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Positional Cribbage: An Introduction

Imagine this common cribbage scenario. Your opponent is dealing from hole 75, and you are in hole 80. Who is ahead in this game?

The correct answer depends on what "ahead" means. On a straightforward interpretation of this word, the person closest to hole 121 is ahead—in this case, you. But a more nuanced definition takes into account board position and holds that in this case your opponent—even though she is five holes behind you—is *most likely* to win the game.

The essential element of cribbage that distinguishes it from all other games is the role of positional play. This arises from players taking turns scoring three hands. In one deal, for example, player A counts hand and crib and then counts the first hand of the next deal—all without the other player counting a hand. Then player B does the same thing, counting hand and crib and hand. In a relatively close game, then, each player takes turns being ahead (i.e., closer to the finish line).

The goal is not simply to be ahead, but to be ahead at hole 121. And to do that, we often need to adjust the pace of the game as we alternate between offense and defense.

The key element in determining pace and position is knowing that there is an average score for two deals consisting, as we have seen, of pegging and hand as the pone plus pegging, hand, and crib as the dealer. Re-

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My Deal bv David Aiken

I love to read. It doesn't matter what—history, biography, science fiction, science nonfiction, classic literature, trashy literature, cereal boxes, instructions for my hot glue gun—just so long as it's entertaining or educational or both. I own thousands of books: crammed into my office bookshelves, piled on the floor, packed away in boxes. I usually have two or three books going at a time, plus several magazines.

One thing I have never desired to read is a dictionary, even though I own dozens of them, in a dozen different languages, ranging from pocket paperbacks to the massive twenty-volume *Oxford English Dictionary*.

The *OED*, as it is affectionately called by word-lovers, is a massive collection of every English word ever spoken or written since the year 1150. I use it frequently in my editorial work, but since the plot is just a touch on the boring side, I reiterate: I've never had the desire to read it.

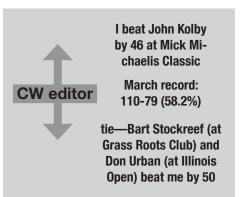
So when I came across a book by Ammon Shea entitled *Reading the OED: One Man, One Year, 21,730 Pages,* I was sucked in by the jacket blurb: "I have read the *OED* so that you don't have to." This, I thought, will do the trick. A very manageable 240 pages—including an ad for the *OED* at the back of the book—this I have time to read.

And I'm glad I did, for Mr. Shea pointed me to the exact word I need to improve my cribbage game: *disasinate*. The *OED* officially defines this word as "to deprive of asinine nature," which Shea helpfully translates: "to deprive of stupidity."

Here's how this word relates to cribbage. In the third game of the Mick Michaelis consolation, I had a disastrous hand and crib on fourth street and still needed 17 points against a formidable opponent, **Don Patrin**. From the six lousy cards he dealt me, I salvaged 4-4-6-7, and—Eureka! Up pops a 5. If I can peg, I'll win.

After the pegging, I carefully count my 14-hand three times and dejectedly placed my peg in the dead hole. As I wondered where I could have found one more point earlier in the game, Don says: "Gee whiz—cut from 4 to 16!"

As the enormity of my error sinks in (and of course the very helpful bystanders immediately start their critique—and spread the news throughout the room), I realize that I failed to count the 4-4-7 combination that I had in my hand in the first place! Call it what you will—mistake, screw up, brain fart, senior moment—the bottom line is that I failed in one of the most basic of cribbage tasks: counting the 15-combinations. *continued on next page*



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CW Online

Your Deal

I just wanted to drop an note of thanks to those involved with making *Cribbage World* available on the ACC website cribbage.org. As I write this, I am reading the April 2009 issue on March 23—probably one to two weeks before I will receive the hard copy by U.S. mail. In addition, back issues from 1980 on are also available, which can make for some good reading. The efforts of the folks making this possible are appreciated.

Jim Hatch (Salem NH)

For the record, back issues prior to December 2006 were scanned by ACC Archivist **Fred White** and posted to the web by ACC webmaster **Diane Waite**. Beginning in January 2007, a few days after every issue is sent to the printer a PDF is sent to Diane and she posts it for all the world to read.

Dogs and Pegs

As veterinarians, **H. Dean Bauman** and I have dedicated our lives to taking care of four-legged creatures. As a special interest, we volunteer to care for them as they run the Iditarod, although out on the trail we have more than once also treated two-

legged competitors. Who would think that two cribbage players would meet in such places as McGrath and Unalakleet and form a bond as fellow vets, cribbage players, and now lifelong friends. Dean is a star in cribbage and in life.

E. Turner Lewis (Wakefield MA)

Simple Solution

I see/hear a lot of energy being generated and misdirected regarding the three regions. The West has grown to 50% of the ACC membership. Isn't that a boon to the ACC and its treasury? Instead of generating ill will, we should be working out solutions. Two approaches seem clear to me: (1) The ACC should launch a fullscale membership drive in underserved areas. More members will result in more tournaments in those areas. (2) When one region grows disproportionately large, it should be reapportioned or redistricted according to population. Why is a body as august and capable as the ACC being caught up in petty politics instead of setting practical goals?

Mel Ashley (Marina CA)

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So last week I mailed my application to the Michigan Academy of Disasination and will start classes this summer. If the lessons take, I am hopeful you'll see the results on my scorecard. But if I continue to include asininity as part of my cribbage game, then perhaps the next edition of the *OED* will include a new word: "*aiken* : an elementary mistake of monumental proportions." CW

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Northern Cali- fornia Open (Redding CA; Jan. 30–Feb. 1)	Anna Dunn	<i>108 players</i> HQ. Paul Hatcher (60) 1. Richard Hinrichs (147) 2. James Langley (105) 3. Ira Deutsch (70) 3. Richard Shea (70)	63 <i>players</i> HQ. Herschel Mack (24) 1. Tom Langford (60) 2. Roland Hall (40) 3. Christy Lens (24) 3. Jim Crawford (24)	28-hands: Chuck Hedin* Cy Madrone* Bryan Gurden*	<i>Early Bird:</i> Jim Harbeson <i>High Rollers</i> : Jim Langley <i>Doubles</i> : Bob Gromek & Bryan Gurden
Minnesota Winter Special (Chaska MN; Feb. 13–14)	Jerry Gruber	<i>80 players</i> HQ. Dave Yaeger (40) 1. Todd Brunner (147) 2. Greg Ulberg (105) 3. Bob Joslin (70) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (70)	41 players HQ. Ray Tschimperle (12) 1. Bob McCabe (60) 2. Dianne Gurney (40) 3. Ray Tschimperle (24) 3. James Huser (24)	GRAND	<i>Friday:</i> Darlene Johnson
Valentine's Day (Edmon- ton AB; Feb. 21)	Audrey Hatto	<i>32 players</i> HQ. Jack Wifladt (45) 1. Jack Wifladt (70) 2. Audrey Hatto (42)	26 <i>players</i> HQ. Marion Buckley (15) 1. Marion Buckley (40) 2. Gary Wirth (24)	SLAMI	
NNECC (Portsmouth NH; Feb. 20–22)	David Campbell	<i>94 players</i> HQ. Ed Ciccone (50) 1. Laurence Samet (147) 2. David Statz (105) 3. Robert Medeiros (70) 3. Albert Miller (70)	52 players HQ. Pat Llewellyn (24) 1. Harold Cook (60) 2. Richard West (40) 3. Pat Llewellyn (24) 3. Raymond Cook (24)	2 <i>8-hands</i> : Jim Martin* Elijah White Jr.* Hazel St. Cyr*	<i>Friday:</i> David Statz <i>Doubles:</i> Joan Morrison & Joyce Vanelli
Hampton Roads March Shoot-Out (Virginia Beach VA; Feb. 27–Mar. 1	Jack Howsare	<i>70 players</i> HQ. Michael Midgette (45) 1. Donald Janssen (147) 2. Cecil Sublett (105) 3. Charles Dolge (70) 3. Jeff Raynes (70)	49 players HQ. John Noblet (27) 1. Robert Milk (60) 2. Michael Ferretta Jr. (40) 3. Bernard Whitfield (24) 3. Thomas Brent (24)	28-hand: Beth Witter*	<i>Friday:</i> Bruce Sattler S <i>aturday:</i> Marilyn Gaudreau
California Championship (Santa Rosa CA; Feb. 28)	Avon Ray	<i>B4 players</i> HQ. Dennis Morin (50) 1. Cres Fernandez (147) 2. Leslie Sumner (105) 3. Heidi Glashan (70) 3. Sharon Schwarz (70)	<i>54 players</i> HQ. Michael Hurley (21) 1. Tony Montooth (60) 2. Donald Brown (40) 3. Michael Hurley (24) 3. Anne Sheeran (24)	28-hand: Michael Hurley*	

