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The Ethics Committee suspended **Robert H. Lewis** (OR-3932; Salem OR) indefinitely for actions unbecoming a member of the ACC.

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### ACC membership odometer

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as of November 30

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



## Judges, Judges, Judges

Over the past year, sixty-one members have become ACC judges. It is very exciting to see players from all over the country taking the initiative to be a bigger part of our organization.




At the BOD meeting it was decided that all judges should get a printable certificate and wallet-size card. If you have taken the judge test in the last year, look for an email coming soon. If you have taken the judges test over a year ago and would like a printable certificate and a wallet-size judge's card, email your name and ACC number to **Tammy Gibbons** ([maggiesweet@gmail.com](mailto:maggiesweet@gmail.com)).

Once you have your judge's card and rulebook in hand, I hope you start making calls at your Grass Roots club or at tournaments. Judging calls become easier when you familiarize yourself with the rulebook and know a few of the most common rules that judges are called for and where those rules are in the rulebook.

If you are a seasoned judge, find one of our new judges, discuss calls with them, let them make the calls when summoned. Take them under your wing and mentor them.

New judges, don't worry, you won't be left alone deciding someone's cribbage fate, as two judges are needed at every call. If one of the affected players doesn't agree with the ruling, the tournament's head judge is summoned. The head judge makes the final ruling.

Congratulations to our new judges. The next time you're at a tournament, when you hear: "All judges please stand"—stand up and hold up your rulebook!

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird 	Bob Chase 	Rob Medeiros 
<i>average</i>	55.0% (99–81)	53.8% (64–55)	✓ 59.7% (77–52)
<i>biggest win</i>	+54 vs. David Boynton (CA) at Topaz	✓ +66 vs. Judith Beay (NV) @ Grand National	+54 vs. Kimberly Forbes (MA) @ Boston Regional
<i>worst loss</i>	–50 vs. Bobby Ramelow (WA) at Grand National	–50 vs. Ron Zuehl (MN) @ Club 215	✓ –41 vs. Maureen Biggie (MA) @ Club 104

# Your Deal



## палки **Again**

I can see how “sticks” are confused with “pegs.” [*Editor’s note:* see November 2023 *Cribbage World*, pages 6–8.] Alexander Tvaladze describes a Russian version of the game known as три палки (“Three Sticks”). It works well with three or four players, but can be played by any number of players from two to eight. A standard 36-card pack is used: A-K-Q-J-10-9-8-7-6 of each suit. As in other games of this type, Aces count 11 points, pictures 10, and other cards face value. The aim is to collect cards of one suit, scoring as many points as possible (ideally 31) or one of the special hands. The loser(s) of each hand receive(s) a stick. Any player who has three sticks and loses again is eliminated from the game, and the last surviving player wins.

*Elmer Phillippi (Bradenton FL)*

## “You Might Get Hurt”

I was watching *Tombstone Territory* on the GRIT channel, in a segment called “For Want of a Nail.” Right at the end of the episode, the sheriff says to the the editor of the *Tombstone Epitaph*: “Would you like to play a game of cribbage?” To which the editor replied, and I paraphrase: “Looks like you might get hurt.”

*Steve Cousins (Modesto CA)*

## Happy Ending

Unfortunately that time has come, and I must let my ACC membership expire. Being on the cusp of 79 and now unable to fly, my US tournament days are over. Introduced to US cribbage tournaments by my friend **Gordon Reid**, who passed eight years ago, has brought great joy into

my life. Meeting all the people involved over the years has been a pleasure. Twenty-four times to Reno and then all the trips to Spokane, Tacoma, Lincoln City, Bend, and numerous other small tournaments in between, has been fabulous, and I will miss it greatly. Thank you for twenty-two wonderful years.

*Bryan Smith (Parksville BC)*

## Cribbage World editor’s response

Bryan: the ACC membership secretary forwarded your email to me and suggested that it might be appropriate for *Cribbage World*. Would you mind if I quote part of your letter in the next magazine? *Dave*

## Bryan’s follow-up

Hi David: no problem. Your email has reminded me of how much I have enjoyed *Cribbage World*. I will be sending my membership along shortly just so I can continue getting the magazine. Many thanks. *Bryan*

## Milestones!

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

*Happy Birthday in November!*

70—**Raymond Galli** (OR)

*Happy Birthday in January!*

80—**Paul Batterson** (CT)

80—**Wayne Momsen** (OR)

80—**Junko Larsen** (WA)

80—**Roy Hofbauer** (WA)

80—**Randy Gregg** (MN)

70—**David Long** (CA)

70—**Robert Kiessling** (CA)

# My Deal

by David Aiken



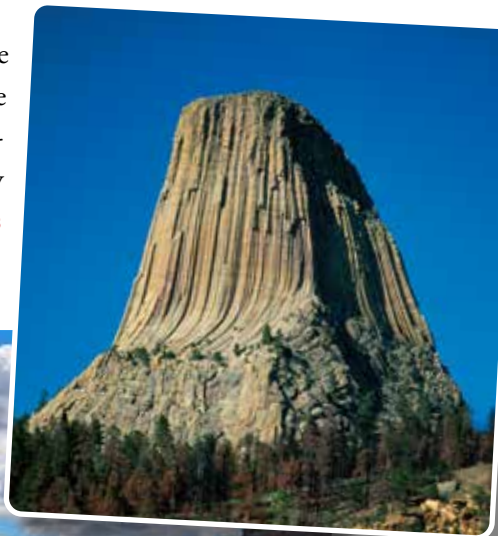
Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

I recently returned from Las Vegas, where I attended my twentieth consecutive Grand National—and the first one with my wife Katie! After my first GN in Atlanta in 2004—directed by the late, great **David O’Neil**—I was hooked.

Grand Nationals are, in my opinion, the most enjoyable events of the cribbage season. First of all, they are held in locations that I may not otherwise visit; I have now played GN in thirteen states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota, Virginia, and Wisconsin. And because GNs move around the country, I have the opportunity to meet ACC members who may not otherwise travel long distances to tournaments.

Las Vegas is now the fourth GN that I have codirected (the others were Grand Rapids 2009, Bethesda 2016, and Milwaukee 2018), and if you look at page 41 in this magazine, you’ll see that I am also on tap for the next two: Deadwood SD in 2025 and Niagara Falls NY in 2026. I look forward to working with my codirectors at these events to bring you not only a wonderful cribbage week but also delightful sightseeing experiences. Here are two teasers, one for each of the next two years: Devils Tower ↓ and Maid of the Mist! ↓

On a related note, I am happy to announce that at the BOD meeting in Las Vegas the 2027 Grand National was awarded to Spokane WA. In three years’ time we will play Grand National 45, ably directed by **James Morrow**, **Rick Baird**, and **Kat Hartsell**, in my home state of Washington. I can’t wait!



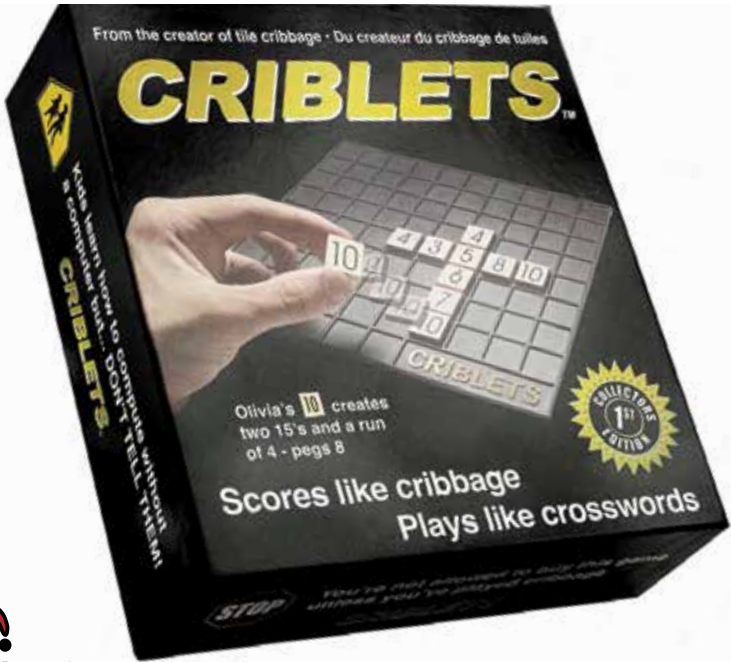
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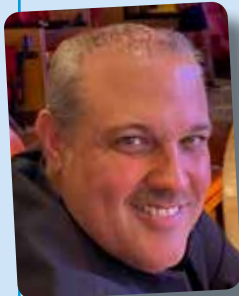


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There were two grand slams in the Vegas consolations, **Larry Leid-enheimer** (Duluth MN) got knocked out of the GN main barely in time to enter the consy on Sunday. Good thing he did, because he finished as HQ with a grand slam 19/9 +159. Meanwhile, in the midweek consy, **Jeff Shimp** (Grand Haven MI) turned in a perfect 18/9 +123 grand slam—only to fall into second place behind **Phil Martin**'s 19/8 +138.



**Danny Fournier** (Casselberry FL) turned in a personal best 40/19 +338 in the GN main. Unfortunately, he fell ill on Saturday night and couldn't play in the bracket. Oh well, he'll always remember the day he lost only three of twenty-two games!

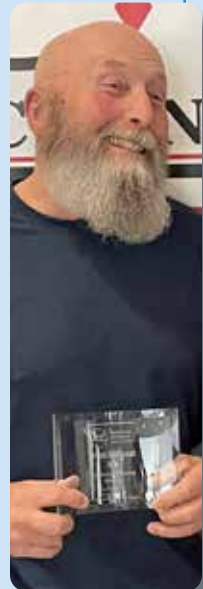
Four! That's how many consecutive skunks **Darlene Stier** and **June Fordham** (picture on page 11) scored in Canadian Doubles on Thursday night. They lost only one game on their

way to the championship, posting 20/8 +232! →

2	3	44	WS	44
3	3	48	JT	46
4	3	32	TC	42
10	3	41	dc	49

ACC membership secretary **Brenda Nason** (Las Vegas NV) qualified in three Vegas tourneys and earned enough points in the first two of them so that on Sunday—her birthday!—she reached her Master when she qualified. Altogether now: “Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday Master Brenda, Happy birthday to you!”

