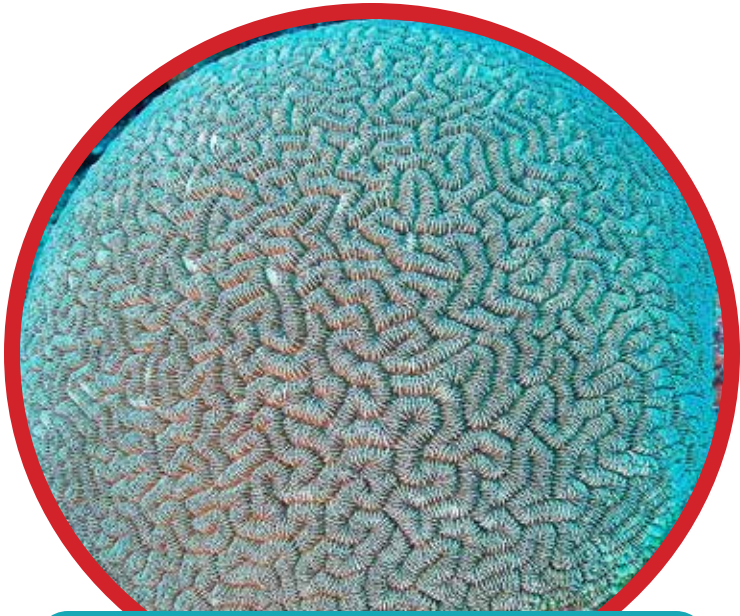


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- [c] a close-up of Erik Locke's cribbage brain in action



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President's Column

by James Morrow



GRDOY Do you play Grass Roots cribbage?

Have you noticed all the work your club director does?

Tasks like setting up the playing area; scheduling weekly, regional, and national tournaments; entering scores each week.

Does your director make you want to show up early every week?

You are probably thinking: "I missed the Hall of Fame deadline, now how can I get my director some much needed recognition?"

A new ACC committee will focus on Grass Roots directors, and each season they will select the Grass Roots Director of the Year.

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Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
<i>average</i>	69–65 (51.5%)	82–73 (52.9%)	✓ 53–30 (63.9%)
<i>biggest win</i>	✓ +49 vs. Frank Hanson (WA) @ Spokane	+41 vs. Steve Post (MN) @ Club 215	+48 vs. Wayne King (MA) @ Club 104
<i>worst loss</i>	–46 vs. Bobby Ramelow (WA) @ Spokane	–51 vs. Cynthia Wark (OH) @ Schaefer Shuffle	✓ –37 vs. Paul Pepas (MA) @ Club 104

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“Too obvious,” said Zora. “They always come to you. Can we play cribbage?”

“One game, then bed.” Armand took them out of his study, then cheated his way to victory, to the screams of mock protest from the kids, who’d come to expect it.

Canadian Cribbage

Cribbage is played in Louise Penny’s latest Armand Gamache mystery, *The Grey Wolf* (chapter 28). ↑

Roger McGary (Takoma Park MD)

[more “Your Deal” on next page](#)

Maverick Cribbage

In a 1958 episode of *Maverick* entitled “The Savage Hills” starring Jack Kelly as Bart Maverick, he concludes the episode by saying: “I think I’ll just take my money and go play whist and some games of cribbage.”

Tim Miller (Georgetown TX)

ACGAS Cribbage

I was watching the show *All Creatures Great and Small* on PBS on February 2, 2025. A cribbage game was in progress featuring two argumentative characters, Tristan and Carmody. After Tristan pegs his points, Carmody screams out: “**Muggins.**” Of course, another argument ensues.

Ron Mundt (Vancouver WA)

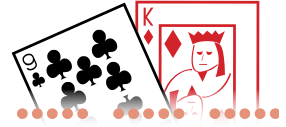
Seattle Cribbage

My wife, Lois, → got a 29-hand at our unsanctioned club at the senior center. (It was her first, and also the first in the fifteen years of our club.) It must be rare for a couple to each have a 29.

Jay Fulwider (Seattle WA)



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Rules

I am writing in response to Keith Widener's "Ruling Points" article on page 17 in the February 2025 *Cribbage World*. His premise that "if they miss a couple points and you win because of it, you really didn't win . . . you didn't deserve it" is objectively and patently untrue. Grass Roots rules require you to count your own points. I've lost multiple games by missing points; in each instance, my opponent fairly and deservedly (according to the rulebook) won the game. Unless cribbage rules move closer to poker rules where "the cards speak," and you don't have to declare your hand or how many points you have (which I am firmly in favor of), then Keith's premise is completely false and sets a poor example. Furthermore, he spends the first few paragraphs speaking to the rules of the game; then says if one plays by the rules, they didn't deserve to win. Which is it? Do we get to pick and choose when the rules apply? Do we get to pick which rules apply? Rule 9.5 says that "no aid from an individual . . . may be used to assist . . . while pegging or counting the hands or crib." That seems pretty clear to me.

Michael Santosuosso (Abington MA)

Cribbage World asked **Keith Widener** to respond to this letter; here is what he wrote:

The February column was about an individual's choice to help their opponent in counting their points due to issues with aging versus rule 9.5. Grass Roots rules do not say that you cannot assist your opponent if you so desire. Rule 9.5 was not written to deter someone from being nice to their opponent. As the commissioner of judges in this organization, I will not enforce rule 9.5 against two people playing the game and choosing to help each other and neither of them calling for a judge. (Remember, there are only a few instances in the rulebook that require you to call for a judge.) So if you choose to not help your opponent and they miss some points, that is fine and your choice. But I stand by my assertion that if you go on to win that game, which you would have otherwise lost had they properly counted their points, then you didn't really deserve it, because in reality they had enough points to beat you. I also stand by the last thing I said: stay out of other people's games and mind your own business.

At the upcoming Grand National in Deadwood SD in October, the BOD will award the Central Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2028. ACC members interested in hosting this event must inform Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of their interest by August 31. Detailed information is not necessary at this time; a general plan is sufficient to consider the bid.



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My Deal

by David Aiken



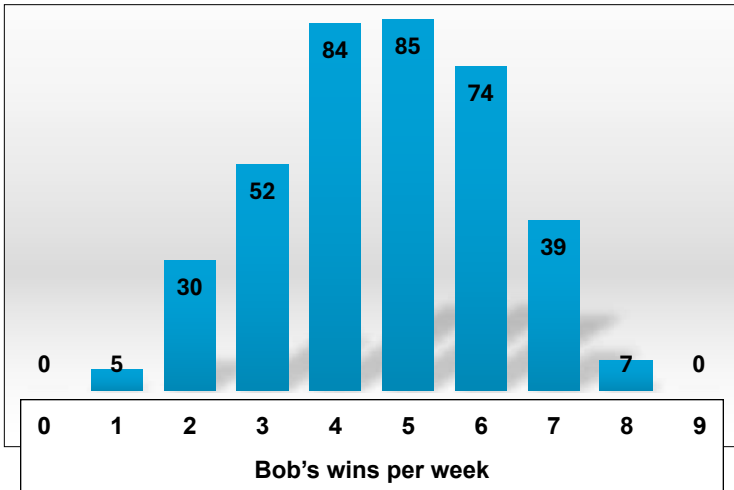
Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

Anyone who reads *Cribbage World* on a regular basis knows that I firmly believe the heart-and-soul of the American Cribbage Congress is not the cadre of touring professionals who travel all over the country playing weekend tournaments. Rather, the ACC prospers when Grass Roots clubs are thriving. And clubs thrive when they are populated by players who love cribbage for the game itself—not just to win prizes and awards.

I am very sorry to report the death of a longtime member of my home club. At ninety-three years old, **Robert Stritzinger** ➔ was the oldest member of Beer City Peggers Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI.

Bob joined the ACC in 2008 and on average played 22 weeks each season. That term, “average,” is a good description of Bob as a cribbage player. Over the course of 376 weekly events and seventeen seasons, he played 3,378 games and won 51.95% of them (1,755 wins and 1,623 losses). His number of wins per week shows an almost perfect bell curve. ⬇️ He never had a grand slam (best score: 19/8 +154), but he never had a string of pearls either (worst score: 2/1 -128)

Bob earned points in 130 of his 376 weeks (34.6%) and in 5 of the 20 GRRTs/GRNTs he played (25%). He earned his Bronze Award on January 10, 2017, which was the 203rd week he played, and by the end he had earned 1,898 GRPs.



Bob put scoring bookends on his cribbage career: the first time he showed at club, he scored 16/7 +121 and took first place (of 17 players). The last time he played Grass Roots, he scored 14/6 +70 and took fifth place (of 31 players).

Why have I spent so much time

New ACC Judges

- **Bruce Gorkowski** (Cheyenne WY)
- **Tom Kilcoyne** (Collegetown PA)
- **Vicki Marchand** (Louisville KY)
- **Jerrie Millman** (Wilderville OR)
- **Gail Somers** (Keene NH)

To take the judge examination, send email to accjudgetest@gmail.com.

Milestones!

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

Happy Birthday in January!
40—**Justin Lovell** (MA)

Happy Birthday in March!
50—**Jeff Gardner** (OH)

CLUB 29

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)

talking about an average player? Because the ACC is populated by average players, and Bob is a prime example. He came to club because he loved the game—not to win fame and fortune with his cribbage prowess.

