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### Las Vegas Grand National Record Breaker!

# Aird Wins XVIII

Grand Master Joe Aird, pegging out of Gladstone, Michigan, took on a record-breaking field of 678 peggers and came home the winner at the recent Grand National in Las Vegas. With the host Riviera Hotel and Casino buzzing with the nation's finest cribbage players, it all came down to Aird's final match with Valerie Sumner from upstate Sparks, Nevada. Aird's cards remained steady and he took home the 18th Grand National's top prize, a whopping 315 MRP's, a huge cash award...and bragging rights. His lifetime MRP's are approaching 5,000 and he is winging towards his Life Master. Sumner did quite well with a 2nd place finish, tacking on a nifty 252 MRP's, in addition to a sizeable purse for this high finish.

Denny Van Orsow, a Grand Master from Culver, OR, nailed 3rd, and is closing in on his Life Master (5,800 lifetime MRP's). Harry Gelson was a long way from his Rhode Island home, and paid for his trip to tinsel-town by finishing 4th. Craig Phipps (VA), Life Master Jeff Shump (IN), Jeff Pask (CA) and Master Donald Flesch (WI) finished 5-8. Flesch very nearly earned Grand Master with his high finish.

Ginger Nelson directs the Madison, WI Masters Classic, and she proved to be a master pegger in her own right by taking top qualifying honors...a superlative 40 18/22 +273...and a \$530 Q prize.

John Pask (CA) won 8 of 9 in the Consolation qualifying round (18 8/9 +135) to take honors in the huge 460-player event. But it was Grand Master Bill Hill, the pride of Hermiston, OR, taking home the marbles in the playoff action. Master Jerry Fischer (WI), Wayne Pinquoch (AK), and George Rodriguez (MT) came home 2-3-4.

Life Master Brian Heroux (RI) won the High Roller event at Grand National XII (Missoula, MT)...and he repeated again in GN XVIII...to the tune \$2,115! One-Star Jesse Jarrell (CA), and Two-Star DeLynn Colvert (MT) nailed 10 of 12 to finish 2-3. Life Master Roger Wilson (CO) and Michael Hayden (CA) finished 1-2 in the Friday night event and cashed sizeable prizes.

13 28-hands showed, but nary a sign of a 29. The 28's: Ratsko Roderick, Roy Cook, Joyce Miller, Betty Davis, Marilyn Massey, Orbin Hatton, Butch Billow, Dennis Bays, Tony Castanares, Ed Kramer, Cy Madrone, Bruce Page, and Kim Burnett.

Directors Bob Gromek, Bob Julian, Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer, and their fine staff did yeoman's work in directing this record-breaking event. Next year's Grand National XIX will be directed by veteran directors Al Lindner and Vickie Long in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

# The President's Column

## Catherine Perkins

### WHO?

Allow me to introduce myself. At the annual meeting of the ACC Board of Directors, the officers/executive committee members are elected to serve for a one year term. This year I have the honor of being elected to the office of President. In recent years you have read the comments and thoughts of the President in this column. My first column is intended to tell you a little about me and then I will retire the column.

However, I am very much interested in your opinions and comments. I invite all members of the ACC to write me at:

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I was raised in a large family in the Boston area and we all learned to play cribbage at about age seven because my father insisted it would help us with our school work. Visits back to Massachusetts include many games of cribbage with the family and neighbors. Russ, my husband of 32 years, and I have lived in North Carolina since 1973. I am employed by the area Mental Health Board as a Developmental Therapist/Early Intervention Specialist. Basically, I work with families who have an infant at risk for developmental delays by going into their homes to teach parents how to aid in their child's development. In other words, I get to play with babies all day! This is a demanding and stressful job but the enjoyment I get from the cribbage weekends provides the respite that allows me to continue this vocation. Russ and I participate in 12-15 tournament a year, mostly on the east coast.

I began playing tournament cribbage at the 3rd National Open in Raleigh in 1976. The following year I was asked to serve on the judging committee and have assisted with operating this tournament ever since.

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## Election of Officers

At the recent ACC Board of Directors Meeting in Las Vegas, the following officers were elected to a one-year term: President: Catherine Perkins; Executive Vice-President: Syl Lulinski; Vice-President, Policy: Paul Hatcher; Executive Vice-President, Operations: Patrick Barrett; Executive Member at Large: Jim Ready.

