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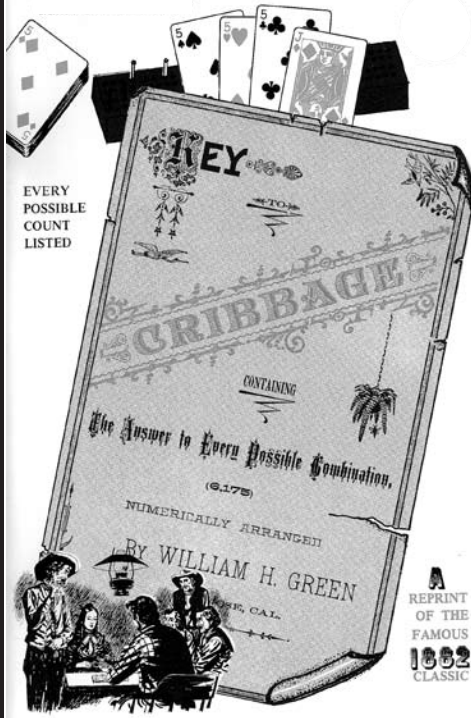
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This year thirty-two candidates are running for election to the BOD. Biographies and photos of these candidates are printed on pages 18–25. Please read these paragraphs carefully, for they contain statements by the candidates about their qualifications, cribbage accomplishments, contributions to the ACC, and policies they plan to enact or have already enacted.

After you have read the biographies, please vote for the candidates of your choice by marking an X by their name on the official ballot on page 24. You may vote for up to 25 candidates. When you are finished voting, write in the large box at lower right the number of votes cast, cut on the dotted line, add 28¢ postage, and drop the self-addressed postcard into the mail.

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My Deal

by David Aiken



Tom P. Anderson (La Grande OR) reacted negatively to the survey of Top 100 players published in the January *Cribbage World*, with this comment: “Totally bogus! There are many reasons these players have achieved the standing they enjoy in the ACC, but their skills(?) in a game of chance wouldn’t make the top three!”

Tom continues: “The number of opportunities to receive MRPs is the biggest factor in staying in the top 100. If a good player enters 30–35 tournaments yearly they have 60–70 venues where MRPs may be garnered. There are relatively few ACC members who have the finances, time, or inclination to do this. The majority of us feel lucky to play in two or three tournaments, or save all year for a trip to Reno.”

I don’t know Tom and so won’t speculate about what motivations lie behind his letter, but I would be remiss if I failed to critique his main point—that players make the Top 100 simply because they play a lot of tournaments.

The point of the survey was to show how players earned a spot on the Top 100 list. Now no one denies that playing multiple tournaments is part of making this list (after all, the 100th-place player earned 493 MRPs, which is impossible to do at a single tournament). But is it as simple as saying that *only* players who play a lot of tournaments make the Top 100?

I totally disagree with Tom and contend, rather, that the players who play a lot of tournaments do so because they are

good (i.e., skillful). Tom’s viewpoint is akin to saying that Tiger Woods or Roger Federer made a lot of money *only* because they played a lot of tournaments.

Let me illustrate my point with actual cribbage stats. Ideally, I would have liked to use stats from Tom’s Grass Roots club, the Blue Mountain Peggers in La Grande OR, but unfortunately the Grass Roots program doesn’t retain stats from previous years. (That’s a topic for a future editorial.)

So I’ll use data from my Grass Roots club, the Grand Rapids Square Peggers. During the 2009–2010 season, 53 members at Club 91 played at least one weekly session. If Tom’s contention—that players end up atop the leader board just by showing up—were true, then we’d expect to basically see a one-to-one correspondence between number of weekly tournaments played and amount of GRPs earned.

The data show, however, a far different story. The table on page 9 (with names concealed to protect member privacy) groups Club 91 members who played the same number of weeks. A quick glance at

continued on page 9

	I beat Dan David (ID) by 34 at TOC
CW editor	February record: 94-87 (51.9%)
	Barbara Stockham (WA) beat me by 40 at TOC

Your Deal



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Mistress Cribbage

Thank you for the notice [about the March *Cribbage World* being late]. I had asked my wife if my copy had arrived, and she replied, “No, your mistress hasn’t shown up yet.” With me joining a local Grass Roots club recently and reading *Cribbage World*, she sees cribbage as “the other woman”! I’ve been smitten by cribbage.

Michael W. Smith (Roseburg OR)

Ethics

Since joining the ACC in 1992 I have heard and read about ethics. Everyone has their own basic meaning but the dictionary defines it as “that branch of philosophy dealing with values relating to human conduct, with respect to the rightness and wrongness of certain actions and to the goodness and badness of the motives and ends of such actions.” I recently saw a player use the rules of cribbage to his/her advantage. The players played the hand and went to count their hands. A Deuce was the cut card. Pone counted his/her hand, and after dealer counted his/her

hand the pone started shuffling the deck with the cut card in it. The dealer looked at the crib and knowing the 2 didn’t help the 0-crib, called for the judge. Correctly a two-point penalty against the pone was awarded. However, the dealer conveniently forgot what the cut card was. A new cut card was awarded and dealer counted the crib. This hardly is my idea of ethics but is within the rules of cribbage. I think the amount of ethics used depends on how much money is at stake.

Rick Baird (Roseburg OR)



A non-ACC member asks, “Do you know the odds of the dealer in two-handed cribbage getting a 0-hand and a 0-crib?” CW does not know the answer, but is hoping that some of the statistical experts among our readership can help out.

Stat of the Month

Tournament attendance in last three calendar years

	main			consolation		
	tourneys	attendance	average	tourneys	attendance	average
2008	177	15,273	86.3	168	9,531	56.7
2009	185	15,228	82.3	174	9,373	53.9
2010	196	15,340	78.3	182	9,207	50.6

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Fallbrook Avocado (Fallbrook CA; Jan. 22)	Obie Weeks	73 players HQ. Everett Bieger (40) 1. William McGinness (147) 2. John Kern (105) 3. Bob Bartosh (70) 3. Arlene Shaw (70)	34 players HQ. Donald Brown (12) 1. Andrea Lawrence (60) 2. Artland Kaai (40) 3. Tom Bongard (24) 3. Nicki Newwine (24)	28-hands: Shelley Berman* Tony DePinto*	
Portland Open (Vancouver WA; Jan. 21-23)	Ken & Tim Julkowski	142 players HQ. Rollie Heath (55) 1. Bob Hodges (196) 2. George Mackie (147) 3. Chris McComas (105) 3. Marty Symons (105) 5. Gerald Hahn Jr. (70) 5. Jack Moritzky (70) 5. Julie Felkins (70) 5. Eugene Wilkerson (70)	86 players HQ. Jeanne Jelke (18) 1. Herschel Mack (84) 2. Rollie Heath (60) 3. T. L. Gandy Sr. (40) 3. Steve Hastie (40)	28-hands: Peggy Scalley* Sue Pisha* Joanne Hampton* Vonita Gill* Ratso Roderick Don Smith Vonita Gill	<i>Early Bird</i> : Gene Rice <i>High Rollers</i> : Don Wanta <i>Doubles</i> : Sue Pisha & James Morrow <i>Saturday</i> : Bill O'Malley <i>All Events</i> : Jack Moritzky
Hawai'i Open (Honolulu HI; Jan. 23)	Tsarkie	21 players HQ. Alice Souza (45) 1. Lambert Wai (70) 2. Alice Souza (42)	—		
North California Open (Redding CA; Jan. 28-30)	Anna Dunn	114 players HQ. Paul Hatcher (65) 1. Gerald Hahn Jr. (147) 2. Scott Milo (105) 3. Basil Rudnick (70) 3. Kenneth Towns (70)	80 players HQ. Erik Royland Locke (18) 1. Michael Hurley (84) 2. Rollie Heath (60) 3. Jim McKnight (40) 3. Anne Sheeran (40)	28-hands: Michael Hurley* Mike McCammon*	<i>Early Bird</i> : Judith Murphy <i>Doubles</i> : Tom Cookman & Tom Langford <i>Saturday</i> : Cres Fernandez
Super Sunday One Day (Sunnyside WA; Feb. 6)	James Morrow	28 players HQ. Todd Malmgren (35) 1. Jason Hofbauer (70) 2. Robert Brumley (42)	18 players HQ. Fred White (15) 1. George Mackie (40) 2. Timothy Julkowski (24)		
					* = in a sanctioned event

FIRST WIN!

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Susanville Winter Classic (Susanville CA; Feb. 7-9)	Steve Hastie	85 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (65) 1. Henry Carle (147) 2. Michael Rowe (105) 3. Jeff Shimp (70) 3. Dan Marsh (70)	70 players HQ. Gilbert Bjorling (18) 1. Bruce McGillivray (84) 2. David Braach (60) 3. Donald Brown (40) 3. Gilbert Bjorling (40)	28-hand: Pam Pomeroy	Early Bird: Pete Jackson Doubles: James Langley & Paul Hatcher High Rollers: Mel Ashley Tuesday: Gordon Brown All Events: James Langley
JPW/ACC Open (Reno NV; Feb. 12-13)	Scott Kooistra, Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer	892 players HQ. Robert Brumley (60) 1. Herschel Mack (315) 2. Richard Van Hall (252) 3. Keith Miller (196) 3. Terry Ward (196) 5. Dennis Culver (147) 5. Michael Gonnering (147) 5. Roland Hall (147) 5. Glenn Conway (147) 9. Mike Burns (105) 9. Jeanne Jelke (105) 9. Patrick Healey (105) 9. Wayne Steinmetz (105) 9. Dan Fergus (105) 9. Steve Hastie (105) 9. Ronald Reid (105) 9. Thomas Brent (105)	670 players HQ. Norman Vierela (24) 1. Chris McComas (180) 2. David Campbell (144) 3. Paul Hatcher (112) 3. Cathy Holmes (112) 5. Donald Pinnock (84) 5. James Milkowski (84) 5. Carole Herron (84) 5. Robert Chase (84) 9. Beth Fleischer (60) 9. Lynn Raymond (60) 9. Jack Dockter (60) 9. Suzanne Lamoureux (60) 9. Ira Deutsch (60) 9. Veronica Sosh (60) 9. William Macmillan (60) 9. Jim Gavegan (60)	28-hands: Diane Leal* Dan Zeisler* Gordy Wise* Ben Holder* William Bingham* Jim Cary* Howard Pearson (x2)* Tom Koncan (x2)* Sir John Suckling Marsha Mahan* Roger Wilson* Jim Clark* Alan Schaefer*	
Topaz Spring Open (Topaz NV; Feb. 15-17)	A. J. Tasker	65 players HQ. Don Kreutzer (50) 1. John Burke (147) 2. Jim McKnight (105) 3. Wayne Farrell (70) 3. Don Kreutzer (70)	29 players HQ. Larry Phifer (15) 1. James Harbeson Jr. (40) 2. Chuck Yeomans (24)	28-hand: Don Hannula*	Early Bird: Arlene Carle Tuesday: DeLynn Colvert Doubles: Arlene Carle & Henry Carle Wednesday: Don Hannula

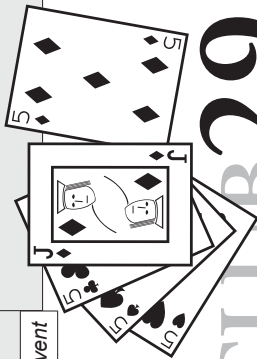
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Tournament Tidbit

Susanville Winter Classic Evidently Grand Master **Henry Carle** (Anchorage AK) and Life Master **Michael Rowe** (Soldotna AK) don't see enough of each other in Alaska, so they traveled 3,000 miles south to California to play an all-Alaska final!

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Michigan Tournament of Hearts (Grand Rapids MI; Feb. 18–19)	David Aiken	48 players HQ. Eric Jensen (45) 1. Eric Jensen (105) 2. Andy Ruster (70) 3. Donald Imber (42) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (42)	26 players HQ. Austin Adams (12) 1. Austin Adams (40) 2. John Schafer (24)	28-hand: Eric Jensen*	Friday: Kristen de Vuyst
California Championship (Santa Rosa CA; Feb. 26)	Avon Ray	80 players HQ. Bob Prochnow (55) 1. Bob Prochnow (147) 2. Frank Kiernan (105) 3. Leslie Sumner (70) 3. Angelo Torrise (70)	48 players HQ. David Shifflett (15) 1. David Shifflett (60) 2. Yvonne Bowers (40) 3. Herschel Mack (24) 3. Tad Pilecki (24)	FIRST WIN!	