Even though Bob may have been an average cribbage player, he was far above average in other areas of life. Born in 1930, he earned degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Pennsylvania. He proudly served his country in the Korean War as a U.S. Marine.

Bob married Olga, the love of his life, in 1958. During their sixty-seven years together, they raised seven children and welcomed twenty-four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren into the family.

Professionally, Bob followed his passion for helping others as a personal financial planner and didn't retire until he was ninety years old! A devout Roman Catholic, he practiced his faith daily and

lived out its teachings through service. For over twenty years he delivered Meals on Wheels, mentored young people through Junior Achievement, and contributed to the blood bank.

In addition to cribbage, he enjoyed tennis, softball, and golf and competed in the Senior Olympics well into his 80s.

A few words on a page don't really do justice to Bob's life, but they do remind me that the ACC is filled with average players who are far above average in life.

Our club honors deceased members by putting their names on our cribbage boards. I had the privilege of playing on "Bob's board" this week, ↓ and it reminded me once again of a life well lived.



GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 2/23

Division 1 = 2,890 players ♦ Division 4 = 622 players

Division 1 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	261 Scott Bartosh (600)
	2	246 Thomas Beucler (388)
	3	239 Duane Toll (62)
	4	223 Frank Corrado (26)
	5	220 Nancy Rojas (162)
	6	211 Walter Howell (127)
	6	211 Timothy Julkowski (377)
	8	210 Terry Greenawald (127)
	8	210 Chris McComas (426)
	10	209 Dwight Christiansen (382)
	11	207 Scott Sand (94)
	12	206 Terry Hatto (261)
	12	206 Dave Otte (393)
	14	204 Peter Setian (72)
	15	203 Bryan Gurden (400)
	15	203 Wayne Steinmetz (6)
	17	200 Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
	17	200 Duane Schubauer (96)
	19	197 David Fournier (22)
	20	196 Kirk Hobbs (314)
	21	195 Kevin Mansfield (198)
	21	195 Andy Wagner (58)
	23	194 Jack Puleo (308)
	23	194 Richard Slone (199)
	25	193 William Cormier (104)
	26	192 Bradley Gronli (430)
	27	190 Bernard Brentar (390)
	27	190 Phillip Whitehouse (295)
	29	189 Denny Denend (243)
	30	188 Dave Elliott (284)
	31	187 Eric Lemay (375)
	32	186 Debra Cotter (464)
	33	185 Veronica Klaas (399)
	33	185 Ken Varner (419)
	35	184 Robert Medeiros (104)
	35	184 William O'Malley (46)
	37	181 Daniel Pluff (240)
	38	180 Scott Milo (440)
	38	180 Daulph Plummer (354)
	38	180 J. J. Stansfield (164)
	41	179 Steven Braley (361)
	41	179 Robert Donovan (219)
	41	179 Jim Maffa (104)
	44	177 Robert Lenz (445)
	44	177 Douglas Myers (329)
	46	176 James Falzone-Cardinal (72)
	47	175 Bill Whiting (117)
	48	174 James Ravenscroft (175)
	49	173 Mark Cochran (34)
	49	173 Paul McFarland (89)
	49	173 Shaun Wilford (190)

rank	GRPs name (club)
52	172 Mary Bearss (71)
52	172 Olivia Kelley (6)
54	171 Mike Fetchel (26)
54	171 Donald Gabrielson (408)
54	171 Monica Newton (127)
57	170 LeRoy Mehring (410)
58	169 Verdell Brand (96)
58	169 Richard Crosby (361)
58	169 William Eilers (360)
61	168 Don Grumpy Howard (306)
61	168 Michael Sofaly (243)
63	167 Bill Capocasa (240)
64	166 Matt Chadwick (361)
64	166 Mike Habighorst (90)
64	166 Harold Sontag (162)
64	166 Jeff Wussow (157)
68	165 Fred Howe (600)
68	165 Alan Lindner (215)
70	164 Artland Ka'ai (164)
70	164 Allen Karr (61)
72	163 John Healey (368)
72	163 Jon Kline (190)
72	163 Kendra Munkacsy (104)
75	162 Patricia Felcyn (277)
75	162 Richard Flatto (55)
75	162 Sheri Howard (204)
75	162 Jeremy Krieger (46)
75	162 Mike Pivec (108)
75	162 Doug Weier (436)
81	161 Robert Chase (215)
81	161 Scott Earley (430)
81	161 Sandy Sands (25)
81	161 Garrett Van Scyoc (100)

Division 4 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	167 Paul Gregson (54)
	2	164 Rich Ekman (395)
	3	162 David Bute (433)
	3	162 Rhonda Perry (336)
	5	152 Brad Seger (39)
	6	147 Rob Palmer (38)
	7	146 Willie Evans (39)
	8	141 John Mealy (118)
	9	140 Bill Wallace (455)
	10	137 Richard Shea (194)
	11	136 Paul Moreno (395)
	12	135 Steve Colgan (467)
	13	132 Linda Johnson (156)
	14	130 Pete Davis (465)
	14	130 Howard Terry (336)
	16	129 Ken Cochlin (39)
	16	129 Tom Kilcoyne (318)



edited by Michael Barrett



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

GrassRoots Awards

GOLD

Wayne Glashan (CA), 162

Terry Hatto (AB), 261

Rex Paddock (MT), 347

Michael N. Watson (AZ), 267

Phillip E. Whitehouse (MI), 295

SILVER

Yvonne Bowers (CA), 100

John Colletto (CA), 162

James Hogen (MN), 240

Marv Johnson (WI), 284

Junko Larsen (WA), 426

John Piasecki (MI), 390

BRONZE

Robert J. Donovan (NH), 219

Frank J. LaPan Jr. (MI), 97

Bill Richardson (CO), 224

Beth Schmidt (MN), 240

David Sparkes (MA), 161

Mark Steinkrauss (MA), 308

CAPITAL CRIBBAGE CLUB
CLUB # 46 - SALEM OREGON
THE GRASS ROOTS

NAME: Bernie Nelson
TABLE: SEAT: 22

GAME	POINTS	SPIN OF POKER	OPPOSITIONS (W/L/T/D/B/E)	SEAT NO.
1	0	0		
2	0	0		
3	0	0		
4	0	0		
5	0	0		
6	0	0		
7	0	0		
8	0	0		
TOTAL	0			

GAMES WON: 8 FEEL: 144 CHECKED BY: B. Nelson
 NET PTS: +117 NET POK: -167

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CLUB # 46 - SALEM OREGON
THE GRASS ROOTS

NAME: Bernie Nelson
TABLE: SEAT: 24

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1	0	0		
2	0	0		
3	0	0		
4	0	0		
5	0	0		
6	0	0		
7	0	0		
8	0	0		
TOTAL	0			

GAMES WON: 0 FEEL: 167 CHECKED BY: B. Nelson
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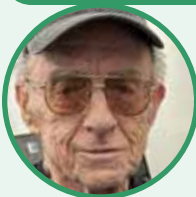
Club 46 (Salem OR)—what a difference a week makes! One week, you're on top of the world! The next week, the cribbage gods remind you who's in charge. On February 11, **Bernie Nelson** took first with a near slam 17/8 +117. One week later, he was at the bottom of the pile with a string of pearls 0/0 -167. As always, he took it like a true gentleman.

Grand Slams (pictured)

- Reiner Talmet (Club 11 in Reno NV)
- Keith Widener (Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC)
- Linda Schulz (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)
 - ~ her first slam ~
- Rick Montague (Club 464 in Plainville MA)
 - ~ his seventh slam! ~

Other Grand Slams

- Dennis Hagel (Club 202 in Boise ID)
- LeRoy Mehring (Club 410 in Butte MT)



more Grass Roots stories next page

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



28-Hands

Tony Caraco (Club 5 in Hamburg NY)
 Karen Holdstock (Club 12 in Bend OR)
 Cindy Barnes (Club 25 in Helena MT)
 Jim Mitchell (Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI)
 Richard Maycroft (Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI)
 Don Schubring (Club 89 in Springfield VA)
 Tom Kay (Club 89 in Springfield VA)
 Carolyn McMonigal (Club 202 in Boise ID)
 Tim Gudahl (Club 202 in Boise ID)
 Greta Daigle (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
 Mary Brenholt (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)

~ first ever 28!-hand ~

29-Hand

Bob Deeds
 (Club 3 in Elgin IL)
 Lucien Arsenalt
 (Club 454 in Land o' Lakes FL)
~ posthumous award ~



David Ray (Club 321 in Kalamazoo MI)
 Edward Cuerth Club 347 (Missoula in MT)
~ on January 29—first the husband ~
 Sandi Cuerth Club 347 (Missoula in MT)
~ on February 5—then the wife ~
 Tom Butcher (Club 368 in Ishpeming MI)
 Nancy Pendergrass (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Alex Farris (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Ari Goldberg (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Kevin Jacobson (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Alex Kula (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Quentin Larson (Club 397 in Yankton SD)
 Cliff Anderson (Club 397 in Yankton SD)
 Junko Larsen (Club 426 in Battle Ground WA)
 Denise Vandeveld (Club 463 in Louisville KY)
 Lou Lopez (Club 440 in Bandon OR)
 Donnie Hughes (Club 463 in Louisville KY)



I learned cribbage from my grandfather, but more from playing skilled players. I joined the ACC in 1990s, originally in Atascadero and San Miguel CA, then moved to Washington and played in Club 204 in Ollala, where I was club champion in the 2006–7 season. My first tournament win was the 2002 Lake Tahoe Challenge. My most memorable cribbage moment was our recent Grass Roots Regional Tournament. I had only 4 points in the morning, then made 20 in the afternoon. That gave me most of what I needed to finally get my Gold. I go to only five or six tournaments a year, so it took me a while to get my Master Rating. I now have the pleasure of being in the same club as Duane Toll and consider him a mentor in that I pay close attention when playing him and when he gives me advice.

