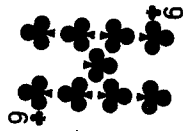
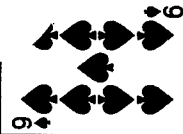
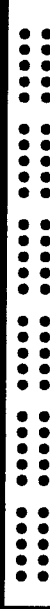


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James Goss Tops Huge Field

With 1,741 participants from coast to coast, James Goss, Bay City, Michigan came home the winner in the 1999 edition of the National Grass Roots Tournament. This Grass Roots club 97 member posted an excellent 34 GP 15/18 +269 card to take honors. Goss was one of 10 players to score a Grand Slam (9 for 9). This event is broken into two 9-game segments, with the 18-game total score used to determine the winners.

Timothy Morrissey, Chehalis, WA, came close, and settled for 2nd with a 33 15/18 +221 score.

The top 8:

James Goss, Bay City, MI (97) 34 15 +269
Timothy Morrissey, Chehalis, WA (232) 33 15 +221
Luther Lord, Alondra, CA (190) 32 15 +253
Charlie Finley, E. Longmeadow, CT (72) 32 15 +224
Doug Busch, Auburn, CA (190) 32 14 +202
Rouan Obermeier, WI Rapids, WI (120) 32 13 +332
Joanne Reinhold, Virginia Beach, VA (117) 32 13 +193
Mike Ferretta, Virginia Beach, VA (117) 31 15 +148

Tournament Director Annett Eifert reports that the event awarded some \$12,205 in prizes to 341 winners (24 GP's or more). 89 clubs hosted a tournament, with 130 GR clubs represented. The huge field played some 31,338 games...and only David Aiken, Grand Rapids, MI, was able to score a 29-hand. Some 14 28-hands were scored, and 10 Grand Slams. These 25 peggers picked up added prize money for these long-shots. According to Eifert, final standings of all 1,741 players may be found on the cribbage web site at www.cribbage.org

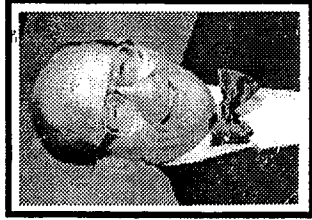
Hogan Tops St. Croix

With a full field of 180 peggers, James Hogan (MN) came home the winner at the latest edition of the St. Croix Classic, played at Turtle Lake, WI on August 13-15. His final playoff match pitted him with Jean Cervantes (WI), and he won going away. With the win Hogan carted home a whopping 231 MRP's (after qualifying 6th) and is among the leaders as the 2000 cribbage year kicks off action. In addition to the bushel of MRP's, he also took home \$1,500 and a trophy clock. Cervantes took home 207 MRP's (after qualifying first with a nice 38 18/22 +192) and is also off to a great start for the new year.

Life Master Wayne Steinmetz (WI), fresh from earning All-American honors last year, is at it again, taking home 3rd. Derald Fedra (MN) finished 4th.

118 peggers played the Consolation and Master Emil Lubinski (MN) took home the marbles, edging another Master...Larry Loupee (IA)... in the final playoff match. Loupee is very close to his Grand Master with the 45 MRP's earned.

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The President's Column

Everett "Ev" Bey

Favorite Tournament

As I suspected...and expected...the overwhelming preference among replies to my July questions about favorite sanctioned tournaments was the Joseph Petrus Wergin/ACC Open in Reno.

Comments complimented it on being "well run," thanx in great part to Barbara Woodward, advertising-promotions director for the Sands Regency Casino & Hotel. Also, many remarked on the opportunity to meet the best players from all over the USA in this big event.

Reno's two other tournaments, 4th of July and Veteran's Day, also garnered many votes, due to enhanced payoff contributed by the casino and low hotel rates.

Among other tournaments getting the nod as "favorites" were the Stan Daniels Memorial in Portsmouth, VA; the St. Croix (WI) Casino events; Nipomo, CA; the oldest event, my World Championship in Quincy, CA, "we'll run!"; and the Timber Capital at Seven Feathers Casino, OR, especially for providing a financial report to all players after the event.

Members favored two-day tournaments over one-day events by a 3-1 margin... "it gives us more time to socialize," one reported.

The amount of prize money didn't seem to affect anyone's decision about attending or not attending a particular tournament. The percentage of return factor was mentioned as one reason for including or excluding a tournament among your choices.

A majority of players said they attend 7 to 12 tournaments a year. Half of that number make 1

to 6 tournaments yearly and the remainder are the die-hards, including a few who make 30-40 tournaments a year. You'll probably find their names among the regional leaders! An offhand comment: "You gotta play to get the pay."