CLUB 29

1. Terry Bond (OR): Summer Classic (Sunnyside WA; July 31)
2. Joan Rein (Carver MN): Madison Masters (Madison WI; August 22)
3. Bill Whiting (VA): Midweek Rush (Virginia Beach VA; September 13)
4. Roger Wauters (WI): Schaefer Shuffle Special (Slinger WI; October 2)
5. John Syfrestad (WI): Wisconsin Rapids Open (Wisconsin Rapids WI; October 16)
6. Ginny Danielski (WI): Wisconsin Rapids Open (Wisconsin Rapids WI; October 16)
7. Peter Jackson (CA): Lake Tahoe Fall Festival (Lake Tahoe CA; October 30)
8. Dick Culppepper (VA): Pre-Turkey Shootout (Virginia Beach VA; November 21)
9. Bernie Nelson (OR): Western Washington Ltd. (Port Orchard WA; December 11)
10. Christy Lens (CA): Yearend in Vacaville (Vacaville CA; December 18)

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- 1 schedule the tourney early,
- 2 post the flyer on the ACC's website by sending it to webmaster@cribbage.org, and
- 3 promote it in *Cribbage World*.

this table shows that weeks played *does not* yield equal GRPs. For example, two players didn't miss a week all year, yet one of them earned 314 GRPs in 36 weeks (averaging 8.72), while the other earned only 174 GRPs (average 4.83).

The three members who played 33 weeks ranged from 139 to 66 GRPs (average 4.21–2.0). The four members who played 31 weeks ranged from 213 to 117 GRPs (average 6.87–3.77). A similar pattern—showing a wide range of total GRPs earned and a parallel range of average GRPs per week—holds for the rest of the players who played the same number of weeks.

If Tom were right, we should see only minor discrepancies among members who played the same number of weeks (this does happen on occasion; e.g., for 34 weeks)—not the huge disparities found in the table. And I suspect that a similar disparity holds for all Grass Roots clubs across the continent.

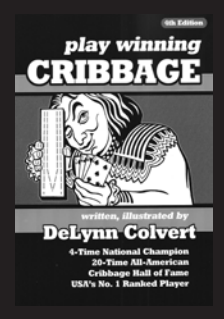
So in case I haven't been clear so far, let me state it one more time: cribbage is not merely a game of luck/chance. Skill is a huge part of this game, and if you don't believe me, then I double-dog dare Tom or any other player outside the Top 100

to try this little challenge.

Sit down and play ten or twenty games against last year's ACC's national champion Duane Toll (listed here without his stars lest that intimidate anyone) and see who comes out ahead.

My money will be on Duane every time—not because he plays more tournaments, but because he is more skillful. **CW**

player	weeks	GRPs
A	36	314
B	36	174
C	35	123
D	34	206
E	34	202
F	33	139
G	33	102
H	33	66
I	32	161
J	32	132
K	31	213
L	31	154
M	31	137
N	31	117
O	30	131
P	29	157
Q	28	61
R	27	137
S	26	130
T	25	159
U	25	109
V	25	94
W	23	134
X	22	74
Y	21	69
Z	19	63
AA	19	51
AB	18	52
AC	18	49
AD	18	12
AE	16	52
AF	14	69
AG	14	13
AH	13	26
AI	12	25
AJ	11	72
AK	11	15
AL	10	54
AM	8	58
AN	8	26
AO	8	0
AP	7	51
AQ	7	38
AR	6	16
AS	6	15
AT	5	15
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Todd was taught cribbage by a childhood friend (with some help from his Uncle Chuck) when he was about eight or nine years old. He joined the ACC in 1993 and has an impressive roster of cribbage mentors: **Joe Bernard, Mick Michaelis, and Russ Adams.** Todd has been champion of Club 240 once, has earned his Bronze Award, and won his first tournament in 1996 in Wisconsin Dells WI. He now has eight

Todd D. Schaefer
(Oakdale MN)
Life Master (★) #66

tourney wins and lists Turtle Lake and the National Open as his favorites. Todd's toughest opponents are **Don Flesch** and **Lyle Lund** (he says, "I can't beat either of them!"). Noncribbage interests include fishing, traveling, playing other cards with friends, and spending time with nephews and niece. Todd works for the

Minnesota Department of Health as a lead inspector; he helps families who have a lead-poisoned child get the lead level back to normal by investigating and finding the source of the lead poisoning.

Ross learned to play cribbage from his father and joined the ACC in 1994. A member of Club 82, he has been club champion once and has earned his Silver Award. His cribbage mentor is **Joe Lusignon**, and his first tournament win was the 2001 Santa Rosa. He's won nine tournaments, and might well have won more except for his toughest opponent—**Mary Herrmann**, who has knocked him out of the playoffs five times! Noncribbage interests include wine collecting and cooking. Ross also enjoys traveling to Alaska with his wife (they have driven it three times!), wading in the Arctic Ocean, and seeing North American bears in their natural habitats.

H. Ross Njaa
(Salinas CA)
Life Master (★) #67



Bob's grandfather, **James Milk**, taught him to play cribbage when he was seven. Every Wednesday night, they played three games. In 1942 his grandfather made the brass cribbage pegs that Bob uses. Bob joined the ACC twice—in 1989 for about a year and again in 1996. Bob is a member of the Richmond Cribbage Club and the Travelers' Club. His first tournament win was the 1999 Holiday Cribbage Classic

Robert Milk
(Glen Allen VA)
Life Master #178

consolation in Portsmouth VA. He then reeled off ten straight consolation wins before winning a main. His favorite tournament is the National Open, and his toughest opponent is **Larry Phifer**,

who has defeated him the last six times they have met in the playoffs. Noncribbage interests include his grandson, Cruz. Bob also plays in a handbell choir.

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Janet McKeage (Robertsville)

Montana

Shea Kumaewa (Missoula)

Roger A. Lenen (Lolo)

Nik Lindsay (Missoula)

New Mexico

Mark Dubbin (Las Cruces)

Jane Miller (Albuquerque)

Ohio

Doug Talkington (Ontario)

Kathy Talkington (Ontario)

Oregon

Bill Cleland (Adel)

Carroll Evans (Bend)

Betty Palmer (Baker City)

Jon Porter (Hermiston)

Reid Richter (Portland)

Sharron Volay (Bend)

Pennsylvania

Erwin Morris (Allentown)

Lisa Morris (Allentown)

Jason Van Den Brand (Denver)

Texas

Christopher Smith (Austin)

Vermont

Walter Baumann (Colchester)

Washington

Tucker Lazare (Vashon)

Becky Luehmann (Olympia)

Robert Luehmann (Olympia)

William E. Renskers (Spanaway)

Steven Vogt (Walla Walla)

Wisconsin

Joe Eith (McFarland)

Barb Elpert (Unity)

Kelly Holt (Manitowoc)

Dean R. Huisman (De Pere)

Deanna M. Oliver (Evansville)

Ronald L. Oliver (Evansville)

Ricky Timm (Spencer)

Wyoming

Robert Golden (Baggs)

China

Siv Sears (Urumqi, Xinjiang)

Merry Old England

Sir John Suckling (Middlesex)

Milestones!

Adelia Lange (WI) turns 80 on April 2

Ian Travers (WY) turns 80 April 7

George Stankus (IL) turns 80 on April 19

David Zeiner (CA) turns 80 on April 26

Scott Milo (CA) turns 50 on April 26

25 Years Ago in the ACC



The cover of the April 1986 *Cribbage World* announced the formation of “Cribadier Generals”—a booster club to raise funds for a permanent ACC Hall of Fame. The Cribadier Generals was the brainchild of Joe “Think Big” Wergin.

Elsewhere in this issue we read that Syl Lulinski (La Grange Park IL) won the Capital City 65-player consolation at Maplewood MN. Syl was also appointed the ACC’s tournament commissioner. In these early days, there was only one commissioner for the entire nation; today three commissioners (see page 35) handle nearly two hundred sanctioned tournaments yearly.

In Memoriam

Madelaine Dalton

Madelaine Dalton (Magalia CA) passed away at her home February 3. Madelaine was a member of Para-Pines Peggars Club 142. Always a good sport and with a great attitude regardless of cards dealt her, she was here for the fun and enjoyed the company. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a sweetheart.

Marian Monnie

Marian Monnie (Marengo IL) passed away from heart failure at the age of 87 in her home on February 17. Her lovely smiling face, whether winning or losing, will be missed by her many cribbage friends. The game has been her passion since she started traveling to tournaments with her now deceased husband Leonard. She enjoyed going to ACC tournaments to see the many friends she made through the years. Marian was a member of Grass

Roots Club 3 in Crystal Lake.

George Edward Muzzy

George Muzzy (Wethersfield CT) died unexpectedly on February 21. He was a regular at Hartford Metro Cribbage club for nearly ten years. He is believed to be the only one in the club’s 25-year history to record two grand slams in a row. George had been inactive for the last couple of years, but he is remembered by many club members for his unique sense of humor.

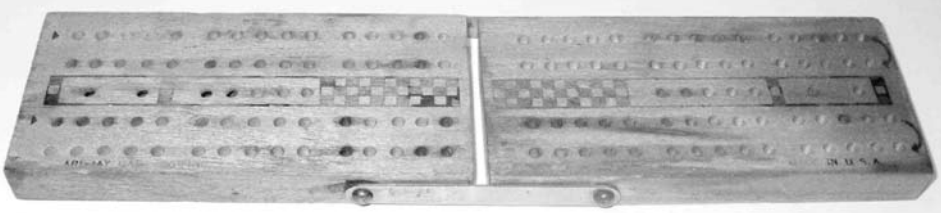
Lawrence A. Rowley

Larry Rowley (McFarland WI), age 96, died peacefully on February 27. An accomplished cribbage player, he had earned both the Life Master and Silver awards and was a longtime member of Club 1 in Madison. Until 2003, he lived in a house that he and his wife, Marion, built in 1941. He also enjoyed golf and gardening.

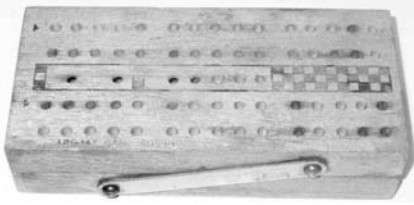
Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

The board for this month was manufactured by the Are-Jay Game Co. Inc. (Cleveland OH). Are-Jay was in business from 1940 to 1973, when it was purchased by Crisloid Inc. After 1973, Crisloid continued to produce many of the Are-Jay boards and even adopted the concave sides, originally used by Are-Jay, for their own boards.



This board is Are-Jay Model No. 021, “The Traveler”—one of their very earliest boards. It does not have the concave sides, and it features an old, unique hinge that allows the board to fold to pocket size.



ACC member **Gus Cook** (Auburn WA) gave me this board. Not only is Gus an excellent cribbage player, but is also an expert at raising dahlias. Check out Gus’s website at cooklanedahlias.com.



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

<http://www.google.com>

COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

startribune.com On February 21, **John and Patricia Norvell** (Vancouver WA) slid into a ditch in their SUV. For four days, they sat trapped on a secluded, forest road near Mount St. Helens—thirty miles from the nearest town—with only jelly beans to eat and melted snow for water. They also

had a cribbage board with them, and so they whiled away the time waiting to be rescued by playing the world’s best two-handed card game. It pays to never leave home without a cribbage board (and perhaps a cell phone).

SUCCESSFUL GRASS ROOT CLUBS

Every ACC member would like to see more people playing cribbage—whether at tournaments or Grass Roots clubs. To help inspire us to grow our clubs, here is a listing of clubs that have seen phenomenal growth over the past three years. Thanks to Norm Nikodym (Ontario CA) for compiling this data.

Biggest Clubs

club	city	membership	three-year	
			pattern	director
#24: Mesa	Tempe AZ	64	up 21%	John Alig
#148: Sea-Tac Peggars	Federal Way WA	50	up 39%	Hal Lamon
#240: Twin City Peggars	St. Paul MN	49	stayed even	Dan Taylor

Fastest Growing Clubs (up at least ten members and 50% in three years)

club	city	membership	three-year	
			increase	director
#91: Grand Rapids Square Peggars	Grand Rapids MI	from 16 to 48	200%	David Aiken
#346: Rez Peggars	Cherokee NC	from 9 to 19	111%	Eddie Paul
#100: Century Peggars	Napa CA	from 18 to 30	67%	Denny Moore
#272: Chesapeake Bay Area	Bowie MD	from 15 to 25	67%	Frank Ruff
#227: Orange County	Laguna Woods CA	from 21 to 34	62%	Paul Yellon
#43: Clendenning's Clan	Fremont CA	from 22 to 35	59%	Tracy Yott

Clubs Growing from Zero to 25+ Members in Three Years

club	city	membership	director
#347: Missoula	Missoula MT	38	Rex Paddock

Clubs Growing from Zero to 15+ Members in One Year

club	city	membership	director
#370: Omro	Omro WI	36	Bob Kiley
#368: Hematite	Ishpeming MI	29	Patrick Healey
#224: Two Rivers	Grand Junction CO	21	Barbara Chaplik
#371: Box Car Peggars	Roseville CA	17	Gordon Brown
#373: Glen Lake Peggars	Minnetonka MN	17	Louis Ansolabehere
#177: Alaska	Anchorage AK	16	Arlene Carle

For the past twenty-nine years, the ACC has held the Grand National tournament in celebration of our members' achievements and culminating in the annual awards banquet. This year's event will be held on familiar territory—at the Sands Regency in Reno NV, on September 30 through October 2. The tournament flyer is posted on the ACC website, and the Sands is already taking room reservations.