**Eric Boysen** (Clancy MT) helped avoid the expense of shipping the GN trophies by carting them from the manufacturer in Missoula MT to Las Vegas. When he delivered the trophies, GN director David Aiken thanked him and said: “You might as well take one of them home with you.” And he did! Eric and partner Tom Gannon won Traditional Doubles on Wednesday night. →



### GN 42 attendance (by event)

count	event
138	Early Bird
288	Midweek Main
124	Traditional Doubles
240	Midweek Consy
92	Thursday Singles
106	GRT OCC
182	Friday Singles
24	DCAST
264	Canadian Doubles
410	GN42 Main
72	Saturday Singles
260	GN42 Consy
2,200	total

**Tippling point**—in game 4 of his semifinal against **David Fournier, Rick Shea** was down two games to one. With first count, he was 16 points out and held 3-4-5-6. David was five points out and held Rick to zero pegging points. Rick managed to keep David on the board, so with a 6-cut, his 16-hand was a winner. *Any other cut* at this point of the match, and David moves on to the finals.





## Wendys of the Cribbage World Unite!

For the first time ever, all three Wendys were at the same tournament! Look out ACC, here come Bad Wendy (**Wendy Yafuso**), Good Wendy (**Wendy Pitts**), and Teacher Wendy (**Wendy Schmidt**)!



## GN 42 attendance (by state)

count	state
72	California
	Washington
35	Wisconsin
30	Minnesota
29	Oregon
25	Arizona
	Colorado
21	Nevada
15	Massachusetts
12	Maine
	Connecticut
	Florida
9	Michigan
	North Carolina
	Texas
7	Iowa
	Montana
6	Alberta
	Alaska
5	Nebraska
	Illinois
4	Maryland
	Kentucky
3	New Mexico
	Virginia
	Wyoming
	Georgia
	Idaho
2	Indiana
	South Carolina
	Tennessee
	Newfoundland
1	Ohio
	Pennsylvania
	Utah
404	total

Note: a few registrations on Saturday morning are not included in these numbers.

By whatever metric you use, **Peggy and Rick Shea** had a productive cribbage trip. They played (and directed) the Veterans Day Classic in Reno on November 9–10 and then played both Vegas tourneys the following week. Peggy won the Veterans Day Classic main and qualified in both Vegas mains. (She has now qualified in eight consecutive mains!) And Rick won two back-to-back events: the GN 42 Midweek consy and the Grand National 42 main. Together they raked in 972 MRPs, carried home three championship trophies, and pocketed enough cash to fill a Brinks truck!

Peggy's events		MRPs
Veterans Day Classic main	qualifying	50
	playoffs	196
GN 42 Midweek main	qualifying	40
	playoffs	105
Grand National 42 main	qualifying	36
	playoffs	50
<b>total</b>		<b>477</b>

Rick's events		MRPs
GN 42 Midweek consy	qualifying	9
	playoffs	112
Grand National 42 main	qualifying	72
	playoffs	302
<b>total</b>		<b>495</b>

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# DCAST

## DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament

For over three decades, the DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament was held in Reno on the day before the Tournament of Champions. But to align the DCAST more closely with the cribbage season, and because the TOC/ACC Open week is already crowded with other events, the BOD voted to move this event to the Grand National week.

Created in 1991 by **DeLynn Colvert**, this prestigious event was named in his honor following his death in 2019. The top eight players from all three regions play each player from the other two regions, for a total of sixteen games. The winning team is determined by adding up all eight scorecards.

In this year's running of the All Stars, the Central Region **↓** captured both the top scorecard—**Clay Collier** with 23/11 +132—and the team championship with 72 victories. The Eastern Region finished second with 65 wins, and the Western Region was third with 55 wins. Two members of the Eastern Region finished in second and third: **Jerry Hardy** (ME) with 23/10 +101 and **Mark Soule** with 22/11+64.

On a side note, here is something that is actually quite hard to do. **Keith Widener** (NC) managed to lose *every* game against the Central Region and then win *every* game against the Western Region! Eight consecutive losses, eight consecutive wins. →→

With this year's victory, the Central Region now holds a 15–13–6 record over the Eastern and Western Regions.

DCAST #35 will be held in Deadwood SD on October 3, 2025. Contact director **Roland Hall** for more details ([roland29h@yahoo.com](mailto:roland29h@yahoo.com)).



**Jim Mahan | Chad Frischmann | Terry Weber | Bob Chase**

**Clay Collier | Jeff Shimp | Al Karr | Jimmy McCarty**



June Fordham & Darlene Stier  
Canadian Doubles

**Eastern Region**  
 \*\*\*ALL-STAR TEAM\*\*\*

PLAYER NAME: **KEITH WIDENER**  
 \$100 Entry  
 \$300 to winning team  
 \$20 Q Pool - 4 winners  
 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%, 4th 10%

SCORING: 1 - GAME POINTS  
 2 - LOSS 2 - GAMES WON  
 3 - SPREAD POINTS  
 4 - SPREAD POINTS

RUNNING TALLY									
GAME	Q-2-2 Game Points	WIN + points	LOSS - points	Game Points	Games Won	Spread Points + or -	OPPONENT (print last name)	Sheet Number	
1	0		18	0	0	-18	J.M	17	
2	0		10	0	0	-28	R. Chase	18	
3	0		16	0	0	-44	W. Jones	19	
4	0		31	0	0	-75	J. Jeff	20	
5	0		18	0	0	-93	F. Schmied	21	
6	0		24	0	0	-117	P. Collins	24	
7	0		12	0	0	-129	P. Barr	23	
8	0		0	0	0	-132	M. Kelly	22	
9	2	11		2	1	-121	E. Erik	1	
10	2	10		4	2	-111		4	
11	2	15		6	3	-96	B. Wemyer	3	
12	2	17		8	4	-79	B. R.	2	
13	2	14		10	5	-60	M. K.	2	
14	2	15		12	6	-45	M. H.	6	
15	2	12		14	7	-33	S. Sh.	7	
16	2	14		16	8	-19	S. Schlobes	8	
TOTALS									

*I have carefully checked this score card and agree it is correct and accurate!*

## Satellite Winners



Terry Cushman  
Early Bird



Dick Pedersen  
Thursday



Eric Boysen & Tom Gannon  
Traditional Doubles



## GN Main Semifinalists



Diego Alvarez



David Fournier



Bernard Kitheka  
Saturday



Marc Morisseau  
GRTOCC

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## GN Midweek Main



Gene Biegler  
champion



Paul Gregson  
runner-up



Adam Sarmanian  
high qualifier &  
semifinalist



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## GN Midweek Consy



Phil Martin  
high qualifier &  
semifinalist

Rick Shea, champion  
Troy Thorson, runner-up



## Top Qualifiers in Vegas

	Midweek Main		Midweek Consy	
1	Adam Sarmanian	38/18 +232	Phil Martin	19/8 +138
2	John Hazlett	38/17 +240	Jeff Shimp	18/9 +123
3	William Eilers	36/17 +62	Steven Post	17/8 +125
4	Pete Christensen	36/16 +243	Mark Soule	17/8 +110
5	Eric Boysen	35/16 +231	William Stacey	16/8 +48
6	David Bute	35/16 +193	Troy Thorson	16/7 +147
7	Peter Setian	35/16 +180	Bob Brumley	16/7 +123
8	Jim Dillard	35/16 +137	Sylvia Bergquist	16/7 +118
9	Kris Bailey	34/16 +245	Brenda Nason	16/7 +81
10	Peggy Shea	34/16 +185	Rodney Rideau	16/7 +72



Jeff Shimp  
semifinalist



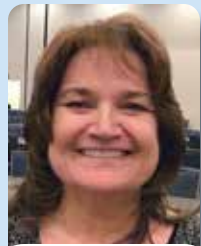
## GN 42 Consy

Paula Abele  
champion

**N**o players qualified in all four MRP tourneys in Vegas, but twelve players qualified in three of them:

- Frank Abernathy (Garner NC)
- Mike Due (Elon NC)
- Stephen Dugas (Medford MA)
- William Eilers (Pahrump NV)
- Mike Fetchel (Durham CT)
- Terry Higgins (Hayward CA)
- Peter Jackson (Chico CA)
- Larry Leidenheimer (Duluth MN)
- Brenda Nason (Las Vegas NV)
- Bobby Ramelow (Otis Orchards WA)
- James Seufert (Hermiston OR)
- William Stacey (Grand Rapids MI)

In addition, both **Phil Martin** (Newington CT) and **Larry Leidenheimer** (Duluth MN) qualified in the top ten *twice*. In fact, Larry was #2 in the GN main and #1 in the GN consy. Not a bad weekend of cribbage!



Debra Cotter  
runner-up



Larry Leidenheimer  
high qualifier



Terry Higgins  
semifinalist



James Seufert  
semifinalist

GN Main		GN Consy	
Danny Fournier	40/19 +338	Larry Leidenheimer	19/9 +159
Larry Leidenheimer	38/18 +186	Joe Zimmitti	18/8 +79
Richard Shea	38/17 +240	Lee Foglesong	18/7 +195
Erik Locke	37/18 +240	Laurie Kenny	17/8 +101
Robert Ramelow	37/17 +248	Lee Bennett	16/7 +136
Carol Williams	37/17 +177	Darlene Stier	16/7 +128
Greg Schleusner	37/16 +201	James Taylor	16/7 +80
Diego Alvarez	35/16 +194	Phil Martin	15/7 +88
Lyford Smith	34/16 +154	Terry Higgins	15/7 +74
Bob Kiley	34/15 +208	Warren Smith	15/7 +57

# GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 12/28

Division 1 = 2,666 players ♦ Division 4 = 557 players

Division 1 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	171 Terry Hatto (261)
	2	168 Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
	2	168 Richard Slone (199)
	2	168 J. J. Stansfield (164)
	5	165 Kevin Mansfield (198)
	6	163 Jon Kline (190)
	7	161 Duane Schubauer (96)
	8	159 Walter Howell (127)
	8	159 Wayne Steinmetz (6)
	10	158 Ken Varner (419)
	11	154 Thomas Beucler (388)
	11	154 Dave Otte (393)
	13	150 Steven Braley (361)
	13	150 Chris McComas (426)
	15	149 James Ravenscroft (175)
	15	149 Scott Sand (94)
	17	147 John Healey (368)
	17	147 Sheri Howard (204)
	19	146 Kirk Hobbs (314)
	19	146 Robert Lenz (445)
	21	145 Reuben Sufka (94)
	21	145 Duane Toll (62)
	23	144 Veronica Klaas (399)
	23	144 Nancy Rojas (162)
	25	143 Bradley Gronli (430)
	26	142 Sara Sanner (600)
	27	141 Don Grumpy Howard (306)
	27	141 William O'Malley (46)
	27	141 Daniel Pluff (240)
	30	140 Douglas Benson (243)
	30	140 William Eilers (360)
	30	140 Scott Haley (72)
	30	140 Jeff Wussow (157)
	34	139 Andy Wagner (58)
	35	138 James Falzone-Cardinal (72)
	36	137 Debra Cotter (464)
	36	137 Terry Greenawald (127)
	36	137 Timothy Julkowski (377)
	36	137 Jack Puleo (308)
	40	136 Matt Chadwick (361)
	40	136 Phillip Whitehouse (295)
	42	135 Robert Donovan (219)
	42	135 Mike Pivec (108)
	44	134 Denny Denend (243)
	44	134 Douglas Myers (329)
	44	134 Peter Setian (72)
	44	134 Clyde Shackelford (408)
	48	133 Shaun Wilford (190)
	49	132 Bernard Brentar (390)
	49	132 Pauline Taylor (436)
	51	131 Dwight Christiansen (382)
	51	131 Chad Frischmann (445)

rank	GRPs name (club)
53	130 Jerry Ensminger (177)
53	130 Donald Gabrielson (408)
55	129 Dave Elliott (284)
55	129 Bob Prochnow (79)
57	128 Doug Holden (354)
57	128 Wayne King (104)
59	127 Eric Lemay (375)
59	127 Daulph Plummer (354)
59	127 Gary Reichel (300)
59	127 Mike Shermeta (229)
63	126 Verdell Brand (96)
63	126 William Cormier (104)
63	126 Dave Parenteau (131)
63	126 Howard Pearson (96)
67	125 Douglas Hayden (321)
67	125 Fred Howe (600)
67	125 Scott Johnson (26)
67	125 Timothy Shaw (388)
71	124 Scott Bartosh (600)
71	124 Dennis Crooks (408)
71	124 Larry Holman (25)
71	124 Louise Streeter (219)
71	124 Bill Whiting (117)
76	123 Ballard Cheatham (82)
76	123 Artland Kaai (164)
76	123 Joyce Keay (308)
76	123 Paula Krupp (308)
76	123 Daniel Minesal (6)
76	123 Don Zeitschel (317)
82	122 David Aiello (197)
82	122 Glenn Gauthier (61)
82	122 Michael Hill (390)
82	122 Jim Maffa (104)
82	122 Ida Sanford (277)
82	122 Valerie Sumner (11)

Division 4 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	136 Rhonda Perry (336)
	2	118 Rich Ekman (395)
	3	115 Bill Wallace (455)
	4	111 David Bute (433)
	4	111 Paul Gregson (54)
	6	110 Willie Evans (39)
	7	109 Paul Moreno (395)
	8	103 Brad Seger (39)
	9	100 Rob Palmer (38)
	10	96 Howard Terry (336)
	11	94 Quentin Campbell (475)
	11	94 Carol Miller (118)
	13	91 Wes Du Mont (38)
	14	90 Rita Jewett (466)
	14	90 Erik Locke (28)
	16	89 Tom Kilcoyne (318)
	16	89 Michael Plante (194)



edited by **Michael Barrett**

Club contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to **ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER

**Club 308  
(Centerville  
MA)—Francis  
Shea scores  
two 28-hands  
in one night!**



**Randy Gregg  
(Chaska MN)  
Gold #226**

When I was seven, my dad taught me to play cribbage. I joined the ACC in 1985 and started playing in the Chaska club, before it was even an official club. I've been club champion once (2015–16). After coming up short last season, I earned my Gold on September 25. A few people knew I needed points just one

more time to reach Gold; Al Lindner was looking over my shoulder as I marked my sixth win, and he congratulated me *immediately*. My toughest opponent at club is a tie between the Bobs: Chase and Joslin. I enjoy watching *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of Fortune* and attending bluegrass festivals (I play banjo). I was an avid cyclist for thirty years until age and life intervened. In the 1980s when affordable home computers became available, I wrote a cribbage program on a Timex-Sinclair 1000. (Anybody remember those?) It was quite slow, but it worked.

## GrassRoots *Awards*

### SILVER

- Mark W. Cochran (CO), 34
- Charles Collins (MI), 300
- William Eilers (NV), 360
- Edwin J. Mielke (FL), 328
- Elaine Mori (MA), 104

### BRONZE

- Elena Condon (AK), 277
- Roland Conner (NH), 314
- Harry Farley (MI), 368
- Kevin Holzhausen (WY), 211
- Roger Keskitalo (NV), 360
- Karen C. Reitz (CA), 190
- Lisa Wagner (MI), 478
- Marilyn White (HI), 110
- Patrick Whiting (FL), 276

*more Grass Roots stories on next page*

### Grand Slams (pictured)

- Cynthia Wagner (Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC)
- Mike Polyot (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
- Don Tietgen (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)

### Other Grand Slams

- Wayne Maurice (Club 131 in Fort Walton Beach FL)
- Bill Lechner (Club 379 in Wenatchee WA)



# GRASS ROOTS CORNER

## 28-Hands

Jim Bridger (Club 25 in Helena MT)  
Larry Holman (Club 25 in Helena MT)  
Steve Erickson (Club 34 in Denver CO)  
~ two 28s in two weeks! ~

Rhynold Shave (Club 120 in Wisconsin Rapids WI)  
John Bridges (Club 131 in Fort Walton Beach FL)  
Callie Ostrowski (Club 161 in Bellingham MA)  
Chris Kim (Club 177 in Anchorage AK)  
~ second 28 in four weeks! ~

Donna Karr (Club 207 in Clovis CA)  
Glenn Blazys (Club 219 in Columbia NH)  
Barbara Berg-Fennessey (Club 230  
in Ormond Beach FL)

Steve Painter (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)  
Samantha Crist (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)  
~ first 28 ever! ~

Beryl O'Brien (Club 308 in Centerville MA)  
Roger Brown (Club 321 in Kalamazoo MI)  
Jim Stratton (Club 332 in Jackson MI)

Shane Schooler (Club 379 in Wenatchee WA)  
Aaron Toland (Club 379 in Wenatchee WA)


John Hogue (Club 440 in Bandon OR)  
Lucien Arsenault (Club 454 in Land o' Lakes FL)  
Rick Nourse (Club 464 in Plainville MA)



## 29-Hand

On November 21, **Jack Magnusson** scored the coveted 29-hand at Tater Peggers Club 473 (Idaho Falls ID). This extraordinary feat took him eighty-three years to accomplish. Jack's love affair with cribbage began in his childhood, nurtured by his father at the tender age of ten. In those early days, they played on a harness leather board and used stick matches as pegs—a charming glimpse into the past. Jack has been a cherished member of Club 473 for sixteen years and is the first member to score a 29-hand since the club's inception in 2008. Jack won the 2019 Idaho/Montana Challenge and earned the Iron Man Trophy at club. Jack's enthusiasm for games is boundless. Whether cribbage, pool, or pinochle, he is always eager to play and share in the joy of competition. Congratulations, Jack, on your outstanding achievement!



**Melissa Straney**,  the newest member of Club 295 in Rochester Hills MI, was ecstatic when she scored her first-ever 28-hand. She started playing Grass Roots only this season. When she first joined the club, her playing speed was a concern, but Melissa was determined to improve, so club members worked with her and now she has become a formidable opponent.



It's no longer Christmas, and "We Three Kings" have left the building. But at a Canadian Doubles tourney held by Pensacola Club 396 on December 7, *four* Kings showed up! During the initial cut to see who deals first, partners **Jamie Fincher** and **Michael Leonard**



drew the black Kings, while opposing partners **Lawrence Henning** and **Connie Broadwell** drew the red Kings! The probability of that happening is like one in . . . a very big number!

If the CW statistician did the math right (hmm, what is the chance of that?!), the odds of drawing four Kings goes something like this. To draw the first King, the odds are 4 out of 52; to draw the other King of the same color, the odds are 1 out of 51; to draw one of the two remaining King, the odds are 2 out of 50; and to draw the sole remaining King, the odds are 1 out of 49. This yields 8 out of 6,497,400, or 1 in 812,175; when converted to a decimal fraction, we get 0.000123126173546%. Then again, the CW statistician has been wrong on occasion, so maybe we should just say this doesn't happen very often!

Club 175 (Bridgewater NJ) has gone through a 28-hand dry spell, but it was recently broken with a three-peat. On November 5 **Steve Jesseph** (visiting from Club 438 in King of Prussia PA) got his first club 28-hand (and some good money from months of skunk jar accumulations). On November 12 **Wayne LeBlond** got a 28-hand and the \$20 our club awards when the skunk jar is bare. On November 19 **Joe Koebert** got a 28—and there went another \$20! The club treasurer was relieved when the last Tuesday in November saw no 28s!





**Jeff Shimp**  
(Grand Haven MI)  
Platinum #20

Jeff learned to play cribbage from his first wife's family. He was a founding member of the ACC in 1979 and served on the BOD for more than forty years. He credits DeLynn Colvert's *Play Winning Cribbage* as revolutionizing his game. A member of Muskegon Club 229, he has been club champion eight times (and twice previously at Club 71). His favorite cribbage memory this year was a grand slam at the Grand National midweek consy. He was voted into the ACC's Hall of Fame in 2001 and has won forty-four sanctioned tournaments. Jeff enjoys University of Michigan sports, singing (Holland Chorale and church choir), and running (he's completed twenty marathons). In addition, he ushered Michigan football games for fifty-seven seasons!

My parents were avid card players who played a great variety of games, and cribbage was one of them. I learned the basics of playing at home. My brother George ("Ras" to many in the cribbage world) formed Chehalis Club 232 in September 1996. I joined in 1997, and he taught me some of the finer points of the game. I have won eight club championships and have seldom missed a Grass Roots session. Our Grass Roots National Tournament last season was very interesting: in the morning, I won three games; in the afternoon I scored a grand slam with three skunks to finish with a total of 27 game points. Guess that old cribbage saying is worth remembering: "Never give up." Other interests are family, fishing, gardening, and outdoor activities.



**Gary Rasmussen**  
(Chehalis WA)  
Platinum #21



**Bob Bartosh** (Sacramento CA)  
2024 Hall of Fame inductee

**Ron Logan** (Meridian ID)  
2024 Jerry Gruber Sportsmanship Award

**Bonnie Fife** (Killingly CT)  
2024 Rookie of the Year



## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros

One of the more underappreciated aspects of successful tournament cribbage (both weekend events and Grass Roots) is the ability to know when and how to play for a skunk. The when part should be relatively easy: know how many points you currently have and how many you reasonably need to qualify in a tournament, or earn 12 points in a Grass Roots session.