Distance and convenience of travel to tournaments bore little concern over player's decision whether or not to attend. One reply said he would not attend if the tournament director is being paid.

Hotel and meal prices split about even in deciding a player's attendance at a tournament. Luckily, favorable rates are usually arranged, so this is not a big consideration.

Recently, Tournament Commissioners have been confronted with a proposal to hold mid-week tournaments at the same place preceding a regularly-scheduled weekend tournament. Executive Board members took a dim view of this plan, allowing that it could water-down the Master Point Rating system by showing preference to those who could enter both tournaments. Sounds more like a scheme to benefit the casino involved. Also, it would interfere with regular weeknight Grass Roots schedules. Comments, anyone?

Considering the vagaries of the US Postal Service, I doubt whether this September '99 issue of Cribage World will reach you prior to the 18th Grand National in Las Vegas Sept. 10-11-12. Bob Gromek, Bob Julian and Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer, the tournament directors, are looking for some 600 players to show up for this event.

By the way, did you know that this event is returning to the Riviera Casino where the first Tournament of Champions got its start in 1981 and 1982, before moving to Reno, first Karl's in Sparks and now at the Sands-Regency.

Keep peggin' Ev Bey

Hogan Tops St. Croix Continued from page one

Kevin Post (MN) and Larry LaGassie (WI) nailed down 3rd and 4th. Ray Hansen (IA) posted a grand slam 9/9 in the qualifying round to take honors...and a \$100 bonus from the St. Croix Casino for the slam. Hansen had received free entry into the Consolation by being the top non-qualifier in the Main Event...and he cashed in on this largess in a big way!

The Satellites:

Friday: Francis Pasiuk (MN)
Saturday: Bill Shirland (CO)
28's: Art Semmler, Carl Schroeder, Gary Haelefrsch, Maury Gort, Roger Wilson, Sue Schenk

Director Alan Lindner, with able help from Vickie Long, once again conducted a first-class event, attested to by yet another large crowd. The Casino, once again, paid out \$7,850 in bonus money. The 28-hand recipients each received \$250, and some 254 24-hands were awarded \$25 each. Lindner reports that no one has yet to take home the \$500 for a 29-hand...and hints that the October 1-3 edition may very well break the dry spell.

Melon King Back At It

Ken Capper makes his home in Hermiston, Oregon...and this area is famous for its watermelons and cantelopes.

Capper treated the Portland players in late July to all the melons and cantis they could eat. This treat was so well received, that Capper decided to treat the players again. This time around, the Redmond Senior Center Open in Redmond, OR was given a Saturday lunch-time treat. Years ago Ken and Betty Capper were crowned Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World...with good reason!

Englewood GR 29 Sports 10-Year Old

Justin Johnson, age 10, Englewood, FL has joined GR club 29, and plays along with his grandmother (Cindy Johnson) and great-grandfather (Bob McAnelly). According to secretary Donna Severson Justin is one sharp player and a delightful gentleman...and he loves his cribbage! And he keeps the group "thinking young!"

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138 In Woonsocket Bob Fitzgerald Tops New England Inaugural

Bob Fitzgerald, pegging out of East Hartford, CT, nailed the 138-player New England Inaugural on August 8. With the win, Fitzgerald zips out of the gate in the new cribbage year and is the leader in the Eastern Region. He garnered 196 MRP's for the win.

Tom Clark (NH), Don Shields (CT), and Master Al Tenenbaum (NJ) came home 2-3-4. Grand Master Dick West (MA) took qualifying honors with a nice 21 GP card in the 12-game round...and 35 MRP's.

Warren Gallagher (MA) won the 72-player Consolation, nipping Life Master George Bickford (MA) in the final playoff match. Master Charles Burgess, Jr. (RI) and Grand Master Zeke Veradt (MA) finished 3-4. Grand Master Lee Norris (RI) took qualifying honors, scoring a 16 GP card in the 9-game match.

Bickford was last year's Consolation champion and very nearly repeated that performance. Director Lee Norris reports that Bill and Sharlene Medeiros will conduct this event on August 13, 2000. Norris thanks all for their attendance and support.

Todd Malmgren Cops Redmond Senior Center

Todd Malmgren, Clackamas, OR, posted 781 MRP's during the 1999 season, finishing 13th in the Western Region. But this year promises to be a special year for Malmgren. He blasted out of the gate in the new year winning the 84-player Redmond Senior Center Open in Redmond, OR on August 22...and earned his Grand Master (unofficially) rating in fine style. Finishing 2nd (and qualifying 2nd) was Lowell Bailey (WA), followed by Hazel Weichseldorfer (WA) and Master Bob Oriet (OR) in 3-4.