Two midweek tournaments will be held at the Sands in the days prior to and following GN 30. With three main tournaments, three consolations, and five satellite events held in just eight days, there should



be plenty of cribbage to go around. We hope to make it a memorable and fun week of cribbage festivities for everyone.

In 1982, to help fund the inaugural Grand National, held in Brookfield WI, a booster club was formed that included “52 individuals, ten couples and one business” raising \$1,000 to “save the day” and underwrite the tournament expenses (June 1983 *Cribbage World*). Our organization is fueled by our membership's generosity. If you would like to become a GN 30 booster, please consider sponsoring one of eighteen cribbage trophy boards for \$75.

Thanks and see you in Reno!

tourney	dates	directors
Silver Dollar Midweek	Sept. 28–29	Peggy Shea (707.444.3161)
GN 30	Sept. 30–Oct. 2	Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942 or pegpegs@q.com) Annett Eiffert (916.962.3130 or annett@imaginitt.cc) Jim Langley (530.527.4606)
Gold Rush Open Midweek	Oct. 3–4	Don Brown (562.597.1603)

To download the tournament flyers, go to cribbage.org/grandnational

Grand National 33

The 2014 Grand National Tournament (and awards banquet) is scheduled to be held in the Western Region. Any ACC member interested in hosting this prestigious event must inform **Todd Schaefer**, ACC Executive VP, of his or her interest by September 1 (cribbageawards@comcast.net or 651.338.8116). No detailed information is necessary by that time—a general plan is sufficient. The bid for GN 33 will be awarded at the BOD meeting on September 30.

The President's Column

by Jeanne Hofbauer



Recently, a good friend who is an ACC member mentioned that he thinks that ACC members are remarkably civil to one another, considering that they regularly compete with one another. We talked about this for awhile and joked about being glad that we play in modern times.

We wondered what competition would have been like, for instance, in the Old West, where most card players wore guns. Can't you just picture this: two cribbage players in a match, both striving for the win, when one (accidentally?) falsely claims the game.

His opponent bolts up from his chair, which noisily scrapes backward and goes flying across the floor, while he lets loose with a rather uncomplimentary string of invectives directed against the offender. The offender also quickly stands, his chair taking a similar trajectory, his commentary equally venomous. The guns come out and. . . I'll leave it to your imagination as to how the contest concludes. I am glad that civilization has evolved with a much more refined method of handling such disputes and that the ACC is a beneficiary of that politeness and courtesy.

Most people who play tournament cribbage are highly competitive and en-

gage in the game with a high sense of rivalry, wanting to do their best to excel over their opponents. So there are occasional lapses in civility. Because we are trying our best to win, we sometimes revert to our inner "spoiled child," indulging in pouting, whining, swearing, or other forms of poor behavior. The best way to counter this is to ignore it. (However, a few people I know seem to enjoy bringing their opponents to such a state, feeling that they have indeed inflicted injury and therefore feel a heightened sense of victory.)

When bad behavior becomes a habit, real problems arise. When a person has overindulged in it and others have been offended, it usually reaches the Ethics Committee, and they handle the situation. But luckily this is rare, both because most people overlook small lapses and because we are a forgiving and empathetic bunch.

I believe the oxymoron "friendly competition" really does apply to the ACC. We are indeed one big family, occasionally mildly dysfunctional, but mostly contented with the opportunity to compete at the great game of cribbage in a fun and welcoming environment.

Jeanne

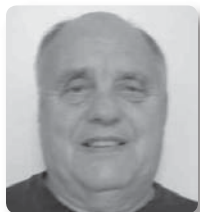
Western Washington Long Match

Thirty-two players entered the 2010–2011 WWLM, and coming out on top was **Bruce Goff** (Tacoma WA), runner-up was **Bob Wikstrom** (Tacoma WA), with 3/4 going to **Paul Hatcher** (Salem OR) and **Tammy Gibbons** (Beaverton OR).

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David Aiken (Ada MI): editor of *Cribbage World*, director of Club 91, codirector of Grand National 28, cribbage nerd. A native of Washington State, I now live in Michigan, where I am a freelance copyeditor of nonfiction manuscripts for university presses and sell books on the side. I'll play cribbage anytime, anywhere—Grass Roots club, weekend tournaments, or the kitchen table. I direct three sanctioned tournaments and three specialty cribbage tourneys annually. Other hobbies include crossword puzzles, reading, stamp collecting, and running. If reelected to the BOD, I will continue to bring new ideas to the table, support all branches of the ACC, listen to the concerns of members, and find new ways to encourage people to play this great game.



Paul Barnes (Daytona Beach FL): I started tournament cribbage play in 1988 at Reno. With my wife, Joy, I ran cribbage tournaments two to three times per year, hosting as many as 180 people for 11 years. In 1998 we ran Grand National 17 with all the problems from the July fires and NAS-CAR rescheduling for that weekend. I served two terms on the BOD, 1997–1999 and 2002–2004. According to *Cribbage World* I am considered the “father of internet cribbage.” I worked with the Internet Steering Committee to set up the internet system of play, points, and operation. I have been director of two Grass Roots clubs: #22 in Orlando and #230 in Daytona Beach. Joy and I are addicted to cribbage, and I would appreciate your vote for the BOD.



Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI): 49, wife Linda, two children, four grandchildren, ACC member and tournament player for thirty-one years, BOD member since 1995, past VP of Operations, chairman of Hall of Fame and Internet Committees, current Central Region commissioner, member of the Ethics Committee and panel member on the Grand National Advisory Committee, director of Grand National 16 (1997) in Wisconsin Dells WI and Grand National 25 (2006) in Wisconsin Rapids WI, current director of Wisconsin Rapids Open and Waupaca Spring Open,

founder and current director of Grass Roots Club 120, senior judge, attained Life Master and Grass Roots Silver status and currently stand at 9,938 MRPs and 4,591 GRPs, seven sanctioned tournament wins including Grand National 16 and the 2009 JPW Open main tournament. I was instrumental in launching the ACC website as well as obtaining a TOC invite for Grass Roots Bronze winners. I have been a long-term supporter of the ACC and am willing to listen to each and every member's concerns. Please consider this ACC veteran when voting so we can keep the organization operating as it has for years to come.



Henry Bergeron (Webster NH): after twenty-nine plus years of state service as an auditor and analyst (now retired), I have the time to bring the same dedication and effort to serving on the BOD as I have as the director, for ten years, of the Daniel Webster Open, one of the largest and most popular tournaments in New England. I have a master of theology degree from Boston University and was a CPA for many years. I would like to see members become more involved in the ACC by keeping them informed of the issues that come before the BOD. To that end, I will urge the ACC to post the agenda for each BOD meeting on the ACC website and to publish it in *Cribbage World* as early as possible. This would allow members the opportunity to discuss agenda items with BOD members and voice their opinions. Directors should weigh those comments before voting. An informed membership benefits us all. I will also make myself available to everyone via email (oldmanwebster@tds.net). Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I would appreciate your vote.



Don Brown (Long Beach CA): after thirty-two years, I retired from the California State University system where I served as a senior administrator in the Financial and Entrepreneurial Offices of the CSU chancellor. I've been an ACC member for twenty years, attained the Life Master (★) and the Grass Roots Bronze. I have directed several tournaments and will direct the upcoming Gold Rush Open held in conjunction with Grand National 30. Based on my experience and interests I believe that I bring a different perspective to the BOD by means of my proven analytical skills and

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the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. In support of this, during my term on the BOD I have done significant work on the Policy and Procedures Manual (including constitution and by-laws) with the goal of updating it and eventually making it available to all the players. I would very much like to continue this effort. Finally, I believe that the BOD must eventually address the player population issue, so that the regions are more in line with player population. In addition, I am opposed to the so-called pegging backward rule and would again vote for its discontinuance if the issue should be reconsidered.



David Campbell (Parsonsfield MA): age 45, I have served four terms on the BOD. I was ACC Rookie of the Year in 2001-2002 and was a member of the All American Team that year. Currently Life Master and codirector of a few tourneys in New England. I ran Grand National 26 in Maine in 2007. I am currently on the Ethics Committee, Rules Committee, and the Executive Committee as Member at Large. If reelected to BOD I would like to find ways to attract new members and find ways to help people learn more about playing cribbage. I would appreciate your vote for the upcoming election. Lastly please take the time to vote for any and all candidates you think will help the ACC grow, whether it is me or anyone else. Thank you for your consideration.



David Clemmey (Mansfield MA): currently a member of the BOD, would appreciate your vote to continue to serve you on the BOD. I am the director of the Ed Donahue Grass Roots Club 81. I also have been director of many tournaments in New England. I am a certified judge and, besides judging, help as needed at tournaments. I have over 15,000 MRPs and twenty-five tournament wins. I ask for your vote as a BOD member from the East. Please remember to vote. Thank you!



Annett Eiffert (Fair Oaks CA): I have been an ACC member since 1991 and have enjoyed volunteering for our organization in many capacities: tournament director, senior judge, Grass Roots club director, and current member of the

BOD. I have been fortunate enough to earn my Life Master and have reached the Silver level in Grass Roots play. I am a very proud member and advocate of the ACC. Our organization excels when we encourage the volunteer spirit of our members as well as recognize our cribbage achievements and promote fair play. As a member of the BOD, I will bring my organizational skills, positive attitude, and leadership abilities to continue to further these goals. Thank you for your vote.



Charlie Finley (Enfield CT): member since 1983 and served a partial BOD term because of the untimely passing of George Bickford. No one can take his place but I will try to emulate his devotion to the ACC and love of the game and do the

best job I can to take his spot. My passion for the game has allowed me to achieve almost 9,000 MRPs and recently pass 4,000 GRPs. I have run tournaments since 1987, with the most recent being the 35th Dante Club Open/George Bickford Memorial, and have directed or codirected dozens of other tournaments, as well as play in about twenty-five tournaments a year. While a rookie on the BOD and learning the ropes, I now have my "wings" and will be working on projects that need to be done. I have several ideas on how to improve tournament play and membership numbers. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to fulfill those aspirations during the next two years. Thank you for your consideration.



Jeff Gardner (Stow OH):

I'm 36 years old, and have been an active member of the ACC since 2004. Since that time, I have become much more involved in the organization. In addition to playing weekend tournaments throughout the Central and Eastern regions, I play internet tournaments under the screen-name "accho157." I serve as a codirector to Dave Aiken on several tournaments a year, and I am the director of the Detroit Open held on Thanksgiving weekend. I am a certified ACC judge and have served on the tabulating committee for the JPW Open for the last three years. I also maintain a website dedicated to cribbage in the state of Michigan (michigancribbage.com). You may also recognize me as Sir John Suckling from the 2009 JPW Open! As a young member of the ACC, my main goal as

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a BOD member would be to focus on attracting other young people to the game. We need to attract new members to ensure the future of this great organization! I would also like to find ways to spread this game to new areas, such as my home state of Ohio, where cribbage is virtually unknown. Thank you for your support!



Roland Hall (Napa CA): I joined the ACC twenty-four years ago, but had my own real estate appraisal business to run and two children to raise and didn't have much time for cribbage except for a couple tournaments a year. Twelve

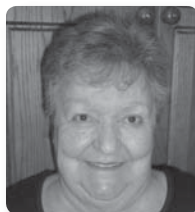
years ago, my children became adults, and I retired from my business and have been very active in the ACC since then. From 1995 to 2005, I was director, treasurer and statistician for the Napa/Yountville CA Grass Roots club. I had to resign in 2005 to move back to Vermont to care for my mom. I have directed six GRNTs, five GRRTs, and ten sanctioned tournaments and help cross-check scorecards. I am a current BOD member. I've played cribbage in nineteen states and two Canadian provinces. I play almost every weekend and am readily available to talk with members and will present any of their good ideas to the BOD. The last two years our Grass Roots club has run a booth in Napa promoting cribbage. I support our youth program and all reasonable efforts to increase our membership. I will work hard for the BOD, like I have in all my other endeavors. Please support me again. Thanks



Donald C. Hannula (Lake Linden MI): age 60, retired trooper Michigan State Police, wife Deborah. I joined the ACC in 2001, judge since 2006, started Grass Roots Club 333 in July 2006, earned my Master rating in February 2008 at

Lake Topaz, Grass Roots Region IV statistician since 2009, director of Lake Superior Challenge (Ishpeming MI), senior judge 2010. Since joining the ACC I have played many tournaments from coast to coast. I have also played Grass Roots from North Carolina to State of Washington. I have been on the set-up, tabulation, and judging committees at the TOC/JPW Open in Reno for several years. I have served the ACC well in my first ten years of membership. Thanks to my career I have the ability to listen to both sides of an issue, collect the facts, and determine what

would be the best solution. I don't have a problem voicing my opinion in a constructive manner. It would be my privilege to serve ACC further by being on the BOD.



Sharon Hejtmanek (Missoula MT): I wish to express my interest in being reelected to the BOD. I wish to share ideas good for the ACC and camaraderie with all. I currently serve on the BOD as chairman of the Ethics Committee. I have enjoyed working on the BOD for the past ten years and would like to continue serving all members. I have been an ACC member for the last twenty years and am very passionate about cribbage. My past performance on the BOD proves that I am reliable, fair, and honest and attend all required meetings. I would appreciate your vote.



