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## ***SPECIAL VOTING ISSUE***

### **AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS'S Board of Directors**

**Term of office: Sept. 1, 1997 thru Aug. 31, 1999**

This re-run of the voting centerfold in this issue is necessary because "Murphy's Law" struck the regular June issue.

The voting centerfold was inadvertently printed on regular stock paper...much too light for the postcard type mailing. In addition, the members having two names on their mailing label were not given the voting centerfold instructions and candidate biographies (pages 15, 16, 17 & 18).

Therefore, this edition of *Cribbage World* has been rushed to our entire membership. The ballots are printed on yellow index stock (postcard weight). These yellow ballots are the official ballots. **If any members mailed the lightweight, white ballots, they are null and void.**

The American Cribbage Congress and Lightning Printing apologize for this mixup. And as the old adage goes: "To err is human....to forgive, divine!"

**Due to this late mailing of your ballot, the voting deadline will be extended to July 22 (postmarked).** Your ballot is important, as you will elect a Board that will direct the Congress for the next two years.

#### **"Sweet Sixteen"**

### **GRAND NATIONAL XVI**

Your official entry form is in this issue's centerfold, under the voting section.

Detach the four-page voting instructions and ballot, and GINXVI's entry form will be read in a 4-page unit.

This prestigious annual affair will be played in **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin on September 26-28.** Your host directors are Patrick and Linda Barrett. They urge all members to sign up early. Complete information is on the entry form.

This event is scheduled for the beautiful Holiday Inn in Wisconsin Dells.

A full array of events are scheduled, in addition to the annual Awards Banquet Saturday night.



## The President's Column

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### Everett "Ev" Bey

### New Master Point System

The new Master Rating Point system goes into effect next month, August 1, 1997.

It took two years of discussion, analysis, proposals and counter-proposals before the ACC Board of Directors gave final approval to the new MRP arrangement at its meeting Jan. 31 in Reno.

Thanks to the determination of the late Ed Horigan, the change awards equal Master Points for equal difficulty, regardless of the tournament size. Directors were also careful to equalize the new points system with amounts received in previous years, to offset any criticism that old-timers were protecting their lifetime totals.

Charts for the new system, in a mathematically-sound manner simplified by Paul Hatcher and DeLynn Colvert, are now ready and will be distributed to tournament directors later this month.

To earn qualifying points in either Main Event or Consolation sanctioned tournaments, you must finish in the top 1/8 of your field of players (for example, in an 80-player Main tournament, 25% (20 players) will qualify, but only the top 10 earn qualifying MRP's. MRP's are scored in relation to your tournament Game Points: in a 22-game round, a score of 27 GP's earns 5 MRP's; 28 earns 10; 29...15, etc. (however, 27 GP's will rarely score qualifying points...only the top 1/8 will score).

Playoff points are awarded by the number of rounds won, regardless of size of tournament.

All Main qualifiers win 7 MRP's, the first round award. A 7 plus 7 formula dictates the awards for subsequent rounds: second round, 21 points; third round, 42 points; fourth round, 70; fifth round, 105, etc.

**Byes count as wins. After suffering a loss, no further MRP's can be earned, although a tournament may break ties by "backwards" playoffs for trophies, prize money, etc. at the option of the tournament director.**

Similarly, the Consolation tournaments follow the same criteria, except the qualifying MRP's are reduced to units of 3. In a typical 9-game Consolation, a score of 12 GP's would earn 3 MRP's; 13 would net 6; 14...9; etc.

For a Consolation tournament, a 3 plus 3 formula dictates the playoff awards: first round, 3 MRP's; second round, 9 points; third round, 18; fourth round, 30; etc.

A separate schedule covers Double Elimination tournaments. The top 1/8 will all receive 30 MRP's (qualifying points), regardless of the tournament size; and five tables; ranked by size of tournament (17-32, 33-64, 65-128, 129-256, and 257-512) award additional comparable points based on number of rounds played.

The system might be a little confusing to begin with, but when you understand its simplicity, everyone will be able to instantly figure out how many MRP's they've won in qualifying or playoffs, in both the Main and Consolation events. We think you'll like it.

*Keep peggin'... Ev Bey*

## **BLACK HILLS OPEN Earl Newberry Tops In South Dakota**

Rapid City, South Dakota is in "no man's land" as far as cribbage is concerned. This Black Hills area is miles from most organized cribbage circles...and only dedicated players travel great distances for this tournament.

However, 38 hardy players showed for the annual Black Hills Open...and Earl Newberry from Lakewood, CO came away the winner. Newberry took home some 51 MRP's for this fine effort (after qualifying 2nd).

Starting next August, when the ACC installs the new MRP system, this win would be worth some 105 MRP's, plus qualifying points. The late Ed Horigan championed this new method of awarding equal MRP's for equal difficulty. This event, with 38 players, would qualify 10 players for the playoffs. 9th and 10th would receive 7 MRP's. The 5-8 bracket losers would receive 21 MRP's. The players tying for 3rd receive 42 MRP's, with 2nd place winner taking home 70 MRP's. The winner would score a nice 105 MRP's. This corresponds to any size tournament. Win four rounds in the playoffs in any sized tournament...and you have 105 MRP's in the bag! Win five rounds? 147 MRP's! Six rounds: 196 MRP's! The larger tournaments will still award more MRP's (more rounds won), but all players nationwide will score points on an equal basis. Equal points are scored for equal difficulty. This may help attendance in many of our nation's smaller tournaments...and should not hinder the larger ones.