John Galbreath (Cottage Grove OR) Gold #232



High Noon Club 328 (Bradenton FL)—on January 18, in the first hand of game six, both **Paul Griffin** and **Edwin Mielke** were dealt identical 24-hands!

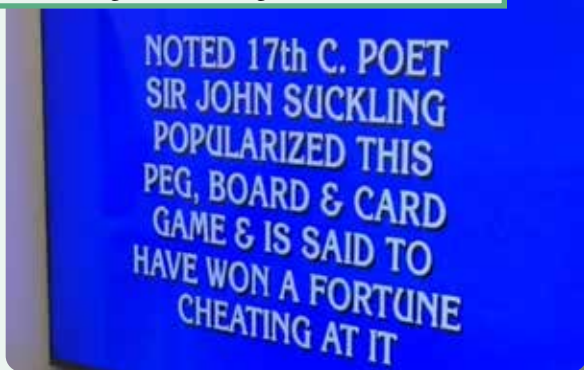


Club 419 (Laguna Hills CA)—on January 22, two players had 28-hands with-in minutes of each other: **Artland Ka'ai** and **Roger Aielli**.



more Grass Roots stories next month

Many cribbage players emailed or texted *Cribbage World* about the cribbage clue on *Jeopardy!* on January 27, but this was the best picture, so **Justin Lovell** (Bridgewater MA) gets credit for the win!



Club 276 (Winter Haven FL)—new member **Scott Diefes** scored his first ever 29-hand in week #21. Sadly, he lost the game by 30 points! This is also the club's first 29-hand.

Cribbage Quiz

GAME POINTS	GAMES WON	NET SPREAD
20	9	156

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD

Name Phil Martin

ACC# CT 177 Seat# 15

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	(-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	2	14		PR	16
2	3	38		owl	17
3	2	17		BMB	13
4	2	29		KH	19
5	2	04		LAH	5
6	2	06		JH	1
7	2	04		BOB	10
8	2	06		SB	14
9	3	36		A	2
Total Game Points	20	156	(+)	Win = 2 Skunk = 3	
Games Won	9	156	(-)	Loss = 0	

Signature Phil Martin

Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

answer on page 20



Life Master (★) Bob Joslin (MN) won the Henderson NV main on January 25 by beating that guy → in the finals.

John Quist's tongue-in-cheek email to Kat Hartsell . . .

Maria and I have decided we need two pages for our articles, so you can stop writing now. I think this is a good thing for you. Then you will have more time to practice your cribbage.

And a heartfelt follow-up . . .

Your stories are fun. It doesn't matter what other people think, just keep on going. As long as you like doing it, and the editor doesn't get too many complaints from me, keep on telling the world how great cribbage is!

[see page 30]

Where are John and Maria now? (see page 31)



ACC Awards

ERIK LOCKE blew through another MRP plateau in Nevada last month—35,000 lifetime points—to become just the third person to earn the Life Master (6★) rating. The only players above Erik are the late, great **DeLynn Colvert** and **Duane Toll**. There is very little left to say about this cribbage phenom that hasn't been said already, so to change things up a bit, *Cribbage World* is asking readers to tell us what's in Erik's bag. The top ten answers will be printed in the magazine next month. All answers must be submitted via email to cwed152@gmail.com.



I learned to play cribbage in the US Navy in the late 1950s (yes, I'm really old). In my best game ever, I needed to win the last game of a consolation to qualify. I was dealing from 26 points out and my opponent was 4 points out. I won, qualified, and won the tournament! My toughest opponent is any member of Huntington Beach 29ers Club 164, because I seldom make the 12 points. So take a bow Art (Eli), Artland, Barry, Bruce, Carl, Carol, Christy, Debbie, Gary, Greg, Gregg, Hoppy, JJ (director), Jack, John, Katy, Kim (2), Lloyd, Lorraine, Pat, Paul, Ram, Randy, Tony, and Tyler. You make it really tough on me! I would like to acknowledge my beautiful wife of forty-seven years, Linda. Without her love and support I doubt I'd have 10 points.

Donald L. Brown
(Long Beach CA)
Life Master (2★)

Lewis's dad taught him how to play cribbage. He joined the ACC in 2000 and won his first tournament in 2011 at the Schaefer/Steinmetz Shuffle consy—no doubt because Wayne Steinmetz is his cribbage mentor. (Lewis has now won seven tourneys.) Now a member of Club 284 in Eau Claire WI, he was the 2008 club champion at Club 199 in Greenwood. Lewis's favorite tournament is Chaska MN, and his toughest opponent is Dave Elliott. Lewis has been a lifelong player and advocate for cribbage, not only for its math benefits but also the social connections that playing cards provides. Why does he go to tournaments? "I like the people playing cribbage; they are a great bunch of people."

Lewis A. Gurney
(Eau Claire WI)
Life Master



Jim Mahan
(Appleton WI)
Life Master

New Cribbage Masters

Bob Hodges (McMinnville OR)
Joseph J. Bowen (Dedham ME)

There are two things you need to know about Jim. First he prefers to wear sandals instead of shoes—even in the coldest weather. Second, he is currently leading the nation in the race for the MRP championship—even ahead of that guy at the top of this page!

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Jingle Bell Open (Marinette WI; 12/6)	Al Karr	61 players HQ. Sheila Vojtech (45) 1. James Huser (105) 2. Lana Newhouse (70) 3. Darlene Anderst (42) 3. Marsha Mahan (42)	44 players HQ. Scott Sand (21) 1. Henry Brandner (60) 2. Scott Sand (40) 3. Haley Hintze (24) 3. Jim Mahan (24)		
Hawaii State Open (Honolu- lu HI; 12/21)	Fred White	17 players HQ. Tsarkie (25) 1. Roy Wong (70) 2. Tsarkie (42) 3. Mary Jane Esera (21) 3. Fred White (21)	10 players HQ. Robert Wright (12) 1. Robert Wright (24) 2. Rodney Karno (12) 3. Marilyn White (4)		
Steve Lewis Me- morial (Depoe Bay OR; 12/27)	Jack Shumate	18 players HQ. Bill Klem (35) 1. Erik Locke (70) 2. Bill Klem (42) 3. William O'Malley (21) 3. Jack Shumate (21)	14 players HQ. Melvin Chase (6) 1. Jim Mahan (24) 2. Ian Aylward (12) 3. Melvin Chase (4) 3. Greg Schleusner (4)		
Depoe Bay Chai- lounge (Depoe Bay OR; 12/28)	Jack Shumate	18 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (60) 1. Chris McComas (70) 2. Tom Jackson (42) 3. Erik Locke (21) 3. Bill Schlabes (21)	10 players HQ. Danny Mitchell (6) 1. Jim Jackson (24) 2. Danny Mitchell (12) 3. Greg Schleusner (4)		
Abe Kealoha Ex- travaganza (Ho- nolulu HI; 12/28)	Fred White	17 players HQ. Cathy Hess (40) 1. Geoffrey Dozier (70) 2. Creighton Lee (42) 3. Cathy Hess (21) 3. Pom Luxton (21)	{no consy}		

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red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs) {no consy}	very big hands	satellite winners
Wisconsin Dells Deal 1 (Bara- boo WI; 1/3)	Terry Weber	53 players HQ. Donald Curry (45) 1. Arthur Loveland (105) 2. Allen Karr (70) 3. Al Pernicek (42) 3. Cynthia Wark (42)			
Wisconsin Dells Deal 2 (Bara- boo WI; 1/4)	Terry Weber	77 players HQ. Steve Grage (50) 1. Bob Kiley (147) 2. Jeff Machovsky (105) 3. Al Pernicek (70) 3. Dan Selke (70)	44 players HQ. Marlene Lazachek (12) 1. Steve Grage (60) 2. Clay Collier (40) 3. Allen Karr (24) 3. Jim Mahan (24)	28-hands: Patrick Healey* Jeff Duresky	Friday: Steven Steinmetz Saturday: Steven Steinmetz
Spokane Winter Extravagan- za (Spokane WA; 1/3)	Jason Ramelow	28 players HQ. Jason Ramelow (40) 1. Jason Ramelow (70) 2. Dave Yaeger (42) 3. Eric Boysen (21) 3. Carl Vennes (21)	20 players HQ. Tracie Swanson (12) 1. Tracie Swanson (40) 2. Dave Schwartz (24) 3. Michael Crume (12) 3. Kat Hartsell (12)	28-hands: Curtis Beckham* Kat Hartsell*	
Spokane New Year Ball (Spo- kane WA; 1/4)	Kat Hartsell	35 players HQ. James Morrow (35) 1. Michael Crume (105) 2. Timothy Julkowski (70) 3. David Hogle (42) 3. Erik Locke (42)	21 players HQ. Kat Hartsell (21) 1. Barbara Stockham (40) 2. Kat Hartsell (24) 3. Frank Hanson (12) 3. James Morrow (12)	28-hand: John Bennett*	Canadian Doubles: Duane Jones & Rob Smith
Sacramento 1 (Sacramen- to CA; 1/9)	Bill Schlabes	41 players HQ. Doug Dresbach (45) 1. Harold Sontag (105) 2. Darlene Stier (70) 3. Doug Dresbach (42) 3. Dick Lind (42)	26 players HQ. Jason Shumate (15) 1. James Langley (40) 2. Jason Shumate (24) 3. Ray Klocko (12) 3. Jim Mahan (12)	28-hands: Wayne Morris* Robert Zahn*	