Ex-President Ev Bey has retired from the Board of Directors. His position on the Board of Directors has been filled by Todd Schaefer, St. Paul, Minnesota.

For the past 10 years I have been a co-director of this magnificent tournament. We are extremely proud that the ACC owes its beginnings to the National Open. I am also proud to be a charter member of the ACC. I have been on the Board of Directors since 1989. While I have served on many committees, the activity I am most proud of is that of being a member of the Rule's Committee and a senior judge. The concept of judging committees was adopted from the National Open where we had been encountering quagmires and compiling rules to manage these situations for several years prior to the formation of the ACC. In November 1980, at a tournament in Florida, the first ACC President, Joe Wergin, offered to take me to dinner if I would do him a big favor. Curious, I agreed. Following dinner, he presented me with a plan to certify judges for the ACC and gave me a draft of the first judge's examination to edit. It took a lot of editing. A few weeks later, a certificate stating that I was an "Official ACC Judge" arrived in the mail. I like to say that I am the first "Official ACC Judge." Since then I have had the honor of serving as head judge at numerous tournaments and as the first director of senior judges. At the breakfast meeting in Raleigh in 1979, at the birth of the ACC, the founders stated this goal: "Organize to protect cribbage players from exploitation, to standardize cribbage rules, and promote the game of cribbage." These are still the goals of the ACC and I pledge to continue to serve the membership to the best of my ability.

I like to say, "Anyone who comes to a cribbage tournament for anything but the fun is bound to go away disappointed." At tournaments I wish you all fun, fellowship and winning cribbage.

*Catherine*

# Diagnoses

FROM LAS VEGAS

The Riviera Hotel/Casino had much to offer America's cribbage players...and there were winners...and losers galore. The luckiest of them all was Ladonna Governor from Napa, CA. She won \$35,000 playing "Let It Ride" poker. Holding a jack-queen, king of clubs, the dealer turned the ace and ten of clubs for the elusive royal flush...and a jackpot for Governor.

Kevin Post, Minnetonka, MN, after losing his second-round playoff match to eventual winner Joe Aird, decided to let cribbage rest a while and hit for the Pai Gow poker table. Not in a good mood, he bet an "envy" bet on his neighbor's hand. Nice hunch. His neighbor played a 7-card straight flush...and Post picked up \$5,000! Take that, Joe Aird! And to top it off, the Riviera took Post to the airport in a stretch limo!

The Awards Banquet also set a record for attendance (217). Many players earned their Master, Grand Master, Life Master, and National Champ Bob Julian took home the ACC's 11th One-Star rating (10,000 lifetime MRPs). Perennial MC Scott Kooistra and Joan Rein ran a well-run ceremony...but it was Rollie Heath (OR) stealing the show. Winding down the banquet awards, he passed out the All-American team awards with gusto, roasting the players as they stood and waited for their framed awards. The crowd hooted and howled with delight...and *Cribbage World* wagers he will be begged to repeat his performance at next year's awards ceremony in Wisconsin.

The Riviera's playing hall was the largest-ever for a sanctioned event. This huge hall held the record 678-players with room to spare.

Retiring President Ev Bey received a standing ovation from the crowd after he kicked off the event with a rousing speech reminiscing about Las Vegas events played at the Riviera in the early 1980's. He mentioned the late Ray Meade, a Las Vegas player from years past. "The late Ray Meade must be looking down in awe and wonder. They promised me 600 players and I wouldn't believe it. Congratulations!" Bey concluded, "Now it's my pleasure to introduce your new President.. Cathy Perkins. Good luck to you and good luck to all today's players!"

And, with that, the pegging began in earnest!

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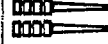
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## Ken Benson Wins Belle City, Earns Master

Ken Benson, Hastings, MI, won the recent Belle City Classic In Appleton, WI...and zipped to his Master rating. In winning this 100-player event, Benson carted home 147 MRP's and easily winged over the 2,000 MRP mark (lifetime) to earn Master, in addition to a sizeable purse (and bragging rights).

Grand Master Al Schaefer (WI) nailed down 2nd...and 105 MRP's. Schaefer is closing in on his Life Master with this high finish. Master Bob Loch and spouse Diane finished 3-4. This local couple continues to pile up the MRP's...and are seen far and wide on the cribbage trail.

One-Star Joe Bernard set the pace in the qualifying round with a nice 34 16/22 +147. This Libertyville, IL player is running no. 4 (lifetime) in the ACC.

