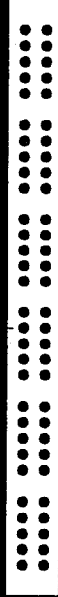
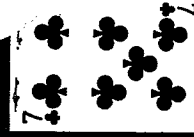


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Kolby Tops Record St. Croix Classic

John Kolby, pegging out of McHenry, IL, topped a record field of 200 peggers at the recent St. Croix Classic (June 4-5-6) in Turtle Lake, WI. The players came from far and wide, with 15 states being represented. A large contingent of highly-ranked Eastern Region players showed, as did players from the Western Region as play winds down this cribbage year with players after those coveted Master Rating Points.

Kolby's final playoff match was with Jean Cervantes (WI). Both players were well rewarded for their high finishes, with Kolby taking home 196 MRP's, a beautiful trophy clock and \$1,500. Cervantes earned 187 MRP's and \$1,100. 1992 National Champion and One-Star Phyllis Schmidt (MA) grabbed 3rd (and perhaps a berth on this year's Eastern Region All-Star team with the 105 MRP's). Bob Sommers (MN) is edging in on his Grand Masters with a 4th place finish.

Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT), in the hunt for MRP honors this cribbage year, made his long trek from Montana worthwhile by taking qualifying honors (37 18 +249). With a 17-32 finished, his MRP take was 76 MRP's, keeping pace with the leaders as this year's action winds down.

134 played the Consolation and Norma Corbo (MN) took home the top prize, followed by One-Star Harry Palmer (MA) in 2nd, Master John Syftestad (WI), and Grand Master Gene "Moose" Biegler (WI) in 3-4. Al Bailey (MA) won 8 of 9 to take qualifying honors.



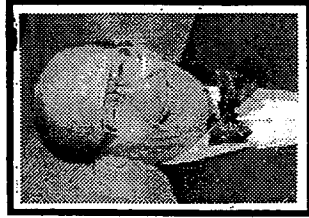
The Satellites:

Friday: Frank Danielski (WI) 9/9
Saturday: Dorothy Schaefer (MN)

Director Al Lindner and the St. Croix Casino offer bonus's for 24-hands, 28 & 29-hands, and Grand Slams. Some 279 24-hands were paid \$25 each; five 28-hands received \$250 each (Cyril Schmidt, Bill Shirland, Barney Baird, Joan Rein, & Wally Mistkovic). Danielski's Friday Grand Slam netted a cool \$100. No 29's showed. The casino's largess netted the players a hefty \$8,325 bonus for the weekend's action...and certainly contributes to the popularity of this event. And Al Lindner and Vickie Long's expertise in handling a large crowd is another plus. They plan more casino action. Check "Tournament Trail," this issue.

ELECTION RESULTS

See Page 5



The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Tournament Play

How many sanctioned cribbage tournaments does the average ACC member participate in each year?

I do about 8 to 10, and I have a feeling that's about the average for most members. Of course, there are some high-rollers (Colvert, Julian, Samet, Schmidt, Toll, Adams, Sondericker, Shumate, Sr. & Jr., and Wilson) who don't miss very many.

Is it the prize money that attracts the crowds or the neat style that marks some tourneys?

Many tournaments have to furnish food due to lack of facilities to feed a huge crowd. Does that bring 'em back year after year? We know, in Quincy, where the Rotary Club puts on a great barbecue, that it gets rave reviews every year.

Extra events...like an early bird, a Saturday night special, a doubles event, Last Chance and Cry Baby...also have a tendency to attract players, too.

Back East we're told, they mainly do one-day tournaments, while the Central Region and West cater to two-day events.

Each tournament director is on his own...there are no stringent ACC rules about how to conduct a tournament. So he or she has to please the players or they won't be back the next year.

ACC Auditor Position Filled

I would like to thank the following ACC members who submitted their names for the vacant auditor position that was advertised in *Cribbage World*.

When you see these members on the Cribbage Trail or at your local Grass Roots Club, be sure to stop and say thank you for being concerned enough to volunteer. The ACC needs active members. My only regret was that I could not select all of them.

Thank you all. I have appointed George Riley as our new auditor. Ray Seekel will be his backup and will assist in the annual audit this July.