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Sacramento 2 (Sacramento CA; 1/11)	Bill Schlabes	44 players HQ. Peter Jackson (40) 1. Scott Bartosh (105) 2. Wendy Yafuso (70) 3. Jennifer Bolles (42) 3. James Langley (42)	24 players HQ. James Clark (18) 1. Paul Gregson (40) 2. James Clark (24) 3. Dick Lind (12) 3. Don Thienel (12)		
Sacramento 3 (Sacramento CA; 1/12)	Bill Schlabes	40 players HQ. Peter Jackson (35) 1. Cy Madrone (105) 2. Don Thienel (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Steve Hastie (42)	14 players HQ. Wayne Morris (18) 1. Wayne Morris (24) 2. Bethany Rolfson (12) 3. Carol Williams (4) 3. Dave Yaeger (4)	28-hands: Jennifer Bolles* Terry Weber*	
Willamette Valley Challenge (Sa- lem OR; 1/11)	Greg Schleusner	45 players HQ. Steve Colgan (40) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Diane Harvey (70) 3. Steve Colgan (42) 3. Matt Padrow (42)	25 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (15) 1. Edgar Tuttle (40) 2. Greg Schleusner (24) 3. S. J. Ferrigno (12) 3. Duane Toll (12)		
Wine or Whine Cribbage (Hills- boro OR; 1/12)	Erik Locke	22 players HQ. Chris McComas (35) 1. Bob Hodges (70) 2. Chris McComas (42) 3. Gerald Nickels (21) 3. Chris Poole (21)	10 players HQ. William O'Malley (18) 1. William O'Malley (24) 2. Lowell Bailey (12) 3. Jack Lien (4)		
American Pride (Marinette WI; 1/17)	Al Karr	54 players HQ. James McCarty (60) 1. Jeff Mussow (105) 2. James Huser (70) 3. Richard Frost (42) 3. Don Pohlman (42)	36 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (15) 1. Doug Page (60) 2. Gerald Parins (40) 3. James McCarty (24) 3. Steven Steinmetz (24)	28-hands: Fred Adolphson* Dennis Koehler*	

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Land Shark Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; 1/17)	Jim Hearon	78 players HQ. Thomas Azevedo (45) 1. Eric Davis (147) 2. Keith Widener (105) 3. Barri Gehrand (70) 3. Jeff Olson (70)	56 players HQ. Jason Matheny (27) 1. Peter Christensen (60) 2. Jim Cook (40) 3. Patricia Jewell (24) 3. Jason Matheny (24)	28-hand: Peyton Reum*	
Emerald Coast Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; 1/18)	Jim Hearon	93 players HQ. Barri Gehrand (60) 1. Dan Taylor (147) 2. Robert Reister (105) 3. Michael Leonard (70) 3. Jerry Russell (70)	54 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (15) 1. Paul Hearon (60) 2. Eric Davis (40) 3. Jerry Ellis (24) 3. Jack Howsare (24)	28-hands: Bert Cox* Grant Crawford* Jamie Fincher* Jack Howsare*	Canadian Doubles: Michael Leonard & Jamie Fincher
Bandon Its a New Year! (Ban- don OR; 1/18)	Scott Milo	30 players HQ. Carole Herron (45) 1. Duane Toll (70) 2. Mike McCarmon (42) 3. Jeanne Jelke (21) 3. Skip White (21)	17 players HQ. Jack Shumate (21) 1. Don Dolezal (40) 2. Jack Shumate (24) 3. Margaret Christensen- Deutsch (12) 3. Diana Webster (12)		Doubles: Diana Webster & Duane Toll
New Year Knock- out (South Wind- sor CT; 1/18)	Michael Kopp	72 players HQ. Peter Grant (40) 1. Phil Martin (147) 2. Janice Blanc (105) 3. Mary Burlington (70) 3. Frank Corrado (70)	40 players HQ. Richard Nourse (18) 1. David Statz (60) 2. Richard Nourse (40) 3. Joseph Bowen (24) 3. Paige Thomas (24)		
Schaefer Shuffle Friday (Hender- son NV; 1/24)	Al Schaefer	62 players HQ. Brenda Nason (45) 1. Cynthia Wark (105) 2. Steve Scadden (70) 3. Jim Mahan (42) 3. Brenda Nason (42)	36 players HQ. Bob Prochnow (21) 1. James Morrow (60) 2. Donald Brown (40) 3. Bryan Gurden (24) 3. Rodney Rideau (24)	28-hands: Brad Henderson* Steve Scadden* Alice Souza*	

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Schaefer Shuffle Saturday (Henderson NV; 1/25)	Al Schaefer	67 players HQ. John Bennett (65) 1. Bob Joslin (147) 2. Erik Locke (105) 3. James Clark (70) 3. Tom Gannon (70)	44 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (21) 1. Kat Hartsell (60) 2. Carol Williams (40) 3. Bryan Gurden (24) 3. Michael Stevens (24)	28-hands: Pete Larsen* Carol Perko* Steve Scadden*	
Winter Classic (Bangor ME; 1/25)	Joseph Bowen	33 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (45) 1. Dave Leissner (105) 2. Robert Medeiros (70) 3. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. Carlyle Foss (42)	18 players HQ. Phil Martin (27) 1. Phil Martin (40) 2. Dan Michela (24) 3. Mary Burlington (12) 3. Jack Chandler (12)		Doubles: Robert Medeiros & Stephen Dugas
Lake Mead Challenge (Henderson NV; 1/27)	Alan Schaefer	58 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (70) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Rodney Rideau (42) 3. Sara Sanner (42)	26 players HQ. Chad Loupee (18) 1. Chad Loupee (40) 2. Obie Weeks (24) 3. Ray Klocko (12) 3. Don Thienel (12)	28-hand: Steve Scadden*	
Lake Mead Classic (Henderson NV; 1/28)	Al Schaefer	49 players HQ. Sara Sanner (35) 1. Bob Brumley (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. Jim Dillard (42) 3. Darlene Stier (42)	18 players HQ. Brenda Nason (15) 1. Michael Crume (40) 2. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Chad Loupee (12) 3. Brenda Nason (12)	28-hands: Michael Stevens* Terry Weber*	

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Cribbage Quiz Answer

(see page 14)

Did you notice that the grand slam score-card – by one of the hottest players in the country right now – was added incorrectly? Apparently **Phil Martin** used all his brain power playing correctly, because the score adds to 154. It's a sad day when the CW editor finds a mathematical error that neither the player nor the cross-checkers found!

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Last weekend I suffered one of the craziest losses in my cribbage career. It was against the elite player **Jerry Hardy** in the finals of a tournament. It was the third game and I was already down 2-0, so my prospects weren't looking great. But this one hurt.

I was dealing from fourteen out, and Jerry needed ten with first count. I opened my hand to see the scintillating 3-4-6-8-10-Q. I dutifully discarded 10-Q and hoped for a decent cut and good defense to hold Jerry. The cut was a King, and Jerry led a 7.

Even though I have a horrendous hand, I can't afford to make 15-2 with my 8, so I play my 4. Jerry counters with a 5. Now I'm in dire straits: Jerry must have a 6 right? So if he does, what can I play to lessen the damage? The answer is my 6. I'll get the four-card run, Jerry will match my card, and I'll get the 31 with my 3.

To my surprise Jerry said go after I played my 6 for 22, so I played my 8 for five and a go for six. Jerry got last card, and had 5-7-10-J, with the right King for seven points.

Jerry is now two out, and I'm four out after my fortuitous ten points pegging. ↓ I take my two-point hand and get ready to turn over my crib, but before I do I think to myself: "I threw 10-Q, Jerry has 5-10-J in his hand; there is literally no way I can have a point in here." Alas, I was correct.

Jerry	7		5	{go}		10		J (for 1)	
Rob		4		6 (for 4)		8 (for 6)		3	
running count	7	11	16	22	-	30	10	13	23

Jerry matched my 2 on the first play of the next hand and won the game and the match. Needless to say, I was talking to myself on my four-hour ride home.

