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MGM: Sondericker St. Paul: Adams

MGM Open, Green Bay, WI, Feb 27-Mar 1: The 18th Annual MGM Open drew a whopping 400 players for the Main Event, and an even more amazing 564 players for the Doubles on Friday night. But, not unexpectedly, a newly crowned One-Star player took home the marbles in the Main Event...none other than Warren Sondericker, the Milwaukee king of cribbage! Just last month, he had earned his One-Star rating (10,000 MRP's, lifetime)...the ACC's 7th. This mammoth wineamed Sondericker some \$1,800 and a nice 252 MRPs, and he is off and running for his Two-Star award!

Milwaukee's Wayne Steinmetz came close and settled for 2nd, as this Grand Master continues to pile up MRP's and high finishes.

The huge Friday night Doubles match saw Kathy Henderson (WI) team with Karl Bremmer (WI) to win going away. Dave Bartlett (WI) and Keith Schaefer (WI) nailed 2nd.

54 players played the High Roller, and Don Patrin (MN) came away the winner (\$1,300).

The Consolation was won by Marsha Mahan (WI), with Tony Danihel (WI) in 2nd. The high qualifier was Larry Rowley, a Grand Master from Fritchburg, WI.

Other satellite events: Sat. Doubles; Michelle & Ron Rivest (WI); Sat. Singles; Sharon Beate (MI); Last Chance; Scott Henderson (MI).

A highlight of this event saw Bill Tushar, West Allis, WI score that elusive 29-hand. This gem was worth \$100 from the MGM (plus a pin) and another \$100 from the ACC. This was the 12th 29 of the year.

Directors Tom Gallagher, Bob Miller, and Jerry Lemke reported some \$2,000+ was donated to the Cerebral Palsy fund, and other charities.

Capital City Open, St. Paul, MN, Mar. 6-8: 172 peggers converged on the Ramada Inn in St. Paul the first weekend in March and, once again, the cream came to the top as Life Master Russell Adams won his 7th Main Event...and yet another 196 MRP's (plus a sizeable first place prize). This University of Minnesota professor had no small task in his final match, as his opponent was Master Todd Schaefer, last year's Central Region champ (and the tournament's director). Russell's cards remained hot, however, and he won going away, 4-0.

Dave O'Gorman (MN) and Kevin Bremmer (WI) finished 3-4. Bremmer's 105 MRP's keep him in the thick of this year's MRP race, having scored nearly 600 for the year.

Dennis Dahlin (MN) scored a nice 38 18 +204 to take qualifying honors.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Youth Cribbage

Congratulations to Dan Zeisler, our indefatigable Youth Cribbage chairman.

He recently held his 5th Annual tournament for kids at Sonora, CA Bellevue School, where he is a 7th grade teacher. It drew a record turnout of 92 players 13 to 20 years old... "a success beyond my wildest dreams," he says.

Letters and phone calls poured in from parents about what a great time their kids had.

Dan uses cribbage in his classroom because it helps to challenge students mentally. It also develops cooperation, sportsmanship, critical thinking and math skills, he maintains.

He says it's proven to be an esteem booster for students who don't excel in other subjects for those who become motivated by realizing they can do it.

His 23-page teaching manual is available to any ACC member who wants to work with a local school system in teaching cribbage in classrooms. Contact Dan at 21429 Montgomery Road, Sonora, CA 95370... (209) 536-1549; fax (209) 536-0851; or via e-mail at "danthefan@yahoo.com."

Lately, Dan has been getting inquiries from cribbers, parents and grandparents, who want to teach their offspring the grand ol' game. His manual is for class-teaching and doesn't apply in these instances; however, the Executive Committee has authorized him to purchase 25 of President Emeritus Joe Weigin's book "Cribbage For Kids," and make them available for family teaching purposes at the usual price of \$8.95, plus shipping.

Margie Golick, seniorpsychologist at the McGill-Montreal Children's Hospital Learning Center emphasizes the educational value of playing cards: "If I could choose one teaching aid besides a pencil and paper, it would be an ordinary deck of playing cards. In those 52 pieces of pasteboard are limitless possibilities for developing manual dexterity, visual efficiency, concepts of space and time, number principles or sorting and grouping, and mental alertness, thus sharpening the child's wit and ability to learn."

