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#### 2017 All Americans

he 2016–17 season wrapped up on July 31, with a flurry of tournaments on both coasts and several points in between.

The grandest old man of this grand old game, Life Master (7\*) **DeLynn Colvert** (Missoula MT), took advantage of a strong start last fall to capture his fifth national



rank	MRPs	player	All American appearances
1	1746	DeLynn Colvert	26
2	1631	James Langley	6
3	1594	Terry Weber	1
4	1556	Cy Madrone	4
5	1540	Duane Toll	19
6	1520	Jeanne Jelke	5
6	1520	Erik Locke	9
8	1407	Bob Bartosh	8
9	1155	Ira Deutsch	2
10	1146	Dan Selke	1
11	1141	Frank Abernathy	1

2016-17 All American team (region winners in bold)



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## Ethics Committee

## My Deal by David Aiken



#### Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**

Cheating doesn't happen often in cribbage, but when it does it sometimes comes as such a surprise that you hardly know how to act.

At first you may question what you actually saw. Did she *really* just peg her hand twice? There's no way he *really* took those extra points—right?

Once you get over the shock, then you have to process this new info, which may be difficult, especially if it is someone you know, or someone who is well known.

But after you come to grips with the reality of the situation, it is time to take action. The ACC has a detailed policy in place to deal with rule violations, and here is a summary guide to follow when you see someone cheating or violating the rules.

First and most important: *do not do nothing!* Simply keeping this info to yourself accomplishes absolutely nothing.

Second, taking matters into your own hands is even worse. Telling friends, gos-

siping about the player, forming a vigilante group—all of these actions create a corrosive environment at tourneys or clubs, make it harder to catch the accused person committing the violation, and hinder the Ethics Committee's investigation.

Here's what you should do. If the incident happens at club, report it to your club director. If it happens at a tournament, tell the tournament director or head judge. The director or judge can

sometimes deal with the problem right then and there, while more serious actions need to be made known to the Ethics Committee.

Regardless of whether you tell a director or head judge, you should follow up with a letter to the Ethics Committee (you must sign your letter; anonymous accusations are not considered). This committee is composed of seven BOD members from all three regions who thoroughly investigate each allegation of rule violations.

One rule of thumb that the committee follows is that complaints must be verified by more than one source. If no else saw what you saw, you might have a tendency to say, "What's the use? No one else saw it."

Here's why it is important to write the letter anyway: anytime the Ethics Committee receives a letter about a player, they always review prior complaints to see if a behavioral pattern exists. But without your letter in hand, they have nothing to go on and cannot discipline the player.

Keep in mind that the Ethics Committee deals not only with outright cheating but with *all* ethical violations, including abusive language, rudeness, disorderly behavior, intimidation, discrimination, financial malfeasance by directors, and other actions detrimental to the objectives of the ACC.

We all want an ACC that is free of card mechanics, cheaters, and other scoundrels. But if you never write to the Ethics Committee, you have no right to complain if the same person is later found to be in continued on page 13

#### Your Deal



Letters to CW will be printed on a space-available basis and may be condensed or edited for clarity and length (150 words maximum). Send letters to **cribbage@iserv.net** or P.O. Box 313, Ada MI 49301-0313. Please include your name, city, and state.

Western Region Tournament Commish Starting this month, there is a new Western Region Tournament Commissioner: Rick Shea (Eureka CA). I started this job in 1990 as an appointee of Syl Lulinski. Syl had been the National Tournament Commissioner; there were no regions then, he did the job for the whole organization. It was decided to divide the organization into three regions for the purpose of tournament administration, with three commissioners: Eastern, Central, and Western. I have had the privilege of working with many tournament directors over all these years, and they have been a great group of volunteers. I ask Western Region tournament directors to be as good and helpful to Rick as you have been to me. Starting September 1, please send all requests, reports, questions, and complaints to Rick. Thanks for a great twenty-seven years!

Roy Hofbauer (Washougal WA)

## New Western Region Tournament Commissioner

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#### Facebook Posting by DeLynn about Solar Eclipse

Damn. . . . Fell asleep this 90 seconds. Hell to get old!!!!

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Send info about member birthdays ending in a zero two months in advance to cribbage@iserv.net or PO Box 313. Ada MI 49301-0313.

Happy Birthday in September!

90—Helen Doom (IL)

80-Luther Lord (CA)

80—Stan Katzman (CA)

80—Jay Sorensen (CA)

60—Kathryn Justyn (CA)

#### **Better Than Joe!**

Noting the achievements of members who moved past ACC founder Joe Wergin's lifetime total of 1,728 MRPs.

> David Bute (CO) Dot Davis (NC)

**ACC** membership odometer

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as of August 1

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
April Fools (Waipahu Hl; Apr. 1)	Alice Souza 18 players HQ. Ronnio 1. Alice So 2. Kathy E.	18 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (25) 1. Alice Souza (70) 2. Kathy Esposito-Mason (42)			
North Carolina Open (Win- ston-Salem NC; May 19–21)	Robert Reister	48 players HQ. Esther Rolfe (20) 1. Esther Rolfe (105) 2. Keith Miller (70) 3. David Sniegowski (42) 3. Jeff Raynes (42)	<i>32 players</i> HQ. William Walker (12) 1. Robert Reister (40) 2. William Walker (24)	28-hand: Jerome Kelliher*	<i>Friday:</i> Jack Howsare <i>Saturday:</i> Jerry Gooden
Players Memo- rial (Waipahu HI; May 29)	Alice Souza	19 players HQ. Robert Wright (40) 1. Alice Souza (70) 2. Creighton Lee (42)	I	<i>28-hand:</i> Robert Wright*	
Montana Cham- pionship (Mis- soula MT; May 30–June 1)	DeLynn Colvert	54 players HQ. Gary Galetti (25) 1. Todd Malmgren (105) 2. Jim Blakely (70) 3. Gary Galetti (42) 3. Pat Reynolds (42)	38 players HQ. Carole Herron (12) 1. Bob Kemp (60) 2. Hoss Reynolds (40) 3. Carole Herron (24) 3. William Macmillan (24)	28-hands: Nancy Palmer* Philip Cammack*	Doubles: Terry Vanclief & Suzanne Lamoureux Early Bird: Greg Van Metre Saturday: Pat Reynolds
Mount Saint Helens Classic (Longview WA; June 2–4)	Chris McComas	44 players HQ. Steve Ellis (35) 1. William O'Malley (105) 2. Dennis Misenar (70) 3. Steve Ellis (42) 3. Richard McNeil (42)	<i>22 players</i> HQ. Pete Larsen (18) 1. Herschel Mack (40) 2. Pete Larsen (24)		Early Bird: Robert Milk Doubles: Herschel Mack & Don Dolezal Saturday: Robert Milk
Spring US Open (West Covina CA; June 11)	Norm Nikodym	33 players HQ. Norman Nikodym (40) 1. Leo Rutledge (105) 2. Sharon Schaefer (70) 3. Cathy Rendon (42) 3. Edward Wozniak (42)	<i>18 players</i> HQ. Artland Kaai (12) 1. Michael Duffy (40) 2. Artland Kaai (24)	28-hand: Jim McKnight*	

lournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners	
Lake Superi-		60 players	36 players	29-hand:	ال	GRAND
or Challenge (Ishpeming MI; June 16–18)	Hannula & Pat Healey	HQ. Dan Selke (45) 1. Dan Selke (105) 2. David Champion (70) 3. Kathryne Maki (42) 3. Richard Frost (42)	HQ. Jeff Shimp (18) 1. Peter Koski (60) 2. Edward Balcer (40) 3. Andy Stireman (24) 3. Dan Pohl (24)	Lou Tousignant* 28-hands: John Sain* Kathryne Maki* Ann Trotter	Saturday: Ed Balcer	SLAMI
Fort Morgan Open (Fort Morgan CO; June 16–18)	David Bute	30 players HQ. Clay Collier (30) 1. Roger Baxter (70) 2. Mary Skole (42)	<i>17 players</i> HQ. David Bute (15) 1. Don Thienel (40) 2. David Bute (24)	28-hand: Larry Worth*	Early Bird: Kathy Pacocha Friday: Mary Skole Doubles: Mike Schingle & Larry Worth All Events: Steve Sundet	
Steinmetz/Frosty Shuffle (Slinger WI; June 23–25)	Wayne Steinmetz	<i>50 players</i> HQ. Jerry Newhouse (50) 1. Dan Selke (105) 2. Roger Owen (70) 3. Bob Kiley (42) 3. Donald Flesch (42)	37 players HQ. Ellen Kutz (12) 1. Michael Henze (60) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 3. Sally Henderson (24) 3. Donald Urban (24)	28-hand: Jerome Tork*	<i>Friday:</i> Chuck Minesal S <i>aturday:</i> Donald Urban	
Cascade Classic (Madras OR; June 23–25)	Tammy Gibbons & Debra Lucas	48 players HQ. Virginia Abbe (40) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Dennis Misenar (70) 3. Terry Bond (42) 3. Jeanne Hofbauer (42)	<i>30 players</i> HQ. James Langley (12) 1. Duane Toll (40) 2. Laurie Logan (24)		<i>Early Bird:</i> Debra Lucas <i>Doubles:</i> Ron & Laurie Logan <i>Saturday:</i> Jeanne Jelke	
Susanville Summer Classic (Susanville CA; June 28–30)	Steve Hastie	62 players HQ. Rick Baird (45) 1. Duane Toll (105) 2. Gary Nerton (70) 3. Donald Wanta (42) 3. David Aiken (42)	<i>50 players</i> HQ. Joe Dunn (15) 1. Roy Hofbauer (60) 2. David O'Neil (40) 3. Nancy Rojas (24) 3. Joe Dunn (24)	28-hand: Jeanne Jelke*	Early Bird: Cres Fernandez Doubles: Jeanne Jelke & Jeanne Hofbauer Thursday: Cres Fernandez All Events: Art Whitney	

continued

## LEGEND HQ = high qualifier \* = in a sanctioned event highlighting = first win

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Independence Day Classic (Reno NV; June 30–July 1)	Valerie Sumner	164 players HQ. Terry Weber (60) 1. Cheryl Van Scyoc (196) 2. Tyler Blood (147) 3. Rich Ekman (105) 3. James Langley (105) 5. Barbara Chaplik (70) 5. Jim Crawford (70) 5. Bernie Nelson (70) 5. Kevin Mansfield (70)	112 players HQ. Jason Thornton (30) 1. Ronald Reid (84) 2. Gary Pinkley (60) 3. John Prehn (40) 3. Jason Thornton (40)	28-hand: K. C. Carder GRAND SLAM!	Early Bird: William Eilers Mid-Roller: Dennis Phillips High Roller: Bill Press Sunday: Ronald Reid SLAMI
Topaz Summer Classic (Topaz NV; July 3–5)	Les Sumner	56 players HQ. Larry Phifer (60) 1. Doug Page (105) 2. Ivan Wells (70) 3. Larry Phifer (42) 3. Patricia Echard (42)	38 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (9) 1. Duane Toll (60) 2. Margaret Fanucchi (40) 3. Greg Schleusner (24) 3. Nancy Rojas (24)	28-hand: E. J. Opinski	Early Bird: Larry Phifer Doubles: Bob Prochnow & Frank Kiernan Tuesday: Emilio Perez SLAND
Portland Summer Open (Portland OR; July 7–9)	Stephanie Akin	81 players HQ. Wayne Momsen (60) 1. Erik Locke (147) 2. Eric Frey (105) 3. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Joanne Randolph (70)	42 players HQ. Matt Padrow (15) 1. Rich Ekman (60) 2. Mike McCammon (40) 3. Mark Fletcher (24) 3. Randy Dickenson (24)	28-hands: Rollie Heath* Bob Brumley*	Early Bird: Steven Macomber Doubles: Dennis Misenar & Cliff Head Saturday: Carol Miller SLAMI
Lobster Peg- Off (Bangor ME; July 7–9)	Dave Leissner	46 players HQ. Susan Jaynes (30) 1. Susan Jaynes (105) 2. Rhonda Perry (70) 3. Shawn Eames (42) 3. Robert Hewes (42)	31 players HQ. Barry Spadea (21) 1. Barry Spadea (40) 2. David Campbell (24)	28-hands: William Pesce* Barry Spadea*	Early Bird: June Fordham Doubles: June Fordham & Janice Blanc
Mountain View Classic #1 (Love- land CO; July 8)	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha	48 players HQ. Pat Liegl (40) 1. Dan Selke (105) 2. Don Thienel (70) 3. Pat Liegl (42) 3. Mark Cochran (42)	34 players HQ. Carol Grimes (15) 1. Arun Sautter (60) 2. Billy Bender (40) 3. Carol Grimes (24) 3. Al Pernicek (24)		

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Run for the Gold (Dutch Flat CA; July 8)	Greg Schleusner	44 players HQ. Arne Gallagher (45) 1. Cy Madrone (105) 2. Karen Reitz (70) 3. Van Ray (42) 3. Arne Gallagher (42)	28 players HQ. Patricia Echard (24) 1. Cres Fernandez (40) 2. Margaret Fanucchi (24)		
Mountain View Classic #2 (Love- land CO; July 9)	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha	40 players HQ. Clay Collier (35) 1. Roy Hohn (105) 2. Troy Thorson (70) 3. Todd Kenyon (42) 3. Greg Ginocchio (42)	<i>17 players</i> HQ. William Barnes (21) 1. William Barnes (40) 2. Al Pernicek (24)		
Devil Mountain Caper (Antioch CA; July 21–23)	Tad Pilecki	72 players HQ. Tad Pilecki (40) 1. Jim Crawford (147) 2. Jeanne Jelke (105) 3. Beth Fleischer (70) 3. Peggy Shea (70)	28 players HQ. Christy Lens (21) 1. Jones Hom (40) 2. Christy Lens (24)		<i>Canadian Doubles</i> : Dennis Johnston & Tad Pilecki
The End Is Near (Black River Falls WI; July 27–28)	Joan Rein	57 players HQ. Michael Henze (40) 1. Robert Chase (105) 2. Henry Brandner (70) 3. Donald Flesch (42) 3. Virginia Grogan (42)	48 players HQ. David Carlson (18) 1. Gerald Gruber (60) 2. David Carlson (40) 3. Marsha Mahan (24) 3. Lewis Gurney (24)	<i>28-hand:</i> Daniel Pluff	<i>Wednesday:</i> Roger Grandgeorge <i>Thursday:</i> Allen Bailey <i>All Events:</i> Donald Flesch
Open Opener (Raleigh NC; July 27–28)	David Aiken & David Campbell	David Aiken 114 players & David HQ. David Fournier (60) Campbell 1. Gerard St. Germain (147) 2. Robert Medeiros (105) 3. Jack Howsare (70) 3. Lana Newhouse (70)	102 players HQ. David Statz (24) 1. Raymond Tondorf (84) 2. Jason Matheny (60) 3. Frank Reddy (40) 3. Mary Burlington (40)	<i>28-hand:</i> Mary Burlington*	
Weekday Challenge (Sunnyside WA; July 27–28)	James Morrow	30 players HQ. Sandy Sands (40) 1. Terry Vanclief (70) 2. Sandy Sands (42)	23 players HQ. Gordy Wise (12) 1. DeLynn Colvert (40) 2. Gordy Wise (24)		Wednesday: Betty Brumley Thursday: James Morrow