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

MIA

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

Brendan Barkovich (Eau Claire WI)
 Megan Corwin (Walla Walla WA)
 Dan Durawa (Edgartown MA)
 Frank Easton (Raleigh NC)
 Matthew Fogle (Cheyenne WY)
 Dale Hjertager (Anderson CA)
 Sarah Hultgren (Hudson WI)
 Michael Kallioinen (Negaunee MI)
 Denis W. Leyva (Whitmore CA)
 Barb Manninen (Marenisco MI)

Vincent Minervini (Malden MA)
 Paul Moyer (Truckee CA)
 Brett Napiwocki (Minneapolis MN)
 Paul Reid (Glendale CA)
 Rick Robarge (Litchfield Park AZ)
 Esther Rolfe (Boynton Beach FL)
 Ed Sharp (Roseburg OR)
 Beth Tessmer (Edgartown MA)
 Ivan Thomsen (San Antonio TX)
 Sandra Urban (Kissimmee FL)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

When the founders of the American Cribbage Congress met on January 11, 1980, in Cincinnati OH, they established a number of committees and made major decisions. Number 6 on their list was to set the annual dues at \$2 per member. This column will discuss changes to the membership fees over the first two decades of the ACC.

The congress mailed out the initial eight-page *Cribbage World* magazine in March 1980 through a bulk rate postage permit from Kissimmee FL by ACC Secretary-Treasurer **Jim Arblaster**. This rate was approximately 10¢ per issue, compared with a first class stamp, which cost 15¢ in 1980. I will compare the ACC dues increases with the first class stamp cost as we proceed.

In the summer of 1981, ACC President **Joseph Wergin** stated that dues must increase in the next year to cover increased printing and mailing costs. In 1982, the board of directors voted to raise individual adult dues to \$3 and added a married couple category for \$5 a year. A junior membership under 18 years old was \$1, and a life member division over sixty years old was added for \$25.

In 1982, a first class stamp was 18¢ and two years later rose to 20¢. So in 1984, the BOD passed an increase to \$5 for an individual, \$7 for a married couple, \$2 for junior dues, and \$40 for a life member (a life member spouse was added for two bucks more).

Effective in 1988, a stamp price went up to 25¢, and the BOD increased adult dues to \$7, a married couple to \$10, with a junior membership at \$3. The life member for 60+ years was upped to \$60, and a life member spouse was \$25 more.

Glory Be! A Price Reduction! That was a headline on page 7 of the September 1991 *Cribbage World*. Individual dues remained at \$7, but the board voted to reduce the married couple rate from \$10 to \$8. Yahoo!

The fee schedule remained constant for the next four years, but inflation caused a significant dues increase in the summer of 1995. Higher mailing costs necessitated a move to second class mail as the price of a first class stamp was now 32¢. Individual dues went up to \$10, while a couple rose to \$12. A life member over 60 years old jumped to \$80 annually, and a life member spouse was an additional \$40.

In next month's column, I will discuss the ACC dues increases in 2007 and 2015, and also something that inflation has *not* touched in the past forty-five years!

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

Redeal? Yep, redeal.

A couple of weeks ago I received an email from one of my Midwestern cribbage friends, and he had encountered an issue in his club with regard to rule 4.4.d.(9). This rule relates to the table of actions on pages 24–25 of the rulebook, and it states: **Play stops at time of discovery, and all points pegged during the play are retracted. Both hands and the crib are dead, and the same player redeals.** Rule 4.4.d.(1) (**The same dealer redeals**) is the same, except it is before the starter card is turned. These actions are invoked when too many cards have been dealt (that is, more than twelve).

The issue was that many players and judges think this redeal is unfair to the player who does not have extra cards in their hand. Their argument is that if the dealer has too many cards then the dealer should be penalized and the pone should be allowed to keep their hand.

When the Rules Committee was looking at the issue of too many cards they had to take into account that we frequently use decks that are old and/or have been used by casinos, and those decks may have shaved edges or holes in them. In fact, especially in Grass Roots, we don't use new cards very often. So the committee did not want to penalize players based on the

fact that there is an increased likelihood of cards sticking together.

Even after I explained the logic for the rule, I was still pressed on how unfair it was to the player who had the correct number of cards and basically did nothing wrong. Everyone who thinks this way—especially judges—need to pay attention. Redealing because too many cards were dealt is *not* unfair to anybody, because if the cards had been properly dealt, the distribution of the cards would be different, and thus the hands dealt would have been different. Why? Because if there is an extra card, you have no idea where in the mix the extra card was.

To prove this, deal out twelve cards in sequence: A, 2, 3, 4, and so on. One hand will be A-3-5-7-9-J, and the other will be 2-4-6-8-10-Q. Keeping the same order, now stick a King in the middle somewhere. In this example, let's put it after the 3 and redeal. Now one hand will be A-3-4-6-8-10, and the other will be 2-K-5-7-9-J. This gives you totally different hands. The only way the hands would be the same is if the extra card was the very last card dealt—but we don't know that, do we? Case closed.

Please be nice, and let's all have fun.

Keith Widener is head of the ACC's judge program. Send questions about rules and the rulebook to Keith at kwidener@triad.rr.com.

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Well, the birthday month is over and it's back to normal! Now we are in the month of leprechauns, pots of gold, and Mardi Gras. March 9 is National Barbie Day. Fun fact: Vicki has over one hundred collectible Barbies in the Barbie Room! March 24 is National Cocktail Day. Who knew there was such a thing, but sounds enjoyable! And March 31 is National Tater Day. If anyone knows me, they know I come from northern Maine, where the best taters are grown (sorry, my Idaho friends!). No matter what you celebrate in March, enjoy life and laugh a little bit!



January 17–19 was the becoming-famous Land Shark Open and Emerald Coast Open directed by **Jim Hearon** and friends. Friday's LSO main saw **Eric Davis** ◀ take top honors. **Pete Christiansen** ▶ won the consy. In the 93-player ECO, **Dan Taylor** ▶ came in first. In the consy **Paul Hearon**, brother of director Jim, took top honors. It looks like **Jason Matheny's** reign in Florida has come to an end, as he has won the tournament the past two years! So many more tournaments to conquer, Jason!



South Windsor CT was the place to be in New England on January 18. The New Year's Knockout Open is a new tournament run by **Barbara Barbour** and **Mike Kopp**. When the pegging was over, almost hometown hero **Phil Martin** took top honors, with the ever-pleasant **Jan Blanc** in second. In the consolation, **David Statz** (soon to be "Just David") won. Fun fact: there is a tournament each month in Connecticut. This was brought into our schedule because of those who can't travel anymore. It is nice to see everyone!

On January 25–26, we traveled to Bangor ME for the Winter Classic One Day and Snowball. I was looking forward to defending my title from last year! However, on Saturday, local **Dave Liessner** came in first, and **Just Rob** was high qualifier. Here are some tips: never give up, and take all your points. Two 14-point cards made the playoffs. One was the **Mark the Other Soule**, and last qualifier was **Robert Baker**, who beat out Yours Truly by five spread points! In the consolation, red-hot **Phil Martin** qualified first with a grand slam (see page 14), and his cards stayed hot throughout the playoffs as he came in the winner. In the Sunday Snowball, **Bob Baker** was high qualifier, but in the end, it was **Jerry Hardy** versus **Just Rob** yet again. ▶ Side note: these two have never





played each other in the finals. Jerry took first while Just Rob was second—yet again (see page 21). It may be cold in Maine, but the cards and the players were hot! A shout out to clubmates **Rob Medeiros** and **Steve Dugas** for winning Canadian Doubles. The rumor was there were only three teams, but it may have been actually seven!

From Bangor to Wolfeboro NH for the Wolfeboro One Day and the Medeiros Memorial (aka Vicki's Birthday Bash). On Friday, the fun started with Winter in Wolfeboro main. I was feeling pretty good as the birthday girl, and I qualified second. My second match was against **Dan Routhier**, who beat me and then ran the tables all the way to the championship. Dan took first (his first win). In the consolation, fresh off his win five days before, **Jerry Hardy** took first. On Saturday the fun really began, and it seems there was a birthday competition in the works. First, thanks to **Bob Joslin** and **Adam Switzer** for all the birthday competition fun. We really do know who the best was! Just for perspective, I had decorations, three cakes, and a signed chalkboard card.

Adam had three cakes (copycat Joslin) and his own table. Hmm. Maybe someday they will come see a real birthday bash! I even have a sign! All kidding aside, what great organization when you meet friends from all over and can laugh and joke thousands of miles away! In the end of pegging and battling, it was the battle of the Maine Bald Guys.

Rich Crosby ➔ won over **Peter “the Legend” Legendre**. In the consolation, they finally let the **Birthday Girl** win, until she ran into

Just Rob. He won—but only because I cut a Jack on the second game. (Actually, we played it out and he would have won anyway.) But after the weekend before, when he had two second places, he still could have let the Birthday Girl win. In a side note: **Kevin DeCoteau** had two 28-hands. Thank you all who came and made the weekend great!

Some sad news, we lost **Richard Dacey** on January 12; he was a longtime member and brother to **Catherine Perkins**. Please take a moment and remember Richard.

