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## Reno, Here We Come!

It's not often that you get the chance to share a really cool experience with a thousand of your closest friends. But if you come to Reno in February, you can do just that!

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- **Joe Cada** (winner of the 2009 World Series of Poker, who is still counting all the money he won)
- **Peyton Manning** (winning quarterback of Super Bowl 44, who will be at Disneyland)
- **Sarah Palin** (who is practicing her acceptance speech for her 2012 presidential campaign)

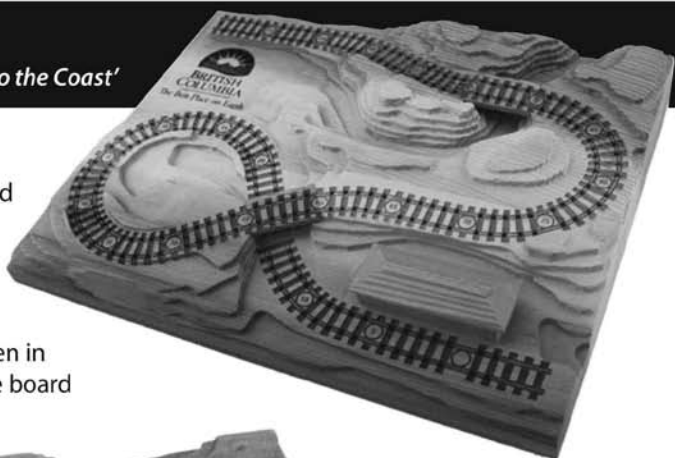
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# My Deal

by David Aiken



Twenty-oh-nine has been a brutal year for the ACC, as we lost four key members who were instrumental in either the early days of the ACC or its current administration.

**Joe Bernard** and **Bob Madsen** died following extended illnesses earlier this year, and then in the space of little more than two weeks we lost two hard-working ACC stalwarts. On November 16, **Bob McCabe** (Milwaukee WI) died suddenly while driving home from a tournament in Reno NV. And on December 1, **George Bickford** (West Springfield MA) succumbed to the heart problems that had plagued him over the past year.

I can't begin to praise Bob McCabe highly enough for the many official ACC positions that he held: BOD member, executive vice president, MRP statistician, and treasurer. But it is memories of his unofficial duties that I will most cherish.

As soon as the qualifying round of a tournament was over, Bob would shuffle up to the registration table and start checking scorecards. With flawless accuracy, he would quickly check the math on each scorecard, sort them into three piles (qualifiers, dead zone, maybes), and look around for more cards. I never had to ask Bob to help, he just showed up.

It was nothing for Bob to jump in his car and drive many hours to play the game he loved. He played in all but one of my Michigan tournaments, and he occasionally left his home at two or three in the morning to drive to Grand Rapids for a

tournament. I still remember when, after he won the 2007 Michigan Tournament of Diamonds, he gave his trophy to the son of the player he had just beaten.

I last saw Bob at my Midwest Match Play tournament on Halloween weekend. Very uncharacteristically, he got knocked out in the first two rounds. After his second loss, he hitched up his pants, looked at me with his familiar scowl, and said, "I'm leaving." He definitely did not like sitting around twiddling his thumbs.

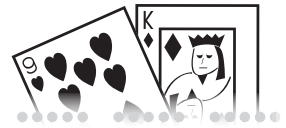
I don't remember where and when I first met George Bickford, but it was probably the 2005 National Open in Raleigh. I didn't, however, get to know him well until I became CW editor two years later. During the early months of my editorship, I had a single phone/fax line, which was frequently tied up when I was on the internet. George would dutifully try to fax tournament reports to me, but repeatedly got a busy signal.

When he eventually got through, George would gruffly chew me out for not having a separate fax line. And once he got me straightened out on this, we had many

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↑ CW editor ↓	<b>I beat Dan Betz (MI) by 40 at Midwest Match Play</b>
	<b>November record: 63-49 (56.25%)</b>
	<b>Jack Jester (MI) beat me by 39 at Club 91's GRRT</b>

# Your Deal



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## Is Anybody Out There?

Good comments in the December “My Deal”! I was once an editor of an organizational publication. It can be frustrating at times. You often wonder if anyone is even reading the stuff. I have been an ACC member since about 1986, and I sheepishly admit I still have (in storage) every issue of *Cribbage World*. Each issue is read cover to cover, and I look forward to every new issue! Keep up the excellent work and hang in there; we depend on you! Very nice job!

*Wayne Momsen (Missoula MT)*

## 28-Hands

I recommend that 28-hands composed of four 5s in the hand with a face card being cut be acknowledged but not awarded a certificate. There are too many chances to get a 28-hand this way because of all the face cards. The ACC should still recognize and award 28-hands that start with three 5s and a face card in the hand because the only way to get the 28-hand is to cut the outstanding case 5, similar to what happens when you get a 29-hand.

*Paul Petit (Pawtucket RI)*

## Leniency for First-Year Players

I agree with Dave Bowen’s letter in the December CW. I would like to make a suggestion that is akin to a first-year jockey, who is given a weight advantage. For example, for the first year after becoming a Grass Roots member, a player

would not be penalized for overpegging; a player would be told the rule and would move their peg back. There may also be other rules that would be enforced but not penalized. First-year players should be told of other obvious mistakes or errors in judgement. Club play can be intimidating. Players who have been away from the game for several years may be reluctant to start again if cribbage rules are strictly enforced during what should be an evening of fun.

*Ed Tasca (Springfield VA)*

## Boorish Behavior at Tournaments

Some people are downright mean and inappropriate. I was having a marvelous time in Lake Tahoe last month when two people said extremely rude comments to a player sitting next to me while I was playing a game. They were not directly rude to me, but both of them cussed out this player for commenting on our game in jest. This player was just having fun and not interfering with the game. Twenty of my twenty-two opponents had fun with us, laughing and still playing up to speed. The two boors who ruined my two games actually said the F-word and God d\*mm it to this player, which made the entire situation intense and left me wanting to leave the tournament. Why are people who swear, say rude comments, act mean, and say discriminatory remarks allowed to play in the ACC?

*Greg Ginocchio (Oakland CA)*

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
North Pole Open (Marinette WI; Oct. 23-25)	Jeanne & Roger Wauters	102 players HQ. Ed Heinowski (65) 1. Francis Froelich (147) 2. Wendy Schmidt (105) 3. Douglas Henderson (70) 3. John Bianco (70)	70 players HQ. Daniel Pluff (12) 1. Tony Danihel (84) 2. Lloyd Kraft (60) 3. Ellen Swenson (40) 3. Frank Danielski (40)	29-hands: Daniel Pluff* 28-hands: Joe Aird* Aggie Mikulsky	Warm-up: Marvin Lang Friday: Don Flesch Saturday: Aggie Mikulsky All Events: Ed Heinowski
Salem Classic (Salem OR; Oct. 30-Nov. 1)	Phyllis Roderick	120 players HQ. John Blake (75) 1. Richard Pierce (147) 2. Ronald Boulé (105) 3. Willie Evans (70) 3. Peggy Hingle (70)	70 players HQ. James Morrow (12) 1. Duane Toll (84) 2. Craig Jensen (60) 3. Ronald Logan (40) 3. James Morrow (40)	28-hands: Susan Chambers* Jon Burnstead Mildred Moritzky	Early Bird: Wayne McCormick Friday: John Galbreath High Roller: Mike Braukmann Saturday: Paul Hirschmann Crybaby: Paul Hirschmann All Events: Tom Langford Super-Q: Willie Evans Team: Peggy Shea, Richard Shea, Tom Cookman, Tom Langford, Paul Hatcher Sadie Hawkins: Todd Malmgren & Margery Clark
Lake Tahoe Fall Festival (Crystal Bay NV; Oct. 30-Nov. 1)	Michael McCammon	61 players HQ. Jones Hom (70) 1. Jim Crawford (105) 2. Ross Njaa (70) 3. Robert Gromek (42) 3. Jerold Montgomery (42)	38 players HQ. Bryan Gurden (21) 1. Pamela Pomeroy (60) 2. Jim McKnight (40) 3. Robert Dearwester (24) 3. Bryan Gurden (24)	28-hands: Lola Clay* Robert Dearwester*	Early Bird: Peter Jackson Doubles: Gordon Brown & Donald Howard Team: Ross Njaa, Bob Bartosh, Ron Morgan, Mike McCammon All Events: Jerold Montgomery
Midwest Match Play (Grand Rapids MI; Oct. 30-Nov. 1)	David Aiken & Jeff Gardner	33 players HQ. N/A 1. John Schafer (105) 2. Jim Potter (70) 3. Joy Shimp (48) 4. Austin Adams (36)	18 players HQ. Michelle Gryka (12) 1. John Hazlett (40) 2. Mark Van Dyke (24) 3. Tom Briski (12) 3. Michelle Gryka (12)	Friday: Connie Ewka Saturday afternoon: Bob Milk Saturday night: Wayne Steinmetz	
Cribbage from the Crypt (Port Angles WA; Oct. 30-Nov. 1)	Lisa Duff	32 players HQ. Paul Roy (45) 1. James Hornbacher (70) 2. Paul Roy (42)	22 players HQ. Joseph Christensen (24) 1. Chris McComas (40) 2. Diana Webster (24)	GRAND SLAMI	Early Bird: Ron Gustafson Doubles: Gilbert Bjorling & Barbara Stockham Saturday: Mills Brubaker



Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
<b>Longest Beach Classic (Long Beach WA; Nov. 6-8)</b>	Rosemary Hendricks	92 players HQ. Hal Lamon (50) 1. Gary Louderback (147) 2. Rick Baird (105) 3. Wayne McCormick (70) 3. George Wilson (70)	50 players HQ. Roger Lueschow (18) 1. Mike Pendas (60) 2. Erik Locke (40) 3. Delynn Colvert (24) 3. Craig Jensen (24)	28-hands: Dot Mickow* Craig Jensen*	Doubles: Ron Logan & Roy Hofbauer High Roller: Sharon Hejتمانek Super-Q: Rick Baird Sadle Hawkins: Bob Hodges & Pam Parker Team: Erik Locke, Duane Toll, Roy Hofbauer, Rick Baird
<b>Sunshine State (Kissimmee FL; Nov. 6-8)</b>	Ray & Nancy Wanke	72 players HQ. Jack Howsare (40) 1. Sue Rasmussen (147) 2. Robert Johnson (105) 3. Lee Bailey (70) 3. Jack Howsare (70)	44 players HQ. Chris Parsons (27) 1. John Blowers (60) 2. Doug Kelliher (40) 3. Milton Caro (24) 3. Gaylord Matti (24)	28-hand: Charles Barnes*	Friday: Charles Barnes Saturday: Marc Leichting
<b>Baltimore Charm City Classic (Baltimore MD; Nov. 8)</b>	Bruce Sattler	44 players HQ. Sharon Liotta (45) 1. Bob Handy (105) 2. Norm Ferbert (70) 3. Steven Sattler (42) 3. Glenwood Matthews (42)	26 players HQ. Randy Skaradek (15) 1. Bruce Sattler (40) 2. David Statz (24) 3. Randy Skaradek (12) 3. Cate Campbell-Correa (12)		
<b>Topaz Winter (Topaz NV; Nov. 17-19)</b>	Valerie Sumner	68 players HQ. Cy Madrone (40) 1. Peter Jackson (147) 2. Herschel Mack (105) 3. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (70)	44 players HQ. Jerold Montgomery (12) 1. Delynn Colvert (60) 2. Mel Ashley (40) 3. Dave Yaeger (24) 3. Mike Tungate (24)		Early Bird: Duane Toll Tuesday: Bob Bartosh High Roller: Keith Widener Wednesday: Duane Toll All Events: Duane Toll
<b>Three Rivers Open (Florence OR; Nov. 20-22)</b>	Rick Pierce & Winona McDaniel	75 players HQ. Frank Ornie (60) 1. Marty Symons (147) 2. Paul Hatcher (105) 3. Patricia Gossett (70) 3. Duane Toll (70)	38 players HQ. Mike Kashuba (27) 1. Delynn Colvert (60) 2. Frank Ornie (40) 3. Mike Kashuba (24) 3. Gerald Hahn (24)	28-hand: Delynn Colvert*	Early Bird: Duane Toll Doubles: Graeme & Patti Gossett High Rollers: Jim Harbeson Saturday: Phyllis Roderick

\* = in a sanctioned event

## All Stars Shooting for Reno

Each year the top eight players from each region gather for one of the most prestigious and competitive matches in the ACC. The 20th All Star Tournament will be held at 6:30p on Thursday, February 11, at the Sands Regency in Reno. The Eastern Region currently holds a 7-6-6 lead. The Western Region is defending champion.