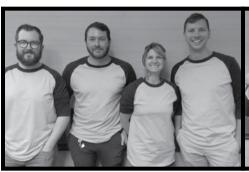
Satellite Winners	Friday: Marlene Lazachek Saturday: Donald Flesch All Events: Dan Taylor	Early Bird: Robert Milk Doubles: Dana McClain & Barbara Stockham Saturday: Jim Hornbacher All Events: Audrey Hatto	Early Bird: Patti Whiteaker Doubles: Robert Cox & Anne Sheeran Saturday: Jeanne Jelke All Events: Jeanne Jelke	Friday: Jennifer Johnson Saturday: William Shoemakı Loser's Losers: Andy Wagne Canadian Doubles: John Hazlett & Gary McCuskey High Roller: Bruce Sattler	
Big Hands	<i>28-hands:</i> Frank Duresky* Dianne Gurney*	<i>28-hands:</i> Robert Milk* Gary Pinkley*	<i>28-hand:</i> Peter Stemler*	28-hands: June Fordham* Bruce Davis* Gerard St. Germain* Carl Deyette* Paul Eichler	<i>28-hands:</i> Mary Burlington* Jean Bidegare*
Consolation (MRPs)	49 players HQ. Marlene Lazachek (18) 1. Marlene Lazachek (60) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 3. Jerry Newhouse (24) 3. Dan Taylor (24)	37 players HQ. Pat Reynolds (15) 1. Eric Frey (60) 2. Dana McClain (40) 3. Pat Reynolds (24) 3. Bob Brumley (24)	36 players HQ. Sharon Sherbert (15) 1. Jeanne Jelke (60) 2. Bob Bartosh (40) 3. James Clark (24) 3. Robert Cox (24)	110 players HQ. William Shoemaker (24) 1. Henry Douglass (84) 2. Fred Adolphson (60) 3. Marty Duchow (40) 3. Christopher Cook (40)	I
Main (MRPs)	63 players HQ. Arthur Loveland (65) 1. John Syftestad (105) 2. Jerome Tork (70) 3. Michael Henze (42) 3. Alice Korn (42)	60 players HQ. Erik Locke (50) 1. Bernie Nelson (105) 2. Kai Lemrise (70) 3. Jim Hornbacher (42) 3. Erik Locke (42)	52 players HQ. Ronald Morgan (40) 1. Peggy Shea (105) 2. Heidi Glashan (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Jennifer Bolles (42)	162 players 1. Terry Weber (196) 2. Rick Bryant (147) 3. Frank Reddy (115) 4. Megan Player (95) 5. William Kraatz (78) 5. Jeff Shimp (78) 7. Paul Barnes (62) 7. Scott Harker (62	94 players HQ. Jean Bidegare (40) 1. Haley Hintze (147) 2. Ted Southland (105) 3. Jean Bidegare (70) 3. John Hazlett (70)
Director	Bob Joslin	James Morrow	Jeke	Jerry Gooden & John Morch	Fran Ward
Tournament	The End Is Here (Black River Falls WI; July 29–30)	Summer Classic (Sunnyside WA; July 28–30)	Gold Dust West Summer Classic (Carson City NV; July 28–30)	National Open (Raleigh NC; July 28–31)	Come Mon- day (Raleigh NC; July 31)

#### **Tourney Tidbits**

Hot Reno Temperatures were sizzling in Reno for the Independence Day Classic, and so were the cards. Two players—Master Dennis Phillips (Magalia CA) and Carol Williams (Oceanside CA)—had grand slams in the mid-roller event, and Jason Thornton (Bend OR) did the same in the consolation. Four brand new players signed up for ACC membership—Mark Nesbitt (age 29), Monica Thompson (32), Justin Johnson (27), and Brett Paulsen (28)—sporting cool matching

tournament. Dozens of players worked on it for five days—but did not complete it. So on the last day of the 2016 National Open weekend, **Fran Ward** (Cary NC) carefully put it on a puzzle saver board and took it home. He stored it all year and brought it back again this year. On July 28, 2017—over a full year later—we finally finished it. Sweet success!

Double your pleasure! Canadian Doubles is growing in popularity. The CD tournament held on Sunday night at

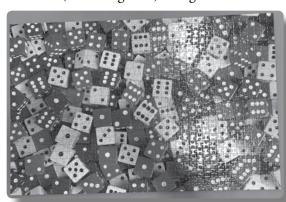




T-shirts! Master Gerald Oxford (Crescent City CA) gave them all a free set of pegs.

Puzzling At the Open Opener in Raleigh in July 2016, players started a difficult 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle that Mary Ann Kelliher (The Villages FL) brought to the

the National Open in Raleigh attracted eighty players (that's forty teams, for those of you who struggle with long division). This year's event was won by John Hazlett (Grand Rapids MI) and Gary McCuskey (Deer Park TX).



Triple your pleasure! David Statz (North Billerica MA) was high qualifier with 20/9 +145 in the 102-player Open Opener consolation. This is David's third time as high qualifier in a consolation this season!

Two-fer It's safe to say that Ronald Reid (Burbank CA) has had a good year. Not only did he win his club championship for the first time ever, but he wrapped up the season

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championship. He previously sat atop the leader board in 1986, 1991, 1997, and 1998 (tie)—a span of more than three decades of cribbage excellence. This was DeLynn's twenty-sixth appearance on the All American team—a record that cannot be broken for at least seven more years!

26 DeLynn Colvert19 Duane Toll11 Roland Hall

9 Erik Locke8 Bob Bartosh

0 Bob Bartosii

#### **Most All American Appearances**

This year's All American team has three new faces: Central Region champion Terry Weber (Madison WI), Dan Selke (Arlington Heights IL), and Eastern Region champion Frank Abernathy (Garner NC).

At the annual directors meeting in Appleton WI in 2013, the BOD adopted a proposal that the All American team would consist of the top ten MRP-generating players nationally plus, if not otherwise represented, the top MRP earner in any region not otherwise represented.

For the first time since this policy was enacted, this All American team will consist of eleven players. On the strength of his win at the ACC Open in March, Master Frank Abernathy captured the Eastern Region championship and gained a spot on the 2017 All American Team.

Overall point totals were depressed this season, compared to previous years. For example, Colvert's 1,746 would have been second last year and sixth the season before that. In fact, it is only 15 points higher than when Colvert won the 1997 championship with 1,731 MRPs. And we have

to go back to the year 2000 in order to find the last season in which this number would have ranked as national champion.

This season also saw fewer tournaments than any year since 2009 (183 mains, down from 199 in 2015–16). Nearly two-thirds of these tourneys (62%) were held in the Western Region. Tournament attendance was the lowest it has been since electronic records are available (1998): 18,950 players (mains and consolation combined) in 2016–17 versus 20,811 in 2015–16 versus a high attendance of 28,399 in 2003–4.

Despite lower numbers, this season had its share of highlights. Most prominently, Life Master (2\*) Ron Morgan (Reno NV) set an ACC record with his 46/21 +388 scorecard at the Fall Festival (Carson City NV) on October 29.

Duane Toll became the first player to win his 100th sanctioned tourney, when he won the Susanville Classic main on June 30. In addition, ten players had four or more tournaments wins this year.

6	DeLynn Colvert
	Jeanne Jelke
	Duane Toll
5	Gerald Gruber
	Erik Locke
	Cy Madrone
4	Bob Bartosh
	James Langley
	Dan Selke
	Terry Weber

**Most Tournament Wins This Season** 

CW congratulates these players and looks forward to seeing them at Grand National 36 in Lincoln City! CW

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violation of the rules.

The chair of the Ethics Committee is **Valerie Sumner**, and you can contact her

at **vgsumner@yahoo.com**. Contact info for the Ethics Committee is listed on page 3 of every *Cribbage World*. CW

#### ACC CHALLENGE #10

The ACC Challenge begins at GN. Add up your scores from the qualifying rounds in three tourneys to see if you win: Grand National 36, the 2018 TOC, and the 2018 ACC Open. There are two prize funds: \$50 and \$100, with 100% payback to 1 in 10. Contact David Aiken (cribbage@iserv.net or 616.401.8311) to sign up. Entry deadline is the start of play on Saturday morning, September 9.

