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President's Column

by James Morrow



Nice Players I was listening to a recent Competitive Cribbage podcast hosted by **Terry Cushman** and **Jason Matheny**. The topic was nice cribbage players, and they had a “nice player draft,” listing their top eight nice players.

Among the players drafted was **Mike Fetchel** (Durham CT), the 2023 Jerry Gruber Good Sportsmanship Award recipient.

I think if they played more tournaments in the West, both would know and agree that this year’s Jerry Gruber Good Sportsmanship Award winner, **Ron Logan** (Meridian ID), would be on their list.

What gets a player on the nice list? Well in Ron’s case, he is a true gentlemen, win or lose. Ron has been the head judge or tournament director at many tournaments where he gives a brief speech before the start of the tournaments that goes something like: “Remember, we are all here to play a game that we love. We should enjoy each other also, so win or lose be nice to each other.” And then win-or-lose Ron is nice to everyone.

Another nice player I would draft is **Jason Ramelow** (Spokane WA). Jason has started directing his Grass Roots club (#198) and weekend tournaments. At the Spokane Winter Extravaganza, his brother **Bobby Ramelow** pointed out that Jason’s Grass Roots this year has been less than spectacular: he has scored points on only three of seventeen weeks. Jason took the ribbing in stride. Then he turned in the tournament high qualifier scorecard. Several players reminded him that tournament directors aren’t supposed to win their own tournaments. Jason is a nice guy; he smiled as he won his first sanctioned tournament.

Who is on your nice list? Whose list are you on?

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	29–34 (46.0%)	√ 20–7 (74.1%)	43–26 (62.3%)
biggest win	√ +56 vs. Dave Ehle (OR) @ Club 12	+53 vs. Ronald Zuehl (MN) @ Club 215	+34 vs. Dan Driscoll (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	–39 vs. Lono Ka'ai (OR) @ Club 12	√ –29 vs. Rod Mandler (MN) @ Club 215	–38 vs. David Statz (MA) @ Wolfeboro

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Spam—and not the good kind!

Cribbage players have lately experienced a slew of fake emails purporting to be from an ACC officer. Here are four examples:

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Do you have a moment? I have a request . I'm in a conference meeting right now and only have access to mail. No calls ,Just reply my email.

Are you available to assist? I've got credence in you to handle this on behalf of the association. America Cribbage Congress, needs some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units to help aid support for those in front line of Covid-19. Kindly drop your number.

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out with a quick request and would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this message. Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Rest assured that no one in the ACC authorized these emails, and we shouldn't have to say this, but **do not send money** in response to these pleas. You can tell they are fake because (a) no ACC officer would ever ask for money to be sent in this fashion; (b) they are never sent from an official ACC email address (which you can find online at cribbage.org/contact/default.asp); and (c) they frequently have typos, grammatical mistakes, and odd wording (e.g., “I've got credence in you”).

If you are still uncertain, pick up the phone and call the person who supposedly sent the email (phone numbers are on the same URL just listed).

The best thing to do is to delete these emails as soon as you see them. And—again—**never send money**.

Milestones!

Two months in advance, send info about member birthdays ending in a zero—and all birthdays over 100!—to cwed152@gmail.com or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

Happy Birthday in February!
80—Joseph Greiner (NC)

Happy Birthday in February!
80—Frank Eckerd (OR)
80—Jerry Gooden (NC)
80—Christy Lens (CA)

My Deal

by David Aiken



Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

I daresay no one who reads *Cribbage World* has ever heard of the Kennicott Bible. Other than me, that is. Ever since my grad school days, I have had a keen interest in ancient biblical manuscripts. And the Kennicott Bible is one of the most important—and elegant!—religious manuscripts from the fifteenth century.



Created in Spain in 1476, this medieval manuscript combines beautiful illustrations and exquisite handwritten Hebrew. For three hundred years after it was made, the whereabouts of the manuscript were unknown, but eventually it landed on the desk of **Benjamin Kennicott**, a Hebrew scholar in Oxford, England. Kennicott sold it to the Radcliffe Library in Oxford in 1771, and a century later it was transferred to the Bodleian Library, where it is now known as the Kennicott Bible.

I wish I could tell you that **Sir John Suckling** once owned this Bible. Better yet, that he lost it in a high-stakes game of cribbage. But as far as I can tell, it has no relationship to cribbage.

Rather, the reason I am highlighting the Kennicott Bible this month is because the medieval illustrator depicted ancient Israel's King David as the King of Clubs! Sporting an oversized crown, David holds a large gold club for a scepter. This illustration closely resembles pictures of the King of Clubs on Spanish playing cards from this era.

It is not often that we see playing card motifs and biblical illustrations together, so I appreciate this combination. In a way, this illustration reminds us that normal people can both play cribbage *and* read their Bible!

If you want your very own King David/King of Clubs illustration, a meticulously created facsimile of the Kennicott Bible is available online for \$6,500!

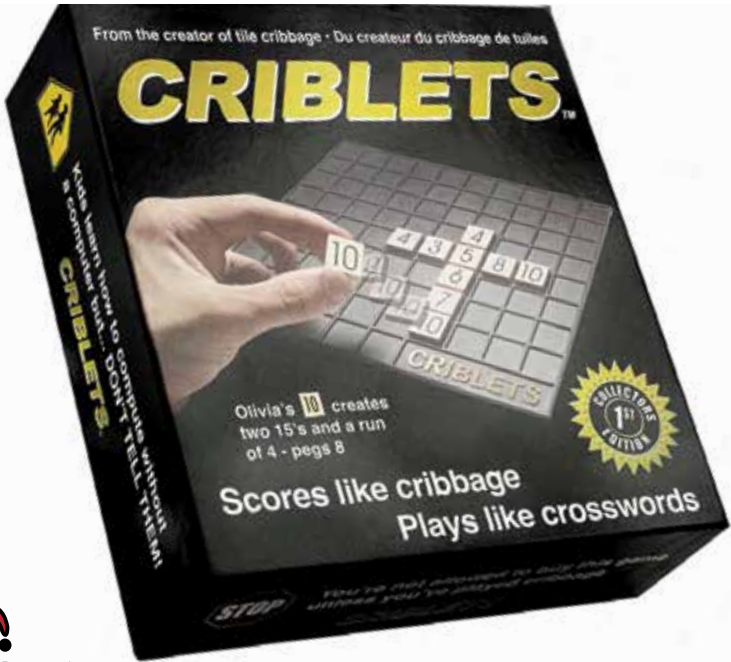
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GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 1/12

Division 1 = 2,721 players ♦ Division 4 = 572 players

Division 1 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	186 Thomas Beucler (388)
	1	186 Duane Schubauer (96)
	3	179 Steven Braley (361)
	4	178 Wayne Steinmetz (6)
	5	176 Chris McComas (426)
	6	174 Walter Howell (127)
	7	171 Terry Hatto (261)
	8	169 Andy Wagner (58)
	9	168 Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
	9	168 Dave Otte (393)
	9	168 Richard Slone (199)
	9	168 J. J. Stansfield (164)
	13	165 Kevin Mansfield (198)
	14	163 Jon Kline (190)
	15	161 Debra Cotter (464)
	15	161 Denny Denend (243)
	17	160 Duane Toll (62)
	18	159 Dwight Christiansen (382)
	18	159 Bradley Gronli (430)
	18	159 Veronica Klaas (399)
	21	158 Dave Elliott (284)
	21	158 Ken Varner (419)
	23	157 Jack Puleo (308)
	24	156 Daniel Pluff (240)
	25	155 Don Grumpy Howard (306)
	25	155 William O'Malley (46)
	27	154 Phillip Whitehouse (295)
	28	153 Terry Greenawald (127)
	29	150 Matt Chadwick (361)
	30	149 Michael Hill (390)
	30	149 Douglas Myers (329)
	30	149 James Ravenscroft (175)
	30	149 Scott Sand (94)
	30	149 Shaun Wilford (190)
	35	148 Mary Bearss (71)
	36	147 John Healey (368)
	36	147 Sheri Howard (204)
	36	147 Pauline Taylor (436)
	39	146 Kirk Hobbs (314)
	39	146 Robert Lenz (445)
	41	145 Bernard Brentar (390)
	41	145 Reuben Sufka (94)
	43	144 Donald Gabrielson (408)
	43	144 Nancy Rojas (162)
	45	143 Bob Prochnow (79)
	46	142 Verdell Brand (96)
	46	142 Sara Sanner (600)
	48	141 Timothy Shaw (388)
	49	140 Douglas Benson (243)
	49	140 William Eilers (360)
	49	140 Scott Haley (72)