Some players wait till their last game to find out what they need, and some players have no idea how many points they even have going into their last game. Do you think Tom Brady would play differently in the last two minutes if he needed a field goal or touchdown to win the game? Of course he would! Okay, Rob, I have 13 points going into my twelfth game (of a twelve-game tourney): how should I play? Be extra aggressive the first two streets. Don't be afraid to match and discard a little more dangerously if you have potential in your hand. And if you're lucky enough at that juncture of the game to have a 20-25 point lead, plot the game ahead to have a reasonable shot of going out with your three counts on fourth street. That might require more aggressive play; however, it may also involve very conservative play—depending on how the counts are progressing.

Let's say you are at hole 90 and your opponent is at 67: you are dealt 5-5-7-8-Q-Q; what is your throw? It is going to be different if I'm playing for the skunk or just for the win. In this situation, keeping the dealer as far back as possible and risking dealing myself short is the better option.

If I'm playing just for the win I'll keep the 12 points to deal from a minimum of 102, and I don't even care if I give up a huge crib.

Let's say you have 9 points going into your last game at Grass Roots. A regular win only garners you the dreaded 11, so you would play this hand defensively as well.

Always be aware of your score, and you'll slip into a lot more playoffs than those who play each game in their normal fashion.

**Rob always knows his score.**  
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Where are John and Maria now? (see page 37)

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Pegging for Vets #5 (Sacramento CA; 10/5)	Alice Souza	33 players HQ. Ross Njaa (35) 1. Jason Shumate (105) 2. James Clark (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. Paul Gregson (42)	18 players HQ. Jackie Doppelt (6) 1. Dick Lind (40) 2. Donald Spurgeon (24) 3. Jackie Doppelt (12) 3. Bill Schlages (12)		
Minnesota Open One Day (Chaska MN; 10/25)	Adam Switzer	88 players HQ. Teak Wood (50) 1. Terrance Cushman (147) 2. Joel Myers (105) 3. Terry Weber (70) 3. Teak Wood (70)	56 players HQ. Steven Post (18) 1. Rod Mandler (60) 2. Lewis Gurney (40) 3. Jeff Machovsky (24) 3. Dan Sand (24)	28-hands: Les Kvien* Steven Post*	
ACC World Championships (Long Beach WA; 10/25)	James Morrow	66 players HQ. Tammy Gibbons (35) 1. Frank Hanson (147) 2. Rick Baird (105) 3. Mike Berberich (70) 3. Erik Locke (70)	48 players HQ. Tammy Gibbons (15) 1. <b>Kat Hartsell</b> (60) 2. Cathy Carter (40) 3. Frank Abernathy (24) 3. Sara Sanner (24)	28-hand: Kai Lemrise*	Early Bird: Erik Locke Canadian Doubles: Tammy Gibbons & Ross Newmann Saturday: Rick Westerman
Jerry Gruber Memorial (Chaska MN; 10/26)	Adam Switzer	96 players HQ. Dan Taylor (55) 1. Marlene Lazachek (147) 2. Ed May (105) 3. Jim Claude (70) 3. Lewis Gurney (70)	58 players HQ. Darlene Anderst (27) 1. Haley Hintze (60) 2. Teak Wood (40) 3. Robert Chase (24) 3. Steven Steinmetz (24)	28-hands: Dan Taylor* (x2) Terry Weber*	Canadian Doubles: Darlene Anderst & Scott Kopka
Northeast Wisconsin Open (Marinette WI; 11/1)	Wayne Steinmetz	58 players HQ. James Huser (55) 1. Rick Kuehn (105) 2. Jim Mahan (70) 3. James Huser (42) 3. Ed May (42)	34 players HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (15) 1. Jeff Shimp (60) 2. Wayne Schmidt (40) 3. Marsha Mahan (24) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (24)	28-hands: Bonnie Anderson* Wayne Steinmetz*	

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\* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Brownsville Open (Brownsville OR; 11/2)	Bob Brumley	44 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (40) 1. Chris McComas (105) 2. Kelly Foster (70) 3. Lee Brohel (42) 3. Don Hansen (42)	19 players HQ. Duane Toll (18) 1. Bill Klem (40) 2. Paul Hirschmann (24) 3. Lisa Humiston (12) 3. Duane Toll (12)		
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 11/2)	Alice Souza	29 players HQ. Wayne Morris (75) 1. Alice Souza (70) 2. Jones Horn (42) 3. Sue Dalton (21) 3. Richard Flatto (21)	15 players HQ. Jackie Doppelt (6) 1. Scott Bartosh (24) 2. Christy Lens (12) 3. Jackie Doppelt (4) 3. Cy Madrone (4)	28-hand: Jones Horn*	
Chris Greeley Classic 25 Days of Kindness (Holden ME; 11/2)	Joseph Bowen	29 players HQ. Robert Thompson (55) 1. Stephanie George (70) 2. Linda Kennedy (42) 3. Jim Chadwick (21) 3. Frank Donaldson (21)	12 players HQ. Patrick Robrecht (12) 1. Patrick Robrecht (24) 2. Arnold Ward (12) 3. Matt Chadwick (4)		
Boston Regional (Malden MA; 11/3)	Frank Reddy	112 players HQ. Patricia Bergeron (60) 1. Phil Martin (147) 2. Robert Medeiros (105) 3. Michael Sclafani (70) 3. Barry Spadea (70)	48 players HQ. Jack Silvia (12) 1. <b>Jerry Gaff</b> (60) 2. Kimberly Forbes (40) 3. Bruce Page (24) 3. Jack Silvia (24)	28-hand: Jason Masciola*	
Diamond Mountain Fall Classic (Susanville CA; 11/6)	Jeanne Jelke	50 players HQ. James Langley (50) 1. James Langley (105) 2. Don Thienel (70) 3. Charlene Cohen (42) 3. Jim Mahan (42)	32 players HQ. Ray Klocko (15) 1. Jeanne Jelke (40) 2. Carol Williams (24) 3. Betty Brumley (12) 3. Patti Whiteaker (12)		Early Bird: Jennifer Bolles Canadian Doubles: Sara Sanner & Craig Smith Thursday: Sara Sanner

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Veterans Day Classic (Reno NV; 11/8)	Peggy & Rick Shea	147 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (55) 1. Peggy Shea (196) 2. Sara Sanner (147) 3. Al Pernicek (105) 3. Duane Toll (105) 5. Bob Brumley (70) 5. Bruce McGillivray (70) 5. Doug Rodrigues (70) 5. Troy Thorson (70)	105 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (18) 1. <b>Richard Rudlo</b> (84) 2. Erik Locke (60) 3. Rick Baird (40) 3. James Morrow (40)	28-hands: Elizabeth Berquist* James Clark* Carol Williams*	
Topaz One-Day Wonder (Gardnerville NV; 11/11)	Beverly Castillo	61 players HQ. Rick Baird (45) 1. <b>Ivan Wells</b> (105) 2. Terry Hatto (70) 3. Rick Baird (42) 3. Sue Dalton (42)	32 players HQ. Jeanne Jelke (18) 1. Barbara Stockham (40) 2. Bob Kiley (24) 3. Terry Carter (12) 3. Dick Lind (12)	28-hands: Brad Archer* Sue Dalton* Lana Newhouse*	Canadian Doubles: Beverly Castillo & Ivan Wells
GN Midweek (Las Vegas NV; 11/12)	Troy Thorson, Kathy Pacocha, David Alken	288 players HQ. Adam Sarmanian (60) 1. Gene Biegler (252) 2. Paul Gregson (196) 3. Adam Sarmanian (147) 3. Sharon Schaefer (147) 5. Pat Liegl (105) 5. William MacMillan (105) 5. Kendra Munkacsy (105) 5. Peggy Shea (105) 9. Joseph Bowen (70) 9. Bonnie Fife (70) 9. Chad Frischmann (70) 9. Denise Harding (70) 9. Donna LaFleur (70) 9. Larry Leidenheimer (70) 9. Dan Sand (70) 9. Scott Sand (70)	240 players HQ. Phil Martin (24) 1. Richard Shea (112) 2. Troy Thorson (84) 3. Phil Martin (60) 3. Jeff Shimp (60) 5. Margery Clark (40) 5. Jacob French (40) 5. Peter Jackson (40) 5. Adrian Levy (40)	28-hands: Terry Higgins* (x2) Kevin Mansfield* Brenda Nason* Terry Weber*	Early Bird: Terrance Cushman Traditional Doubles: Tom Gannon & Eric Boysen Thursday: Dick Pedersen

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Grand National 42 (Las Vegas NV; 11/15)	Troy Thorson, Kathy Pacocho, David Aiken	410 players HQ. Danny Fournier (84) 1. Richard Shea (302) 2. Kendra Munkacsy (235) 3. Diego Alvarez (176) 3. David Fournier (176) 5. Edward Balcer (126) 5. Larry Phifer (126) 5. Vic Sever (126) 5. Jeff Shimp (126) 9. S. J. Ferrigno (84) 9. Mike Fetchel (84) 9. Olivia Kelley (84) 9. Jason Matheny (84) 9. Winona McDaniel (84) 9. Trevor Poole (84) 9. Jason Shumate (84) 9. Howard Terry (84)	260 players HQ. Larry Leidenheimer (29) 1. Paula Abele (173) 2. Debra Cotter (134) 3. Terry Higgins (101) 3. James Seufert (101) 5. David Aiello (72) 5. Clay Collier (72) 5. Darlene Stier (72) 5. Dan Taylor (72) 9. Lee Brohel (48) 9. Stephen Dugas (48) 9. Ryan Huffman (48) 9. Donna Last (48) 9. Peter Legendre (48) 9. Phil Martin (48) 9. Rob Palmer (48) 9. James Taylor (48)	29-hand: Howard Terry* 28-hands: Bill Eilers* Chad Frischmann* Marilyn Massey* Jae McElroy* Bill O'Malley* Joe Gates Steven Braley	Friday: Michael Hagan Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & June Fordham Saturday: Bernard Kitheka
Arizona Screaming Eagles (Sun City AZ; 11/23)	Darlene Stier	48 players HQ. Darlene Stier (40) 1. Robert Milk (105) 2. Bernie Nelson (70) 3. Jim Crawford (42) 3. Ray Klocko (42)	26 players HQ. Steve Scadden (21) 1. Terry Weber (40) 2. Nora Maloy (24) 3. Sara Sanner (12) 3. Steve Scadden (12)	28-hands: Jim Crawford* Tom Gannon* Gary Girard*	
Anchorage Open (Anchorage AK; 11/23)	C. J. Kim	22 players HQ. Arlene Carle (30) 1. <b>John Rose</b> (70) 2. Arlene Carle (42) 3. Chris Kim (21) 3. Terry Volkman (21)	{no consolation}		

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March 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**THURSDAY, March 6, 2025: CANADIAN DOUBLES** Entry fee: \$50 per team, register on-site 4 to 6:15 p.m. Play at 6:30. 9 Games, no playoffs pays 1:4. Non sanctioned. Director David Aiken.