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Satellite Winners High Roller: DeLynn Colvert Saturday: Cres Fernandez Doubles: Erik Locke & Dan Marsh Early Bird: Peggy Walberg All Events: DeLynn Colvert	Doubles: Jeannine Dubois & Dottie VanDenBerghe	<i>Friday</i> : Jerry Nelson Saturday: Emilio Perez Team: Dave Drew, George Stankus, John Kolby, Marv Lang	<i>Friday:</i> Dennis Koehler	
Big Hands 29-hand: Vernon Ward* 28-hands: Paul Hatcher* Jerald Cutsforth	<i>28-hands:</i> Vicki Soule* Ron Rapoza*	28-hand: Kay Miller*	29-hand: Gene Krueger* 28-hand: Frank Pacocha*	FIRST WINI
Consolation (MRPs) 70 players HQ. Tom Langford (21) 1. James Langley (84) 2. Gordon Brown (60) 3. Bill Johnson (40)	 5. Frank Office (40) 64 players HQ. Frank Reddy (24) 1. Polly Hawkins (60) 2. Frank Nencka (40) 3. George Holland (24) 3. Frank Reddy (24) 	70 players HQ. Ruth Zimmerman (15) 1. Sandra Stroup (84) 2. Alphonse Scarantino (60) 3. Donald Urban (40) 3. Robert Julian (40)	66 players HQ. Edward Balcer (18) 1. Edward Balcer (84) 2. George Neujahr 60) 3. Allen Karr (40) 3. Alan Schaefer (40)	<i>25 players</i> HQ. Joanne Randolph (12) 1. George Mackie (40) 2. Chris McComas (24) 3. Joanne Randolph (12) 3. John Blake (12)
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	Pat Llewellyn	Marv Lang & Dave Drew	Patrick Barrett	Robert Maupin & Larry West
TournamentDirectorRedwoodTomCoast PeggersCookman(Smith RiverCookmanCA; Mar. 6–8)A	Tri-Valley Tourney (Med- way MA; Mar. 8)	Illinois Open (Crystal Lake IL; Mar. 6–8	Waupaca Rotary Open (Waupaca WI; Mar. 13–14)	Western Washing- ton Limited (Poulsbo WA; Mar. 14)

* = in a sanctioned event

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Nemasker Cribbage Classic (Mid- dleboro MA; Mar. 15)	David Bowen	78 players HQ. Philip Beauregard (45) 1. George Bryer (147) 2. Tom Clark (105) 3. Philip Beauregard (70) 3. Steve Nyhan (70)	<i>34 players</i> HQ. James Clemmey (15) 1. Fred Nadolny (60) 2. Tony Pacheco (40) 3. Roger Bouchard (24) 3. Brian McCoy (24)		
Winnemucca Spring (Winnemucca NV; Mar. 13–15)	Peggy Scalley	<i>85 players</i> HQ. Jerry Keuter (45) 1. Valerie Sumner (147) 2. Bob Bartosh (105) 3. Patricia Gossett (70) 3. Todd Malmgren (70)	<i>54 players</i> HQ. Steve Keuter (21) 1. Jerold Montgomery (60) 2. Steve Keuter (40) 3. Erik Royland Locke (24) 3. Doris Stemler (24)	28-hands: Rich Ekman* Doris Stemler* Patricia Gossett* Peggy Scalley*	Early Bird: Terry McGinnis High Roller: Sharon Hejtmanek Doubles: Doug Hadley & Steve Keuter Triple Play: David Webber Super-Q: Bob Bartosh Team: Roy Hofbauer, Jim Langley, Todd Malmgren, DeLynn Colvert
Colorado Winter Open (Denver CO; Mar. 13–15)	Roger Wilson	72 players HQ. Bill Hutchinson (55) 1. Joe Gates (147) 2. Leroy Johnson (105) 3. Roger Widdowson (70) 3. Dave Yaeger (70)	<i>44 players</i> HQ. Dwight Van Cleve (15) 1. Kathy Pacocha (60) 2. Donald Levack (40) 3. Les Johnson (24) 3. James Gear (24)	29-hand: Charlie Douthit* 28-hands: Rick Vee* Troy Thorson* Al Pittman	<i>Friday:</i> Jerry Landen S <i>aturday:</i> Herman Schnabel
Winter U.S. Open (West Covina CA; Mar. 22)	Norm Nikodym	48 players HQ. Chresmon Ching (25) 1. Bryan Gurden (105) 2. Norman Nikodym (70) 3. Chresmon Ching (42) 3. DeLynn Colvert (42)	<i>30 players</i> HQ. Bill Metcalf (15) 1. Ronald Hoglund (40) 2. Beth Fleischer (24) 3. Eileen Brown (12) 3. Tony Giesegh (12)		
March Thaw (Medway MA; Mar. 22)	Pat & Jim Martin	96 players HQ. Bill Medeiros (50) 1. David Statz (147) 2. Jim McDevitt (105) 3. Daniel Bergeron (70) 3. David Campbell (70)	46 players HQ. Granville Brown (15) 1. Donald Parker (60) 2. Jim Hatch (40) 3. Arnold Beauregard (24) 3. Henry Delong (24)	28-hand: Holli Remington* * = in a sanctioned event	vent

Correction Bob Bartosh (Sacramento CA) held a 29-hand (not a 28-hand, as reported in the April CW) in the Susanville consolation playoffs on February 4.



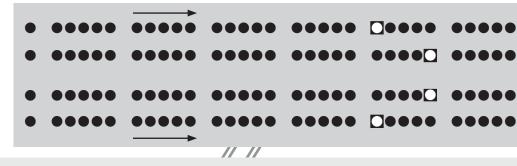
Tournament Tidbits

Waupaca Rotary Open When you're hot, you're hot. Life Master **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI) won his second tournament in a row: the JPW/ACC Open in February and then his own tourney on the frozen tundra of central Wisconsin.

Winnemucca Spring The Keuter Clan made a great showing. Father Jerry Keuter (Nampa ID) was high qualifier in the main. Son Steve Keuter (Meridian ID) was high qualifier and finished second in the consolation and won the doubles event with brother-in-law Doug Hadley (Boise ID). And Uncle Don Keuter (Tacoma WA) qualified third in the consolation.

Colorado Winter Open The qualifying scores in the main were unusually high: top nonqualifier was a 29/14 scorecard turned in by Les Johnson (Arvada CO). And one 32-point scorecard didn't get qualifying MRPs!

Winter U.S. Open In the October 2008 event, Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV) and Master Norman Nikodym (Ontario CA) played for the championship, and Norm won. This year's tourney saw the same two players in the finals, but Bryan wasn't about to repeat last year's result and won easily.



The dealer's "par holes" are 21, 46, 71, 96. If you are the first dealer at or beyond these holes, then you are "in position."

Positional Cribbage—continued from page 1

gardless of whether this number is 25 or 26 or something else, you need a number to work with, and for the sake of convenience, let's use 25.

This means that your goal is to go 25 holes in two deals. Thus, in order to win the game, you want to be the first player to deal at or beyond hole 96, or 25 holes prior to hole 121.

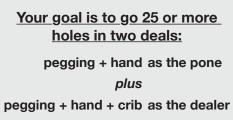
Backing up 25 pegs from hole 96 shows that you want to be the first dealer in hole 71, hole 46, and hole 21. If you are the first dealer at or beyond these spots on the board, you are said to be "in position." This is why your opponent in the example above is considered to be ahead of you even though she has fewer points than you do: she is the first dealer at or beyond hole 71. Unless you get a large hand that takes you to at least hole 96, you will not be in position to deal the next hand and thus will be at a disadvantage to win.

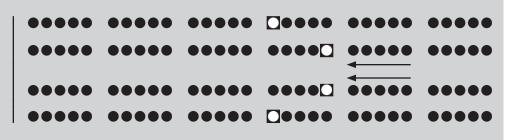
While oversimplified, this provides the basic starting point for understanding position cribbage. Things can change, of course, but board position—both yours and your opponent's—will serve as a guide for knowing whether to play offense or defense (e.g., do you throw 7-8 into your opponent's crib in order to hold 5-J-Q-K?). Whatever you use as your pacing number, remember that it is based on average hands. Not infrequently, decisions about pacing can change with each deal.

