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## 208 In Turtle Lake

# Charles Runs Table At June St. Croix

Director Alan Lindner was forced to turn away peggers at the June edition of the St. Croix Classic in Turtle Lake, WI as some 208 peggers were shoe-horned into the St. Croix Casino. Playing space simply ran out.

With this record crowd, it was Grand Bay's Clarence Charles' day in the sun. With a great 40 18/22 +266 qualifying card under his belt, he continued on to take the playoffs as well. This championship run netted Charles a nifty combined \$3,235, and an astounding 266 Master Points.

Les Kvien (IL) simply could not match Charles' hot run of cards, and settled for 2nd money...and 147 MRPs. Kvien is knocking on the door for his Grand Master with this high finish. Doug Muneke (MN) and James Dahl (WI) finished 3-4. Dahl is also nearing his Grand Master.

Bill Johnson (WI) nailed the 124-player Consolation, nipping Master Bob Chase (MN) in the final playoff match. One-Star Bob Julian (WI) keeps his hat in the ring for top-ten honors this cribbage year by taking 3rd, and Don Christensen (CO) nailed down 4th. Kathie Kjertsen (MN) won 8 of 9 to take qualifying honors.

### *The satellites:*

Friday: Roberta Schweig (IL) 8/9 \$500

Saturday: Marvin Lang (IL) 8/9 \$485

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Director Lindner reported players were turned away by phone in advance of play, and others who showed on Friday night and Saturday morning were also turned away. He urges all players to register far in advance in the future to guarantee a spot in the competition.

With much side pool action, players scoring well were Martha Sondeticker (\$1,110) and Connie Staven (\$1,440). Daryl Halopka (WI) had a hot weekend as he lost his last game on Friday night to lose his grand slam, then qualified 2nd in the Main Event (37 GP's), and finished in the 5-8 bracket, taking home \$775. His wife, Bonnie, finished 12th Friday night and scored five 24-hands during the weekend, giving this duo gas money to spare.

As usual the St. Croix Casino were great hosts, furnishing soda, juice, and coffee, plus great food. Remember! Sign up early for the next edition of this popular event!

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**Hejتمانек Takes Alberta Open**  
 Sharon Hejتمانек, Missoula, MT, came home the winner at the inaugural Alberta Open in Edmonton on June 4. The win was special as she also earned her Master rating. And the 147 MRP's zip her to well over 600 for the year, with an outside chance of earning All-American honors. Local Ron Saik came close with a 2nd place finish. He saw his chances evaporate when Hejتمانек hit a 3-6-6-6 with a 3 cut in game number 6. His take? 105 MRP's, \$525, and a trophy board. Hejتمانек took home a nice \$725 and the champion's trophy board.

Shirley Ruff (AB) and Estalita Ellis (ID) nailed down 3-4 in this 67-player event. Walter Steubel (AB) topped the qualifiers with a nice 36 16/22 +232.

Fredella Haab (MT) ran the table in the Consolation (43 players). She qualified with a 16 8/9 +92 and won the playoffs as well. Her final playoff match pitted her against the streaking Grand Master Jack Moritzky (WA), but she prevailed in a tough match. Moritzky is at the 1,000 MRP mark for the year, and keeps his hat in the ring for national honors this cribbage year. Marvin Biomquist (AB) and John Simac (MT) took home 3-4.

Director Dennis Misenar had a full array of satellite events. The winners:  
 Friday EB: Bob Townsley (BC)  
 High Rollers: Bill Hill (OR)  
 Doubles: David & Audrey Hatto (AB)  
 Saturday: Richard Huegle (AB)  
 Last Chance: Audrey Hatto  
 28: Phil True (WA)

Misenar, with help from a bevy of Edmonton Grass Rooters, ran a first class event, complete with a nifty raffle (Herb Lee won the coveted bar-be-que). Players came from far and wide (WA, OR, KS, MT, ID, CA, SASK, BC, and AB) and were impressed with the Canadian hospitality. Those from the USA took in the World's Largest Mall in Edmonton and were amazed at the indoor ocean, complete with hundreds of bathers jumping man-made waves...and relaxing on the sand-colored beach carpet! A huge indoor amusement park and full-sized casino added to the excitement. Back at the playing hall, the host, Moose Lodge furnished tasty, reasonable meals and drinks. Coffee and donuts were on tap, and this inaugural event went off without a hitch.

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## Wrightman Tops Nipomo

Californian Ron Wrightman came home the winner at the recent Nipomo Open on May 28. In topping 110 players in the field, Wrightman carted home 147 MRP's...and bragging rights.

TheIma Weber (CA) earned her Master rating (unofficially) by taking home 2nd...and the 105 MRP's run her lifetime tally to well over 2,000. Fumi Halucka (CA) and John Galbreath (CA) finished 3-4. Golda Rager (CA) topped the field in the qualifying round, winning 17 of 22 (35 GP's).

One-Star Bob Julian (WI), in quest of a 4th National Championship, took home the 78-pegger Consolation event, topping Abby Cohen (CA) in the final playoff match. John Mock (CA) and Ira Deutsch (CA) finished 3-4. Master Amellee Killion (CA) scored a grand slam 19/9/9 +180 in the qualifying round to easily take honors. This great score netted Killion 24 MRP's.

Director Darrell Hunstad scheduled Friday and Saturday satellite matches. Master Linda Swintek (CA) won Friday's event and Golda Rager continued her torrid Saturday pegging in winning the 2nd satellite.

Hunstad reported that Julie Hardardt (CA) scored a 29-hand...the 21st scored in sanctioned play this cribbage season. He also reported that Roland Kerber (CA), Bill Bishop (CA), and Angela French (CA) scored 28-hands.

