera can afford that! That's only a measly \$12,500!