[Editor's note: see Richard's obituary on page 39]

Vicki's March Funnies

Q. Why was the asylum so busy after February?

A. There was March Madness.

Q. What did the Irish potato say to his sweetheart?

A. I only have eyes for you.



If you checked the “Stats” section of the ACC website in the last month or so (and why wouldn’t you?), you would have seen that **Terry Weber** (Madison WI) needed 7 points to make Life Master (2★), while Yours Truly needed 54. We converged in Henderson NV for the Sin City Cluster. Neither of us did anything in the first day’s main, but I managed to pick up 40 points in the consolation, where I had the “pleasure” of getting beat in the final match by ACC prexy **James Morrow**. So going into the second day’s tournament, I needed 14 points while Terry was stuck on 7. In the second main I qualified in the top 25% and made it to the third round of the playoffs and, with that, I easily went over the 15,000-point mark. Terry, evidently being disgusted with the first two days, was a no-show for that Sunday’s consolation. While I did not hang around for Monday and Tuesday, I understand Terry made enough points on Monday to reach the Two Star mark, but he’ll have to live with the ignominy of knowing that I beat him to the line. Anyway, it’s nice to finally be there; it took me ten years to make the first 10,000 points and fifteen years to make the next 5,000. Congrats also to Terry for making it in a lot less time than I did. [*Editor’s note: see page 15*]

A tale of two cities. My friend **Obie Weeks** (Bonsall CA) had an interesting week. First were the terrible days in Henderson. In the first main he missed qualifying by mere spread points. And that was the high point of Obie’s stay in Henderson. This string of pearls, including four skunks, ↓ came in the first consolation. In the second consolation, he won five out of the first six, leaving him needing only one win in the last three games to reach the magic 12 for a nine-game qualifying set. Alas, he lost all three. He said the second consolation was much worse than the first since he actually had a good chance to qualify. Like several other players, Obie also played that weekend in Sun Lakes AZ. His luck changed dramatically for the better as he proceeded to win the Cactus Classic main by beating recent Hall of Fame inductee **Bob Bartosh** (Sacramento CA) in the finals. He also qualified in the main and consolation of the Road Runner. Quite the turnaround. Did Arizona make up for Nevada? You bet it did! Kudos to Obie for not throwing in the towel.

Over and out.



BOD

This year is the biannual election for the ACC's Board of Directors. BOD members are elected for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2025, and ending August 31, 2027. The BOD meets twice yearly—once online and once in person—to handle the administrative and financial business of the organization.

Any current ACC member in good standing at least eighteen years of age can submit the paperwork to run for the board. (If you think another member should run for the BOD, please contact them directly and encourage them to file the paperwork.)

Candidates must submit an email containing a statement that they wish to run for the BOD, how to print their name on the ballot, ACC number, address, phone number, and a biography (200 words max). Letters and biographies must be sent via email by April 1 to the chair of

the nominating committee, **Megan Player**, at megan@monkeyplayground.net.

In addition, all candidates must submit a high-resolution digital picture for publication in *Cribbage World* by sending it via email to cwed152@gmail.com (do **not** send photos to Megan). Photos (head shot only) should be in sharp focus with no distractions in the background.

Biographies and the ballot will be printed in the May *Cribbage World*. Eligible voters must be at least eighteen years old, have current membership when the ballot is mailed, and have a valid mailing address. Joint members who normally get only one CW will get two in May. And members who normally read *Cribbage World* online will receive a paper copy in May.

Online voting will be available, or paper ballots may be mailed with a postmark no later than May 31. Candidates will be notified by the ACC president after the results have been certified by the VP of Policy. Election results will be published in the July *Cribbage World*. **CW**

Tourney Tidbits



Ninety-three-year-old **Jim Jackson** → (Bandon OR) won the Depoe Bay consolation at the end of December. This was his first win since joining the ACC in the 1980s. He has qualified many times and has almost 2,900 Master Rating Points.

Fourteen-year-old **Peyton Reum** ← gets her first-28, playing at the Emerald Coast Open—her first tournament ever!



Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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It's the twentieth anniversary of the first ACC online tournament to earn IRPs!

Four eCribbage TDs met in Phoenix for a live tourney—me,



Jen, June, and Peg. While Bob Milk was directing the tourney, I interviewed him about the history of online tournaments. Bob was the first internet commissioner (ten years), followed by Tammy Gibbons (six years) and me (four years). Here's what Bob said:

A bunch of us were playing on the old Microsoft Zone. Being on the ACC Board of Directors, I brought the idea to the board twice before they said yes. Paul Barnes was actually the first head of the effort, but stepped down after a couple of months. I volunteered to take it over. We worked with Zone staff to have our own private room for games. We started in August 2004. It was well received by many. At the board meeting in February 2005, we presented the IRP system and were given the green light as well as a small budget for trophies. Other than that, there were no other expenses for the program. The initial reaction from the board was split, but mostly negative. The board approved a trial, which was successful.

The Zone loved the idea, as it brought more gamers to their site. In 2006, the Zone shut down. Next was Game Colony, where I negotiated a no-cost contract that required a link to Game Colony from the ACC site. The next site was eCribbage, hosted by ACC member Damien Blond.

Point Leader of the Month
Ron Shelton (red29rws) @ 193 IRPs

Internet 28-Hands

- Joe Losacco** (joe2win)
- Rhonda Perry** (meme5)
- David Smith** (thecuse5)

Internet Grand Slams

- James Morrow** (29seeker)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	760	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
2	669	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
3	642	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)
4	628	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
5	576	James Morrow (29seeker)
6	549	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
7	538	Basil Rudnick (basil22)
8	531	Nick Severson (ogshmo0)
9	530	William MacMillan (wy001911)
10	518	Brad Henderson (ousooner)



I am proudest of getting ACC eMasters accepted into the TOC.

Many thanks to my dedicated and hard-working TDs. And thanks to eCribbage and Game Colony for allowing us to borrow their sites. I hope all who reach the eMaster level will play live in the TOC in Reno every March—and do well there!

New Members

127 last month

Alaska

Dixie Keil (North Pole)
Becky Newlon (Wasilla)

Arizona

Jim Rogers (Sun City)

California

Judy Avery (Paso Robles)
Ragan Avery (Paso Robles)
Andy Bergman (Santa Rosa)
Elaine Bishop (Lakeport)
Ted Davantzis (Paso Robles)
Lisa Davis (Chula Vista)
Lucia Drake (Sacramento)
Emily Jackson (Anderson)
Brad Jensen (Concord)
Janice Munde (Paso Robles)
Kelsey Potter (Santa Clara)
Lawrence Rosenblum (Sunnyvale)
Naomi Schmitt (Grass Valley)
Janette Sockstader (Long Beach)
Debra Zeisler (Grass Valley)

Colorado

Ellie Brown (Aurora)
Felix "Bud" Brown (Aurora)
Steven Stalcup (Aurora)

Florida

Matthew Capozzi (Ormond Beach)
Charles Cavicchi (Englewood)
Bud Lewis (Nalcrest)
Sandi Norwood (Crestview)
William Norwood (Crestview)
Dietta Villarreal (Tampa)

Georgia

Debra Mollohan (Cumming)
J. W. Mollohan (Cumming)

Idaho

Karyn Wong (Boise)

Illinois

Perry Ganz (Troy)
Jeffrey Potter (Aurora)

Iowa

Geoffery Richards (Des Moines)
Ian Richards-Sterrett (Des Moines)

Kansas

Eric Schroll (Lenexa)

Maine

Gerard Lapierre (Saco)

Maryland

Lee Carr (Millersville)

Massachusetts

Glenn Behmer (Scituate)
Laurie Cheverie (Reading)
Michael Shedd (Bernardston)

Michigan

Mark Jasper (Menominee)
Cindy Smith (Traverse City)
Thomas Smith (Traverse City)
Mary Tulppo (Wells)

Minnesota

Gregg Geske (Chanhausen)
Ryan Jurgenson (Minneapolis)
Martha Kelash (Minneapolis)
Wade Landa (Currie)
Scott Skulstad (Marshall)
Carrie Stiernagle (Marshall)

Missouri

William Draper (Gladstone)

Montana

Patrick Merrill (Miles City)

Nevada

Carolyn Brown (Sparks)
Tiffany Fuchslin (Winnemucca)
Laurie Harris (Las Vegas)

New Hampshire

Thomas Grasso (Dover)
Tim Runnette (Stratham)
Alyson Thompson (Newmarket)

New York

Donald Crocker (Jefferson Valley)
Walter Gilbert (Holley)
John McConville (Pulaski)

North Carolina

Zachariah Brown (Winston-Salem)
David Gunter (Wake Forest)
Nikole Harrington (Wake Forest)
Nicholas Heidenreich (Gastonia)
William Heidenreich (Gastonia)
Joshua Rascati (Sylva)

Ohio

Kelly Brock (Seville)

Oklahoma

Sam Stuart (Sand Springs)

Oregon

Tod Bankston (Klamath Falls)
Amanda Fitzgerald (La Grande)
Jeanne Hallett (Bend)
Jeseka Harrington (Cascade Locks)
Kathleen Harrington (Cascade Locks)
Elaina Junkies (Grants Pass)
Sia Lindstrom (Hillsboro)
Lee Logan (Salem)
Lisa Logan (Salem)
Gavin Smith (La Grande)
Judd Smith (Pacific City)

Tanner Smith (Pacific City)
Benjamin Varney (Grants Pass)
David Wallack (Hillsboro)
Kari Wallack (Hillsboro)
Samantha Wilson (Hermiston)

