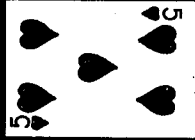


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AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS  
*Constitution and ByLaws*

## Richard Frost Tops St. Croix

Richard Frost, a Master pegger from Berlin, WI, nailed the 2nd edition of the St. Croix Casino Classic on June 7. With the win, Frost is moving in on his Grand Master rating (scoring 196 MRPs for the win), and pocketed \$1,250.

James "Tubby" Dahl, Blair, WI, finished 2nd, and also took home \$1,250 as Frost agreed to split the final match's pot. Pete Kufahl (WI) and Gloria McLeod (MN) took home 3-4, and they took home \$650 each (they also split the pot). Grand Master Larry Rowley (WI) scorched the boards in the qualifying round, taking honors with a very nice 39 17/22 +284. His Q-pool take? \$1,700!...and 65 MRP's.

120 players played the Consolation, and Nate Selk (WI) edged Kevin Bremmer (WI) for the title. Bremmer, in the national MRP race, picked up 63 MRP's and stays hot on the heels of the leaders. Grand Master Roger Wilson (CO) and Lawrence Algiers (WI) finished 3-4. Wilson is also in the thick of the MRP race, and the 45 earned have him over the 1,000 mark for the year.

The Main Event paid back over 100% again. In addition the St. Croix Casino added over \$6,500 in additional prizes for 24-hands (\$25 each), 28-hands (\$100), and Grand Slams (\$100). The "29-Turtle" went unclaimed once again, and

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**New Rule Book**  
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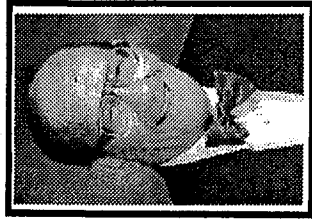
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## **The President's Column** **Everett "Ev" Bey**

scorecard, placing your peg into one of the game-record holes; or advancing a game-record peg.

For our part, regardless of the new rules change, we're mighty happy and proud when we win a game, so we're going to continue to peg out!

Where the Constitution and By-Laws are administered by the Officers of the ACC, and our Tournament Regulations are enforced by our Certified Judges, we also have designated three Tournament Commissioners to approve sanctioned tournaments and oversee their validity.

When applying to hold a sanctioned tournament, tournament directors are required to abide by a half-dozen qualifications. Besides paying \$2.00 per main tournament entrant as a sanction fee, they must also agree to an 85% payback; qualify 1 out of 4 entrants in a 2-day tournament (main at least 20 games; consolation at least 9 games) or 1 of 6 in a 1-day tournament (main at least 11 games; consolation at least 7 games); head-to-head playoffs 3-out-of-5 games in a 2-day tournament, 2-out-of-3 games in 1-day tournaments; plus timely reporting within 14 days, and any other requirements that may be imposed.

Among the latter is a demand that all scorecards must be cross-checked for accuracy. This is a simple procedure and guarantees participants that some money-hungry person hasn't fouled the nest by cheating on his or her scorecard.

There are no waivers for this procedure. Tournament Commissioners have the right to deny sanctioning next year for any tournament director who ignores the rules.

All the above are designed to provide stability for the ACC and assure its members that everybody is getting a fair shake all along the line.

*Keep peppin'... 'Ev' Bey, President*

### **New Constitution and Rule Book** *This is an important issue of Cribbage World.*

It contains an updated version of the ACC's Constitution and By-Laws as well as a synopsis of the rules changes that will take effect August 1st with the start of the new tournament year.

In a well-organized society (or organization), rules and regulations are what it's all about. These are the guidelines by which we control and govern ourselves, the framework by which we measure our successes and shortcomings.

The Constitution and By-Laws remains simple and concise, the only major change being a clarification of the Ethics Committee responsibilities and procedures. These changes were adopted at the board meeting in Reno in 1997.

Syl Lulinski, Chairman of the Rules Committee, has synthesized the dozen major changes in the Official Tournament Rules, preliminary to their becoming effective August 1, 1998.

New Rule books have been printed and are in the hands of all Board of Directors, tournament Commissioners and various tournament directors. They're available at \$1 per copy from these people; \$2 per copy if you must order from Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe, PO Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581.

One of the major changes in the rules book is the "Pegging Out" regulation. The new wording makes it more lenient for a winner to claim a game, it's no longer necessary to actually place your peg in the 121st hole to symbolize your win.

