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Is Winning at Cribbage a Matter of . . .

Luck or Skill?

So which is it. Is cribbage a game of skill or a game of luck? Do good players win a lot? Or do you have to be mainly lucky to win at this grand ol' game?

If you've played much cribbage at all, you can probably dredge up from your repressed memory a scenario that might run like this. You are dealing from hole 119, with your opponent 24 holes away. The game is safely in hand—right? Not so fast! After you peg only a single point, you are horrified to see your opponent count her 24 points to win the game.

Since many (most?) players would attribute the pone's 24-hand to pure luck, they mistakenly assume that they lost this game because of bad luck. But this fails to take into account that nice bit of pegging she did on third street, which eventually landed her in hole 97 and gave her the chance to count a 24-hand. And what about that 5 she trapped on first street? Just as surely as the 24-hand is luck, is not her pegging the result of skill?

Truth be told, most of us probably attribute many of our *wins* to skillful play, while blaming at least some of our *losses* on bad luck. A more accurate image, however, shows cribbage to be a two-way street.

If cribbage were totally luck, then we should expect greater parity in the rankings. Instead of always seeing the same names at the top of the leader board or on the All American Team or playing in the All Star Tournament, *continued on page 10*

13th Annual Timber Capital Cribbage Classic JC Turner Memorial – North Bend, OR April 4-6, 2008 – The Mill Casino & Hotel

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7:00 PM Doubles (\$40/team EF, 9 games - no playoffs)
Saturday - 5th (Main entry fees received by 03/31/2008 for chance in early bird drawing)
8:00 AM Registration begins
9:00 AM Main (22 games/22 opponents - 25% playoff)
7:00 PM Saturday night special 9 games - no playoffs)
Sunday - 6th
8:00 AM Begin main tournament playoffs (3/5, finals 4/7)
9:30 AM Consolation (9 games - 25% playoff)
1:00 PM Begin Consolation tournament playoffs (2/3, finals 3/5) - time approximate

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_	\$10	Main Q-Pool (1/6 - optional)					
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CW needs your help in determining the record for a 12-game sanctioned tournament. If you can top **Don Brown's** 27/11+234 scorecard at the Fall U.S. Open in West Covina CA on October 21, please contact CW at cribbage@iserv.net.

Cuppa Joe

In the past month two members moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs:

1759	Neal R. Matzke, WI
1737	Mildred Moritzky, OR

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Be sure to let ACC Membership Secretary Larry Hassett know your new address:



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My Deal bv David Aiken

As luck would have it, at least once a month, I receive an email or a letter or a phone call from someone inquiring about what percentage of cribbage is luck and how much is skill. (Apparently the *Cribbage World* editor is supposed to be the fount of all things cribbage, an expert on *every* aspect of the game.)

Not infrequently, this issue is raised because the questioner just lost three games in a row to someone cutting a 24hand or lost all nine cuts for deal at last night's Grass Roots club. The subtext behind this question (i.e., what the inquirer really wanted to say) is that he/she could have—would have—should have!—won if it weren't for Lady Luck intruding where she was not wanted.

Interestingly enough, I never hear someone say, "I won all nine cuts for deal last night—and it just wasn't fair." Nor does anyone ever complain when they themselves cut back-to-back 24-hands.

While I sometimes jokingly say that I always win based on skill and that I always lose because of bad luck, that is patently untrue. I am well aware that I can play my best and still lose. An even thornier issue is winning even though I was clearly outplayed by my opponent.

I frequently hear folks say: "It's all in the cards." But many people hold that careful study of discarding, pegging, and board position provides vital ingredients for improving one's game.

Given all the facts, I must acknowledge that the game is neither total luck nor complete skill—rather, it's a unique combination of the two components. The cover story spends a bit of time exploring this idea, so I'll not repeat myself here.

I do, however, want to reiterate that CW would like to hear from you. We want your opinion about how much of this crazy, frustrating game is luck and how much is skill.

Perhaps a story that appeared in the December 2001 CW will illustrate the interplay between luck and skill.

Many years ago in a pickup game in Crystal Lake, **Connie Staven** (Racine WI) was dealing from hole 73, with her opponent needing only 12 points. She dealt herself 4-4-5-5-6-6. Needing both a big hand and a big crib, she gambled and threw the pair of 5s into her own crib. She then got one of her famous "Connie cuts"—another 5! The result was a 24hand and a 20-crib (her opponent had thrown 10-K)—enough for the win after she pegged 4 points.

So isn't this pure luck? Where's the skill? No one denies that getting a 5 cut in this situation was very lucky indeed. But the skill part came in Connie being able to recognize both her precarious board position and the potential of the combined hand and crib to win the game.

So don't tell me the game is all luck or all skill—it's some of both. And we need to figure out how to tell the difference.

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My thanks to Dave Gerke and Jim Blough for help with this issue.

Your Deal

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Joe Wergin Book

I'm responding to the question in the December 2007 *Cribbage World* about whether Joe Wergin ever published a book entitled *So You Want to Stage a Tournament.* I'm Joe's daughter, archivist, and book distributor. To my knowledge, he never produced such a book. I like the changes in *Cribbage World* . . . formatting, photos, new features. I enjoy reading "25 Years Ago in the ACC." It's a nice trip down memory lane for me. Thanks!

Ginny White (Madison WI)

Roy Boyles Appreciation Night

River City Peggers held a Roy Boyles appreciation night on December 18 during our Christmas party. It was a perfect night for Roy: he was very happy and touched-at times speechless, but nonetheless very grateful. Roy was presented with a framed copy of the December 2007 Cribbage World article, a framed article from the 12/13/07 Sacramento Bee (sacbee.com/arden/story/560186.html), a beautiful wristwatch with the River City Peggers logo (his wife, Dolores said, "Now he can get rid of his forty-year-old Timex"), a memory book with letters from many generous and loving ACC members, and a \$1,610 check for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We appreciate the generosity and participation of all of Roy's friends.

Nancy Rojas (Citrus Heights CA)

Shut Up and Listen

For the past four months, I have observed rude behavior at eight ACC tournaments, two Grass Roots Regional Tournaments, and four Grass Roots clubs. During the pre-tournament announcements, many players do not keep their mouths closed and listen to the announcements. After the tournament director just informed everyone about format, judging, movement, seating, upcoming tournaments, and so on, I am amazed to see the number of folks who ask questions that show they did not hear or did not pay attention to the announcements. (I have to say that I too have been guilty of this behavior.) Tournament directors have been verbally abused, when the cause of the problem is not the TD, but rather fellow players who would not be quiet for five or ten minutes while the announcements were made. Everyone should "shut up and listen" during these announcements. I will now get off my soapbox and shut up and listen.

Robert Milk (Glen Allen VA)

Lost Membership Card

I wonder if you could assist me with obtaining a duplicate membership card. Apparently, one of the following occurred: (1) the ACC never sent me one (unlikely); (2) I mistakenly handed it to a CHP officer who cited me for exceeding 29 mph in a cribbage zone; (3) the card has assumed a different form in my house as a result of *continued on page 20*

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Thanksgiving Classic (Canyonville OR; Nov. 23–25)	Larry Hassett	<i>116 players</i> HQ. Gary Getty (70) 1. Bill Wakeman (147) 2. Paul Hatcher (105) 3. Bruce Goff (70) 3. Richard L. Pierce Jr. (70)	<i>70 players</i> HQ. Jim O'Roak (18) 1. Leslie G. Sumner (84) 2. Donald D. Smith (60) 3. H. Ross Njaa (40) 3. DeLynn Colvert (40)	28-hands Phyllis Roderick Jim Langley* Hal Lamon*	<i>Early Bird</i> : Darrell Holloway <i>Doubles</i> : Joyce & David Staup <i>High Rollers</i> : Jim McKnight <i>Saturday</i> : Gerry Oxford <i>All Events</i> : David Staup <i>Team</i> : Mike McDaniel, Richard Pierce, Winona Johnson, Rick Baird, Dan Marsh <i>Super-Q</i> : Richard Pierce
Reynolds Xmas Wrap (Antioch CA; Nov. 30– Dec. 2)	Bill Wakeman	<i>94 players</i> HQ. Tom Langford (50) 1. Dave Stratford (147) 2. James Aleschus Sr. (105) 3. Lee Foglesong (70) 3. Evelyn Gillmore (70)	<i>43 players</i> HQ. Jim Crawford (15) 1. Adrian Levy (60) 2. Cy Madrone (40) 3. Thelma M. Weber (24) 3. Mel Ashley (24)	29-hand Harold Sontag*	<i>Friday:</i> Arne Lillimagi Saturday: Rick Shea All Events: Tom Langford Team: Evelyn Gillmore, Annett Eiffert, Nancy Rojas, Arne Lillimagi
Eau Claire Alan & Classic (Eau Vickie Claire WI; Nov. Lindner 30–Dec. 2)	Alan & Vickie Lindner	<i>120 players</i> HQ. Frank L. Trojan (55) 1. Keith E. Widener (147) 2. Russell B. Adams (105) 3. Bob Joslin (70) 3. Dianne M. Gurney (70)	78 <i>players</i> HQ. Dan Taylor (21) 1. Les Kvien (84) 2. John Kolby (60) 3. Lewis A. Gurney (40) 3. Joan Rein (40)	28-hand Doug Page*	<i>Friday:</i> Dennis Ulberg S <i>aturday:</i> James Huser
Greater Orlando Open (Altamonte Springs FL; Nov. 30– Dec. 2)	David Fournier	76 players HQ. Paul C. Barnes (45) 1. Harry Maiden (147) 2. Janice Blanc (105) 3. George Bryer (70) 3. Paul C. Barnes (70)	<i>58 players</i> HQ. Roland Beuttenmuller (15) 1. Carl Squire (60) 2. Henry Douglass (40) 3. Michael Burnham (24) 3. Michael K. Black (24)	28-hands Jim Lunder* John Groz	<i>Friday:</i> Carl Squire Saturday: Donna Zuben
Hawaii Championship (Honolulu HI; Dec. 2)	Tsarkie	<i>20 players</i> HQ. Tsarkie (35) 1. Charles Rodgers (70) 2. Mary Jane Esera (42)	1		<i>Crybaby</i> : Roy Wong

