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Grand National Preview

Shawn Andrusko Tops In Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells, WI, is where the ACC pegging action is in September as Patrick and Linda Barrett directed the annual Wisconsin Dells Classic...and three weeks later Grand National XVI. November's *Cribbage World* will make a full report on the annual GN bash, but this issue will focus on the large (174 pegger) Classic played September 5-7.

Shawn Andrusko pegging out of Minneapolis held off newly crowned Grand Master Al Schaefer (Slinger, WI) for the title, and took home a nifty \$1,400 and a piece of the national MRP lead in the early going this cribbage year. John Williams, a Master pegger from Brooklyn Park, MN copped 3rd, followed by Les Kvien (IL) in 4th.

Elmer Morlock (Minneapolis) was smoking in the qualifying round, and scored a very nice 39 19 +255 to take honors. This scored propelled him to an All-Events win (62 GP's). Another Minneapolis pegger...David Jacobsen...tied his 62 GP score and shared this win.

112 peggers played the Consolation and the ACC's 8th ranked (five-time) Duane Toll (Cudahy, WI) came away the winner. Toll is inching in on his One-Star rating. Todd Schaefer (Oakdale, MN) very nearly won the national title in last year's action (finishing 2nd) and he finished 2nd once again in Consolation play. Master Roberta Schweig (IL) nailed 3rd, followed by Mark Habighorst (WI) in 4th.

Director Barrett had a full array of events for the large crowd, and spirited play continued throughout the weekend. The Satellite winners:

Friday \$20: Jim McManus (WI)

Friday \$50: Bill Shriland (CO)

Saturday \$20: Bill Sperry (MN)

Saturday \$50: Lloyd Behrens (IL)

All-Events: Morlock & Jacobsen (MN)

Last Chance: Max Steplyk (IL)

Mike Barrett, a co-director, offered players a multitude of side pools, and Don Tofte (WI) was one of several players who fared quite well with the side action.

The upcoming Grand National will be played in the same Holiday Inn Convention Center, and next month's issue will update our members on the results. According to Barrett, this annual meet is on the way to hosting another large crowd. Stay tuned.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Surf's Up!

I recently joined the electronic era, buying a home computer.

It's a mighty big step for the 'Ol Editor who has been wedded to a manual typewriter for more than 60 years of his newspaper career.

I don't think I'll ever become an expert of the bits and bytes, but at least I'm having fun surfing the Internet and playing games.

Thanx to Steve Sattler, publisher of the ACC's home page, we're well-represented on the world wide web.

Browsing and searching for "cribbage," we printed out some 70 colorful pages having to do with the grand 'ol game and the ACC. Besides the ACC material, there's also information about Sattler's Baltimore (MD) Cribbage Club, Paul Barnes' Greater Orlando (FL) Cribbage Club, George Biebert's Brass Pegs Cribbage Club of Portland, OR, and the Richmond (VA) Cribbage Club, all affiliated with the ACC.

Underwritten by the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno, NV, the ACC home page includes a history of the ACC, Master Rankings, the Tournament Trail by date and state, the top 50 players in each of our three Regions, information about our Youth Program, Grass Roots information, playing tips by some of our authors: Dan Barlow, John Chambers, DeLynn Colvert, and George Rasmussen, items on cribbage board collecting, etc.

Sattler was assisted by Roger Wilson of Boulder, CA as a web site production director, and Denny Moore of Napa, CA for custom software programming.

It's a fine representation for the ACC.

In addition, cribbage surfers can find a page listing Amusing Cribbage Facts; Carte Primus, a software cribbage game; Cribbage, Inc., a North American organization that operates an E-mail tournament; the National Cribbage Club of Abbotsford, B. C., Canada; as well as rules for 5-person and 6-person cribbage.

I know there's several cribbage games available for computers, I've seen them demonstrated at various tournaments. However, I found one on my computer, "Cribbage For Windows 95, Freeware," which I downloaded and have readily available for practice-play.

Can't win there, either!

Had an inquiry from a New Zealand cribber, John Poland, asking about a computer cribbage game. He complained that the Manock Comprehensive Design marketed by Soft-Tream International of Mt. Laurel, which he had acquired, followed an established pattern of dealt hands that was very unsatisfactory...no challenge. I gave him suggestions from my limited knowledge and hope that is of some help to him.

Anybody else with Internet or computer questions, pass them on to me and I'll try to find the answers from the experts in our club.

To contact ACC computer sites, reach Sattler at www.cribbage.org; Barnes at www.pbarnes@juno.com; and Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe at www.igame.com.

Surf's up...keep peggin' Ev Bey

Yessir, we have a brand new ball game out there when it comes to communicating. Ev Bey and myself are from the typewriter generation...and I'll use this

opportunity to plug the ultimate typewriter. I am the proud owner of a \$16,000 IBM Composer, complete with 74 ball fonts (at \$30 each). This \$18,200 machine is for sale...at an unbelievable \$295. Call (406) 543-6855. Ed.

Joy Barnes Tops New England Inaugural

Joy Barnes, pegging out of DeLand, FL, (and fresh from earning her Master rating) nailed the 138-pegger New England Inaugural August 10 in Woonsocket, RI. The win came with 196 MRP's and "travelling money!"