The format has each region fielding an eight-person squad, playing one game against each player from the other two regions, for a total of sixteen games. The entry fee is \$100, with an optional \$20 side pool.

The top eight players from each region are listed below, along with three alternates. Each player should contact his or her team captain (the first player listed in each column) to indicate whether they will be playing in this event.

<b>Western</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>
<b>Duane Toll</b> (541.580.3221)	<b>Wayne Steinmetz</b> (414.353.9301)	<b>Larry Phifer</b> (919.846.0588)
Roland Hall	Frank Danielski	Keith Widener
James Langley	Doug Page	Robert Milk
Erik Locke	Bob McCabe	Robert Medeiros
Bob Bartosh	Robert Julian	Paul Batterson
DeLynn Colvert	Beth Witter	Mark Soule
Ross Njaa	Mike Burns	Susan Cousens
<u>Jim Crawford</u>	<u>Jerome Fischer</u>	<u>David Campbell</u>
Jeanne Jelke	Doug Henderson	Bill Shoemaker
Cres Fernandez	Donald Flesch	Phyllis Schmidt
Herschel Mack	Emilio Perez	Donna LaFleur

**Spectators  
welcome!**

### *New Cribbage Masters*

738. David Draper (Nashville MI)

739. Tom Briski (Fond Du Lac WI)

### **A Pair of Joes**

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

1859 Peter A. Jackson (CA)

1730 Peggy Scalley (WA)

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good conversations, which always ended when George was done talking. He'd simply hang up without saying good-bye.

George was a longtime BOD member and also served ably as Eastern Region and National Tournament Commissioner. I re-

gret that I never had a chance to play in his Dante Club Open (the ACC's oldest one-day tourney), which he directed for over thirty years, and I hope that this tournament will continue for many years as a legacy to this great cribbage player. CW



## Schedule of Events

*\*Players must be in their assigned seat thirty minutes prior to announced start time.*

Thursday 10a—Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday 6:30p—All Star Competition

\* Friday 8a—Tournament of Champions

\* Friday 3:30p—Cribbage Bowl

Friday 8p—Grass Roots Volunteers Meeting

\* Saturday 8:30a—JPW/ACC Open

\* Sunday 9:15a—Consolation Tournament

**Be sure to check the on-site schedule for last-minute changes.**



## Tournament Tidbits

**Lake Tahoe Fall Festival** First prize (two nights at the Tahoe Biltmore) for best Halloween costume was won by **Diane Leal** (Reno NV), who came as a really wicked witch. Second prize (a bottle of Jack Daniels) went to **Pamela Pomeroy** (Norwalk CA), who made a very convincing Edward Scissorhands.

**Midwest Match Play** In his romp through the competition, **John Schafer**

(Battle Creek MI) won an amazing 75% of his games, losing only a total of eight games in six matches.



# CLUB 29

1. Gerard F. St. Germain (RI): New England Peer (August 29)
2. Donna Aird (Gladstone MI): Carter Classic (September 12)
3. Jeanne Jelke (Pasco WA): Western Washington Limited (September 12)
4. Marvin W. Wells Jr. (Lakeview OR): Winnemucca Classic (September 19)
5. Ken "Butch" Ehrich (Denver CO): Colorado Fall Classic (October 17)
6. Mel Vios (Honolulu HI): Abe Kealoha Extravaganza (November 1)
7. Daniel Pluff (Saint Paul MN): North Pole Open (October 24)

# Crib Pointers

by DAVID AIKEN

As a general rule, a single 9 is the worst lead in cribbage. For example, if you lead the 9 from 7-8-8-9, what do you do when your

A-2-3-9  
2-3-4-9  
2-4-6-9  
3-3-4-9  
4-5-6-9

## Tip #2 Don't lead a 9.

opponent plays a 6 for 15-2? Leading a 9 from this hand drops you in the middle of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, and you're wearing a 7th Cavalry uniform:

Of course, as with all generalizations, the embargo on leading a 9 is true only some of the time. You must also consider (1) board position and (2) whether you are playing defense or offense.

<b>Custer</b>	9		7		GO		8		8	
<b>Sitting Bull</b>		6 (2 pts.)		8 (4 pts.)		(1 pt.)		7 (2 pts.)		6 (4 pts.)

To avoid massacres like this, in which you just got outpegged 0-13, remember that it's generally not a good idea to lead a 9 when you have all middle cards (even if you have a pair of 9s), such as these hands:

6-6-6-9  
6-6-9-9\*  
6-7-8-9  
7-7-8-9  
7-8-8-9  
7-8-9-9

Similarly bad things can happen when you lead a 9 from a hand containing three small cards:

\*Pegging guru Ras says 6-6-9-9 is a tough hand to play. He suggests leading a 9 to cut down on pegging potential for the dealer. If the 9 gets paired, you get six safe pegs, whereas leading the 6 leaves you vulnerable to a pair, a quad, and a go (a 6-15 pegging disadvantage). If your opponent makes 15-2 on your 9 lead, the second 9 is the safest response.

Suppose you are holding A-2-3-9 with first count from nine holes away (the dealer is in hole 109). The cut card gives you only two more points, and so the only way to win is to disguise your hand and keep A-2-3 intact for offensive pegging. In this scenario, you must lead the 9 and hope to pick up two points during pegging.

If the dealer plays A, 2, 3, 4, or 5 on your 9 lead, you win the game by either pairing their first card or making 15-2. Even if the dealer plays a 6 for 15-2, you can play your 3 in anticipation of the dealer's second play being a 10 card, with your Deuce and Ace then likely giving you a desperately needed 31-2. On the other hand, if you lead one of your small cards in this situation, the dealer will play off so as to avoid giving you any points, and you'll likely end up losing the game one or two holes short of victory.

The caveat against leading the 9 should thus be ignored when you hold three small

cards and you are playing offense. In this situation the 9 is the correct lead and maximizes your potential for peg points. If playing defense, however, the 9 is the worst lead. **CW**

## HOMework

Whenever you feel the urge to lead a 9, ask yourself two things: (1) Am I playing offense or defense? and (2) Will leading a 9 get me into trouble?

## New ACC Appointments

The ACC has sadly sustained several losses of members who held significant administrative positions within our organization. We will miss their friendships and the way they performed their jobs with a great work ethic and diligence.

Earlier this year **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI) was appointed Central Region Tournament Commissioner, following the loss of **Joe Bernard**.

After the death of **Bob McCabe**, **Marlene Lazachek** (Franklin WI) was appointed interim statistician and treasurer, until permanent appointments can be made at the Reno BOD meeting. Anyone interested in either position should send notice of their interest and qualifications to Bob Julian by January 15. Contact Bob at the following address:

Bob Julian  
VP Operations  
9002 W Highland Park Ave #220  
Franklin WI 53132-8164

The recent loss of **George Bickford** left four positions vacant. **Charlie Finley** (Enfield CT) was added to the BOD. (**Norman Nikodym** [Ontario CA] was the next highest vote-getter, but he would have been both the eleventh member from the Western Region and the fifth from California.) **David Campbell** (Parsonsfield ME) was appointed East-

ern Region Tournament Commissioner, **Roy Hofbauer** (Washougal WA) was appointed National Tournament Commissioner, and **Catherine Perkins** (Bear Creek NC) was appointed a member of the Ethics Committee.

The Executive Committee thanks all of these new appointees for their willingness to do these very necessary jobs for the ACC.

## GN Awards

Longtime awards-maker **DeLynn Colvert** has retired from making (but not earning) ACC awards. If you would like to submit a bid to make awards for the GN awards banquet, please contact **Martha Fingleton** at 414.444.9543 or [wjsmtf@yahoo.com](mailto:wjsmtf@yahoo.com).



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## Milestones!

Ruth Fraker (CA) turns 90 on January 12  
Fran Weber (CA) turns 80 on January 26

# Welcome to New Members

*The ACC welcomed 95 new members during November. 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 enjoy the best two-handed card game ever invented.*

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## **Alaska**

Paul T. Moreno (Juneau)

## **Arkansas**

Nancy L. Brainard (Hot Springs Village)

## **Arizona**

Richard Kosier (Surprise)

Don Strong (Yuma)

Lawrence Switala (Apache Junction)

## **British Columbia**

Dennis Lang (Kelowna)

## **California**

Kathryn Bray (Redding)

Ron Faoro (Santa Barbara)

Tim Gosney (Livermore)

Phil Kreutzer (Folsom)

Phil Lampe (Napa)

John B. Logan (Dutch Flat)

Robin McGlohn (Menlo Park)

Amy Ruth Miller (Quincy)

Jim Ozimek (Truckee)

Elizabeth A. Shea (Sonoma)

George R. Shea (Sonoma)

Vicki Smith (Tuolumne)

Milo Zarakov (Alamo)

## **Colorado**

Steve Bengtson (Fort Collins)

Aaron Vogel (Grand Junction)

Barbara J. Vogel (Grand Junction)

Dan Vogel (Grand Junction)

## **Florida**

Gerald Ducharme (Kissimmee)

Cathy Patenaude (Goldenrod)

## **Georgia**

Rich Hostetler (Atlanta)

## **Hawaii**

Benn Hanaike (Honolulu)

Michael Salgy (Honolulu)

## **Massachusetts**

Nancy R. Bortle (East Longmeadow)

Neil Caldeira (Rockland)

Horace Coward (Randolph)

Patrick D. Macfarlane (Townsend)

## **Michigan**

Kevin Barnes (Kalamazoo)

Brittany Borkowski (Bay City)

Randall E. DeLong (Shepherd)

Jim Egan (Three Rivers)

Nancy Egan (Three Rivers)

Ian Flikkema (Grand Rapids)

Holly K. Macfarlane (Kalamazoo)

Wendy Pitts (Marquette)

Ruthanne Rooks (Grand Rapids)

Steve Rooks (Grand Rapids)

Jane Wismans (Rochester)

Scott Wismans (Rochester)

## **Minnesota**

David Michael III (Sartell)

## **Montana**

Don Gilder (Missoula)

## **New Hampshire**

Teri Gauthier (Derry)

Justin C. Fleming (Placitas)

Joe Mowrey (Santa Fe)

Robert Wellington (Albuquerque)

## **Nevada**

Ellen Desteli (Sparks)

## **Oklahoma**

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Robert Romack (Edmond)

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Jay Echols (Portland)

Linda Gibson (Oakridge)

Roy A. Hager (Florence)

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# The President's Column

by Jeanne Hofbauer



The start of a new year often brings hope for better times ahead, and this year is no exception. We lost many good leaders, cribbage friends, and fine competitors in 2009. I will miss them and the good times we had together, as I know you will. The ACC is an organization of mostly older, uh, I mean, more mature people, so we know that losing friends is probably going to occur at a higher level of frequency. But having that knowledge does not make it easy to accept.

I have heard so many people say that being in the ACC is like being in a big family, and I think that is true. There is something pretty special about walking

into a playing room and seeing so many people you know and want to visit with.

Those who are gone have left us with a legacy of friendship, great competition, and a love of the game. I am sure they would want us to take the ACC into the future, continuing to bring people together over a cribbage board.

And so, friends and fellow competitors, I wish you a very Happy New Year filled with many good times, good cards, and those elusive good cuts!

Enjoy the game, and enjoy the company.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne".