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Western Wash-Larry WestIngton Limited& Dennis(Poulsbo WA;MisenarDec. 2)	Larry West & Dennis Misenar	26 players HQ. George Mackie (55) 1. Shari Wikstrom (70) 2. George Mackie (42)		28-hand Roger Dickinson*	
Tom Winter Memorial (Maplewood MN; Dec. 8)	Diane Waite	72 players HQ. Brad Behm (45) 1. Brad Behm (147) 2. Daniel Pluff (105) 3. Brett Brunner (70) 3. Richard Frost (70)	42 players HQ. Jerome Tork (15) 1. James Huser (60) 2. Tony Ayriss (40) 3. Doyle Haglund (24) 3. Diane Waite (24)		<i>Friday</i> : Daniel Pluff
Holiday Cribbage Special (Medway MA; Dec. 9)	Holli Remington	114 players HQ. John Campanella (40) 1. Cindy Veradt (147) 2. John Campanella (105) 3. Ralph P. Armstrong (70) 3. Daniel Crete (70)	<i>50 players</i> HQ. Lynn Babbitt (21) 1. David Campbell (60) 2. Tony Pacheco (40) 3. Earle W. Remington (24) 3. Ron Rapoza (24)	28-hands Alan Wilson* Nancy Hellquist*	
Santa Special (Kissimmee FL; Dec. 16)	Ray Wanke	51 players HQ. Paul C. Barnes (45) 1. Joy Barnes (105) 2. Sue Rasmussen (70)	26 players HQ. David R. Schultz (12) 1. Chris Parsons (40) 2. Gilbert Bjorling (24)	28-hand Earl Adams*	
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- How's this for a hot start! At the Reynolds Xmas Wrap in Antioch CA, at the end of his first deal, Life Master Boyd McDonald (Mountain View CA) was at 16 and his opponent, Paul Gregson (Antioch CA), was in hole 39. Paul pegged Boyd for 15 holes and then counted his 24-hand.
- ♦ A snow storm on the Olympic Peninsula in early December caused a power outage during the qualifying round at the Western Washington Limited in Poulsbo WA. Undaunted, tournament codirector Larry West snowshoed home through the blizzard and gathered up all his candles so the snowbound players could finish what turned out to be, by all accounts, the most romantic tournament ever held in those parts. Power was restored for the final round of playoffs-just in time for Shari Wikstrom (University Place WA) to outshine Grand Master George Mackie (Seattle WA), pick up her first-ever tournament win, and pull within a single MRP of her Master rating.
- Many people contributed to the success of the inaugural Tom Winter Memorial in Maplewood MN, played in early December to honor a faithful member of the Twin City Peggers Grass Roots Club who died of cancer in 2006, at the age of 42. Sara Winter, Tom's widow, donated \$250 for special hands. Jerome Tork (Wisconsin Rapids WI) and Daniel Pluff (Saint Paul MN) donated four trophies—and Jerome won one of them! Saturn of St. Paul donated \$150 for playing cards. Finishing Touch donated

pens. And Jeff Wendell made two beautiful cribbage tables that were raffled off to help raise over \$400, which was donated in Tom's name to the Humphrey Cancer Center.

 In the last hand of the championship match of the Eau Claire Classic in early December, Grand Master Keith Widener (Clemmons NC) was dealing from seven holes out, and Life Master (*) Russ Adams (Minneapolis MN) was the pone at five holes out. The pegging went like this:

Russ	3		8		4		2	
Keith		3 (2 pts.)		8 (2 pts.)		5 (2 pts).		9 (1 pt.)

After aggressively pairing both of Russ's first two cards, Keith then picked up a 31-2 and a final go—for the seven points he needed to beat the professor. An incredible victory that vaulted Keith to the top of the Eastern Region leader board!

 Next year, if you are unsure whether you'll gain enough weight during the holiday season, then plan to attend the Eau Claire Classic in early December. If it's anything like this year, you'll feast on cheese, sausage, crackers, homemade sweet breads, and coffee throughout the weekend—all donated by directors Al and Vickie Lindner for the benefit of our obviously anorexic members.

New Cribbage Masters 688. Brad Behm (Appleton WI) 689. Dennis C. Phillips (Magalia CA)

ACCAwards



Bill's father taught him cribbage at age seven (using "navy rules"), and since then he's won a lot of games—but never at a faster clip than at last year's Humboldt Bay Classic. He was both high qualifier and champion, and during this run of nice cards he won

Bill Wakeman (San Lorenzo CA) Life Master (★) #43

34 games and lost only 5! It's no wonder Bill considers Humboldt Bay Classic his favorite tournament. A regular at Ryan's Raiders Grass Roots club, Bill has also

achieved Bronze in Grass Roots play and was club champ three years running (2004–2006). He considers Roy Hofbauer and Ervin Bentz to be his toughest opponents, and he looks to Jesse Jarrell as his cribbage mentor.

Michael learned to play cribbage when he was about nine or ten years old. He and his Uncle Willie played for a penny a point, but when Willie had won enough for a bottle of wine,

the games were over and he headed off to town! A member of the newly formed Kenai Peninsula Peggers Grass Roots Club 349, Michael enjoys the Napa CA

Michael M. Rowe (Soldotna AK) Life Master #150

tournament and the Washington State Championships in Centralia WA. His most recent victory came in Reno last November, when he won the Veterans Day Classic and earned his Life Master rating. His cribbage mentor was Ira Vaughn "IV" Graham and, Michael notes, "all of my opponents, as I try to learn something from everyone!"





Fifty years ago, "Big Lou" Caccia watched a coworker play cribbage, and he caught the bug. A longtime ACC member and a member of the Stone Street Peggers Grass Roots club (Bell-

Louis J. Caccia (Newtonville MA) Life Master #151

ingham MA), Lou hit the big time when he won the 1995 Grand National in Plymouth MA. Lou's favorite tournament is the TOC in Reno, but he'll always remember the

2007 Holiday Cribbage Special in Cumberland RI as the place where he earned his Life Master. His cribbage mentor is Al Miller (Nashua NH), and he considers Phyllis Schmidt his toughest opponent.

When Cyril ("Charlie" to his friends) bought a tavern fifteen years ago, his customers were playing cribbage, and so he decided that he had better learn the game. He joined the ACC in 1993,

reached the Master level in 2002, and with his first tournament win at the Illinois Open in Crystal Lake IL in November, he became a Grand Master. That's right—this is Charlie's

Cyril Schmidt (Shiocton WI) Grand Master #256

first tournament win, which goes to show that one can achieve a high ranking by consistently playing well. Charlie plays Grass Roots cribbage in Appleton WI.



we should see a greater variety of names. Because luck controls everything, sooner or later everyone wins-right?

Conversely, if the game were entirely skill, then most of us might as well sell our custom-made pegs on eBay and abandon the Tournament Trail. What chance do we bottom feeders have against such highly ranked players as DeLynn Colvert or Duane Toll or Phyllis Schmidt or Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen-or, for that matter, against any of the 689 ACC Masters who attend tournaments?

Fortunately-and this is what makes cribbage such an exciting game-we are not faced with an either/or situation. Cribbage boasts a unique combination of luck and skill in a way that chess (strictly a skill sport, tainted only by human error) or poker (mainly luck-along with healthy doses of bluffing) does not.

The list in the table below (which borrows heavily from material written by Ras for his cribbage class) categorizes the various elements of the game according to whether they are primarily luck or skill.

Put another way, we could label the left column "things over which I have no control" and the right column "things that I can control." (Editorial: if you are exerting control over any item in the left column, please take your skills elsewhere; cardsharps are not welcome in the ACC.)

The logical approach to this game, therefore, is two-pronged: (1) ignore the luck elements because you can't control them and, over time, they will balance out; and (2) concentrate on improving your skill level-which you can control. All of the skills listed in the right column below can be improved through practice and study of the game, whereas there's not much hope of learning, for example, how to cut better!

What this little exercise does not tell us is how much of the game is luck and how much is skill-a question that the CW home office receives at least once a month. Over the years Cribbage World has printed any number of letters and articles about the luck/skill question, most recently a well-reasoned piece written by Master Hal Mueller (Hamilton ON) in the December 2005 issue. But we've never undertaken a scientific study (and we're not doing so now) or polled our readership on this question (which we are doing).