A future article will discuss the concept of position in more detail (including whether to use 25 or 26 as your pacing number). In the meantime, whenever you play cribbage, ask yourself these three questions with each deal of the cards:

- What do I need to do to reach my next position?
- What must I do to keep my opponent from reaching his/her next position?
- Which constitutes the greater risk?

CW thanks Life Master $(\star \star)$ Larry Samet (Wellesley MA) for supplying much of the material for this article.





Grand National 28

Grand Rapids is much more than a cribbage destination. True, you can play three tournaments—Serial City Cribbage Classic, Michigan Midweek GN Warm-up,

and Grand National 28 and a dozen satellite events over a ten-day period in late September. But it's just possible that you might want to poke your head outside the hotel for a few minutes and explore some of the other activities and cultural attractions found in West Michigan.

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who lost his life in the Apollo 1 fire (grmuseum.org/planetarium; 616.456. DOME).

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All cribbage events will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** (5700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546). Call 800.227.6963 to make your reservations.

For more details about the Grand National Extravaganza, contact Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229; jeffshimp@charter.net) or David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@ iserv.net), or go to cribbage.org to download the tournament flyers.



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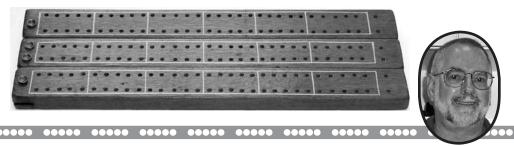
In the qualifying round of a main tournament, which do you prefer:

- A. cut for deal in every game
- B. designated (i.e., alternate) deal
- C. no preference

Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

This handcrafted board was given to me by ACC member Lee Norris (North Kingston RI). Neither Lee nor I know any history on the board. However, it is very similar to a board patented in December 1947 by Charles J. Manuel and manufactured by Westcraft Co. (Berwick ME). Another company, Marketing Services (also of Maine), later sold the board, and it was known as "The Liberty Board." Our board is likely a handmade copy or could even be a prototype. If any ACC member has more information about these boards, I would like to hear from you.



Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards in picturesque Washington State. Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to him at **budandotis@msn.com** (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line). For more information on cribbage boards and collecting, visit the Cribbage Board Collector's Society website at **cbcs.us**.

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Is Cribbage Gambling?

The State of Maine deems cribbage to be gambling when played for prize money. Other jurisdictions that allow the operation of licensed casinos and lotteries (e.g., Ontario, Canada) have shut down card games played in legion halls because they view cribbage as gambling, just like a lottery.

When you play a "cut for deal" tournament you are in effect entering a lottery where your chances of qualifying will be enhanced or reduced based on how many times you win the cut. The odds of this lottery can be calculated using probability

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		and confirmed using
		statistics.
heads	tails	Suppose we have
16	0	sixteen coins and toss
15	1	them into the air.
14	2	There are seventeen
13	3	possible outcomes,
12	4	as seen in Chart 1.
11	5	We can calculate
10	6	the probability val-
9	7	ue for each of these
8	8	seventeen potential
7	9	outcomes by using a
6	10	binomial probability
5	11	function (where $n =$
4	12	16 and $p = 0.5$, as
3	13	seen in Chart 2.
2	14	Applying this
1	15	concept to cribbage
0	16	means that if 100
		players cut for deal
Cha	rt I	in a 16-game quali-
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fying round, about* one player will win the cut 13 or more times, about three will win 12 times, about seven will win 11 times, about twelve will win 10 times, and about seventeen will win 9 times.

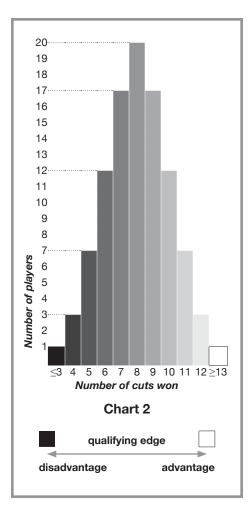
Opinion

Another way of looking at Chart 2 shows that players in any one column have a qualifying edge over all players to the left of their column. Thus, one "cutlucky" player (the white column at the far right) will have a qualifying edge over the entire field, three more players will have an edge over the remaining ninety-six players, seven more players have an edge over eighty-nine players, twelve more players have an edge over seventy-seven players, and seventeen more players have an edge over sixty cut-unlucky players! All forty of these cut-lucky players will have an edge in qualifying.

Not all qualifiers necessarily come from the right side of Chart 2. But, the more cuts won, the greater the odds of qualifying becomes, because DeLynn Colvert and others have repeatedly shown that the winner of the cut has a 56% probability of winning. The minority of cut-lucky players has this edge more often than the majority.

That we do not know in advance who the forty cut-lucky players are-and that everyone in the field has an equal oppor-

*I use the term "about" to simplify the distinction between observation (accumulated statistics) and prediction (probability).



tunity at the start of the tournament to win the cut-for-deal lottery—misses the point. Cut for deal is still a lottery. Winning it does not guarantee winning the tournament or even qualifying, but it does *improve* the odds of doing so for a *minority* of the field!

Tournament directors should be proactive in adopting the alternate-deal rule to eliminate the lottery that benefits cutlucky players with the probability of more wins, skunks, and playoff byes. Adoption of this rule will preempt governments and antigambling activists from painting cribbage as lottery-like gambling.

In 2004 the BOD rejected a proposal to make alternate deal universal because "there was no evidence to support the unfairness of cut-for-deal." I have now provided the evidence that the process is not only inherently unfair but introduces lottery-like gambling into cut-for-deal

tournaments. I propose that the BOD revisit this issue.

Hal lives in Hamilton ON and is the creator of Hal's Crib, a leading cribbage-improvement software (halscrib.com).



Cribbage Lingo

tweener : when both of your pegs are between your opponent's pegs

All Events

Last month, CW announced that Life Master **Donald L. Brown** (Long Beach CA) had set an All Events record of 70/30 at the Pacific Coast Championship, by scoring 18/8 on Friday night, 37/15 in the main, and 15/7 on Saturday night. An email from Life Master **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI) reminds us that he scored 70/32 at the April 1997 Tri-Cities Open, directed by Mick Michaelis, with 18/8 on Friday night, 35/16 in the main, and 17/8 on Saturday night. Patrick's stellar performance remains the All Events record on the basis of the first tiebreaker (games won).

INTERNET Cribbage

March Wrap-Up

Michelle Barthelmess (*Frazu2*) vaulted past the top peggers to claim first place in the IRP race. Mike Fetchel (*mfetchCT425*) and Mark Van Dyke (*loosespokes*) are tied for second place.

By virtue of winning two consecutive tournaments, Elizabeth Miller (*weezieboop*) and Joe Gabriel (*cribbageking999*) are the March players of the month.

internet.tourney.schedule

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date	day	time	type	scoring
May 2	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 3	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 4	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 7	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 9	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 10	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 11	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 14	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 16	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 17	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 18	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 21	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 23	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 24	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 28	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 30	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
May 31	Sunday	3:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
All tim	es Eastern	n. *=.	ACC mem	bers only.

BY ROBERT MILK internet director // robert_milk@alum.wpi.edu

internet.standings

IRPs name (tourneys played)

- 1 540 Michelle Barthelmess (80)
- 2 510 Mike Fetchel (70)
- 2 510 Mark Van Dyke (90)
- 4 486 Ron Larson (122)
- 5 468 Elizabeth Miller (104)
- 6 444 Barbara Larson (119)
- 7 435 Richard Shea (74)
- 8 411 James Gear (81)
- 9 405 Rick Allen (69)
- 10 399 Ray Fischer (68)
- 10 399 John Schafer (74)
- 10 399 Jeff Crane (93)

3/09.winners

3/1	Mike Fetchel
3/2	Richard Shea
3/5	Mike Fetchel
3/7	Elizabeth Miller
3/8	Elizabeth Miller
3/9	Frank Parsons
3/12	Louis Choiniere
3/14	Delvin Kendrick
3/16	Larry Mayo
3/19	Michelle Barthelmess
3/21	Andy Roland
3/22	Laurice French
3/23	Joe Gabriel
3/26	Joe Gabriel
3/28	Robert Maupin
3/29	Bob lacopi
3/30	Tom Langford



The May 1984 *Cribbage World* included a ballot for the upcoming BOD election. Familiar names on the ballot were **DeLynn Colvert, Richard Graham, Syl Lulinski, Mick Michaelis, Dale Monroe,** and **Scott Kooistra.**

Elsewhere in this issue, we learn that Dick Gombatz (Raleigh NC) won the inaugural Georgia Open, Gus Garrigus (Ox-



bow OR) won the Northwest Open Championship, and **Bob Madsen** (Chicago IL) won the Western New York Open consolation.