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Iva Moon (Reedsport)  
Charles L. Myrick (Florence)  
Beverley Rozaire-Brown (Florence)  
Richard Sayre (Florence)  
Roy Starbeck (Corvallis)

## **Pennsylvania**

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## **Texas**

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William Collins (Port Angeles)  
December LaMontagne (Shoreline)  
Brian Linder (Redmond)  
Michael Meyer (Longview)  
Matt Nash (Kennewick)  
Nancy Osier (Fircrest)  
Sue E. Razey (Spokane)  
Don Snaffer (Seattle)  
Christopher Starr (Burton)  
Jeff Vig (Tacoma)  
Kristina Vig (Tacoma)  
Bruce Whitcomb (Pasco)

## **Wisconsin**

Julia Beals (Pleasant Prairie)  
Debbie Neuser (Oshkosh)  
Wayne R. Schmidt (Rosendale)

## **Wyoming**

Kerry Haffman (Casper)  
Gordon S. Hart III (Cheyenne)

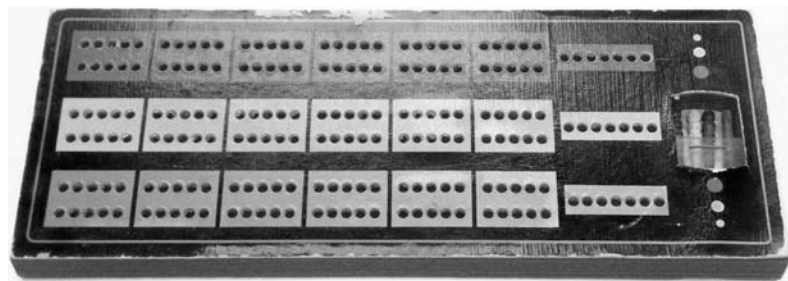
# Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

This cribbage board is more than just a cribbage board. It was advertised as “Cribbage Board Jackpot Deal.” The boards were in candy stores and soda fountains. The boards started out as “punch boards,” where customers could buy a chance and punch out small pieces of rolled-up paper. If they were lucky, the unrolled paper could

be turned in for a prize. The person whose purchase included the last “punch” was the winner of the cribbage board.

These boards were manufactured by Hamilton Mfg. Co. of Minneapolis MN. I don’t know how old the board is, but it was made prior to July 1, 1963, since the address has no zip code. If anyone has more information on these boards, please contact me.



**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](mailto:budandotis@msn.com) (put “Cribbage Board” in the subject line). For more information on cribbage boards and collecting, visit the Cribbage Board Collectors Society website at [cbcs.us](http://cbcs.us).

## Awards Committee

An ad hoc committee chaired by **Keith Widener** (Clemmons NC) is examining the ACC’s award program, particularly the All Regional awards and the All American awards.

The committee is examining various possibilities: increasing the number of All American awards presented annually, basing the All American team on something other than total MRPs, revamping the way that All Regional awards are made, giving awards to the top player in each region, or placing certain conditions on being an All

American (for example, playing tournaments in all three regions).

Composed of two members from each region—**Keith Widener**, **David Campbell**, **Valerie Sumner**, **Fred White**, **Todd Shaffer**, and **Bob Julian**—the committee would like to hear suggestions from the ACC membership, since these awards are for all ACC members.

If you have a suggestion, please contact one of the committee members or Keith (336.971.8504 or [kwidener@triad.rr.com](mailto:kwidener@triad.rr.com)) prior to the February BOD meeting.



## ACC members think that qualifying MRPs should be awarded to . . .



only the top half  
of the qualifiers

32.6%

67.4%

all qualifiers

The results of the November CW Opinion Poll are in—and by a two-to-one margin, ACC members prefer that *all* qualifiers receive MRPs for their qualifying score rather than the current system, in which *only the top half* of the quali-

ers (i.e., 1/8 of the field) get qualifying MRPs.

With 31 votes cast in favor of awarding more MRPs and only 15 favoring the current system, the two-to-one was consistent across all three regions.

# CW

## OPINION POLL #7

*Online polls in which ACC members can express their opinion about topics of interest to cribbage players.*

Rules: (1) voting must be done online at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org); (2) you must be an ACC member; (3) you can vote only once per topic; and (4) polling closes on the last day of the month. The results of each poll will be published in the second CW following its announcement.

**Most clubs have a skunk pot to which members have to contribute 25¢ or 50¢ when they get skunked. But since the winner of a skunk is already the beneficiary of the skunk, wouldn't it make more sense if they (and not the person who got skunked) pays the skunk fee? So who should pay the skunk pot? Let CW know your preference by going to [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org) and voting now.**

**the person who gets skunked  
the person who does the skunking**

# Bob McCabe

## (1939–2009)

**Life Master (★): 14,306 MRPs**

**Bronze Award: 1,128 GRPs**

I've lost my father and best friend. The ACC was my Dad's life. I always felt a little safer knowing he was going to a cribbage tournament. Even though I didn't always like him traveling alone, I knew he was surrounded by people who loved him once he arrived. I want to thank ACC members for their support over the last few weeks. Monetary gifts totaling \$790 were donated in my Dad's honor to the National Marfan Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin, two great causes that affect the McCabe family.

—*Kevin McCabe*

Bob McCabe was a man of few words, but if and when one could get him to talk, the effort was well worth the difficulty. He had a gift for explaining things in the best way for his listener's understanding; as a result, Warren chastised him throughout his life for not being a teacher—the profession that his brothers undertook in a manner they felt was inferior to Bob's potential. Bob enjoyed the taciturn irony characteristic of British humor, and if he poked fun at



you, the needle was tiny—but sharp. Bob devoted many hours to the ACC as MRP secretary and treasurer. He made sure that his replacement was thoroughly prepared to take over those jobs, and the transition, although unhappy, has been nearly seamless. More than anything, Bob loved mountains. He always looked forward to trips in the American and Canadian West and was as giddy as it was possible for him to be earlier this year while traveling in Alaska. It is fitting that Bob died on his way home from a cribbage tournament in Reno, a pastime that he truly enjoyed, and we like to think that he was looking forward to a splendid trip through the Rocky Mountains the next day.

—*Warren Sondericker & Martha Fingleton*

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The ACC has lost two good men, wonderful leaders, and special people in Bob McCabe and George Bickford. They were trustworthy and dependable. We feel privileged that we could call them our friends, and we greatly mourn their passing.

Bob was the epitome of a great volunteer. His tireless work helped to shape the ACC into what it is today. Our orga-

nization had the benefit of his skills and expertise to perform the tasks of ACC statistician and treasurer. He was a staple at tournament tabulating rooms, keeping things running smoothly and accurately, remaining unflappable, even at the ACC Open in Reno, where he had to deal with over 1,000 scorecards! He was our son Jason's first opponent ever in the playoffs



## George Bickford (1931–2009)

***Life Master (★): 10,955 MRPs***

***Club 72: 635 GRPs***

I met George standing in line to register for the National Open in 1977. He made me laugh then and has continued to bring out laughter in me ever since. Many times over the years, he would invite me to dinner, along with his sidekicks, brother Birnie and Fred McGibney. They would keep me in stitches. I never knew what routine they would pull with the restaurant staff. I would have to play their “straight man.” I still chuckle when I think of those days. George was a volunteer at cribbage tournaments from the get-go. In 1979 he began directing the consolation tournament at the National Open and continued to do so for thirty years. To the ACC, he gave of himself so generously. We will miss him and his pontifications enormously.

—*Cathy Perkins*

I joined the ACC in 1983, and my first tournament was the Dante Club Open with George Bickford as tournament director. When I forgot and played golf instead that Sunday, George was not happy with me. But, being the forgiving gentleman he was, he took me under his wing, and we became friendly competitors and close friends. He was one of a kind and will not be forgotten for his dedication to the game, his excellent play, and his hard work for the ACC for over thirty years. George very much liked to take our mutual friend, “Tossie” Shea, and me to the well in our weekly game of captain. Carol and George traveled with Judi and me to tournaments all over the country. Carol always told George to buckle up, but he was not comfortable with the seatbelt around him, and he would drag it across his chest but not buckle it. I think Carol knew but played along with him on that one. One last trip, George, buckle up my friend, have a safe journey. We will all miss you.

—*Charlie Finley*

in 1992, and Bob treated him with an endearing kindness. We worked closely with him for over nineteen years and developed a real friendship that we treasured.

George was a true blue friend of the ACC, scrupulously honest and performing his work for the ACC over many years with great diligence. You never had to guess where he stood on any issue, he let

you know from the get-go, and he never had a problem in dealing with anyone not doing things in the best interests of our organization. A phone call from George always made us smile. He was always there to help us and advise us. He was generous and funny, and we will miss him immeasurably. Farewell to you, Commish!

—*Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer*

I had the pleasure of meeting Bob McCabe about ten years ago in Marinette. I rode up with a couple of wannabe cribbage all-stars, and when I somehow qualified for the consolation playoffs, my ride-mates were itchy to get back to Illinois. I told them that I would find a ride, and they were gone. I kept winning my matches, and eventually found a ride in Warren Sondericker's van. Martha drove, while Warren, Joe Bernard, Bob McCabe, and I played captain (one sat out). Bob won money from us three. After stopping for dinner at a special place that Warren knew (including apple pie with a slice of cheese melted for twelve seconds and, of course, a cognac), we got back to Milwaukee at 9:00 p.m. I mentioned that I still needed a ride to Kenosha. And before anyone can take a breath, Bob speaks up and says he'll take me. He and I were the only ones who had to work the next day, so I guess it was appropriate that we made that journey. We talked about life, family, job—but not about cribbage. I pride myself on selecting good people as friends . . . and I found a great one in Bob.

—Max Steplyk



[theunion.com](http://theunion.com) The *Grass Valley (CA) Union* newspaper printed a picture of ACC member and Chicago Park School Principal **Dan Zeisler** accepting a \$400 check to use for the school band.

[htrnews.com](http://htrnews.com) According to the *Manitowoc (WI) Herald Times Reporter*, local resident **Joe Fricke** celebrated his 100th birthday on Thanksgiving Day by feasting and playing cribbage with daughter **Sandy**

One Friday I received a \$100 check for my first 29-hand from “The Great Bob McCabe” (which I called him all the time). There was a tournament that weekend, and so I brought the check for people to see with Bob's chicken-scratch signature on it. I played Bob in the very first match, and when I beat him both games, he said that I had better run to the bank because he was going to stop payment on the check! I knew I was part of the cribbage family when I started getting teased by the Great Bob McCabe. That same year I had another 29-hand and received another check with a note from Bob, telling me that I had reached my limit. I asked if that was for the year, and he said, “No, lifetime!” Bob was very generous with his time and talents. He was very smart but not boastful. His humor and good nature made him a wonderful person to get to know. It was my pleasure to know the Great Bob McCabe. Bob was a very good player, but the best part was that he was a great person whether he won or lost. I miss him so much and wish that he were here to tease me some more.

—Beth Witter

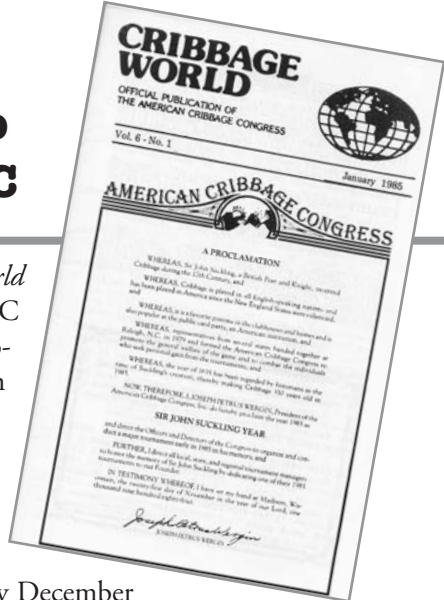
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## COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

**Pankratz (66).**

[htrnews.com](http://htrnews.com) A classified ad in the November 22 *Wausau Daily Herald* reported that **Jack Gauger** tripled skunked his wife, **Pat**, on the previous Sunday. The ad was placed by their daughter, **Laura**, who had been the brunt of a classified placed by Pat when Laura turned 40. Jack and Pat play three games of cribbage every day after lunch.

# 25 Years Ago in the ACC



The cover of the January 1985 *Cribbage World* features a very official-looking decree by ACC founder and president Joseph Petrus Wergin proclaiming 1985 to be “Sir John Suckling Year” in honor of the 350th anniversary of the invention of cribbage.

Elsewhere in this issue, we learn that Mel Vios (Honolulu HI) won the inaugural Hawai’ian Islands Open. The Beer City Open in Brookfield WI attracted 170 players in early December 1984, and Shirley Fitzpatrick (Milwaukee WI) took top honors. Joe Bernard took second in the consolation, with Joe Wergin taking third.