So here's what CW wants to know: what percentage of this game is luck? If you have an opinion on this (and we recognize that all responses will be only opinions-not facts), please send it via email (cribbage@iserv.net) or snail mail (9545 28th Street SE, Ada MI 49301-9274).

elements of luck	elements of skill
•cut of the cards to determine the dealer	•hand recognition and counting
•shuffle of the cards	 discarding to crib
•cut of the cards prior to dealing	 pegging strategy
 distribution of the cards 	 making percentage plays
•cut of the cards to determine starter card	 application of game psychology
	 awareness of board position
	•knowledge of mathematical probability

Cover Story-continued from page 10

We'll collate all the responses and publish the results in a future CW.

To keep things simple, please restrict your answer to a multiple of ten (i.e., cribbage is 90% luck, or 80%, etc.). If you want to add an enlightening (or enlightened) comment, please do so, but CW is mainly interested in a number.



Cribbage Quiz

Questions for inclusion in a future Cribbage Quiz may be emailed to cribbage@iserv.net.

This month's question submitted by Gerald L. Hahn Jr. (Winston OR).

What is biggest increase a cut card can give to hand or crib? What cards are you holding, and what card is cut?

Answer on page 32.

- 1. John Blake (WA): Carter Classic (September 22)
- 2. Jeanette Nielsen (OR): Montana Championship (October 6)
- 3. Beth Witter (WI): Schaefer Shuffle (October 6)
- 4. Al Gaudreau (MA): October Occurrence (October 14)
- 5. Harold Sontag (CA): Reynolds Xmas Wrap (December 1)

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September 2007 Wrap-Up

After two months, a familiar name is at the top of the standings: **Mike Fetchel** (*mfetchCT425*), followed by **Rodney Duff** (*rodd56*) in second, and **Gary Wirth** (*VertiGoAway*), who vaulted into third on the strength of four victories.

October 2007 Wrap-Up

Mike Fetchel (*mfetchCT425*) remains atop the standings for the second month in a row. John Dellarsina (*gin_professor*), Tom Lewis (*pegfast*), and Bill Medeiros (*bmedeiros*) moved into the top 10%.

New eMaster

Kelly Ann Burgar (*lil_thummper*) is the newest ACC internet cribbage pegger to reach eMaster.

Grand National

Jennifer Buhrow (*ACCPrincess29*) headed up a get-together of internet players at Grand National 26 in Portland ME. Of 454 peggers at the GN, about 40 were from the internet program. Bob Milk (*RobertMilk*) won the Last Chance and directed the Friday Night doubles, which had 110 teams.

Tom Lewis (*pegfast*) and Scott Buhrow (*MrB_IA218*) were presented with their eMaster awards at the awards dinner. The

eMaster awards for Mark Van Dyke (*loose-spokes*), Mike Fetchel (*mfetchCT425*), and Donald Olney (*olney11*) were sent via friends. Many thanks to assistant statistician Lois Fosdal (*Ezmarelda*) for arranging for these beautiful awards.

New Tournament Director

Susan Spencer (*LiLMsRight*) began hosting ACC internet tournaments in December, after shadowing TDs during November to learn the ropes. Please welcome Susan!

Special Request

Many players are having trouble seeing assignments and other TD information in the chat area because of nontournament chat in the lobby. TDs are also having trouble seeing the posted results and other questions.

If you are not playing in an ACC tournament or have been eliminated, please do not chat extensively in the lobby. Once the TD begins running the rules, please limit the chat to announcements and such things as good luck (gl), thank you for hosting (tyfh), and so on. This will make it easier for players to see assignments, for TDs to see posted results, and for people to report problems.

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Grass Roots Regional Statistician BY TOM LEWIS

The ACC has over 4,600 Grass Roots members who play cribbage every week in one of 175 local clubs in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These clubs are divided into four regions, administered by the following regional statisticians:

- Region II: Dave Schwarz and Dave Staup
- Region IV: Tom Lewis
- Region VI: Doug Munneke
- Region IX: Catherine Perkins

Every year, each local club sends a registration form and fee for each club member to their regional statistician (hereafter RS). Throughout the Grass Roots season, the RS has to make sure that every player in every club has paid their ACC and Grass Roots fees. As participants are added to club rosters, the RS makes sure that each member or visitor from another club has a valid ACC number. When guests attend a club, the RS checks to make sure they really are a guest and not a member of another club.

Each local club enters its own tournament results, and these results are posted (i.e., finalized) by the RS at least twice a week. Once posted, each participant's cumulative to-date information downloads to the "Members Only" part of the Grass Roots website (accgrassroots.org), where

In November 2007, California became the first state to top the 6,000-member mark. **Harold Sochan** (Danville CA) is ACC member CA-6000. individual statistics may be viewed. (If any member or visitor has not paid their fees, then that entire tournament result will not download until the fees have been paid for all participants.)

Clubs also submit award certification forms for 28-hands, 29-hands, and grand slams. The RS makes sure the recipient has paid their fees and then enters the data in a spreadsheet. This is emailed twice a month (or within 48 hours if the award is for a 29-hand) to the awards chairperson, who prepares and mails the certificates.

Transfers between clubs are authorized once per Grass Roots season between September and February. Intra-club transfers are checked for accuracy, and the RS then moves the player's record from the losing club to the gaining club.

When members leave a Grass Roots club for any reason, their club director updates their record, which alerts the RS to delete the player's record from the Grass Roots database.

The RS also works with the GRRT and GRNT directors to make sure that all participants are paid-up members.

The bottom line is that regional statisticians play a vital role in making sure that all data is received and correctly entered into the website.

If you know of a person or group of people who should be recognized for their volunteer work, contact Tom Lewis at tomlewis@spinn.net. Every month Tom volunteers to edit the Volunteers Column and the Grass Roots Corner.



Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about Cribbage (But Were Afraid to Ask)

What's a Grand Slam?

Kathy Seiferlein (East Tawas MI) asks: "What is a grand slam?"

"Grand slam" is the term that cribbage aficionados use to indicate that they won all of their games in a particular tournament.

For example, win all nine games at Grass Roots club, and

you've got yourself a grand slam.

Since the term so often refers to winning nine consecutive games, it is also used for each half of the Grass Roots Regional Tournament (GRRT) and the Grass Roots National Tournament (GRNT) held in local Grass Roots clubs each year. Both of these tournaments consist of eighteen games, and if you win games 1–9 or games 10–18, this is considered a grand slam even though you didn't win all eighteen games.

Many people have scored grand slams in sanctioned tournaments made up of 7, 8, 9, 10, or 12 games. To CW's knowledge, no one has ever won every game in any of the longer tournaments—those consisting of 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, or 22 games. If you have, please send your scorecard to CW for use in a future issue.

The opposite of a grand slam is affectionately known as a "**string of pearls**," from the look that all those zeroes have when strung together down the scorecard. (Do you suppose this means that cribbage players have more in common with baseball players than with oystermen?)

Your intrepid editor has been skillful enough to avoid a string of pearls, but not

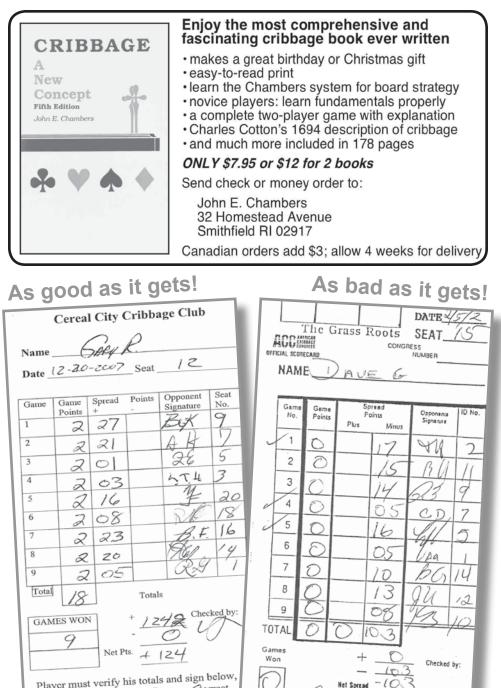
> lucky enough (there's that word again!) to get a grand

slam. My two most recent attempts were thwarted on consecutive weeks last spring at cribbage club when fellow member **Claudette Wandt** (Grand Rapids MI) denied me my ninth win each week.

Take a peak at the two scorecards on the next page. Can you tell which player was lucky and which was skillful?

CW wonders how many people have experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Have you had both a grand slam *and* a string of pearls? If so, please share your story with your fellow players and CW readers.

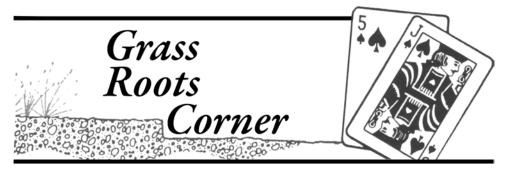
Several readers have inquired in recent months about the availability of cribbage instructions in languages other than English. We've had requests for both **Italian** and **Spanish**, as well as simplified rules for **young children**. Can any CW readers help out with these requests? If so, please contact CW at cribbage@iserv.net or 616.897.8727 or 9545 28th Street SE, Ada MI 49301-9274.