If you're sure you've won, you now have several options: recording the game as a win on a

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some \$500 is waiting for the lucky pegger who scores this gem. In this event, three players scored that elusive 28-hand...and took home \$100 each. They were: Gary Haeffrisch (WI), Mike Jacka (MN), and Bob Miller (WI). Ron Hirschman (WI) scored a Grand Slam in the Saturday night event...and was awarded a \$100 bonus.

Friday night, tournament director Alan Lindner scored a 17 8/9 +158 to easily take this 144-pegger event. On Saturday night, Hirschman won with his Grand Slam (20 9/9 +187). 142 players played this event.

According to Lindner, players from far and wide enjoyed free coffee, juice and soda for the entire weekend, and the fabulous lunch buffet (included in the entry fee). He invites our ACC membership to check for future Turtle Lake, St. Croix Casino play in "Tournament Trail." They play the same format and payouts.

The next St. Croix Casino Classic will be played again August 14-16 in Turtle Lake, WI. Director Alan Lindner can be reached at (715) 267-7629. The entries are limited to the first 180 players.

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# AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS Constitution and ByLaws

## ARTICLE I

### Name

- a. This organization shall be known as the AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS, INC. (hereinafter called the Congress.)
- b. If required by the law in the State in which the Congress is incorporated, the Congress shall maintain an office of record in that State, but the principal business office and other necessary offices shall be located wherever the Board of Directors deems it appropriate.

## ARTICLE II

### Objective

- a. To foster the spirit of good-fellowship and interest in the game of Cribbage, and to establish rules and regulations governing sanctioned play in all organizations officially affiliated with the Congress.
- b. To establish a system for advance sanctioning of all organized play for which rating points are awarded, and to publish procedural guidelines for conducting sanctioned competition.
- c. To manage the income and expenditures of the Congress through the budget process at the national level, and to insure that income and expenditures related to sanctioned tournaments are in compliance with guidelines published in ACC Regulations.
- d. To establish a schedule of membership dues and other fees required to operate the Congress on a non-profit basis.
- e. To develop and publish ethical standards governing the behavior and play of all Congress members, to outline the method for documenting and reporting alleged breaches of published ethical standards, and to establish procedures to be followed by the Board of Directors in dealing with reported breaches of ethical standards.

## ARTICLE III

### Members

- a. Any individual not officially barred from membership in the Congress is eligible for membership upon submission of an Application for Membership, together with the fee established for his/her class of membership.
- b. Memberships shall be classified as (1) Regular, (2) Junior - under 18 years of age, (3) Life - over 59 years of age, and (4) Any others established from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- c. Voting rights of the general membership of the Congress is limited to its election of individuals to serve on the Board of Directors of the Congress. ACC members can individually influence the operation of the Congress only through its elected representatives on the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV

### Board of Directors

- a. The management of the Congress shall be vested in its Board of Directors, which shall consist of twenty-five (25) members in good standing elected by mail ballot of all members of the Congress. The terms of service of all Directors shall expire August 31st of odd-numbered years. New terms of office commence September 1st of odd-numbered years.

b. Any member of the Congress is eligible to be a member of its Board of Directors. All that is required for that member's name to be placed on the ballot is for that member to be nominated in writing to the Nominations Committee, either by another bona fide member of the Congress, or by himself/herself. The nomination must be accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee that he/she is willing to serve as a Director, if elected, and to be appointed to at least two standing or ad hoc committees during his/her term of service.

c. No more than ten (10) members of the shall be elected from one Region.

d. No less than six (6) members of the Board shall be elected from one Region.

e. No more than four (4) members of the Board shall be elected from one State.

f. When more than the nominees specified in Sections c and e (above) are among the top twenty-five (25) finishers in the election, those with the least votes who exceed the ceilings specified in Sections c and e (above) will be passed by in the election process.

g. Vacancies on the Board that occur between elections shall be filled for the unexpired term by Presidential appointment, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee.

h. A Director who misses 50% or more of the Board meetings scheduled during his/her term (unless excused by the Executive Committee) shall be removed from the Board by the President and replaced by an appointee as soon as practicable. A person so removed from the Board of Directors shall be barred from running again or serving as a Director.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Officers

a. The Officers of the Congress shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President-Policy, Vice President-Operations and Executive-Member-at-Large selected for a one-year term by majority vote of the Board at the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Grand National Tournament.

b. In the event that the Office of the Presidency is vacated, due to death, resignation, or removal action by the Board, the Executive Vice President automatically becomes the Acting President during the period that remains before the next Annual Election of Officers. The Acting President is authorized to appoint Acting Officers to fill other vacancies that occur during the same period.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Executive Committee

a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Congress.