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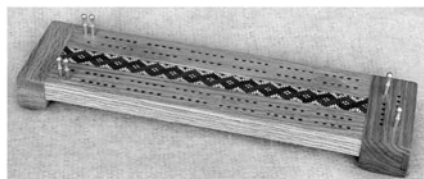
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**CRIBBAGE BOWL** play will begin at 3:30 p.m. sharp. Entry fee \$50. PLEASE DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CRIBBAGE BOWL IF YOU ARE PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. On-site registration between noon and 3 p.m. Friday. Play 1 game vs 12 opponents. No playoffs. 100% PAYBACK plus trophies.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

**ACC OPEN MAIN TOURNAMENT** play will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Limited to first 1,024 players, enter early! (Money refunded if unable to play.) Entry fee \$80 for ACC Members (\$95 for new members) includes \$20 Q. Qualifying round, 1 game vs 22 opponents, cut for deal. Top 25% advance to best 3 of 5 playoff. (Finals best 4 of 7.) \$10,000 ADDED by the Sands Regency! PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies. Q-Pool 100% Payback, graduated 1 of 8. THERE WILL BE PLAYOFF ROUNDS ON SATURDAY, CHECK POSTED SCHEDULE.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

**CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT** play will begin at 9:15 a.m. sharp. Entry fee \$40, includes \$10 Q. No pre-registration. Please register on Saturday night, or Sunday morning before 8:30. Qualifying round 1 vs 9. Top 25% to best 2 of 3 playoff. (Finals best 3 of 5.) \$1,000.00 ADDED by the Sands Regency. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Q-Pool 100% Payback, graduated 1 of 8.



**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: JANUARY 29, 2010**



To enter these events on-line with a credit card through PayPal (small fee applies) go to **WWW.CRIBBAGE.ORG**



Questions? Call Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer: 1-360-835-3623 or Scott Kooistra: 1-402-617-3113 (Daytime)



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# ENTRY FORM – ACC CRIBBAGE – FEB. 12-13-14, 2010

Current ACC membership required. Annual membership \$15.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> ENTRY:** ACC # \_\_\_\_\_  \$50 C. Bowl\*  \$80 ACC Open  \$15 ACC Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_  New to ACC

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**ANCHOR SEATING:** Name \_\_\_\_\_  ← Check if Wheelchair/Scooter

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** \$45 plus 13.5% room tax, 1 or 2 people. \$55 Triple, \$65 Quad. No Saturday one night reservations. To guarantee room by credit card (please, no tournament entries) call toll free 1-866-FUN STAY (386-7829), **Code: ACC 10.** Book and guarantee by January 29, 2010 for special rate.

Please make me a reservation  Made by phone  No room needed

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Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Low Floor  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please Note: All specific hotel requests are subject to availability at time of arrival.)**

<b>MAIL BY JANUARY 29, 2010</b>	<b>Cribbage Bowl* (Fri.)</b>	<b>\$50 x</b> _____	<b>\$</b> _____
<b>Make check payable to:</b>	<b>ACC Open (Sat.)</b>	<b>\$80 x</b> _____	<b>\$</b> _____
SANDS REGENCY	<b>ACC Dues</b>	<b>\$15 x</b> _____	<b>\$</b> _____
Cribbage Tournament	<b>Hotel Deposit</b>	<b>\$51.08</b>	<b>\$</b> _____
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**\*REMINDER: Do NOT enter the Cribbage Bowl in advance if you are playing in the Tournament of Champions.**

*The Internal Revenue Service considers prize money earned of \$600 or more as income which must be reported. The Sands Regency is required by law to withhold 30% of prize money of \$600 or more awarded to non-US Citizens without US TIN numbers and a US address, or US Citizens who cannot provide a valid US Social Security Number.*



# INTERNET Cribbage IRPs

## November Wrap-Up

**Richard May** (*rcmay5*) increased his first place lead over **Ron Larson** (*cribbie11*).

By virtue of winning a tournament in November and reaching eMaster, **Richard May** (*rcmay5*), **Daniel Crete** (*creech1*), and **Ray Fischer** (*Stinger96*) are the November players of the month.

## New eMasters

Four players reached the eMaster plateau (2,000 IRPs) during November:

- Richard May** (*rcmay5*)
- Daniel Crete** (*creech1*)
- Ray Fischer** (*Stinger96*)
- Ronald Boulé** (*ron234*)

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- 11/10 Sandra Strange (gamepoint121)
- 11/24 Daniel Crete (creech1)
- 11/1 Allan Nypen (AO939)
- 11/2 Patricia Gossett (xerotoo)
- 11/5 Richard May (rcmay5)
- 11/7 Patricia Connolly (CA4101)
- 11/8 Ed Bloom (HeliumMan)
- 11/9 Alma Tirado (PR\_Princess\_Lace)
- 11/12 Denise Kobuszewski (TallRedHead)
- 11/14 Louis Choiniere (chicopeekid)
- 11/15 Ray Fischer (Stinger96)
- 11/16 Richard Orff (UneasyQuill)
- 11/19 Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
- 11/21 Scott Nordlund (MN979)
- 11/22 Barbara Larson (abby5)
- 11/23 Rollie Heath (Icrollie1)
- 11/28 Robert Maupin (Fred451)
- 11/29 John Reed (eagle7374)
- 11/30 Ron Larson (cribbie11)

## internet standings

### IRPs name (tourneys played)

- 1 351 Richard May (56)
- 2 282 Ron Larson (50)
- 3 279 Mark Van Dyke (42)
- 4 273 Valerie Nozick (42)
- 5 273 Larry Rozeck (33)
- 6 270 Daniel Crete (51)
- 7 255 Rollie Heath (35)
- 8 240 Nancy Roncetti (37)
- 9 234 Scott Nordlund (39)
- 10 222 James Gear (41)

BY ROBERT MILK  
internet director // robert\_milk@alum.wpi.edu

### internet.tourney.schedule

Anyone can play in ACC internet tournaments, but to earn IRPs you must be an ACC member with a certified screen name. Go to [cribbage.org/internet](http://cribbage.org/internet) for details. Sign up at [gamecolony.com/acc](http://gamecolony.com/acc) at least ten minutes before scheduled start time.

date	day	time	type	scoring
Jan. 2	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 3	Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 4	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 7	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 9	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 10	Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 11	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 13	Wednesday	8p	Cribbage Cup	automatic
Jan. 14	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 16	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 17	Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 18	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 21	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 23	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 24	Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 25	Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 27	Wednesday	8p	Cribbage Cup	automatic
Jan. 28	Thursday	10p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 30	Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic
Jan. 31	Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	automatic

*All times Eastern \* = ACC members only*

Cribbage Cup is held at [ecribbage.com](http://ecribbage.com);  
all other events at [gamecolony.com/acc/](http://gamecolony.com/acc/)



# In Memoriam

## Wayne Larson

Wayne Larson (Yakima WA), 85, passed away on December 5. Wayne was a World War II veteran. He was the 1994 Club 156 champion and had received his Bronze Award. He played many tournaments and could be seen wearing his Grass Roots jacket everywhere he went. On one trip to Reno he qualified in the TOC, the ACC Open main, and the ACC Open consolation, getting knocked out the first round of each, but thankful he had qualified. Although in recent years he wasn't able to get to club, he will be remembered by many and missed by all who knew him.

## Bruce Pomeroy

Bruce Pomeroy (Strasburg CO), 78, passed away at his home on November 18. Bruce grew up playing cribbage and teaching it to anyone who would sit down and learn. He used to play in local restaurants and at home with his family to pass the time in Idaho. When he learned of the ACC, he hit the road and played tournaments all over the Western Region. Bruce had many friends in the ACC, and he enjoyed meeting new people and playing a game against anyone who offered. In 2008 Bruce had to give up tournaments due to health reasons. His love of the game will live on through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom he taught to play and many of whom belong to the ACC themselves. Bruce is loved and will be missed by many!

# GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

as of December 13

## Division 1

### Points ♦ Name (Club)

150	Jim Hatch (314)
141	James Flaherty Sr. (308)
135	Raymond Wanke (341)
133	Laurence Krause (131)
132	Ted Lee Southland (22)
130	Dennis Braswell (148)
128	Elmer Rasmussen (232)
126	Frank Miller (308)
124	Donna Aird (218)
124	Frank Farrish (168)
124	Craig Jensen (46)
123	Tom Cookman (194)
121	John Campanella (109)
121	Robert Chase (215)
121	Doris Denny (145)
121	Gerald Gruber (240)
121	Richard Kelliher (314)
121	Kurt Over (318)
121	George Williams (308)
120	Ronald Gustafson (357)
120	Lorne Tanton (261)
119	Lynn Babbitt (168)
119	Richard Shea (194)
118	John MacEwen (295)
117	Ron Rapoza (168)
117	Gary Rasmussen (232)
116	Hugh Durkin (318)
116	Mark Mano (276)
115	Paul Hatcher (46)
115	James Kahue (110)
115	Jack Wifladt (261)
115	Roy Wong (110)
114	Ron Fields (309)
114	Mort Herstrom (333)
113	Owen Mayer (329)
112	Michael Green (258)
112	Cecil Sublett (117)
111	Eugene Mikulsky (61)
111	Wayne Momsen (347)
111	Greg Schleusner (222)
111	Donald Wanta (232)
110	Annett Eiffert (162)
110	George Momaney (290)
110	Stephen Subera (199)
109	Lorna Lilley (350)
109	Barb Martin (238)
109	Vern Mierkey (190)
109	Lee Norris (168)
109	Floryan Sowinski (139)

## Division 2

### Points ♦ Name (Club)

95	Wendell Woodard (219)
93	Carl Heath (38)
77	Douglas Sletten (96)
74	Don Salway (96)
72	Edward Balch (219)
70	Dennis Lunn (219)
70	Jimmy Roberts (96)
70	Suzanne Rollo (154)
64	Leroy Schecher (96)
63	Wes Hall (96)
63	John Marchand Sr. (130)
59	Roger Grandgeorge (17)
59	Dennis Jacobs (249)
55	Richard Andrew (220)
55	Todd Champagne (35)
54	Chuck Schweitzer (96)
54	Thomas Stevens (154)
53	James Klinger (5)
53	Eugene Munnings (249)
52	David Olney (17)
50	Russell Newman (249)
50	Whip Wilson (220)
46	Gene Secor (97)
45	Steve Bernard (96)

## Division 3

### Points ♦ Name (Club)

53	Norman Peterson (150)
51	Gene Bradshaw (74)
43	Edmund Zielinski (24)
40	George Finkbeiner (281)
40	David Shreve (102)





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.*

**Grass Roots transfers**—if a player intends to transfer to a new club, it must be done prior to February 1.

**Grass Roots National Tournament**—you may play GRNT anytime between January 1 and April 30. If your club is going to host a GRNT, please make sure all participants have a current ACC membership and have paid their Grass Roots registration fee.

**Club 366 (Guam)** needs help! If you know of cribbage players (military or civilian) living in Guam, please contact **Jerry Hauf** (clbnq1@gmail.com; 671.734.1939). Jerry would also be interested in innovative ideas on how to attract members on that island. *submitted by Tom Lewis for Jerry Hauf*

**Greater Orlando Club 22**—on October 29 we congratulated **Cal Stormont** on reaching the Silver level of 2,500 GRPs. The following week, on November 5, **David Fournier** reached the Gold level by surpassing the 4,000-GRP mark in his twenty-second year of play at GOCC. He has finished in our top three 3 fourteen times, including six club championships. Dave is the only GOCC player to have earned 300+ GRPs

in a single season: 317 in 1995–96 and 347 in 2007–2008. Dave earned his Bronze in 1994–95 and his Silver in 2002–2003. *submitted by Brad Gronli*

**Club 34 (Denver CO)**—November 17 was an unusual night. **Mary Skole** lost one game for a fine 16/8 +18 card—and came in fourth place! **Travis Sand** took honors with a grand slam 19/9 +127. New member **Wanda Tivey** placed second with 19/8 +162. And **Tim Heine** had to settle for third with another grand slam (18/9 +121). *submitted by Roger Widdowson*

**Club 62 (Roseburg OR)**—on September 15 **Frank Ornie's** grand slam card took first place. Two weeks later **Skip White** unofficially reached the 1,000-point plateau for his Bronze Award. On November 17 **Donna Hassett** recorded a 28-hand and won her last game with a 24-hand on the last hand of the night. **Rick Pierce** and daughter **Brittany** visited from Springfield. *submitted by Gerald L. Hahn Jr.*

**Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)**—milestone magic at the GRRT on November 7. **Benjamin Witz** started the day by winning his *continued on page 26*

### Rule of the Month—The Play

A single card that is released by the fingers is considered played, whether or not the count is announced, and may be retrieved only if it would cause the count to exceed 31.

first eleven games for a grand slam. He barely held on after lunch to take first place with 26/12 +167. **Max Ulberg** started the day at 980 GRPs and needed three of her last four games to get 24 points and earn her Bronze Award. After husband **Dennis Ulberg** beat her in game fifteen, she won her last three games to reach 1,004 GRPs and Bronze.