rank	GRPs name (club)
49	140 Jeff Wussow (157)
53	139 Eric Lemay (375)
53	139 Kevin McMullen (106)
55	138 Dennis Crooks (408)
55	138 James Falzone-Cardinal (72)
55	138 Douglas Hayden (321)
58	137 Timothy Julkowski (377)
58	137 Artland Kaai (164)
58	137 Joyce Keay (308)
58	137 Bill Whiting (117)
62	136 Ballard Cheatham (82)
63	135 Robert Donovan (219)
63	135 Mike Pivec (108)
63	135 David Suhr (202)
66	134 Brett Brunner (240)
66	134 Glenn Gauthier (61)
66	134 Peter Setian (72)
66	134 Clyde Shackelford (408)
70	133 Bryan Gudden (400)
70	133 Paul McFarland (89)
72	132 Richard Flatto (55)
72	132 Dennis Hipsher (474)
74	131 David Fournier (22)
74	131 Chad Frischmann (445)
74	131 Paul Kane (161)
74	131 Michael Sofaly (243)
74	131 Lou Tousignant (368)
79	130 Jerry Enslinger (177)
79	130 Jeff Shimp (229)
81	129 Bob Bartosh (453)
81	129 Jean Bidegare (22)
81	129 Bill Capocasa (240)
81	129 Richard Kelliher (314)
81	129 Richard Rounds (328)
81	129 Bill Schlabs (453)

Division 4 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	144 Rhonda Perry (336)
	2	140 David Bute (433)
	3	135 Paul Gregson (54)
	4	126 Rich Ekman (395)
	5	123 Bill Wallace (455)
	6	118 Willie Evans (39)
	7	112 Brad Seger (39)
	8	109 Paul Moreno (395)
	8	109 Rob Palmer (38)
	8	109 Mary Alice Russell (439)
	8	109 Richard Shea (194)
	12	107 Erik Royland Locke (28)
	13	101 Wes Du Mont (38)
	14	97 Tom Kilcoyne (318)
	15	96 Steve Colgan (467)
	15	96 Howard Terry (336)
	15	96 Judy Whitfield (389)



edited by Michael Barrett



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

- Douglas P. Benson (WA), 243
- Kirk W. Hobbs (NH), 314
- Rob Palmer (OR), 38
- Gary R. Winn (ID), 202

BRONZE

- Eric Boysen (MT), 25
- Dee Dee Dalen (AK), 277
- Jason Eck (OR), 46
- Ronald H. Koep (WA), 198
- Lou Lopez (OR), 440
- Dick Pedersen (WA), 393
- Keith Pumphrey (WA), 274
- Jayson Shanle (CA), 98
- Mark E. Shepherd (CO), 307
- Rob Smith (WA), 69
- Nate Thompson (WY), 238
- Robert Wallman (AK), 177



Redding Peggers Club 205— on December 19, **Dale Hjertager** got a grand slam, and the same night **Tony Wiedemann** got a string of pearls. Without reading the certificates in the picture above, can you tell which player got which?!

more Grass Roots stories next page

Grand Slams

- Roger Wilson (Club 34 in Denver CO)
- Rich Hammock (Club 43 in Newark CA)
- Jeff Shimp (visiting Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI)
- Randy DeMars (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)
- ~ new GS record at Club 284 ~
- Dan Hectorne (Club 290 in Walnut Creek CA)
- Junko Larsen (Club 426 in Battle Ground WA)



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28-Hands

Cindy Barnes (Club 25 in Helena MT)
 Betty Davis (Club 34 in Denver CO)
 Amanda Moquin (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
 Terry Alderton (Club 368 in Ishpeming MI)
 ~ first 28-hand in league play ~
 Tom Palmer (Club 427 in Laurel MT)

29-Hand

Ray Barks (Club 199
 in Greenwood WI)



Sin City Peggery Club 400 (Las Vegas NV)— on December 10, **Ray Klocko** did something that's very hard to do. Every line on his scorecard was a single-digit game!

Game	Game Points	Opponent	Points to	Observations	Verification
1	0		09	RH	4
2	0		02	G/S	2
3	2	09		OK	9
4	0	05		J/B	1
5	2	08		J/B	5
6	0		03/02		3
7	0		04	OK	10
8	0		05	PER	8
9	2	09		AL	6
Total Games	8	31	28		Win = 2 Loss = 0
Total Points	4	NET POINTS (+)	+09		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

Signature: RK



Joseph H. Christensen
 (Silverdale WA)
 Gold #227

Born in 1938 on a Minnesota farm, I grew up in Saint Paul and joined the Coast Guard in 1957. I served four years on a buoy tender in San Francisco and then worked forty years as a tool and die maker. I joined the ACC in the early 1980s and played at Fremont Club 43. I later directed the club for over fifteen years, until I moved to Washington State and joined Kitsap Peggery Club 204. I have been club champion a couple of times, but it took me over seventy years to get a 29-hand! I am a woodworker and made trophy boards for several clubs and worked with Dan Zeisler to send boards to teachers (discontinued when I got cancer). My mother (who was an avid card player) taught me cribbage at an early age. I am the youngest of a family of eight siblings and now am the sole survivor.

I played Reno a few times and some local tournaments, but I've never won a tourney. The toughest players in my club are Richard Anderson, Bill Bingham, Christi Lewis, and visitor Gordy Wise. I consider myself someone who loves the game even though it sometimes drives me crazy; it lets me have lots of fun and meet some great people.

Steve started Grass Roots in late 2004 and has five club championships to his credit. The player he fears the most is the one who tells him: "I haven't won a game yet tonight." He credits the cribbage advice books by Dan Barlow with improving his game. In the way of other interests, Steve continues to play freestyle Frisbee (started around 1977) and pinball (started around 1962).



Steven D. Hays
 (Shoreline WA)
 Gold #229

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros

Successful pegging as the pone can be very difficult to explain to newer or less experienced players. For instance, let's compare the two different holds of A-2-3-4 and 2-3-4-5. How do we plot out our pegging strategy from each of these?

Let's start with 2-3-4-5: obviously we don't want to lead the 5. The 4 is also a no go because a picture response leaves us no chance to get a 15-2. So do we lead the 2 or the 3? Both will provide us with two points on a 10 response, but what if our lead card gets matched? With a 2 lead we can then play our 5 making the count 9 and avoiding any potential runs for the dealer on his next play. The 3 being matched puts us in a world of hurt: every response is fraught with massive peril, especially the 4 or 5.

Let's examine A-2-3-4. All can provide us with potential fifteens on a picture response, but the 4 provides the most chances for us to score as it also covers an 8 or 9 response. The 2 or 3 lead being matched does not provide any safety from a dealer's three-card run on any response, so leading either of them should be frowned upon.

When plotting your pegging strategy, always be aware of the best and worst case scenarios.