b. No more than two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from one Region.

c. Executive Committee members shall be elected in the sequence listed in Article V-a.

d. The Executive Committee shall be empowered with authority to act for the Board between meetings, subject to Board ratification of a written Report of Actions Taken by the Executive Committee, submitted by the Executive Committee at each of the two scheduled Board meetings.

e. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once, either face-to-face or by conference call, between each scheduled Board meeting.

f. A limitation on the dollar amount that the Executive Committee can approve for expenditure shall be established in ACC Regulations.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Other Committees**

a. Five Standing Committees, operating on a continuing basis, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, with terms expiring after August 31st of odd-numbered years. At least one member of the following four committees must be a member of the Board of Directors:

- (1) Rules Committee
- (2) Tournament Guidelines Committee
- (3) Public Relations/Publicity Committee
- (4) Grass Roots Program Committee

b. A fifth Standing Committee, "with power," shall be established and its members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee following the Annual Meeting, with terms expiring after August 31st of odd-number years. All members of this committee must be members of the Board of Directors, and each Region shall be represented on the committee as follows: 3 from the largest membership, 2 from each of the other two regions, including Vice President-Policy, National Tournament Commissioner, the three (3) Regional Commissioners and two (2) other Directors. The Ethics Committee will elect its own chairman.

**(5) Ethics Committee**

c. Special (ad hoc) Committees, operating under guidelines contained in ACC Regulations, shall be appointed by the various officers of the Board of Directors. Members of these committees need not be members of the Board of Directors, and as soon as the tasks for which they were created have been completed, they shall go out of existence.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Meetings**

a. Two meetings of the Board of Directors shall be scheduled each year, in conjunction with the two ACC-sponsored major tournaments, the Tournament of Champions during the period of January-February, and the Grand National Tournament during the period of September-October. The latter shall be known as the Annual Meeting. The only difference between the Annual Meeting and the other scheduled Board meeting is that the annual report of Officers and Standing Committees and the annual election of Officers for the ensuing term shall be on the agenda for that meeting.

b. Board members shall be informed of the date and time of a Board meeting sufficiently in advance to make plans to attend. An agenda for the meeting and any available advance materials shall be provided for their review before the meeting.

c. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

d. No Proxies shall be allowed in voting on questions presented to the Board.

e. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by majority vote of the Executive Committee, giving at least 30 days notice to the Board of Directors. Telephone conference calls may be arranged by the Executive Committee to expedite the matter.

f. Special meetings may be called by petition, signed by at least 17 members of the Board of Directors and filed with the Executive Vice-President, giving at least 30 days notice to the entire Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Amendment of Constitution and ByLaws**

- a. Any provision of this document may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Directors present, provided that any such proposed action is forwarded to all members of the Board of Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- b. The effective date of any such action shall be the following September 1st, unless a different date is specified at the time that action is taken.

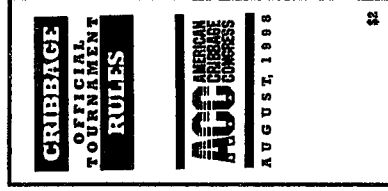
**ARTICLE X**

**Ethics**

- a. Documented violations of ethical standards in sanctioned Cribbage competition shall not go unpunished. Examples of actions considered unethical shall be publicized, and a continuing effort shall be made to advise players to watch for such actions and to report them to tournament officials when they occur. Tournament officials shall be advised to document the reported violations, regardless of how insignificant they seem, and to submit them to the Ethics Committee for possible action, or future reference in the case of repeat offenders.
- b. The Ethics Committee (hereafter referred to as Committee) shall receive all reports of alleged ethical standards violations. The Committee shall not act on a complaint until it is received in written form. The Committee shall inform the alleged offender of the nature of the written complaint(s), and ask if he/she wishes to submit a defense within thirty (30) days. The Committee shall investigate and review all available information on the alleged offender (both current and prior) and determine if he/she did violate any of the ethical standards. If the Committee finds that he/she is guilty, but does not feel that the violation is serious enough to warrant expulsion, the Committee may immediately impose a lesser punishment and inform the offender of the punishment imposed.
- c. The Ethics Committee must have sworn affidavits from at least two (2) members of the Congress before it can initiate expulsion proceedings against a fellow member for violating the ethical standards of the Congress. The affidavit should describe the violation in detail, giving dates, circumstances, facts, actions, witnesses, and other pertinent information. If the Ethics Committee feels that the breach is serious enough to warrant expulsion, the complaint is referred to the Executive Committee for review. The offender is informed of the referral and that he/she is barred from further sanctioned play until the matter is resolved. If the Executive Committee of the Board agrees that expulsion is warranted, the offender is informed that the matter is being referred to the Board for action. A date for the hearing by the Board is set, and the offender is offered a reasonable opportunity to appear before the Board if he/she desires, and/or to file counter-affidavits concerning the circumstances. He/she shall be furnished copies of the complaining affidavits not less than thirty (30) days prior to consideration by the Board.
- d. If the Board concludes that the complaint is not serious enough to warrant expulsion, it may impose a lesser punishment, or refer the case back to the Ethics Committee for imposition of a lesser punishment.
- e. If any member is suspended or expelled, that fact (*only*) shall be included in the next regular publication of the Congress.