Tourney Tidbits—continued from page 11

in fashion by winning the Independence Day Classic consolation in Reno—besting 113 other players. He snagged the champion's trophy there just in time to enter the Sunday night tourney, where he nonchalantly waltzed to his second win of the day!

28s no good It really sucked to have a 28-scorecard in the Rampart Casino Open main. In what seems to be typical fashion nowadays, you could automatically toss out all the 27-cards, but amazingly six 28/13s did *not* make the cut in this 65-player tourney. Low qualifier was Steve Post (Arlington MN) with 28/14+5! Cathy Rendon (Simi Valley CA) made sure she didn't face the prospect of not qualifying by posting the best scorecard of the day, a 35/16 + 262.

Manic Monday The six players still alive in the National Open main on Monday morning perhaps represented the strongest

New Cribbage Masters

943. Mary E. Skole (Westminster CO)944. Donald Wanta (Meridian ID)945. Virginia Grogan (Saint Paul MN)

field in years. Life Master (2\*) Jeff Shimp (Grand Haven MI) and Master Bill Kraatz (Frewsburg NY) finished in the 5–6 slot. Future NOCT director Megan Player (Cary NC) captured fourth. Life Master Frank Reddy (Winthrop MA) was going for his third NOCT championship, but had to settle for third place. Grand Master Rick Bryant (Jarrettsville MD) was going for his second NOCT championship and took second place. Central Region champion Life Master Terry Weber (Madison WI) topped 161 other players to capture his first NOCT championship!

Stinking 29-Hand During the Lake Superior Challenge consy in Ishpeming MI, Lou Tousignant was playing fellow Club 368 member Tom Butcher. Lou was counting first from 30 holes out. He gets his first official 29-hand, but fails to peg a hole. He ends up in the dead hole and loses the game when Tom counts out!

New Grand Masters

402. Anne Sheeran (Pittsburg CA) 404. Patricia Gossett (Troutdale OR)

#### **ACC**Awards



[Don's words:] I am extremely happy to be around after two openheart surgeries in 2016. This included a heart transplant that worked so well I am feeling better than I have in several years.

Donald Flesch (Brookfield WI) Life Master (3★) #12 I learned cribbage in college but did not play much until I joined Milwaukee Club 6 in the early 90s. I didn't know what I was getting into because for the next twenty

years this had to be toughest Grass Roots club ever. It produced twenty-three Master-level players, including fifteen One Star or higher. Five of top fourteen highest rated players of all time are from Club 6. I won the club championship four or five times and am the first club member to win the Gold Award. I also hold the single-season record of 345 GRPs, which I am proud of because

most years no one reached 200 GRPs due to intense competition. I have won thirty-eight sanctioned tourneys, including two mains in same weekend. My most unusual moment in cribbage came when an attractive young lady beat me for the first time and then did a hula-like dance in aisle while singing, "I beat Don Flesch!" My favorite tournaments have been any in Slinger WI, where I have had the good fortune to win about eight times. I don't really have a nemesis player but I have gotten an extra kick out on beating opponents like Warren Sondericker, Duane Toll, and especially Jerry Gruber. Outside of cribbage I enjoy grandkids, bridge, and reading. My wife Sharon, who has put up with me for forty-four years, has been fantastic through my many health problems, and I certainly would not be here today if not for her love and very skilled care.

Don has recently turned into a fabulist. His first parable appeared in the August CW. See page 21 below for the second installment.

Rich's father, Duke, and Al Alvis taught him to play cribbage. Rich joined the ACC in 1988, and his cribbage mentors are James Langley and Clyde Ross. Now a member of Travelers Club 600,

Rich has been club champion three times in Auburn CA and three times in Grants Pass OR. His first tournament win was the main in Fremont CA, and Rich Ekman (Murphy OR) Grand Master #406

he has won five sanctioned tourneys. Rich's toughest opponents are Dan Marsh and Frank Ornie. His favorite cribbage moment this year was handing Darryl Overstreet his club championship trophy. Rich also enjoys golf, chess, and the great outdoors. Rich holds a third-degree Pink Belt.





Gordy's father taught him how to play cribbage. He joined the ACC in 1999, and his cribbage mentor is Duane Toll. A member of Pierce County 31 for 2 Club 243 in Tacoma, Gordy has been club

Gordy Wise (Lakewood WA) Grand Master #407 champion five times. His first tournament win was the 2010 consolation in Lincoln City, which is also his favorite tournament; he now has four wins under his belt. His

toughest opponent is Erik Locke. Gordy enjoys playing golf and traveling with Joanne. In a previous life, Gordy coached basketball and soccer for ten years.

#### ACC+GrassRootsAwards



Bill's dad taught him and two brothers how to play at an early age. Bill joined the ACC in the mid-80s. While he has learned from many different players, he looks to the late Rit Alkas from the

William J. Shoemaker (Bloomfield CT) Life Master (2★) #42 Gold #84 Hartford Metro Club as a key influence. It is hard, Bill says, to single out a toughest opponent, because everyone at his club is tough (there are two Golds, seven Silvers, and sixteen Bronzes). Bill has won

twenty-one sanctioned tourneys, stretching back to his first one in May 1987. Bill's favorite cribbage moment of all time came in 2015 in Reno when he won the Tournament of Champions by beating Duane Toll in the semifinal match and Erik Locke in the finals. Bill is a semiretired neuroscientist and is writing a book about the brain

for the general public. He bicycles several time a week when weather permits.

Rick learned to play cribbage with his friends as a teenager in San Diego. He joined the ACC in 1992 and has learned the most about cribbage from Duane Toll, Erik Locke, and Dan Marsh.

Rick was club champion in Roseburg OR in in 2008 and 2009 and has been champion eight times in Bend. His first tournament win was in June 2005 at Redmond, and he has now won twelve

Rick Baird (Bend OR) Life Master (\*) #104 Gold #80

sanctioned tourneys. Paul Hatcher and Erik Locke are his toughest opponents. Rick's favorite cribbage moment this year was when Rich Ekman cut a Jack, which allowed Rick to win the Medford tournament—and get his One Star! Rick loves camping and hanging out with his wife, Dana.



**CLUB** 

1. Cres Fernandez (CA): Humboldt Bay Classic (Aug. 20)

2. Barbara Day (MA): New Hampshire Open (Sept. 25).

3. Wayne Wyman (MT): Montana Open (Oct. 15)

4. Terry Higgins (CA): Pacific Coast Championship (Jan. 14)

5. Daniel Betz (MI): Georgia Open (Jan. 22)

6. Vicky Rodriguez (MT): JPW Open (Mar. 4)

7. Bennett Wilson (CO): Colorado Winter Open (Mar. 18)

8. Bill Russell (MA): Corned Beef & Cribbage (Mar. 19)

9. Dallas Beck (WI): Eau Claire Cribbage (Apr. 8)

10. Betty Brumley (WA): Oregon Coast Classic (May 7)

11. Richard Weston (NH): Connecticut Championship (May 21)

12. David Clemmey (MA): Connecticut Championship (May 21)

13. Virginia Grogan (MN): America's Dairyland (June 3)

14. Lou Tousignant (MI): Lake Superior Challenge (June 17)

## Oh, the People You'll Meet!

by Tammy Gibbons

I was looking around my Grass Roots club recently and was amazed at the number of interesting people that I get the pleasure of playing cribbage with on a regular basis. Some of them have fascinating stories, and here is just one I'd like to share with you!