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WRITTEN AND EDITED BY TOM LEWIS

Reader contributions are encouraged. Items of interest to Grass Roots players should be sent to Tom at tomlewis@spinn.net or 7916 Eagle Rock Ave NE, Albuquerque NM 87122-2753.

Club directors: the blank on the lower left side of Grass Roots registration forms that reads "First Tournament Played _____ of _____" means the first tournament number played by this player during the current season, not a date! Example: 7 of 36.

Jackson Peggers #332 (Jackson MI)—December 5 saw not one but two 28-hands! David Brennan got the first one by holding four 5s and cutting a face card. Ken Shoemaker held three 5s and the wrong Jack, and the case 5 was cut. *submitted by Walter Wasielewski*

Cribbage paradise? In the first four months of the 2007–2008 season, members of Club 142 (Paradise CA) scored five 28-hands and one 29-hand! The five lucky players were Barbara Allen, Shirley Althoff, Madelaine Dalton, Bob Lapado, and Richard Main. And the really lucky player was Madelaine Dalton. During the 2006–2007 season, this club scored eight 28-hands, and Club 162 (Carmichael CA) scored six 28hands. In the 2005–2006 season, Club 34 (Denver CO) scored eight 28-hands! So now you know where to play if you'd like to have a 28-hand! *written by Tom Lewis with information provided by Jerry Moore, Dennis Phillips, Annett Eiffert, Robert West, and Roger Wilson*

Club 328 (Bradenton FL)—before the start of play on December 15 longtime member George Murphy commented that he had never had a 28-hand in his entire playing career. In the first hand of his first game, he got one! Even though he scored 38 points between hand and crib he was skunked in the game! On December 8 club founder Betsey Fish scored her first ever grand slam. *submitted by Gary B. Berns*

Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club—on November 29 **Dan Gamba** held 2-2-2-2 and then cut a 9 for the rarest 20-hand in cribbage, which was worth \$55. Holding

Rule of the Month—Pegging Incorrectly to the Player's Disadvantage

If the wrong number of points are pegged to the pegger's disadvantage (i.e., underpegging a forward score or overpegging a backward penalty), a correction is not permitted after the player's fingers are removed from the peg. four of a kind (without the starter card) occurs once in each 667 deals. Cutting the 9 to 2-2-2-2 occurs once in each 18,481 deals. *submitted by "Ras" Rasmussen*

Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club—on December 13 Don Bakko and Mary Rosenbaum turned in identical 15/7+47 scorecards. Even more unusual is that they both scored +121 and -74! How do you break this tie? We let them split the prize money, but what would be done in a weekend tournament? This is the first time this has happened at out club in the past twelve years—the first time in nearly 1,000,000 deals! *submitted by "Ras" Rasmussen*

Club #349 (Kenai AK) held its first Grass Roots session on December 8. Fourteen people signed up that night, and five more before the end of the year, giving the ACC's newest Grass Roots club nineteen charter members! We look forward to a great and hope to enlist new peggers. Special congratulations to all and thank you for your support. *submitted by Karen Dorcas*

Club 109 (Stoughton MA)—a tight battle is still being waged by Tom McLaughlin and Tony Pacheco for club champion, with Kate Furler moving up among the leaders. George Webb scored a 28-hand recently. John Campanella lost all nine cuts one night and won seven of the games. Breaking out of a slump doesn't mean it gets easy. Dottie VanDenBerghe finally hit the scoreboard with a 15-GP night, but eight of her games were single-digits. We are hopeful that the new year will improve the health of a few of our members who have yet to play this season. We miss them. *submitted by John Campanella*

Club 164 (Torrence CA)—after weeks of bad cards, Andrea Witkin had a grand slam continued on page 20

GrassRootsAwards

Silver Award Robert A. Read (22) FL Jeff Shimp (229) MI Hugh Berry (124) VA Lea Hornbeck (28) WA James Heemstra (61) WI Charlie Douthit (211) WY

Bronze Award Gordon J. Armstrong (261) AB Peggy S. Cunningham (24) AZ Gene Norman (111) CA Dennis C. Phillips (142) CA Bette Cawthon (194) CA Ian Wilson (205) CA Michael D. Green (258) CA Joseph Sanzo (241) FL Walter Barankiewicz (213) IL Elaine Mori (104) MA Robert Turcotte (161) MA Henry Survilas (104) MA Donald Caprigno (104) MA David C. Robarge (229) MI George H. Damminga (229) MI Mary Thacker (240) MN Anne Williams (118) OR Craig E. Jensen (46) OR Frank Schoenborn (191) OR Brock R. Lee (106) TX Cliff Brandsma (246) WA Marlene Stack (148) WA Jim Duff (274) WA Shirley Guest (274) WA Dave Elliott (284) WI Chuck Reineke (284) WI

South Valley Youth Tournament

On December 8, Lincoln Middle School in Cottage Grove OR hosted the First Annual South Valley Youth Cribbage Tournament. Tournament organizer **Jim Hueske** reports that twenty-one students, various Lincoln staff, and numerous parents attended.

The students played six games, scores were tabulated, and the top four students—Jamie Bond, Cass Helgan, Megan McNary, and Shania Wood—moved to the semifinals. Shania and Cass made the finals, and in two hotly contested games Shania (on left, in picture) prevailed. Shania's prize was a cribbage board provided by the Lithos Group of Loveland CO (savesargument.com), but every student won at least one prize for special hands or in raffles. Food and refreshments were also provided for the players.

Local merchants were very generous with prizes. The ACC also provided direction, rules, and support for the event. **Dan Zeisler** donated tournament boards and helped set up the tournament. **Larry Hassett** also helped out and supported the tourney. KVAL-TV ran a story on the tournament and mentioned the ACC.



Junior Program

Our thanks to the following members who have made donations to the Junior Program. This program assists ACC members in teaching cribbage to kids by providing a 22-page teacher's guide for the classroom, cribbage boards and cards as needed, and trophies and nonmonetary awards for junior tournaments. If you have any questions about this worthwhile cause, please contact **Dan Zeisler** (530.274.3124; danthefan@yahoo.com; 10300 Dawkins Ln, Grass Valley CA 95949-9601).

Eric B. Akse (Kirkland WA) Diane Aumann-Nowak (Spencer WI) Clyde V. Awtrey (Smyrna GA) Alaric Bingham (Sacramento CA) John A. Bongard (Draper VA) Peter A. Brown (Las Vegas NV) Frank Butz (Raymond WA) Gordon D. Byer Jr. (Englewood FL)

Chris Calligan (Las Vegas NV) James Canaris (Placerville CA) Vince Conley (Dale TX) Linda Dalton (Anchorage AK) Michael D'Ambra (Jamestown RI) Perley E. Davis (Colebrook NH) Sandy Denmark (Casselberry FL) Bruce DeSchepper (Sioux Falls SD) Donald "David" Ellis (Bowie MD) Joan Fenner-Sutton (Rapid City SD) Keith W. Forrest (Spokane WA) Bob Galiatsos (West Springfield MA) Marilyn Gaudreau (Ludlow MA) Michael Gilbert (Spokane Valley WA) John Gray (Weaverville CA) Richard Gray (N Stratford NH)

Sierra Youth Tournament

All cribbage players under 18 years of age are invited to attend the largest and longest running youth cribbage tournament in the United States. The 15th annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament will take place in Grass Valley CA on Saturday, February 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

There are fabulous prizes for winners, a free raffle for all entrants, and all players receive a free set of custom cribbage pegs. The \$5 entry fee includes a pizza luncheon and snacks throughout the day.

In order to play, a child must under-

stand the basic concepts of cribbage and be able to complete a game in thirty minutes or less.

To register, send \$5 to Chicago Park School, 15725 Mt. Olive Road, Grass Valley CA 95945. For more information, contact Dan Zeisler (530.346.2153 ext. 202 or danz.cp@nevco.k12.ca.us).

Special thanks to the ACC and the Sands Regency, who help sponsor this event. If you would like to help support the tournament, please send donations to the address listed above.

Cribbage Boards Needed

I continually get requests for cribbage boards from teachers wanting to start a cribbage class or after-school cribbage club. My supply of donated boards is depleted. If you have unwanted boards and plan to attend the TOC/JPW Open in Reno, I'll be happy to take them off your hands. If you are a board maker and would be willing to make long boards for the Junior Program, I'd like to hear from you as well.