# New Rules Effective August 1

Syl Lulinski, Chairman-Rules Committee, announces that the new rule book will be available August 1. They may be purchased from Regional Tournament Commissioners, members of the Board of Directors, and from Jeff Monroe. Some of the more significant rule changes are:



## Rule III.

### Section 1. Number of Cards To Be Cut

a. When cutting for the first deal of a game, the first player shall remove no less than four cards and not more than half the pack. The second player shall remove no less than four cards and shall leave at least four cards.

### Section 2. Winner of the Deal

a. Each player's cut card is the card at the bottom of the packet in hand...not the card of top of the remainder of the pack. The player cutting the lower ranking card deals the first hand of the game.

## Rule IV.

### All of section 4.

### Section 5. Imperfect Pack

b. If two cards or more of the same rank and suit appear during the play of scoring of the hands, the play stops at time of discovery. Any points pegged or scored are retracted and the hands and crib are dead. The same player redeals with a different deck.

## Rule V.

### Section 2. Exposure

b. If the dealer examines the crib before discarding to it, there is a two-point penalty. Then the pone blindly selects two cards from the dealer's hand and those cards are placed without exposure in the crib, and play continues. Those two cards will represent the dealer's discard.

## Rule VI.

### Section 1. Cutting

c. The dealer shall turn the top card of the lower packet and place it face up on top of the reassembled pack, as the starter card. If the starter card, unseen by the pone, is placed in the dealer's hand, there is a two-point penalty. The the pone blindly removes two cards from the dealer's hand, looks at them and selects either one as the starter card. The other card is returned to the dealer's hand and play continues.

## Rule VII.

### Section 3. Incorrect Play (renege)

A renege is failure to play a card that could have been

played. A player may correct a "go call" before either player pegs a point or the opponent plays a card. Thereafter, when a renege card is played, the opponent may claim a renege up to the time he/she plays the next card or announces the count of his/her hand. Judges shall be summoned. Any cards played after the renege or the pegging of a "go" shall be retrieved by both players and any points pegged (or scored) are retracted. The non-offending player receives two points for each card that singly could have been played (Judges confirm number of cards). The non-offending player decides if the renege card(s) will be dead or played. Play continues and all hands and crib are counted.

## Rule VIII.

### Section 4. Pegging Incorrectly To The Player's Advantage

#### a. False Claim of Game

If a player has insufficient points to win the game and performs any of the following (or similar) actions, he/she will be considered as falsely claiming the game:

- (1) Pegging into the game (out) hole.
- (2) Recording the game outcome (as a win) on a scorecard.

- (3) Placing his/her peg into one of the game-record holes (holes used on some boards to record the number of games won in a match).
- (4) Advancing a game-record peg.

Judges shall be summoned to resolve the issue.

#### Section 9. Recording Score In Wrong Track

If a player records an otherwise correct score but inadvertently places the peg in the wrong track in his/her side of the board or in an opponent's track, it shall be moved to the proper track without penalty.

Section 10. Failure To Place Peg In Game (Out) Hole

- a. If a player performs any of the following (or similar) actions, it shall be considered as equivalent to pegging out:

- (1) Recording the game outcome (as a win) on a scorecard.

- (2) Placing his/her peg into one of the game-record holes (holes used on someboards to record the number of games won in a match).

- (3) Advancing a game record peg.

- b. The opponent may wish to summon judges; however, if the judges determine that the player had enough points to win, that player will be declared the winner.

c. If the judges declare that the player did not have enough points to win the game, then Rule VIII Section 4 will apply.

## Rule IX.

### Section 2. Order of Counting

- c. If the dealer should count his/her hand and peg it correctly before the pone pegs his/her score, there is no penalty, but the dealer must retract the points, allow the pone to peg his/her score and then the dealer may peg his/her score.