She emphasizes: playing cards assists in the development of handwriting through improved motor skills such as handling, shuffling, dealing, fanning, which supports finger and hand movements;

Playing cards exposes children to a variation of simple rhythms by providing stimulation to the eye and hearing;

Playing cards provides many opportunities to learn and practice sequencing, requiring the young learner to take turns, watch the sequence of play and respond to peer noise and coaching;

Playing cards absolutely demands a concentration of visual discrimination, defined by color, shape, number and pattern of spots;

And, finally, playing cards reinforces the facility of language through verbal skills, calling for simplified auditory response, clear directions and correct plays.

Besides, it's fun!

Get involved...join Dan's program and teach a cribbage class in your local school system, or at home with your son or daughter or grandchildren.

With a 25% turnover in ACC membership annually, we need all the up and coming cribbage players we can get. Our Youth Cribbage Program is the answer.

Keep peeggin', Ev' Bey

St. Paul: Adams

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96 peggers played the Consolation and another One-Star player came away the winner...Jim McManus, Milwaukee, WI. And his final playoff match was no easy task, either, as his opponent was Duane Toll, Cudahy, WI. Toll, with the 45 MRP's earned in this match, is knocking on the door for his One-Star rating.

Diane Waite (MN), in her first-ever tournament finished 3rd...and even qualified 2nd, to start her tournament career in fine style! Bob Joslin (MN) tied for the third-place spot.

The Satellites:

Friday Singles: Charles Rosenberger (MN)
All Events: Bob Chase (MN), Todd Schaefer (MN), (tie)
Saturday Singles: Larry Loupee (IA)
Last Chance: Doug Munneke (MN)

Side pools were in action for the weekend, and players doing quite well were Charles Rosenberger, Dennis Dahlin, Al Lindner, and Babe O'Gorman, among others.

Director Todd Schaefer, with able help from Joan Rein, Martha Fingleton, and a staff of helpers had all events on time, and ran a first-class tournament.

Tom Larson Tops Valentine Special

Minnetonka's Tom Larson nailed the 107 pegger Valentine Day's Special in Maplewood, MN on February 15. Grand Master Frank Trojan (MN) finished 2nd, followed by Dave Williams (MN) and Babe O'Gorman (MN) in 3-4. Don Meyer (MN) scored a very rare 28 14/14+159 grand slam in the qualifying round to pick up a nifty 60 MRP's.

Another grand slam was scored in the Consolation qualifying round...Robert Lexvoid (MN) went 8 for 8, with 18 GP's to take honors. He went on to win the playoffs as well. Dave Gustafson (MN), Norb Upton (MN), and Bob Sommor (MN), finished 2-3-4.

Director Jerry Gruber was surprised by the turnout, as he had only 40 pre-registered, and 67 last minute walk-ins had him scrambling. ACC members...sign up early and give the directors a break!

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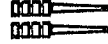
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Ken Cochlin Nails Washington State Open, Nears Life Master

Ken Cochlin, Kennewick, WA, returned to action on the boards with a vengeance on March 1, as he won the 80-pegger Washington State Open in Mabton, WA. The win came with 147 MRP's and vaults Cochlin within shouting distance of his Life Master Rating (6,000 MRP's).

Veteran pegger Jo Kirby, another player from Kennewick, took 2nd. John Haller (OR) and Dennis Stark (WA) finished 3-4.

Jerry Hearsum, Cove, OR, is back on track after bouts with major surgery, and posted a great 36 16/22 +250 score to take home top qualifying honors...and 50 MRP's.

Doug Brown, a Grand Master from Pasco, WA nailed his 6th Consolation title (lifetime). In besting the 46 players, Brown came away with yet another 45 MRP's. Master Jim Gogolin (OR) took 2nd, with Master Jim Sime (WA) and Master Roger Lueschow (WA) in 3-4.

The Satellites:

Time Passer: Albert Dean (WA)
Doubles: Brad Abbott & James Seufert (OR)
High Roller: Bruce Wridge (OR)
Last Chance: Steve Kirkendahl (WA)

Players found the playing site to be unique and delightful. The host Silver Dollar Bar had been remodeled from the old town theater in 1953, and the small town charm (pop. 1,300) gave players a nostalgic feeling for times past. Directors Linda Johnson and Toni Morrow ran raffles, 24-hand prizes, and ran out the red carpet for the players. Their paybacks were fair and generous, attested to by an increase in attendance from their first event last year. Mark your calendars.

Floyd Whitsett's Hat Tells All

Floyd Whitsett (WA) was seen pegging away in the Consolation event at Mabton, WA, and he seemed to be in a good mood.