Rob is the ultimate pegger. Email questions to him at mrob2199@aol.com.

more Grass Roots stories next month

It's not quite a Grass Roots record, but while playing at 29 Seekers Club 415 (Puyallup WA) **Dennis Misener** (Belfair WA) posted a 23/9 +290 grand slam on January 11!

29 Seekers
Address, list

ACC #

Great Roots Cribbage Scoreboard

Seat # 3

Name: Dennis

Game No.	Game Points	Spread	Points Plus	Points Minus	Opponent Initial	Seat No.
1	3	57			AW	4
2	2	09			JK	6
3	3	35			JK	8
4	3	57			MS	10
5	3	51			OW	12
6	2	15			MW	14
7	2	26			PM	16
8	2	03			RS	18
9	3	37			UM	20

Total
Game Points 23
Games Won 9

Spread
Plus 290
Minus 0
Net (+/-) 290

Checked By

Signature

Club 6 (Milwaukee WI)—January 7 was a record night. First, the Cribbage Ninja, **Wayne Steinmetz**, took first with a 19/9 grand slam. The club paid him a \$20 bonus, and this was his twentieth grand slam! The next odds cheater was **Jane Vander Loop**. Twice during the nine games, she had to call for a judge because her opponents false claimed the games. And **Dale Magedanz** was one of them! He still managed to beat her, and even won a game against a 24-hand. He didn't get points, however, because he lost the last game. Dale says: "The toughest game to win is the one you need!"

Muggins at the TOC

With the TOC just around the corner, it is time to review **muggins**. Rule 10 in the ACC's rulebook covers muggins in detail; here are the highlights:

- Pegging out into the game hole (hole 121) is *mandatory*.
- Muggins applies to the *underpegging* of points during the play or the scoring of hand or crib.
- You cannot take muggins until *both players* agree on the amount of points.
- You cannot be mugged for omitting or underpegging a penalty.
- You cannot be mugged for omitting or underpegging a muggins score.
- You cannot be mugged for pegging backward.
- The dealer cannot be mugged for failing to peg two points for turning a Jack as a starter card. (Here's why: you can mug someone only *after* they miss the points and *before* you take a cribbage action, but since the dealer has up until the time she/he plays their first card, by this point the pone has already taken a cribbage action—played their first card—and so the missed Jack is “unmuggable.”)
- When your opponent misses points (during pegging or scoring), you should say “muggins for X points” and identify the score not pegged or underpegged.
- You must call muggins *before* making your next cribbage move.
- You can mug someone only for the actual amount of points they could have taken; for example, if they are 10 holes away from winning and take only 8 points but actually have a 12-point hand, they can be mugged for only 2 points since that is the maximum points they could have taken; they cannot be mugged for 4 points, since they cannot have actually pegged all 12 points.

Where are John and Maria now? (see page 21)



ACC Awards



Donna LaFleur
(Bristol CT)
Life Master (4★)

Donna's cousin taught her how to play cribbage around 1980 in a bar, and she joined the ACC shortly thereafter. She has won thirty-one tournaments (seventeen of them mains) and earned her Four Star at Grand National in Las Vegas. Noncribbage interests include cruising with her husband Lenny in their '57 Chevy, which was purchased from a cribbage player (Ron Hamilton) in 2001.

My friend Jane Carroll and I learned how to play cribbage right before leaving to backpack across Europe during the summer of 1983. Our initial stop was London, where I bought my first and still favorite cribbage board. We used this board throughout the trip, and I still use it as a travel board today. One of us (we can't remember who) got a 28-hand in Lucerne, and it was a joint effort for at least fifteen minutes to count it. We've speeded up a bit since then! I earned my Life Master at the David Campbell (one of the true greats as both a player and a person) Memorial tournament in Wolfeboro NH. After losing five of my first eight games, I figured out how to play and won thirteen of the remaining fourteen games to qualify fourth and make it to the finals. To get there, I beat my husband David Statz three straight in the playoffs. Fortunately, he didn't make me sleep on the couch that night!

Mary Burlington
(Amherst MA)
Life Master



My mom, Master player Aljean Simpson, taught me how to play when I was a little girl. Never did I ever imagine that learning how to play cribbage would lead to so many memorable moments with her in my adult life. In 1999, while living in Alaska, she called me one day and said "I signed you up to play cribbage. Go practice with the club that plays at the AmVets in Anchorage, and we will meet in

Reno to play a tournament in March." I thought that was great. Somewhere we could meet once a year and have a great time. Little did I know it would turn into three times a year in Reno and many places in between and beyond. My mom passed away in 2019 and, I miss her daily. In one of our last discussions, we reminisced about all the

great times we had on our travels not only playing cribbage with great friends but the sites, experiences, and laughter we shared. The ACC has given me moments I will be eternally grateful for, and I dedicate this award to the Best Mom a girl could have!

Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth Tournament Trail

February 8 ♦ Sierra Youth Tournament (Grass Valley (CA)

June 28 ♦ Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV)

July 24 ♦ New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME)

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Virginia Beach Classic Pre (Virginia Beach VA; 12/6)	Laurie Schmitz	36 players HQ. Bruce Sattler (20) 1. June Fordham (105) 2. Larry Phifer (70) 3. Donna LaFleur (42) 3. Walter Smith (42)	28 players HQ. Barri Gehrand (15) 1. Scott Earley (40) 2. Sandy Shrum (24) 3. Barri Gehrand (12) 3. Bill Treadwell (12)		
Virginia Beach Classic (Virginia Beach VA; 12/7)	Laurie Schmitz	46 players HQ. Megan Player (35) 1. Steven Aziz (105) 2. Thomas Kay (70) 3. Terrance Cushman (42) 3. Sandy Shrum (42)	35 players HQ. M. S. Elkins (21) 1. Bruce Sattler (60) 2. Jack Howsare (40) 3. Bruce Reinke (24) 3. David Stoa (24)		Friday: Keith Bryant Saturday: Terrance Cushman
Willamette Valley Classic (Salem OR; 12/7)	Greg Schleusner	38 players HQ. Erik Locke (65) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Melvin Chase (70) 3. Tricia Josi (42) 3. Craig Smith (42)	16 players HQ. Duane Toll (18) 1. Duane Toll (24) 2. Linda Fery (12) 3. Allen Evenson (4) 3. Junko Larsen (4)		
MVP Winter Challenge (Loveland CO; 12/7)	Vickie Humphrey	40 players HQ. David Bute (45) 1. Kent Bair (105) 2. Joe Gates (70) 3. Randy Berger (42) 3. David Bute (42)	22 players HQ. Bruce Heath (9) 1. Roy Foster (40) 2. Steve Sundet (24) 3. Bruce Heath (12) 3. Sara Sanner (12)		
Windrifter Classic (Wolfeboro NH; 12/13)	Mark & Vicki Soule	56 players HQ. Dan Routhier (40) 1. Terry Weber (105) 2. Marty Duchow (70) 3. Dan Routhier (42) 3. Mark Soule (42)	38 players HQ. Jim Mahan (12) 1. David Statz (60) 2. Paige Thomas (40) 3. Kevin Harris (24) 3. Phil Martin (24)	28-hands: Mike Fetchei* Vicki Soule* Deborah Taylor*	

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
David Campbell Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; 12/14)	Mark & Vicki Soule	65 players HQ. Mark Soule (45) 1. Robert Medeiros (147) 2. Mary Burlington (105) 3. Jack Howsare (70) 3. Deborah Taylor (70)	48 players HQ. Frank Bogus Jr. (18) 1. Frank Bogus Jr. (60) 2. Louis Petosa (40) 3. Stephanie George (24) 3. Paige Thomas (24)	28-hands: Frank Bogus Jr.* Paul Gagnon*	Friday: Donna LaFleur Canadian Doubles: Stephanie George & Steven Braley
Pegging for Vets #7 (Sacramento CA; 12/14)	Alice Souza	29 players HQ. Lori Boyer (25) 1. Dick Lind (70) 2. Stan Katzman (42) 3. Bob Bartosh (21) 3. Steve Hastie (21)	17 players HQ. Austin Gregson (12) 1. Austin Gregson (40) 2. Cy Madrone (24) 3. Jones Horn (12) 3. Bill Schlabes (12)		



