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Native American Casino Action **Mac McNeil Tops Chinook Winds Paul Hatcher Wins Kah-Nee-Ta**

Native American Casinos are becoming common in the USA, and two of them have sponsored cribbage tournaments in Oregon in December and January.

In Lincoln City, OR, the Chinook Winds Casino hosted a sanctioned cribbage match on December 12-14. Some 186 peggers showed for this inaugural event, and Richard "Mac" McNeil, pegging out of McMinnville, OR came away the winner, taking home a sizeable first place prize and 196 MRP's.

Ron Oleman (OR) nailed 2nd, taking home another sizeable cash prize...and 147 MRP's. Mike Smith (OR) and George "Raz" Rasmussen finished 3-4. Rasmussen also had the hot hand in the qualifying round, scoring a very nice 37 17 +209. The aggregate 160 MRP's vaulted Rasmussen to his Grand Master, and is among the nation's MRP leaders this cribbage year.

116 peggers played the Consolation and rookie ACC member Duane Davis (WA) took home the top prize...and 63 MRP's. Long-time member and Master Donna Hassett (OR) took 2nd. Another ACC rookie, Bruce Goff (WA), tied for third with Master Jim Gogolin (OR). Master Rollie Heath (OR) took home honors in the qualifying round with a grand slam 9/9 18 +131.

The Satellites:

Time Passer: Dean Schrader
High Roller: Dick Walker
Doubles: Millie Wolf (MN) & Burt Dean (WA)
Last Chance: Walter Howell (OR)

A highlight of the event saw Mike Smith score a 29-hand in the final playoffs while playing George Rasmussen. This once in a lifetime hand helped propel Smith to the win.

28-hands were common as this large crowd scored 4 of them: Ray Van Orsow, Mike Smith (when you're hot, you're hot!), Jim Sime, and James Huser.

The Chinook Casino management were lukewarm about scheduling this cribbage action, but when 186 players showed, they quickly opted for a re-newal next year.

The facilities were first-class, with a huge playing hall with great acoustics. And the casino is located on the Pacific Ocean, giving a resort atmosphere. Non-playing spouses and friends could take advantage of this vacation location.

Directors Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer, Bernie Nelson, and Rollie Heath, once again, did a great job managing this event, attested to by yet another huge crowd.

Paul Hatcher Wins Kah-Nee-Ta Classic
The second Native American casino to host a sanctioned event in Oregon took place in Warm Springs on January 2-4. The beautiful Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino hosted 77 players in their annual match.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Public Relations

Because I'm the ACC President...or perhaps due to the fact that I've been around since the early chartering days of this organization...many letters of inquiry come to my desk every month.

Despite the fact that we've been around as an organized association for the past 18 years, there are many cribbage players around the country who have just discovered the American Cribbage Congress.

It's our pleasure to answer these queries by sending them our newly-published "Cribbage Anyone?" brochure and urging them to send their \$10 (\$12 married couple) to Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe, P. O. Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581.

These are the easy ones.

We don't know how many of them learned about the ACC. Perhaps they saw one of our new bumper stickers, read about results of one of our 135 local Grass Roots chapters, or heard about one of our 139 annual tournaments throughout the U. S.

The harsh facts are that we lose about 20% of our membership each year...people move, lose interest or (sorrowfully) die. But we sign up about the same number of new members, so our total membership stays about static.

I get other questions: What is a "lurch?" Same as a "skunk"...losing by more than 30 points. In some instances, a lurch or skunk counts for a double-loss, but it usually depends on the local table rules, or whatever the players decide beforehand.

Some crib boards' scoring not only count wins and losses, but also lurches and corners (who's ahead every 30 holes). But these statistics are probably only used when there is money being wagered on a game. After all, it is a game of skill!

Is there an "official" book of Hoyle? To my knowledge, any Hoyle book is just a compilation of rules that have been passed down over the years, nothing ironclad as far as rules and regulations are concerned. Local options play a big part in rules interpretation, so know the ground rules before you get involved with \$\$\$ play.

With some 140 sanctioned tournaments per year, the ACC found the need for a standardized set of rules so that all play would be on the same level. As a result, we have produced our Official Tournament Rules & Regulations. These have been polished and redone over the years and we now think we have a very workable and reliable set of rules to govern most incidents in cribbage. Our new revised edition is in the works and will be published to take effect with the start of the new Cribbage Year next August 1.