Jim Ready
ACC Executive Committee

Help us compile some stats about tournaments:

What is your favorite? And why?

Do you prefer 1-day or 2-day events?

Does the total prize money affect your decision to attend?

How many tournaments do you attend each year?

What's the biggest factor in your decision to attend a tournament...prize money? distance to travel? The experience and personality of the director? Other?

Do hotel room rates and food costs affect your decision?

Send your replies to President Ev Bey, 10826 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351-2646, or fax (623) 933-2378, or e-mail to: evbey@starlink.com

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Jones Hom Rips Red Bluff

Grand Master Jones Hom, Fairfield, CA, is on a tear this cribbage year. On May 15 in Red Bluff, CA, he waltzed to another win in the 70-player Red Bluff Red Hot Open, and with the 147 MRP's has zipped over the 1,000 MRP mark for the year...and an excellent chance at the National Championship. A top-tier All-American award is certainly within his grasp as well.

His final match pitted him with Herschel Mack, a wily pegger from the Northern California coast, but Hom's cards remained hot for the win. Avon Ray (CA) and Jeff Pask (CA) nattered down 3-4.

Master Ron Morgan (CA) is a veteran of the cribbage wars, and his expertise rewarded him with qualifying honors...a nice 27 12/16 card...and 40 MRP's.

38 peggers played the Consolation and Master Jason Shurnate (CA) won 6 of 7 to take qualifying honors, and finished 2nd, bringing home a combined 48 MRP's, keeping his name in the hat for National honors with some 1,100 MRP's in the bank. E. G. "Swede" Hanson (CA) won the event, followed by Master Mary Herrmann (CA) and Master Boyd McDonald (CA) in 3-4.

Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) won the Friday night game, but, alas, no MRP's for that effort. Local Jim Langley scored the meet's only 28-hand.

Director Ron Sargent got his first sanctioned event off the ground in Red Bluff in fine style, and his unusual one-day event was well received.

Gruber Planning Surprise
Life Master Jerry Gruber (MN) is planning a surprise for ACC players.

In October he is planning a get-away to the Treasure Island Casino/Hotel in Red Wing, MN. This event will have an unusual playing date, with play on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Oct. 13-15). He hints there may be a large added purse as well. Stay tuned for more details.

What makes this unusual is that players can leave Red Wing with their tails between their legs and head straight for the Wisconsin Dells Classic, and get a second dose...all in the same week! (Or a fat purse!)

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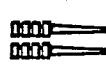
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Potawatomi Peggers Pow Wow One-Star Duane Toll On Prowl

One-Star Duane Toll (WI) took national honors in 1987...and he is on the prowl once again. On May 16 he took home the Potawatomi Peggers Pow Wow Championship, blitzing 90 peggers in the process. His final playoff match pitted him with tough-pegging Life Master Martha Fingleton (WI), but he is not to be denied this cribbage year. The win propelled Toll well over the 1,000 MRP mark for this cribbage year...and a shot at the National Championship. Toll has earned All-American four times, and appears on track for number five!

Sandra Stroup (IL) and Merv Morris (ON) came home 3-4. Richard DePouw (MI) topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 36 GP card.

Grand Master Aggie Mikulsky (WI) won 7 of 9 in a tough field to take qualifying honors in the 46-player Consolation, but One-Star Joe Bernard (IL) won the playoffs and is winding down yet another fine season, standing at the 700 mark. Sue Schenk (MI) and Grand Master Ginny Danielski (WI) finished 3-4.

The Satellites:

Early Bird: Merv Morris (ON)
Saturday: Wayne Steinmetz (WI)
Last Chance: Joy Shimp (MI)
28: Duane Toll

Director Jeff Shimp reported that 5 of the top 6 qualifiers in the Consolation were women, with two finishing in the top four. Another highlight of this event was the perennial "Cookie Lady," a.k.a. Carol Draper, who adds culinary delights to this event.

This is a long-running event in Michigan, contrary to reports in *Cribbage World* that an upper peninsula event was the first played in Michigan. The lower half of Michigan has been well represented over the years by Jeff and Joy's events.