Darlene (“Dammit Dar”) Anderst (Lake City MN) has been playing ACC tournaments for twenty-five years and finally got a grand slam. And not an ordinary run-of-the-mill grand slam. She scored a *mega slam* by winning all ten games at the Jerry Gruber Memorial consolation, posting a 21/10 +125 scorecard! For good measure, Darlene and **Scott Kopka** also won Canadian Doubles. For the record, this is not the first time Darlene has been HQ; we found five instances in the last two-and-a-half years:

date	tourney	event	score
6/2022	Americas Dairyland	M	35/16 +143
7/2023	Heart of Wisconsin Classic	C	18/8 +150
1/2024	American Pride	M	36/16 +160
7/2024	Heart of Wisconsin Classic	M	35/16 +155
10/2024	Jerry Gruber Memorial	C	21/10 +125

COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

An online article entitled “Cribbage, Anyone?” features the ACC, with input from **Ivan Wells** and **Don Brown**. To read the article go to nextavenue.org and type “cribbage” in the search box.

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

Continuing the discussion from last month's column, the Grass Roots project of the American Cribbage Congress was launched in September 1983. The first year, up to twenty clubs were allowed for the project.

There were a number of mandatory requirements for the initial Grass Roots clubs including: clubs had to play nine games, clubs had to play one tournament each week, and clubs must have a minimum of twelve members with all players having an ACC membership. The entry fee was set at six dollars per night. From that fee, \$5 went to the local prize fund, 40¢ went to local expenses, and 30¢ was for national expenses and national season awards. This pilot project lasted for twelve weeks and served as a very successful start for the ACC Grass Roots program.

In the fall of 1984, the Grass Roots program was expanded to allow clubs to meet either once per week or two times each month. A system was also devised at that time to award national clubs points to determine local and national awards. By December 1984, there were over a dozen chartered clubs and nearly 300 players on a regular basis. President **Joseph Wergin** stated that the Grass Roots program was an outstanding way to reach local players and increase ACC membership.

The year 1985 saw growth and a new classification for Grass Roots clubs. Young **Donald Schwedersky** (Lyndon Station WI), son of the legendary **Leo and Dottie**, suggested naming the Grass Roots divisions after the planets. Beginning with the 1985–86 season, clubs playing weekly would be known as the Jupiter Division; those playing twice a month would join the Saturn Division; and once-a-month clubs would be in the Mercury Division. This idea was immediately implemented, and by the summer of 1986 there were twenty-seven chartered clubs.

Robert Read of Florida was very instrumental in many early facets of the Congress, and he worked with Wergin and others to publish the first Grass Roots Handbook in 1986. A major appointment came in the summer of 1986 when President Wergin named **Jerry Dickinson** (Mount Horeb WI) as the Grass Roots commissioner. Dickinson served admirably in that post for the next ten years, and Jerry would become the fourteenth ACC Hall of Fame inductee in 1991. **Joan Rein** (Carver MN) then did a terrific job as the Commissioner for around twenty years. Joan was honored in 1993 as the sixteenth ACC Hall of Famer for her efforts in many areas.

We also say a big thanks to the dozens of Grass Roots regional directors and officers and statisticians over the years, along with the hundreds of club directors and volunteers. Thanks also to the current commissioner, **Ivan Wells** (Tijeras NM), for his efforts and to everyone involved in taking cribbage to the people and their communities!

Scott knows ACC history because he has lived through most of it—and has done just about everything in the ACC: BOD member, VP, president, national MRP champ x2, All American x7, tournament director, and youngest person elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame.



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

MYOB

Recently *Cribbage World* received a letter about a sensitive topic. Without naming names or clubs, I quote some of this letter: “We have a player who is in the middle stages of Alzheimer’s disease who has trouble counting. . . . Said player is a veteran player . . . typically in the top 10 at the end of the year. . . . Our club is split, with half our club assisting and half following the rules. . . . Generally I am not one to provide assistance with counting; unfortunately players who aren’t in the game will blurt out the scores, which is wrong.”

This dilemma is not unique to this club. Many clubs have players facing aging issues. All of them have to deal with it in some manner. So here is my two cents’ worth on this subject.

The first sentence under the Code of Ethics states: **Cribbage is a pastime that provides social opportunities to display true sportsmanship and respect for others, without rancor, animosity, or overwhelming self-interest during competition.** Think about that related to this subject. We are all getting older, and who knows what struggles we will face.

Also under the Code of Ethics: **communicating about the play of someone else’s game in such a way that it affects the outcome** is grounds for suspension or expulsion. So blurting out scores by players not in the game is definitely wrong and inappropriate. Seriously.

Then there is rule 9.5: **No aid from**

an individual or from the use of any material may be used to assist in determining scoring while pegging or counting the hands or crib. Seems pretty straight forward, huh? If the players involved want to help each other, that is up to them. This rule applies to people other than the two playing the game. If you don’t agree with this assessment, then you should go back and read my column about playing the rulebook.

Some point out that we are playing for money and points. So you have to decide how you want to win. Do you want to win based on your abilities and skills, or do you want to profit off of other’s mistakes? It’s your choice. If they miss a couple points and you win because of it, you really didn’t win. You took advantage of a mistake. You won the game but you didn’t deserve it. And someone else may have lost a position because of it. If you are that desperate to win a few dollars, then maybe you need to go back and read that first sentence under the Code of Ethics, slowly, and let it sink in. It’s your choice, and you have to live with it.

I conclude with this: if you see someone helping their opponent count their points, mind your own business. Stay out of their game and play your own game. You don’t have to help anyone count their points if you don’t want to, but you have no right to get involved in someone else’s game.

Please, everyone, be kind and have fun.



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Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

#Birthday Month Vibes! It's here, the most wonderful time of the year! February, the month of love, the month of Sir John Suckling's birthday—and mine (plus a few more ACC players). Also, it's always the month to remember our dear departed president and friend, **David Campbell**, who passed away in 2021. Some other fun days are February 4, which is Thank a Mail Carrier Day. (Isn't that a good percentage of the ACC?) February 16 is National Do a Grouch a Favor Day. (I will leave that one right there!) And February 22 is National Margarita Day! ('Nuff said about that!) Hopefully my February will be full of cake!

Wolfboro NH was *the* place to be on December 13–15 for the Windrifter Classic and the David Campbell Memorial. I may be a little biased, but it was a great weekend. Shoutouts to **Frank Reddy**, **Bill Cormier**, **Kendra Munkacsy**, and **Susan Baker** for all the help! We are blessed with our helpful players in New England. Friday was the inaugural Windrifter Classic. When the playing was done and everyone clawed their way to the top, the only person standing was our visiting friend, **Terry Weber**, ➔ who came from Wisconsin to beat **Marty Duchow** in the finals. Fun fact: all four directors on the flyer (**Mark Soule**, **Vicki Soule**, **Frank Reddy**, and **Bill Cormier**) qualified in the main playoffs! I was the lucky one to play Terry in the first round. The first hand of the first game, I got a 28-hand and ended up losing the match! Cribbage is hard! In the consolation, a familiar winner at the Windrifter, **David Statz**, ➔ came in first. **Paige Thomas** had her best ever showing, coming in second.