*submitted by Terry C. Pederson*

**Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI)**—I just read the December CW and have a response to the article by **Robert Wenzel** about one-point games in Club 221 (Winston-Salem NC). In 2004 **Grace Sydanmaa** endured four agonizing losses by one point each; she won her other games by fair margins, but lost games 1, 3, 7, and 8 by one point each! I see thousands of scorecards each year, but in nineteen years of directing a club, this one stands out as far as frustration goes.

*submitted by Patrick Barrett*

**Club 150/Pacific Coast Peggars (Vista CA)**—after five full seasons, we finally had our first grand slam. **Norm Peterson** came up with a 20/9 +179 gem of a card. The next four scorecards were all 12-pointers. Second place was a tie between **Bob Rebar** and **Lee Rutledge**, with identical 12/6 +19 cards (Bob won on higher plus points). Club director **Roy Cook** also pulled off a first: a “toilet slam” scorecard with nine losses! Kudos to PCP member **Mike Duffy** for his superb 33-point GRRT scorecard.

*submitted by Roy Cook*

**Club 329 (Mount Pleasant MI)**—club leader **Owen Mayer** recently scored his first 28-hand in over sixty years of playing the game. The previous week **Richard Dominick** had an awesome night, scoring a 17/6 with five skunks. He would have made it six skunks, but **Al Scarantino** squeaked over the line. *submitted by Wendy Schmidt*

**THE GRASS ROOTS**

NAME Grace Sydanmaa

TABLE \_\_\_\_\_ SEAT 7

GAME	GAME POINTS	SPREAD POINTS		OPPONENTS SIGNATURES	ID NO.
		+	-		
1	0		01	<i>[Signature]</i>	18
2	2	30		<i>[Signature]</i>	16
3	0		01	<i>[Signature]</i>	14
4	2	08		<i>[Signature]</i>	12
5	2	19		<i>[Signature]</i>	10
6	2	27		<i>[Signature]</i>	8
7	0		01	BA	6
8	0		01	<i>[Signature]</i>	4
9	2	20		<i>[Signature]</i>	2
TOTAL	10				

14 GAMES WON

5

TOTALS

df + ~~104~~

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Net Pts. +100

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

## GrassRoots Awards

### Silver Award

James O'Neil (139), CA  
Calvin Storment (22), FL

### Bronze Award

Eric Akse (305), WA  
Brad Behm (90), WI  
George Blinn (307), CO  
Dick Bliss (71), MI  
Joe Gates (34), CO  
Terry Hatto (261), AB  
Charles Hill (243), WA  
Daniel Kizer (48), CA  
Guy Spezzaferro (104), MA  
Art Whitney (164), CA  
Don Young (299), OR



# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Youth Teaching Tip

Here's an activity I always do when I first start to teach a new group of kids. I make a three-by-three box grid (nine boxes) and challenge the kids to use one number between 1 and 9 in each box so that the total of all eight lines (vertical, horizontal, and diagonal) equals 15. Each number may be used only once. This is a fun way to start them thinking about number patterns, and it also emphasizes the different combinations of 15 they can look for in their hands.

## Youth News

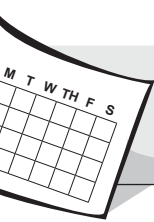
Two big youth tournaments are on the horizon in 2010. On January 30, the **Chico Youth Tournament** will take place in Chico CA. And on February 27, the 17th Annual **Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament** will be held in Grass Valley CA. Each event will attract fifty to eighty young peggers! If you would like more information on either or both events, I'll be happy to send you a flyer or answer any questions you may have (contact info below).

## Teaching Manuals

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

- **Elaine Jeché** (La Puente CA)
- **George Shea** (Napa CA)
- **Shannon McCloud** (Longwood FL)
- **Al Wilson** (Coventry/West Warrick RI)
- **Linda Johnson** (Sunnyside WA)
- **Monica Hughes** (Nevada City CA)
- **Dale Munroe** (Unionville CT)
- **Bob McLucas** (West Hartford CT)

*Dan Zeisler is superintendent of an elementary school district in Grass Valley CA and founder of the Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to Dan at 530.274.3124; danthefan@yahoo.com; or 10300 Dawkins Ln, Grass Valley CA 95949-9601.*



# WEEKEND Tournaments MRPs

as of December 10

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name	
1	846	Duane Toll, OR	1	662	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	1	492	David Statz, NH
2	728	Erik Locke, OR	2	531	Robert Julian, WI	2	466	Donna Lafleur, CT
3	604	Richard Pierce, OR	3	478	Doug Page, WI	3	461	David Clemmey, MA
4	577	Todd Malmgren, OR	4	438	Gerald Gruber, MN	4	451	Robert Medeiros, MA
5	568	Roland Hall, CA	5	408	Douglas Henderson, WI	5	449	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
6	540	Dan Marsh, OR	6	345	Jeff Shimp, MI	6	329	Mike Fetchel, CT
7	432	Bob Bartosh, CA	7	339	David Aiken, MI	7	301	David Campbell, ME
8	427	Rickie Mack, CA	8	338	Joan Rein, MN	8	275	Susan Cousens, ME
9	417	Herschel Mack, CA	9	281	Lloyd Kraft, WI	9	273	Robert Milk, VA
10	409	Paul Hatcher, OR	10	263	Richard Horvath, WI	10	268	Keith Widener, NC
11	369	Bryan Gurden, NV	11	249	Mark Van Dyke, MI	11	260	Tony Pacheco, MA
12	342	Rick Baird, OR	12	243	Frank Trojan, MN	12	250	Steve Angier, GA
13	337	Peggy Walberg, CA	13	228	Warren Sondericker, WI	13	239	Larry Phifer, NC
14	312	Willie Evans, WA	14	225	Donald Flesch, WI	14	238	Lee Dillon, MA
15	302	Marty Symons, OR	15	223	Steven Steinmetz, WI	15	233	Harvey Glass, CT
16	294	Jim Crawford, CA	16	207	Rudolph Rogutich, WI	15	233	Phil Martin, CT
17	290	Patricia Gossett, OR	17	201	Ginny Danielski, WI	17	232	Carl Deyette, CT
18	273	Dennis Morin, CA	18	200	Frank Danielski, WI	18	231	Catherine Perkins, NC
19	267	Jerold Montgomery, CA	19	197	Ed Heinowski, WI	19	222	Elijah White, ME
20	265	Frank Ornie, OR	20	191	Sharon Schaefer, WI	19	222	Cindy Veradt, MA
21	254	Elmer Rasmussen, WA	21	190	Jim Potter, MI	21	215	Daniel Crete, NH
22	252	Richard Shea, CA	21	190	Thomas Mintner, WI	22	210	Frank Corrado, CT
23	236	Rex Paddock, MT	23	188	John Schafer, MI	23	202	Ray Fischer, NC
24	228	James Langley, CA	24	187	Francis Froelich, WI	24	200	Jeffrey Messinger, MA
25	226	Ross Njaa, CA	25	182	David Boyer, MI	25	191	Thomas Brent, MD
25	226	Jeanne Hofbauer, WA	26	176	Dan Selke, IL	26	189	Louis Caccia, MA
27	222	Donald Brown, CA	27	170	Marlene Lazachek, WI	27	179	Charlie Finley, CT
27	222	Julie Pierce, OR	28	164	Earl Fox, MN	28	172	Richard West, MA
29	221	Laurie Logan, MT	29	163	Tom Briski, WI	29	171	Sue Rasmussen, FL
30	218	James Clark, CA	29	163	Jerome Tork, WI	30	166	Patricia Martin, MA
31	214	Bill Hill, OR	31	156	James Huser, WI	31	159	Ethan Guyaz, ME
32	213	Cres Fernandez, CA	32	155	Sue Schenk, MI	31	159	William Shoemaker, CT
33	210	Peter Jackson, CA	33	154	Dave Yaeger, MO	33	157	John Rooney Sr., MA
33	210	Roy Wong, HI	33	154	W. Lee Tesch, WI	34	154	Robert Levine, MA
33	210	Richard Wardenburg, CA	35	151	Daniel Pluff, MN	35	152	Charles Barnes, FL
33	210	Sue Pisha, OR	36	147	Sandra Stroup, IL	36	147	Sal Scolaro, MA
37	208	Winona McDaniel, OR	36	147	James Heemstra, WI	36	147	Robert Wahlgren, MA
38	207	Kathy Pacocha, CO	38	145	Marvin Lang, IL	38	144	Bill Richmond, CT
39	198	Sharon Hejtmanek, MT	38	145	Pete Severson, MN	39	142	Ed Ciccone, MA
40	197	De Lynn Colvert, MT	40	143	Lana Newhouse, WI	40	140	Marion Buckley, NS
41	196	Steve Hastie, CA	41	141	Joy Shimp, MI	41	138	Jack Howsare, VA
42	195	Bethany Rolfsen, CA	41	141	Bob McCabe, WI	42	136	Virgil Toothaker, ME
43	181	Andrea Lawrence, CA	43	140	Martha Fingleton, WI	43	133	Carl Squire, GA
44	178	Jack Moritzky, WA	44	136	Mike Burns, MN	43	133	Hal Mueller, ON
45	177	George Rodriguez, MT	44	136	Syl Lulinski, IL	45	131	Bruce Sattler, MD
46	172	Hans Larson, WA	44	136	Joseph Aird, MI	46	130	Bob Handy, MD
46	172	Gary Louderback, WA	47	130	Michelle Gryka, MI	46	130	David Sniegowski, VA
48	171	Bill Mero, WA	48	129	Larry LaGassie, WI	48	127	Esther Rolfe, FL
49	167	Sharon Dresbach, CA	48	129	Jerome Fischer, WI	49	126	Peter Olson, NH
50	166	Craig Jensen, OR	48	129	Marty Hoerman, WI	49	126	Roger Bouchard, CT
50	166	Pamela Pomeroy, CA				49	126	Ron Rapoza, RI

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Roy Hofbauer 360.835.3623 roynjean@teleport.com	Patrick Barrett 715.424.5059 barrett1@wctc.net	David Campbell 207.793.4377 dc2121@aol.com

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](http://cribbage.org).

#### January 2, First Chance Open

Frantone's Villa, 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 Pamela Pomeroy

#### ↓ NEW LISTING ↓

#### January 2-3, Vacaville Varsity Open

Leisure Town Hall, 100 Sequoia Dr, Vacaville CA 95687. Main \$50. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jackie Doppelt (707.447.7568), 158 Carlsbad Cir, Vacaville CA 95687

#### January 3, Second Chance

Clubhouse #5 room #1, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, tea, donuts, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177), 2184 Via Mariposa E Unit O, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Steve Yellon

#### ↓ SEE PROMO IN DECEMBER CW ↓

#### January 8-10, Peg for the Border

La Mesa Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91941. Main \$65. Fri DBL 7p \$80/team. Contact: Shelley & Roz Berman (619.444.7655), 1145 Naranca Ave, El Cajon CA 92021

#### January 8-10, Carter Classic

Indian Springs Lodge (800.777.1640), 670 Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10; 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: buffet, coffee. Contact: Dottie Culver (715.850.0774), 4110 14th Pl, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

#### January 8-10, Virginia Championships

Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Virginia Center Pkwy, Glen Allen VA 23059. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$30. Sat 7:30p \$30. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Rick Al-

len (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225 or Janet Meinert

#### January 15-17, Georgia Open

Quality Inn, 1052 Claussen Rd, Augusta GA 30907. Main \$65. Satellites. Contact: Carl Squire (404.983.5058), 3292 Bells Ferry Rd, Marietta GA 30066 or Dave O'Neil (404.296.4689)

#### January 15-17, Pacific Coast Championship

Masonic Lodge, 48 E San Joaquin, Salinas CA 93901. Main \$62. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$10. Team \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: David Shifflett (831.373.1040), 1319 Lawton Ave, Pacific Grove CA 93950 or Ross Njaa

#### January 16, Edmonton New Year Open

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB T5B 4H5. Main \$40. Perks: coffee. Contact: Lorne Tanton (780.478.8488), 7 Steele Crescent, Edmonton AB T5A 1G4 or Doris Sanders

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#### January 22-24, Portland Winter Open

Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillivray, Vancouver WA 98671. Main \$60. Fri HR 6:30p \$100; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat. Contact: Ken & Tim Julkowski (503.329.9280), 4456 NE Campaign St, Portland OR 97218

#### ↓ NEW LISTING ↓

#### January 22-23, Minnesota Winter Special

Chaska VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN. Main \$50. Fri 8p \$20. Contact: Jerry Gruber (612.722.1292), 5121 Nokomis Ave, Minneapolis MN 55417 or Al Booth (763.783.7042)

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## Tips for Tournament Directors

It's not a bad idea to swap out decks at the anchor positions during the lunch break. There is such a thing as "card familiarity," which can be reduced by providing different decks of cards at these positions.