**FRIDAY, March 7, 2025: INVITATION ONLY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS** play begins at 8 a.m. on Friday. This is an ACC invitation only event. *Please check the list of players eligible for the TOC, posted at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org), before registering.* Entry fee \$125, includes \$25 Q-Pool. \$4,000 added by J Resort. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies. 1 game vs 16 opponents, top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs. (Finals best 3 of 5). Graduated Q-Pool paid to all qualifiers. Muggins will be played in the TOC. Directors: Patrick Barrett 715-323-5027 [gnxvbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:gnxvbarrett@gmail.com), Todd Schaefer 651-338-8116 [cribbageawards@comcast.net](mailto:cribbageawards@comcast.net).

**FRIDAY, March 7, 2025: CRIBBAGE BOWL** play begins at 3:30 p.m. sharp on Friday, Entry fee \$50 PLEASE DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CRIBBAGE BOWL IF YOU ARE PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. On-site registration between noon and 3p.m. Friday. Play 1 game vs 12 opponents. No Playoffs. 100% payback plus trophies, pays 1:5. Director James Morrow 509-830-2318 [the29seeker@yahoo.com](mailto:the29seeker@yahoo.com).

**SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2024: ACC OPEN MAIN TOURNAMENT.** Be seated by 8 a.m. Entry fee \$100 includes \$20 Q-Pool and \$4 ACC sanction Fee. Qualifying round, 1 game vs 22 opponents, cut or deal. Top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs (Finals best 4 of 7). J RESORT ADDS \$10 PER PLAYER TO PAYOUTS-PAYBACK OVER 100% PLUS TROPHIES AND FEES. Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers. Directors Rick Shea 707-599-4605 [lv2dve4ab@gmail.com](mailto:lv2dve4ab@gmail.com), Peggy Shea 707-444-3161. **LUNCH NOT PROVIDED, YOU WILL BE ON YOUR OWN.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2024: CONSOLATION** play begins at 9:15a.m. Entry \$50, includes \$10 Q-Pool and \$1 Sanction Fee. No pre-registration. Qualifying round 1 vs 9. Top 25% to best 2 of 3 playoff. \$1,000 added by J Resort. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers.



If you have any questions about tournament registration, please send email to [acctocopen@gmail.com](mailto:acctocopen@gmail.com) and include your contact information including best phone number to reach you.



**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES FEBRUARY 24, 2025** No telephone entries- Please enter by mail

**1st ENTRY:** ACC# \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 TOC  \$50 C. BOWL  \$100 OPEN  ACC DUES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anchor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd ENTRY:** ACC# \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 TOC  \$50 C. BOWL  \$100 OPEN  ACC DUES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anchor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel: Contracted room rates: Sunday-Thursday \$49.00, Friday & Sat \$119.00 plus taxes and fees for Cedar Tower (slightly higher for Birth or Aspen Tower). Rate is for 1 or 2 people per room, add \$10 for each additional person up to 4. Please call 1-866-386-7829, Code: **Cribbage32025** Book Early to guarantee rates and availability.

TOC by Invite (Friday) \$125 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Make check out to: ACC Open**  
Cribbage Bowl (Friday) \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to: ACC Open  
ACC Open (Sat) \$100 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box 12841  
ACC Dues \$20 or \$25 Joint \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Reno NV 89510  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Yankee Classic (Vernon CT; 11/24)	Phil Martin	74 players HQ. John Miller (55) 1. Peter Legendre (147) 2. Jerry Hardy (105) 3. William Shoemaker (70) 3. Jack Silvia (70)	40 players HQ. Keith Bryant (18) 1. <b>Keith Bryant</b> (60) 2. Barry Spadea (40) 3. Mike Misluk (24) 3. Raymond Tondorf (24)	28-hand: Chip Corrado*	
Thanksgiving at the Mill (North Bend OR; 11/29)	Scott Milo	57 players HQ. Jeanne Jelke (40) 1. Sheryl Brekke (105) 2. Duane Toll (70) 3. Jim Jackson (42) 3. Mike McCammon (42)	22 players HQ. David Gilkeson (12) 1. <b>Beverly Vishnevsky</b> (40) 2. Danny Mitchell (24) 3. David Gilkeson (12) 3. Monica Newton (12)		Canadian Doubles: Jim Jackson & Tom Jackson
Wishbone Open (Grand Rapids MI; 11/29)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	41 players HQ. Eric Jensen (40) 1. Emilio Perez (105) 2. James McCarty (70) 3. Haley Hintze (42) 3. Eric Jensen (42)	23 players HQ. Jim Mahan (15) 1. Jim Mahan (40) 2. David Statz (24) 3. John Hazlett (12) 3. John Schafer (12)		
Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI; 11/30)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	42 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (30) 1. John Hazlett (105) 2. Emilio Perez (70) 3. Daniel Betz (42) 3. Steven Steinmetz (42)	27 players HQ. James McCarty (12) 1. Terry Weber (40) 2. Tom Fraser (24) 3. Haley Hintze (12) 3. James McCarty (12)	28-hand: Mary Burlington*	Canadian Doubles: Jerri Halicki & John Hazlett

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***New Cribbage Masters***

Wayne Morris (Fremont CA)

Brenda Nason (Las Vegas NV)

1. Donald Curry (IA): Americas Dairyland Open (9/20)

2. Michael Wertz (OR): Salem Classic 2024 (10/11)

3. Howard Terry (FL): Grand National 42 (11/15)

# ACC Awards



**Carol A. Williams**  
(Oceanside CA)  
Life Master

I was taught how to play cribbage by my uncle when I was in my teens in Rhode Island. I joined the ACC in the late '70s in West Covina under the directorship of the late Norm Nikodym, where I played for over twenty-five years. When I moved to Lake San Marcos CA, I joined the Oceanside Club under the directorship of the late Roy Cook, where I still play my Grass Roots; I've been club champ several times. I really have no cribbage mentor; I know the game but am a lousy strategist. I rely on luck, which isn't always predictable and constant. I don't keep up on my stats; I didn't know about getting my Grand Master until Don Brown called about it. And I didn't know I achieved Life Master until I heard from Dave Aiken. My toughest opponent used to be the late John Kern (too many "lates"), but it is now Jim Langley. The most heart-warming tournament was the Dave Campbell Memorial in Deadwood SD. Just after Covid, it was the first big tournament held after almost two years, and it was so nice to see

so many members of the cribbage community show up. Las Vegas is one of my favorite tournaments; however, the Transatlantic Cribbage Cruise last April was memorable since good luck kicked in and I kicked ass! The other notable achievement was placing #6 out of 410 participants at Grand National in Las Vegas this year. In addition to cribbage, I love to spend time with family, poker, travel, live plays, reading, and bowling.

My mother taught me to play cribbage when I was nine years old. I joined the ACC in 1991 and started Grass Roots Club 177, which I directed for 15+ years. I never really had a mentor, but have stood behind and listened to some of the greatest. I was club champion three times at Club 177 and once at Club 408 in Sun City AZ. I received my Gold Award about ten years after receiving my Silver Award. My first weekend tournament win was in 1995 in Attleboro MA. I have been fortunate in winning fourteen mains and one consolation. I

earned my Life Master by going five rounds in the Grand National consolation in Las Vegas. Noncribbage interests are few and far between since I left Alaska. I enjoy plays and daytrips to get to see Arizona. Last year I started directing tournaments again, so come to Arizona for some fun in the sun. After losing our club director recently, I am now director of Screaming Eagles Club 408 in Sun City.



**Darlene Stier**  
(Sun City AZ)  
Life Master

## New ACC Judges

- **Jim Cook** (Mary Esther FL)
- **Grant Crawford** (Crestview FL)
- **Paul Mauel** (Helena MT)
- **Scott Olson** (Pikeville NC)

To take the judge examination, send email to [accjudgetest@gmail.com](mailto:accjudgetest@gmail.com).

## 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)

# Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

During the first two calendar years of the American Cribbage Congress—1980 and 1981—there were a total of just over forty-five sanctioned weekend tournaments, averaging around two per month. During those years, there were also a number of cribbage leagues in the ACC. *Cribbage World* would often list the standings of organized leagues in states such as Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Florida, and Georgia.

A league “rating index” was developed in 1981 using a win-loss percentage with a bonus for skunks. However, some leagues were not interested in this rating system. It looks like leagues in Orlando FL, Providence RI, Augusta GA, and Greenfield WI were among those actively adopting this process. I remember chatting with ACC President **Joseph Wergin** then, and he felt a different system of local gatherings of cribbage players should be established. That year, Wergin and others near Madison WI organized a Thursday night group of supper clubs to host nine-game evening tournaments. Wergin wrote in December 1982 that in just ten weeks they had attracted 158 players to compete at the supper clubs, averaging about thirty players per gathering. They were called the Touring Cribbers, and this was a forerunner of the Grass Roots program.

The first mention of the term “Grass Roots” was in the May 1983 *Cribbage World* with a plea for small communities to have organized cribbage activities for 12–20 players. ⚡ The Grass Roots Project really got underway in the fall of 1983 with Joe Wergin as the leader of the Charter #1 Club in Madison WI. **Vic Delwiche** helped to organize the #2 Grass Roots Club in Oshkosh WI, and **Arlys Herbaugh** chartered a club in Suisun City CA.

The Congress must do something for the Grass Roots so that the small communities may have some organized cribbage activities. At present, we have emphacized the major tournaments. You may write to Box 5584 in Madison, Wis. 53705 if you want some ideas for clubs 12 to 20 players.

R i g h t from the start of the Grass Roots project, it was mandated that all competitors must be a member of the American Cribbage Congress. I'm sure Mr. Wergin would be very proud of today's Grass Roots Program and of course, everything associated with the ACC.

More on Grass Roots in next month's column. I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and good luck in 2025!

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

### Can you play that card?

Recently there was an interesting judge call at the Thanksgiving at the Mill tournament that got a lot of attention on social media. This tournament is superbly directed by **Scott Milo** and co-directed by **Rick and Peggy Shea**. Situated on the banks of Coos Bay River in North Bend OR, this casino venue is an absolute must for cribbage enthusiasts.

To quote **Paul Gregson's** Facebook post: "The count was 27 (after a 4-4 had been played) and the pone had two cards left, a 7 and a 4. The pone was 5 holes away from the game hole at the time. Inadvertently (obviously) the pone grabbed the 7 (instead of the 4), played it, said 31 and pegged out (thinking it was 31-for-8)." After some confusion and discussion, ultimately this was ruled a false claim of game, which is the correct ruling.