In the David Campbell Memorial, director **Mark Soule** showed off by being high qualifier with 35/17 +177, but he was knocked out in first round by the man in orange, **Jack Howsare**. In the end, **Just Rob** ➔ notched another win and claimed another trophy for his win over **Mary Burlington**. Mary had to get through husband **David Statz** to reach Rob. No couch for David! In the consolation, **Frank Bogus Jr.** made it a clean sweep for Club 104 as he and Rob play together every Tuesday night at Grass Roots. This was also Bogey Jr.'s ➔ first win! **Lou Petosa**, another player who made his mark in Wolfboro, came in second. Mark and I would like to thank all the players, helpers, and staff at the Windrifter. It really is a magical place. If you ever get the opportunity to see us, please come visit! Just bring your long johns!





February Funnies

Q. What's for breakfast on really cold days in February?

A. Frosted Snowflakes!

Q. What's the difference between a \$20 steak and a \$55 steak?

A. February 14th.



The Glockenspiel Tower (page 12) in the old city center of Munich contains an automaton clock that performs a couple times a day. Completely rebuilt after WWII, this building still looks centuries old. Since we went to Munich for Oktoberfest, we had to visit the Oktoberfest Museum (below), highlighting 6,000 years of beer making around the world. The eight-hundred-year old church (above), with beautiful spires, was rebuilt after WWII using the original bricks and stones; so is it still 800 years old?!

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Back in the 20-oughts and -teens, several of us from Southern California would make the six-or-seven-hour drive to Antioch CA for one or more of the four tournaments each year sponsored by the Antioch Peggers and held at the Antioch Senior Citizens Center. In case you're wondering where Antioch is, it's as far east as you can go and still be in the San Francisco Bay Area (at least that's my take). Quite often, toward the end of the playing day, two preschoolers would come running in looking for their father, **Paul Gregson** (Antioch). ↓ You may remember Paul as a former board member, ACC webmaster, and Grass Roots programmer. Fast forward, the boys have grown up. Austin (now 20) is a junior at Santa Clara University studying mechanical engineering. His brother Zach (17) is a high school senior. The two boys cut their cribbage teeth in the ACC junior program, where Austin won the 11 and under Sierra Youth Tournament at ten years of age. Full circle, at the Pegging for Vets tournament in Sacramento on December 14, Austin won his first adult tournament, beating such luminaries as **Cy Madrone** (Santa Barbara) and **Bill Schlabs** (West Sacramento) in the consolation playoffs. Congratulations to Austin, welcome to the Winner's Circle; may it be the first of many. Ironically, at that tournament, Paul and his girlfriend **Lori Boyer** (Oroville) qualified 1–2 in the main but both were sent packing in the first round. Paul reports he got some grief from Austin since he won and Paul could manage only a first-round loss.

A couple of months ago, Grass Roots Commish **Ivan Wells** referred a journalist from PBS to Yours Truly for an interview about cribbage, why we play, what we get out of the game, etc. It was for an online PBS magazine. You may have seen some of the interview on Facebook. [*Editor's note: see page*



15.] One of the questions asked during the interview was: “What is it that you particularly like about cribbage?” I answered by saying that, perhaps as much, or more so, than other card or board games, cribbage requires the constant use of the brain with counting, strategies, discards, and general awareness of the board position of both you and your opponent. I went on to say that I have never known a cribbage player who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease or dementia and we are told that there is an inverse relationship between brain use and these two devastating diseases. Understand please, I am only speaking from personal observations and recollections. Obviously, there will have been some who were diagnosed with either of these diseases and, probably even some that I knew, but, again, I have never been aware of any. Do you know of any? If so, I’d be interested in hearing about them.

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In June, the mother-daughter team of **Laurie Logan** (Meridian ID) and **Paige Gacayan** (Meridian ID) won Canadian Doubles at the Independence Day Classic in Reno NV (Paige's very first tournament!). That victory was reported in the August 2024 *Cribbage World*. Five months later, Laurie and Paige did it again, defending their CD title at the Veterans Day Classic in Reno. *Oops!* This event was not reported in CW, so here it is, with pictures from both events. The word on the street is that Laurie and Paige have already booked their flights for the next Canadian Doubles event in Reno on March 6.

MIA

The USPS has returned mail for the following members (city and state are from last known address). If you know where they are, please contact the membership secretary at membership@cribbage.org.

Raymond Collard (Dauphin PA)
Megan Corwin (Walla Walla WA)
Dan Durawa (Edgartown MA)
Frank Easton (Raleigh NC)
Matthew Fogle (Cheyenne WY)
Ronald Geerdes (Pensacola FL)
Susan Geerdes (Pensacola FL)
Brandon Hager (Reno NV)
Dale Hjertager (Anderson CA)
Sarah Hultgren (Hudson WI)

Michael Kallioinen (Negaunee MI)
Denis W. Leyva (Whitmore CA)
Vincent Minervini (Malden MA)
Paul Moyer (Truckee CA)
Brett Napiwocki (Minneapolis MN)
Paul Reid (Glendale CA)
Rick Robarge (Litchfield Park AZ)
Beth Tessmer (Edgartown MA)
Ivan Thomsen (San Antonio TX)
Sandra Urban (Kissimmee FL)

Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV) pointed out that my January column was incorrect to the extent that he had finished #4 in the country in 2001–2. My apologies to Bryan and well done, but the fact that three players in twenty-five or so years made All Star/All American does not minimize my original position that SOCAL players are at a distinct disadvantage at least with respect to the Western Region.

Finally, a sad farewell to **Jeff Mather** (Laguna Woods CA), who passed over the holidays. Jeff was an all-time good guy. In fact, if the ACC had an All Star Good Guy team, Jeff would have been its captain. RIP friend.

Over and out.

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
(Internet Commish)
accjudgetest@
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It's important to understand what happens when there is a tournament glitch at start time. While this can be TD human error, it is usually one impatient player who sends everyone into a delayed start. Please, don't be that person!

When the tournament is going to split into a second lounge, it is extremely important that you do one simple thing once check-in is closed: **wait** until you get the gray box that informs you who your first opponent is. **Do NOT set up a table before that is shown to you.** Between closing time and officially starting the tourney in motion, the TD is pressing a series of buttons to make the splitting and seeding happen. The bracket can't be set until after that is complete. Players need to give the TD those extra few seconds until all are whisked into A or B lounge. If even one player does not wait and sets a table, **the entire tournament is ruined and has to be erased.** This means every available TD will jump into action to get every player to quickly move out of A lounge into C (or D) lounge (think of it as a

waiting room). Once A is empty, another TD will delete the original tournament and set up a brand new one, while we all wait for the bulletin message telling us to return to A lounge. Pay attention to what the TDs are telling you in the lobby; it helps if everyone who is not a TD stays silent so players can read our directions.

Now we have to start a brand new tourney, so everyone must check in **again**—as if the other one never existed. Please do this quickly so that the TDs can get the show on the road. The TDs will boot those not following directions to hurry back into A lounge, but the lead TD will not wait

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	567	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
2T	528	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)
2T	528	James Morrow (29seeker)
4	526	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
5	512	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
6	464	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
7	459	William MacMillan (wy001911)
8	441	Pat Liegl (patco1950)
9	426	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
10	424	Roger Wilson (rogerw29)

Point Leader of the Month

Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu) @ 148 IRPs

New Life eMasters (6,000 IRPs)

Paul Gregson (a2zcribbage)

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)

Brad Henderson (ousooner)

Les Kvien (mundypegger)

Internet 28-Hands

Michael Crow (mccrow)

Julie Hovey (criqueen58)

Jacob Then (admiral)

Internet Grand Slams

Rick Baird (rickyticky2201)

Pat Liegl (patco1950)

Paul Poropatic (pporopatic)

New Members

93 last month

Alabama

Rachel Todd (Shelby)
Stewart Todd (Shelby)

Alberta

Melissa Bachynski (Edmonton)

Arizona

Sedona Rose Basher (Scottsdale)
Philip Paradise (Tempe)