Jeanne Hofbauer (Washougal WA): I joined the ACC in 1985 and since then I have enjoyed traveling around the United States and Canada to participate in tournaments. The people I have met, and the great competition I have participated in, have truly been wonderful. I am currently serving as ACC president. I have also served as recording secretary and on the Rules, Awards, Restructuring, and PR and Publicity Committees. I have received the President's Award, Grass Roots Silver Award, Life Master (★) award, and in 2008 I was honored to be elected to the Hall of Fame. I have directed many tournaments, including the Oregon Coast Classic and the JPW/ACC Open in Reno for many years and two Grand National tournaments. I am a long-time certified judge. I believe that the ACC is a wonderful organization and would like to be able to help guide its future. Please give me your vote and the privilege of serving on the BOD.

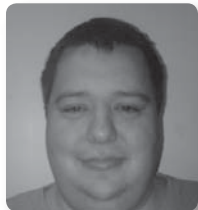


Roy Hofbauer (Washougal WA): I have served on the BOD since 1989. I have served as Western Region tournament commissioner since 1990 and national tournament commissioner for the last year. I have been on the Rules Committee,

Ad Hoc Committee, and Ethics Committee, on which I still serve. I am a senior judge and tournament director of the JPW/ACC open in Reno and

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Oregon Coast Classic for many years. I codirected Grand National tournaments in Las Vegas and Lincoln City OR. I have earned the Grass Roots Gold Award, Life Master (2★) Award, President's Award, and I was honored to be elected to the Hall of Fame in 2007. I am a retired crane operator and union shop steward. If elected, I will continue to work hard to represent the membership. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work on the BOD and hope you will continue to support me with your votes.



Bart Jaeger (Lincoln NE): I am 27 years old and have been an ACC member since 1997. I've achieved my Master rating, won seven sanctioned tournaments, and served as director of our local cribbage league for ten years. I am currently an area supervisor for a local convenience store chain. Through work I have taught hundreds of area kids business skills through our local Junior Achievement Program. After learning about *Cribbage in the Classroom*, a DVD by Mike Burns, I have begun to use these connections to teach cribbage to fourth and fifth graders. This has been something that has been well received and very fun for me and the kids. If elected I will do my best to serve the ACC, to help spread the word about cribbage and to continue to get youths involved to help ensure the longevity of this organization.



Ron Logan Sr. (Ronan MT): I am currently a member of the BOD and serve on the Ethics Committee. I would like to be considered for reelection to the BOD. I have been a member for many years, having joined shortly after its inception, while living in the northern California town of Quincy. I now reside in Montana, spending winters in Arizona. I have attained the rank of Grand Master and am currently a senior judge. For the past twelve years I have been codirector of the Roadrunner Classic in Arizona. It has been my privilege to function as head paymaster (along with my wife, Laurie) at the JPW Open and Tournament of Champions each February in Reno. I am also a member of Grass Roots Club 24 in Mesa AZ. If reelected, I will strive to be open-minded, consider all information, and make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the ACC and its members. Thank you for your consider-

ation and please be sure to exercise your right to choose our BOD members.



Herschel Mack (Gold Hill OR): after forty years in California, Rickie (my wife) and I have returned to Oregon. Retired from university teaching, my primary activity is cribbage. My playing accomplishments include Life Master (★), Grass Roots Silver Award, and winning the 2011 ACC Open. My ACC working activities include running (with my wife) a tournament in Medford OR, helping at numerous tournaments, plus chairing the Rules Committee, which helped revise and create the new (2010) rulebook. I play hard and work hard at cribbage. Your support for my reelection to the BOD will be welcomed, but in any case vote.



Julie Mack-Felkins (Woodland CA): As one of the younger players on the cribbage circuit (my fortieth birthday was on March 9), I am interested in bringing some fresh, new ideas to the membership, as well as being open-minded and available to listen to fellow players' suggestions. I am an eighth-grade physical education teacher, who holds leadership positions at my school and in educational professional organizations. I have achieved my Master ranking, played tournaments in all three regions, and have served as a judge since 2000. I have worked on the tabulating committee and have been assigned as a judge for the TOC/JPW and other Reno events the past five years. I run a successful one-day tournament in Woodland and have assisted my parents in running other tournaments as well. Playing cribbage is a family event for me, and I would like to work closely with the membership to reiterate that the points and the prizes do not outshine the people who we spend time with as we play this grand old game. Please exercise your right to vote!



Robert Milk (Glen Allen VA): it is an honor and privilege to serve on the BOD. Cribbage is a game that should be fair and open to players of all ages. I have been an ACC member for about fifteen years and presently serve on the BOD. I actively participate in the meetings and bring an

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open mind to new ideas and proposals. I serve as the internet tournament commissioner. In this position I negotiated a business partnership that has added nearly \$50,000 to the ACC general fund over the past four years, with expenses limited to awards of under \$2,500 and advertising of under \$400; the internet program has not caused any additional expense to the ACC. I also serve as a judge and gladly assist at nearly every tournament I attend. Thank you for considering me for the BOD. Even if you do not vote for me, please take the time to review the slate of candidates and vote for the candidates of your choice. We are a national organization and hopefully through personal contact or through *Cribbage World*, you are aware of each candidate's contributions to the ACC. Each candidate deserves your voting consideration.



Hal Mueller (Hamilton ON): I am author of *Halscrib* and *Rex Cribbage* (cribbage game improvement software) and the HAL_1700 and HAL_1800 "robots" (for beginners and newbies) on ecribbage.com. I became aware of organized cribbage in 1988, purchased DeLynn Colvert's book *Play Winning Cribbage*, and joined the ACC in 1989. Colvert's book opened my eyes to 26-theory (first dealer had 56% probability of winning), as well as "expert" and "turkey" plays. During the 1990s I played about three tournaments a year, the very first (Niagara Falls Open) on my forty-ninth birthday in 1990, and successfully tested Colvert's 26-theory. In 2000 I moved to Hartford CT and became a member of Grass Roots Club 26 (then, and Club 5 now). I vigorously advocate that luck be restricted to the cards dealt and opponents you play in sanctioned tournaments by (1) mandated use of alternate deal (see CW May 2009) and (2) "duplicate cribbage" tournaments. Make this election a referendum on alternate deal versus cut for deal that the BOD cannot ignore. A vote for me is a vote to eliminate cut for deal in sanctioned tournaments of 129+ players. See halscrib.com for more on these issues.



David O'Neil (Clarkston GA): active ACC member since 1994, director of Peach State Classic (2001-present), director of Emerald Coast Open (1999-2007) and Atlanta Classic (2004-2006) and Georgia Open (2008-2011), director

of eight cribbage trips/cruises outside the United States including Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, and Hawai'i, Grass Roots club director (1995-2009) and statistician (1995-present), Grass Roots Region IX commissioner (2005-present), director of Grand National 23 (Atlanta, 2004) and Grand National 32 (Atlanta, 2013), Grass Roots Bronze Award 2008, Grand Master 2008, senior judge (appointed 2010). It has been my privilege to serve our organization on the local level as club director and statistician and on the regional level as the Eastern Division Grass Roots commissioner. I would like to take the next step and join the leadership of our organization on the national level. I appreciate the support of those who believe I can and will serve them responsibly.



Catherine Perkins (Bear Creek NC): I have been a BOD member since 1989, never missing a meeting. As a charter and life member, I strive to understand the needs of all members. Presently I am serving as vice president of policy and am in the middle of a major project to reorganize the Policy and Procedures Manual. I seek your vote for reelection so I may have the opportunity to complete the job. Other service to the ACC includes National Open tournament director over twenty years, judge since the inception of the program, Grass Roots club director since 1986, Grass Roots regional statistician since the early 1990s. I was honored by being elected the twenty-ninth member of the Hall of Fame. Cribbage is a fun game, let's keep it that way.



Larry Phifer (Raleigh NC): I can't encourage you enough to vote for the BOD. To have less than 15% of us vote is appalling. Since I was appointed to serve the remainder of the multitalented Martha Fingleton's term, I have learned much more about the BOD and our needs. I look forward to being part of the future growth of the ACC. Over the last few years, I have met so many of you, and I consider cribbage players to be my extended family. Several players have voiced opinions and concerns to me, leading to great dialogues. I promise to try and do what I can to maximize growth and minimize problems. I will keep an open mind and listen to you. I will do my best to be part of the solution. Thank you for voting.

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Todd Schaefer (Oakdale MN): I am running for the BOD and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. I began playing the great game of cribbage when I was eight years old and have loved playing ever since. I have been a regular

tournament participant since 1995. I have directed the Capital City Tournament for fourteen years and the Cribbage Bowl in Reno for four years. I served as director of Grass Roots Club 240 for thirteen years. I am the awards chairman for the Grass Roots membership and have been fortunate enough to attain my Life Master (★) rating, earning two All American awards along the way. I served four terms on the BOD beginning in September 1999, and I believe I have ably served our membership in many capacities during that time. I was elected to the position of executive vice president in September 2010. If elected for another term, I will strive to keep our organization strong, our membership growing, and help maintain the ACC as what I believe to be a great organization. Thank you for your consideration.



Phyllis Schmidt (Williamstown MA): first cribbage tournament was at a Democratic fundraiser in 1977; second was double-elimination tournament at Dante Club (West Springfield MA) same year. I won and was hooked for life. Attended

1979 inaugural meeting in Raleigh, became director on first BOD, ACC charter member, Life Master (3★), seven-time All American, received 1982 President's Award, 1992 top ACC player, elected to Hall of Fame in 2002, senior judge and volunteer at most tournaments in Northeast and director of three tournaments at Dante Club. Life member of Berkshire County Women's Bowling Association and served as secretary-treasurer and president. Also served on board of Massachusetts Women's Bowling Association and elected to its Hall of Fame in 2004. Worked at Sprague Electric Company for forty years as an engineering assistant, retiring in 1996. Served on Negotiating and Grievance Committees of International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers and as Director of Credit Union. Crib-

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bage has been good to me and enabled me to enjoy many wonderful friendships and trips, and I would like to give something back by continuing to serve on BOD. I will do my best to listen to and represent all members and would appreciate your vote.



Peggy Shea (Eureka CA): I learned to play from my parents as a child, and I no longer have them to play cribbage with, so I look at the ACC as my extended family. I would like to give back to the game that I love. I first joined the Grass Roots club in Oroville CA on a part-time base due to raising a family. I then joined Club 162 in Carmichael CA and developed a deeper love for the game and the people. I recently married a great man (Rick Shea) and moved to Eureka CA and have had the pleasure of becoming director for Club 194. Once again, I am rewarded with great people and fun experiences. I am at the Master level in tournament play and my Bronze level in Grass Roots. I have directed or codirected many

tournaments (all three Reno tournaments) and always pitch in at tournaments that I am not directing. If elected to the BOD I will listen to your concerns and I promise to do my very best. Thanks for your time and consideration.



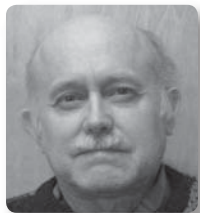
Jeff Shimp (Grand Haven MI): a founding member of the ACC; BOD member since its inception. Tournament official (director, chief judge, chief tabulator) for many years for the JPW/ACC Open, TOC, Grand Nationals, and others. Founder and codirector of annual (now in its twenty-second year) Potawatomi Peggers Powwow (MI). Commissioner of ACC judges program. Perfect attendance at BOD meetings for many years. Elected to Hall of Fame in 2001. Awards include Life Master (★) and Grass Roots Silver. Will continue to focus on clearer, more concise rules and player protection. Appreciate the opportunity to serve on the BOD and solicit your support to allow me to continue to help build the ACC. Everybody please vote!

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Wayne Steinmetz (Milwaukee WI): Life Master (3★) and Silver Award in the Milwaukee Grass Roots Club; ACC member for twenty years; currently serving on the Rules Committee; director of 2009 Schaefer/Steinmetz Shuffle and 2009

Schaefer/Steinmetz Shuffle Special and was co-director in 2010 for both tourneys; assist at Black River Falls, Carter Classic, and Milwaukee Challenge; also ran the Regional Long Match for eleven years; worked as Central Region senior judge; head judge at eight tournaments and regularly judge for large tournaments (ACC Open, Grand National, and National Open) as well as most of the thirty to forty tournaments I attend yearly; won twenty-seven tournaments, been All American six times, and All Regional three times. I feel that I am a calming, friendly, and fair influence in my play and in judging situations. I hope my input on the Rules Committee will produce an improved rulebook. Helping new players learn and feel at ease is a goal I live by. I can give service to an organization and a game that I respect and love. Thank you for your consideration.