His hat gave away his secret. It read:

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Wrong Game!

While playing crib with my wife on Saturday night in January, my wife was astounded that she was dealt a royal flush! I, being most experienced with 100,000+ games under my belt, told her that in all my days I could not remember ever getting dealt one.

Well, as fate would have it, five hands later I got dealt a royal flush! I was flabbergasted! Just wondering what are the odds?

*Bob Shurtleff
Fairhaven, MA*

Bob, that's long odds, indeed! I would guess that a royal flush would be the same odds of a 29-hand (5 precise cards)...216,580 to 1. However, the odds would be even larger, since you MAY NOT hold for this draw, whereas you WOULD ALWAYS hold for the 29-hand draw when cutting for the starter card (with rare exceptions). Russell Adams gave us a clue! Ed.

Hot Night In Richmond

On February 18, at the bi-weekly meeting of GR club 124 (Richmond, VA), Pam Easterbrook dealt her opponent Bud Reese the club's first 28-hand of the year. Bud collected 1/2 of the contents of the skunk bank (about \$24).

Deciding that a little extra shopping money wouldn't be a bad idea, Pam then dealt herself a 28-hand for the remainder of the skunk bank's contents! **Two 28-hands in the same game!**

Pam is a third year player who had, until that point, never had a 28 nor had been in a game that involved a 28!

*Matt Easterbrook
Maidens, VA*

Roy Boyles Has Hot Business

Roy Boyles ran an ad in the February issue of CW for his hand-crafted cribbage boards. The proceeds of his labor would go towards the Leukemia Society of America in a loving memorial to his granddaughter. She had passed away, despite two bone marrow transplants.

Business is booming! ACC players have responded to his call for this charity! He is burning the midnight oil lately, as his cribbage board sales have zipped to the 200 mark...and the Leukemia Society is being rewarded accordingly. His ad appears, once again, in this month's issue.

Jim Flaherty Tops Cape Cod Cranberry Clash

Jim Flaherty, Norwood, MA came away with the Cape Cod Cranberry Clash title on February 22. His final playoff match was a tough one as he had to get by Master Joyce Vanelli, Quincy, MA. In winning, Flaherty took home 167 MRP's and a nice first place prize. Vanelli, in finishing 2nd, picked up yet another 105 MRP's...and is at the 3,000 mark (lifetime).

George Riley (MA) and Phil Martin (CT) finished 3-4. Both players are Masters.

Director Jim Clemmey (MA) scored a great 23 GP card in the qualifying round (12 games)...and that took home 45 MRP's.

And Jeffy Cicierega (MA) really smoked the Consolation qualifying round. In the eight game match, he won them all...with two skunks (18 GP's). This excellent card netted Cicierega 24 MRP's.

But when the playoffs came to a close, it was Robert Medeiros, a newly crowned Grand Master who came away the winner. He now stands at well over 600 MRP's for the year, and is among the leaders nationwide.

Elinor Breen (MA) copped 2nd, followed by Frank Frederickson (MA) and Grand Master Lee Norris in 3-4.

Director Clemmey reported that Mike Samet scored the meet's only 28-hand...and that no 29's showed.

Tournament Directors: REPORT TOP 1/8 IN QUALIFYING ROUND, Top 1/4 In Playoff Round

Many tournament directors are going to extra work in preparing their report. *Only the top 1/8 need be reported* (NOT the top 1/4) in the qualifying round in both the Main Event and Consolation.

The playoff rounds must have all qualifiers listed (the top 1/4). The ACC has enough paper work...let's keep it to a minimum!

In Memoriam

Charlie Ball
Mesa, Arizona

Charlie passed away March 12 from a heart attack while being treated for pneumonia at a local hospital. He was one of the ACC's most dedicated players, travelling far and wide to do his pegging...and he was a formidable pegger, picking up well over 3,000 Master Points in his career. Players nationwide will mourn his passing, and will miss his sporting play. CW's editor will always remember the saulfish he caught in Mexico, while taking a break from the pegging action. He gave a fish to the Mexican boat crew, saying he simply didn't have enough "bragging time" left to have the fish mounted and shipped back to the USA.

Greater Orlando Open Donates \$197 to Cribadier General Program

Paul Barnes, director of the Greater Orlando Open, reports that some \$197 was donated to the Cribadier General's Program by the 147 peggers at the Orlando match. \$50 of this amount came from the skunk bank.