Wisconsin Governor Anthony S. Earl proclaimed May 14–20, 1984, to be "Wisconsin Cribbage Week," and a full-page reproduction of his executive proclamation was printed on page 8.

CW MARKETPLACE

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- 2. Dave Maas (WI): Madison Masters (August 23)
- 3. Laurie Crosslin (Rochester WA): Mt. Rainier Open (August 30)
- 4. Mary Rosenbaum (Winlock WA): Mt. Rainier Open (August 31)
- 5. Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL): Serial City Classic (September 13)
- 6. Otto Balmer (Puyallup WA): Grand National (September 27)
- 7. Roy Hofbauer (Washougal WA): Columbus Day Cribbage (October 11)
- 8. Joan Rein (Carver MN): Wisconsin Rapids Open (October 19)
- 9. Jeffrey Lui (Racine WI): West Bend Classic (October 5)
- 10. Charles Dolge (Winston Salem NC): Veteran's Day Classic (November 8)
- 11. Susan Scott (Vancouver WA): Longest Beach Classic (November 15)
- 12. Vern Mierkey (Auburn CA): Vacaville Varsity Open (January 11)
- 13. Bob Bartosh (Sacramento CA): Susanville Winter (February 4)
- 14. Beth Fleischer (Laguna Woods CA): JPW/ACC Open (February 7)
- 15. Vernon Ward (Crescent City CA): Redwood Coast Peggers (March 7)
- 16. Gene Krueger (Two Rivers WI): Waupaca Rotary Open (March 14)
- 17. Charlie Douthit (Cheyenne WY): Colorado Winter Open (March 15)

In Memoriam

Jack A. Barrett

Jack Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI), 80, passed away at home on April 6 of heart failure. A charter member of Club 120 in Wisconsin Rapids and three-time club champion, Jack amassed 2,932 GRPs, attaining his Silver Award in 2005. He ranked third lifetime at Club 120 in his eighteen-year cribbage career. Jack played his first sanctioned tournament in Green Bay in 1982 and placed fourth in a 410player field. He learned the game at an early age and taught his two sons, Michael and Patrick, in their early childhoods. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, two sons, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. An auctioneer who founded an auction company in Wisconsin Rapids in 1969 and ran it for nearly forty years, Jack will be greatly missed by family, friends, fellow cribbage players, and community.

Rolfe A. Glashan

Rolfe Glashan (Folsom CA) passed away on March 20 after a long battle with cancer. Rolfe was very active in Grass Roots play in the Sacramento area. He was a founding member and board member of Club 162 (River City Peggers) and a recent member of Club 306 (Gold Country Cribbers). Rolfe was one of the nicest gentlemen to come into and make a difference in our lives. Both clubs deeply feel the loss of this cribbage friend.

Lester H. Thompson

Lester Thompson (North Pole AK and Stoneyford CA) passed away in Reno NV on December 10. Born in 1918 in Richmond CA, Lester loved to play cribbage and will be missed by all of his cribbage friends. He was a member of Fairbanks Cribbage Club.

ACC*Awards*



Larry had an excellent cribbage teacher—his father—and he apparently learned well. After joining the ACC in 1986, Larry finished second in his first tournament, which had 190 players. With sixteen sanctioned wins now under his belt, Larry's favorite

Laurence Samet (Wellesley MA) Life Master (★ ★) #14

tournament is the TOC: he won it in 1989 and 2002 and was high qualifier in 2000 and 2003. His toughest opponent is Rob Medeiros, but Larry's son, David, is rapidly

moving up the list. Larry's favorite moment this year was attending his 23rd consecutive TOC, but for the first time with David. Larry has served on the BOD and was instrumental in developing several innovations: the All Star competition, the long match, and the current Hall of Fame election procedure (with Rollie Heath). It is hard to find an activity in which Larry has not excelled. He has played tournament chess, bridge, poker, backgammon, and

blackjack — and has won at least one tournament in each. When not playing cribbage, Larry reads, plays no-limit Texas Hold 'em, and watches birds.

Betty joined the ACC in 1990 after a friend, John Groz, taught her how to play. John remains her toughest opponent. A longtime member of Club 276 in Kissimmee FL, Betty was mentored by the late Jim Arblaster. Aside from cribbage, Betty plays bridge and mah-jongg and loves to travel. She is looking forward to her third 29-hand any day now.





David's father and grandfather taught him to play cribbage. Since joining the ACC in 1998, he has won six tourneys (his first was the 2002 Rockville CT)

David Statz (Derry NH) Grand Master #279

and has been club champion twice at Club 314 in Hudson NH. His cribbage mentor is Al Miller, who also directs David's favorite tournament: the New Hampshire Open

each October. Taking second place at the recent Northern New England Championship in Portsmouth NH pushed him over the 4,000-MRP mark. Toughest opponent? Rob Medeiros. Non-cribbage interests? Avid Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics fan; playing Texas Hold 'em.

New Cribbage Masters

CW apologizes to Roger Grandgeorge for failing to print the notice that he had achieved Master earlier this year. Forty lashes with a cribbage peg for this oversight.

712. Roger Grandgeorge (State Center IA)

717. Diane Waite (Oakdale MN)

The President's Column



Several working committees do the business of the American Cribbage Congress. One of the most important is the Ethics Committee. This committee's job is to investigate reports of cheating and misbehavior during ACC events and decide how to proceed against the transgressors. It is empowered to make all decisions on punishment, with the exception of expulsion. If the committee feels expulsion is warranted, it recommends that action to the Board of Directors.

By its nature, the business of the Ethics Committee is secretive, which has led to some criticism in the past. The committee must keep the information it receives confidential until their investigations are finished. Some complaints may not be justified, and therefore all interests must be protected. When the committee decides an offense has been committed and has chosen the appropriate penalty, a notice appears in *Cribbage World*.

The chairman of the Ethics Committee is **Sharon Hejtmanek**. She has the task of receiving the complaints; dispersing them to the other committee members; questioning complainants, witnesses, and violators; putting all the information together; and then distributing it to the committee members. She receives their feedback and talks to each one to get their opinion. She then proceeds to notify the violators of their punishment, if such is the case. Punishment can range from a warning to suspension. The severest punishment is of course expulsion, which is usually associated with theft or cheating.

Sharon is one of the fairest people I know. She takes her job very seriously and does not issue her own opinion until getting feedback from the rest of the committee. She is committed to doing a good job, and since becoming chairperson has performed her duties in an exemplary manner. Sharon is dedicated to the betterment and well-being of the ACC, and we are fortunate to have her voluntary service.

I thank Sharon and the rest of the Ethics Committee—Patrick Barrett, George Bickford, David Campbell, Roy Hofbauer, and Tom Lewis—for their work.

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Milestones

Darrell Johnson (CA) turns 90 on May 12 CW acknowledges birthdays of members who hit an even decade. Send information two months in advance to cribbage@iserv.net or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313.

GANE ON by Dan Zeisler

Youth Teaching Tip

Here's a tip not only for kids, but for adults as well. When teaching kids about tournament play, I include a session on tournament etiquette. I stress the importance of cleaning up their area before rotating to the next seat of play. This includes putting the pegs back in the start holes and stacking the deck of cards neatly on top of the board.

Youth Tournament News

I have received at least five calls this past month asking about summer youth tournaments. I know of four annual events: two in northern California (directed by Richard Aguilera and Dan Zeisler) and one each in New Mexico (Tom Lewis) and Minnesota (Mike Burns). If you know of other youth tourneys, please let me know so I can help promote them. Two things are certain; kids love playing in cribbage tournaments, and we don't have nearly enough of them. If you would like to get something started in your area, please contact me at 530.274.3124 or danthefan@yahoo.com.