Valerie Sumner (Sparks NV): retired from Air National Guard after serving for twenty-nine years; currently working for the State of Nevada in Homeland Security. I am a current member of the BOD, work on the Rules Committee, and recently

took over the position of recording secretary. I am also secretary for the National Grass Roots Committee. I have been a certified judge for several years. My father and I run many tournaments in Nevada: three in Topaz, two in Lovelock, and recently took over two tournaments in Reno. My brother and I also put on a few cribbage cruises. I have been director of Grass Roots Club 11 for

many years and enjoy the weekly interaction with my friends. Just last year I obtained my Grand Master status and have received my Bronze award for Grass Roots. I am asking for your vote so I can continue to work to ensure members' rights, ideas, and concerns are always considered. I enjoy the game of cribbage and being able to socialize with people all over the nation. Thanks for your consideration, and don't forget to vote.



Fred L. White (Kailua HI):

I'm seeking reelection to the BOD. I'm semiretired and consulting for the firm I worked for during the past three decades. This allows me more flexibility to attend tourneys on the mainland, as I'll keep Hawai'i as my primary residence—but can spend part of the year in New England. This allows me to meet more members and be able to hear their concerns. I've been director of Grass Roots Club 110 for nineteen years and codirected over one hundred tourneys in Hawai'i. I'm a certified judge and volunteer at the JPW Open and TOC in Reno, as well as any tourney I attend when additional help is needed. I also assist in tabulating scorecards in Reno. I'm the ACC archivist and welcome everything and anything you think should be maintained for the organization. I am hoping to have an ACC museum at the Sands, as it's pretty much the ACC's unofficial home. A great place to display some of the treasures of the early years! Most of all please vote! Mahalo for your consideration and hope to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances along the way!



Keith E. Widener (Clemmons NC): a proud member of the current BOD, I am seeking reelection. Many of you know me, as I play tournaments all across the country, allowing me to be more of a national representative. I have reached

the Bronze level in GRPs and Life Master in MRPs. I joined the ACC within the first twenty-four hours of its existence, making me a charter member. As a senior judge, I am interested in promoting fair and ethical play and maintaining rules that make sense. Promoting cribbage and increasing membership is at the top of my list. I am not afraid to think outside the box and introduce new ideas, even if I get shot down. I believe that if it ain't broke don't fix it. I would appreciate your vote. Please vote, this is your ACC.

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

- vote for up to 25 candidates by marking an X in the box by their name
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INTERNET Cribbage

IRPs

February Wrap-Up

Mark Van Dyke (*loosespokes*) extended his first place lead to 114 IRPs over **Mike Fetchel** (*mfetch425*), as **Sue Edwards** (*CO434Sue*) moved into third place. By virtue of winning both an internet tournament and reaching Grand eMaster, **Kelly Ann Burgar** (*lilthummp*) is the February player of the month.

Internet Tournament of Champions

Thanks to the efforts of **Valerie Nozick** (*atlhica*), the inaugural Internet TOC will be held in conjunction with Grand National 30 at the Sands Regency in Reno. Tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, September 30, this fee-based tournament will be an over-the-board tourney.

Invitees to the first annual eTOC will include all Grand eMasters, all eMasters, and anyone who has won an internet tourney since the inception of the ACC's internet program. Invitations will be sent via email only, so make sure that the ACC membership secretary has your current email address on file.

FaceBook and Twitter

ACC internet cribbage is now on FaceBook and Twitter. Click on the icons on the internet page to join these groups.



New Tournament Format/Call for Additional TDs

We have the opportunity to have nine-game tournaments (Grass Roots style) on ecribbage.com. These tournaments will be open to registered ACC members, un-

internet.tourney.winners

- 1/31 Donald C. Hannula (cribdaddy49945)
- 2/2 Nancy R. Roncetti (nunzia)
- 2/3 Paul Batterson (CT31)
- 2/5 Elizabeth Miller (weezieboop)
- 2/7 William A. Schultz (floydandzep)
- 2/9 Larry Reed (LarryReed)
- 2/14 John F. Reed (eagle7374)
- 2/16 Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
- 2/17 Tom Cookman (Teched2bhere)
- 2/19 Jeff Gardner (accoh157)
- 2/20 Bernard Whitfield (mrbernard)
- 2/21 Rick Allen (Excitations)
- 2/23 Mike Fetchel (mfetch425)
- 2/24 Monica Newton (oreo2757)
- 2/26 Michelle Barthelmess (Frazu2)
- 2/27 James Gear (Gearar7)
- 2/28 Mark Van Dyke (loosespokes)
- 2/29 Sir John Suckling (mrcribbage)

registered ACC members, and the general public. But in order to do this, we need a minimum of four new tournament directors. Neither the day of the week nor the time has been determined, as this will be based on TD availability. Please contact Jerry Oxford (jerryox@charter.net), our lead TD, if you would like to become a TD. Thanks goes out to **John Shafer** (*netview85*) for his efforts in working on this.

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)

Ed Bloom (*HeliumMan*)

Gerald Oxford (*jerryox*)

New Grand eMaster (4,000 IRPs)

Kelly Ann Burgar (*lilthummp*)

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 for details. Sign up at gamecolony.com/acc at least ten minutes before start time.

day	time	format	URL
Sunday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	gamecolony.com/acc
Monday	7:30p	best 2 of 3	gamecolony.com/acc
Wednesday	8p	Cribbage Cup	ecribbage.com
Thursday	10:30p	best 2 of 3	gamecolony.com/acc
Saturday	5:30p	best 2 of 3	gamecolony.com/acc

All times Eastern • exceptions for May: no tournaments on May 8 (Mother's Day) and May 30 (Memorial Day)

Cribbage Cup held at ecribbage.com; other events at gamecolony.com/acc

internet standings

IRPs name (tournaments played)

- 1 873 Mark Van Dyke (91)
- 2 759 Mike Fetchel (87)
- 3 657 Sue Edwards (89)
- 4 648 Tom Langford (82)
- 5 498 Pat Llewellyn (92)
- 6 480 Tim Julkowski (63)
- 7 474 Dan Klein (105)
- 8 465 Jeff Crane (94)
- 9 462 John Schafer (66)
- 10 429 James Gear (76)



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GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Youth Teaching Tip

Why does it take kids so long to complete an entire game of cribbage? Part of the reason is their lack of familiarity with strategies of the game. It is a good sign when students ponder which cards to discard. It shows that they are thinking about the game. This process should never be rushed. However, another reason games are slow is because many youngsters cannot efficiently shuffle a deck of cards, and it takes way too long for them to mix the cards. Junior players need to practice the art of shuffling as part of their learning experience. I give an old deck of cards to each new student after their first class. Their homework assignment: practice shuffling 5–10 minutes a day! This truly has a huge impact on the speed in which a game is played.

Youth News

*Due to a freak snowstorm that blanketed the Sierra Foothills, the Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament slated for February 26 was postponed until March 12. Results of the event will appear in the next CW.

*Start-up grants for teachers working with large groups of kids are available upon request. Kits consist of ten long boards and twelve decks of cards. Cribbage teaching manuals are also available. Contact Dan Zeisler at danthefan@yahoo.com or 530.263.7468 for more details.

*The results are in for a sixteen-player, six-game minitourney played by an electives class at Chicago Park School (Grass Valley CA): first place was **Travis Cunningham** (8th grade), second place was **Kahlan McDaniel** (6th grade), third place was **Ian McDonald** (7th grade), and fourth place was **Seth Shepard** (7th grade). Each student received a trophy board as a prize.

Sunrise Youth Tourney

May 21—Sunrise Elementary School, 2323 39th Ave SE, Puyallup WA 98374. Free entry. Contact: Don Zeuschel (253.845.4226) or Dick Albedyll

Teaching Manuals

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

Alan Lindner (Green Bay WI)

Sir John Suckling (Middlesex UK)

Crib Pointers

by DAVID AIKEN

You are holding A-A-4-X* and playing offense. The standard way to play this is to lead the 4, and when your opponent plays a face card, you lay down an Ace for 15-2. But since you are playing offense—that

Tip #10 A-A-4-X

is, you need points—another play may be more productive.

Lead the 4, as above, but instead of playing an Ace for 15-2 after your opponent plays a face card, you play your face card (if you're lucky, you might even pair their face card for two points). When your opponent lays down a 5 to run the count to 29, you are ready. With any luck, you'll now get to play your two Aces together for a pair and a 31, gaining you four much needed points.

you	4		X		A		A (4 pts.)
dealer		X		5		go	

Here's another way to play this hand. Lead the face card this time. When the dealer plays a 5 for 15-2, play the 4 as your next card. Most players will immediately recognize that such a bold move means you are playing offense and, rather than risk giving you a potential run of four if they play a 3 or a 6 as their second card, they will drop another face card and run the count to 29 to get away from you. Again, with some luck in your corner, you'll get to play your two Aces together for 31-4.

*In cribbage shorthand, X = any card worth 10 points; that is, 10, J, Q, or K.

you	X		4		A		A (4 pts.)
dealer		5 (2 pts.)		X		go	

Of course, neither of these plays will work all the time—and sometimes they'll backfire horribly (for example, when the dealer is holding an Ace and swoops in for your 31-4). But since cribbage is a game of probabilities, these are the odds-on plays to make when holding A-A-4-X and playing offense. **CW**

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MIA

The USPS has returned mail for the following members (city and state are from last known address). Do you know where they are? If so, please contact the membership secretary at acc@cmspan.net or 888.734.4464 (9a-11a Pacific Time).

- Morgan Anderson (Prosser WA)
- Wanda Branson (Alamo TX)
- James Burkey (Spokane WA)
- Michael A. Coogan Jr. (Danvers MA)
- Randi Foster (Mount Pleasant MI)
- Denise Freeman (Minneapolis MN)
- Lester Gamblin (Yuma AZ)
- Douglas G. Hadley Jr. (Meridian ID)
- Jesse Howard (Chepachet RI)
- MacKenzie Knabe (Reno NV)
- Michell Loeffler (Santa Rosa CA)
- M. Lynn Main (Madison WI)
- Casey Mathe (Oshkosh WI)
- Steve Palmer (Baker City OR)
- Rich Ramirez (West Covina CA)
- Stephen Snitkin (San Diego CA)
- Shane Stonemetz (Bellevue WA)
- Matthew Watty (Minden NV)
- Brian Willis (Aurora CO)
- Linda Woolf (Yuma AZ)

GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

as of March 10

Division 1

268 Phillip E. Whitehouse (Club 329)
248 David Campbell (375)
236 Erik Royland Locke (28)
232 Peter Setian (72)
222 Ronald D. Gustafson (357)
217 Bob Handy (272)
214 Paul Gregson (54)
214 John Schafer (91)
209 Roy Wong (110)
206 Jim Lunder (22)
206 Gary Reichel (300)
205 Mary Jane Esera (110)
205 Albert Moy (290)
203 Albert N. Miller (314)
200 Armand P. Hamel (72)
200 Bill Sundheim (175)
199 Jerald W. Adams (332)
197 Glenn Scott (98)
194 Ronald K. Clarke (288)
194 Ben Hanson (344)
194 Harold Sontag (162)
194 Arne Ternsten (108)
193 John Syffestad (1)
190 Kenneth C. Keller (295)
188 Owen Mayer (329)
187 Rick Allen (124)
187 Brad Behm (90)
187 Gerald E. Del Agostino (190)
187 Jim Egan (321)
187 Dwight Van Cleve (23)
186 Dearl McCullough (140)
186 Donald Urban (213)
185 Rod Foy (21)
185 JoAnne Randolph (243)
185 Peggy Shea (194)
184 Charlie Douthit (211)
184 Robert Erkes (178)
183 Haley Hintze (3)
183 Joe Lilley (350)
183 Joe Meske (295)
183 Donald Meyer (94)
182 Stan Billingsley (337)
182 Doris Denny (145)
181 Russell L. Dubuis (71)
181 Keith W. Forrest (69)
181 Jeff Shimp (229)
181 Harold Tokerud (360)
180 Rich Ekman (190)
180 Jack B. Shumate III (127)
180 Dan Taylor (240)

Division 2

123 Ralph Haynes (219)
123 Russell N. Rice (97)
117 Leon Korba (27)
111 Carl L. Heath (38)
109 Rick Vee (96)
108 Joan DeCou (249)
108 Herb Petty (38)
107 Linda J. Newman (249)
106 Howard Pearson (96)
104 Tom Anderson (356)
103 Wes Hall (96)
98 Randy Shenfield (356)
97 Wes Du Mont (38)
97 Dorothy Maximov (111)
97 David Olney (17)
94 Dennis M. Jacobs (249)
94 Dennis Lunn (219)
94 Gary McCuskey (281)
93 Thomas Borkowski (97)
93 Peter A. Jackson (249)
91 Peter K. Lerch (35)
90 Robert Fissette (219)
90 John Fitzgerald (356)
89 Jason Matheny (281)
88 Wendell Woodard (219)

Division 3

109 Kurt Bloeser (24)
87 John Alig (24)
81 Barbara Stockham (24)
70 Jon Taylor (24)
66 Tom Rio (24)
66 Donald E. Sipchen (24)
65 R. William Hawk (24)
65 Edmund E. Zielinski (24)
64 Doris Henken (24)
59 Gilbert Bjorling (24)