Dan Zeisler ACC Youth Director 530-274-3124 danthefan@yahoo.com



Bob Greneveld (Sunnyvale CA) Stephen F. Hansen (Waupaca WI) David Hardy (Spring TX) John Harland (Longmeadow MA) Dale S. Hicks (West Hills CA) Jim Hueske (Cottage Grove OR) Carol Ann Jacques (Salisbury MA) Jeanne Jelke (Pasco WA) Ralph P. Kass (Potomac MD) Gilbert Kemp (Olympia WA) Bruce Lack Sr. (Olivet MI) Gerd Langkau (Richmond CA) Andy Laventure (Strasburg VA) Adrian Levy (Lafayette CA)

Sandra Lewis (Kissimmee FL) Donald Lindall (Bath ME) Frank Marchese (Londonderry NH) Byron L. Meade (Concord CA) Malcolm Meiklejohn (Lincoln RI) Ed Morett (Springfield PA) Kenny Morris (Las Vegas NV) Dennis Keith Osland (Eureka CA) Bob Outman (Battle Creek MI) Mike Poole (Westminster CO) Richard E. Price (Camarillo CA) Wayne Pullen (Fort Walton Beach FL) Rick Westerman (Wenatchee WA) Peggy Reed (Prineville OR) Cathy L. Rendon (Simi Valley CA)

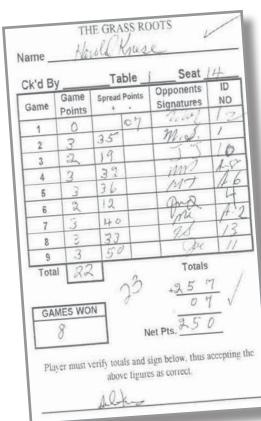
Jess W. Ryska (Meridian ID) Joseph Sanzo (Boynton Beach FL) Nate Selk (Green Bay WI) Thomas P. Shea Jr. (Springfield MA) Jerry Smaciarz (Raymond WA) Frank Spinosa (Bowie MD) Wayne Stonebrink (Yamhill OR) Howard L. Terry (Alexandria VA) Darrel W. Unruh (Portland OR) Marie Varner (Sun Lakes AZ) John Wallen (Glendale AZ) Bob Wilson (Tacoma WA) Raymond L. Yaeger (Hastings MN)

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on lucky week 13. With seven wins the following week and eight wins in week 15, people are starting to talk! Maybe 2008 will be as lucky as week 13 for Andrea. *submitted by Andrea Witkin*

Club 140 (Sonora CA)—Pat Smith scored a string of pearls at the last tournament before our holiday hiatus. Then on the first week back after the two-week break, he scored another one! He took it all in good stride, but we hope the rest of the year goes a lot better for him. *submitted by Ruth Watson*

Harold Knese scored a whopping 22 GPs at a club tournament in early December—the best scorecard ever recorded at Club 94 (St. Cloud MN). *submitted by Joe Imholte*



Your Deal—continued from page 5

global warming. I'm a bit sensitive on this matter. I once skillfully sat across from an opponent who dealt me a 29-hand in an ACC-sanctioned tournament in Quincy CA. Alas, when I proffered my ACC card to a judge to collect my prize money, he said, "Sorry, your card is expired." I will be playing in the JPW/ACC Open this February and do not want any concerns about my current ACC membership status after I win!

Bill Sands (Chico CA)

Chasing Salmon

After seeing the cover of the December *Cribbage World*, I will be in search of my ancestor, Salmon P. Chase, who was Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln. The name on the Chase Manhattan Bank is attributed to him but no \$10,000 bills have been sent to me yet. I believe he was instrumental in forming the IRS but don't hold me accountable for that! It is easy to see the resemblance between us, as we both have the high forehead.

Bob Chase (Minneapolis MN)

Maine Cribbage

Thanks to those who have taken time to send a letter to Representative Stephen Hanley supporting our efforts to declare cribbage a game of skill in Maine. If this is still on your "to do" list, his email address is repstephen.hanley@legislature.maine .gov. Please send me a copy of your letter of support. We will get the law in Maine changed with your help and other cribbers from around the country!

Paul Rice (Wells ME)

GRASS ROOTS Standings

Division 1

Points Name (Club) State/Province

- 180 Keith R. Miller (346) NC
- 173 Mel Ashley (82) CA
- 167 Clair E. Morse (14) OR
- 157 Gary Rasmussen (232) WA
- 155 Charlie Douthit (211) WY
- 154 Jack Stakley (147) FL
- 152 Hugh Durkin (318) PA
- 151 Henry T. McLaughlin (109) NH
- 148 Jeff Olson (317) WA
- 146 Alvin Lokitz (230) FL

(as of 1-10-2008)

Division 2

Points Name (Club) State/Province

- 100 Bob Drobnik (283) IL
- 98 Wes Hall (96) SD
- 94 Bob Bartosh (343) CA
- 92 Delia Doffin (245) NM

Division 3

Points
 Name (Club)
 State/Province

- 96 Jon Taylor (24) AZ
- 85 Dick Partee (24) AZ

In Memoriam

Helen Bolstad

After successfully living with cancer many years, Helen Bolstad (Martinez CA) passed away November 17. A member of Grass Roots Club 54, she was quite active in the operation of the club's activities. As an avid cribbage player, Helen traveled to many tournaments and achieved the rank of Life Master. Everyone Helen met was a friend; she loved to converse and give hugs to us all. Helen will be missed tremendously, but never forgotten.

Bill Larson

Bill Larson passed away on December 23. He was a member of the Black Hills Cribbage Club (Rapid City SD). He was an excellent player until his health declined several years ago. Bill taught his children and grandchildren to play the game well. He will be missed by friends and family alike.

Les Miller

Les Miller passed away on December 15 at age 69. He was a member of the Arizona Roadrunners Club #24. Born in Cleveland OH, he moved to Arizona to attend Arizona State University. Les received his law degree at the University of Arizona and was in private practice in Phoenix for thirty-one years. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and their children Aaron, Noah, and Rachel, and three brothers. Les enjoyed playing cribbage and will truly be missed.

Goldia Rager

Goldia F. Rager (Vacaville CA), age 86, left us quickly with her usual dignity. On January 2 she succumbed to pneumonia and complications of a term she hated: "old age." She founded Sonoma Valley Club 86 in the early 1990s and traveled extensively to play in tournaments. She achieved both her Master and Bronze ratings. Saddened friends fondly remember watching her outpeg opponents who thought the lovely gray-haired lady was going to be an easy game. Goldia brought real class to the cribbage table, was a terrific player, and was quick to gain the affection of those she trounced. She will be dearly missed by family, friends, cribbage opponents, and especially her traveling buddies.

REGIONAL Standings

(as of 12-31-2007)

Western Region				Central Region			Eastern Region		
Ì			Name			Name			Name
			Erik Royland Locke, OR	1	655	Brad Behm, WI	1	537	
	2	759	Roland A. Hall, CA	2	600	Bob McCabe, WI	2	498	John Campanella, MA
	3	642	Ronald L. Morgan, CA	3	511	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	3	467	David Statz, NH
	4	539	DeLynn Colvert, MT	4	489	Alan R. Schaefer, WI	4	465	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
	5	474	Jeanne Jelke, WA	5	473	Donald Flesch, WI	5	426	Henry S. Delong, MA
	6	467	Bill Wakeman, CA	6	471	Beth Witter, WI	6	416	Donna Lafleur, CT
	7	456	Mel Ashley, CA	6	471	Robert Julian, WI	7	413	Phil Martin, CT
	8	448	Bob Bartosh, CA	8	425	Tony Danihel, WI	8	379	Henry Douglass, NC
	9	432	Jim Crawford, CA	9	375	Daniel Pluff, MN	9	378	David Campbell, ME
	10	413	Cres Fernandez, CA	10	359	Frank L. Trojan, MN	10	369	Ken Patenaude, MA
	11	384	Jesse Jarrell, CA	11	352	Doug Page, WI	11	340	Richard H. West, MA
	12	381	Cy Madrone, CA	12	349	Gerald Gruber, MN	12	339	Lee Dillon, MA
	13	368	Jerold E. Montgomery, CA	13	329	Lloyd L. Kraft, WI	13	333	Bruce D. Sattler, MD
	14	341	Paul Hatcher, OR	14	327	Warren Sondericker, WI	14	332	Cindy Veradt, MA
	15	323	H. Ross Njaa, CA	15	317	Al Booth, MN	15	323	Frank Corrado, CT
	16	310	Frank Ornie, OR	16	314	Frank Danielski, WI	16	302	John J. Rooney Sr., MA
	16	310	Michael M. Rowe, AK	17	296	Sue Schenk, MI	17	282	Gerald Thibodeau, CT
	18	305	Charles Rodgers, HI	18	289	Mike Burns, MN	18	266	Jeffrey A. Messinger, MA
	19	304	Bernie Nelson, OR	19	275	Les Kvien, IL	19	263	George Bryer, MA
	20	303	Leslie G. Sumner, NV	19	275	Ken Rasmussen, MI	20	249	Jerry Hardy, ME
	21	302	Jack Moritzky, WA	21	271	David Aiken, MI	21	245	Jerry Gooden, NC
	22	295	Heidi Glashan, CA	22	265	Bob Joslin, MN	22	237	Mathew Piechota, MA
	23	289	Dan Marsh, OR	23	262	Jeff Shimp, MI	23	229	David Samet, MA
	24	283	Tom Cookman, CA	23	262	Douglas I. Henderson, WI	24	222	Janice Blanc, MA
	25	282	Troy Thorson, CO	25	256	Patrick Barrett, WI	24	222	Vicki Soule, ME
	25	282	Jason Shumate, UT	26	248	Cyril Schmidt, WI	26	221	Roger J. Bouchard, CT
	27	272	Kerry O'Connell, CA	27	237	Joan Rein, MN	26	221	William J. Shoemaker, CT
	28	271	Duane W. Toll, OR	28	236	Gene Biegler, WI	28	220	Robert E. Moore, VA
	29	268	Todd Malmgren, OR	29	232	Dianne M. Gurney, WI	29	218	Robert Milk, VA
	30	263	James Langley, CA	30	225	Jeremy Wussow, WI	30	212	Elijah H. White Jr., ME
	31	258	Carol L. Crowell, CA	31	223	Russell B. Adams, MN	31	209	David R. O'Neil, GA
	31	258	Ronald Logan Sr., AZ	32	218	Ray Schenk, WI	32	208	Laurence Samet, MA
	33	254	Thomas A. Nohrden, CA	33	216	Dave Yaeger, MO	33	206	Dottie Vandenberghe, MA
	34	252	Roy Hofbauer, WA	34	212	Mark Van Dyke, MI	34	204	Robert J. Drukman, MA
	35	249	Jones H. Hom, CA	35	204	Larry Lagassie, WI	35	203	John Blowers, FL
	36	247	Herschel Mack, CA	36	200	Allen E. Karr, WI	36	200	Paul C. Barnes, FL
	37	246	Duane Person, WA	37	198	Marty J. Schmidt, WI	37	195	Charles Rapoza, MA
	38	245	Tom Langford, CA	38	197	Jerome Fischer, WI	38	194	Laurie Hardy, ME
	39	236	Rich Ekman, CA	39	187	Marvin R. Gier, MI	39	192	Bill Richmond, CT
	40	234	Roger W. Wilson, CO	40	186	Roger Grandgeorge, IA	40	183	Harry Maiden, FL
	41	224	Jeanne Hofbauer, WA	41	185	Bob Kiley, WI	41	182	Mike Fetchel, CT
	42	222	Willie Evans, WA	42	179	Alphonse Scarantino, MI	41	182	Andy Laventure, VA
	43	214	Mike Tungate, CA	43	177	W. Lee Tesch, WI	43	181	Michael Burnham, GA
	44	205	James A. Clark, CA	44	175	Ed Heinowski, WI	44	178	Chris Parsons, FL
	45	203	Skip White, OR	45	172	Sandra Stroup, IL	45	177	Howard L. Terry, VA
	45	203	George Mackie, WA	46	170	Richard Frost, WI	46	174	M. S. Elkins, FL
	47	200	Don Keuter, WA	47	161	Bart Jaeger, NE	47	168	Bill Medeiros, MA
	48	199	Evelyn Gillmore, CA	48	160	Nicky Kniech, WI	47	168	Robert Medeiros, MA
	49	197	Richard Shea, CA	49	156	Dan Taylor, MN	49	167	Albert N. Miller, NH
	49	197	John F. O'Shea, WA	50	153	Steven Steinmetz, WI	50	166	Ron Allard, ME

