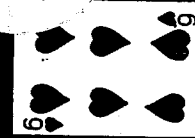
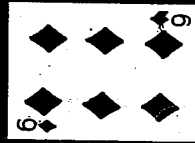


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202 In Pawtucket

Bill Medeiros Cops Ocean State Classic

Director John Chambers' Ocean State Classic in Pawtucket, RI drew a whopping 202 peggers on May 2. His format has a reasonable entry fee (\$35) and no side pools, no Q pools, or team play is allowed. Perhaps this appeals to the rank and file ACC members, as his recent events have all drawn sizeable crowds.

Life Master Bill Medeiros, Shrewsbury, MA turned 50 on April 23...and 11 days later proved that Life Begins at 50! He won this huge event! After qualifying 14th, his combined MRP take was some 216 MRPs, vaulting Medeiros to 7,300 MRPs (lifetime).

His final playoff match pitted him with another Life Master...Brenda Palmer (MA). Palmer's 2nd place finish (and 9th qualifying spot) earned yet another 172 MRPs, and a move upwards in the Eastern Region standings. And yet another Life Master finished 3rd...Rit Alkas (CT). Gertrude Theriault (RI) nailed down 4th (and 105 MRP's).

Grand Master Phil Martin (CT) smoked the qualifying round, winning 11 of 12 to earn honors.

Faylann Salerno (MA) very nearly earned her Master rating by winning the 108-pegger Consolation. (CW figures her totals now stand at

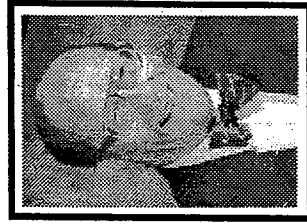
1,991!) Life Master Larry Samet (MA) earned a combined 60 MRP's by finishing 2nd (qualifying and playoffs) to wint it over the 700 mark for this cribbage year...and he is among the national leaders. Master Joan Morrison (MA) and Romano Picciandra (MA) finished 3-4. Picciandra is nearing his Masters with this high finish.

Bob Moroz (MA) is not an ACC member...and he lost 27 MRP's. He had a Grand Slam (8/8 +150) in the Consolation qualifying round and finished 9-16.

Chambers reports that only one 28-hand showed...a gem scored by Earle Sweet (RI). He also reports that he will schedule this event next May 7, 2000. Mark your calendars.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

The oldest sanctioned tournament, World Championship #28, was held in Quincy, CA the first weekend in May...beautiful weather, no snow, the players lounged around the Plumas County Fairground's picnic tables during lunch. This tournament has settled down to about 250 players every year...it's unique, they enjoy the mountain hospitality and atmosphere, and keep coming back!

New ACC Manual

Damn, are we getting organized!

For the past 20 years...ever since the American Cribbage Congress was organized...the Board of Directors has adopted a myriad of rules and regulations to guide ACC play and operations.

When we adopted the current Constitution and By-Laws, we considered compiling all these details as a part of that document. Thank to Jerry Dickenson, who authored the latest Constitution and By-Laws leaving the details out of it and setting up a separate loose-leaf volume that would contain the ACC rules and regulations, organizational policies and procedures.

The Executive Committee gathered up all the unwritten material, the assorted resolutions and Board minutes, turned them over to Verne Nielsen and through the magic of his computer we now have an 85-page loose-leaf book that contains everything anyone would want to know about how the ACC operates.

Paul Hatcher, VP-Policy, spearheaded the collation, assisted by President Bey, Executive VP Syl Lulinski and Secretary Joan Rein, who combed past minutes and files to compile the vital information.

The 26 chapters run the gamut from Archives & History through the Youth program. Anything anyone wants to know about each particular program or phase of ACC activities is neatly pigeon-holed for ease of instant research.

The document will be presented for adoption to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in Las Vegas on Friday, September 10, 1999. It'll be great to have a "Bible" to refer to and depend on.

As far as I know it's the only cribbage tournament that starts things off with the Star-Spangled Banner, sung a cappella by Terry Gallagher, one of the local high school teachers.

Director Mike Taborski then presents some honorary gifts to get the crowd in a good mood: SF 49er caps to three Wisconsin cheeseheads attending; a bag of California oranges to the lone Floridian present; canned salmon for three Alaskans who made the scene; and a map for the Aleutian Islander who came the farthest.