How many kinds of cribbage games? Of course there's the old reliable 2-handed game, doubles with 2 sets of partners opposing each other, 3-handed...including "Captain," and we've even played 8-handed, where every other player is a partner on a 4-man team, playing two decks. There are also several forms of cribbage solitaire and I've even heard of cribbage-poker! And if you're on the internet, there are computer games for the ardent cribber.

Is "19" the only zero-count in cribbage? This is the most common "nothing" hand, but there are 3 other hands that cannot be counted...25, 26, and 27...and we've held them all at one time or another!

Keep sending in your questions and we'll try to field them as best we can.

Keep peeggin'... Ev Bey

Paul Hatcher Wins Kah-Nee-Ta

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Paul Hatcher, A Life Master from Salem, OR came away the winner...and with a 3rd place qualifying score, nailed down 192 MRP's.

Jack Shumate III, a long way from his Lake Tahoe home, finished 2nd (and he may have had trouble getting home, when a Sunday snow storm blew in). Marty Symons (OR) and Master Lee Chambers finished 3-4.

Laurie Blackman (OR) scored an extra nice 4018/22+228 to easily take qualifying honors.

46 peggers stayed for the Consolation, despite the weather, and Grand Master Doug Brown (WA) scored the win. Irma Symons (OR) took 2nd, followed by the ever-present Master Charlie Ball (WA) and Graeme Gossett (OR) in 3-4.

The Satellites:

TP: Paul Hatcher (OR)
High Roller: George Rasmussen (WA)
Saturday Special: Jason Shumate (CA)

Directors Jim Waldorf and John Hatfield, with able help from Marvis Reynolds ran a well-managed affair, and the extraordinarily nice facilities, located in the central-Oregon mountains gave this event extra charm. The warm pool outside the playing hall was especially delightful for the non-playing guests...and even a few players took time out for a dip. Swimming in a snow storm, is, indeed, unique.

ACC Open Sellout!

For the 2nd year in a row, the Joseph Petrus Wergin/ACC Open is a sellout! CW checked with Barbara Woodward on Jan. 19, and some 1,003 have signed on. With a week to go this event is assured of selling out. 1,024 is the maximum this event can handle. The top prize, once again, is expected to be \$10,000!

The Tournament of Champions, a day earlier (Friday) is also assured of setting a new record. Director Joan Rein is predicting a crowd of nearly 500. The purse should be in the \$65,000 range, with the Sands adding \$3,500 to the prize fund.

Cribbage World should have complete details in the March issue.

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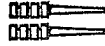
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Harry Palmer Scores 105 MRP's **Jim Ready Nails** **Holiday Classic**

Jim Ready, a Grand Master from Stoughton, MA, won the Holiday Cribbage Classic in Woonsocket, RI on November 30. In besting the huge field (140 peggers), this Executive Board of Director's member hauled in a nice 196 MRP's. His yearly total tops the 300 mark, and he will make a move upward in the Eastern Region.

The big guns were out in the playoffs, as Grand Master Lee Norris (RI) took 2nd, and Life Master Harry Palmer (MA) tied with Sam Shwartz (MA) for 3rd. Palmer's 3rd place finish earned yet another 105 MRP's, running his yearly total to the 700 mark...and the national lead. In addition, Palmer is knocking on the door for a One-Star rating (10,000 MRP's lifetime).

Grand Master Robert Drukman (MA) picked up 45 MRP's by scoring a whopping 23 GP's in the 12-game qualifier. Joe Ramos, another Grand Master from RI scored 22 GP's to earn 40 MRP's. Richard West (MA) also scored 22 GP's.

Charles Rapoza (MA) took qualifying honors in the Consolation, but perennial winner Rit Alkas (CT) came home the winner in the 72-player event. Charles Burgess (RI), John Chambers (RI), and Warren Gallagher (MA) finished 2-3-4.

Ready qualified 34 of 35 in the Main, and Alkas qualified 17 of 18 in the Consolation. Their cards came alive in the playoff round.

Director Gloria Dyndur moved this event up two weeks from previous matches, with attendance remaining about the same (140 vs. 154 December 1996). She also reported that Scott Woolverton and Paul Gallagher scored that elusive 28-hand.

Jim Brooks Cops VFW Special

Vernon Ward is a veteran tournament director from the northern California coast, and he hosted a one-day special at the VFW club in Crescent City, CA on November 29. Local Jim Brooks topped the 33-pegger field. Jerry Cutsforth (CA) took 2nd. Tim Bair (CA) took qualifying honors. Glenn Scott ran the table in the 22-player Consolation, taking top qualifying honors and winning the playoffs.