### ↓ NEW LISTING ↓

#### January 24, Tom Winter Memorial

La Quinta Inn, 1800 Old Hudson Rd (east entrance), St. Paul MN 55119. Main \$45. Contact: Diane Waite & Todd Schafer (651.895.2671), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128 or Ginger Grogan

#### January 23, Fallbrook Avocado

Fallbrook Senior Center, 399 Heald Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch, avocados. Contact: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977), 3354 Hillside Ln, Fallbrook CA 92028

#### January 29-31, Northern California Open

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Ranchera Rd, Redding CA 96001. Main \$60. Fri HR 7p \$50; DBL \$50/team. Contact: Anna Dunn (530.549.3154), P.O. Box 460, Bella Vista CA 96008 or Jim Langley (530.527.4606)

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#### January 29-31, Space Coast New Year Classic

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

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### ↓ NEW LISTING ↓

#### January 29-31, St. Croix Casino Classic

St. Croix Casino, 777 Hwy 8, Turtle Lake WI 54889. Main \$55. Fri 8p \$20. Sat 8p \$20. Perks: coffee, soda, lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Alan Lindner (715.613.7629), PO Box 205, Colby WI 54421

#### January 31, Hawai'i Open

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Iwilei HI. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

#### January 31, Superlite Classic

Dante Club, 198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Charlie & Judi Finley (860.745.1143), 16 Carol St, Enfield CT 06082

#### February 8-10, Susanville Winter Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Dr, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Satellites. Contact: Steve

Hastie (530.310.0111), PO Box 401, Janesville CA 96114 or Peggy Scalley

### February 13-14, JPW/ACC Open

Sands Regency (866.FUN.STAY), 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Main \$80. Fri Cribbage Bowl \$50. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Scott Kooistra or Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671. **See entry form at centerfold.**

### February 16-18, Topaz Open

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Topaz NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 3:30p; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$40/team. Wed 7:30p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: A. J. Tasker (775.829.1474), 2700 Plumas St #104, Reno NV 89509 or Les Sumner

### February 19-21, Heart of the Peninsula

Eagles Aerie, 110 S Penn St, Port Angeles WA 98362. Main \$50. **CANCELED** \$50/team; HR \$50. Sat \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lisa Duff (360.808.7128), PO Box 2008, Port Angeles WA 98362

### February 20, California Championship

Veterans Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa CA 95403. Main \$50. **CANCELED** donuts, lunch, snacks. Contact: Avon Ray (707.546.8967), 21 Estrella Dr, Santa Rosa CA 95403

### February 21, Valentine's Day Open

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, breakfast, lunch. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531

### February 26-28, Go Green Bay

Comfort Suites (920.499.7449), 1951 Bond St, Green Bay WI 54303. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20; Captain 7:45p \$25; HR 7:45p \$50. Sat 7:30p \$20; Triples 7:45p \$30/team. Perks: lunch. Contact: Allen Karr (920.434.3402), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

### February 26-28, Sharlene Medeiros Memorial

Best Western, 580 U.S. Hwy 1, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat DBL \$40/team. Contact: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001), 89 Sam Moore Rd, Woolwich ME 04579 or David Campbell

EB = Early Bird ♦ DBL = doubles ♦ HR = high rollers ♦ LC = last chance

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**February 26–28, Hampton Roads Shootout**

Surfside Oceanfront Inn, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$30. Sat 7p \$30; HR 7:15p \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Jack Howsare (757.696.2999), 248 Palace Green Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23452

**February 28, Hawai'i Open**

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

**February 28, Florida Open**

Quality Inn, 2050 E Irlto Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Raymond & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

**March 5–7, Illinois Open**

D'Andrea Banquet Hall, 4419 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake IL 60014. Main \$60. Fri 7p. Sat 7p. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Marv Lang (815.338.2425), 1035 Rose Ct, Woodstock IL 60098 or David Drew

**March 5–7, Colorado Winter Open**

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

**March 12–13, Waupaca Rotary Open**

Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St, Waupaca WI 54931. Main \$50. Fri \$20. Contact: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

**March 12–14, Nevada State Championship**

Lovelock Sturgeon Casino, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 3:30p \$10; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerece, Sparks NV 89434 or Valerie Sumner

**March 13–14, Western Washington Ltd.**

Crystal Grange, 2160 Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Fri 6:45p \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Robert Maupin (360.876.6318),

**February 27**

**Sierra Youth Tournament**

Chicago Park School, 15725 Mt. Olive Rd, Grass Valley CA 95945. Entry fee \$5: includes snacks, lunch, and great prizes! Two age groups: 11 and under, 12–18. Must be able to play a game of cribbage in 30 minutes. Register by February 23. Contact: Dan Zeisler (530.274.3124 or danthefan@yahoo.com)

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CRIBBAGE**



**Potawatomi Peggers**

*May 21–23 • Stevensville*

**Tournament of Diamonds**

*August 13–15 • Grand Rapids*

**Cereal City Classic**

*September • Battle Creek*

**Midwest Match Play**

*October • Grand Rapids*

**Detroit Open**

*November 26–28 • Romulus*

4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 or Larry West

**March 14, Tri-Valley Tourney**

VFW Post, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02019. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613), 30 Stone St, Bellingham MA 02019

**March 19–21, Roadrunner Classic**

Meadows, 2401 W Southern Ave, Tempe AZ 85282. Main \$58. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20 All Events \$20. Super-Q \$20. **No Saturday walk-ins.** Perks: coffee, juice, donuts, sodas, snacks, lunch. Contact: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.241.5006), 6832 S Kings Ranch #2-24, Gold Canyon AZ 85218

**March 19–21, Bruce Forbes Memorial**

Chico Eagles, 20th & Mulberry Sts, Chico CA 95928. Main \$60. Fri DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, tea, donuts, lunch. Contact: Dennis Jacobs (530.343.7218), 3654 Cosby Ave, Chico CA 95928 or Pete Jackson

**March 19–21, Capital City Cribbage**

Country Inn (651.739.7300), 6003 Hudson Rd, Woodbury MN 55125. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Todd Schaefer & Diane

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# ST. CROIX CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

January 29-31, 2010

The 2010 St. Croix Cribbage Classic's will be held at the St. Croix Casino, Turtle Lake WI. The casino is located at 777 Highway 8 in Turtle Lake WI. (Phone# 1-800-U-GO-U-WIN)



This Tournament is sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress. This is a non smoking Tournament. Because the tournament is held at the St. Croix Casino, you must be 21 years of age to enter. There will be no exceptions to this rule. All players will be asked to get a players club card to collect on your casino perks and for tracking purposes. Please use your players club card when gambling, this will help with future casino perks.

**SATURDAY'S MAIN EVENT-** The entry fee for the Main Event is \$55. Cost of Main Event if not paid before the Friday of the tournament will be \$65. An optional \$20 Q-Pool will be offered to players and will be paid at a graduated scale of 1 out of 8 entered. Tournament format will be 22 games against 11 different opponents. Playoffs will be 3 out of 5 games all the way to the end. First round of playoffs will be held at 6pm on Saturday night. Second round will be held at 7:30am on Sunday. \$2 sanction fee will be paid to ACC from each entry in Main Event. \$1 per player will be donated to the Youth Cribbage Program of the American Cribbage Congress. A free lunch buffet will be given to all players entered into the Main Event. No money will be taken from your entry for this.

## PAYOFFS FOR (256 PLAYERS)

1st Place - \$3200 plus trophy

2nd Place - \$1600

3rd-4th Place - \$800 each

5th-8th Place - \$400 each

9th-16th Place - \$200 each

17th-32nd Place - \$100 each

33rd-64th Place - \$55 each

## ST. CROIX CASINO TOURNAMENT PERKS.

Maximum of "400" - 24 hands will receive \$25 each

Maximum of "10" - 28 hands will receive \$250 each

Maximum of "4" - 29 hands will receive \$500 each

Maximum of "8" - Grand Slams will receive \$100 each

Free Lunch Buffet to each player entered in Main Event

**FRIDAY NIGHT EARLY BIRD SINGLES** - \$20 Entry - 9 games against 9 opponents. Registration will be from 6:30pm until 7:45 with play beginning at 8pm SHARP! 1 out of 5 will receive money. \$1 per entry will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SINGLES** - \$20 Entry - 9 games against 9 opponents. Registration will be from 6:30pm until 7:45pm with play beginning at 8pm SHARP! 1 out of 5 will receive money. \$1 per entry will be donated to local food pantry.

**SUNDAY CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT** - \$40 Entry fee no Q Included. Optional side Q pools will be offered. Registration will be held at 7:30am until 8:45am with play starting at 9am Sharp. 1 out of 4 players entered will qualify for playoffs at 12:30pm SHARP. Playoffs will be 2 out of 3 all the way to the end. \$1 per entry will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL THE ST. CROIX HOTEL AT 1-800-STAY-W-US. OR CALL THE COUNTRY LODGE AT 1-715-986-2070. YOU MUST MENTION CRIBBAGE TO GET A SPECIAL ROOM RATE FOR THAT WEEKEND.

Please send all entries to address listed below. Do not send any entries to St Croix Casino. Any questions or inquires should be made to Alan Lindner at 715-513-7629 or email at lindneralan@aol.com. Make all checks payable to St Croix Cribbage Tournament. Send all entries to Alan Lindner, PO BOX 205 Colby WI, 54421

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ ACC# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Croix Players Club# \_\_\_\_\_

## **FEEES ENCLOSSED**

Friday Night Singles	\$20	_____
Saturday Main Event	\$55	_____
Weekend dead line	\$65	_____
Optional Q-Pool	\$20	_____
Sat. Night Singles	\$20	_____

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



### **A little history of St. Croix Casino Cribbage.**

In April of 1998 the first St Croix tournament was held with casino added perks. The cash added to the players for bonus hands in that first tournament was \$7,900. From that time until October of 2004 there was 34 very successful tournaments. A total of \$283,425 was added to the prize fund for the lucky players who held a 24, 28, or 29 hand or was lucky enough to win all 9 games.