Herroad to the championship was not an easy one, as her last playoff match was with Brian Heroux...and he was pegging on his home turf. His second place finish was special, however, as it propelled him to the ACC's 28th Life Master (and he is the youngest!).

Two other stellar peggers finished 3rd and 4th...Dorothy Boreham (MA) and Charlie Rapoza (MA). Rapoza also will hold this 4th place finish special, as it came with Grand Master honors (the ACC's 86th).

Emil Chrabaszcz (MA) nailed high qualifying honors with a 23 10/12 +216...and he is approaching his Life Master rating. A 23 GP card in a 12 game match scores 45 MRP's in the ACC's new scoring system.

Larry Phifer (NC) won the 80-pegger Consolation, with John Marshall (RI) taking 2nd. Warren Gallagher (MA) and Life Master Harry Palmer came in 3-4. Marshall scored the event's only 28-hand...and that makes it two years in a row he has pulled that trick!

Director Lee Norris also had a Team Event satellite and three highly ranked players pulled down first place...Brian Heroux, Rit Alkas, and Rob Medeiros. This trio won 22 games of the 36 played.

Norris reports that he will play it again next August 9. Mark your calendars.

John Mixer Now In Colorado Springs

John Mixer has a long history when it comes to cribbage. Years ago he authored *Encyclopedia of Cribbage* and has played nationwide. He organized the southern California peggers and has been active in that area.

Now he has moved to Colorado Springs...and he is working to get organized cribbage in that area. If you can be of help, his address:

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Bobby Stuart Hits Pay Dirt In Last Chance Gulch

Bobby Stuart was a long, long way from his home in Lawrenceville, GA on September 14. He was scratching for "gold" in Last Chance Gulch in Helena, MT. And he came up a winner, nailing the 58-pegger Capital City Classic, taking home \$400 and some 135 MRP's (after qualifying in the top 1/8).

Another pegger a long way from home was Laurie Logan (AZ), and she came close to taking the top prize, losing 2-3 to Stuart in the final match. Ken Daugherty (WA) grabbed 3rd, with local Ken Haab taking 4th.

I. V. Graham (MT) rolled to a great 40 18 +261 in the qualifying round...and that score is worth 70 MRP's under the new scoring system.

It appeared the locals voted to be kind to out-of-staters as Carol Henderson from San Diego took the 34-player Consolation. Jack Perkins (MT), rookie Kirsten Bessette (MT) (first tournament), and local Kathy Thompson finished 2-3-4.

The Satellites:

Friday Early Bird: Sharon Hejtmánek (MT)
Doubles: Chas. Leming & Wayne Wyman (MT)
Saturday Night: Alan Stanley (ND)
Last Chance: Arlene Carle (AK)

Local GR club 25 ran the show, and under the guidance of Wes Walimaa, Walt & Tana Conell, and a bevy of helpers, ran a first class event, rolling out the red carpet with amenities for the players. And they paid a whopping \$80 to first round losers (with a \$40 entry)...an unheard of amount for that bracket. This largess is possibly responsible for the increase in attendance this year from last year. Their attendance was up some 61% (36 last year). The cabbage-grapevine may be working...and perhaps the new scoring system will aid attendance in the smaller events. For example, I. V. Graham's 40 GRP qualifying score earned 70 MRP's...the same score at the ACC Open (with 1,000 players) would also earn 70 MRP's. The late Ed Horgan's concept of equal points for equal difficulty is, at last, finally at work.

Henry Carle Smoking

In a qualifying round game in Helena, Henry Carle (AK) had a rare, hot game. In three deals he stood at 911! In made it home in five deals...and that is a very rare game!

PEER Draws 144

Frank Corrado Wins New England Championship

Local Frank Corrado nailed the 144-pegger New England Championship on August 24, in the ACC's only PEER grouping tournament. Pat Llewellyn (MA), Grand Master Charlie Finley, and Stel Gasparoni (MA) finished 2-3-4.

George Healy posted a nice 34 16 +174 in the qualifying round...and that scored 40 MRPs under the new system.

70 players played the Consolation and Stan Babiec (MA), a newly crowned Master pegger took home the top prize. Grand Master Lee Norris (RI) took 2nd, followed by new Master Joy Barnes (FL), and Ann Somers (MA) in 3rd and 4th.

Babiec had a memorable weekend, as he won two events. In addition to his Consolation win, he also took the Friday Candlelight Singles...and his Master rating was frosting on the cake.

Directors John Chambers and Joe Seigle reported a plethora of 28 and 29 hands. Maurice Bellemare (MA) scored the ACC's 2nd 29-hand of the new season (and \$100 from the ACC). David Harper, Paul DePuy, Malcolm Enos, and Don Shields pulled down the 28 hands. Syd Lampke and Marguerite McKenna took home the Doubles event.

Directors Chambers and Seigle will play this event again next year in August.

Cribbage Can Be Dangerous

The following article was spotted in the Olympia (WA) Daily News:

"A 72-year old Ranier man called sheriffs deputies and asked them to take his .38 caliber revolver for safekeeping, a report said.