Gordon Mery (Hillsboro OR) is a pleasant, quiet, and unassuming man. He drives a late model Mustang convertible and plays a mean game of cribbage. Gordon is a shining example of what circumstance and a sense of adventure can bring to our lives. While living in Los Angeles in 1980, he and his wife went to a boat show, and as they were leaving, she said: "I could live on one of those!" While he had never done more than sail a dinghy, Gordon bought the boat and set out to have an adventurous life.

He is now 83 years old and has cruised around the world multiple times, visiting six continents while living on a sailboat full-time with his wife. In thirty-two years they visited fifty countries, including a full year each in Cypress, Malta, New Zealand, and Mexico. He was most surprised by his experience in Turkey, as it was the most laid back of all the Muslim countries they toured.

His favorite country is New Zealand, which he toured extensively in a motor-home for a month and returned to multiple times.

When he decided to slow down a little bit, the ACC finally caught up to him in a chance encounter at a water aerobics class in Oregon. There he met another member, the late **Eugene Wilkerson**, who talked Gordon into trying out Grass Roots play.

There are nearly 6,200 people in the ACC, and we consistently hear about approximately 150 of them. This column will explore as many of the other 6,000 as possible. If you know an interesting cribbage player, or if you've led an interesting life with a story you'd like to share, please email me at maggiesweet@gmail.com.



### The President's Column



By the time you read this, I will no longer be president of the ACC. This will be my last communication to you in this forum.

I have served on the ACC Board of Directors for sixteen years, nine as president. It has been a wonderful experience. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you in person and communicating with you by phone, email, and letter.

Roy and I joined the ACC and Grass Roots in 1985. From the beginning, we knew we were among really good people. We went to a few tournaments, then started helping, and soon started to direct tournaments. Roy got on the BOD, and we got involved on a national level. We became directors of the JPW/ACC Open (twenty years) and ran a couple of Grand Nationals (Las Vegas in 1999 and Lincoln City in 2005). This year we have the pleasure of working with Rick and Peggy Shea in Lincoln City again for GN 36.

So here we are: lots of experience, but getting low on energy. I am very ambivalent about retiring. I loved the work and feel that I did a fairly good job. I know I will miss it. The experience I have gained is priceless and has been quite educational. And this has truly been one of the pivotal encounters of my life.

I want you to know how much I appreciated every kind word, every bit of constructive criticism, and most suggestions that you have given me. You have been really good to me, and it has been my privilege to be elected to the BOD and to have held the position of president.

Now I ask you to be just as good to the new president and the newly elected directors. I hope you will be as supportive to them as you have been to me. Remember that they are volunteers and are doing the job because they want to improve and nurture our awesome organization.

And last but not least. . . . Be good to one another. For, more than anything

else, your behavior toward each other will determine the future of the ACC.



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#### RECRUITMENT TIP OF THE MONTH

by Valerie Nozick (Seattle WA)

Congratulations go out to Penobscot Peggers Club 361 in Bangor ME for adding the most new Grass Roots members last season! In a contest personally sponsored by ACC VP of Operations **David Campbell** (Parsonsfield ME), this club gained twenty new members, and they won the grand prize—free Grass Roots dues for every club member in the 2017–18 season!

Club codirectors **Joe Bowen** (Dedham ME) and **Dave Leissner** (Carmel ME) made an agreement between themselves that for two years they would invest in growing the club. Whatever the club needed, they committed themselves to providing. Boards, t-shirts, promotional material—whatever it took to get the word out about cribbage. The investment paid off. With thirty-five members, the club is now self-sustaining.

How did they do it? According to Bowen, it was to never stop trying new things and to never stop talking about cribbage. Here are some of the things he and the club have done:

- Go to local restaurants and bars for a "come and challenge us" evening. If they
  beat you, you buy them a beer. If you beat them, ask them to make a donation
  to the club.
- Supply local restaurants and bars with cribbage boards and pegs.
- Pitch stories to local newspapers and radio stations, especially about how people were coming from all over for local tournaments and how local members were traveling to the National Open. (One radio appearance two years ago was supposed to run eight minutes, but the talk show hosts were so engaged that it went for twenty-five minutes.)
- Bowen printed one thousand business cards and handed them out at yard sales (he collects cribbage boards). "I pull it out at every yard sale, and people are amazed that you can play cribbage," Bowen says.
- List the club on the local community bulletin board.
- Talk constantly with members about why cribbage is important, to get them excited about the game.
- Give new members a free rulebook.
- They gave Club 361 shirts to the waitresses at the restaurant where they play. "For \$10, we get a ton of advertising," Bowen says.

Try any and all of these ideas to see which of them will work for your club. And then let us know!

Like always, I'd love to hear your stories of what works to recruit and retain new members. You can contact me at **vnozick@gmail.com**.

### Billy and Bart's First Tournament — A Cribbage Parable Continued

by Don Flesch

After Billy shot six shots into the ceiling in frustration because of cabin fever, he and Bart decided they needed a change of scenery. So they headed for the hills of Nevada, where they laid low until they heard about an eighty-player cribbage tournament in nearby Podunk.

It was a very interesting qualifying round. Billy won twelve games with four skunks and +500 spread points. Bart won thirteen games with two skunks but ended up with -500 points due to poor play and a propensity to pick up his front peg in losses. And nineteen players finished with 28/14 and between +100 and -100 points.

Historically, wins were worth one point, and skunks were worth two points, which means that Billy would have been high qualifier with 16 +500, Bart would've been second with 15 –500, and the other players would have been at 14.

When the ACC was formed, it decid-

ed to use the two-points-for-a-win-andthree-points-for-a-skunk plan. The net effect of this was to increase the value of wins and decrease the value of spread points and skunks. This is a bad idea because this stat is redundant in only showing the number of games won and is already in use in calculating game points.

With this system, Billy—who historically and in reality had by far the best card—did not qualify. But Bart did, even though he had –500 spread points. Even Bart thought it was ridiculous that he had qualified over Billy.

Billy argued so vigorously about not qualifying that the police were called, and his fingerprints led back to the bank robbery. His sentence was ten years. Billy figured he deserved the hard time, but he was sure steamed about not qualifying!

> Comments, questions, criticism of these parables? Feel free to contact Don at dflesch@homesalerealty.com.

New Western
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RICK SHEA gnxxxvi@gmail.com 707.444.3161 6282 Humboldt Hill Rd Eureka CA 95503 ina learned to play cribbage two years ago, at age six, just as she was entering first grade. Her teacher suggested flash cards to learn basic addition. Knowing my daughter, I felt cribbage would be better.

We started by playing with the cards face up, and we restarted the pegging after each person had dealt, so there was no feeling of a large defeat.

We played almost every day after school for about forty-five minutes. After six months, she could hold her own and was playing full games. She asked me to find kids for her to play cribbage with. I googled "youth cribbage" and discovered the ACC. I had played cribbage my entire life but had not heard of the ACC.

I took Nina to the 2016 youth tournament hosted by **Grumpy Howard** in El Dorado CA, and there Nina played her first game against anyone other than me. She placed second in her age group.

A very active girl, Nina was having trouble settling down when she played. In early 2017 we started going to the local Grass Roots group, and when they had an odd number of players she would play the odd player. She soon proved she was able to compete with the adult group in a timely manner.

Nina kept improving her focus and abilities, and on July 6, she won five games at club and took first place!

In 2016, Nina expressed a desire to teach other kids cribbage, to help them gain an interest in math. She spoke to her school principal about it, and he gave her permission to create an afterschool program. However, this would have limited her students

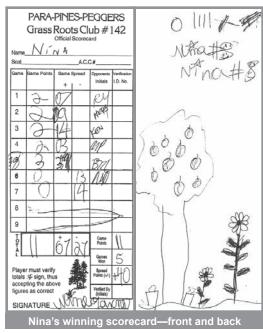
to kids in her school.