California

Kelsey Aguire (Chico)
William Duncan (Montecito)
Michael Payne (Susanville)
Tammy Payne (Susanville)
Charles Saylor (Vacaville)
Natalie Smith (Napa)
Lisa Taylor (Placerville)

Colorado

Craig Stickels Jr. (Littleton)

Connecticut

Judy Orena (Windsor Locks)

Florida

Everett Butts (Ormond Beach)
Scott Diefes (Nalcrest)
George Dunn (Brooksville)
Michael Hakenjos (Gulf Breeze)
Jon Larson (DeBary)
Christopher Stark (Orlando)

Georgia

Juslyn Fincher (LaGrange)
Mary Fincher (LaGrange)
Jon Herman (Decatur)
Renee McGill (LaGrange)
Edwin Williams (Lizella)

Illinois

Douglas Campbell (Carthage)
Ari Goldberg (Chicago)

Matt Musielak (Chicago)
Sahana Qaundinya (Chicago)

Indiana

Michael Blakley (Danville)

Maine

Paul Arsenault (Steep Falls)
Chief Eduardo Benjamin (Holden)
Mark Pease (Westbrook)
Shirley Ward (Steep Falls)

Massachusetts

Gary Boyd (Plainville)

Michigan

Nora Bass (Novi)
Evan Kohler (Traverse City)
Michael Phelps (Grand Rapids)

Minnesota

Pennie Bucilla (Apple Valley)
Richard Carel (Morristown)
Amanda Castro (Marshall)

Mississippi

Patrick McCarthy (Ocean Springs)
James Randall (Ocean Springs)
Sandra Randall (Ocean Springs)

Montana

Tammy Schusted (Deer Lodge)

Nevada

Britta Byer (Reno)
Audrey Chupinsky (Henderson)
Ken Chupinsky (Henderson)
Brandon Nauman (Reno)
Mark Quinn (Las Vegas)
Valerie Quinn (Las Vegas)

New York

Mark Jauquet (Romulus)
Christine LaBarge (Rochester)
Jessica Palaszynski (West Henrietta)

Oklahoma

Gina Quinn (Yukon)
Stephen Quinn (Yukon)
Jillene Sroczyński (Yukon)

Oregon

Gordon Boon (Bend)
Andrew Dembosky (Depoe Bay)
Cathy Dembosky (Depoe Bay)
Michael Landy (Roseburg)
Cherie Melton (Depoe Bay)
Joan Murdock (Gleneden Beach)
Renee Purdy (Portland)
William Reck (Beaverton)
Deborah Willhite (Vida)
Proud Wiwattanawongsiri (Lake Oswego)

Pennsylvania

Jim Paradis (King of Prussia)
Joel Paradis (King of Prussia)
Tracey Paradis (King of Prussia)
Brian Schlag (King of Prussia)
Aimee Stiefel (West Chester)
Matthew Tilmes (Hanover)

Utah

Annie Drennan (Sandy)
Kirk Drennan (Sandy)
Kat Holt (Sandy)
Shane Morgan (West Jordan)

Washington

John Bly (Spokane Valley)
Bruce Britton (Walla Walla)
Marian Britton (Walla Walla)
Greg Lakes (Des Moines)
Charles MacLauchlan (Sumner)
Kris Morrissey (Des Moines)
Joshua Munro (Union)
Anita Sandwick (Olympia)
Nicolet Satran (Shoreline)

Wisconsin

Cindy Behm (Neenah)
AJ Brass (Little Chute)
Allan Clark (Madison)
Lee Neuville (De Pere)
Erik Pritzl (Suamico)
Katy Pritzl (Suamico)

Wyoming

John Masters (Cheyenne)

forever for stragglers to check in again. After enough notice, the new tourney will start. So please, please, please, every time you play a split, sit patiently and wait until you see that gray box to know the tourney is actually ready to start, and *then* you can set your table. All of the TDs and players will appreciate it!



The Kat Hartsell EXPERIENCE

As 2024 neared its end, I looked at 2025 and was saddened to see little to no trail action over here in the Pacific Northwest. I put a few feelers out and quickly decided what better way to kick off the New Year than with a cribbage doubleheader? I was

happy that everything fell into place, and the first Spokane Winter Extravaganza and New Year's Ball went without a hitch. Two players won their first sanctioned tournament: director **Jason Ramelow** was high qualifier and won the Winter Extravaganza, and **Tracie Swanson** was high qualifier and won the consolation!

I had one of those moments that I will enjoy telling over and over. I was playing **Tim Julkowski** in the first round of the consolation playoffs, and game three looked to be all his as he was dealing from 20 out and I was 33 out. We cut a 5, and this is what happened: I lead a King, he pairs it. I play a 5, and he says go. I pair my 5 for two and a go. He then plays a King, and I play the fourth 5. Now I am 28 out and guess what? I have my first sanctioned 28-hand! Just enough to go out. I wasn't the only one to score a 28-hand, as **Curtis Beckham** and **John Bennett** also got to celebrate.

Mike Crume has won two consolation tournaments and has had some great success over the years (2017 Grand National runner-up); now he can add "main tournament champion" to the list. I am happy to say **Tim Julkowski** rebounded from his consolation loss to me and made it to the finals of the New Year's Ball.

In the New Year's Ball main, I was thinking about being the high qualifier. I had 24 points by game 14 and six games to go. Cribbage is a cruel game, and I watched my opponents make magic happen. I went 0-6 and didn't qualify! I reluctantly signed up for the consolation and . . . I was high qualifier and made it to the finals! Isn't cribbage such a wonderful game? A big congratulations to **Barb Stockham**, the consolation champ.

As I finish up my eleventh column, I ask myself: Do people read this? Is this of interest out there? Do you guys want to see more of my experiences? Or have I filled your cup? Is a year of "The Kat Hartsell Experience" enough for the masses? Let me know by sending a line or two to **kathartsell@gmail.com**.



CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John Maria

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When Maria and I travel internationally, we regularly see people playing cribbage, no matter how far away from the United States we are. We have seen people playing in distant countries like the Philippines, Italy, and Germany. We have seen people pull out boards and play in trains, airports, beach resorts, and—of course—pubs. Since we are not shy, we generally start up a conversation and tell them about the ACC. We always hope that they will join the ACC when they return home.

While in Munich for Oktoberfest, we met up with a group of friends who have been attending Oktoberfest for decades. Maria and I met these friends over fifteen years ago because of cribbage. With that connection in mind, they were all very interested in our head-to-head competition. They know we are writing stories for *Cribbage World* as we travel, and they know Maria has always been my nemesis when we play.

My new plan to beat Maria was to have her drink a lot of beer and schnapps before we played. It's not cheating . . . it's Oktoberfest . . . right? Unfortunately, that plan didn't work. Maria won two games out of three. I think several of our friends enjoyed Maria winning a little too much. Even as I cry into my Oktoberfest beer, I appreciate how the great game of cribbage can bring people together around USA and even all around the world. Prost!

It is often mentioned in *Cribbage World* that cribbage is what brings us all together. This story is an example of that. This photo is (I think) the best one Maria and I have produced. It shows our friends, all dressed up in lederhosen and dirndls, as they watch us play. There was trash talking about who they wanted to win (Maria, of course!). I wish more ACC-sanctioned tournaments had finals that looked like this (minus the trash talking?). The best part of the photo is that Maria looked at the camera as if she knew she would peg out before I counted my hand. Maria now has a 19-to-11 lead.