Tournament Trail

UPCOMING SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

	Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
-	Roy Hofbauer	Joe Bernard	George Bickford
	360.835.3623	847.395.7599	413.733.9288

Unless otherwise indicated, all tournaments (a) are round-robin format, (b) include a consolation, and (c) are singles competition. Q pools and side pools are generally available. Details are accurate at time of publication, but check with the tournament director before making travel plans. For more information, visit www.cribbage.org.

February 9–10, JPW/ACC Open

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$80 (includes mandatory Q-pool). Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Scott Kooistra (402.209.0029; scott@kncycountry.com) or Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623); **see ad** *in December and January CW*

February 12–14, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue \$10. Tue \$20. Tue HR \$50. Wed \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker

February 16, Valentine's Day Open

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$55. Perks: continental breakfast, coffee, lunch. Contact: Evelyn Gillmore (925.686.3463), 1786 Clinton Dr, Concord CA 94521-2015 *or* Anne Sheeran

Feb. 22–24, No. New England Championship

Best Western, 580 US 1 Hwy Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$55. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat DBL 7pm \$30/team. Contact: David Campbell (207.793.4377), 1321 North Rd, Parsonsfield ME 04047-6424

February 23, California Championships

Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa CA 95401. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, snacks, lunch. Contact: Jerry Brisgel (707.578.3699), PO Box 4173, Santa Rosa CA 95402

February 24, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

Feb. 29–March 2, Hampton Roads Shoot-Out

Holiday Inn (800.567.3850), Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach VA 23462. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$30. Sat 7:30pm \$40. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jack Howsare (757.340.7390 or 757.696.2999), 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23452-2258

February 29–March 2, Colorado Winter Open

Hampton Inn, 137 Union Blvd, Lakewood CO 80228. Main \$55. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Roger Wilson (303.254.4670), 11386 Grove St Unit B, Westminster CO 80031-8064

NEW LISTING +

February 29–March 2, Frozen Tundra Classic Country Inn, 850 Kepler Dr, Green Bay WI 54311. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Jeff Wussow (920.857.9656; jeff-wussow@yahoo.com), 1100 12th Ave, Green Bay WI 54304 *or* Roger & Jeanne Wauters (920.863.3703)

Frozen Tundra Classic

Advance notice is short, but don't let this deter you from attending an exciting new tournament in Green Bay. With an energetic director, a spacious playing hall, and hundreds of avid Packers fans, this promises to be a first-class tourney.

March 1, Socal Open

Bixby Village Clubhouse, 5951 Bixby Village Dr, Long Beach CA 90803. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Donald Brown (562.597.1603), 6001 Avenida De Castillo, Long Beach CA 90803-2005 *or* Andrea Witkin (213.840.1704)

March 2, Winter U.S. Open

West Covina Elks Lodge, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761-5436 or Mary McFarland

March 7–9, Illinois Open

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marvin Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Ct, Woodstock IL 60009 *or* Dave Drew

March 8, Cribbage Cruise on Carnival Spirit

Two full tournaments aboard Carnival *Spirit* in Mexican waters. Contact: Roy Cook (760.967.7351), 3619 Frenzel Cir, Oceanside CA 92056 *or* Pamela Pomeroy (562.929.2901)

- Acapulco Action (March 8): Main \$52
- ◆Spirit Special (March 11–12): Main \$62

March 9, Tri-Valley Tournament

VFW 1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$52. Sat DBL 7pm \$30/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613), 30 Stone St, Bellingham MA 02019

March 9, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Larry West (360.830.0783), 1442 W Wilderness Ln, Seabeck WA 98380-9403 *or* Dennis Misenar

March 14–15, Waupaca Rotary Open

Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St, Waupaca WI 54981. Main \$50. Fri \$20. Contact: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 *or* Joe Jones (715.445.3118)

March 14-16, Northwest Open (Sissel Memorial)

VFW, 2005 Valley, Baker City OR 97814. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/ team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Carl Heath (541.523.2185), PO Box 903, Baker City OR 97814 or Charlette Springer

March 14–16, March Madness

Crabtree Inn, 3920 Arrow Dr, Raleigh NC 27612. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Larry Phifer (919.788.9701), 901-5 Shellbrook Ct, Raleigh NC 27609

March 14–16, Chico Open

Chico Eagles Hall, 20th & Mulberry Sts, Chico CA 95926. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, tea, donuts, lunch, drink ticket. Contact: Bruce Forbes (530.899.0844), 4532 Garden Brook Dr, Chico CA 95973 *or* Pete Jackson (530.342.2617) *or* Dennis Jacobs (530.343.7218)

March 28–30, Mick Michaelis Classic

Riverfront Inn (800.338.3305), 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$65. Fri 3pm. Fri 8pm. Sat 7:30pm. All Events. Perks: lunch. Contact: Allen Karr (920.434.3402), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313-7083

March 28–30, Roadrunner Classic

The Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85282. Main \$55. Fri 7pm \$20. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$20. Super-Q \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, juice, sodas, snacks. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (480.288.9459), 8324 E Sand Wedge Ln, Gold Canyon AZ 85218

March 28–30, Lovelock Open

Sturgeons Casino, 1420 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434-9511 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

March 29, April Fools' Open

Place TBA, Soldotna AK 99669. Main \$35. Contact: Karen Dorcas (907.252.4950; karendorcas@ gci.net), PO Box 1164, Kenai AK 99611

March 30, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

April 4–6, Kissimmee Open

Ramada Inn, 2145 E Hwy 192, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri DBL 1pm \$20/team. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791; rwanke@cfl.rr.com), 1983 Boggy Creek Road #A-4, Kissimmee FL 34744

April 4–6, Timber Capital Classic

Mill Casino & Hotel, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97470-2858

April 4-6, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, I-90 Exit 101, Missoula MT 59801. Main \$55. Fri EB. Fri DBL. Fri HR.



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2nd ANNUAL Waupaca Rotary Open Cribbage Tournament Saturday, March 15^{th,} 2008 Be a part of Games Weekend #3

Register now for the 2nd annual Waupaca Rotary Open, at the Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St in downtown Waupaca, WI. This tournament starts at 8:30AM with a 14 game Main Tournament qualifying round, 2 out of 3 playoffs, and a Consolation Tournament on Saturday afternoon. There is also an "Early Bird" tournament on Friday night at 7:30PM. This is a sanctioned ACC Tournament. To enter fill in the lower section of the entry form and remember to enter early!