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Grass Valley, CA Avon Ray Cops

Gold Country Challenge

Avon Ray, Santa Rosa, CA, did, indeed, find gold at the Gold Country Challenge in Grass Valley, CA on April 3. He came away with the win in the 84-player event. The victory sported 147 MRP's and a sizeable first place check. Master Jackie Doppelt (CA) wings it over the 500 mark for this cribbage year by taking home 2nd...and another fine year. Grand Master Joe Lusignan (CA) and Sue Rollo (CA) nailed 3 and 4. Newly crowned Master Angelo Torrisse (CA) showed his skill in the qualifying round, scoring a nice 31 GP's in the 16-game round.

50 peggers played the Consolation, and Jack Shumate III ran the table, winning the playoffs after qualifying tops. This netted Shumate 60 MRP's, and is closing in on 800 MRP's for this cribbage year. Scott Milo (CA), William "Ratso" Roderick (CA), and Basil Rudnick (CA) came home 2-3-4.

First-time director Donald Flint thanks all the volunteers that resulted in a smooth running event, even though the weather was frightful...hail, snow, rain, and early darkness outside...but fun and games inside! Flint reported no 28 or 29 hands showed in this first time event. It takes time to warm up the cards!

Actual Court House Quote

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have been still alive nevertheless?

A: It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere!

CW thanks Harry Kantas for this tidbit

Sharlene Medeiros Rolling!

Grand Master Sharlene Medeiros, Shrewsbury, MA, is on a roll! She picked up her 4th sanctioned win this cribbage year...the Connecticut Championship...on May 16. The win came with 167 MRP's (after qualifying 10th) in this 104-player match. Her MRP tally is unofficially over the 1,000 mark for the year, giving her an excellent chance at the National Championship.

Life Master George Webb (MA) earned 135 MRP's with a fine 2nd place finish (after qualifying 4th), and he, too, throws his hat into the annual race for the roses (over 700 for this cribbage year). Robert Van Gorder (CT) and Gene Chandonnet (NH) took home 3-4.

Bob Drukman (MA) is nearing his Life Master rating by posting an excellent 25 GP card (12 games) in the qualifying round. This great score earned 55 MRP's.

60 players played the Consolation and Master Lou Petosa (CT) came home the winner. Life Master Bill Medeiros (MA) (spouse of Main-event winner Sharlene) took home 2nd. Robert King (CT) and Fayann Salerno finished 3-4. Salerno is nearing her Master rating with this high finish. King was the top qualifier (15 GP's in 8 games).

Director Bill Shoemaker reported a single 28-hand (Joan Fletcher)...and he will play 'er again on May 21, 2000. Mark your calendars.

Bernie Nelson Cops Bill Mitchell Memorial

Grand Master Bernie Nelson, pegging out of Pacific City, OR, nailed the 41-player Bill Mitchell Memorial in Crescent City, CA on May 23. His final playoff match pitted him with good friend and neighbor Master Rollie Heath (OR). Darren Black (OR) is knocking on the door for his Grand Master by taking qualifying honors and finishing 3rd, and the ever-present Life Master Bob Julian (WI) taking home 4th...and another 42 MRP's in his quest for his 3rd National Championship.

Jason Waldvogel (CA) won the Consolation, with Grand Master Jones Hom (CA) taking 2nd. Master Donna Hasset (OR) and Todd Anderson (OR) finished 3-4. Hasset's 18 MRP's keep her among the leaders in the Western Region.

The Satellites: Time Passer-Lynn Goodman (CA); Early Bird-Dan Mitchell (CA); Saturday-Jack Shumate (CA); All-Events-Bob Julian (WI). 28-Jason Shumate (CA).

Charles Dolge Hot in NC

Local Charles Dolge was burning up the track in mid-May at the NW North Carolina Open. After qualifying 3rd, he came home the winner in the playoffs as well. This fine showing netted Dolge 177 MRP's and the top \$650 prize in this 88-player match.

Master Dave Ritchey (FL) finished 2nd, followed by Jeff Raynes (NC) and Oszkar Molnar (NC) in 3-4. Keith Widener (NC) took qualifying honors with a nice 31 GP card (20 games). He finished 5-8.