64 players stayed for the Consolation, and Lila Larson (WI) came home the winner. Her final playoff match pitted her with the formidable Duane Toll, a One-Star player from Oak Creek, WI. Dorothy Schroeder (WI) and Master Ed Heinowski (WI) finished 3-4. The final four proved that age is no handicap when it comes to cribbage, as Larson and Schroeder are 80+ years old. Larson drubbed Toll two-straight...by a skunk and 28 points...to waltz to the title!

Director Tom Maresh had a full array of satellite events. The winners:  
Friday: Jerry Gruber (MN)  
High Rollers: Bob Julian (WI)  
Friday Fast 3: Mark Hahighorst (WI)  
Saturday: Jim Rice (WI)  
Saturday Fast 3: Bob Loch (WI)

Maresh also reported that the cards were cold...no 28's or 29's showed.

## 62 Years...and a 29!

Mac McDowell, Beaverton, OR, scored his first 29-hand ever (after 62 years of trying) on September 6 while playing in Portland, OR's GR 28 first meet of the season.

McDowell stated that he has never scored a 28-hand in his pegging career, making this 29 a real oddity.

## Edmonton, Alberta Joins Grass Roots Play

Dennis Misenaar has organized the first Grass Roots club in the Province of Alberta.

According to Misenaar, these Edmonton peggers are a dedicated group. They have long played cribbage in Edmonton and are off and running with Grass Roots play. He predicts well over 100 peggers will be in action in short order, making this one of the larger Grass Roots clubs in the ACC.

Misenaar, with help from Harold and Marion Buckley, are already planning a sanctioned event in the northland. Misenaar publishes a nifty "Cribbage News" newsletter, which should aid in getting this Grass Roots club off and running.

This club will play every Monday at 7 PM at the Moose Lodge, 14510-142 St. in Edmonton. Call Misenaar at (780) 444-1377, or email: 01041670@3web.net

## Ridley Tops Peg For The Border

Tom Ridley from nearby El Cajon nailed the Peg For The Border event in La Mesa, CA on September 19. His last opponent was a long way from his Alaska home, but Henry Carle came through with flying colors, despite losing the last match. This Alaskan topped the field in the qualifying round with a nice 34 16/22 +163 card. Norm Nikodyn (CA) and Robert Harrell (CA) finished 3-4 in this 52-player event.

Grand Master Roger Wilson (CO) took home the 32-player Consolation event, edging Obie Weeks (CA) in the final playoff match. Paul Barnes (FL) and Tom Mills (CA) finished 3-4. Arlene Carle (AK) took qualifying honors, winning 8 of 9.

### The Satellites:

Friday: Obie Weeks (CA) 8/9  
Saturday: Delynn Colvert (MT) 9/9 21 +230  
Team: D. Carr, J. Dellarsina, R. Dofy, O. Weeks

Husband and wife (in Arlene and Henry Carle) took qualifying honors in the Main and Consolation ...and another husband-wife duo played each other in first-round playoff action. Paul and Joy Barnes had this honor, and this time around, the husband came out on top.

Director Julie Hardardt and staff were well-organized, served a great Mexican-style lunch, and conducted a raffle with bundles of prizes. And Ridley's familiarity in knowing which direction to peg for the border paid off handsomely.

## 144 Play Peer Event Warren Gallagher (Again!)

Warren Gallagher, Melrose, MA, is burning up the track in the Eastern Region. He has won two Main Events lately...and a Consolation! This amazing string valuts Gallagher to the nation's MRP lead in the year 2000's early going.

This time around he ripped the New England Peer Event. With a large crowd of 144 peggers, Gallagher took home yet another 196 MRP's to add to his lofty total for this cribbage year. Master Frank Corrado (CT) took home 2nd. He simply could not match Gallagher's hot streak. Bill Richmond (CT) and Ed Donahue (MA) took home 3-4. Hollie Umbrianna (MA) nailed a nice 39 19/22 +255 qualifying score to easily take honors.

68 peggers played the Consolation and Don Graveline (MA) won going away. Veteran pegger Shamus O'Connor (NY) took home 2nd, followed by Master Joyce Vanelli (MA) and Maynard King (PA) in 3-4. Paul Gallagher, a Grand Master from Avon, MA won 8 of 10 to take qualifying honors.