He told dispatchers he was upset and wanted to kill two men to prevent them from playing cribbage with his wife. The deputies confiscated the gun as a public service and booked it into their evidence storage."

Washington peggers are wimps...in Montana the irate gun slinger would have plugged the cribbage board with a couple of well-placed shots! Ed.

American Cribbage Congress Top 100 Lifetime

(As of September 3, 1997)

1	116202	Colvert, DeLynn (MT)	51	4742	Graham, Dick (CO)
2	13339	Michaelis, Robert (WI)	52	4730	Hofbauer, Jeanne (WA)
3	12429	Jarrell, Jesse (CA)	53	4669	Hanes, Bob (IA)
4	11234	Bernard, Joe (IL)	54	4660	Fabian, Jim (IL)
5	10868	McManus, Jim (WI)	55	4605	Page, Doug (WI)
6	10233	Kooistra, Scott (SD)	56	4601	Finley, Charlie (CT)
7	9830	Sondericker, Warren (WI)	57	4570	Hill, Bill (OR)
8	9386	Toll, Duane (WI)	58	4512	Hiland, John (WI)
9	9259	Schmidt, Phyllis (MA)	59	4475	Rowley, Lawrence (WI)
10	9028	Palmer, Harry (MA)	60	4468	Ramos, Joe (RI)
11	8098	Alkas, Ed (CT)	61	4443	Jewer, Ford (RI)
12	8075	Julian, Robert (WI)	62	4441	Grantz, Al (WA)
13	7394	Lulinski, Syl (IL)	63	4435	Rein, Joan (MN)
14	7372	Miller, Albert (NH)	64	4401	Steinmetz, Wayne (WI)
15	7327	Adams, Russell (MN)	65	4379	Miotke, Darrell (OR)
16	7148	McCabe, Bob (WI)	66	4362	Rallsback, Helen (NE)
17	6967	Samet, Laurence (MA)	67	4361	Schaefer, Alan (WI)
18	6933	Hofbauer, Roy (WA)	68	4342	Freitas, Neal (NH)
19	6863	Fingleton, Martha (WI)	68	4342	Litteras, Bayard (ID)
20	6790	Motley, Gary (OR)	70	4316	Wilson, Roger (CO)
21	6660	Monroe, Jeff (CA)	71	4303	Brown, Doug (WA)
22	6427	Hatcher, Paul (OR)	72	4265	Van Orsow, Ray (OR)
23	6323	Webb, George (MA)	73	4250	Morelan, Jim (MN)
24	6244	Medeiros, Bill (MA)	74	4241	Nelson, Bernie (OR)
25	6129	Bickford, George (MA)	75	4187	Trojan, Frank (MN)
26	6076	Shimp, Jeff (MI)	76	4124	Kraft, Lloyd (WI)
27	5938	Gruber, Gerald (MN)	77	4101	Shoemaker, William (CT)
28	5883	Heroux, Brian (RI)	78	4084	Aird, Joseph (MI)
29	5851	Barrett, Patrick (WI)	79	4043	Mikulsky, Eugene (WI)
30	5653	Cochlin, Ken (WA)	80	4033	Nelsen, Russell (AZ)
31	5622	Boesel, Ray (WI)	81	4010	Tofte, Donald (WI)
32	5605	Reynolds, Stephen (CA)	82	3984	Christofferson, Bill (WI)
33	5583	Chrabaszc, Emil (MA)	83	3952	Ryan Jr., John (CA)
34	5512	Palmer, Brenda (MA)	84	3949	Chambers, John (RI)
35	5505	Dinwoodie, Al (RI)	84	3949	Medeiros, Sharlene (MA)
36	5317	Hamilton, Ron (KS)	86	3906	Capper, Kenneth (OR)
37	5300	DeLong, Henry (MA)	87	3899	Rapoza, Charles (MA)
38	5298	Webb, Sundae (CA)	88	3885	Buntrock, Barbara (WI)
39	5152	Rein, Jim (MN)	89	3872	Hartung, James (WA)
40	5070	Van Orsow, Denny (OR)	90	3827	Heady, James (MA)
41	5031	Schleusner, Greg (CA)	91	3826	Gallagher, Paul (MA)
42	4946	Madsen, Bob (IL)	92	3823	Saueressig, Bernie (WA)
43	4882	Norris, Lee (RI)	93	3816	Sissel, Gene (OR)
44	4843	Rallsback, Buzz (NE)	94	3803	Becker, Bill (OR)
45	4819	Clemmey, David (MA)	95	3799	Schweig Sr., Frank (IL)
46	4817	Drukman, Robert (MA)	96	3777	Christiansen, Dwight (CT)
47	4772	Danielski, Frank (WI)	97	3763	Danielski, Ginny (WI)
48	4760	Vetterline, Kenneth (ME)	98	3709	Johnson, Gil (WA)
49	4745	Biegler, Gene (WI)	99	3686	Horn, Jones (CA)
50	4744	Schisel, Deb (IL)	100	3642	Medeiros, Robert (MA)