Teaching Manuals

Recent requests for youth teaching manuals were received from the following people. Watch for a youth boom in these areas:

- David Gretsch (Somewheresville USA)
- Brian Kelleher (Waterloo IA) Karen Psilopoulous (Middletown NY)
- Paul Gregson (Antioch CA)
- Diane Needles (Sharon MA)
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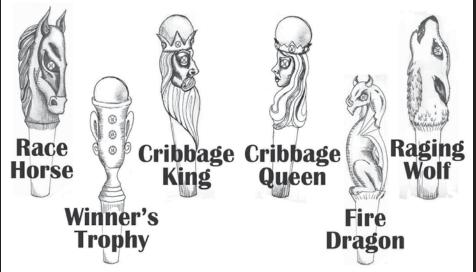
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Thanks to these folks for their donations to the Junior Program:

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GRASS ROOTS Incubator for Players

BY CHUCK BARNES

pon returning from my fourth JPW/ACC Open and invitational Tournament of Champions in Reno, I was again moved by the sight of 1,000 players filling four rooms at the Sands Regency. If you have not attended this spectacular, it is a "must do" for all who share the joy of cribbage.

This three-day event is wall-to-wall cribbage, with the world's finest *peggers* and *players* competing at the Sands Regency, our attentive hosts. This cribbage spectacular is the result of much hard work, and President Jeanne Hofbauer, the Board of Directors, Joan Rein, Scott Kooistra, David Aiken, and the Sands (which added \$15,000 to the prize fund) are to be commended for their dedication.

I emphasized the words *peggers* and *players* in order to draw a distinction between those who enjoy the game and camaraderie of their local Grass Roots club but seldom or never enter sanctioned events (peggers) and those who travel to multiple sanctioned events each year (players).

I frequently encourage local peggers to attend ACC-sanctioned events, but the response is often, "I'm not that good. I would embarrass myself and have no chance of qualifying, let alone hope of winning." Well . . . enter Joe White!

"Who's Joe White?" "Is he a member of your club?" These were some of the questions asked of me on the second Sunday in February in Reno. Joe had just taken second place in the largest cribbage tournament in the world, and I proudly responded, "Sure is!"

By my definition, Joe is a *pegger*. A regular attendee at Grass Roots Club 241 in southeast Florida, he seldom enters sanctioned events. The exception is Reno, which he plays during his annual visit with his daughter. His cribbage story is like that of so many other Grass Roots peggers who do not believe their skills support entry into sanctioned tournaments. In fact, in his three previous visits to Reno he failed to qualify in any event. Was his success this year a fluke or the logical result of recruiting and tutoring players in a strong,



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There's a new Joe (√₀☆₀ on the block!

vibrant Grass Roots program?

Founded in 1990 in Lake Worth FL, ours is the only Grass Roots club between the Keys and Cape Canaveral, a 350mile stretch along the east side of Florida bordering the Atlantic Ocean. We have twenty-five members, but lose many of them between Easter to Thanksgiving to northern climates. Ten years ago, at age 64, Joe joined our club and the ACC.

Despite its modest size, our club has a core group of accomplished and dedicated players: seven members are Bronze Award winners; club president **Joe Daesch** is a Master; **Fred Adolphson** was high qualifier in the 2008 ACC Open with an eye-popping 41/19; and during the 2004–2005 Grass Roots season, yours truly finished first in the nation with a record-setting 368 GRPs. Members **Harry Maiden**, **Ester Rolfe**, and **Chris Parsons** (our young-est member) have had considerable success recently on the tournament trail. And our club had nine players in Reno this year.

It is in this cribbage cauldron that Joe White developed his cribbage skills. His game may be described as "plain vanilla"—with few nuances, traps, or bluffs. He predictably leads from his pair, and he never dumps a nickel while pegging. He accurately counts each hand and crib by placing the cards face-up on the table and methodically counting each 15-combo and pair, often spinning the cards into new configurations. The pegging is equally deliberate as he pulls the back peg, uses it to point to each block of five holes, and finally counts each remaining hole by



touching it with the peg! Painfully slow to us who declare our points in nanoseconds and stab the back peg into its new position; however, this technique allows Joe to be accurate, confident, and successful.

When Joe pocketed a sizable check for his runner-up finish in Reno, he became the "poster child" for all those peggers out there who play Grass Roots cribbage.

If you regularly play Grass Roots cribbage, you have most likely developed adequate skills of counting, discarding, and pegging. If you are a *pegger* and your game is similar to Joe's, I encourage you to enter a sanctioned event near you. Those players whose names often appear in *Cribbage World* and who are active in organizing tournaments and running Grass Roots clubs will become known to you as you enjoy their friendship and test their games.

Our association needs your participation to continue growing. And you need to test your game in sanctioned events. I hope to see you soon on the Tournament Trail.

Chuck lives in Boca Raton FL and is a member of Club 241 in Lake Worth. He has earned his Bronze Award and in 2005 set the national record of 368 GRPs.

GRASS ROOTS Clubs

Division 1

Points Name (Club)

293 Tom Cookman (194) 283 Albert N. Miller (314) 272 Erik Royland Locke (28) 269 Pamela Pomeroy (68) 267 Thomas Mintner (6) 248 Paul Gregson (54) 245 Douglas K. Myers (329) 242 Phillip Babcock (89) 242 Todd D. Schaefer (240) 241 Joe Lilley (350) 241 Gordy Wise (243) 240 Brenda Carson (71) 240 Elmer G. Rasmussen (232) 239 Dave Stratford (100) 239 Fred L. White (110) 234 Peggy A. Johnson (211) 234 Lyle R. Lund (215) 233 John G. Goe (243) 233 Mort Herstrom (333) 233 Mike Misluk (26) 232 Richard W. Munroe (162) 229 Kathy Thompson (25) 228 Mary McFarland (68) 227 Mariette Debaugh (230) 227 Paul Esau (277) 225 Tom Lewis (271) 225 Ken Patenaude (81) 224 Donald C. Phillips (288) 222 Craig E. Jensen (46) 222 Gerald Mohr (203) 221 Iris Fuller (11) 221 Clyde L. Ross (190) 220 Michael S. McCammon (11) 218 David Gerke (300) 218 James L. Kahue (110) 218 Bill Medeiros (72) 218 H. Ross Njaa (82) 215 Greg Schleusner (222) 214 David Bowen (355) 214 George Hicks (11) 214 Keith Kus (333) 212 Garv Wirth (261) 211 Patrick Ward (108) 210 Russ Cuckler (290) 209 Jov Barnes (230) 209 Jerry Brisgel (55) 209 Roy A. Kaufmann (43) 209 Albert Moy (290) 208 Tom Calvert (119)

- 207 Michael Morgan (106)
- 207 Robert A. Read (22)
- 207 Mike Sudduth (339)

Division 2

Points Name (Club)

- 212 Dorothy Westerlund (267)
- 175 Richard Caiazzo (267)
- 175 Fred Jorgensen (267)
- 166 Joseph M. Young (251)
- 165 Terry Bond (38)
- 163 Nick Vowell (38)
- 159 Wendell Woodard (219)
- 158 John Fitzgerald (356)
- 152 Robert L. McGuire (251)
- 152 Rick Vee (96)
- 148 Richard J. Andrew (220)
- 148 Richard F. Bett Sr. (5)
- 141 Russell N. Rice (97)
- 139 Perley E. Davis (219)
- 133 Gene Secor (97)
- 132 T. L. Gandy Sr. (356)
- 132 Ralph Haynes (219)
- 128 John Mandigo (219)
- 125 Steve Bernard (96)
- 124 Bill Monda (356)
- 124 Howard Pearson (96)
- 124 Billie Reddell (27)
- 123 Tom Anderson (356)
- 123 Beverly Bliss (267)

Division 3

Points Name (Club)

- 146 Jon Taylor (24)
- 132 Kenny Trepanier (353)
- 123 David Rauh (353)
- 122 Warren A. Gallagher (24)
- 118 Albert Kassalty (353)
- 116 Christine Maloney (353)
- 111 Wayne Pinquoch (354)
- 109 Henry Douglass (102)
- 106 Michael Maloney (353)
- 104 Orbin Hatton (354)

The GRPs reported here frequently lag behind real-time data, due to sometimes unavoidable delays in the reporting process. Questions may be addressed to Joan Rein (accgrassroots@earthlink.net).

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Grass Roots

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.



Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club (Centralia WA)—for the first time in thirteen seasons of play at Club 232, two 28-hands were scored by the same person in a ninegame tourney. On April 9 Gold Award winner Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen (Napavine WA) held 5-5-5-Q in games two and nine, and both times cut the case 5. Each of these little beauties was worth \$50 from the skunk pot and contributed to Ras's 19-point firstplace scorecard. *submitted by RAS*

Club 332 (Jackson MI)—on February 18 Dave Bosio got the club's first 28-hand of 2009. The skunk pot was worth \$23. Then on March 11 Merilyn Sadzewicz held her first 28-hand and received much less from the skunk pot. And on March 25 Dave did it again, getting his second 28-hand in four weeks. The skunk pot doesn't grow fast in this club! *submitted by Walter Wasielewski*

Club 144 (Peachtree City GA)—Southsiders members are known for having pleasant dispositions and for being helpful to each other. Looking for useful tips, I asked one of our best players if he would have thrown the same cards to the crib, and he politely

responded he would have thrown Jack and Ace. With a straight face, I said: "So by not throwing them, I made a Jack Ace of myself?" *submitted by Nora Maloy*

Club 321 (Kalamazoo MI)—on March 16 Ed Belfy scored our club's first 29-hand in our fourth year. Not only was it our club's first, but it was also Ed's first 29-hand in over sixty years of playing cribbage. He didn't let the big hand go to waste: he won the game with a skunk and ended up taking first place with a 16/7 +129 finish! This was Ed's first night back after missing two months for back surgery. Congratulations Ed! *submitted by Rod Hovey* (on the "business end" of Ed's 29-hand)

Club 132 (San Leandro CA)—Shannon Ells is considering a career change. At the beginning of the year, she mentioned that she had an empty wall at home that needed something to brighten it up. In just three months, she's had two 28-hands (both as a visitor at Club 43 in Fremont CA) and a grand slam 22/9 +202 on her home turf on March 17. As an interior decorator, it appears that Shannon will be spending her *continued on page 28*

Rule of the Month—Incorrect Announcements

If a player announces an incorrect cumulative count, he or she may voluntarily correct it prior to the opponent's playing of the next card or calling "go"; thereafter the incorrect count is accepted for the rest of that series and any points pegged as a result are considered earned.

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winnings on document frames. *submitted by Tracy Yott*

Gold Cribbage Club 318 (Holmes PA) had a polar opposite night. After eight games Leo Hotz had won them all. Another member whom I prefer not to identify had lost eight games. Hugh Durkin skunked Leo in his last game, while the anonymous player went on to lose his ninth game and was awarded a string of pearls. *submitted by Steve Fitchett*

Club 261 (Edmonton AB)—at our GRNT on March 29, Gary Wirth was playing Anton Ficko in game 18. Anton was dealing from hole 105, and Gary needed 12 to win the game. Picking up 2-3-3-4 and cutting a Jack, Gary thought this one was in the bag; think again. The pegging went this way:

Gary	3		2 (3 pts.)		4 (2 pts.)		3	
Anton		A		4 (4 pts.)		4 (6 pts.)		5 (4 pts.)

Pegging 14 and taking 2 for the Jack cut, Anton won the game. Gary was left shaking his head and only later realizing that playing the hand nearly any other way would have resulted in him winning the game. *submitted by Gary Wirth*

Gold Country Cribbers Club 306 (El Dorado Hills CA) held their GRNT on March 14, with twenty-four participants. The winner was Jack Throne, who just ten days prior to this held his fourth sanctioned

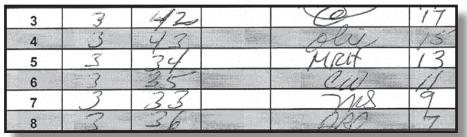
28-hand, this one coming in the first deal against **Rod MacDermott**. He went on to lose by six points, proving once again that you can still lose no matter how big a lead you have on first street. *submitted by Carl Backers*

Square Peggers Club 91 (Grand Rapids MI)—during the morning half of our recent GRNT, Jim Blough skunked six opponents a row. Jim is well known in our club for his strong defense, but that day, six hapless skunkees—Connie Ewka, Rodric "Olie" Olson, Michael Henderson, Claudette Wandt, Marilyn Strickland, and David Draper—fell by a combined 223 points to the sort of offensive firepower that we last saw in *Terminator 2*. Jim recorded a 20/7 +205 in the first half, cooled down a bit in the afternoon, but still coasted to first place with 30/12 +191. *submitted by David Aiken*



Can anyone top Jim Blough's six consecutive skunks?

River City Peggers (Club 162) recently took on a project to give back to their community. We adopted a stretch of Watt Avenue, one of Sacramento's busiest streets. Three to four times a year, the club leaves the cribbage board behind and takes to the streets for a community cleanup. This in-



Jim Blough's six consecutive skunks

novative program helps address community issues that many people are concerned about. Benefits of the program include cleaner streets and neighborhoods, as well as increased neighborhood pride and property value. As recognition for our participation in the program, Sacramento County provided two Adopt-A-Street signs for the cribbage club, one at each end of the adopted section of Watt Avenue. *submitted by Annett Eiffert*



Cleaning up Sacramento (L-R): Kay Buie, Pat Russell, Tom Nohrden, Rosemary Uyeda, Monica Pastorino, Doug Dresbach, Sharon Dresbach, Annett Eiffert

Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)—On March 11 Jon Stanek, playing his third time with our club and having joined the ACC just that night, earned his first GRPs and also scored his first-ever 28-hand. On April 1 Pete Johnson (also in his third night) placed first with a 14/7 + 67 (+82) to beat out Marv Johnson (no relation), who had 14/7 +67 (+81). This is the first time in our eight seasons that we have ever had to use plus points for a tiebreaker. On April

GrassRoots*Awards*

Silver Award Thomas A. Nohrden (162), CA Joy Barnes (230), FL Tony Danihel (6), WI

Bronze Award James F. Donaldson (100), CA Keith Straughan (194), CA Carolyn A. Davis (23), CO Salvatore DiTommaso (241), FL Zeb Atwood (202), ID John Borkowski (97), MI Dennis Steininger (94), MN Albert N. Miller (314), NH Clarence Cole (285), OR Bob McCabe (6), WI Rick Nelson (284), WI

GrassRoots*Club29*

Theresa VanEnkevort (218), 2/2/09 Edward Cruz (81), 2/11/09 Darrell Peterson (94), 2/18/09 Doris Sanders (261), 2/21/09 Frank Horn (344), 2/21/09

2, following an hour-long visit to our club on March 25, WEAU-TV aired a fourminute feature about our club on the six o'clock news. We couldn't have asked for any better free publicity for our club and cribbage in general. They called us out of the blue after googling "cribbage" on the internet and finding the ACC website and the list of Grass Roots clubs. *submitted by Terry Pederson*



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Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Roy Hofbauer	Patrick Barrett	George Bickford
360.835.3623	715.424.5059	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 cribbage.org.

May 1–3, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$52. Fri 3:30p \$10. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Fri HR 7p \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, pastries. Contact: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 *or* Bernie Nelson (503.392.3092) *or* Verne & Jeanette Nielsen (503.666.3528)

May 2–3, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Merrillan WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

May 3, Ocean State Classic

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$43. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917

May 9, Channel Islands Open

Marie Callender's 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Cy Madrone (805.962.1733), PO Box 40307, Santa Barbara CA 93140 *or* Kerry O'Connell (805.643.7683) *or* Mel Kranz (805.642.4932)

May 15–16, Win River Spring Fling

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Fri DBL 7p \$25/ team. Fri HR 7p \$50. Sat. \$20. Perks: drinks, donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (775.673.6906), 505 E 1st Ave, Sun Valley NV 89433 *or* Jim Langley (530.527.4606)

May 15–17, Potawatomi Peggers Pow-wow

Park Inn, 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI

49127. Main \$70. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Sun LC? \$10. Perks: cookies by the Cookie Lady. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

May 15–17, North Carolina Open

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Sat HR \$60. Sun LC \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, hospitality room from Friday 3p on. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320 or Catherine Perkins or Keith Widener

May 17, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

May 17, Connecticut Championship

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Dr, West Springfield MA 01809. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Shoemaker (860.243.9505), 175 Thistle Pond Dr, Bloomfield CT 06002 *or* Bill Richmond *or* Bob Fitzgerald

May 22–24, Greater Spokane Valley Open

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

May 29-31, That's a Go!