Raymond Meinert (VA) was on a roll in the 68-player Consolation. He qualified 5th and came home the winner in the playoffs. Master Betty Schaeffer (FL) was 2nd, followed by Mike Crowe (VA) and Allen Wiles (GA) in 3-4. Kelly Breedlove (VA) topped the field in the qualifying round with an extra-nice 19 GP card (10 games).

Director Robert Wenzel had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Friday Early Bird: Virgil Dulin (NC)

Saturday: Earl Luton (NC)

High Roller: John Jenkins (NC)

Last Chance: Richard Menaik (NY)

A highlight if this event saw Grand Master Jim Ready (MA) score the ACC's 15th 29-hand of this cribbage season during the qualifying round of the Main Event. This nets Ready a nifty \$100 from the ACC. In addition to this 29-hand, 4 28-hands were scored (Bruce Sattler, Mike Crowe, Ken Goss, and John Worley).

Wenzel reports this event will be scheduled again next May 5-6.

Dearol White Wins Rio Linda

Dearol White, Modesto, CA, took home the bacon at the 66-player Rio Linda (CA) Open on May 8. He nipped Master Mary Herrmann (CA) in the final playoff match to cop the title. Life Master Steve Reynolds (CA) and Master Evelyn Gilmore (CA) finished 3-4. Jim Aleschus (CA) topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 23 10/14 +101.

Craig Ross (CA) won the Consolation (40) with Maudanne Grimm (CA), Grand Master Mary Gladiash (CA), and Avon Ray (CA) in 2-3-4. One-Star Jesse Jarrell (CA) took qualifying honors, winning 9 of 10.

Director Craig Hays thanked a host of volunteers who helped run the show, and he added, "We had a wonderful tournament!"

140 In Spokane Brad Stevens A Winner!

Irving Busby and Betty Johnson run an annual Spokane Valley Open, and this time around a record crowd of 140 peggers came to play.

Brad Stevens, pegging out of Denver, came away the winner, nipping Canadian Harold Buckley in the final playoff match. Buckley is a rare Master pegger from Mapleleaf country. Another Canadian...Doris Sanders...copped 3rd, followed by the ever-present Jack Moritzky, a Master from Mabton, WA in 4th.

Todd Anderson (OR) smoked the qualifying round, winning 17 of 22, with 6 skunks (40 GPs), taking home 70 MRP's for this great effort.

Newly-crowned Grand Master Jim Hornbacher (WA) nailed the 79-player Consolation, edging I. V. Graham (MT) for the title. Harvey Grunow (MN) and Walt Swearingen (WA) took home 3-4. Swearingen was also the top qualifier, winning 8 of 9 (18 GPs).

The Satellites:

Friday Early Bird: Dennis Baldus (ID) 7/7
Doubles: Vicki Costello & Bob Watkins (OR)
High Rollers: Clair Morse (OR)
Saturday: Sharon Hejmanek (MT)
28: Cliff Allen, Bill Denend, John James
29: Clair Morse

The Eagles Club proved great hosts, and Directors Johnson and Busby utilized the entire room, giving players elbow room to spare. Attention to player's comfort attests to their increase in attendance.

Zip Over To San Diego After Grand National XVIII

Director Julie Hardardt invites our ACC membership to take in her event in San Diego the week following the Grand National in Las Vegas. She reports the San Diego Cribbage Club will hold a sanctioned event on September 17-19. This event sports the usual variety of satellite events, and a great raffle.

Give Hardardt a call at (619) 443-8395 for information. This event will be listed soon in "Tournament Trail."

Incidentally, Hardardt and Roy Cook are planning a Mexican Cruise with cribbage on October 30. If you are interested, give her a call.

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Never Seen One...

Tom Bombaci, Jr. (Grants, New Mexico) writes via e-mail that he plays with a gentleman named Stan on a regular basis.

Stan is 89 years old and has been playing since an early age...and he has never seen a 29-hand, or for that matter, a 28-hand!

Cards are cold in New Mexico?

Hot Consolation in Redmond

At the Redmond, OR, Cascade Classic, the Consolation event had a hot run of cards. Two 28's were scored (Millie Wolf & Irma Symons) and Carroll Evans scored the ACC's 19th 29-hand this season.