### *The Satellites:*

Friday: Mert Morris (ME)  
Doubles: Carl Deyette & Nelson Baaken (CT)  
28's: B. Grossman, D. West, B. Chevallier

Directors Joe Seigle and John Chambers have an ACC's exemption in this PEER format (pitting players with near-equal MRPs, lifetime, in the qualifying round), and it appears that this format is attractive to many players, attested to by the large crowd. Seigle and Chambers are planning a re-match next August 26-27.

## Jarrell Wins 9th at Castro Valley

One-Star Jesse Jarrell (CA) won his 9th sanctioned Main Event at the 90-player Shut Up and Deal event in Castro Valley, CA on August 29.

But the big news in this event was Annett Eiffert's TWO 29-hands! The first was scored in the 19th game of the qualifying round on Saturday, and the 2nd in the 9th game of the Consolation qualifying round. In the 20-year history of the ACC, this is a first! Scot Kozlowski (NV) scored two 29's in one year (two months apart) a few years back.

Jack Shumate III (CA), a newly crowned Master, had a great tourney, finishing 2nd after qualifying first with a nice 36 16/22 +175. Paul Halucka (CA) and Lou Jenkins (CA) took home 3-4.

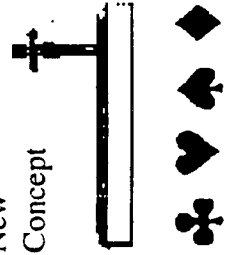
Grand Master Bill Wakeman (CA) won the 54-player Consolation, with Chuck Sladek (CA) taking 2nd. Mel Ashley (CA) took qualifying honors (7 of 9) and finished 3rd. Mike Leonard (CA) took 4th.

### *The Satellites:*

Friday: Bill Hutchison (CO)  
Saturday: Chuck Sladek (CA)  
High Rollers: Jackie Doppelt (CA)  
Last Chance: Rich Wager (CA)  
28's: John Ryan, Robert Zahn

Mary Ryan's inaugural event as director was a wild and woolly one. Eiffert's two 29's will be long remembered.

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- Sun. 7:30 A.M. Playoff for Main  
9:00 A.M. Consolation - 9 games \$20, Q \$10  
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**Julie Mower Wins Labor Day Special**  
Julie Mower, pegging out of Yreka, CA, won her first sanctioned event on September 5...the Labor Day Special at the Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville, OR. With an even 100 peggers on hand, Mower took home 147 MRP's, a nice purse, and bragging rights.

Newly crowned Grand Master Harvey Honeycutt (OR) nailed down 2nd, followed by Jerry Cutsworth (CA) and the streaking Rosemary Hendricks (WA) in 3rd and 4th.

Bob Leonard from nearby Medford, OR took qualifying honors with a nice 26 12/14 +191.

Bob Wikstrom (WA) won the 48-player Consolation, edging Master Lucille Endicott (OR) in the final playoff match. Mike Watson (OR) and Sharon Wilson (OR) finished 3-4. Wilson also scored the meet's only 28-hand. Daulph Plummer (OR) won 8 of 9 to take qualifying honors.

Director Larry Hassett reports that the Seven Feathers Casino is fast becoming a mecca for cribbage players. Peggers showed up early on Saturday and organized an impromptu Early Bird event...and last year's champ, Donna Hassett (OR), took the win.

Hassett reports that the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Classic will be played at the same facility, and interest is running high. Many players are coming on Thursday to enjoy the casino's Thanksgiving Day dinner...with cribbage beginning on Friday. Hassett also wishes to thank La Von Thiems, Donna Hassett, La Vonda Hart and Virginia Grant for their help in the tournament.

**Peg For Border Dedicated to the Memory of Bill Harvey**

The recent Peg For The Border event in LaMesa, CA was dedicated to the memory of Bill Harvey (1947-1999), a veteran pegger who recently passed away.

**Quiz:**

ACC Pegger Sharon Fly lives in San Diego. What is her occupation. Answer below.

**Mike Stier A Sweetheart**  
Mike Stier (AK) was a sweetheart at the recent Carson Valley Classic in Minden, NV.

He dealt his opponents two 28-hands: one on Friday and another on Saturday.

*Why can't I find a nice guy like Mike once in a while? Ed.*

**Quiz Answer**

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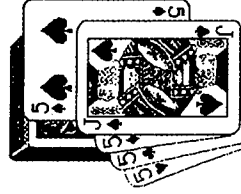
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7:30 p.m. Play begins

**Sunday, November 21:** 7:30 a.m. Playoff rounds continue

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