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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of January 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1090	Erik Locke	1	1191	Jim Mahan	1	677	David Statz
2	762	Bob Brumley	2	1064	Terry Weber	2	551	Robert Medeiros
3	630	Peggy Shea	3	639	Scott Sand	3	526	Frank Abernathy
4	619	Paul Gregson	4	583	Steven Steinmetz	4	509	Terrance Cushman
5	516	Bill Schlabas	5	459	Jeff Shimp	5	487	Peter Legendre
6	502	Richard Shea	6	419	David Aiello	6	450	Kendra Munkacsy
6	502	Jason Shumate	7	414	Dan Sand	7	433	Phil Martin
8	468	Bob Bartosh	8	406	Larry Leidenheimer	8	414	Mark Soule
9	467	Sara Sanner	9	390	Emilio Perez	9	412	Stephen Dugas
10	462	Dave Yaeger	10	341	Rick Kuehn	10	404	Donna LaFleur
11	448	Duane Toll	11	339	Cynthia Wark	11	361	Debra Cotter
12	421	James Morrow	12	337	Haley Hintze	12	329	Jerry Hardy
13	384	David Bute	13	294	James McCarty	13	323	Mary Burlington
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Tournament Trail

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>Tournament Directors</i>
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	Deadwood SD	David Aiken, Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Niagara Falls NY	David Aiken, Mark Soule, Vlcki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Spokane WA	James Morrow, Ricjk Baird, Kat Hartsell

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

Mar. 7–9, 2025	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra
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AZ ♦ Scottsdale Doubleheader

Sun Lakes Country Club, 25425 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248 TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

Jan. 31, Cactus Cribbage Classic

Feb. 1–2, Roadrunner Classic

NH ♦ Wolfeboro Doubleheader

Windrifter Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)

Jan. 31, Winter in Wolfeboro One-Day

Jan. 31–Feb. 2, Medeiros Memorial

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader

VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642) & Steve Schneider & Bob Joslin

Jan. 31, Minnesota Snowball One-Day

Feb. 1–2, Switzer's Birthday Bash

MI ♦ Feb. 8, Rod Hovey Memorial

VFW, 1920 E Kilgore Service Rd, Portage MI 49002. TD: Roger Brown (269.382.3571) & Steve Nuyen

CA ♦ Feb. 8, Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

OR ♦ Feb. 8, Willamette Valley Open

Miller's BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR

97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

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CA ♦ Feb. 8, Sierra Youth Tournament

Chicago Park School, 15725 Mt Olive Rd, Grass Valley CA 95945. TD: Don Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Lori Boyer

WA ♦ Feb. 8, Super Saturday One-Day

Eagles, 2829 W Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Brad Seger

WI ♦ Feb. 14–16, Go Green Bay

Townline Bar & Grill, Townline Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

ME ♦ Feb. 15, Capital City Classic part 2

American Legion, 400 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME 04330. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

OR ♦ Feb. 15–16, Come Sea Bandon

Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader

Sheraton Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Megan Player

Feb. 20–21, Virginia Beach Cluster Part 1

Feb. 22–23, Virginia Beach Cluster Part 2

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CT ♦ Feb. 22, February Frenzy

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

CA ♦ Feb. 28–Mar. 2, Northern California Open
Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fanucchi

CA ♦ Mar. 3–5, Susanville Winter Classic
Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

NV ♦ The Big One!

J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

March 6 ♦ Canadian Doubles

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

March 7 ♦ TOC

TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

March 8–9 ♦ JPW/ACC Open

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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NV ♦ Mar. 9–11, Topaz Winter Wonderland

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 South, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Alice Souza

OR ♦ Mar. 14–16, Northwest Open

Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Pat Reynolds (541.403.0172) & Rob Palmer

CA ♦ Mar. 15, Wine Country Spring Open

Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

AK ♦ Mar. 15, Alaska State Championship

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. KIM (907.748.2684) & Arlene Carle

RI ♦ Mar. 16, Corned Beef & Cribbage

St. Josephs Veterans Hall, 99 Louise St, Woonsocket RI 02895. TD: Rick Montague (508.414.4684) & Leo Houle

MA ♦ Mar. 21, New England Festival

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mike D'Elena

WI ♦ Mar. 21–23, Mick Michaelis Classic

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

Mar. 21, Super Sutherlin One Day

Mar. 22–23, Sutherlin Shuffle

CO ♦ Fort Morgan Doubleheader

Elks, 430 State St, Fort Morgan CO 80701. TD: David Bute (303.618.7409) & Steve Sundet

Mar. 22, Fort Morgan Wide Open

Mar. 23, Fort Morgan Wide Open

AZ ♦ Mar. 22–23, Arizona Screaming Eagles

Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Cir, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

MA ♦ Mar. 22–23, New England Festival

Knight of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Joe Bowen

CA ♦ Mexican Riviera Cruise Doubleheader

NCL Bliss, departing Los Angeles CA. TD: Winona & Michael McDaniel (541.525.1292)

Mar. 24, Mexican Riviera Cruise #1

Mar. 28–29, Mexican Riviera Cruise #2

CT ♦ Mar. 29, Blarney Stone Battle

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Barbara Barbour

OR ♦ Mar. 29–30, Kirks Ferry Challenge

Kirk's Ferry Trading Post, 217 W Bishop Way, Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Bob Simpson

MN ♦ Apr. 4–6, April Fools Challenge

Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

OR ♦ Oregon Coast Cluster

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 98374

Apr. 5–6, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial

TD: Pete & Junko Larsen (503.724.0605)

Apr. 7–8, Spring Fling

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

Apr. 10–11, Alosea River Open

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen

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Jingle Bell Open: \$326 to Salvation Army

Apr. 11–13, Dean Bauman Memorial
 TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034)
 & Dana McClain

NH ♦ Apr. 6, Granite State Classic
 American Legion, 11 Court St, Nashua NH 03061.
 TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

NC ♦ Fling Doubleheader
 DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln,
 Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer John-
 son (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

Apr. 11, Friday Pre-Fling

Apr. 12–13, Raleigh Spring Fling

IL ♦ Apr. 11–13, Marv Lang Memorial
 Cliffbreakers, 700 W Riverside Blvd, Rockford IL
 60004. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875) & Jerry Griffin

WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader
 American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway,
 Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim &
 Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)

Apr. 12, Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge

Apr. 13, Wyoming Spring Roundup

WI ♦ Apr. 18–20, Dianne Gurney Memorial
 Comfort Inn, W 10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls
 WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) &
 Richard Frost

CA ♦ Apr. 19, Pegging for Vets
 VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
 TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

SD ♦ Deadwood Tripleheader
 The Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest
 Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken
 (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda
 Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke

Apr. 24–25, Deadwood Open

Apr. 26, Aces & Eights

Apr. 27, Calamity Jane Open

NY ♦ Apr. 25–27, Western New York Open
 Moose, 45 Church St, Hamburg NY 14075. TD:
 Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

WI ♦ May 2–4, Peg for Pink
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI
 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

CA ♦ May 2–4, Humboldt Bay Classic
 Moose, 4328 Campton, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick
 & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Sheryl Brekke

NC ♦ Winston-Salem Doubleheader
 Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza
 Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith
 Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson

May 2, Winston-Salem Open

May 3–4, North Carolina Open

MA ♦ May 4, South Shore Open
 Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington
 MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) &
 Debbie Cotter

WI ♦ May 9–11, Cribbage Weekend In America
 Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914.
 TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader
 Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497.
 TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

May 9, Super-Sutherlin One-Day

May 10–11, Oregon State Open

ME ♦ May 10, Old Orchard Beach Tournament
 American Legion, 14 Imperial St, Old Orchard Beach
 ME 04064. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) &
 Carlyle Foss

CA ♦ May 10, Pegging for Vets
 VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
 TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

CA ♦ May 16–18, Jerry Montgomery Memorial
 Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Dr, Red-
 ding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153)
 & Jim Langley

CO ♦ MVP Doubleheader
 VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Love-
 land CO 80536. TD: Vickie Humphrey
 (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