But the highlight was the seating of last year's champ. All players were seated; but seat #1 had been left open and was vacant, until...with great fanfare...sponsoring Rotarians escorted in '98 champ Rollie Heath of Lincoln City, OR, to the seat of honor. Much applause...a great way for the previous year's winner to be recognized. Every tournament ought to try this, it sets a nice tone for the entire tournament.

Presidential Quiz:

1. Should sanctioned events be closed to all but ACC members?
2. Should persons who do not play the Main tournament be allowed to participate in the Consolation event?
3. Should satellite tournaments be open to all, regardless of ACC membership?

We're looking for fairness. Remember, Grass Rooters must be ACC members!

Send your responses to Ev Bey, 10826 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351-2464, or Fax (623) 933-2378, or e-mail: www.evbey@starlink.com

Meanwhile, keep peggia'...Ev Bey

Yvonne Van Sichel Wins Watermelon!

Yvonne Van Sichel, Cheney, WA, is usually the designated dealer for Eldon Schwilke, handicapped by Multiple Sclerosis. But at this year's Greater Hermiston Open, buoyed by Schwilke's training, and learning by "osmosis" from the long hours of watching Schwilke, she decided to play for herself. And play she did, and came home the winner in besting the large field of 82 peggers. The win came with the coveted watermelon trophy honors, made famous by this event, and gets her on the MRP board, plus a sizeable winner's check.

Danella Royal (OR) was hot from the get-go, qualifying first with a nice 35 GP card, but she couldn't quite get by Van Sichel, and settled for 2nd. Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) and Rod Marshall (WA) finished 3-4. Colvert's 70 MRP's keeps him in a deadheat with Life Master Bob Julian (WI) in this year's MRP race.

Tom Anderson (OR) won the 62-player Consolation, edging Rod Schott (WA) for the win in the final playoff match. Newly-crowned Grand Master Bruce Wridge (OR) and I. V. Graham (MT) finished 3-4. Charlie Brown (WA) topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 17 GP card in the 9-game round.

Director James Seufert had a full array of satellites, complete with watermelon trophy boards. The winners:

Time Passer: Jim Sime (WA)
Doubles: Gary Motley & Frank Ormie (OR)
High Roller: Bill Hill (OR)
Saturday: Bruce Denend (WA)
Last Chance: Jack Moritzky (WA)

Local Hermiston (OR) players fared quite well for the weekend, as local knowledge kept them in the winner's circle, with Bill Hill (Grand Master) leading the charge.

A highlight of this event saw Keith Blackman (OR) score the ACC's 12th sanctioned 29-hand this cribbage year. Jo Kirby (WA) scored the meet's only 28-hand.

Seufert conducted this event's usual Calcutta, and the Eagle's lodge were very hospitable hosts, with lunches, dinners, drinks, donuts and coffee galore!

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172 On Pacific Coast

Deb Kvien Wins Oregon Coast Classic

Deb & Les Kvien combined an ocean outing with a little cribbage in early May, and this duo, pegging out of Vernon Hills, IL, came home with a free vacation, plus! The Kvien's flew into Portland, OR, and motored down to Lincoln City, OR with co-directors Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer. They enjoyed the largess of Bernie and Sophie Nelson's hospitality and their ocean-front home (with 13 other peggers). Not content with that good fortune, they continued on to decimate the Western Region peggers.

Deb was red-hot all weekend, scoring 2nd in the qualifying round (37 GP's), and going on to win the Main Event playoffs as well. And, on top of that, she decided to show the Westerners how they run side pools in the Central Region. She organized a \$50, \$20, and \$10 pool...and copped all three! Her MRP take? 251 MRPs! Her \$ take? Too embarrassing to tell! She vaults among the leaders of the Central Region with this fine showing. Husband Les copped the Last Chance event, and, he too, remains at the top of the Central Region list. Only Bob Julian (WT) and Duane Toll (WT) have earned more MRP's this cribbage year in this region.

Bill Kaufman (OR) was the last victim of Kvien's championship run, taking home 2nd. Helen Bolstad (CA) earned her Grand Master by taking 3rd, followed by the streaking Donna Hassett, a Master pegger from Roseburg, OR. Hassett's 105 MRP's

keep her among the leaders in the Western Region.