Pennsylvania

David Sauermech (Eagleville)
Steve A. Taylor (Bryn Mawr)

South Carolina

Ronn Marcelais (Sumter)

South Dakota

Kym Black (Sioux Falls)
Anita Manning (Sioux Falls)
B.J. Manning (Sioux Falls)
Francis "Pete" Peterson (Harrisburg)
Rennae Tietgen (Brandon)

Texas

Darren Klauser (Trophy Club)
Matthew Scott (Princeton)

Vermont

Roger Cardinal (West Dover)
Diane McCormick (West Dover)

Virginia

Toni Aziz (North Chesterfield)
James Bradley (Henrico)
Kristan Vanacore (Virginia Beach)

Washington

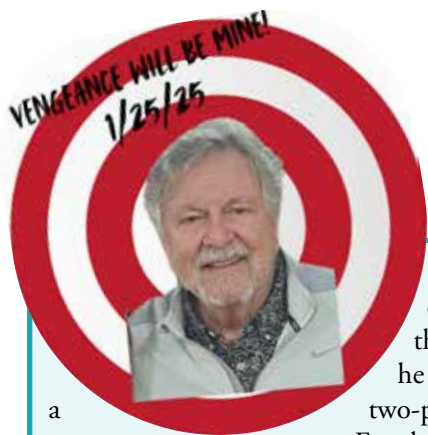
Jane Bissonnette (Seattle)
John Carlson (Shelton)
Sheryl Carlson (Shelton)
Fred Grant (Sequim)
Robert Hopp (Kent)
Sherri Hopp (Kent)
Grant Johnson (Wenatchee)
Steve Pachel (Sequim)
Donald Ross (Cheney)
David J Rush (Tacoma)
Tanner Sones (Wenatchee)
Ross Welker (Walla Walla)

Wisconsin

Sarah Brandner (Medford)
Mary Brenholt (Eau Claire)
Samuel Emerson (Greendale)
Scott Hipsher (Iron River)
Mike Hudack (Iron River)
Carolan Johnson (Eau Claire)
Terry Johnson (Brule)
Jill Kinney (Madison)
Kenneth Kurszewski (Fitchburg)
Brian Melendez (Stanley)
Kay Minesal (Manitowoc)
Kurt Sorensen (Mount Pleasant)
Pam Stoll (Algoma)

Wyoming


Tom Dvorak (Cheyenne)
Allison Gapter (Guernsey)



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

Thank you to those who sent email with such encouraging words, urging me to keep writing these articles. Except for **John Quist**. Apparently, he is ready to expand his world travel column into a two-page spread! [*Editor's note: see page 14*]

For those who have been reading since the beginning: one year ago, I traveled to Henderson NV. And I finished second to **William Eilers** in the consolation.

I taped a picture of Bill  to my mirror to remind myself of the man who denied me a championship trophy. Every day it motivated me to get better, to practice my cuts, perfect my shuffle, improve my game face. A year of training in the books, and I was off to Henderson for some unfinished business. I was determined to improve.

Of course, to play in the consolation you can't win the main. It wasn't easy, but I managed to find myself signing up to play the consy after getting knocked out of the main playoffs.

I saw Bill, but played it cool. I didn't want him to know I was about to knock him out of the soon-to-be-played consolation. He walked up, and then right on by—and right out the door. I guess that's what happens when you get knocked out of the main playoffs and we are already three games into the consolation!


So much for revenge. Change of plans: I will have to find someone new to take Bill's place.

Step 1. Qualify. Check: I qualified second

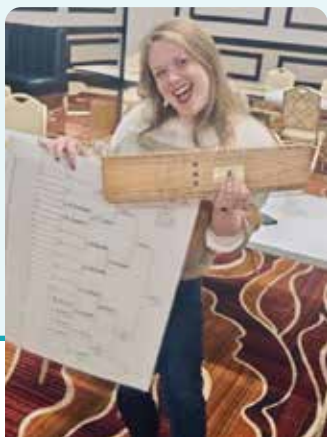
Step 2 . Win playoff rounds. Check: I'm into the finals; so far so good.

Step 3. Replace Bill. Check: **Carol Williams** is looking mighty nice. 

Step 4. Finish some business. Check: in a fun, close, three-game match, can you believe I was lucky enough to

win the consolation?  I got position, had good cuts, and Carol flat out said: "This is our last deal, Kat, so you better go out." And out I went! Thanks, Carol, for dealing so well!

Join me next month as I begin traveling the world with **Maria Quist**: "Maria and Kat's Excellent Adventure" begins!



CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John Maria

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Castles, palaces, and “happily ever after” fairy tales. While recovering from Oktoberfest, Maria and I visited some Bavarian castles and palaces. Kings, queens, jacks, and probably a few jokers, walked the halls of these royal estates. During our European travels, we have seen evidence of cribbage being played in English and French royal palaces. While we didn’t find any evidence of cribbage in these Bavarian castles, it was highly probable it was there. Royal families throughout Europe married into the British and French royal families, using Game of Thrones alliance tactics, so cribbage likely came along with those new husbands and wives.

One castle of particular interest to us was Neuschwanstein Castle, built for King Ludwig II at the end of the nineteenth century. While it looks medieval in design, it was built with all the most advanced technology of the time: electricity, phones, central vacuum system, and the newest construction technique—cement and steel frame. The overall design attracted the attention of a young Walt Disney. Walt loved it so much that he modeled the Sleeping Beauty Castle at the entrance of Disneyland after it (along with the Disney logo). Later, the movie *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* was filmed on site.

As almost all Disney movies do, the movie had a “happily ever after” ending. King Ludwig II, on the other hand, had a Game of Thrones ending. He was found drowned in a nearby lake. Since the lake was only three feet deep, most cribbage players can figure out that foul play must have been involved. Luckily for me, my fairy tale ending was a little better than King Ludwig’s. I managed to win two of three games against Queen Maria. And I’m still alive to talk about it!

John and Maria visited many castles in Bavaria, a state in southeastern Germany, including Hohenschwangau and Linderhof (on page 14) and Neuschwanstein (below)—the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty Castle in Disneyland. ↓





SANCTIONED

Tournaments **MRPs**

as of February 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1591	Erik Locke	1	1539	Jim Mahan	1	915	Robert Medeiros
2	1128	Bob Brumley	2	1097	Terry Weber	2	796	David Statz
3	832	Bob Bartosh	3	772	Scott Sand	3	762	Phil Martin
4	718	Paul Gregson	4	634	Steven Steinmetz	4	713	Peter Legendre
5	664	Peggy Shea	5	627	David Aiello	5	563	Jerry Hardy
6	662	Sara Sanner	6	588	Cynthia Wark	6	538	Frank Abernathy
7	630	Bill Schlabas	7	515	Jeff Shimp	7	521	Terrance Cushman
8	602	James Morrow	8	467	Dan Sand	8	515	Stephen Dugas
9	601	Dave Yaeger	9	425	Allen Karr	9	513	Mark Soule
10	587	Jason Shumate	10	422	Emilio Perez	10	505	Donna LaFleur
11	547	Don Thienel	11	420	James McCarty	11	453	Mary Burlington
11	547	Duane Toll	12	410	Dan Taylor	12	450	Kendra Munkacsy
13	543	Richard Shea	13	406	Larry Leidenheimer	13	436	Barry Spadea
14	483	Peter Jackson	14	401	James Huser	14	418	Robert Baker
15	472	James Clark	15	388	Al Pernicek	15	402	Debra Cotter
16	469	Chris McComas	16	385	Wendy Yafuso	16	353	Jack Howsare
17	468	Darlene Stier	17	379	Peter Christensen	17	335	Frank Reddy
18	438	Michael Crume	18	368	Steve Scadden	18	320	Marty Duchow
19	431	David Bute	19	362	Rick Kuehn	19	318	Paige Thomas
20	408	Bryan Gurden	20	337	Haley Hintze	20	302	Mike Fetchel
21	402	Scott Bartosh	21	333	Bob Kiley	20	302	Larry Phifer
22	395	Ray Klocko	22	330	Jason Matheny	22	296	William Shoemaker
23	391	Rick Baird	23	303	Marsha Mahan	23	288	Steven Braley
24	386	Carol Williams	24	298	Jeff Machovsky	24	287	Barbara Barbour
25	375	Bernie Nelson	25	285	Donald Curry	25	285	Laurie Hardy
26	372	Craig Smith	26	276	Marlene Lazachek	26	284	Jack Silvia
27	362	Bobby Ramelow	27	272	Gene Biegler	27	282	Keith Widener
28	347	Eric Boysen	28	271	Henry Brandner	28	281	Eric Davis
29	345	Jones Hom	29	270	Arthur Loveland	29	279	Barri Gehrand
30	344	Terry Hatto	30	266	Lewis Gurney	30	276	Deborah Taylor
31	340	Kat Hartsell	31	262	Don Pohlman	31	266	Dan Routhier
32	336	Ivan Wells	32	261	John Hazlett	32	264	Donald Janelle
33	321	Cy Madrone	33	260	Ed May	33	258	Mike Misluk
34	320	Lori Boyer	34	242	Edward Balcer	34	255	Joseph Bowen
35	319	Obie Weeks	35	230	Daniel Pluff	35	251	Joe Zimmitti
36	312	Pete Larsen	36	226	Richard Frost	36	239	Richard Crosby
37	310	Jennifer Bolles	37	225	Clay Collier	37	234	Bruce Sattler
38	305	Wayne Morris	38	220	Sheila Vojtech	38	226	Paul Batterson
39	304	Jason Ramelow	39	210	Matt Klar	39	223	Frank Bogus Jr
40	303	Marcia Glenn	40	209	Troy Thorson	39	223	Vicki Soule
41	302	Jeanne Jelke	41	207	Robert Chase	41	220	Carlyle Foss
41	302	Bob Prochnow	42	205	Chad Loupee	42	213	Rick Montague
43	299	Joe Gates	43	204	Dan Selke	43	208	Bonnie Fife
44	291	Bill Klem	44	201	Frank Duresky	43	208	Stephanie George
45	288	William Eilers	45	198	William Stacey	45	207	Adam Sarmanian
46	283	William O'Malley	46	192	Lana Newhouse	46	201	Michael Burnham
47	278	Alan Talacek	47	187	Darlene Anderst	47	189	David Fournier
48	277	Frank Hanson	47	187	Wayne Steinmetz	48	188	Jack Chandler
49	265	Brenda Nason	49	182	Kathie Nordlund	49	185	Michael D'Elena
50	261	Dick Lind	50	177	Dave DeVowe	50	184	Todd Smith
			50	177	Pat Liegl			