First LaFayette Open Draws 114 **Harvey Glass Cops Inaugural**

Harvey Glass, W. Hartford, CT came home the winner in the Inaugural LaFayette Open in Taunton, MA. This event was played December 14 and drew 114 peggers. Glass took home a nice top prize, complete with a quartz clock, and 147 MRPs.

Glass's march to the title was not an easy one, as his final playoff match was with former National Champion Phyllis Schmidt (MA). Schmidt finished 2nd. Dudley Dumaine (MA) topped all qualifiers with a nice 209/12 +103, and came home in a tie for third in the playoffs. This combined score netted a even 100 MRPs. Bill Shoemaker, a Grand Master from W. Hartford, also finished in a tie for 3rd.

Emil Chrabaszcz (MA) came home the winner in the 60 pegger Consolation. This Grand Master is knocking on the door for his Life Master and is at the 6,000 mark, lifetime. Robert Medeiros (MA) is nearing his Grand Master by finishing 3rd. Wilma MacDonald (MA) also tied for 3rd.

Vin Ciccone (MA) nailed an 8/8 grand slam in the Consolation qualifying round to take honors.

Paul Gallagher scored yet another 28-hand in the Consolation (he also scored one two weeks earlier in the Holiday Classic). Bob Cunningham scored another in the Main Event.

Barry Spadea (RI) qualified 6th and finished 5-8 in the playoffs and has winged it to the ACC's 330th Master rating.

Directors Zeke and Cindy Verardt received accolades from the players for "elbow room," pleasant playing areas, and other amenities. They plan on renewing this event again next December 6. Mark your calendars.

Beverley Christensen **Tops In Alaska**

With 30 hardy peggers in attendance, Beverley Christensen from Auburn, CA was just about the only out-of-stater in the house, and she roared to the win. She qualified first, and took home the championship in the playoffs. Three Alaskans finished 2-3-4: Jay Harpel, Myron Farrell, and Louis Diehl. 19 peggers played the Consolation and Dauph Plummer (AK) took home the bacon. Linnea Estridge (AK), Bob Maynard (AK), and Chuck Fetters (AK) finished 2-3-3. Fetters was also the top qualifier. Henry Carle keeps 'em pegging way up north!



**1ST ANNUAL
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The 1st annual ST. CROIX CRIBBAGE CLASSIC will be held at the ST. CROIX CASINO in Turtle Lake WI. The Casino is located at 777 Highway 8 in Turtle Lake WI. The casino is located directly off of Highway 8. (Phone# 1-800-U-GO-U-WIN)

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Due to the limited space, only the first 180 players registered will be taken for this tournament.

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27 New Members

Al Libby Tops Carson Valley

With 27 new members signed on board (and 12 played in the Main Event), veteran Al Libby showed his stuff and came away with the championship in the November Carson Valley Classic. Libby, pegging out of Quincy, CA, came away with 70 MRP's and the top prize. Robert Gillette (CA) nailed 2nd, followed by Glenn Logan (NV) and John Harvey (CA) in a tie for 3rd. Logan and Harvey are new ACC members...and are off to a nice start as new members.

Veteran Bill Jensen (CA) has amassed some 3,200 MRP's in his ACC career, and came away the top qualifier with a nice 36 16 +252...and another 50 MRP's!

Another veteran pegger, Jeff Monroe from Napa, CA, is a Life Master, and he nailed the Consolation. Jensen, after being knocked from the Main playoffs in an early round, finished 2nd.

Director Marvis Reynolds reported that not a single 28 GP card qualified for the playoffs...possibly due to the new members in attendance causing a high-low ratio.

Despite the small crowd, Marvis and Ralph Reynolds are congratulated for signing on the new members.

Mary Gladish Wins Christmas Wrap

Mary Gladish, the pegging poet from Concord, CA, is zeroing in on her Grand Master. She won the 64-pegger December Reynold's Christmas Wrap...and the 105 MRP's have her knocking on the door for the magic 4,000 needed for Grand Master.

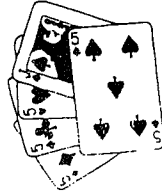
Ann Sheeran (CA) finished 2nd, with Ron Melrose (CA) and two-time national champion Bob Julian (WI) in a tie for 3rd.

Helen Bolstad (CA) picked up a nifty 45 MRP's for her fine 35 17 +114 qualifying card.