Best Western, 101 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc WI. Main \$60. Fri 7p. Sat. 7:30p. Perks: coffee, lunch. continued on page 32

Tips for Tournament Directors

The BOD election is currently underway, with 37 candidates vying for 25 seats. If you hold a tournament in May, please take a few minutes during orientation to (1) introduce BOD candidates in attendance and (2) remind players to mail their ballots.

Contact: Kristina Wright (920.772.4005), PO Box 115, Collins WI 54207

May 29–31, Oregon Championship

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

May 29-31, Colorado Belle

Colorado Belle Casino, 2100 Casino Dr, Laughlin NV 89029. Main \$60. Fri 3p. Fri 6:30p. Fri DBL 7p. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

NEW LISTING +

May 29–31, Eau Claire Cribbage Fest

Plaza Hotel (800.482.7829), 1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire WI. Main \$55. Fri 8p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. All Events \$20. Contact: Dennis Ulberg (715.695.3588; ulbergmd@triwest.net), N47999 Hamlin Rd, Eleva WI 54738

June 5-6, Nugget Classic

Paradise Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$60. Fri DBL. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jerry Moore (530.877.1477), 1473 Patrick Dr, Paradise CA 95969 *or* Dennis Phillips

June 5–7, Mount Saint Helens Classic

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98626. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.567.6265), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626

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June 5–7, Space Coast Open

Clarion Hotel, 260 E Merritt Island Cswy, Merritt Island FL 32952. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lee Bailey (321.652.1278), 300 S Sykes Creek Pkwy #204, Merritt Island FL 32952

June 6, Orange Crush Classic

Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse, 24111 Moulton Pkwy, 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 7, G&P Open

Fratone's Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, donuts, fruit, lunch. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863), 3224 Yorba Linda Blvd #624, Fullerton CA 92831 or Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901)

June 7, Western Mass Cribbage Classic

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Team \$10 x 3. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267 *or* Isabel Hyndman

NEW LISTING +

June 10–11, Canadian Summer Midweek

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB. Main \$50. Wed \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Audrey Hatto (780.641.5166), 3246-10770 Winterburn Rd, Edmonton AB T5S 2R8 *or* Gary Wirth

June 12-14, Capital City Classic

Best Western Metro North, Ankeny IA. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

NEW LISTING +

June 12–14, Canadian Summer Classic

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB. Main \$60. Fri \$10. Fri HR \$40. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat \$20. LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Evelyn Osaka (780.457.6067), 12117 142nd Ave, Edmonton AB T5X 3S2 or Terry Hatto

June 13, Western Washington Ltd.

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bob Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 *or* Larry West

June 19-21, Medford Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center, 228

DBL = doubles \bullet HR = high rollers \bullet LC = last chance

N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. Limited to 92 players; no walk-ins. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:45p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Julie Mack-Felkins

June 20, Mountain View Open

American Legion/VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. Main \$55. Sat 6p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686), 340 Morgan Drive, Loveland CO 80357

June 21, Summer U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 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 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

June 26–28, Schaefer Steinmetz Shuffle

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Al & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037 or Wayne Steinmetz (414.353.9301)

June 26–28, Cascade Classic

VFW #4108, 1836 Veterans Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), 2908 SW Windrow Ct, Redmond OR 97756

June 26–28, CBA Casino Classic

Dover Downs Casino, 113 N DuPont Hwy, Dover DE 19901. Main CANCELED 77 \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact CANCELED 503.1339), 115 Brick Schoolhouse Rd, Centreville MD 21617

June 28, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

June 28, Weir River Tournament

KOC Hall, 126 W Main St (Rte 9), Ware MA 01082. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Mathew Piechota (413.967.4004), 269 Palmer Rd, Ware MA 01082 *or* Bill Medeiros

NEW LISTING +

June 28, Baltimore Summer Special

Golden Dragon, 8109 Liberty Rd, Baltimore MD 21244. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bruce Sattler (b.sattler@verizon.net; 410.256.8954), 3732 Foxford Stream Rd, Nottingham MD 21236

July 1–3, Susanville Summer Classic

Mt. Lassen Hotel, Main St, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Satellites. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397), PO Box 401, Janesville CA 96114 *or* James Fanning

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July 3–5, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri DBL \$50/team. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$25. Sun \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Les Sumner or Peggy Walberg or Bill Irons

July 7–9, Topaz Spring Tournament

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake NV. Main \$50. Tue 3p \$10. Tue HR 6:30p \$50. Tue DBL 7p \$50/team. Wed 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.392.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

July 10–12, Rockford Classic

Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St, Rockford IL 61108. Main \$73. Fri 8p. Sat 8p. All Events. Perks: lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152

July 11, Run for the Gold

Alta Fire Dept., 33950 Alta Bonny Nook Rd, Alta CA 95701. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.587.7339), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160 *or* Rich Ekman (530.401.3627)

July 17–19, Granite City Classic

VFW Lodge, 9 12th Ave N, St. Cloud MN 56301. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. All Events \$25. Contact: Mike Burns (320.309.5580), 14266 Brookmere Blvd NW, Prior Lake MN 55372 or Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)

July 17–19, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$65. Fri 7p \$25. Perks: coffee, breakfast, lunch. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531

July 19, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

July 19, Yearend Cribbage Extra

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Team \$10 x 3. Perks: gift card. Contact: Isabel Hyndman (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267 *or* Phyllis Schmidt

Bill and Dorthalee Irons' 23rd Annual Benefit for Veterans

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

Tournament Director: Valerie Sumner Co-Directors: Les Sumner, Peggy Walberg, Bill Irons

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\$2,500.00 ADDED - 100%+ PAYBACK - \$20,000.00 PRIZE FUND*

Plus: \$1,000.00 for a 29-hand! \$10.00 per player in Casino 'FreePlay'! \$10.00 per player donated by the Sands to the Veterans Charities, up to \$3,000.00! *(Based on 300 players.)

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2009

- 3 to 6 pm Registration for all events
- 7 pm Early Bird Singles, 9 games, no playoffs, 100% payback + trophies



SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009



THANK YOU For staving

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at the Sands!

- 7 am Singles Check In, Complimentary coffee and coffee cake
- 8 am Singles play begins, 22 games against 22 opponents, top 25% to 3 of 5 playoff, top 32 playoff Sunday at 7:30 am. 100% + payback with \$2,000.00 added and \$1,000.00 for a 29 hand!
- 6 pm High Roller Registration
- 7 pm High Roller, 9 games, no playoffs, 100% payback, pays 1:4 Q 1:6

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

7:30 am Open playoffs resume, top 32 play 3 of 5, finals 4 of 7

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- 8 am Consolation singles registration, coffee and coffee cake.
- 9 am Consolation play begins, 10 games, top 25% to 2 of 3 playoff, final match 3 of 5. 100%+ playback with \$500.00 added!
- 4 pm AJ's Sunday Night Special Registration
- **5 pm** AJ's Sunday Night Special, 9 games, no playoffs, 100% payback



INDEPENDENCE DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC – JULY 3-4-5, 2009

Current ACC membership re	equired. Players agree to abide by ACC rules.
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Daytime phone w/area code _	
E-mail address	
2nd Entry: ACC State/Prov:_	Number:
Name	
Address (if different)	
City	State Zip
Anchor Seating (medical reason	s) requested for:
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Make check payable/mail to: SANDS REGENCY	Saturday Singles \$82.00 x \$ (includes \$60 entry, \$20 Q Pool \$2 ACC Sanction Fee)
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Reno NV 89501	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$
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tournament director. \$10 'FreePlay' limit one per account.