Sharon Hejtmánek (MT) continues to burn up the track. Fresh from a top-qualifying score in Boise (38 GP's), she, once again, topped the field in the qualifying round with a superlative 42 GP's. Picking up 101 MRP's in Boise and Redmond, she zips to the Western Region lead with 202 MRP's.

Ex-World Champ Rollie Heath (OR) nailed the 54-player Consolation. With the win he is nearing his Grand Master rating. Master Roger Lueschow (WA), Dan Hansen (OR), and Master Jack Holt (OR) finished 2-3-4.

The Satellites:

Time Passer: Bill Sword (7/7)

High Roller: Rollie Heath

Doubles: Art Ferenze & Mitch Bourland

Saturday: Carolyn Blackman

Last Chance: Paul Nolz

29: Shari Wikstrom

28's: Margery Clark, Jeremy Brock

Directors Ralph & Marvis Reynolds kept all events on schedule, and, once again, conducted a well-run event.

Believe It Or Not Shari Wikstrom Scores ACC's First 29-Hand (2000 Year)

In one of the ACC's more unusual 29-hands, Shari Wikstrom (WA) came away with the ACC's first of the 2000 season.

What was unusual? Wikstrom nudged the player to her left, "Ras" Rasmussen before the draw...and her opponent, Delynn Colvert, knew she was up to an unusual hand... probably a 29-draw.

She cut the deck, and Colvert pounded the top card, and demanded "The five of hearts!" Flipping the card down with extra force, and, viola!... there it was...the five of hearts! It was a perfect guess on Colvert's part. A 29-hand! With the five of hearts!

Asked later why he guessed the five of hearts, Colvert stated, "Well, Doris Denny used the five of hearts to win the National Open...that's the card to call. Besides, Shari and "Ras" were concentrating so hard on that card, the mental vibes made it easy!"

Colvert went on to say that the looks of shock on both players was worth the price of losing the game via a skunk! (He was shocked, too, overpegging five holes during the pegging sequence).

Last year, the ACC paid \$1,900 for 19 sanctioned 29-hands (a record season for these gems). Wikstrom may very well have kicked off another record-breaking season for scoring perfect hands!

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GALLAGHER GALLAGHER

It was Paul Gallagher vs. Warren Gallagher in the final playoff match at the 9th Eastern States Championship on August 15.

And went the dust had settled, it was Grand Master Paul Gallagher in the winner's circle. With some 88 players on board, Paul went home with 147 MRP's plus another 20 for qualifying 10th, bragging rights, and the championship purse. Warren fared quite well, too, as he topped the field in the qualifying round (23 GP's in the 12-game round), and took home an aggregate 150 MRP's. Both Gallaghers hail from Massachusetts.

Life Master Larry Samet (MA) and Dutch Gehrlich (MD) finished 3-4.

And it was Medeiros vs. Medeiros in the 5-6 spot. Grand Master Rob and Life Master Bill are at it again as the ACC begins year number 20!

Grand Master Bill Shoemaker (CT) ran the table in the 56-player Consolation. He took qualifying honors (15 GPs, 8-game match), and went on the win the event as well. Master Jerry Bernier (MA) took 2nd, with Grand Master Dick West (MA), and Phyllis Aronoff (MA) in 3-4.

Director Bill Medeiros had several unique events on tap. Every 24-hand received a prize...for the opponent! The skunk bucket was split to the non-qualifying player who had the best last three games in the Main event and Consolation. Rit Alkas (CT) won the Main portion, and David Statz (NH) won the Consolation portion. Medeiros also had a team event that paid three places...and Larry Samet placed on all three! Medeiros also reported that Bruce Brown scored the meet's only 28-hand. No 29's showed.

And Didn't Win?

Judy Peigras was a long way from her Alaska home on August 21. She was pegging away at the Saturday night game at Redmond, OR's Senior Center Classic. In the 7-game match, she scored SEVEN 24-hands...and she did NOT win the event. What next?

Rosemary Hendricks Hot in Idaho
Rosemary Hendricks, Rochester, WA, has taken up the grand old game with a vengeance. She scored some 552 MRP's last season...and begins the new season by taking home the Les Bois Championship in Boise, Idaho on August 8 (45 players).

Bob Chicera (NV) nailed 2nd, followed by Millie Wolf (WA) and Michelle Park (ID) in 3-4.

Sharon Hejzmanek (MT) brought home a nice trophy (and Q money) by posting a 38GP card in the qualifying round...and 60 MRP's.