Mary Ryan (CA) ran the table in the 40 pegger Consolation. She qualified with a great 19 9/9 +162 and went on to win the playoffs as well. She is nearing her Grand Master with the aggregate 69MRP's earned. Ron Kaufman (CA), Rich Burns (CA) and Dick Combie (CA) finished 2-3-3.

The Satellites:

Friday: Bob Siebert (CA)
High Roller: Bob Julian (WI)
Saturday Night: Bob Julian (WI)
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Portland Winter Open Aptly Named Bill Hill

Takes Frigid Contest

Grand Master Bill Hill, from Hermiston, OR is used to water-melon growing climate, but the recent Portland Winter Open was anything but that! With a raging snow storm outside, and black ice everywhere, Hill was quite at home in a warm room, taking on all comers and coming away the winner.

In besting the huge crowd of 180 peggers, Hill took home \$1,000+ and a bundle of MRP's (196).

Bob Wikstrom, Port Orchard, WA, is always in the thick of the playoff action, and he came close once again, taking 2nd.

And Todd Malngren (OR) is another pegger that is a perennial winner. This Master pegger also took top-qualifying honors (38 18 +93) and took home an aggregate 165 MRP's. This added bundle of MRP's vault Malngren to the 500 mark for the year, placing him among the leaders nationwide. Wes Rice (OR) finished 4th.

With the storm outside howling, only 84 players stayed for the Consolation. Grand Master Bernie Nelson (OR) came away the winner. Lowell Bailey (WA) took 2nd, with Master Claire Morse (OR) and Vonita Gill (WA) in 3-4.

The Satellites:

Time Passer: DeLynn Colvert (MT)
High Roller: Bill Wakeman (CA)
Doubles: Susan & Lee Chambers (OR)
Saturday Special: Roger Wilson
Cry Baby: John Thiems (OR)
5 Blizzard Specials: Bill Hill (2)(OR), Gene Sissel (OR), Selma Hackett (OR), and Nancy Lorenz (OR)

The highly unusual storm kept many players for two more days, as roads were closed to the East and North. Aloha Rob Wintersteen stepped forward and organized 5 more events. They were played on Sunday night, three on Monday, and another on Tuesday. See his letter to the right.

Director Dorothy Mickow kept the huge crowd pegging, despite the storm. The lights were out on Sunday morning, delaying the playoffs, but once the lights came on, it was peg, peg, peg! ...and peg some more!

One For The Books...

In the recently-completed Portland Winter Open, most peggers played 57 games...including the satellites.

Most...but most definitely not all!

The snow and ice storm which began ravaging Portland on Saturday afternoon, continually worsened. By early Sunday afternoon, all but the hardiest of souls had departed for home. A few lingered through the Cry-Baby, which was their undoing, for the ice storm began with a vengeance about 5 PM.

No trips South or West; no journeys "North to Seattle"; absolutely no trips down the treacherous Coulmbia River Gorge! No flights out of Portland International!

What did our stalwart cribbers do? Did they watch TV...drink booze or coffee...retire to their rooms to sleep?

Noooo! Aloha Rob organized a 9-game, one of four, \$20 tournament. Officially sanctioned by Coldstone Enterprises!

Through the blustery winds, through the near-blizzard conditions, through the icy rains...the hardy cribbers played on!

One tourney Sunday, 3 on Monday, and one more, just for good measure, on Tuesday morning. 21 peggers played on...to what must certainly be a record...102 games in total(exclusive of tournament play-offs).

The winners? Bill Hill (twice), Gene Sissel, Selma Hackett, and Nancy Lorenz. In spite of the terrible weather a good time was had by all!

*Aloha Rob Wintersteen
Aloha, OR*

This story is similar to one concerning a storm in Minneapolis years ago. Peggers were forced to stay on through Monday. The food ran out, but they continued to peg, much like the Oregon peggers.

Willie Evans, Bernie Saueressig, and Phil True (Richland, WA) headed for Seattle about 5 PM Sunday night for a circuitous trip home (arriving at 3 AM). DeLynn Colvert also headed out for Seattle at 5 PM. The 140-mile trip took 5 hours, one hour just sitting in a massive tie-up on I-5. After spending the night in Ellensburg, WA, he arrived home at 5 PM Monday...a full day given up to the storm. Cribbage players are a dedicated lot...attested to by those braving winter storms to continue pegging! Cribbage fever, catch it! Ed.