Grand National XVII Preview

For those players who don't procrastinate, here are some tidbits concerning the upcoming Grand National in Daytona Beach.

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Harry Palmer Tops Greater Orlando Open

Harry Palmer, W. Springfield, MA, had one of his more memorable weekends in late February. He won the Greater Orlando Open, earned his One-Star rating, and scored a whopping 211 Master Points, solidifying his hold on the top spot in the annual run for the roses this cribbage year.

In besting the field of 147 peggers, Palmer took home a nice \$700 top prize, and ran his 1998 MRP's to the 1,100 mark...some 400 more than his closest competitor.

His final playoff match had him pitted against local Fred Pierce, and his cards remained hot, winning going away. Pierce took home 147 MRP's and \$550 for a nice weekend.

Doug Page, a Grand Master from Appleton, WI, tied for 3rd with Russ Perkins, Bear Creek, NC. Perkins reached his Master rating with his fine finish.

Jackie Chateaufeuf (SC) took honors in the qualifying round, and took home 71 MRP's (and \$390).

98 peggers played the Consolation, and Master John Groz (MA) took home the marbles. Chateaufeuf finished 2nd, followed by Marlyne Arblaster (FL) and David Foxwell (GA) in 3-4.

The Satellites:

Friday: Jeanna Daesch (FL)
Saturday: Helen O'Malley (FL)
Last Chance: Jim Strickling (TX)

Director Paul Barnes reported three 28-hands were scored (Bill Boril, Virgil Townsend, and Bruce Burkett)...and invites all of our ACC members to attend the upcoming Grand National this October 16-18, in Daytona Beach. Barnes promises a good one!

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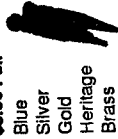
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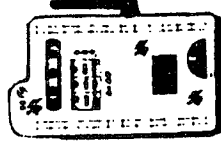
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Jack Howsare Runs Table At Ed Horigan's Memorial

Jack Howsare, Virginia Beach, VA was hot at the recent Ed Horigan Memorial tournament, played at Portsmouth, VA, on February 13-15. Not only did he score a great 36 17 +233 to take qualifying honors, but continued on to win the playoffs as well. He was not to be denied as he was down 3-1 in the final match, but came on to win 4-3. The combination win score a nifty 197 MRP's, in addition to a nice "Q" and Main Event prize.

Jerry Gooden (NC) took home 2nd, followed by Sharon Deane (VA), and the travelling Lucille Simpson, a Master pegger from Niagara Falls, NY in 3-4.

Diane Smith (MD) scored a super 19 9/9 +130 grand slam to take Consolation qualifying honors. Bernard Whitfield (NC) took the playoff action, followed by Mike Midgette (NC), Walt Peoples (PA), and Ray Meinert (VA) in 2-3-4. Peoples was aided by a 28-hand in his run for 3rd place.

The Satellites:

Friday: Dutch Gehrich (MD)
Saturday: Mitchell Lewis (VA)
High Rollers: Bernard Whitfield (NC)
Last Chance: Harry Palmer (MA)

This event was a memorial to the late Ed Horigan, a great Virginia player who passed away from cancer. The players donated some \$177 in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Ken Muroya Hot In Colorado

Ken Muroya, Louisville, CO, was hot on February 22. He qualified tops with a 35 16 +201, and went on to win the playoffs as well in the 3rd Annual Colorado Winter Open. Some 70 peggers were on hand, and the double win propelled Muroya to an aggregate 192 MRP's (in addition to the top prize).

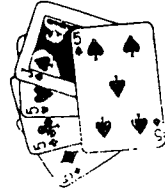
Frank Price, Bill Shirland, and Mark Robinette, finished 2-3-4. All are from Colorado.

38 players stayed for the Consolation, and Larry Shuel (CO) took home the top prize. Les Johnson (CO), John Mizer (CO), and Buzz Railsback (NE), finished 2-3-4. Railsback took qualifying honors with a nice 18 8/9 +150.

The Satellites:

Friday: Jerry Mittelstadt (AZ)
Saturday: Sue Edwards (CO)

Director Roger Wilson reported four 28-hands were scored: Andy Teets, John Mixer, Marcella Carter, and Buzz Railsback turned this difficult trick.



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 7 PM, Doubles, \$50/team, 9 games, no playoffs (90% payback)
- Saturday, June 13
 9 AM, Main Event, 22 games, \$40, \$10 Q (95% payback)
 7 PM, Saturday Special, \$10, \$10 Q, 9 games, no playoff
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