Travelers' Club

223 Keith W. Forrest (69)
188 Della B. Walker (203)
175 Linton Walker (203)
159 Alice Souza (380)
158 Fred L. White (110)
140 Estalita A. Ells (299)
139 Mary Louise Lorensen (290)
139 Beth Witter (90)
136 William Eilers (227)
134 Paul R. Griffin (308)
11 Sir John Suckling (000)



WRITTEN AND EDITED BY DAVE GERKE

Reader contributions are encouraged. Items of interest to Grass Roots players should be sent to Dave at davegerke29@yahoo.com



Corner

Redwood Peggery Club 55 (Santa Rosa CA)—in three weeks we had four big hands. On January 26 **Etta Brownly** had her first 29-hand. On February 2 **Sherry Vale** had her first 28-hand. And on February 9 both **Kris Nothwang** and **Richard Flatto** had 28-hands. It's been an exciting three weeks at our club! *submitted by Jerry Brisgel*

Greater Orlando Club 22—February 3 saw **Tony “Mr. 28” Chance** doing it again, scoring his fourth 28-hand of the 2010–2011 season in only his fourteenth outing. This is an average of one 28-hand in 28.6% of the tournaments he has participated in, or once every 3.5 tournaments, or once every 31.5 games played this season. *submitted by Brad Gronli*

River City Peggery Club 162 (Sacramento CA)—halfway through the season we had paid out bonuses for one 29-hand (\$100), one 28-hand (\$25), and one grand slam (\$50). Of course a 29 is rare, but we were way below average on grand slams and 28s compared to previous years. In the five weeks since, club members have scored four more 28-hands (**Darrell Sand**, **Gary Clark**, **Tom Nohrden**, **David LeBoeuf**, **Pat Farris**), another grand slam (**Dolores Boyles**, **Doug Dresbach**), and another 29-hand (**Jim Aleschus**, **Bob Westbrook**)! We

are back on track to having an “average” year! *submitted by Annett Eiffert*

Twin City Club 221 (Winston-Salem NC)—Georgia better than North Carolina? **Valerie Nozick**, from Club 119 in Marietta GA, certainly validated her club's name (Have Pegs Will Travel) by driving over ninety minutes one way to visit us on January 25. Valerie took first place, emptied our skunk bank by winning her first Grass Roots grand slam, and will likely earn another \$10 as the best card of the winter season! We are happy for her, but saddened that our skunk bank is now empty after we filled it with our hard-earned losses for nineteen weeks. As to whether Georgia players are better than North Carolina players, we'll have to host a club challenge one of these days to find out! *submitted by Robert Wenzel*

Pegging Polecats Club 168 (East Greenwich RI)—we wish the best of luck to **Lynn Babbitt** and her dad, **Walter Ballou**, who have moved clear across the country from Rhode Island to Washington State. Our club also recently lost another player, **Ed DeMarco Jr.**, who passed at the age of 69. We will all miss him and offer our condolences to his family. *submitted by Marge Kennedy and Karyn Fischer*

Edmonton Club 261—at the two-thirds mark of the season, **Terry Hatto** is out in

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GrassRoots Awards



Charlie Finley
(Enfield CT)
Gold Award #12

Charlie learned cribbage in 1964, when his next-door neighbor taught him to play at a penny a point! But Charlie moved out of the neighborhood in 1967 and didn't meet another cribbage player until he joined the ACC in 1983. After totally forgetting—because of a golf game!—to go to a tournament he had signed up for, he made a friend for life and found a mentor in tournament director and fellow golfer **George Bickford**—after George chewed him out! In 1984 Charlie started playing at the Hartford CT Grass Roots club, but a couple years later he and **Jim Law** started a club in Longmeadow MA so they could play every week. Charlie has been club champion twice, and during the 2000–2001 season he was the national Grass

Roots champion! His toughest opponent is his good friend **Tossie Shea**. Other interests include reading and his grandkids—especially his oldest granddaughter, **Amanda**, who in the last two years has raised almost \$5,000 for “Relay for Life.” Charlie also loves the stock market because all its ups and downs remind him of cribbage!

Grass Roots Corner—continued from page 31

front with 190 GRPs. He is followed by **Herb Schaar**, **Gary Wirth**, and **Dwayne Pankiw**. We held our GRNT on March 6, and **Gary Wirth** led the way with a 30/13 card, and **Lewis Skidmore** scored a 28-hand. He had a potential grand slam broken up in the ninth game by **Ross Hallett**, continuing our club's dubious streak of no grand slams for the current season. *submitted by Gary Wirth*

Kelowna Club 309 (Kelowna BC)—on February 16 our club saw both ends of the cribbage spectrum: **Richard Smith** had a grand slam 20/9 +212, and **Dorothy Hauk** had a string of pearls 0/0–138. *submitted by Wayne Goreski*

Humboldt Cribbers Club 194 (Eureka CA)—the men in our club have found Reno to be a lucky spot for cribbage. The Sands Hotel has three dates each year when you can come and play cribbage with the best of the best, and four club members have taken top honors in recent years: **Tom Langford** took first in the 2007 Indepen-

dence Day tournament, **Rick Shea** won the 2009 TOC, **Tom Cookman** won the 2010 Veterans Day tournament, and **Herschel Mack** won the JPW/ACC Open this past February. Great job gentlemen. Now it's time for the ladies of Club 194 to step it up! If you are ever in the Eureka area and looking for a game of cribbage against some great players, look us up. *submitted by Peggy Shea* **CW**

Name	Score	Opponent	SEAT
1	2 23	11	
2	2 23	7	
3	2 11	12	
4	2 9	3	
5	2 89	7	
6	2 17	10	
7	2 29	14	
8	2 4	17	
9	3 82	5	

Total Name Points: 20/9
NET POINTS (+): +212

SCORING: Win=2, Loss=0, Stuck=3

Signature: Rick Shea



The results of the February poll are in, and it appears that ACC members play in tournaments for a wide variety of reasons.

Readers were asked to give their top three choices to the question: “Why do you play in cribbage tournaments?” Sixty players responded, with these answers:

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	total votes
for the competition	26	11	12	49
for the social aspect	8	21	13	42
to earn MRPs	11	12	12	35
to win prizes (cash, trophies)	11	7	14	32
to improve my game	2	9	7	18
other reason	2	0	2	4

“For the competition” garnered the most total votes (49 of 180, or 27.2%).

It was the top answer for 26 of 60 respondents (43.3%), the second answer for 11 respondents (18.3%), and the third answer for 12 additional respondents (20%). In other words, players love the competition of a live tournament, the thrill of figuring out how to beat their opponent.

But right behind this was “for the social aspect,” which earned 42 total votes (23.3%) and was the top vote-

getter as second choice, earning 21 votes in this category (35%). Meeting old friends, making new ones, going out to dinner or a movie—these ranked nearly as high as the competitive aspect of tournaments.

“Earning MRPs” (an offshoot of successful competition) ranked third, gaining 35 total votes (19.4%).

“Winning prizes” (i.e., cash and trophies) came in fourth overall (32 votes, or 17.7%), but was the top vote-getter as third choice, earning 14 votes in this category (23.3%). **CW**

NOTE: due to technical difficulties, the March CW Opinion Poll wasn't posted on the first of the month, so we have extended the polling time until April 30. Due to declining response, this will be the last poll in the foreseeable future.

GrassRoots Awards

Silver Award

Luther R. Lord (68), CA

Bronze Award

Byron L. Meade (290), CA

Lelona Songy (194), CA

Helen Momaney (290), CA

Bruce E. Webb (190), CA

Robert F. Sheehan (147), FL

Paul J. Watson (161), MA

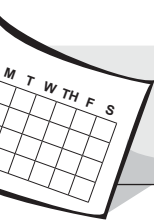
James G. Stratton (332), MI

Delia Doffin (245), NM

Javier Dimas (370), WI

Bernard Herro (6), WI

Larry Morse (6), WI



SANCTIONED Tournaments

MRPs

as of March 10

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name		MRPs	Name	
1	1315	Roland Hall, CA	1	907	Wayne Steinmetz, WI	1	939	David Campbell, ME
2	1197	Duane Toll, OR	2	676	Donald Flesch, WI	2	717	Richard West, MA
3	1180	Erik Royland Locke, OR	3	497	Allen Karr, WI	3	711	Donna LaFleur, CT
4	1052	DeLynn Colvert, MT	4	491	Jerome Tork, WI	4	696	David Statz, MA
5	1014	Willie Evans, WA	5	490	Robert Julian, WI	5	616	Robert Milk, VA
5	1014	Ira Deutsch, OR	6	485	Jeff Shimp, MI	6	581	David Clemmey, MA
7	1004	Bob Bartosh, CA	7	474	Beth Witter, WI	7	579	Susan Cousens, ME
8	994	Chris McComas, WA	8	460	Tony Danihel, WI	8	511	Keith Widener, NC
9	854	Michael Rowe, AK	9	452	David Aiken, MI	9	486	John Blowers, FL
10	827	Herschel Mack, OR	10	431	Mike Burns, MN	10	484	Frank Corrado, CT
11	724	Mills Brubaker, WA	11	425	Tom Plash, MN	11	457	Larry Phifer, NC
12	642	Cy Madrone, CA	12	411	James Harbeson Jr., IN	12	446	William Shoemaker, CT
13	629	Winona McDaniel, OR	13	378	Doug Page, WI	13	416	Phyllis Schmidt, MA
14	614	Jeanne Jelke, WA	14	366	Pete Severson, MN	14	390	Mike Misluk, CT
15	606	James Clark, CA	15	365	Richard Frost, WI	15	372	Howard Terry, FL
16	594	Jim McKnight, CA	16	364	Ginny Danielski, WI	16	369	George Bryer, MA
17	593	Roy Hofbauer, WA	17	361	Daniel Pluff, MN	17	365	Jack Howsare, VA
18	553	Todd Malmgren, OR	18	357	W. Lee Tesch, WI	18	348	Chuck Yeomans, VA
19	535	Gerald Hahn Jr., OR	18	357	Donald Patrin, MN	19	340	Joy Barnes, FL
19	535	Leslie Sumner, NV	20	345	John Schafer, MI	20	337	David Fournier, FL
19	535	Cres Fernandez, CA	21	329	Robert Chase, MN	21	318	Charles Barnes, FL
22	526	Tom Cookman, CA	22	326	Bart Jaeger, NE	22	317	Barbara Barbour, CT
23	502	Mel Ashley, CA	23	324	Lana Newhouse, WI	23	314	Paul Batterson, CT
24	454	H. Ross Njaa, CA	24	309	Emilio Perez, IL	24	310	Albert Miller, NH
24	454	Christy Lens, CA	25	308	Marvin Lang, IL	25	302	Keith Miller, NC
26	447	Skip White, OR	26	305	Alan Schaefer, WI	26	301	David O'Neil, GA
27	445	Steve Hastie, CA	27	287	Douglas Henderson, WI	27	293	Bruce Sattler, MD
28	431	Paul Hatcher, OR	28	286	Bob Joslin, MN	28	285	Valerie Nozick, GA
29	427	Mike McDaniel, OR	29	279	Diane Waite, MN	29	280	Harold Cook, MA
30	406	Artland Kaai, CA	30	274	Jerry Newhouse, WI	30	269	John Campanella, MA
31	395	Pamela Pomeroy, CA	31	265	Patrick Healey, MI	30	269	John Brennan, MA
32	384	Richard Shea, CA	32	264	Bob Kiley, WI	32	252	Robert Drukman, MA
33	382	James Langley, CA	33	259	Joan Rein, MN	32	252	Henry Bergeron, NH
34	375	Bryan Garden, NV	33	259	Nick Severson, MN	34	249	John Rooney Sr., MA
34	375	Michael Green, CA	35	258	Gerald Gruber, MN	35	248	Joe Daesch, FL
36	373	Rollie Heath, OR	36	253	Haley Hintze, IL	36	243	Carl Deyette, CT
37	372	Shari Wikstrom, WA	37	248	Austin Adams, MI	37	233	Phil Martin, CT
38	358	Angelo Torrise, CA	38	234	Gary Haelfrisch, WI	38	223	Joe Nadeau, RI
39	357	Donald Brown, CA	39	231	Steven Steinmetz, WI	39	205	Dave Leissner, MD
40	341	Jerold Montgomery, CA	40	224	Jerry Jaeger, NE	40	200	Cynthia Sestito, MA
41	340	Peggy Shea, CA	41	223	Frank Danielski, WI	41	197	Richard Andrew, NH
42	339	T. L. Gandy Sr., OR	41	223	James Huser, WI	42	195	Walter Brideaux Jr., CT
43	337	Joanne Randolph, WA	43	221	Frank Trojan, MN	43	187	John Wichland, VT
44	330	Dan Marsh, OR	44	220	Boyd Lundquist, MN	44	186	Bill Medeiros, NC
45	323	Judith Beay, CA	45	217	Lloyd Kraft, WI	45	180	Fran Ward, NC
46	318	Jack Moritzky, WA	46	207	Brad Behm, WI	46	179	Frank Clark, MA
47	311	Richard Wardenburg, CA	47	204	Sharon Schaefer, WI	47	171	Mark Soule, ME
48	310	Henry Carle, AK	48	202	Michael Gonnering, WI	48	168	Bill Whiting, VA
49	308	Anne Sheeran, CA	49	198	Darlene Anderst, MN	49	166	Kristy Haught, NC
50	301	Carolyn Maston, CA	50	192	Lyle Lund, MN	50	165	Robert Chevalier, FL
50	301	James Morrow, WA				51	2½	Sir John Suckling, UK

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Roy Hofbauer 30937 NE 23rd St Washougal WA 98671 360.835.3623 roynjean@teleport.com	Patrick Barrett 5821 Griffith Ave Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 715.424.5059 gnxivbarrett@gmail.com	David Campbell 1321 North Rd Parsonsfield ME 04047 207.730.2051 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.