### **PAST ST. CROIX CASINO CHAMPIONS.**

#1 Main - Jerome Fischer, WI #1 Consolation - Elmer Morlock, MN  
#2 Main - Richard Frost, WI #2 Consolation - Nate Selk, WI  
#3 Main - Bob Julian, WI #3 Consolation - Buzz Railsback, NE  
#4 Main - Myron Schmidt, MN #4 Consolation - Frank Danielski, WI  
#5 Main - Les Kvien, MN #5 Consolation - Allan Stanek, ND  
#6 Main - Dianne Waite, MN #6 Consolation - Dan Pluff, MN  
#7 Main - John Kolby, IL #7 Consolation - Norma Corbo, MN  
#8 Main - James Hogen, MN #8 Consolation - Emil Lubinski, MN  
#9 Main - Ron Sather, MN #9 Consolation - Duane Toll, WI  
#10 Main - Robert Chase, MN #10 Consolation - Al Bailey, MN  
#11 Main - Lyle Lund, MN #11 Consolation - Robert Sommer, MN  
#12 Main - Clarence Charles, WI #12 Consolation - Bill Johnson, WI  
#13 Main - Bob Hanes, IA #13 Consolation - Marvin Lang, IL  
#14 Main - Joe Bernard, IL #14 Consolation - Mike Jacka, MN  
#15 Main - David Gustafson, MN #15 Consolation - Ed Markielewski, WI  
#16 Main - Jon Olson, MN #16 Consolation - Buzz Railsback, NE  
#17 Main - Alan Schaefer, WI #17 Consolation - Norb Upton, MN  
#18 Main - Mike Vadnais, MN #18 Consolation - Karen Bouffiou, WI  
#19 Main - Doug Munneke, MN #19 Consolation - Wayne Steinmetz, WI  
#20 Main - Bob Wingo, IL #20 Consolation - Bob Joslin, MN  
#21 Main - Dennis McNurlen, IA #21 Consolation - Bonnie Halopka, WI  
#22 Main - Bob Julian, WI #22 Consolation - Sharon Pederson, MN  
#23 Main - Robert Sommer, MN #23 Consolation - Jack Moritzky, WA  
#24 Main - Richard Frost, WI #24 Consolation - Norm Wright, WI  
#25 Main - Emil Lubinski, MN #25 Consolation - Bill Neidlein, WI  
#26 Main - Dan Pluff, MN #26 Consolation - Earl Fox, MN  
#27 Main - Bob Joslin, MN #27 Consolation - Karen Bouffiou, WI  
#28 Main - Mike Jacka, MN #28 Consolation - Bob Joslin, MN  
#29 Main - Todd Schaefer, MN #29 Consolation - Aggie Mikulsky, WI  
#30 Main - Brandon Stricker, MN #30 Consolation - Steven Post, MN  
#31 Main - Tony Danihel, WI #31 Consolation - Don Patrin, MN  
#32 Main - Warren Sondericker, WI #32 Consolation - Jerome Tork, WI  
#33 Main - Alan Lindner, WI #33 Consolation - Don Flesch, WI  
#34 Main - JC Hogen, MN #34 Consolation - Tim Salmen, WI

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Waite (651.338.8116), 6651 Lower 12th St N, Oakdale MN 55128

**March 19–21, March Madness**

Ramada Inn (800.441.4709), 1520 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC 27607. Main \$62. Fri 7:30p \$30. Sat 7:30p \$30. **Muggins**. Perks: coffee. Contact: Larry Phifer (919.846.0588), 703 Benchmark Dr, Raleigh NC 27615

**March 20, St. Patrick's Day Open**

Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB T5B 4H5. Main \$40. Perks: coffee. Contact: Lorne Tanton (780.478.8488), 7 Steele Crescent, Edmonton AB T5A 1G4 or Terry Hatto (780.232.4848)

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**March 21, Caribbean Cribbage Cruise**

Two full tournaments aboard Cardinal *Conquest* in the western Caribbean, departing Galveston TX on March 21. Contact: Roy Cook (760.967.7351), 3619 Frenzel Cir, Oceanside CA 92056 or Pamela Pomeroy (562.929.2901)

♦Montego Bay Bash (March 22–23): Main \$62

♦Grand Cayman Open (March 27): Main \$52

**March 26–28, Kissimmee Open**

Quality Inn, 2050 E Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Fri DBL 1p \$20/team; 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd Lot A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

**March 26–28, Northwest Open**

VFW, Baker City OR 97814. Main \$50. Fri EB \$20; HR \$50; DBL \$50/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Carl Heath (541.523.2185), PO Box 903, Baker City OR 97814 or Charlette Springer

**March 26–28, Mick Michaelis Classic**

Riverfront Inn (800.338.3305), 1821 Riverside Av, Marinette WI 54143. Main \$65. Teams \$20. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Allen Karr (920.434.3402), 2866 Shade Tree Ct, Green Bay WI 54313

**March 26–28, New England Spring Fever**

Radisson Hotel, 287 Lyanough Rd, Hyannis MA 02601. Main \$62. Fri \$22. Sat DBL \$32/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Michael Maloney (781.585.0134), 2 Standish Ave E, Kingston MA 02364 or Hollie Remington

**March 28, Ed Schweitzer Memorial**

Richardson Center, near USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.484.0800), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

**April 2–4, Montana Open**

Jokers Wild, Exit 101 on I-90, Missoula MT 59806. Main \$60. Perks: coffee. Contact: DeLynn Colvert

(406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 or Sharon Hejtmerek

**April 9–11, Washington State Open**

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10; DBL 6:30p \$50/team; HR 7p \$50. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224; the29seeker@embarqmail.com), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

**April 9–11, Winnemucca Spring Classic**

Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$20; HR 7p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jim Langley (530.527.4606) or Jerold Montgomery, 139 Casa Grande Dr, Red Bluff CA 96080

**April 9–11, Houdini Challenge**

Stone Toad, 1109 S Oneida St, Menasha WI. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Brad Behm (920.739.4358; bbehm5@new.rr.com), 1342½ W Spencer St, Appleton WI 54914

**April 10–11, Maine Spring Fling in NH**

Best Western Wynwood, 580 U.S. Hwy 1 Bypass, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$55. Sat 7p DBL \$40/team. Sun 1p LC \$10. Perks: coffee, breads, \$10 lunch credit. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.562.4935), 53 Berry Mills Rd, Carthage ME 04224

**April 16–18, Milw. Challenge/Bernard Mem.**

Ramada Hotel (414.764.1500), 6331 S 13th St, Milwaukee WI 53221. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Sun 1p LC \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Marlene Lazachek (414.427.4595), 8102 Legend Dr, Franklin WI 53132

**April 16–18, Washington State Championship**

Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia WA 98531. Main \$60. Fri 3p EB \$10. 7p HR \$50. Fri 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Sun 2p LC \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 or Laurie Crosslin (360.273.0151)

**April 16–18, Western New York Open**

Quality Hotel, 240 First St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat DBL 7:30p \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Nelson Wheaton (716.649.3462), 3950 Nottingham Ter, Hamburg NY 14075 or Jane Cannizzaro

**April 23–25, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic**

Comfort Suites, 2945 Louisville Suwannee Rd, Suwannee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri. Sat. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975), 111 Wynnes Ridge Cir SE, Marietta GA 30067 or Valerie Nozick

**April 24, Colonial Cribbage Classic**

VFW, 106 Jester's Ln, Williamsburg VA 23188.

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Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

**April 30–May 1, Oregon Coast Classic**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City OR 97367. Main \$52. Fri 3p \$10; 7p DBL \$50/team; 7p HR \$50. Perks: coffee, soft drinks, donuts. Contact: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 or Bernie Nelson (503.392.3062) or Jeanette Nielsen

**April 30–May 1, Lake Tahoe Open**

Tahoe Biltmore, Hwy 28, Crystal Bay NV 89402. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$20. Fri 6:30p HR \$50. Fri 7p DBL \$50/team. All Events. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Mike McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour De La Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 or Diane Leal

**May 1–2, Black River Country Classic**

Castle Hall Supper Club (715.333.5901), N9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Merrillan WI 54754. Main \$60. Sat \$20. Two Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

**May 14–16, Eau Claire Fest**

Plaza Hotel (715.834.6498), 1202 W Clairemont, Eau Claire WI 54701. Main \$55. Fri 8p \$25. Sat 7p \$25. All Events \$20. Contact: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588), N47999 Hamlin Rd, Eleva WI 54738 or Greg Ulberg

**May 14–16, Win River Spring Fling**

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$20; HR 7p \$50; DBL 7p \$25. Sa \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942), 5701 NE St. Johns Rd, Vancouver WA 98661 or Les Rasmussen (775.843.0576)

**May 14–16, NC Open**

Quality Inn, 2008 S Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27103. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$30. Sat 7p \$30; HR \$60. Sun LC 1:30p. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, fresh strawberry shortcake. Contact: Henry Douglass (336.349.7581), 726 Russell Ave, Reidsville NC 27320 or Cathy Perkins

**May 21–23, Potawatomi Peggys Pow-wow**

Park Inn (269.429.3218), 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49417. Main \$70. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat

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7:30p \$20. Perks: cookies, donuts, coffee. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

#### **May 21–23, Redwood Coast**

Lucky 7 Casino, 350 N Indian Rd, Smith River CA 95567. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, juice, snacks, lunch. Contact: Tom Cookman (707.599.6747), 1920 Freshwater Rd, Eureka CA 95503 or Paul Hatcher

#### **May 23, Hawai'i Open**

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

#### **May 28–30, That's a Go!**

Best Western (800.654.5353), 101 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc WI 54220. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p. Sat 7:30p. All Events. Perks: lunch. Contact: Kristina Wright (920.772.4005), PO Box 115, Collins WI 54207

#### **May 28–30, Greater Spokane Valley Open**

Spokane Valley Eagles, 16801 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99037. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$10; 7p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$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)

#### **June 4–6, Mt. St. Helen's Classic**

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98626. Main \$60. Fri \$10. Fri DBL \$50/team. Fri HR \$50. Sat \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 or Duane Toll (541.580.3221)

#### **June 4–6, Space Coast Open**

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

#### **June 4–6, Nugget Classic**

Paradise Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$62. Fri \$15. Sat HR \$50. Perks: donuts, snacks. Contact: Jerry Moore (530.877.1477), 1473 Patrick Dr, Paradise CA 95969 or Dennis Phillips

#### **June 5, Orange Crush Classic**

Clubhouse #5 room #1, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, tea, donuts, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177), 2184 Via Mariposa E Unit O, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Steve Yellon

#### **June 6, G&P Open**

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

#### **June 6, Western Mass Classic**

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Main \$55. Team \$30/team. Perks: gift card. Contact: Phyllis Schmidt (413.458.8693), 95 Nutmeg Ln, Williamstown MA 01267 or Isabel Hyndman

#### **June 11–13, Capital City Classic**

Best Western Metro North (515.964.1717), 133 SE Delaware, Ankeny IA 50323. Main \$65. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

#### **June 12, Western Washington Ltd.**

Crystal Grange, 2160 Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Fri 6:45p \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Robert Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 or Larry West

#### **June 18–20, Worcester Classic**

Crowne Plaza, 10 Lincoln Sq, Worcester MA 01608. Main \$63. Fri \$23. Sat DBL \$33/team. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Earle & Holli Remington (401.333.5946), 3748 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland RI 02864 or David Campbell

#### **June 18–20, Medford Lions' Tale**

Southern Oregon Lions Sight/Hearing Center, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. Limit 92 players. Fri EB 3p \$10; HR 6:45p \$50; DBL 7p \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts, candy. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.839.0249), 581 School Rd, McKinleyville CA 95519 or Julie Mack-Felkins

#### **June 25, Hawai'i Open**

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe PI, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

#### **June 25–27, Schaefer Shuffle**

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. Main \$55. Fri 8p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809), N162W20333 Butternut Ln, Jackson WI 53037

#### **June 26–28, Cascade Classic**

VFW, 1848 Ventura Way, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Fri EB \$10; DBL \$50/team; HR \$50. Sat \$10. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1029), 2908



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SW Windrow Ct, Redmond OR 97756 or Margery Clark (541.385.0330)

**June 27, Hawai'i Open**

HonBlue, 501 Sumner St, Iwilei HI. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe Pl, Aiea HI 96701 or Fred White

**July 2-4, Independence Day Classic**

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri 7p \$20. Sat HR 7p \$50. Perks: coffee, coffeecake. Contact: Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Les Sumner

**July 6-8, Topaz Summer Open**

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89410. Main \$50. Tue 2:30p \$10; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Wed 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Valerie Sumner

**July 9-11, Rockford Classic**

Holiday Inn (815.398.2200), 7550 E State St, Rockford IL 61108. Main \$73. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152

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7/18	Yearend Extra	West Springf. MA
7/23-26	National Open	Raleigh NC
7/23-25	Portland Summer Open	Vancouver WA
7/27-29	Lamb Weston Midweek	Sunnyside WA
8/7-8	Black River Classic	Merrillan WI
8/13-15	Tourn. of Diamonds	Grand Rapids MI
8/13-15	Cowboy Country Open	Cheyenne WY
8/14-15	Peach State Classic	Suwanee GA
8/20-22	Madison Masters	Madison WI
8/27-29	Mt. Rainier Open	Tacoma WA
8/27-29	St. Louis Wahlig Mem.	Collinsville IL
8/29	Hawai'i Open	Honolulu HI
9/11	Western Washington	Poulsbo WA
9/14-16	Midweek Rush	Virginia Beach VA
9/19	Hawai'i Open	Honolulu HI
9/24-26	Winnemucca Classic	Winnemucca NV
10/1-3	Montana Championship	Missoula MT
10/2	Schaefer Shuffle Spec.	Slinger WI
10/3	West Bend Classic	West Bend WI
10/8-10	Columbus Day Classic	Bend OR
10/9	Wonderful Woodland	Woodland CA
10/15-17	Wisconsin Rapids Open	Wisc. Rapids WI
10/15-17	South Florida Open	Palm Bch, Gar. FL
10/15-17	Crescent City Open	Crescent City CA
10/22-24	Emerald Coast Open	Ft. Walton Bch. FL
10/29-31	Abe Kealoha Extrav.	Honolulu HI
10/29-31	North Pole Open	Marinette WI
11/5-7	Sunshine State Classic	Kissimmee FL

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING • SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

## CROWN PLAZA HOTEL • GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Executive Vice-President Martha Fingleton called the meeting to order at 9a. She welcomed the five new members of the board. She asked that anyone interested in volunteering for any projects or committees to let her know ASAP, as there was going to be an Executive Committee meeting immediately following the BOD meeting. Several committee appointments will be made at that time. She also thanked departing BOD members for their service.