Dean Bauman (OR) topped the field of 172 peggers in the qualifying round with a very nice 39 17/22 +236.

Dorothy Westerlund (OR) won 8 of 9 to take Consolation qualifying honors, but Tony Murawski (WA) won this 104-player event. Irma Symons (OR), Steve Ihrig (OR) and Bob Dellinger (CA) finished 2-3-4.

Directors Bernie Nelson, Rollie Heath, Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Time Passer: Ron Morgan (CA)
Doubles: Gil and Betty Johnson (WA)
High Roller: Bill Wakeman (CA)
Saturday: Carolyn Balmer (WA)
Last Chance: Les Kvien (IL)
28's: D. Kvien, J. Cutsforth, B. Chancellor

This event continues to draw large crowds...and the motor homes were out in force, as this ocean front setting brings them in for some salt air and some spirited pegging. Director Heath is contracting with the Chinook Winds Casino for future Oregon Coast Classics, as they have larger rooms, and more to offer the players. Check this event for next year...it should be a good one!

Mike McDaniel Tops On Columbia River

Mike McDaniel, pegging out of Federal Way, WA came home the winner at the Mid-Columbia Open (Hood River, OR) on April 18. McDaniel has been a killer in Consolation events over the years, but this time around, he came home with the Main Event win. In besting the field of 105 peggers, he carted home 147 MRP's...and bragging rights.

Don Smith (OR) earned his Masters by taking 2nd. Bruce Wridge (OR) earned his Grand Master by finishing 3rd...and Bob Wikstrom (WA) has cracked the 700 MRP mark by taking 4th...and continues a fine year on the boards.

Montana co-director Sharon Hejmanek (MT)



won 18 of 22 to take qualifying honors.

Millie Wolf (WA) topped the 82-pegger Consolation qualifying round, winning 8 of 9, but Beverlee Honeycutt (OR) came home the winner. She is nearing her Masters with the win. Life Master Paul Hatcher (OR), Grand Master Jeanne Hofbauer (WA), and Tony Shine (OR) finished 2-3-4.

Don & Marilyn Hilton had a full array of Satellites: The winners: EB- Jim Sime (WA); Doubles- Anne Williams & Bob Watkins (OR); High Rollers- Paul Hatcher; Sat- Joe Cover (OR), and LC- Jack Moritzky. 28's- Diane Harvey, Darren Black.

James Edgar Tops 114 in New Hampshire

James Edgar, Litchfield, NH, is a new ACC pegger...and he begins his tournament pegging by winning the Granite State Classic in Manchester, NH on April 11. In winning this sizeable 114-player event, Edgar takes home 147 MRPs...and has taken his first step towards his Master rating.

Pat Llewellyn (MA) is already a Master and has been pegging for some time, and her experienced play paid off with a 2nd place finish...and 105 MRPs + 20 qualifying MRPs = 125 total! George Healey (MA) and Sam Shwartz (MA) came home 3-4. Harry Palmer (MA) is a rare One-Star player and his experience came through with a great 24 GP card in the 12-game qualifying round...and yet another 50 MRPs. He is the ACC's 8th All-time ranked player.

Life Master Emil Chrabaszcz (MA) nailed a stellar 15 GP card in the 8-game Consolation (60 players) qualifying round and finished in the 5-8 bracket, and takes home 24 MRPs. In the playoffs, Al Giannotti (MA) came home the winner, besting Phil Doughtie (NH) in the final match. Grand Master Dave Clemmney (MA) had a fine match, finishing 3rd (after qualifying 4th) and is moving in on his Life Master rating. Tom Smith (NH) finished 4th.

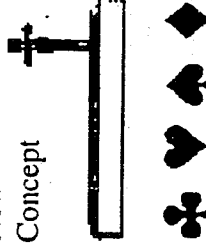
Director Tom Clark managed the tourney in fine style, and reports he will play 'er again next April 9, 2000.

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5th Blackstone Valley Open

Dave Clemmney Earns Life Master Bob Turcotte Tops 106

Bob Turcotte, Norwood, MA, zipped to the win at the recent 5th Annual Blackstone Valley Open in Pawtucket, RI on April 18. In topping the field of 106 players, Turcotte took home 147 MRPs + 15 qualifying MRPs. His final playoff match with Bruce Brown was a close one, but he came away with bragging rights. In taking 2nd, Brown earned 105 MRPs. Russell Lovell (MA) and Gertrude Theriault (RI) copped 3-4. Master Cindy Veradt (MA) topped the qualifying round with a nice 21 10/12 +129 to take honors.