April 1, Ye Olden Cribbage Tournament

Cavalier Hall in Twickenham, Middlesex, England. Main £60. Perks: kidney pie, serving wenches, jousting tourney. Contact: John Suckling (mrcrribidge@cribbidge.org), Cavalier Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, England

April 1-3, St. Croix Casino Classic

St. Croix Casino (800.STAY.W.US), 777 U.S. 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

April 1-3, Kissimmee Open

Heritage Park Inn, 2050 E Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Ray & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Bogy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

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April 1-3, Montana Open

Jokers Wild, Exit 101 on I-90, Missoula MT 59801. Main \$60. Satellites. Perks: coffee, cookies. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 or Sharon Hejtmanek

April 1-3, Maine Spring Fling

Best Western, 580 U.S. Hwy 1, Portsmouth NH 03801. Main \$50. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p DBL \$40/team. Sun 1p LC \$10. Perks: coffee, pastries. Contact: Susan Cousens (207.892.3724), 30 River Rd, Windham ME 04062

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April 1-3, Timber Capital Classic

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$45. Fri 3p \$20; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474; acc@cmspan.net), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

April 2, Alaska State Championship

Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99501. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, brunch. Contact: Hank & Arlene Carle (907.345.2137), 6600 Downey Finch Ln, Anchorage AK 99516

April 8-10, Washington State Open

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

April 8-10, Western New York Open

Quality Inn, 240 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7:30p DBL \$20/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Bill Kraatz (716.354.6683), 11555 Luce Dr, Frewsburg NY 14738 or Jane Cannizzaro

April 9, Mountain View Free Crib

American Legion/VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. Main \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5686), 340 Morgan Dr, Loveland CO 80537

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

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April 9, Colonial Classic

VFW, 106 Jesters Ln, Williamsburg VA 23188. Main \$52. Contact: Bill Whiting (757.564.8955), 109 Barlows Run, Williamsburg VA 23188

April 15–17, Milwaukee Chall./McCabe Mem.

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

April 15–17, Washington State Championship

Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia WA 98531. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 or Laurie Crosslin (360.273.0151)

April 15–17, Bobby Stuart Atlanta Classic

Comfort Suites, 2945-A Lawrenceville–Suwanee Rd, Suwanee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Contact: Barri Gehrand (770.402.1975), 111 Wynnes Ridge Cir SE, Marietta GA 30067 or Valerie Nozick (404.641.3365)

April 16, Canadian Easter Tournament

Sands Hotel (888.444.3402), 12340 Fort Rd, Edmonton AB T5B 4H5. Main \$40. Perks: coffee. Contact: Audrey Hatto (780.641.5166), 3240 Winterburn Rd, Edmonton AB T5S 2R8 or Herb Schaar

April 16, New England Spring Fever

VFW, 123 Holliston St, Medway MA 02053. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, pastries, lunch. Contact: Holli & Earle Remington (508.528.3288), 301 Union St #203, Franklin MA 02038

April 17, Spring U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488),

2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary Prisk (626.339.8881)

April 22–24, Win River Spring Fling

Redding Rancheria Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$20; 7p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat \$20. Contact: Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942), 5701 NE St Johns Rd #7, Vancouver WA 98661

April 23, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th NW, Puyallup WA 98371. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226), 10520 123rd St Court E, Puyallup WA 98374 or Robin Butler

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April 29–May 1, Michigan Open

Four Points (269.385.3922), 3600 E Cork St, Kalamazoo MI 49001. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$15; 7:30p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: David Boyer (269.788.1289), 110 Greentree Ln #14A, Battle Creek MI 49015 or David Gerke

April 29–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, soda, pastries. Contact: Roy & Jeanne Hofbauer (360.835.3623), 30937 NE 23rd St, Washougal WA 98671 or Bernie Nelson (503.440.0577)

April 30–May 1, Black River Country Classic

Castle Hill Supper Club, N 9581 U.S. Hwy 12, Merrilan WI 54754. Main \$65. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

May 1, Ocean State Classic

Lefoyer Club, 151 Fountain St, Pawtucket RI 02860. Main \$47. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John & Linda Chambers (401.231.6667), 32 Homestead Ave, Smithfield RI 02917

May 6–8, Winnemucca Spring Classic

Winners Casino, 185 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$20; 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jerold Montgomery (530.527.6402), 139 Casa Grande Dr, Red Bluff CA 96080 or Jim Langley

May 7, Channel Islands Open

Marie Callendars, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. Main \$60. Perks: breakfast, lunch. Contact: Cy Madrone (805.962.1733), PO Box 40307, Santa Barbara CA 93140 or Kerry O'Connell (805.643.7683)

May 10–12, Carson City Weekday Tourney

Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 Hwy 50 E, Carson City NV 89701. Main \$62. Tue 2:30p \$20; 7p DBL \$50/team. Wed 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Con-

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tact: Diane Leal (775.848.7076), 2750 Plumas St #315, Reno NV 89509 or Bryant Gilkeson

May 13–15, Eau Claire Fest

Plaza Hotel (715.834.6498), 1202 W Clairemont Ave, 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

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May 13–15, Columbia Classic

Eagles, 164 NW 2nd Ave, Hermiston OR 97838. Main \$80. Fri \$20; DBL \$50/team; HR \$100. Sat \$20. Perks: lunch. Contact: Laura Clark (541.571.0785), PO Box 594, Irrigon OR 97844 or Bill Hill (541.567.6594)

May 13–15, North Carolina Open

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

May 13–15, Lake Tahoe Spring Fling

Tahoe Biltmore, Hwy 28, Crystal Bay NV 89402. Main \$62. Fri 3p \$25; 7p DBL \$25; 7p \$30. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Michael McCammon (775.342.0249), 50 Cour de la Celedon, Sparks NV 89434 or Diane Leal

May 15, Connecticut Championship

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

May 20–22, Potawatomi Peggys Pow-wow

Stevensville Inn (269.429.3218), 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. Main \$70. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jeff & Joy Shimp (616.850.9229), 13723 Lincoln St, Grand Haven MI 49417

May 20–22, Oregon State Championship

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

May 22, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701

May 27–29, That's a Go!

Best Western (800.654.5353), 101 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc WI 54220. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. All Events \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch.

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

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May 27–29, Greater Spokane Valley Open

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

May 27–28, Alaska Cruise Tournament

Sapphire Princess (Alaska Coast/Princess Cruises), departing from Seattle WA on May 22. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, drinks. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863), 3224 Yorba Linda Blvd #624, Fullerton CA 92831 or Val Sumner (775.742.4241)

June 3–5, Lake Superior Challenge

Elks, 597 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming MI 49849. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Don Hannula (906.296.9107), 911 Front St, Lake Linden MI 49945 or Pat Healey (906.485.2065)

June 3–5, Mt. St. Helens Open

Longview Legion, 1250 12th, Longview WA 98632. Main \$60. Fri EB \$10; DBL \$50/team; HR \$25. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Chris McComas (360.577.5922), 403 Barr Dr, Kelso WA 98626 or Duane Toll (541.580.3221)

June 3–5, Nugget Classic

Senior Center, 877 Hunnelay Rd, Paradise CA 95969. Main \$65. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks. Contact: Dennis Phillips (530.873.2088), PO Box 1306, Magalia CA 95954 or Jerry Moore

June 3–5, Space Coast Open

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

June 4, Orange Crush Classic

Clubhouse #7, 24111 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods CA 92637. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, bagels, drinks, lunch. Contact: Paul Yellon (949.837.8177), 2184 Via Mariposa E #0, Laguna Woods CA 92637 or Steve Yellon (syellon@yahoo.com)

June 5, Western Massachusetts Classic

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

June 10–12, Capital City Classic

Best Western (515.964.1717), 133 SE Delaware, Ankeny IA 50021. Main \$65. Fri 7:30p \$25. Sat

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7:30p \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

June 11, Western Washington Open

Crystal Grange, 2106 Paulson Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Robert Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 or Larry West

June 17–19, Medford Lions' Tale

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Ctr, 228 N Holly, Medford OR 97501. Main \$52. **Limit 92 players.** Fri 3p \$10; HR 6:45p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. All Events \$15. Contact: Herschel & Rickie Mack (541.855.1103), 5529 Sams Valley Rd, Gold Hill OR 97525 or Scott Milo

June 24–26, Schaefer/Steinmetz Shuffie

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

June 24–26, Cascade Classic

VFW, Redmond OR 97756. Main \$55. Fri 3p \$10; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Contact: Bill Kaufman (541.548.1020), 2908 SW Windrow Ct, Redmond OR 97756 or Margery Clark (541.385.0330)

June 26, Hawai'i Open

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

June 29–July 1, Susanville Summer Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline, Susanville CA 96114. Main \$62. Wed 3p; 7p DBL. Thu 6:30p. Perks: lunch. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.291.9397), PO Box 401, Susanville CA 96114 or Peggy Scalley

July 1–3, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency (866.FUN.STAY), 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri EB \$10; 7p \$20. Sun 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Valerie & Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Ceresse, Sparks NV 89434 or Peggy Shea

July 5–7, Topaz Summer Open

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

July 8–10, Rockford Classic

Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort, 7000 W Riverside, Rockford IL. Main \$70. Fri \$25. Sat \$25. Perks: cof-

fee, lunch. Contact: Don Urban (815.568.0494), 818 Whitetail Dr, Marengo IL 60152

July 8–10, Walla Walla Midsummer Classic

Eagles, 350 S 2nd, Walla Walla WA 99362. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: John Reed (541.938.7048), 85548 Highway 339, Milton Freewater OR 97862 or Zeke Blocklinger (509.525.2605)

July 9, Run for the Gold

Alta Fire Dept., 33950 Alta Bonny Nook Rd, Alta CA 95701. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432), PO Box 1526, Truckee CA 96160 or Rich Ekman (530.401.3627)

July 15–17, Devil Mountain Caper

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. Main \$65. Fri 7p \$25. Sat 6:30p \$25. Perks: breakfast, lunch. Contact: Thomas West (925.437.5491), 1028 Amberwood Ct, Antioch CA 94531

July 17, Yearend Cribbage Extra

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

July 22–24, Black River Country Classic

Comfort Inn (715.284.0888), W10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee. Contact: Lewis & Dianne Gurney (715.937.4104), W7178 Pine Creek Rd, Neillsville WI 54456

July 22–25, National Open

North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Main \$70. Satellites. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Catherine & Russ Perkins (919.837.5790), 1030 Barker Rd, Bear Creek NC 27207 or Jerry Gooden

July 23, Deal for the Cure

Vacaville Leisure Town Center, 100 Sequoia Dr, Vacaville CA 95687. Main \$64. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2026), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571 or Jackie Doppelt (707.447.7568)

July 25, Come Monday

North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC 27609. Main \$50. **No consolation.** Contact: John Morch (919.906.6555), 7417 Fontana Ridge Ln, Raleigh NC 27613

July 27–28, Midweek Challenge

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$55. Tue 6:30p \$10. Wed 7p \$10. Thu 6p \$10. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Bob Brumley

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(509.839.6323), 1301 Lester Rd, Sunnyside WA 98944 or Betty Stewart

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July 28–29, Michigan Tournament of Diamonds

Holiday Inn Express (616.940.8100), 5401 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60—**starts at noon**. Thu 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: David Aiken (cribbage@iserv.net or 616.401.8311), P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301

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July 29–31, Tourney Omega

Holiday Inn Express (616.940.8100), 5401 28th St Court SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: John Hazlett (jouk@aol.com or 616.340.7009), 112 Gold Ave NW, Grand Rapids MI 49504 or David Aiken (cribbage@iserv.net or 616.401.8311)

July 29–31, Summer Classic

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$10; 7p DBL \$50/team; HR 7p \$25. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: James & Cher Morrow (cherlmorrow@hotmail.com; 509.837.4224), 313 N 15th St, Sunnyside WA 98944

July 29–31, Pahrump NV Open

Pahrump Nugget, 681 S Hwy 160, Pahrump NV 89048. Main \$60. Fri \$25. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch, casino bonuses. Contact: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444), PO Box 3601, Pahrump NV 89041 or Norm Nikodym

July 29–31, Granite City Classic

VFW, 9 18th Ave N, St. Cloud MN. Main \$65. Fri 8p \$25. Sat 7p \$25. Contact: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632), 17498 Hayes Ave, Lakeville MN 55044