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Rick Shea 707.599.4605 31for14@gmail.com	Patrick Barrett 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	Mark Soule 207.442.9001 soule1994@comcast.net

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

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)
entry form at cribbage.org

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, Hang Town Open
 Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Dr, Placerville CA 95667. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

MA ♦ Mar. 21, New England Festival
 Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mike D'Elena

WI ♦ Mar. 21–23, Mick Michaelis Classic
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

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

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

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AZ ♦ Mar. 22–23, Arizona Screaming Eagles
Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Cir, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

MA ♦ Mar. 22–23, New England Festival
Knight of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Joe Bowen

CA ♦ Mexican Riviera Cruise Doubleheader
NCL <i>Bliss</i> , departing Los Angeles CA. TD: Winona & Michael McDaniel (541.525.1292)
Mar. 24, Mexican Riviera Cruise #1
Mar. 28–29, Mexican Riviera Cruise #2

CT ♦ Mar. 29, Blarney Stone Battle
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Barbara Barbour

OR ♦ Mar. 29–30, Kirks Ferry Challenge
Kirk's Ferry Trading Post, 217 W Bishop Way, Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Bob Simpson

MN ♦ Apr. 4–6, April Fools Challenge
Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

OR ♦ Oregon Coast Cluster
American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 98374
Apr. 5–6, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial TD: Pete & Junko Larsen (503.724.0605)
Apr. 7–8, Spring Fling TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
Apr. 10–11, Alsea River Open TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen
Apr. 11–13, Dean Bauman Memorial TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

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

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

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

WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader
American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim & Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)
Apr. 12, Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge
Apr. 13, Wyoming Spring Roundup

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

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

MT ♦ Magic City Doubleheader
Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Greg Dibble
Apr. 19–20, Magic City
Apr. 21–22, Montana Trailhead

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

CA ♦ Humboldt Doubleheader
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Tom Cookman (707.599.6747) & Sheryl Brekke
May 2, Humboldt Bay One Day
May 2–4, Humboldt Bay Classic

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

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

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS BY
TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**

**Depoe Bay Challenge:
\$30 to ACC Youth Cribbage**

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 ♦ Barnyard Doubleheader

May 24, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

May 25, After the Barnyard

Obie Weeks's home, 81 Via Larga Vista, Bonsall CA 92003. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Pam Pomeroy

MT ♦ Montana Quadrupleheader

May 27–29, Rex Paddock Memorial

Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Karl Paddock

May 30–June 1, Capital City Roundup

Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

June 3–5, Copper City Classic Roundup

East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

June 6–8, Territorial Prison Classic

Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Dave Hayden

CT ♦ May 31, Cribbage in May

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

WA ♦ May 31–June 1, Mount Rainier Open

Dumas Bay Center, 3200 SW Dash Point Rd, Federal Way WA 98023. TD: Dave Liesse (253.343.3445) & Kyle Schumacher

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

OR ♦ June 7, Oregon Trail Open

Pioneer Villa Truck Plaza, 33180 OR-228 (exit 216), Halsey OR 97348. TD: Jack Lien (609.658.5168) & Julia Schewanick

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

more tournament details at cribbage.org

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

NV ♦ June 27–29, Independence Day Classic
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Rick Baird

MA ♦ June 29, Boston Summa Special
Irish American Club, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

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

CO ♦ MVP Doubleheader

VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80536. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

July 12, MVP Summer Sizzler #1

July 13, MVP Summer Sizzler #2

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DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

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40 Years Ago

The front cover announced the formalization of the Master, Grand Master, and Life Master awards. At that time, with the MRP system having been in place for approximately five seasons, the only cribbage Master was **Robert “Mick” Michaelis**, with **Scott Kouistra** at #2.



25 Years Ago

The cover announced **Greg Schleusner** (then of Truckee CA, now of Dallas OR) as winner of what is still the largest cribbage tournament ever played—the 1,091-player ACC Open. In the inimitable words of then-CW-editor DeLynn Colvert, **“Jack Howsare** (VA) smoked the field with a great 40/18 +366 to easily take qualifying honors.” **Darlene Stier** (AK) held the event’s only 29-hand. And **Phyllis Roderick** (CA) won the TOC, and here’s how CW reported it: ➔

Phyllis Roderick (CA) won the TOC...and \$8,000. She was very fortunate to get by her first-round playoff game with Paul Hatcher (OR). The first two games of the match, Hatcher needed but FOUR points, with first count, to win. Both times he scored THREE!

Youth News

from Don “Grumpy” Howard

Youth Results

Sierra Youth Tourney (February 8)

champion & high qualifier—**Angelina Villalobos** (Paradise CA; age 16)

2nd place—**Tyden Shupe** (Smartsville CA; age 15)

consy champ: **Liam Brightling** (Chico CA; age 17)

2nd place: **Nina Plowman** (Chico CA; age 16)

Youth Tournament Trail

March 15 ♦ Ready Springs Youth Tourney (Penn Valley CA) ← **PROMO ON PAGE 37**

April 19 ♦ VFW Youth Tourney (Sacramento CA)

June 28 ♦ Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV)

July 24 ♦ New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS



Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown, longtime member of Club 34 in Denver, died suddenly on January 13. He was club champion in 2018 and had earned his Bronze Award. He had a grand slam in 2019 and multiple 28-hands. Club 34 members had many positive things to say about him: "Bobby made me a better cribbage player. . . . Amazing man of integrity, fun to be around. . . . So kind and joyful. . . . Welcoming and light-hearted. . . . The very nicest! Caring, smiling, wonderful. . . . Always so good to me. . . . Thankful I got to play him. . . . A vigorous, positive man. . . . His friendliness and generosity were very disarming. . . . He contributed to my charitable project. . . . Very competitive and clever, but always played fair. . . . Frequently talked about his children and grandchildren. . . . He was still playing softball and skiing at age 77. . . . Truly special. . . . Always a smile, always a kind word, always asking about your life. . . . It was more than a cribbage game for him, it was a connection. . . . We're all crying!"



Richard Dacey

Richard Dacey (Goldston NC) died unexpectedly in his sleep on January 11. Born in Boston in 1953, he was the youngest of eight children, all of whom played cribbage. He bragged he was taught cribbage by his oldest brother at age five. He began playing tournament cribbage in 1975 at the second National Open. He became a charter member of the ACC, continually playing ACC tournaments through September 2024. He won three ACC tournaments. Richard was known for his storytelling and little known facts.

Louise L. Hardy

On November 11, Box Car Peggery Club 371 (Citrus Heights CA) lost one of our players. Louise Hardy was 97 years old and joined the ACC in 2002. A former member of Club 142 in Chico, she joined Box Car Peggery in 2021 when she began living with her daughter, ACC member Karen Lyon. She loved to greet players as they entered the room, and she always had a smile for everyone. But don't be fooled by that, as Louise was a tough adversary. She had a little green turtle that she used to intimidate her opponents. Louise had one grand slam and had earned her Bronze Award. She was loved by everyone and will be missed.



Irving Peyser

Nibs & Nobs Club 175 in Bridgewater NJ is sad to note the passing on February 5 of one of our great players, Irving Peyser (Mountain Lakes NJ), at age 83. Dr. Peyser, a graduate of Brandeis University and the University of Vermont, completed his residency in surgery at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx NY in 1972 and was a pioneering surgeon who completed the first successful laparoscopic surgery in New Jersey. He served in the Army Reserve at Valley Forge Hospital. An avid exerciser, adhering to the Royal Canadian Air Force program even in his last days, he incorporated sporting activities into all of his family vacations. After retirement he had a weekly routine of bridge, cribbage, Scrabble, and poker at casinos in Atlantic City and Pennsylvania. He leaves behind a loving family and many cherished friends. Our club will miss his playing, laughter, and good humor.

Robert Stritzinger

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