July 24–27, National Open

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

July 24–26, Portland Summer Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillvray, Vancouver WA 98683. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Sun LC \$10. Contact: Tim Julkowski (503.382.9781), 3602 SE 28th Pl #7, Portland OR 97202 *or* Ken Julkowski (503.788.6907)

July 29–30, Masters Midweek Challenge

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$50. Tue. Wed. Contact: Bob Brumley (509.839.6323), 1301 Lester Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944

July 31-August 2, Shut Up and Deal

Sharks Ice, 44388 Old Warm Springs, Fremont CA 94538. Main \$65. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: snacks, lunch. Contact: Ray Mink (510.791.5347), 37981 Lavender Cmn, Fremont CA 94536

August 1–2, Summer Classic

Sunnyside Eagles, 100 E South Hill Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

August 1, Summer Cribbage Fix

American Legion, 902 Cook St, Kenai AK 99611. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Karen Dorcas (907.262.4950; karendorcas@gci.net), PO Box 1164, Kenai AK 99611

August 2, 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 *or* Walt Brideaux (860.666.4858)

August 2, Tom Mills Memorial

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$35. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.986.9454), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

August 7–9, Cowboy Country Open

American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. Main \$65. Fri 3p. Fri DBL 7p. Sat 7p. Perks: donuts, coffee, beverages. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.421.4900), 6800 Legend Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009

August 7–9, Humboldt Classic

Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake CA. Main \$60. Fri \$10. Fri HR \$50. Fri DBL \$50/ team. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, juice, snacks, lunch. Contact: Rick Shea (707.444.3161), 6282 Humboldt Hill Rd, Eureka CA 95503 *or* Tom Cookman (707.599.6747)

August 7–9, Peach State Classic

Comfort Suites, 2945 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd, Suwanee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. Perks: coffee, sodas. Contact: David O'Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021

August 9, Medway Summer Sizzler

VFW, 234 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. **Muggins**. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Earle & Holli Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd #1, Cumberland RI 02864

August 14–16, Michigan Tourn. of Diamonds

Holiday Inn Express, 5401 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net), PO Box 313, Ada MI 49301 *or* Jeff Gardner (937.602.0690; jeff.gardner@wright.edu)

August 14–16, Gem State Challenge

Boise Eagles, 7025 W Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. Main \$55. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Kathy Atwood (208.353.4862), 194 E Harris Hawk Dr, Kuna ID 83634

August 14–16, Garden State Open

Crowne Plaza, 110 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Perks: lunch. Contact: Cate Correa (732.575.9510), 216 Helfreds Lndg, Bridgewater NJ 08807

August 21–23, Madison Masters

Howard Johnson, 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat \$20. Sat HR \$50. Perks: lunch. Contact: Mike Blackburn (608.577.3940), W9595 County Road C, Cambridge WI 53523

August 21–23, Nevada State Championship

Sturgeons Casino, 1920 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.392.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 *or* Valerie Sumner *or* A. J. Tasker *or* Bob Bartosh

St. Louis Len Wahlig Memorial Classic August 28th, 29th and 30th, 2009 Comfort Inn – 8 Commerce Drive Collinsville, II. 62234 Say "Cribbage Tournament" for discount Limited to 64 players \$1000 minimum payout to Main Event 1 st Place Winner
Schedule of Events
Friday 28 th 7:00 PM Friday Night Early Bird - \$25 entry, \$20 Q Pool – No Playoffs
Saturday 29 th 8:30 AM Orientation for main event 9:00 AM Main Event 22 games – playoffs 3 of 5 – finals 4 of 7 - \$60 entry, \$25 Q Pool 7:00 PM Saturday Night Special \$25 entry, \$20 Q Pool – No Playoffs
Sunday 30 th 8:30 AM Playoffs for Main Event 9:30 AM Consolation Tournament – Playoffs 3 of 5 – finals 4 of 7 \$40 entry, \$20 Q Pool
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August 28–30, St. Louis Len Wahlig Memorial Comfort Inn, 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Limit 64 players. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$25. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee. Contact: Dave Carey (847.669.3671), 13592 Delaney Rd, Huntley IL 60142 or Marv Lang or Sandra Strange

August 28–30, New Engl. Peer Championship

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$62. Fri \$15. Sat DBL \$30/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917

August 30, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

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September 4–6, Capital City Classic

Eagles Lodge, 715 N Fee, Helena MT 59601. Main \$60. Fri 3p. Fri DBL 7p. Sat. Contact: Kathy Thompson (406.443.4825), 3000 Villard Ave #110, Helena MT 59601 *or* Walt Conell (406.782.5159)

September 4–6, Labor Day Special

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

September 11–13, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge, 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.887.2123), 1121 Pleasant View Dr, Port Edwards WI 54469

September 12, Western Washington Ltd.

Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bob Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 *or* Larry West

September 13, Daniel Webster Open

Nashua Elks, 120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$52. **Sign up by 9/5.** Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633), 1466 Battle St, Webster NH 03303

September 18–20, Serial City Classic

Crowne Plaza, 5100 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI

49546. Main \$60. Fri 8p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417 *or* David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net)

September 18–20, Winnemucca Fall Classic

Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$20. Fri HR 7p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jerold Montgomery (530.527.6402), 139 Casa Grande Dr, Red Bluff CA 96080 *or* Jim Langley

September 20, Hawai'i Open

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahee PI, Aiea HI 96701 *or* Fred White

September 23–24, GN 28 Midweek Warm-Up Crowne Plaza, 5100 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Wed 7:30p \$20. Contact: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

September 25–27, Grand National 28

Crowne Plaza (800.227.6963), 5700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$70. Thu Swissstyle 2p \$50. Thu 7p \$20. Fri 9:30a \$20. Fri 2p \$20. Fri 7p \$30. Fri HR 7p \$100. Sat 7p \$30. Sun 2p \$10. Sun 5p \$10. Awards banquet. Perks: lunch. Contact: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417 *or* David Aiken (616.897.8727; cribbage@iserv.net)

October 3, Schaefer Shuffle Special

Kettle Morraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: AI & Sharon Schaefer (262.677.9766), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037

October 4, West Bend Classic

KC Hall, 3245 Lighthouse Lane Rd, West Bend WI 53090. Main \$45. Perks: lunch. Contact: Gene Biegler (262.334.2980), 1602 Harrison St, West Bend WI 53090

October 4, New Hampshire Open

Holiday Inn, Northeastern Blvd, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Al Miller (603.882.7204), 12 Michael Ave, Nashua NH 03062 *or* David Statz (603.247.4335)

October 10, Wonderful Woodland "Won Day"

Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St, Woodland CA 95776. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, snacks. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Cecil & Julie Felkins (530.669.6772)

October 10–11, Columbus Day Cribbage

Elks Lodge, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. Main \$60. Satellites. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Margery Clark (541.385.0330), 60945 Granite Dr, Bend OR 97702 *or* Scott Dague

October 11, 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 *or* Isabel Hyndman

October 16–18, Wisconsin Rapids Open

Hotel Mead, 451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

October 16-18, Crescent City Open

Del Norte County Fairground, 421 Hwy 101 N, Crescent City CA 95531. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$10. Fri HR 6:30p \$50. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Jim Waldvogel (707.464.9168), 160 Hinky Rd, Crescent City CA 95531 *or* Jerry Cutsforth (707.464.2808) *or* Vernon Ward (707.464.4510)

October 16–18, Niagara Falls Open

Quality Hotel, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat DBL 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.649.3462), 76 Raymond St, Hamburg NY 14075 *or* Jane Cannizzaro

October 23–25, North Pole Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$60. Fri 2:30p \$10. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Jeanne & Roger Wauters (920.863.3703), 4753 Denmark Rd, Denmark WI 54208

October 23–25, Emerald Coast Open

Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Scott & Jenny Bailey (850.582.5945), 1951 Waterford Ridge Rd, Fort Walton Beach FL 32547

October 24, P&G Open

Frantone's Villa Restaurant, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, snacks, Iunch. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863), 3224 Yorba Linda Blvd # 624, Fullerton CA 92831 *or* Pamela Pomeroy

October 24, Black Butte Bonanza

Tollgate Clubhouse, 69316 Stirrup Rd, Sisters OR 97759. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, lunch. **Limit 66 players.** Contact: Winona McDaniel (541.736.1363), 1771 Kellogg Rd, Springfield OR 97477 or Carolyn Blackman

October 24–26, Richmond Classic

Steven Kent Hospital Center, 12205 S Crater Rd, Petersburg VA 23805. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$30. Sat 7:30p \$30. Sat HR 7:30p \$50. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225 *or* Janet Meinert

October 25, Fall U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 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 *or* Mary McFarland (626.339.8881)

October 30-November 1, Salem Classic

Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Ct NE, Salem OR 97301. Main \$60. Satellites. All Events \$20. No Saturday walk-ins. Perks: coffee, tea. Contact: Phyllis & Ratso Roderick (503.981.1004), 612 N Cascade Dr #24, Woodburn OR 97071

October 30–Nov. 1, Cribbage from the Crypt

Eagles Aerie #483, 110 S Penn St, Port Angeles WA 98362. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7p \$50/team. Fri HR 7:30p \$50. Sat 7:30p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lisa Duff (360.808.7128), PO Box 2008, Port Angeles WA 98362

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