July 31, Hawai'i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701

August 5–7, Cowboy Country Open

Eagles, 1600 Thome Ave, Cheyenne WY 82001. Main \$65. Satellites. Perks: donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Johnson (307.256.2918), 6800 Legend Ln, Cheyenne WY 82009

August 7, Patriot Kickoff

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA. Main \$52. Contact: Carl Deyette (860.568.7418),

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55 Legion Dr, East Hartford CT 06118 or Walter Bidaux (860.666.4858)

August 12–14, Peach State Classic

Comfort Suites, 2945-A Lawrenceville–Suwanee Rd, Suwanee GA 30024. Main \$60. Fri \$30. Sat \$30. Perks: coffee, sweets, sodas. Contact: Dave O’Neil (404.296.4689), 1069 Texel Ln, Clarkston GA 30021 or Carl Squire (404.983.5058)

August 12–14, Gem State Challenge

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$20; HR 6:30p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$15. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Kathy Atwood (208.353.4862), 194 E Harris Hawk Dr, Kuna ID 83634 or Doug Segali (208.484.8028)

August 13, Social Open

Frantone’s, 12253 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$50. Contact: Don Brown (562.597.1603), 6001 Avenida De Castillo, Long Beach CA 90803 or Rodney Rideau

August 14, Summer U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary Prisk (626.339.8881)

August 19–21, Madison Masters

Howard Johnson (608.244.2481), 3841 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53704. Main \$65. Fri 7:30p. Sat 7:30p. Perks: lunch. Contact: Mike Blackburn (608.577.3940), W9595 County Road C, Cambridge WI 53523

August 19–21, Lovelock Open

Sturgeon’s Casino, 142 Cornell Ave, Lovelock NV. Main \$60. Fri 2:30p \$10; 6:30p DBL \$50/team; 7p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Val Sumner

August 26–28, St. Louis Wahlig Memorial

Comfort Inn (618.236.4900), 8 Commerce Dr, Collinsville IL 62234. Main \$60. Fri \$20. Sat \$20. All Events \$20. Contact: Dave Carey (847.669.3671), 13592 Delaney Rd, Huntley IL 60142

August 26–28, Mt. Rainier Open

AmVets, 5717 S Tyler St, Tacoma WA 98409. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$15; HR 7p \$50; DBL 7p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, cookies, lunch. Contact: Hal Lamon (253.839.1940), 29228 62nd Pl S, Auburn WA 98001 or Ed Johnson

August 28, Hawai’i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701

September 2–4, Capital City Classic

Eagles Lodge, 301 N Fee, Helena MT 59601. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$20; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Contact: Kathy Thompson (406.443.4825), 3000 Villard Ave #110, Helena MT 59601 or Tom Gannon (406.442.1907)

September 2–4, Labor Day Special

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. Main \$45. Fri 3p \$20; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$40/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, soft drinks. Contact: Larry & Donna Hassett (541.672.1474; acc@cmspan.net), 729 W Union St, Roseburg OR 97471

September 9–11, St. Croix Casino Classic

St. Croix Casino (800.STAY.W.US), 777 U.S. 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

September 11, Daniel Webster Open

Elks, 120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua NH 03060. Main \$53. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Henry & Paula Bergeron (603.648.6633), 1466 Battle St, Webster NH 03303

September 16–18, Montana Championship

Jokers Wild, Exit 101 on I-90, Missoula MT 59801. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10; HR \$50; DBL 40/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee, cookies. Contact: DeLynn Colvert (406.543.6855), PO Box 5604, Missoula MT 59806 or Sharon Hejtmanek

September 23–25, Winnemucca Fall Classic

Winners Casino, 185 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445. Main \$65. Fri 3p \$20; 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jerold Montgomery (530.527.6402), 139 Casa Grande Dr, Red Bluff CA 96080 or Jim Langley

September 25, Hawai’i Open

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$40. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701

Sept. 29–Oct. 2, Grand National 30

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$65. Fri 2p \$20; 7p DBL \$50/team. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942), Annett Eiffert (916.962.3130), or Jim Langley (530.527.4606)

October 3–4, Gold Rush Open

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$60. Perks: coffee, juice, snacks. Contact: Don Brown (562.597.1603), 6001 Avenida de Castillo, Long Beach CA 90803 or Pam Pomeroy (562.929.2901) or Rodney Rideau (562.434.0199)

October 7-9, Capital City Classic

Best Western (515.964.1717), 133 SE Delaware, Ankeny IA 50021. Main \$65. Fri 7:30p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Dick Ogden (515.419.6818), PO Box 35211, Des Moines IA 50315

October 7-9, Columbus Day Cribbage

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. Main \$65. Contact: Margery Clark (541.385.0330), 60945 Granite Dr, Bend OR 97702 or Scott Dague

October 8, Wonderful Woodland Won-Day

Woodland Community Ctr, 2001 East St, Woodland CA 95776. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, fruit, donuts, sodas, lunch. Contact: Julie & Cecil Felkins (707.372.4181), 247 Porter Ct, Woodland CA 95695 or Herschel & Rickie Mack (707.888.0067)

October 9, October Occurrence

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

October 14-16, Wisconsin Rapids Open

Hotel Mead (715.423.1500), 451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

October 14-16, Crescent City Open

Del Norte County Fairgrounds, 421 Hwy 101 N, Crescent City CA 95531. Main \$50. Fri 3p \$10; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Jim Waldvogel (707.464.9168), 160 Hinky Rd, Crescent City CA 95531 or Jerald Cutsforth (707.464.2808)

October 14-16, South Florida Open

Hilton Garden Inn, 3505 Kyoto Garden Dr, Palm Beach Garden FL 33410. Main \$55. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Contact: Joe Daesch (954.725.9548), 6508 Flamingo Way, Coconut Creek FL 33073 or Ken Johnson (561.743.4358)

October 15, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Don Zeuschel (253.845.4226), 10520 123rd St Ct E, Puyallup WA 98374 or Dick Albedyll

October 16, Noon Moon

Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99501. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, brunch. Contact: Hank & Arlene Carle (907.345.2137), 6600 Downey Finch Ln, Anchorage AK 99516

October 21-23, Emerald Coast Open

Elks, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$20. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Scott &

Jenny Bailey (850.852.5945), 1951 Waterford Ridge Rd, Fort Walton Beach FL 32547

October 21-23, Cribbage from the Crypt

Eagles, 110 S Penn St, Port Angeles WA 98362. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$10; DBL 7:30p \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Lisa Duff (360.808.7128), PO Box 2008, Port Angeles WA 98362

October 22, P&G Open

Frantone's, 12253 E Imperial Hwy, Norwalk CA 90650. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, snacks, lunch. Contact: Gary Sumner (714.313.8863), 3224 Yorba Linda Blvd #624, Fullerton CA 92831 or Pamela Pomeroy

October 28-30, Abe Kealoha Extravaganza

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$50. Fri 6:30p DBL \$40/team. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainaahe PI, Aiea HI 96701

October 28-30, Salem Classic

Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97302. Main \$65. Fri 2p \$10; 6:30p HR \$50; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$10. Perks: lunch. Contact: Kim Simmons (503.364.1510), 7525 Spelbrink Ln SE, Salem OR 97301 or Craig Jensen

October 29, Fall U.S. Open

West Covina Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. Main \$45. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488), 2132 S Wisteria Ct, Ontario CA 91761 or Mary Prisk (626.339.8881)

November 4-6, Sunshine State Classic

Heritage Park Inn, 2050 E Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts. Contact: Raymond & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

November 4-6, Longest Beach Classic

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. Main \$60. Fri 3p \$20; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat 7p \$20. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Peggy Scalley (360.694.1942), 5701 NE St Johns Rd #7, Vancouver WA 98661 or Sharon Hejtmanek

November 5, Summer End in Vacaville

Vacaville Leisure Town Center, 100 Sequoia Dr, Vacaville CA 95687. Main \$62. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Stan Katzman (408.472.2026), 311 Spyglass Dr, Rio Vista CA 94571 or Jackie Doppelt (707.447.7568)

November 9-11, Susanville Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline, Susanville CA 96130. Main \$62. Wed 3p; 7p DBL. Thu 6:30p. Contact: Steve Hastie (530.210.0111), PO Box 401, Janesville CA 96114 or Bruce McGillivray

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October 28–30, Tahoe Fall Festival

Tahoe Biltmore (800.245.8667), 5 Hwy 28, Crystal Bay NV 89402. Main \$60. Fri 3p; DBL 7p \$50/team; 7p \$30. Perks: coffee, pastries. Contact: Diane Leal (775.825.1360), 2750 Plumas St #315, Reno NV 89509 or Les Rasmussen

November 11–13, St. Croix Casino Classic

St. Croix Casino (800.STAY.W.US), 777 U.S. 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

November 11–13, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. Main \$62. Fri 3p \$20; 7p DBL \$50/team. Sat \$20. Perks: coffee cake. Contact: Les Sumner (775.342.2532), 90 Cercle De La Cerese, Sparks NV 89434 or Valerie Sumner

November 15–17, Topaz Summer Open

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

November 20, Pre-Thanksgiving Tourney

American Legion, Palmer AK 99645. Main \$50. Perks: drinks. Contact: Marli Holden (907.631.3249), 5001 E Brumage Dr, Wasilla AK 99654

December 2–4, Greater Orlando Open

Hampton Inn, 151 Douglas Ave, Altamonte Springs FL 32714. Main \$55. Fri 7:30p \$20. Sat 7:30p \$20. Contact: David Fournier (407.695.1902), 808 Osceola Trl, Casselberry FL 32707 or Nicole Fournier (407.468.5491)

December 4, Hawai'i Championship

Fleet Reserve, 891 Valkenburgh St, Honolulu HI 96818. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Tsarkie (808.223.2400), 99-553 Kaulainahoe Pl, Aiea HI 96701

December 10, Western Washington Ltd.

Crystal Grange, 2106 Poulsbo Rd, Poulsbo WA 98370. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Robert Maupin (360.876.6318), 4920 Sherlyn Ave SE, Port Orchard WA 98367 or Larry West

December 18, Santa Special

Heritage Park Inn, 2050 E Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. Main \$55. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Raymond & Nancy Wanke (407.433.6791), 1983 Boggy Creek Rd #A4, Kissimmee FL 34744

January 6–8, Peg for the Border

Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91942. Main \$55. Fri 7p DBL \$70/team. Perks:

coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Shelley & Roz Ber- man (619.444.7655), 1145 Naranca Ave, El Cajon CA 92021

January 13–15, Virginia Championships

Wyndham Crossings Hotel, 1000 Virginia Center Prky, Glen Allen VA 23059. Main \$60. Fri 7p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. Perks: coffee, lunch. Contact: Rick Allen (804.323.7476), 3013 Landria Dr, Richmond VA 23225 or Janet Meinert

January 12, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. Main \$50. Perks: coffee, donuts, lunch. Contact: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226), 10520 123rd St Ct E, Puyallup WA 98374 or Dick Albedyll

February 25, California Championships

Veterans Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave at Hwy 12, Santa Rosa CA 95405. Main \$65. Perks: coffee, donuts, snacks, lunch. Contact: Avon Ray (707.546.8967), 21 Estrella Dr, Santa Rosa CA 95403 or Mike Em- erson (707.539.3391)

March 9–11, Waupaca Spring Open

Best Western (877.880.1054), 110 Grand Season Dr, Waupaca WI 54981. Main \$60. Fri 7:30p \$25. Sat 7:30p \$25. Perks: lunch. Contact: Patrick Bar- rett (715.424.5059), 5821 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

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Sweet Success

BY ERIC JENSEN

Cribbage Stories from around the ACC

I am writing this article while still high from winning the Michigan Tournament of Hearts on Saturday, February 19. I'm high not because I won, but because of the total excitement I enjoyed while playing in this tournament.

I have played this great game for over fifty years, and I can kick myself for not playing in a club earlier in my life. (Did clubs really exist then?) I have been with Square Peggers Club 91 (Grand Rapids MI) for only seventeen months, so I have missed out on many years of exciting cribbage—my loss for sure.

My intention on that Saturday was to attempt to be competitive and see where that would get me. I was very fortunate to have been dealt very good cards throughout the day, and I landed in the playoffs.

To touch base with a fine article by David Aiken in the February *Cribbage World*, cribbage is just an excuse we use to squeeze more out of life as we enjoy the friendships and competition that go hand in hand with each and every tournament.

Unfortunately, lack of funds has prevented me from traveling to out-of-state tournaments (something I look forward to in the future), but MTH was played on our home turf, so I could afford to attend. I played many gracious opponents, and feel blessed that I was able to do so.

Once I made the playoffs, I was in another world. As I continued to move to the next round and then the finals, I was on cloud nine. I did not expect to be so lucky—but, wow, what a rush!

I would encourage anyone who enjoys cribbage and plays in a club to make every effort to attend tournaments near your residence. You cannot feel the excitement unless you take that next step. If I can win with good cards, you can also!



Not only was the Michigan Tournament of Hearts Eric's first win, but he was high qualifier and held a 28-hand in game five of the finals!

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- 1789 Judith A. Beay (CA)
- 1776 Ronald A. Reid (CA)
- 1759 Paul Gregson (CA)
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