So this summer, she spoke to the local public librarian about teaching a class at the library, using lesson plans from **Dan Zeisler**. She taught her first class in early August and is teaching for an hour every Tuesday afternoon. She has expressed interest in getting enough kids playing so that she can host a youth tournament here in Paradise.

Nina will be joining Para-Peggers Club 142 this fall. The club has sponsored her lessons at the library by supplying cribbage boards and cards.

Part of what she loves about cribbage is the camaraderie among the players. After playing adults in club a couple times, she told me, "Dad, it is like the age doesn't matter. It is like I am not a kid, and they are not old. We just all love cribbage."

> Nina's father, Allen Plowman, taught her to play cribbage.





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#### Cribbage Board of the Month

BY JAY FULWIDER

Stan Wilson of Lincoln City OR (Club 420) keeps busy these days at age 95 in his home woodworking shop. His custom cribbage boards with built-in storage compartments are sought after by collectors, but his greatest artistic satisfaction comes from creating intricate

intarsia pieces, each of which can require as much as a hundred hours of precision crafting and fitting.

Stan was the subject of the "Greatest Generation" cover story in the June 2016 *Cribbage World*. He has been looking forward to the upcoming

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cific. After their wed-ding on March 2, 1943, Stan went back to sea

calendar are reserved for his 75th wedding anniversary next spring.

Stan's high school sweetheart, Gail, came out to the West Coast from their home state of North Dakota to meet Stan when his ship briefly stopped into port during his wartime service with the US Navy in the Pa-



while Gail went to work for the war effort as a welder and riveter in the San Diego shipyards. The rest is history.

This article was submitted by Jack Shu-

mate. It is very timely because the ACC's Grand National will be played in Lincoln City—Stan's backyard—in September.



Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards from his home in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: "Just keep your pegs moving." Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to him at budandotis@msn.com (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line).

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## Years Ago in the ACC

The cover of the September 1992 *Cribbage World* announced that **Mick Michaelis** (Marinette WI) won the National Open in Raleigh and that **Phyllis Schmidt** (then of Williamstown MA, now of North Adams MA) won the national MRP championship!

An inside story reported that **Joseph Petrus Wergin**, the ACC's first and only president to date, had resigned the presidency on August 4 due to health issues. He was replaced by the executive vice president, **Bob McCabe** (Milwaukee WI).

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Elsewhere we read that **Charlie Finley** (Enfield CT) won the New England Inaugural consolation and that a future ACC president, **Ev Bey** (Quincy CA), earned his Master Award.

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#### Cribbage

Congratulations to all on a great season! Daniel Create is the 2017 internet champion—the second year in a row! On his way to the championship, Daniel set a record for IRPs earned in a single season.

The top ten players (see list below) have been named to the 2017 All Internet team and will receive their awards at the awards banquet in Lincoln City.

This season, five internet players earned Grand eMaster and three earned eMaster. They too will receive their awards in Lincoln City.

The July player of the month is Jim Correa (EvenSteven), with 149 IRPs.

New Grand eMaster Iim Correa (EvenSteven) Mel Ashley (Mellifluousone)

MsBeeHaven Debra Lucas is one of the many friend-



ly internet tournadirectors ment ecribbage.com. Her screen name of MsBee-Haven tells the tale!



Debra began hosting cribbage tourneys on Yahoo in 1998 and never looked back. She is a self-taught player, and it was her perfectionist nature that made her work so hard at improving her game. She started by playing online and then bought Hoyle games software using muggins to force herself to learn to count the hands. Looks like it worked! Debra was the winner of the JPW/ACC Open in 2016.

Her second favorite moment in cribbage was winning her own tournament, the Cascade Cribbage Classic in 2014, in which she defeated her codirector and best cribbage buddy (ahem, that's me) in the finals.

Come join us on ecribbage.com on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and get your friendly cribbage fix!

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## GAME ON by Dan Zeisler

#### Youth Teaching Tip

When a large group of kids has finished the basics and is ready to play their first game, pair kids up and have them work and discuss strategies together. Let them play against two others who are doing the same. A huge benefit to this is that you'll have half the games going on to monitor as a teacher, compared to the number of games if everyone played independently. This model also quickens the learning curve of the kids significantly and allows students to practice their cooperative learning skills.

#### Youth News

I received the following letter from **Terry Higgins** (Alameda CA). Terry requested and received ten boards through a grant provided by the ACC Youth Program. I love his enthusiasm and foresee his program growing significantly in the next several months:

This past Tuesday morning, as part of St. Joseph Notre Dame High School's Summer Discovery program in Alameda, I was given the opportunity to teach the game of cribbage in a three-hour session as part of a weeklong course entitled "Gaming through the Ages." I am happy to report that the six students in attendance, along with the primary course instructor and the Summer Discovery coordinator, enthusiastically participated, thoroughly relished this learning experience, and proudly received cribbage boards, decks of cards, and the printed handout material (including an ACC Youth Membership application) to take home for further enjoyment. I am grateful to the ACC Youth Program for supporting this effort and providing the materials necessary to ensure the success of this session, specifically Dan's teaching manual, Chris's well-crafted boards, and Grumpy's coordination to bring everything together. Thanks again to all of you for your tremendous assistance!

A special thank you to Bambi and Bill Klem (Tulalip WA) for teaching cribbage to Bambi's high school special education classes for the past seven years. Bambi is retiring. Students will dearly miss the yearend tourneys in June with French toast breakfasts and pizza parties. Their parting words: "We are both going to miss teaching the students and watching them improve their skills and confidence in their playing skills. We encourage others to get involved in teaching cribbage to kids. Check with your local schools to see if any teachers would welcome you to their classrooms. Let's keep the youth program going and growing."



#### MAST

#### **FAST**

The thirteenth running of the Michigan All Stars took place in Grand Rapids on July 15. This tourney featured the top four players (according to batting average) from seven Michigan clubs: Muskegon, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Mount Pleasant, Bergland, and Grand Rapids. The grueling day consisted of twenty-four games against all players from the other six clubs. When it was over, the perennial champion was Battle Creek Club 300! In the closest finish ever. Battle Creek captured its sixth MAST win by edging out Grand Rapids with a score of 112/52 to 112/51. Members of the winning team were Ron Shupp (captain), Dave Gerke, Gary Reichel, and David Boyer.

The tenth annual Florida All Star Tournament saw six clubs in competition: Greater Orlando Club 22, Halifax Area Club 230, Palm Beach County Club 241, Peg-a-Longs Club 276, High Noon Club 328, and Kissimmee Club 341. We played 20 games, with each club playing every member of all the other represented clubs. Club 22 had six wins under its belt and was the heavy favorite. But Club 241 had other ideas. With a cumulative score of 108 to 92, Palm Beach County will take home the traveling trophy. The winning teammates were Joe Daesch, Sal Ditommaso, Ken Johnson, and Esther Rolfe. David Fournier (Club 22) had the top scorecard (31 points).





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### Grass Roots

The season for many clubs begins less than a month away from the writing of this column. Good luck to all! During the summer break, a few tidbits have trickled in, including a 29-hand that occurred on March 15 but was just reported. Congrats to **David Hiden** (Lafayette CA), a member of Club 274 in Walnut Creek CA, who held the luckiest of cribbage hands.

At Boise Peggers Club 202 on August 17, a very unusual thing happened. Club director **Dave Suhr** and HOF-er **Ron Logan** were seated next to each other. After the discard in game two, Ron held A-2-3-9 of Clubs; he looked over at Dave, who was also holding A-2-3-9 of Clubs. Ron turned his starter card—the 3 of Spades. And then Dave turned his starter card. Guess what turned? The 3 of Spades! (You already knew that, didn't you?!) What are the odds? Identical hands and identical starter cards.

Here is something that is probably unprecedented. Lowell Bailey had a slow year last season at Sno-King Peggers Club 108. But on June 13 everything changed. Lowell won all nine games and took first place, plus the club's grand slam award (\$100).