Main Tournament Entry: \$50.00 (\$55 after 3/8) Q-Pool (optional): \$15.00, pays 1 out of 8 Friday night Early Bird singles, 9 games: \$20

Consolation Entry Fee: \$35, includes Q Side Pools will be available for all tournaments

Refreshments available to all players at the Rec Center The Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel of Waupaca is offering great cribbage rate rooms for up to 2 adults for \$69.00 per night. Call the hotel toll free@ 1-877-880-1054 and say "cribbage". The Hotel is 2 miles from the playing site and can be viewed at <u>www.bestwesternwaupaca.com</u>

For more information call Patrick Barrett @ 715-424-

5059 or email barrett1@wctc.net

Clip & mail		
Main Tournament	\$50 /Q-Pool	\$15 /Friday
Early Bird Singles	\$20	
Name		
ACC#		
Address		
City	ST	Zip
Make check	s payable and mail t	to:
Waup	aca Rotary Open	
5821 Griffith Ave.	Wisconsin Rapids, V	VI 54494

Sat. Perks: coffee, cookies. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806-5604 *or* Sharon Hejtmanek (406.549.2843)

April 4–6, Capital City Cribbage

Best Western Kelly Inn, 161 St. Anthony Ave, St. Paul MN 55103. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Todd Schaefer & Diane Waite (651.338.8116), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128-5853

April 11–12, Houdini Challenge

Columbus Club, 2531 N Richmond, Appleton WI 54911. Main \$55. Fri \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Brad Behm (920.739.4358), 1342½ W Spencer St, Appleton WI 54914-4972 *or* Frank Danielski

April 11–13, Oregon Championship

Prineville Elks, 15¹ N Main St, Prineville OR 97754. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, cookies, lunch. Contact: Patti & Graeme Gossett (541.416.0921), 15852 SE Yakima St, Prineville OR 97754-8848

April 12, Tax Relief Tournament

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit. Contact: Bill Wakeman (510.276.1600), 15750 Via Cordoba, San Lorenzo CA 94580-2530 *or* Mary Herrmann (925.935.3325)

April 13, New England Spring Fever

VFW #1526, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Sat DBL \$30/team. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Holli & Earle Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland RI 02864

April 18–20, Washington State Open

Sunnyside Eagles, 100 S Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. All Events \$20. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224; the29seeker@earthlink.net), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

April 18–20, Milwaukee Challenge

Radisson Hotel, 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sun LC 1pm \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595; marlemae@sbcglobal. net), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132

April 18–20, Western New York Open

Quality Hotel, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$45. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.648.4314), 3950 Nottingham Ter, Hamburg NY 14075 or Jane Cannizzaro

April 18–20, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic

Comfort Inn, 2945 Lawrenceville-Suwannee Rd, Suwannee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975), 111 Wynnes Ridge Cir SE, Marietta GA 30067-6003 *or* Valerie Nozick

April 25–27, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.909.0043), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

April 25–27, Winnemucca Spring Classic

Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89446. Main \$55. Fri EB. Fri DBL. Fri HR. All Events. Super-Q. Team. Perks: coffee, tea, pastries. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855) *or* Sharon Hejtmanek *or* Jeanette Nielsen *or* Peggy Scalley. Send entries to The Winners, Winnemucca NV 89446

April 26, Colonial Cribbage Classic

Ukrop's Supermarket, 6610 Mooretown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

April 26–27, Maine Spring Fling

Holiday Inn, 81 Riverside St (Exit 48 on I-95), Portland ME 04103. Main \$55. Sat HR 9am \$100. Sat DBL 7pm \$40/team. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.892.3724), 30 River Rd, Windham ME 04062

May 2-4, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7pm DBL \$50/team. Fri 7pm HR \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, pastries. Contact: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671-9561 *or* Bernie Nelson (503.392.3092) *or* Verne & Jeanette Nielsen (503.666.3528)

May 3–4, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Black River Falls WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: buffet lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4105), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

May 4, Ocean State Classic

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02861. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917-3213 *or* Linda Partain

May 9–11, Redwood Coast Classic

Lucky Seven Casino, 350 N Indian Rd, Smith River CA 95567. Main \$50. Fri \$10. Fri HR \$50. Fri DBL Tournament Trail continued on page 28

ROADRUNNER CLASSIC

March 28-30, 2008

NEW LOCATION!

THE MEADOWS 2401 W. Southern Ave. Tempe AZ 85282

Friday, March 28

7 p.m. Singles – 9 games – \$20 – optional \$10 Q pool 7 p.m. High Rollers – 9 games – \$50 – \$50 optional Q pool

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Main - \$55 - optional \$10 and \$20 Q pools - 22 games - 100% payback after expenses - playoff top 25% on Sunday
7 p.m. Sat Nite Special - 9 games - \$20 - \$10 optional Q pool

Sunday, March 30

8 a.m. Main Playoffs 9:30 a.m. Consolation – 9 games – \$20 – \$10 optional Q pool

Directors: Ron and Laurie Logan (checks payable to Laurie Logan) 8324 E Sand Wedge Lane Gold Canyon AZ 85218 (480-288-9459) MOTELS: Best Western (480-820-7500) (must reserve by 2/25 for crib rate) Ramada Inn (480-413-1188) (senior or AAA rates)

\$20 All Events (Fri nite, Sat ma	in, Sat nite)
\$20 Fri Nite	
\$10 Fri Q	
\$50 High Rollers	
\$50 High Rollers Q	
\$55 Main	NO SAT WALK-INS!
\$20 Q	All Q pools are graduated
\$10 Q	Refreshments provided
\$20 Sat Nite	
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\$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$10. Perks: drinks, donuts, snacks. Contact: Tom Cookman (707.443.1029), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503-9414 *or* Tom Langford (707.599.6722)

May 16-18, Potawatomi Peggers Pow-Wow

Holiday Inn Waterfront (800.788.8411), 940 W Savidge, Spring Lake MI. Main \$70. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. LC \$10. Perks: cookies from the Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

May 16–18, Diamond Mountain Open

Win River Casino, 21000 Redding Ranchera Rd, Redding CA 96001. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: beverages, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433-8007 or Jim Langley or Steve Hastie

May 16–18, Gem State Challenge

Eagles Lodge, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83706. Main \$55. Fri 3pm \$20. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Kathy Atwood (208.353.4862), 194 E Harris Hawk Dr, Kuna ID 83634-3428

May 16–18, North Carolina Open

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$30. Sat 7pm \$30. Sat HR 7pm \$60. Sun LC 1:30pm \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320-4531 *or* Cathy Perkins (cathyp@cheerful. com)

May 18, Connecticut Championship

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Entry deadline: May 13; no walk-ins. Contact: Bill Richmond (860.666.4794), 72 Sunset Rd, Newington CT 06111-2620 or Bob Fitzgerald or Joan Fletcher

May 18, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

May 23–25, Greater Spokane Valley Open

Spokane Valley Eagles, 16801 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99037. Main \$50. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lynn Raymond (509.928.4983), 4105 N McDonald Rd #20, Spokane Valley WA 99216-1286 *or* Dave Schwartz (509.328.4022)

May 23–25, Rockford Memorial Day Classic

Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St, Rockford IL 61108.

Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152-3623

May 30–June 1, That's a Go!

Best Western, 101 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc WI 54220. Main \$60. Fri 7pm \$25. Sat 7:30pm \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Kristina Wright (920.772.4005), PO Box 115, Collins WI 54207

May 31–June 1, Nugget Classic

Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/ team. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Jerry Moore (530.877.1477), 1473 Patrick Dr, Paradise CA 95969

June 1, Western Massachusetts Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 *or* Isabel Hyndman

June 6–8, Mount St. Helens Classic

American Legion, 1250 12th, Longview WA 98632. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.501.6885), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626

June 6–8, Space Coast Open

Clarion Hotel, 260 E Merritt Island Cs, Merritt Island FL 32952. Main \$55. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lee Bailey (321.459.5358), 300 S Sykes Creek Pkwy #204, Merritt Island FL 32952-3313 or Mike Elkins

June 7, Orange Crush Classic

Laguna Woods Village, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177), 2184 Via Mariposa E Unit O, Laguna Woods CA 92637 *or* Lee Foglesong (949.454.9983)

June 8, pH Factor Open

Frantone's, 12253 E Imperial Way, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901), 12132 Roseton Ave, Norwalk CA 90650 *or* Harold Hilbert (714.397.3222)

June 13–15, Cascade Classic

VFW Hall, Veteran Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Fri DBL. Fri HR. Sat. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), PO Box 263, Redmond OR 97756 *or* Margery Clark

June 13–15, Capital City Classic

Best Western, 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Tournament Trail continued on page 30

Rockford Memorial Day Classic May 23 – 25, 2008 Sanctioned by the ACC

Holiday Inn – (815) 398-2200 7550 E. State Street – Rockford, IL 61108 Directions: From exit of Interstate-90 / 39 and US Bus Rt. 20, turn right and go 3/10 mile to Bell School Rd, turn right to hotel.

Friday	5:30pm-Registration opens
	7:30pm-9 games/9 opponents, \$20, cut for deal
Saturday	7:30am-Registration opens
	8:45am-22 games/22 opponents, \$65 + \$20 Q
	5:30pm-First round playoffs (3 out of 5)
	7:30pm-9 games/9 opponents, \$20, cut for deal
Sunday	7:30am-Playoffs resume (3 out of 5)
	Consolation registration 7:30am - 8:45am
	9:00am-9 games/9 opponents, \$30 + \$10 Q
	12:30pm-Playoffs (2 out of 3)

Main event entry fee includes luncheon buffet. All tournaments pay back 85% + and pay 1 in 6. All Q's payback 100% and 1 in 6. Entry fees refunded 100% if unable to attend.