In a previous version of the rulebook, when an "unplayable card" was played, it was simply picked up without penalty and replaced with a playable card or a "go" was called. But this left the door open for unscrupulous players to take advantage of unsuspecting players. So the Rules Committee installed the rule that we have today, Rule 7.1.e: **A single card that is released by the fingers is considered played, whether or not the count is announced, and may be retrieved**

**only if it would cause the count to exceed 31, and any pegging that has taken place on this play is an overpeg (see rule 8.4.c). If the count exceeds 31 and the player claims the game, that is an overpeg and false claim of game (see rule 8.4.b).**

A week later, 2,358 miles across the country in Virginia Beach VA, director **Laurie Schmitz**, assisted by codirector **Megan Player**, was holding the Virginia Beach Cribbage Classic at the Four Points by Sheraton. This venue is situated on the Atlantic Ocean and all hotel rooms are ocean front. I was the head judge when Megan came to me and said that someone had played an unplayable card, except in this case there was no false claim of game. In this case the unplayable card was retrieved and the correct card was played, but only a one-point penalty was assessed because the offending player had a "go" coming and they took two points instead of one (per Rule 8.4.c.1: **the opponent scores the amount of the error**).

Rules exist to protect the players and to fix mistakes. They are not there with the intent to harm honest players who make honest mistakes. But we all have to follow them so that we are all are playing on the same playing field. Judges have to rule according to the rulebook and cannot

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# Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Happy 2025! New Year! New You! New cribbage tournaments to win! As we go into 2025, I hope everyone had a great holiday season and no cribbage players got a lump of coal in their stockings! As we celebrate the new year and all its offerings, let's celebrate a few lesser known days in January! As if there was not enough sweets, January 5 is National Whipped Cream Day (yummy). January 18 (only to get brownie points with the *Cribbage World* editor!) is National Michigan Day! And January 24 is National Compliment Day. Imagine what the world would be if we complimented everyone just for one day?

Well, we went to Vegas and had a Grand National! It was an amazing adventure. I got to see Las Vegas for the first time and a shameless shoutout to my "girls" ➔ **Kat Hartsell**, **Tammy Gibbons**, and **Kendra Munkacsy**. What a wonderful, amazing time we had! This is dedicated



to the Grand National, but I would like to just shoutout a few who did very well from the East Coast! **Adam Samarian** from the famous Malden club was high qualifier in the midweek main; he finished in the top 4, beating clubmate **Kendra Munkacsy** in the quarterfinal. Adam lost to **Eugene "Moose" Biegler**, the eventual winner. **Phil Martin** from Phil's Piranhas in Connecticut, qualified #1 in the midweek consolation. Phil had the same story as Adam, finishing in the top four to the eventual winner **Rick Shea**. In the 410-player midweek, **Kendra Munkacsy** qualified 53rd out of 103, smack in the middle of the pack. She took no prisoners, finishing second to none other than **Rick Shea**. In the consolation, it was an all-woman all-New England final. **Paula Abele** came in first, with **Debbie Cotter**, ➔ still running the boards, came in second. Great job to all.



In other news, the 2024 New England Long Match finished in Las Vegas. It was yours truly vs. **Donna LaFleur**. I would like to congratulate Donna on her win! I am pleased to finish second! On to the 2025 NELM!

On the heels of Grand National and on the traditional Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24 was the 34th annual Yankee Classic, directed by **Phil Martin** and **Mike Fetchel**. When the dust settled with the 74 players, the two left were **Jerry Hardy** and **Peter Legendre**. They rode to the tournament together! Peter came out the winner

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with Jerry in second. I wonder how that ride home was? In the 40-person consolation, **Keith Bryant** visiting from Virginia took first place, after qualifying first and winning. **Barry Spadea** must have had a great breakfast, because he came in second!

Virginia Beach was the place to be on December 6–7. Directors **Laurie Schmitz** and **Megan Player** hosted the peggers who wanted some warmth on the beach. In the Virginia Beach Classic Pre, **June Fordham** bested **Larry Phifer**, while the consolation saw **Scott Early** take the win over **Sandy Shrum**. In the main event, the Virgin Beach Classic, **Steven Aziz** took first place while **Thomas Kay** came in second. A couple of old veterans (take that how you want) took first and second in the consolation. The Ultimate Ravens Fan **Bruce Sattler** claimed the win over the Man in Orange, **Jack Howsare**. How can anyone go wrong playing at Virginia Beach? Shoutouts to Laurie and Megan for a great tournament.

### January Funnies

**Q.** How was the snow globe feeling in January?

**A.** A little shaken.

**Q.** Why was the snowman upset in January?

**A.** He was having a meltdown!



### Ruling Points—continued

change rules on the fly. But we can put things in front of our Rules Committee and suggest improvements or changes where appropriate.

**Jeanne Jelke** is the chair of our Rules Committee, and she and her committee are currently working on a 2025 revision of the ACC Cribbage Tournament Rules. As a result of the Facebook discussion that I read and talking with others, I am going to send a proposal to Jeanne that we modify Rule 7.1.e by adding the words in

italic: “A single card . . . may be retrieved only if it would cause the count to exceed 31, *and may be replaced without penalty if and only if the player is holding the card that makes the count exactly 31*, otherwise any pegging that has taken place . . . is an overpeg.”

What do you think? Do you agree with this proposed change? Let us know before our next BOD meeting in February. And remember: everybody play nice, and above all have fun! **CW**

“What does it take to be an ACC All Star and/or All American?” I was asked recently by a relatively new player. To digress a bit, some twenty-five or so years ago when I had not been in the ACC for very long I had a discussion with **Cy Madrone** (Santa Barbara CA). The upshot of the discussion centered on my belief that no one in the West who lived roughly south of Sacramento/Reno would ever make All American or All Star. My reasoning was that it was simply too far and too expensive to attend the number of tournaments required each year to attain those annual awards. At that time, and still mostly true today, southern California, southern Nevada, and Arizona simply did not have the number of tournaments available to accrue enough points to be in the running. So, to make the points required, my position continued, a player would have to travel great distances a minimum of three times per month (forty mains a year), and no players in the geographical area were willing to make that kind of sacrifice. For example, two years ago I wrote about going to Newport OR to play in two tournaments at a cost of \$7K to make less than 10 points (okay, I flew first class, but still). Not many would do that. When I was playing regularly I would attend thirty tournaments a year and was able to generate about a thousand points annually, not nearly enough to qualify for All American or All Star. Obviously, Cy has proved me wrong many times, as he often reminds me and for which I truly commend him. But, consider this: in the ensuing twenty-five years since that conversation, **no** other player from the geographical area has made either or both awards until this past year when **Ray Klocko** (Henderson NV) made All American. I believe that one exception over twenty-five years more or less confirms my initial position. What’s the point of all this? Simply this (and the answer to the question posed by the new player): it takes time, money, dedication, skill and luck, and, not least, access—lots of access—to compete for and win these awards. Most of us may have a couple or three of these attributes, but only a fortunate few have all of them, and whatever awards are earned are richly deserved. So next time you see an All American and or All Star give them a word of congratulations.

Continuing on the awards theme, when I was on the BOD in the mid-oughts I and a few others tried frequently to convince the board to split the West into two regions. The Western Region is approximately equal in player population to the Eastern and Central Regions combined. It turns out that a geographical split of the West would have made four regions roughly equal in player population. Such a split would have meant that those in the new Southwestern Region would then have a chance to seriously compete for and win the annual awards. I offered a revised schedule, a volunteer commissioner, and a way to fund the new area’s administrative requirements. Alas, the BOD in its wisdom shot us down each time we were able to get on the agenda. I believe, to this day, a fourth region would be beneficial to the entire ACC, but I do not believe it will ever happen. C’est la vie.

Congratulations **Dave A**. Congratulations **Bob B**. Happy New Year everybody.

Over and out.



# Dale's Tales

*Cribbage Stories by Dale Magedanz*  
~ CW's Milwaukee Correspondent ~



I love writing cribbage stories that defy the odds. After fifty years I finally witnessed a dual 24-cut (see December *Cribbage World*, page 23). A few weeks later at Club 6, **Larry Morse** and **Emilio Perez** had dual 24-hands when a 6 was cut. My luck as Mr. 28 is also good at attracting dual 24s!

**Danny Gallenberger** (WI) ◀ got his first ever 28-hand, but it came one peg too late to skunk his opponent.

## Grand National 42

I couldn't attend Grand National, but I have my sources. **Judith Beay** (NV) had the misfortune of playing **Bob Chase** (MN) and lost by 66! She asked the player to his right if he could shoot straight. Bob tells her not to hire him as a hitman as there are fifty people in the room who would do it for free!

After **Olivia Kelley** ▶ skunked **Wayne Steinmetz** (aka "The Cribbage Ninja," so named courtesy of clubmate **Chuck Minesal**), at Club 6 on November 12, she and her mom flew to Vegas to attend their first Grand National. Olivia had a great run in the 410-player main, qualifying 24th to Wayne's 56th. In the third round of playoffs, she again had to play the Ninja. The look on Wayne's face before they started must have been an omen of things to come. Olivia, being the nice person that she is, let



Wayne win a game before advancing and finishing tied for ninth place. Not too shabby for a first-timer! An avid sports fan, she wore a jersey to support the Packers in their victory over Da Bears.

## Jingle Bell

At the Friday night satellite of the Jingle Bell tournament, **Sneaky Pete Wilbur** ◀ (who gave me the name for this column) sneaked out a one-peg victory against **Olivia Kelley**, which started a nightmare for her. She lost the next two games also by one peg. The final blow came in her last game. After that loss, her card was ready for the contributors' pile.



# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
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I am writing this during the middle of a trip to visit my children and grandchildren in Florida, Luxembourg, and Malta until January 4. If you have not received a certificate for a grand slam, 28-hand, or 29-hand, I will catch up on that the first full week of January. Accomplishments might be delayed being published here in CW as well.

My last article mentioned some common complaints of players about the behavior of other players. This one turns the tables and mentions issues that concern the TDs.

- Please don't show up at the last minute. Realize that we may not open a second lobby to split, or may not have a second TD available. Stay silent if arriving during rules.
- Wait until rules are done to PM us, and only if it is very important. The PM grabs the rule instead of it being posted to the lobby.
- We are often doing things in the background that you can't see. For example, starting the tourney, checking for nonstarters, PM'ing players directions, helping with stuck tables, etc.