## Hot (Not So Hot) Team

Out in Redmond, OR, they had team play in conjunction with the main qualifying round.

With all the top runners in action as the season winds down, five hotshots pooled their money and formed a team. They couldn't lose, since their lifetime Master Rating Points topped some 53,000!!

Oops! They finished 8th (of 16 teams) with a dismal 119 GP's (a 23.8 average) in the 22-game round (110 games aggregate). Who were they? Two-Star DeLynn Colvert, Two-Star Jesse Jarrell, One-Star Paul Hatcher, Grand Master Rollie Heath, and Grand Master Jack Moritzky.

The winning team? Jim Hombacher, Clair Morse, Jim Sims, Ken Capper, and Jack Moritzky. Their lifetime totals? 22,800!

## Heath Wins Spokane Open

In 1997 and 1998 Rollie Heath (OR) earned All-American honors, and finished 20th in 1999. As the 2000 cribbage season winds down, Heath, once again, throws his hat into the MRP race. Fresh from winning the Yreka GoldPanners (CA), he won yet again at the Greater Spokane Valley Open on May 28. In topping the 120 players, Heath took home 182 MRP's (including a qualifying round score 33=35 MRP's)...and zips to well over 900 for the year.

Charlie Huber (ID) finished 2nd, and simply could not match Heath's run. Master I. V. Graham (MT) and Master Jim Sims (WA) finished 3-4.

Another Master pegger...Mike McDaniel (WA)...scored one of the season's best qualifying scores. He nailed a 41, 18/22 +248 gem to easily take honors (and 75 MRP's).

92 players stayed for the Consolation and Mike Gilbert (WA) took home the bacon. Bill Leu (WA), John Jameson, and Grand Master Rex Paddock (MT) finished 2-3-4. Master Leslie Hein (WA) won 8 of 9 to take qualifying honors.

Director Betty Johnson had a full array of satellite events. The winners:

Early Bird: Rod Marshall (WA)  
Doubles: Martene Stack & Jim Hombacher (WA)  
High Roller: Paul Hatcher (OR)  
Saturday: Barbara Merriman (WA)  
Last Chance: Bruce Pomey (ID) 7/7  
Team: Forrest, Heath, Luteschow, Sims, Capper  
155 GP's!!

## Oh No, I Wish You Hadn't Cut That!

Paul Hatcher (OR) was playing a newcomer to tournament play, and relates this story:

The player was holding a 2-2-2-9, and the 4th duce was cut as the starter card.

The player exclaimed, "Oh, no, I wish you hadn't cut that...I don't know how to count it!"

Hatcher was thinking the same thing. The only difference was is that he did know how to count it!

## Mikulsky, Ramos Suspended

By action of the Ethics Committee, Eugene Mikulsky (WI) and Joe Ramos (RI) have been suspended from the American Cribbage Congress.

## Rit Alkas Tops In New York

Rit Alkas, 1995 National Champion, is at it again. This time around he nailed the Western New York Open on May 28. This Manchester, CT pegger is moving in on his One-Star with the win, and is standing at a lofty 9,800 MRP's. In picking up the win in this 74-player event, Alkas took home yet another 147 MRP's...and bragging rights.

Master Bob Clark was a long way from his California home and he paid for his trip by taking home 2nd. Clark earned All-American honors in 1998, and he continues his winning ways. Dan Toussaint (NY) and Connie Ewka (MI) came home 3-4. Stanley Bochinski (NY) nailed the qualifying round with a nice 35 GP card in the 22-game round.

Master James Huser (WI) won the 49-player Consolation (and 45 MRP's), topping Peter Lerch (VA) in the final playoff match. Two New Yorkers took 3-4...Paul Eichter and Richard Schurkus.

Director Shamus O'Connor played a Friday night Early Bird, won by Phillip Lococo (ON), and a doubles match on Saturday night. Jim and Katy Blough (MD) took home this event. O'Connor also reported Bob Camenga (NY) and Richard Shurkus (NY) scored that elusive 28-hand, both coming in the Consolation playoffs.

This event is noted for the inexpensive Air Force base rooms, and the expertise of director O'Connor keeps peggers coming back to New York, attested to by ever-increasing crowds.

## Midnight Pegging

Way up north in Edmontion, AB, Marion and Harold Buckley had a welcoming cook-out on Thursday night for the visiting peggers, and a great time was being held by all...but when Harold set up tables for some outdoor pegging beginning at 8 o'clock for a 9-game match, the American peggers thought he may be a bit daffy. But no, when the match wound down at 10:30 PM, it was still daylight! Now, that's one for the books! Who won? None other than the H & H girls (Sharon Hejtmank, MT, and Rosemary Hendricks, WA). The Buckley's hospitality was outstanding, and the "ice" was broken quickly between the Canadians and the Americans. And it didn't take very long to figure out what you were losing in a "Five-Ten" game, when playing with Canadian money (\$3.65 American).

## Anomalies In Paradise, Edmontion

Strange happenings occur in cribbage from time to time, and the first weekend in June saw two unusual happenings.

First, at the Nugget Classic in Paradise, CA. The qualifying round scores earned three peggers a new status. First, Jones Hom (CA) came home with enough qualifying MRP's to earn Life Master. Then Ron Morgan (CA) earned his Grand Master, and Bob Dellinger (CA) also earned his Masters in this unusual round.

Up in Edmontion, AB, the qualifying match proved to be a very close one. Rarely does a 26 GP card qualify for the playoffs, but this time around Bill Hill (OR) and Del Allen (AB) both qualified with a 26 GP card!

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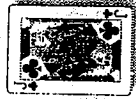
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