The BOD recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martha added two items to the agenda: volunteer recognition and the Grass Roots Committee report. Cathy Perkins moved to accept the amended agenda; 2nd by Val; motion approved.

Roll call was taken. Present were Dave Aiken, Pat Barrett, George Bickford, Don Brown, Dave Campbell, Annett Eiffert, Martha Fingleton, Roland Hall, Sharon Hejtmanek, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Bob Julian, Ron Logan, Herschel Mack, Bob Milk, Cathy Perkins, Joan Rein, Larry Samet, Todd Schaefer, Phyllis Schmidt, Jeff Shimp, Wayne Steinmetz, Val Sumner, Keith Widener. Absent: Fred White.

Jeanne moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting; 2nd by Val; motion approved.

**Election of Officers:** Phyllis Schmidt, chair of the Nominating Committee, read the names of the candidates running for the Executive Committee and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. All positions were uncontested. Jeff Shimp moved that nominations be closed; 2nd by Bob Milk; motion approved. Jeff moved that the secretary cast one ballot for all positions; 2nd by George Bickford; motion approved. Elected were Jeanne Hofbauer, President; Martha Fingleton, Executive V-P; Catherine Perkins, V-P Policy; Bob Julian, V-P Operations; and David Campbell, Member-at-Large.

Bob McCabe presented the **Treasurer's Report**. We have a cash balance of \$139,003. The ACC had a profit of \$2,594 for the past twelve-month period, which was under budget, caused by the expense of unsold playing cards and unbudgeted printing of tournament scorecards. He noted that the Grass Roots income was high mainly because two years of Grass Roots National Tournament income was recorded in 2009. He also noted that since this report, he had received an internet check for \$8,900. George Bickford made a motion to accept next year's budget; 2nd by Phyllis Schmidt. Martha suggested that \$5,000 be added to the budget to cover the printing and mailing of new rulebooks; and the motion was approved.

A closed session (no spectators) was held for an appeal to an Ethics Committee-issued suspension. After hearing testimony by the persons suspended and the Ethics Committee, the BOD upheld the suspension.

Herschel Mack presented the final rule changes before the printing of a new rulebook, which were discussed and amended by the BOD. Included was a new addition to the ethics section regarding discrimination. Phyllis Schmidt made a motion to approve the rule changes; 2nd by Val; motion approved. Bob Milk made a motion that the new rulebook go into effect on August 1, 2010; 2nd by George Bickford; motion approved. Herschel will make sure that the new document is proofread by himself, his wife (Ricki), and the Rules Committee. Dave Aiken will oversee the typesetting and printing of the books.

Martha told the BOD that Larry Hassett has volunteered to continue as Membership Secretary and that our policy does not require BOD membership for that job. However, under current policy, he would be required to attend all BOD meetings, unless excused. She suggested that we change this policy to the same requirement as the BOD, which is 50% attendance per term. Herschel made a motion to change Sec. 20.II.A-2.D, that membership secretary is required to attend at least 50% of the ACC BOD meetings; 2nd by Bob Milk; motion approved.

Keith Widener, chairman, reported that the ad hoc committee has been discussing reworking the All American Awards. He also wanted to add some new members to the committee. Martha suggested that he put an article in CW asking for feedback.

Peggy Scalley and Annett Eiffert gave an update on GN 30. After the back-out by two different playing venues in California, Peggy contacted the Sands Regency in Reno NV about holding the tournament there. The Sands accepted, and it was approved by Executive V-P Martha Fingleton. Western Region Tournament Commissioner Roy Hofbauer asked the BOD to approve possible additional tournaments on the days before and following the GN tournament, also to be held at the Sands, pending their approval. Details will be worked out at a future time. National Tournament Commissioner George Bickford granted a special waiver for these midweek tournaments to be held in the same venue.

Joan Rein made a presentation for a bid for GN 31 to be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton WI on September 20-23, 2012. There were no other competing bids. Jeff Shimp made a motion to award GN 31 to Joan Rein, director; 2nd by Pat Barrett; motion approved.

Hal Mueller made a presentation to the BOD regarding his proposal that alternate deal be required in tournament qualifying rounds, which resulted from his analysis of win percentages when having first deal. Discussion covered Hal's mathematical analysis, regional preferences, difficulty with logistics, requiring additional compliance by tournament directors, and how winning or losing the cut makes a difference in the way persons play their cards. Herschel Mack made a motion that it be left to tournament directors to decide upon using cut for deal or alternate deal; 2nd by Keith Widener; motion approved.

Roy Hofbauer presented an idea from Paul Barnes about ACC volunteer recognition. The Regional Tournament Commissioners will choose (at their discretion) up to two people from their regions for this award. The award will be called the "Outstanding Volunteer" award. Roy made a motion that up to two volunteers per region be recognized each year with a plaque awarded at the Grand National banquet; 2nd by Valerie Sumner; motion approved.

Roy also presented another idea from Paul Barnes, suggesting that muggins play in the TOC be eliminated. Paul's chief objection to playing muggins was that most judges do not know how to rule on muggins calls. After discussion, Roy made a motion to remove muggins from the TOC; 2nd by Sharon Hejtmanek; motion defeated.

Joy and Jeff Shimp presented an idea for publicizing and promoting the ACC. They distributed copies of business cards to each BOD member. The cards had the ACC logo, our website address, and toll-free phone number printed



on one side and a place where local information can be written on the other side. They suggested that they be printed on card stock and be inserted in CW for a one-time try, so that every ACC member could have the opportunity to distribute them. They said that the cost would be approximately \$1,025 to do this and there would be 12 business-card-size cards per insert. Ron Logan made a motion that these inserts be printed, perforated, and inserted in CW, with the cost to be charged to the publicity budget; 2nd by Larry Samet; motion approved.

Don Brown wanted to get the BOD's opinion on a regionalization change. He said he would like to take a straw poll and if the BOD is overwhelming opposed, he would withdraw any subsequent presentations for a time. He chose three possible votes: "categorically opposed," "willing to listen," and "in favor of." There were 23 members available for the vote; the outcome was 14-8-1.

Jeff Shimp reported on the progress of GN 28. He presented each BOD member with a quart of Michigan maple syrup as a gift of Michigan hospitality. In this "ten-day extravaganza," they had the Cereal City tournament last weekend (69 main entrants), a midweek tournament (124 main entrants), and preregistration of 336 for the main tournament of GN 28.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Executive Committee by Jeanne Hofbauer*

- purchased floral arrangements for three funerals: Joe Bernard, Sharlene Medeiros, and Bob Madsen
- authorized fax machine purchase for Pat Barrett
- authorized purchase by Larry Hassett of \$112 for address update software
- authorized purchase by Larry Hassett of \$128.97 for 4-in-1 copy/fax/scanner/printer
- authorized reimbursement to Mike McCammon of \$1,086 for twenty cases of playing cards for Western Region tournaments

*Ethics Committee by Sharon Hejtmanek:* Sharon will propose a policy change at the next BOD meeting to prohibit granting appeals for suspensions.

*Hall of Fame Committee by Pat Barrett:* Pat congratulated the newest member of the HOF, Catherine Perkins, who will be inducted at the banquet tomorrow night. There are several vacancies on the voting panel. Pat will give all members who need to choose or replace panel members, member application sheets for their electors to fill out. They need to be returned to him by November 15. He cautioned new members that their choices must be willing and able to fulfill their duties. Nomination criteria will be in the November CW. Voting packets will be sent out the first week of January and will include criteria, two envelopes, along with the other material.

*Grass Roots Committee by Joan Rein:* Joan proposed adding a "travelers club" to the Grass Roots point system. She explained that players would need to register with a regular GR club first, then when they become a traveler, they stay as such until they have completed thirty-six tournaments, then they become a "trav-visitor" and receive no more points. However, they can continue to play without receiving points. She needs approximately \$2,000 to change the programming to make these changes. Cathy Perkins moved that we authorize up to \$2,000 for the program change to create a travelers club under the format as presented by Joan; 2nd by Valerie; motion approved.

*PR and Marketing Committee by Jeanne Hofbauer:* Re-

ceived a request for \$400 (as budgeted) for the Puyallup fair promotion, which was sent to Cliff Brandsma. Received an email from Dave Aiken, who has been approached by Sue Rasmussen and Sandy Denmark to share exhibit space with the ACC at the September 2010 AARP meeting in Orlando FL. He did not have details, but wanted the BOD to be aware of this opportunity. If he has the info by the Reno meeting, we may be able to make a decision on our participation. If this info comes after February 11, the Executive Committee may have to decide about this. Norm Nikodym reported on his "double the ACC by 2016 Committee"; he listed the goals and objectives of this committee and suggestions on how to accomplish them. He asked who was going to replace Tom Lewis as chair of the PR/Marketing Committee, which will be addressed in the Executive Committee Meeting to be held after the BOD meeting.

*Youth Program by Dan Zeisler:* Jeanne read a report from Dan. He reported that the recycling of boards was very successful, as almost 300 boards have been given away to teachers. He's getting a lot of responses to his CW column and from his being the contact person on the website for questions about cribbage. He encourages members to consider teaching cribbage classes.

*Internet Committee by Bob Milk:* Bob reported that the internet has finished its fifth season. With 201 tournaments held this year, 21 players will receive TOC invitations. Six new e-masters will receive their awards at the banquet tomorrow night. Play is Monday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday on Game Colony. Ecribbage.com play is now on Wednesday. Referral fees from Game Colony were over \$16,000 last year. Expenses for the internet program last year were about \$1,000 because of catching up on certificates for previous years. This year's expenses should be around \$400. There are some problems: not enough tournament directors, complaints of no late tournaments for the West Coast, and two suspensions for profanity and defamatory slurs. Damian Blond of ecribbage.com wants to use the ACC logo and wants to know procedures for getting a reciprocal link from our website to ecribbage.com. There may be a question regarding permission from the Sands, who sponsors our website. Bob will investigate this.

### **Officer Reports**

*President by Jeanne Hofbauer:* written monthly column and getting good feedback. Notified Larry Samet to fill remainder of Joe Bernard's term. Still working on getting ACC logo trademark, but did give one person permission to use it for Grass Roots club jackets. Chose Elda Madsen and Marlene Lazachek for this year's President's Awards. Looking into Motel 6 discounts with ACOR Hospitality, at no cost to ACC, with possibility of rebates.

*Executive V-P Martha Fingleton:* nothing to report.

*VP-Policy Larry Hassett:* no report.

*VP-Operations Cathy Perkins:* said her goal was to get the policy manual on the internet. Jeanne asked her to get a proofreading committee in place to check for accuracy. She reported that all operations are going well.

*Member-at-Large George Bickford:* appointed Pat Barrett to fill Joe Bernard's position as Central Region Tournament Commissioner. George has also sent out forms for ACC property reports.

Next BOD meeting in Reno, Thursday, February 11, at 9a. Cathy Perkins moved to adjourn; 2nd by Bob Julian; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07p.



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