## *Point Leader of the Month*

**Ron Shelton** (*red29rws*) @ 163 IRPs

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*

**Nancy Rojas** (*nancribdr*)

*New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)*

**Nick Severson** (*ogshmo0*)

**Jacob Then** (*admiral*)

*Internet 29-Hands*

**Beth Van Domelen** (*qkitch*)

*Internet 28-Hands*

**Jacob Then** (*admiral*)

*Internet Grand Slams*

**Rick Allen** (*Excitations*)

**Allen Wilson** (*gdub*)

## internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	531	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
2	468	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
3	467	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
4	415	James Morrow (29seeker)
5	382	Richard May (rcmay5)
6	380	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)
7	370	Jerry Griffin (meatloaf627)
8	364	Rick Allen (excitations)
9	363	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
10	357	Joe Losacco (joe2win)

- We prioritize which messages to answer. A stuck table is more important than a boot timing.
- Tell the TD your table number and/or opponent's name so we can get to you quicker.
- Respect the TDs by staying silent in the lobby when they are trying to resolve an issue, unless it's you they are trying to help. It interferes with the process and slows things down more.
- Before asking where your new opponent is, check to see if they are still playing. If

# New Members

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## **Arizona**

Charley Brown (Yuma)

## **California**

Gino Aielli (San Clemente)  
Roger Aielli (San Clemente)  
Diesel Black (Palermo)  
Everett Campbell (Oroville)  
Richard Wagner (Granite Bay)  
Bernard Weir (Costa Mesa)  
Ramsin Zobalan (Cyprus)

## **Colorado**

Christie Banowetz (Centennial)  
Heath Colon (Carbondale)  
Kenneth Rosling (Greeley)  
John Salario (Denver)

## **Connecticut**

Bob Szubinski (West Hartford)

## **Florida**

Steve Sabin (Aventura)  
Marybeth Stappenbeck (Deltona)

## **Georgia**

Albert (Terry) Hoffman (Blairsville)  
Julie Hoffman (Roswell)  
Chris Williams (LaGrange)  
Michele Williams (LaGrange)

## **Illinois**

Nancy Pendergrass (Chicago)  
Max Rindfleisch (Chicago)  
Mikayla Vosler (Chicago)

## **Maine**

Bruce Barter (Boothbay)

## **Massachusetts**

Paul O'Connor (Brockton)  
Roger Rondeau (Lowell)  
Paul Vincent (Plainville)

## **Michigan**

Don Allen (Battle Creek)  
Kathy Allen (Battle Creek)  
Christina Kinsley (Muskegon)  
Abe Kohler (Traverse City)  
Mark Maciejewski (Clarkston)

## **Minnesota**

Wayne Hanson (Marshall)  
Scott Kopka (Lake City)  
Stephen Petron (Esko)  
Hunter Schreifels (Saint Cloud)  
Kristin Smith (Maplewood)  
Dave Wilms (Marshall)

## **Missouri**

Dawn Wooley (Bonne Terre)

## **Montana**

Dave Anderson (Helena)  
Paula Jones (Helena)  
Gene Loder (Dillon)  
Julie Loder (Dillon)  
T.J. Reynolds (Dillon)

## **Nevada**

Jerry Brown (Sparks)  
Kalvin Kimbro (Old Washoe City)

## **New Hampshire**

Amanda Huot (Manchester)  
Michael Manley (Pittsburg)

## **New York**

Charles Finch (East Moriches)

## **North Carolina**

Michael DeHart (Winterville)  
Crystal Michelle Odell (Winston Salem)  
Roger Keith Odell Jr (Winston

Salem)

## **North Dakota**

Aaron Kabanuk (Fargo)

## **Oklahoma**

Pam Lynn (Tulsa)

## **Oregon**

Keith Allen (Waldport)  
Robin Allen (Waldport)  
Kathee Bavart (Gleneden Beach)  
Greg Blinsky (Sandy)  
Sara Clark (Sandy)  
Nancy Collins (McMinnville)  
Anita Maller (McMinnville)  
Raymond Sibert (Lebanon)

## **Pennsylvania**

Joel Gelb (Downingtown)  
Megan Gelb (Downingtown)

## **South Dakota**

Lisa Duval (Sioux Falls)  
Mark Wigg (Sioux Falls)

## **Texas**

Joel Zabella Dunnum (Houston)  
Khytt Lawrey (Houston)

## **Virginia**

Dominic Burtis (Chesterfield)

## **Washington**

Tracy Irons (Tenino)  
Arlene Lee (Bucoda)  
Ben Sercombe (Seattle)  
John Tobeck (Bucoda)  
Julia van Dongen (Friday Harbor)  
Susan Walker (Hoodsport)

## **Wisconsin**

John Counsell (Waukesha)  
James Cowee (Madison)  
Kevin Koscal (Wisconsin Rapids)  
Jesse Olesiak (Iron River)  
David Phelan (Waukesha)

their name is missing on the list, scroll back in the lobby to see if they are already on a timer.

- Always check who your next opponent is when you set a table. You can't assume anyone joining is the correct player. Watch for similar names. Check your card, and follow it in order, please. One person out of order causes mass confusion.
- Don't complain in the lobby that you have to wait a while for your opponent—the TDs are very aware of the fact, and it just makes things more aggravating for all. Some players are slower, some games have lower hand counts, or someone might be new to how everything works. Remember, you were new once, too!
- Remember that it is just a game, have some fun, and that TDs are volunteers. Enjoy :)

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist  
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

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Using as inspiration **Rob Medeiros's** “Inside Track” from December—where he points out that it can be strategic to extend the “mystery” of your hand—we decided to show some of the behind-the-scenes reality regarding our travels when we write our stories for *Cribbage World*. We try to hide the crowds of people, so we show the romance of travel, and not its reality. The reality of travel includes chores (laundry, for example), trouble with luggage, and canceled trains.

Rob regularly writes about the importance of a plan, and also points out that when your plan doesn't go as expected, you need to adjust it. Our travel is very much the same. We have a plan: for example, a reservation on a train from one city to another city. When we arrive at the train station and the train is canceled due to a strike, we adjust our plan. This happened three times during our last trip. We adjusted our plan several ways: (1) take a different train to the same location; (2) take a different train to a location near our original location; and (3) change from train to taxi.

For me, this is similar to adjusting your cribbage play. Of course, plans don't always work. I had a plan to beat Maria, but that didn't work this month. Maria won two of three games, increasing her win total to seventeen games. Obviously, I need a new plan!

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The **romance** of travel—a 400-year-old train station in Italy; made of beautiful marble, the station itself is great art.

The **reality** of travel—no escalator here, so I carry 140 pounds of luggage up 121 steps—almost as hard as getting to 121 points before Maria does!






# The Kat Hartsell EXPERIENCE





I officially attended my second Grand National! A blur of nonstop cribbage playing also included meals with friends, exploring the location, and singing the national anthem! We started out in Reno and played just the doubles and the two-day tournament. Anyone else starting to feel like the J Resort is a second home? After bombing in Reno, we drove six hours to Las Vegas for the start of the Grand National. I had to skip out on Topaz due to a very important appointment at the Rampart's spa. The rest of the week went without a hitch. Once again, I did not do well at another Grand National, but I am proud of so many incredible people. To keep from redundancy in this issue, I am only touching on a few awe-inspiring moments!

- A big congratulations to my girl, **Kendra Munkacsy**,  who made it all the way to finals in the Grand National main! So very proud of her and her accomplishments over the week.
- The Western Region's power couple, **Rick and Peggy Shea**, had an impressive 2024 Grand National Week.
- My friend **Danny Fournier** from Florida was the Grand National high qualifier!

I can only begin to tell you about some noteworthy games—games I shouldn't have won and games I should have. A couple that stood out to me:



**Dave Aiken**  and I were playing the very last game of the midweek, he led the entire game and I stole it from him in the dead hole  after a 24-hand, keeping him from qualifying for the playoffs.

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Almost the exact same scenario happened in a game with **Rick Shea** in the Reno consy. Sorry to you both, thank you for being good sports about it, but neener, neener, neener!

**Rick Baird** and I also had an incredible game. I was behind on third street and needed to get into position. I was dealt 3-3-3-5-6-K. I threw 6-K to his crib and cut a 4! I was over the moon with my 21-hand; I was going to get into position and then some. Until Rick reveals his hand of 4-5-6-6 with a 5-5 throw to his crib! For a 24 hand and a 16-crib. A total of 61 points in that round! Turns out that

playing for position doesn't always work out.

I have never played so much cribbage as I did the 2024 Grand National, and I was so inspired, but guess what? **James Morrow**, **Rick Baird**, and I will be hosting the 2027 Grand National in Spokane WA! (James and Rick are somewhere in the picture below.) That's right, I will soon be adding Grand National director to my cribbage resume! And after that? I couldn't wait six months for another tournament to appear around the Spokane area, so why not throw one in January? Yep, I have been bit by the cribbage-directing bug and will now be hosting three weekends each year in Spokane! I don't know about you, but I love playing this game and the people I get to know in between!



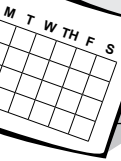
The **romance** of travel—we enjoy beautiful scenery in quiet solitude.

The **reality** of travel—screaming kids, noisy crowd, teenagers doing stupid (dangerous) stuff in a waterfall in Smoky Mountain National Park (North Carolina).



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# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of December 17

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	892	Erik Locke	1	1054	Jim Mahan	1	561	David Statz
2	762	Bob Brumley	2	939	Terry Weber	2	526	Frank Abernathy
3	630	Peggy Shea	3	578	Scott Sand	3	509	Terrance Cushman
4	597	Paul Gregson	4	576	Steven Steinmetz	4	446	Peter Legendre
5	502	Richard Shea	5	459	Jeff Shimp	5	438	Kendra Munkacsy
5	502	Jason Shumate	6	414	Dan Sand	6	404	Jerry Hardy
7	462	Dave Yaeger	7	407	David Aiello	7	392	Donna LaFleur
8	452	Sara Sanner	8	406	Larry Leidenheimer	8	384	Robert Medeiros
9	448	Duane Toll	9	364	Emilio Perez	9	379	Stephen Dugas
10	432	Bob Bartosh	10	339	Cynthia Wark	10	361	Debra Cotter
11	420	Bill Schlabas	11	317	Rick Kuehn	11	359	Phil Martin
12	375	Bernie Nelson	12	304	Haley Hintze	12	321	Robert Baker
13	372	Craig Smith	13	291	Wendy Yafuso	13	302	Larry Phifer
14	366	Peter Jackson	14	272	Gene Biegler	14	296	William Shoemaker
15	363	Don Thienel	15	266	Lewis Gurney	15	284	Jack Silvia
16	350	James Morrow	15	266	Allen Karr	16	281	Mark Soule
17	349	Bobby Ramelow	17	260	Ed May	17	276	Steven Braley
18	344	Terry Hatto	18	258	Dan Taylor	18	275	Barbara Barbour
19	321	James Clark	19	249	John Hazlett	19	261	Mike Fetchel
20	318	Rick Baird	20	239	Peter Christensen	20	257	Donald Janelle
21	312	Pete Larsen	21	231	Jason Matheny	21	251	Joe Zimmitti
22	297	David Bute	22	223	Edward Balcer	22	236	Barry Spadea
23	295	Chris McComas	23	221	James McCarty	23	215	Frank Reddy
24	292	Darlene Stier	24	219	Donald Curry	24	213	Jack Howsare
25	283	Jones Hom	25	215	Don Pohlman	25	207	Mike Misluk
26	277	Marcia Glenn	26	210	Matt Klar	25	207	Adam Sarmanian
27	276	Jeanne Jelke	27	209	Troy Thorson	25	207	Bruce Sattler
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# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE		
date	location	Tournament Directors
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