Local Doug Hadley won the 30-player Consolation, followed by Marlene Stack (WA) in 2nd. Stack also took qualifying honors, winning 7 of 9. Les Sissel (OR) and George "Ras" Rasmussen (WA) finished 3-4.

The Satellites:

Friday Early Bird: Jim Sime (WA)

High Rollers: George Rasmussen (WA)

Doubles: Alan Baze & Dan Tavel (ID)

Saturday: Todd Malmgren

Last Chance: Michelle Park

28's Todd Malmgren, Michelle Barthelme

Director David Suhr keeps 'em pegging in Idaho!

Wild Night in Portland

A recent meeting of 14 peggers in Portland, OR had astounding results.

In the 126 games played, 14 were skunks...and an astounding four double skunks were scored.

According to Harry Kantas, he feels that National Grass Roots champ Gene Goodell has made a deal with the devil. He scored a grand slam 9/9 22 GP's...and had one of the double-skunks!

In Memoriam

Gene Ferche

Benevia, California

Gene was a dedicated member of the Solano 29ers Grass Roots club...and was a gentleman on and off the boards. He died July 27. His many friends and peggers mourn his passing.

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This year was especially tough, as so many of our members are deserving of this award. He named **three members** of the congress as recipients of this year's award. They are:

Fred McGibney
South Burlington, Vermont

Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer
Washougal, Washington

McGibney has served the Congress as Treasurer for 12 years, and President Bey wrote, "He created a budget system to control ACC expenditures, gave the Board of Directors sound financial advice, and through an annual audit uncovered a major monetary loss that was draining ACC assets..."

The Hofbauers were also honored with this award, and Bey wrote, "Roy, as Western Regional Tournament Commissioner, has his wife assisting in the 50 to 60 Western sanctioned tournaments held each year. Together, they serve as co-directors of several ACC sanctioned

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- 1- Shari Wikstrom, Redmond Sr., Aug 22 99
- 2- Annett Eifflert, Castro Valley, Aug 28 99
- 3- Annett Eifflert, Castro Valley, Aug 29 99

Corrections

Last month's CW listed well over 1,400 names, and other data, and, of course, a few typos were made.

Rose Chase, a recipient of a Masters Award, was listed as living in North, RI. We all know she lives in North Kingstown, RI.

Cres Fernandez finished 3rd at the Devil Mountain Caper in Antioch, CA. He was listed as Cres Hernandez. *Cribbage World* apologizes for these goofs.

Bickford Continues

George Bickford, National Tournament Commissioner, faxed CW a cute joke that began, "I can only please one person a day and today ain't your day!"

It continued, "(Tomorrow ain't looking too good either!)"

And it concluded, "Matter of fact this month ain't lookin good!"

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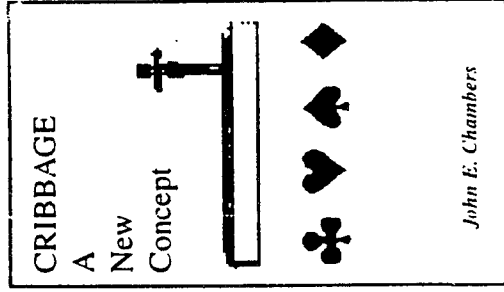
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Grand National XVIII Predicted to Top 600!

With but a few days remaining, Co-Director Jeanne Hofbauer predicts that the final tally will exceed 600! And that will be a new record for attendance to this prestigious event. As *Cribbage World* goes to press (August 30) the tally is at 570!

The Unbelievable Has Happened!

Annett Eifert Scores TWO 29's!
Annett Eifert, a member of the ACC's Board of Directors from Sacramento, CA, has done the impossible! She scored a 29-hand on Saturday during the Main Event at the "Shut Up and Deal" event in Castro Valley, CA...and came back on Sunday morning and did it again (August 28 & 29)! Two sanctioned 29's in the same event! And \$200 from the ACC! What next?



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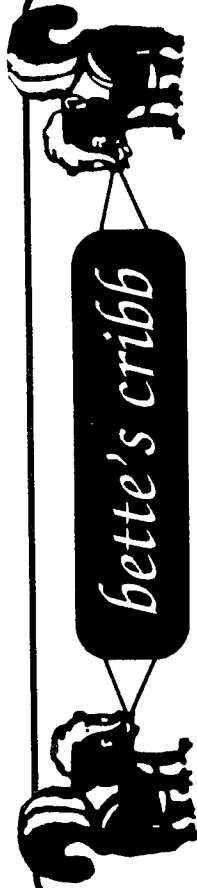
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