Master Joan Morrison smoked the Consolation (56 players), taking qualifying honors with a Grand Slam (17 8/8 +116) and going on to finish 4th. Life Master Emil Chrabaszcz (MA) took honors in the playoffs. He had received a John Chambers book for being the low qualifier in the Main Event (with one win). However, being the ACC's 28th all-time ranked player, the book may be used as a Christmas gift for a more needy player. Grand Master Paul Gallagher (MA), and One-Star Harry Palmer (MA) finished 2-3.

A highlight of this event saw David Clemmney (MA) unofficially earn his Life Master with a 5-8 finish.

Director Earle Remington is commended by *Cribbage World* for a neat, first-class typed report, and he reports that he will play this event again next April 9, 2000.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Greg Schleusner Tops 240

Greg Schleusner, a Grand Master from Truckee, CA, came home the winner at the 28th Annual World Championship in Quincy, CA on May 2. And this is the 2nd time Schleusner has won this huge event. He won in 1987 and is a rare repeat winner. This win came complete with 196MRP's and \$1,200. Dennis Gage (CA) was narrowly defeated in the final match, losing 2-3. Gage went home with a nifty \$700...and 147 MRP's in this 240-player match.

The King of World Championship play is local Nick Ayoub (he has won the Main Event three times), but this time around he had to settle for a Consolation win (90 players).

Doubles play kicked off this event on Friday evening, and 88 teams pegged for honors. Jerold and Shirley Montgomery (CA) came home tops, winning \$500.

The High Rollers attracted 42 players, and Grand Master Roy Banducci (CA) took home \$500 in winning this event. The Saturday Night Special

was won by Sacramento's Mike Kozlowski. Mike's brother Casey won this event last year. Laurie Logan is a Quincy native, and she picked up \$100 in winning the Last Chance event.

Special prizes went to Bonnie Van Bergen (highest qualifier from Plumas County) and Les Sumner, Sparks, NV (The Nevadan who finished highest).

Director Mike Taborski reported players were present from throughout the USA (11 states represented), with Mike Barber travelling 4,000 miles to play (from Unalaska, AK). A Floridian made the trip and several from Wisconsin were on hand. And, as usual, the local Rotary club's community service projects benefitted from the event. The Rotarians worked overtime preparing lunch and a bar-be-cue dinner, and according to Taborski, "Everything went smoothly, not a hitch for the entire weekend!"

102 In Des Moines Like Father, Like Son at Hawkeye

Matt Kacer. Ankeny, Iowa, nailed a sizeable 102 players at the recent Hawkeye Classic in Des Moines, Iowa. And now for the rest of the story...his father Larry won this event, several years ago. Like father, like son! This time around, Matt took home 147 MRP's and bragging rights. His final playoff match was with Nancy Vachavake (WI). Troy Thorsen (CO) and Herman Jacobs (IA) nailed down 3-4.

Master Clay Collier (Grand Master winner in 1990) can still pick 'em up and lay 'em down as he took qualifying honors with a sterling 40 18/22 +269.

Ray Menuey (IA) ran the table in the 60-player Consolation, taking qualifying honors and winning the playoffs as well. Grand Master Jim Rein (MN) was the last victim of Menuey's run.

The Satellites:

Friday: Jim Rein (MN); Saturday: Les Kvien (IL); All Events: Matt Kacer (IA)

Long-time director Larry Loupee reported nary a 28 or 29-hand showed in this well-run event.

GR Club 21 Highlights

Grass Roots club 21 (Kentwood, MI) has been pegging for several years..and no one had ever scored a 29-hand. That is, until David Aiken turned the trick on Saturday, May 1. This rare hand proved to be worth a cool \$170 from the skunk bank, and the National Grass Roots tournament.

Then, on April 6, Rodric "Ollie" Olson suffered through the worst game of his life. He was still on first street with his opponent dealing 7 holes from winning. Ollie managed to count first on that last deal, and slipped over the triple skunk line to lose by only 86!

I saw a poor fellow lose by 91 years ago...ouch. Ed.

CW Thanks J. B. Blough for this tidbit