WI ♦ WDD Doubleheader
AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke
<b>Jan. 3, Wisconsin Dells Deal 1</b>
<b>Jan. 4–5, Wisconsin Dells Deal 2</b>

WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader
Neon Moon, 5028 N Market St, Spokane WA 99217. TD: Jason Ramelow (509.638.9518) & James Morrow
<b>Jan. 3, Spokane Winter Extravaganza</b>
<b>Jan. 4–5, Spokane New Year Ball</b>

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Rick Baird
<b>Jan. 9–10, Sacramento VFW #1</b>
<b>Jan. 11, Sacramento VFW #2</b>
<b>Jan. 12, Sacramento VFW #3</b>

**OR ♦ Jan. 11, Willamette Valley Challenge**  
 Miller's BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

**OR ♦ Jan. 12, Wine or Whine Cribbage!**  
 Ruby Vineyard, 30088 Southwest Egger Rd, Hills-

boro OR 97123. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Tammy Gibbons

**WI ♦ Jan. 17–19, American Pride**  
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverfront Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader
VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Jim & Paul Hearon (850.866.7866)
<b>Jan. 17, Land Shark Open</b>
<b>Jan. 18–19, Emerald Coast Open</b>

CA ♦ SoCal Doubleheader
Obie's home, 81 Via Larga Vista, Bon-sall CA 92003. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Pam Pomeroy
<b>Jan. 17–18, SoCal in February A</b>
<b>Jan. 18, SoCal in February B</b>

**CT ♦ Jan. 18, New Year Knockout**  
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Michael Kopp (860.856.1705) & Barbara Barbour

**OR ♦ Jan. 18–19, Bandon It's a New Year!**  
 Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

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**NV ♦ Sin City Doubleheader**

Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Brenda Nason (619.300.2628) & Sharon Schaefer

**Jan. 24, Sin City Shuffle**

**Jan. 25–26, Schaefer Shuffle**

**ME ♦ Bangor Doubleheader**

Seasons Grill, 477 Main St, Bangor ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley & Carlyle Foss

**Jan. 25, Winter Classic**

**Jan. 26, Snowbowl**

**NV ♦ Lake Mead Doubleheader**

Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Alan Schaefer (414.331.0809) & Gary Sand & Jim Dillard

**Jan. 27, Lake Mead Challenge**

**Jan. 28–29, Lake Mead Classic**

**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

**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**

**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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**CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**

**Wishbone & Reindeer Games: \$415 to Johnson Family Cancer Center**

**Pegging for Vets: \$315 to VFW Sacramento**

**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

**CA ♦ Mar. 16, Gold Country Classic**  
Senior Center, 11960 Heritage Oak Pl #15, Auburn CA 95603. TD: Jon Kline (650.279.0001) & Alice Crawford

**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

<b>OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader</b>
Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)
<b>Mar. 21, Super Sutherlin One Day</b>
<b>Mar. 22–23, Sutherlin Shuffle</b>

<b>CO ♦ Fort Morgan Doubleheader</b>
Elks, 430 State St, Fort Morgan CO 80701. TD: David Bute (303.618.7409) & Steve Sundet
<b>Mar. 22, Fort Morgan Wide Open</b>
<b>Mar. 23, Fort Morgan Wide Open</b>

**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

<b>CA ♦ Mexican Riviera Cruise Doubleheader</b>
NCL <i>Bliss</i> , departing Los Angeles CA. TD: Winona & Michael McDaniel (541.525.1292)

<b>Mar. 24, Mexican Riviera Cruise #1</b>
<b>Mar. 28–29, Mexican Riviera Cruise #2</b>

**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

<b>OR ♦ Oregon Coast Cluster</b>
American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 98374
<b>Apr. 5–6, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial</b>
TD: Pete & Junko Larsen (503.724.0605)
<b>Apr. 7–8, Spring Fling</b>
TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
<b>Apr. 10–11, Alsea River Open</b>
TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen
<b>Apr. 11–13, Dean Bauman Memorial</b>
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

<b>NC ♦ Fling Doubleheader</b>
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
<b>Apr. 11, Friday Pre-Fling</b>
<b>Apr. 12–13, Raleigh Spring Fling</b>

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**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, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

**CO ♦ MVP Doubleheader**

VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland 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,

**Cribbage Quiz Answer**

**Yes, but not much more. When you calculate the cost of buying checks, envelopes, and stamps, the ACC's convenience fee starts to look like a good deal (only \$2 for ACC memberships and \$1 for Grass Roots dues).**

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**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

**MI ♦ June 13–15, Lake Superior Challenge**

Rock River Lanes, 1011 N Rd, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Pat Healey (906.458.2065) & Tom Butcher

**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

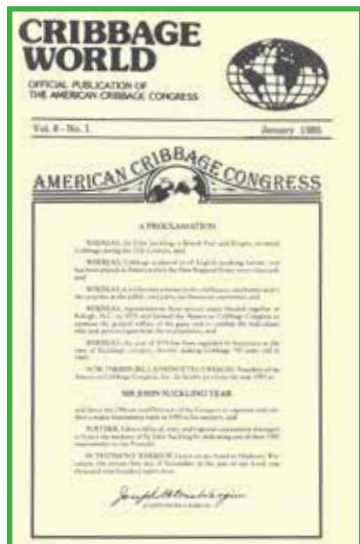
**OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader**

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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**40 Years Ago**

The front cover proclaimed 1985 to be “Sir John Suckling Year” in honor of the 350th anniversary of the creation of cribbage. Historians don’t know exactly what year cribbage was invented, but 1635 is probably close enough.

**25 Years Ago**

On page 6 we read



that **Annett Eiffert** (CA) won the 72-player Christmas Wrap in San Lorenzo CA and that **Frank Danielski** (WI) won the 132-player Jesse James Open in Northfield MN. On page 7 we read that cribbage royalty **DeLynn Colvert** got beat by 76 holes—his worst loss to date. Hmm, did he ever experience a worse loss in later years?

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Maurice William De Wilde



Maurice De Wilde, affectionately known as Moe, of Las Vegas NV passed away peacefully on September 19, with his daughters by his side. Maurice proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Maurice was a devoted and loving husband, father,

brother, uncle, and friend. Maurice enjoyed spending his free time at any of our local casinos playing his favorite slot machines, hanging out with family and friends, having chocolate milkshakes any chance he could, watching westerns, and his beloved grand-pups NaLa, Zoe Rae, and Sophie Rose. Moe played cribbage for over forty years and was a member of Sin City Peggers Club 400 since 2018. Maurice is survived by his two loving daughters Denise and Cherie.

### Art Di Rico



Palm Beach County Club 241 lost a great player on October 15. Art Di Rico (Delray Beach FL), aged 93, was an active ACC member and within 100 points of earning his Bronze Award. He played cribbage throughout Florida and was club champion in the

2023–24 season. He held a 28-hand on April 11, 2024. Art served in the Korean War, was a chef, and owned Di Rico's Italian Restaurant in Bakersfield CA. The family moved to south Florida in 1971. Art loved playing cribbage and taught his children how to play as well. He was kind, had a wonderful sense of humor, and will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his daughter, ACC member Julie Di Rico.

### Evelyn Hills

Evelyn (Evie) Hills (Anchorage AK), a member of Alaska Club 177, died unexpectedly while visiting

her daughter in Arizona. Evie was a formidable cribbage opponent, and she had the number of many club members! Evie loved our game. Even after failing eyesight forced her to give up driving, she continued playing with the club by taking a bus across town, no easy task given Alaska's long winter nights. Rest in peace Evie.

### Thomas J. Koncan



Tom Koncan (Waukegan IL) was a longtime member of Kenosha Brats Club 197. He was highly loved for his jovial approach to the game, yet he was a high skilled competitor! Tom earned his Bronze Award and Grand Master rating. He taught the game to his kids, of which Vicky, Gail, and Tommy still enjoy. He will be missed.

### Del Meyer

On November 17, Club 82 lost a valued member, Del Meyer (Monterey CA), at age ninety. He enjoyed playing cribbage and earned his Bronze Award. Del had many other interests besides cribbage. His home was like a museum. He collected antique lanterns (he had 170 of them hanging from his ceiling) and also model aircraft carriers, which reminded him of his service on one during the Korean War. He had shelves of toy model cars and trains. Del owned a 1965 Cadillac, which he often entered into car shows. Del even had time to become a docent at the Big Sur Lighthouse. He is missed by all the members of Club 82.

### David R. O'Neil

The cribbage community lost one of its most significant longtime contributors. Dave O'Neil (Tucker GA) passed away on November 12. Survived by his wife Elaine and several children and grandchildren, Dave was a re-



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tired professor at Georgia State University. After retiring he picked up a part-time job as a guide for his beloved Atlanta Braves—"to pay for his cribbage," as he was fond of saying. Dave joined the ACC in 1994 and will be remembered for his many contributions to cribbage: a member of the Board of Directors for more than ten years, a judge for several decades, an inaugural senior judge, and the chair of the Rules Committee for several years. He directed two Grand Nationals in Atlanta (2004 and 2013), countless southeastern tournaments, and eight cruise tournaments. He was a club director for fourteen years and earned his Gold Award as a player. He was the Eastern Division Grass Roots Commissioner for several years. He created a tournament handbook to pass his knowledge onto others. He assisted in the training of numerous tournament directors as a codirector. He will be missed by the Atlanta cribbage community.

### Kenneth A. Shoemaker

Ken Shoemaker of Jackson Peggars Club 332 passed away on September 23 at the age of 81. A longtime ACC and club member, Ken was club champion for the 2015–16 season and had earned his Bronze Award. His favorite saying signaling a 19-hand or crib (not printable in a family magazine) was known to all and will be deeply missed. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Ken had several other hobbies. An avid golfer, many discussions involving playing the little white ball. He enjoyed fishing and an occasional casino trip. An overall good guy, Ken will be remembered fondly by everybody who knew him.



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