The following Tuesday, June 20, he struck again—another string of nine wins, another first place, and a second grand slam award! On the next Tuesday evening, June 27, Lowell continued to march down the table, wiping out all contenders until his ninth and final game, when he came up against another longtime club member, Gary Bugg. Gary is club treasurer. He kiddingly told Lowell that this had to stop, as

his ninth and final game, when he came up against another longtime club member, Gary Bugg. Gary is club treasurer. He kiddingly told Lowell that this had to stop, as the club was going broke. Gary and Lowell played a very hard-fought game, and Gary was able to win by less than a handful of spread points. Lowell had to settle for the mini-slam award (eight wins in a row) of \$30, but he again took first place. Lowell accomplished a remarkable feat by winning twenty-six consecutive games over three consecutive weekly tournaments. Nothing like this has ever happened in our club's twenty-plus-year history. We never even have had back-to-back grand slams before. The closest we ever came to this was when a player scored a second grand slam two weeks after his first one-a feat accomplished by none other than Gary Bugg.



Helene learned cribbage from her husband, Harold, many years ago. With Harold having earned the ACC's first Platinum Award for

Helene Sontag (Dixon CA) Gold #93 Grass Roots play, this cribbage couple packs a powerful punch! Helene has earned her Master Award in tournament

play and has won three sanctioned tourneys. She enjoys housework and playing with her dog and cat.

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#### Tournament Trail

#### CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

#### **ACC Tournament Commissioners**

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region	
Rick Shea	Patrick Barrett	David Campbell	
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Unless otherwise indicated, tournaments (a) are round-robin format, (b) include a consolation, and (c) are singles competition. Most generally have satellite events. Details are accurate at time of publication, but check with the tournament director before making travel plans. For more information, visit cribbage.org.

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	September 8–10, 2017	Lincoln City OR	Rick & Peggy Shea	@ Sar
	September 18–23, 2018	Milwaukee WI	Terry Weber	March 2
	2019	TBD	TBD	March 1

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@ Sands Regency in Reno NV					
March 2-4, 2018	March 6-8, 2020				
March 1-3, 2019	March 2021				

#### MT ◆ Sept. 1-3, Montana Capital Classic

Eagles, 715 N Fee St, Helena MT 59601. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

#### OR ◆ PRE-GN DOUBLEHEADER

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Larry Hassett (541.672.1474)

Sept. 1-3, Donna's Game

Sept. 4-5, Donna's Game 2

#### **GRAND NATIONAL 36**

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. *Entry form in August CW.* 

#### Sept. 5-7, Grand National 36 Midweek

TD: Tom Langford (707.599.6722) & Duane Toll

#### Sept. 8-10, Grand National 36

TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.444.3161) & Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer

#### **→** PROMO IN AUGUST CW **→**

**Sep. 9, 1st Annual Youth Grand National** TD: Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Dan Zeis-

#### ler (530.263.7468)

ID ◆ Sept. 15-17, Gem State Classic Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

#### CA ◆ Sept. 15-17, Dick Hastie Memorial

Boys & Girls Club, 753 W Lowell Ave, Tracy CA 95376. TD: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397)

#### MN ◆ Sept. 15-17, Minnesota Open

Moose, 1946 English St, Maplewood MN 55109. TD: Jerry Gruber (612.723.2183)

#### CA Sept. 22-24, Battle of the Bay

Antioch Senior Ctr, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Paul Gregson (510.376.6257) & Tad Pilecki continued on page 32

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#### MI ◆ Sept. 22-24, Yooper Fall Classic

Lac View Desert Casino, N5384 US-45, Watersmeet MI 49969. TD: Joan Rein (952.448.2459) & Bernard Brentar

#### FL + Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Wanke Memorial

Budgetel Inn, 2295 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Charlene Cohen (321.431.0950)

#### CA + Sept. 30, Summer US Open

Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. TD: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488) & Mary Prisk

#### NH ◆ Oct. 1, New Hampshire Open

Brookline Event Ctr, 32 Proctor Hill Rd (Rte 130), Brookline NH 03033. TD: David Statz & Mary Burlington (603.247.4335)

#### OR ◆ Oct. 6–8, Mount Bachelor Challenge

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick & Dana Baird (541.530.1112)

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#### MN ◆ Oct. 6-8, All American Classic

All American Club, 1931 W Michigan St, Duluth MN 55806. TD: Gordon Jurek (218.628.1655) & Ed Balcer

#### CA ◆ Oct. 7, Napa Wine Country Fall Open

Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson St, Napa CA 94559. TD: Dennis Moore (707.224.2345)

#### WA ◆ Oct. 8, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th Ave, Puyallup WA 98371. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Albedyll

#### CA ◆ Oct. 13-15, Crescent City Open

Lighthouse Inn, 681 US Hwy 101 S, Crescent City CA 95531. TD: Kai Lemrise (707.954.9735) & Tim Hutsell

#### CA ◆ Oct. 14, Gold Coast Classic

Marie Calendars, 1295 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93003. TD: Cy Madrone (805.455.6079) & Kerry O'Connell

#### CT ◆ Oct. 15, Nutmeg Open

J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St, Hartford CT 06106. TD: Robert Fitzgerald (860.568.2607) & Carl Deyette

#### CO ◆ Oct. 20-22. Colorado Fall Classic

Second Green Mountain Townhomes clubhouse, 650 S Youngfield Ct, Lakewood CO 80228. TD: Katey Mayo (720.934.6656)

#### OR ◆ Oct. 20-22, Salem Classic

Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97301. TD: Kim & Rick Simmons (503.364.1510)

#### WI ◆ Oct. 20-22, Wisconsin Championship

Lake of the Torches, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Patrick Barrett

#### MA ◆ Oct. 22, Boston Regional Tournament

Malden-Irish-American Club, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Bev Gobiel (781.771.1715)

#### WI → Oct. 27-29. North Pole Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Jeanne Wauters (920.863.3703)

#### WA ◆ Oct. 27-29, World Championship

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 14th St NW, Long Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Jason Hofbauer

#### CA ◆ Oct. 29 Fall US Open

Elks, 841 W Merced Ave, West Covina CA 91790. TD: Norm Nikodym (909.319.6488) & Mary Prisk

#### FL • Nov. 3-5, Fall Back Peg Forward

Budgetel Inn, 2295 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Charlene Cohen (321.431.0950)

#### CA ◆ Nov. 4, River City Fall Classic

VFW, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks CA 95628. TD: Marlo Maher (916.834.2726) & Jennifer Bolles

#### MA ◆ Nov. 5. George Bickford Memorial

Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. TD: Catherine Spadoni (413.348.8524) & Joan Fletcher

#### CA ◆ Nov. 8-10, Susanville Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Steve Hastie (530.251.5397)

#### NV ◆ Nov. 10-12. Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89502. TD: Les & Valerie Sumner (775.342.2532) & Peggy Shea

#### ME ◆ Nov. 11, Governor's Challenge

Governor's Restaurant, 356 Main St, Waterville ME 04901. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111)

#### NV ◆ Nov. 13-15, Topaz Winter Classic

Topaz Casino, 1979 Hwy 395, Topaz NV 89510. TD: Valerie & Les Sumner (775.342.2532) & A. J. Tasker

#### CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Daffodil Express Open: \$48 to Eagles Cancer Fund Greater Spokane Valley Open: \$172 to Eagles Lodge Cascade Classic: \$275 to Jefferson City Senior Center Portland Summer Classic: \$162 to Moose Lodge 1891

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#### OR ◆ Nov. 17-19, Three River Open

Three River Casino, 5647 Hwy 126, Florence OR 97439. TD: Winona & Mike McDaniel (541.525.1292)

#### MI + THANKSGIVING DOUBLEHEADER

American Legion, 133 44th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49548. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