Holiday Inn offers rooms for \$89 per night (double/single). Other hotels within 3/10 mi. See tournament flyer on ACC web site, www.cribbage.org

Make checks payable to "Rockford Memorial Day Classic" and mail to: RMDC, c/o Don Urban, 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo, IL 60152

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Director: Don Urban 815-568-0494 home 201-660-0522 cell donaldurban@sbcglobal.net	Fri nite \$20 Sat Main \$65 Q \$20 Sat nite \$20 All Events \$20 Total	

Perks: coffee, lunch, "Spin the Wheel." Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

June 20–22, Medford Cribbage Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:45pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$15. Limited to 90 players—no walk-ins accepted if full. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 *or* Julie Felkins

June 22, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

June 27–29, Schaefer Shuffle

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 8pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sun LC \$10. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037

July 4–6, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri \$35. Sun pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffee cake. Contact: Bill & Dorthalee Irons (775.358.4916), 333 K St, Sparks NV 89431-3214 *or* Roberta Huff

July 8–10, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 3pm \$10. Tue HR 6:30pm \$50. Tue 7pm \$20. Wed 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: A. J. Tasker (775.829.1474), 2700 Plumas St #104, Reno NV 89509-4104 or Les Sumner or Valerie Sumner or Bob Bartosh

July 12, Truckee River Classic

North Tahoe Community Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd (Hwy 28), Kings Beach CA 96143. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.587.7339), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160-1526 *or* Ron Morgan

July 13, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Larry West (360.830.0783), 1442 W Wilderness Ln, Seabeck WA 98380-9403 *or* Dennis Misenar

July 18–20, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$65. Fri \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Mary Gladish (925.798.0329), 833 Blarney Ave, Concord CA 94518 *or* Bob Clark

July 18–21, Granite City Classic

VFW Hall, 9 18th Ave N, St Cloud MN. Main \$60. Fri. \$20. Sat \$20. All Events. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Mike Burns (320.252.5329), 1212 Washington Memorial Dr #134, Saint Cloud MN 56301-3517 *or* Bob Joslin *or* Doug Munneke

July 20, Yearend Cribbage Extra

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Isabel Hyndman (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 *or* Phyllis Schmidt

July 20, Hawaiʻi Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

July 25–27, Portland Summer Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillivray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$10. Sun CB \$10. All Events \$20. Team. Super-Q. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th PI #7, Portland OR 97202-3069 *or* Ken Julkowski

July 25–28, National Open

Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Old Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Perks: coffee, lunch. Main \$70. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Sun \$30. Mon \$30. Contact: Catherine & Russ Perkins (919.837.5790), 1030 Barker Rd, Bear Creek NC 27207-9316 *or* Jerry Gooden *or* Henry Douglass

July 30–31, Master Midweek

VFW Hall, 615 N Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$50. Wed \$10. Thur \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Bob Brumley (509.839.6323), 1301 Lester Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944-9171

August 1–3, Summer Classic

Sunnyside Eagles, 101 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri DBL 6:30pm \$50/team. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$10. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944-1254

August 1–3, Shut Up and Deal

Location TBA, San Leandro/Fremont area. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: donuts, coffee, Sunday lunch. Contact: Ray Mink (510.791.5347 or 510.684.5988), 37981 Lavender Cmn, Fremont CA 94536-5205

August 2, Summer Cribbage Fix

Place TBA, Soldotna AK 99669. Main \$35. Contact: Karen Dorcas (907.252.4950; karendorcas@ gci.net), PO Box 1164, Kenai AK 99611

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August 3, Patriot Kickoff

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Carl Deyette (860.568.7418), 55 Legion Dr, East Hartford CT 06118-3420 *or* Walt Brideaux *or* Don Janelle

August 8–10, Humboldt Bay Classic

Mad River Rapids RV Park, 3501 Janes Rd, Arcata CA 95521. Main \$52. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri DBL 7pm \$40/team. Sat 7pm \$20. All Events \$15. Perks: bagels, coffee, donuts, juice, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519-3858 or Julie Felkins or Barrett Mace or Tom Cookman

August 9–10, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Neillsville WI. Main \$60. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4105), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Black River WI 54456

August 22–24, Madison Masters

Howard Johnson, 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison

WI 53704. Main \$60. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. Sat HR 7:30pm \$50. Perks: lunch. Contact: Mike Blackburn (608.577.3940), W9595 County Rd C, Cambridge WI 53523-9306

August 22–24, Nevada State Championship

Sturgeons Casino, 1420 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri HR 6:30pm \$50. Fri 7pm \$20. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434-9511 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

August 29–31, Skagway Open

Elks Lodge, 5th & State, Skagway AK 99840. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat DBL \$40/team. Contact: Jerry Hauf (907.780.4015), PO Box 32546, Juneau AK 99803-2546

August 29–31, Mount Rainier Open

Tacoma Elks, 1965 S Union Ave, Tacoma WA 98405. Main \$60. Fri 3pm \$15. Fri HR 7pm \$50. Fri DBL \$50/team. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: cookies, muffins. Contact: Jim Hornbacher (253.770.3213), 17509 90th Avenue Ct E, Puyallup WA 98375-6193 *Tournament Trail continued on page 32*

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August 29–31, Capital City Classic

Eagles Lodge, 715 Fee St, Helena MT 59601. Main \$50. Fri 3pm. Fri DBL 7pm. Sat 7pm. Contact: Kathy Thompson (406.443.4825), 3000 Villard Ave #110, Helena MT 59601-0474 *or* Walt Conell (406.782.5159)

August 31, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Honolulu HI 96817. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701-3540 *or* Fred White

September 5–7, St. Louis Gateway Classic

Comfort Inn, 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$25. Contact: Floyd Vincent (636.456.9809), 20101 Southwood Estates Rd, Warrenton MO 63383-6963 or Dave Carey (217.563.7190)

September 19–21, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3pm \$10. Fri 7:30pm \$20. Sat 7:30pm \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.909.0043), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469-1159

September 25–28, Grand National 27

Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland OR 97220. Main \$60. Thu 7pm \$20. Fri 2pm \$20. Fri 7pm \$20. Fri "Duplicate" 7pm \$50. Sat 7pm \$20. Sat HR 7pm \$50. Sun 2pm \$20. Sun 6pm \$20. Awards banquet. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th PI #7, Portland OR 97202 *or* Ken Julkowski (503.788.6907)

October 4, Schaefer Shuffle Special

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Sat 7pm \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Al and Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037-9264

October 5, West Bend Classic

Knights of Columbus Hall, 3245 Lighthouse Ln, West Bend WI 53090. Main \$45. Perks: lunch. Contact: Gene "Moose" Biegler (262.334.2980), 1602 Harrison St, West Bend WI 53090-1536 *or* Richard Frost

October 5, Western Washington Limited

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact:

Larry West (360.830.0783), 1442 W Wilderness Ln, Seabeck WA 98380-9403 *or* Dennis Misenar

October 5, New Hampshire Open

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Blvd, Nashua NH 03062. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Al Miller (603.882.7204), 12 Michael Ave, Nashua NH 03062-1418 *or* David Statz

October 10–12, Capital City Classic

Best Western, 133 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny IA 50021. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315-0302

October 12, October Occurrence

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267-3201 *or* Isabel Hyndman

Cribbage Quiz Answer

There are three ways to increase a hand or crib from 4 points to 24 points—a whopping 500% increase:

hold	cut
4-4-5-5	6
4-4-6-6	5
5-5-6-6	4
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If you ever hold one of these hands and get the cut, consider yourself both skillful enough to have recognized the hand's potential and lucky enough to have gotten the cut!

(Technically speaking, if you start with zero points and cut into at least one point, this is an infinite increase—and what could be bigger than infinity! But since the Cribbage Quiz doesn't ask trick questions, we'll ignore this possibility and go with the answer above.)

NO The ACC welcomed 110 new members during December When you see these folks down the tournament trail or at your cribbage club, welcome them with a hearty handshake, answer their questions, and then sit down with them and eniov the best card game ever invented

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25 Years Ago in the ACC

The cover of my copy of the February 1983 *Cribbage World* features both a coffee stain and a reproduction of the earliest known English King of Hearts.

Inside this issue, John Chambers, who had successfully started a cribbage league in Rhode Island, encouraged readers to organize local leagues elsewhere—an idea that served as a precursor to our current

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Grass Roots organization. John is still a regular player on the Eastern Seaboard and directs the New England Peer Championship.

The cribbage accomplishments of **Norm Wright**—then of Madison and now living in Fitchburg WI, then coming off his first tournament win and now a Master—were highlighted in a story on page 3. Norm continues to play cribbage and played in the JPW/ACC Open last February—along with five of his fourteen cribbage-playing offspring!

A Mark Twain short story entitled "Science vs. Luck" was reprinted on the centerfold of this issue, providing a very nice (but unintentional) tie-in with the February 2008 cover story. (Hmm, maybe there's something to this luck thing, after all?)

Finally, Allan Lichty (Des Moines IA) reported on the results of 5,000 games he played with Dana Rodgers and Harold Hodkinson. Keeping meticulous records, he determined that the average hand was 7.98 points.

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Thomas Sims (Mesa AZ)
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Gene Smith (Coos Bay OR)
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