Melvin Norton, Hot Springs, SD, nailed 2nd (32 MRP's vs. 70 MRP's in the new system). Royal Franklin, Littleton, CO came home 3rd, followed by Iris Fletcher, a Master pegger from Aurora, CO in 4th.

Local LeRoy Preszler won the 26 pegger Consolation...and scored 15 MRP's. The new system will award 30 MRP's. Jim Nohrden, Aurora, CO took 2nd, after qualifying tops. John Bakeberg, a local pegger, took 3rd, followed by Bob Fletcher, Aurora, CO in 4th.

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## Glenn Nelson Scalps Field At Pow Wow

Glenn Nelson, Trevor, WI took on a field of 89 peggers at the recent Potawatomi Peggers Pow Wow in Stevensville, MI, and he came away with the win...and 99 MRP's.

Director Jeff Shimp was discreet in taking 2nd, as this Grand Master is "knocking on the door" for his Life Master rating, needing but a handful of MRP's to reach the 6,000 plateau.

Dave Draper, Wyoming, MI and Master Eugene Mikulsky, Sobieski, WI finished 3rd and 4th. Mikulsky is nearing his Grand Master with this 4th place finish.

Frank LaPan, Esseyville, MI took honors in the qualifying round.

The streaking One-Star Jim McManus, Milwaukee, WI, won the 57-pegger Consolation, and with the 33 MRP's earned keeps him at the top of the heap in the national MRP race.

Frank Schweig, Carpentersville, IL, took 2nd...and he, too, is nearing his Grand Master. Doug Page, Appleton, WI, after qualifying first, nailed 3rd in the playoffs, as this newly-crowned Grand Master continues his fine play. Wayne Steinmetz, Milwaukee, another new Grand Master, took 4th.

Director Shimp reported Marion Quackenbush, the travelling pegger from Pennsylvania, scored the only 28-hand in this meet, and he will play it again next May 16-18, 1998. An increase in attendance this year attests to the growing popularity of this event.

### Late Report

**Don Thienel Scores 7th 29-Hand**  
A late report from the Great Plains Open had Don Thienel, Elkhorn, NE scoring the ACC's 7th 29-hand of this cribbage season.

This match sported 32 players. Former Grand National champ Clay Collier (Beatrice, NE) bested Phyllis Werner (Syracuse, NE) in the final playoff match.

Collier was also the high qualifier, and picked up 53 MRP's. He is nearing his Master rating.

Director Marvin Rader reports he will possibly play this match again in the near future. He is the process of finding a new location.

## Peer Play Continues

The only ACC-sanctioned PEER tournament in 1997 will again be played in Auburn, MA on August 23rd and 24th. Using lifetime MRP accumulations, players are divided into at least three brackets. Masters play Masters, novices play novices, and the intermediate level players compete against one another in the 22-game qualifying round. Score cards in this round will determine playoff positions.

Directors John Chambers and Joe Seigle expect an almost equal number of qualifiers from each bracket, giving the newer players a better chance of earning MRP's and prize money.

Chambers and Seigle will have a full array of events, beginning with a Friday night event.

Any questions concerning this format should be addressed to: Chambers (401) 831-4157, or Seigle (860) 742-7234.

## Advertise in Grand National Program

Time is short for those who wish to advertise in the Grand National Program.

The rates and sizes were published in the May and June issues of CW.

Directors Patrick and Linda Barrett promise a good show for "Sweet Sixteen."

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## Cres Fernandez Tops Nipomo

Cres Fernandez, a late entry from Sonoma, CA, warmed to the task and won the Nipomo Open May 25...and took home 111 MRP's in this 100-pegger event.

Ron Wrightman held up local honors and took 2nd.

Robert Lippert, a pegger from Torrence, CA, came away with honors in the qualifying round, scoring a very nice 37 GP's.

Julie Tuckett, a veteran pegger from El Cajon, CA almostran the table in the Consolation. She qualified tops and finished 2nd. She picked up 29 MRP's for this fine effort. Cy Madrone, Commandante of the Cribbage Militia from Santa Barbara captured the event.

The satellites saw two super cards, as Jackie Doppelt, Vacaville, CA scored a Grand Slam 20GP card in Friday's action, and another 20GP card was scored by Roger King, Santa Clara, CA in Saturday's action. King's card was also a Grand Slam.

Director Darrell Hunstad inaugurated a 4-person team event, and the fair sex took honors: Helen Bolstad, Rae Fedde, Mary Hartman and Julie Tuckett.

Roberta Nelson took the Cry Baby, edging director Hunstad for the top prize. Hunstad reported that this was the second time she pulled this trick!

Hunstad also reported the players enjoyed a delicious BBQ chicken lunch...especially Darlene Carr and Jay Goldfarb (they had just scored 28-hands before lunch!)



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## 28 Crib!

While playing Ken Richmond in our GR club about a year ago last March, and being even with Ken on third street, I was dealt a 5-7-8-8-9-K, keeping the convincing "hit" I kept 7-8-8-9 and threw the K-5 into Ken's crib.

I promptly cut Ken a 5 and play resumed with me making the comment a couple of times thru the hand that "You're really going to like your crib!"

Ken, each time responded with "I know!"

Needless to say, when the crib was turned, sure enough, you know where the other two 5's were. That's right! In Ken's crib for a 28! Let's see if anyone can top that one.

All I can say is that he didn't skunk me!

*Darrel Unruh  
Gresham, OR*

*Darrel, nice try...but in last month's CW, page 8, Gerald Hahn gave Ruby Ellison a 29-hand in her crib! Ed.*