May 17, MVP Spring Fling Saturday

May 18, MVP Spring Fling Sunday

WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader
 TBA, Spokane WA 99205. TD: Kat Hart-
 sell (509.850.6077) & James Morrow

May 23, Memorial Weekend One-Day

May 24–25, Memorial Weekend Two-Day

CA ♦ May 24, EEC Barnyard Bonanza
 Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley
 Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte
 (760.751.2073)

CT ♦ May 31, Cribbage in May
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd,
 South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Charles Booker
 (860.726.6921) & Barbara Barbour

WI ♦ June 6–8, Madison Masters

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

CA ♦ June 7, Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

AK ♦ June 7, Midnight Sun Open

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. KIM (907.748.2684) & Arlene Carle

CT ♦ June 14, Stars & Stripes Showdown

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour (860.543.2244) & Don Janelle

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Rd, Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow (803.240.2198) & June Fordham

June 20, Palmetto State Open

June 21–22, Soda City Classic

WI ♦ Eau Claire Doubleheader

VFW, 1300 Starr Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Chad Frischmann (715.492.5337) & Louie Gurney

June 27, Eau Claire Classic Midweek

June 28–29, Eau Claire Classic

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

July 4, Super-Sutherlin One-Day

July 5–6, July Special

WI ♦ July 11–13, Brat Stop Open

Brat Stop, 12304 75th St, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Emilio Perez

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner

July 11, Depoe Bay Shuffle

July 12–13, Shut Up and Deal

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NC ♦ National Open Tripleheader

DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

July 18–21, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

July 17–18, Open Opener

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Mark Soule & John Hazlett

July 21, Come Monday

TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Tom Briski

July 24–25, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 26–27, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

CA ♦ July 26, Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

CA ♦ River City Doubleheader

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 1, River City Shake It Up Friday

Aug. 2–3, River City Shake It Up Saturday

CA ♦ Aug. 4–5, Natomas Open

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Jennifer Bolles

MN ♦ Midwest Doubleheader

Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Steve Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer

Aug. 8, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 9–10, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

WI ♦ Aug. 22–24, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ♦ Sep. 5–6, Jimmy Yee Memorial

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

OR/ID ♦ Eastern Oregon & Idaho Cluster
Sep. 5-7, Gem State Classic Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)
Sep. 9-11, Oregon Trail Tournament Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Pat Reynolds (541.403.0172) & Rob Palmer
Sep. 12-14, Blue Mountain Open American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Spring- er (541.975.3176) & Sue Anderson

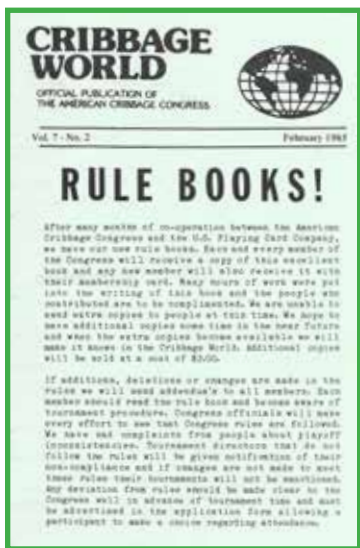
MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup
Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Bill- ings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble
Sep. 26-27, Montana Memorial
Sep. 28-29, Big Sky Open

SD ♦ Grand National 43
The Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, & John Hazlett
Sep. 30-Oct. 2, GN43 Midweek
Oct. 2-4, Grand National 43

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40 Years Ago

The front cover (incorrectly labeled volume 7; it should be volume 6) announced that the first-ever ACC rule-book was ready for distribution. It was sent to every ACC member, whereas nowadays most members do not own a copy. (Perhaps this practice should



25 Years Ago

be restarted?) Elsewhere we read that **Jeff Shimp** (MI) won the 160-player Belle City Classic in Racine WI. Jeff has now won forty-four tournaments. On page 3 we read that **Patrick Barrett** (Wisconsin Rapids WI) qualified #2 and won the North Pole Open by beating the late, great **Warren Sondericker** (Milwaukee WI) in the finals. And page 6 reports that **Darlene Stier** (then of Anchorage AK, now of Sun City AZ) won the 37-player Moose Nugget Classic.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Pensacola Loses Two

Milton Club 444 (Pensacola FL) is sad to inform the ACC of two deaths. **Andy Laventure** (Foley AL) passed away on October 25. Andy was a true gentleman of cribbage, and his association with cribbage goes back to at least 1990. Andy went to numerous tournaments and truly enjoyed cribbage. **Keith Lambert** (Pensacola FL) passed away on November 8. Keith had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed playing cribbage. He went to numerous cribbage tournaments.

Wayne Glashan

Wayne Glashan (Sacramento CA) passed away on Christmas Eve. He was a longtime member of the ACC and played Grass Roots with River City Peggers since 2002.

Wayne earned his Grand Master rating, and an ACC tournament highlight was winning the Quincy World Championship in 1993. He also earned his Gold Award at cribbage on his last night of play in October 2024. Wayne was a pleasant and kind man. He was al-

ways pitching in to help at the club and at our tournaments. It was certainly an honor to know him. His many friends at the River City Peggers will miss him greatly.

Marian Moe

Marian “Janet” Moe (Grants Pass OR) passed away on October 3. She joined Grants Pass Club 395 shortly after its founding and played through summer of 2024. She was a classy and fun lady and will be missed by her cribbage family.



Donna Zuben

It is with great sadness that High Noon Club 328 in Bradenton FL reports the passing of Donna Zuben (Largo FL) on December 26. A great player who had earned her Silver Award, Donna will be missed by all in Florida. She is survived by her husband, Bill, an ACC player. They loved to travel and visit casinos. RIP Donna.



Bad Beat!

Here is the worst bad beat that *Cribbage World* has heard lately. Early in the day at Grand National, **Mark O’Hanlon** (Woodbury MN) is 12 points out with first count, and his opponent is dealing from 46 away. Mark is dealt 6-7-8-9-Q-Q; going for the skunk, he tosses Q-Q. Meanwhile, his opponent deals himself 5-5-5-10-Q-Q and also tosses the pair of Queens. Mark cuts the case 5, pegs two points, and ends up in hole 120—while the dealer has a 28-hand and a 20-crib! So instead of writing 30/14 on his scorecard at the end of the day, Mark records 27/13 and ultimately misses the playoffs on spread points.

Editor’s note: while trying to track down the name of Mark’s opponent who stole this game in such spectacular fashion, *Cribbage World* stumbled across another story. **Chad Frischmann** (Eau Claire WI) had a 28-hand and a 20-crib—and *lost* the game!

CRIBBAGE ROOK

Here's a cribbage variation that uses rook cards instead of standard playing cards to play cribbage. Remove the rook card and the 14s, leaving 52 cards in four colors, numbered 1–13. Each card has the value of the number printed on it.



Variations on a Theme

Everything is played the same way as standard cribbage, except you use the numbers 11, 12, and 13. Thus, you can get 15-point combinations with 4+11, 3+12, and 2+13. To maintain the possibility of heels and nobs, and the ability to get a 29-hand, 10 is the new “Jack.” (The 11 cards cannot be Jacks because then you can't get a 29.) With fewer 10-point cards, getting a 28-hand seems to have the same difficulty as the 29-hand.

This variant dilutes the power of 5s because cards below 5 have added potential and unusual hand-building capability. For example, 4s combine with 7s and 11s, and 3s combine with 9s and 12s. Making 18-point hands with these combinations is beautiful and refreshing (*see picture on page 33*).

Also, running the count to 18, 19, or 20 during the pegging phase doesn't mean you are safe from your opponent getting 31-2 with the next card.

This cribbage variation will require some adjustment as you learn the new 15-2 combinations, but give it a try. Thanks to Chris Walker (Tulsa OK) for suggesting this variation. You may contact Chris at walker_chris73@yahoo.com.

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