#### Nov. 24 & 26, Wishbone Open

Nov. 25. Reindeer Games

#### WI ◆ Dec. 1-3. Jingle Bell Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

#### FL ◆ Dec. 1-3, Lee Bailey Memorial

Budgetel Inn, 2295 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Charlene Cohen (321.431.0950)

#### OR ◆ Dec. 8–10, Roseburg Xmas Special VFW, 1127 NE Walnut St, Roseburg OR 97470. TD:

VFW, 1127 NE Walnut St, Roseburg OR 97470. TD Mike McCammon (541.671.2792) & Skip White

#### CA ◆ Dec. 9, Santa Slam

Antioch Senior Ctr, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Tad Pilecki (925.378.0132) & Paul Gregson

#### CO ◆ Dec. 9, Mountain View Challenge

American Legion/VFW, 305 N. Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (303.909.5125)

#### FL . Dec. 10, Santa Special

Elks, 1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34744. TD: Charlene Cohen (321.431.0950)

#### WA ◆ Dec. 17, Western Washington Open

VFW, 9981 Central Valley Rd, Bremerton WA 98311. TD: Ronald Gustafson (360.457.8356) & Larry West

#### WI ◆ Jan. 5-7, Wisconsin Dells Deal

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser St, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

#### WA ◆ Jan. 7, Daffodil Open Express

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Albedyll

#### VA ◆ Jan 12-14, Virginia Championships

Wyndham Gardens, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. TD: Rick Allen (804.323.7476)

#### AZ + Jan. 12-14, Yuma Snowbirds

Disabled American Veterans, 954 S 13th Ave, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Jim Blakely (406.698.5618) & Pam Pomeroy

#### GA ◆ Jan. 19-21, Georgia Open

Clarion, 17 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah GA 31419. TD: Dave O'Neil (404.296.4689) & Kelley Adams

#### WI → Jan. 19-21, American Pride

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Allen Karr (920.639.3546)

#### OR ◆ Jan 19-21, Portland Winter Open

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey, Portland OR 97230. TD Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141) & Jeanne Hofbauer

#### NV + Jan. 28, Schaefer Shuffle Single

PT's Gold Tavern, 9050 W Post Rd, Las Vegas NV 89148. TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809) & James Milkowski

#### WA ◆ Feb. 3, Super Saturday

VFW, 612 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.837.4224)

#### NV ◆ Feb. 9-11, Schaefer Shuffle West

PT's Gold Tavern, 9050 W Post Rd, Las Vegas NV 89148. TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

#### FL + Feb. 9-11, Greater Orlando Open

Quality Inn, 616 Lee Rd, Orlando FL 32810. TD: David & Nicole Fournier (407.695.1902)

#### WI ◆ Feb. 16-18, Go Green Bay

TBD. TD: Allen Karr (920.639.3546)

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#### CA ◆ Feb. 23–25, Northern California Open

Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & James Langley

#### CA ◆ Mar. 10, Life after Reno Classic

Antioch Senior Ctr, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch CA 94509. TD: Paul Gregson (510.376.6257) & Tad Pilecki

#### WA ◆ Mar. 18, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Albedyll

#### WI ◆ Mar. 23-25, Mick Michaelis Classic

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Allen Karr (920.639.3546)

#### NV ◆ Mar. 30–Apr. 1, Gold Dust West Spring Fling Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

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#### WA ◆ Apr. 13–15, Washington Championship Moose, 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia WA 98531. TD:

Channing Holmes (509.393.3003)

#### WI ◆ Apr. 13–15, Eau Claire Fest

Best Western, 3340 Mondovi Rd, Eau Claire WI 54701. TD: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588)

#### OR ◆ Apr. 13-15, Cascade Classic

Jefferson County Senior Ctr, 860 SW Madison, Madras OR 97741. TD: Debra Lucas (541.678.2402) & Tammy Gibbons

#### WA ◆ Apr. 23, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98374. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Albedyll

#### MI ◆ Apr. 27-29, Michigan Open

Quality Inn, 2590 Capitol Ave, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289)

#### OR ◆ Apr. 27-29, Three Rivers Open

Three Rivers Casino, 5647 Hwy 126, Florence OR 97439. TD: Winona & Mike McDaniel (541.525.1292)

#### OR • Apr. 30, Oregon Coast In-Betweener

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365. TD: Monica Newton (541.563.5181) & David Aiken

#### OR ◆ May 1-2, Dean Bauman Memorial

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365. TD: Carole Herron & Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615)

#### OR • May 4-6, Oregon Coast Classic

Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City OR 97367. TD: Jeanne & Roy Hofbauer (360.835.3623) & Bernie Nelson

#### MI ◆ May 11-13, Yooper Spring Classic

Lac Vieux Desert Resort, N5384 US 45, Watersmeet MI 49969. TD: Don Hannula (906.370.9107) & Bernard Brentar

#### MI ◆ May 17-18, Michigan Cribbage Cup

Super 8, 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289)

#### MI ◆ May 18–20, Potawatomi Peggers

Super 8, 4290 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127. TD: Jeff Shimp (616.850.9229)

#### WA ◆ May 18-20, Washington State Open

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

#### WA ◆ May 25–27, Greater Spokane Valley Open

Eagles, 16801 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99037. TD: Lynn Raymond (509.928.4983)

#### CA ◆ May 26, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights

Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (858.775.0794) & John Kern

#### WA ◆ June 5–7, Mount Saint Helens Classic

Legion Hall, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632. TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029) & Duane Toll

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#### WA ◆ June 10, Daffodil Express Open

Eagles, 202 5th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371. TD: Don Zeutschel (253.845.4226) & Dick Albedyll

#### MI ◆ June 15-17, Lake Superior Challenge

Elks, 597 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Don Hannula (906.370.9107) & Pat Healey

#### WI ◆ June 22–24, Steinmetz/Frosty Shuffle

Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1021 E Commerce Blvd, Slinger WI 53086. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

#### OR ◆ July 20–22, Portland Summer Open

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey, Portland OR 97230. TD Stephanie Akin (503.257.1141) & Jeanne Hofbauer

#### WA ◆ July 26–27, Weekday Challenge

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

#### WA ◆ July 27–29, Summer Challenge

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

#### CA ◆ July 27–29, Montgomery Memorial

Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96002. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & James Langley

#### NV ◆ Oct 28–28, Gold Dust West Fall Classic

Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.440.4438)

#### NV ◆ Nov. 2-4, Gold Dust West Fall Festival

Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

#### OR ◆ Nov. 16-18, Three Rivers Open

Three Rivers Casino, 5647 Hwy 126, Florence OR 97439. TD: Winona & Mike McDaniel (541.525.1292)

#### Atlantic Ocean ◆ Nov. 6–18, Quintupleheader

Five tourneys aboard the Norwegian *Star*. TD: Roger Wilson (303.254.4670) & Marlene Lazachek

Requests to hold a sanctioned tournament should be directed to the appropriate regional commissioner.
See contact info on page 31.

(in case you missed the announcement)

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The Inside Track
by Rob Medeiros





You are dealer needing 9 to go out; your opponent needs 9 to get over the skunk line. You are dealt A-A-2-4-6-8; what do you keep? At first glance it seems easy; A-A-6-8—right? Wrong! You need to defend against hands that could be short of the skunk line; hands like J-Q-Q-K, 5-10-Q-Q, or 2-3-J-J. Keeping the two Aces together in this spot will probably get you three points, but it will also give the opponent a pegging point, which is all she needs with an eight-point hand. Keeping A-4-6-8 will enable you to get two goes against the four-picture hand (play your 8 first, then the Ace); two goes against the three-picture + 5 hand (unless she dumps her 5 on the second play); and two to five pegging points against 2-3-J-J if she leads the 2 or 3 (which is highly likely). So think a few extra seconds before discarding those end-game hands. It could help you amass more skunks.

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