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Membership secretary Brenda Nason reports that the ACC has some almost famous players in our member database. Have you played any of these celebs?!



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All eligible voters get a copy of this CW because it contains the BOD ballot. This means joint members will receive **two** CWs. Don't panic—next month you will be back to one issue.



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ACC membership odometer

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as of March 31

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Ask Ivan! One day you wake up and decide: we need a Grass Roots club in our area. Maybe it's another club within the same city but at a different day/time to draw attention to retirees who can't drive at night or to folks who work during the weekdays; or maybe there isn't a club within an hour's drive. Whatever your reason, you ask: "James? How do I start this?"

And I say, "Go ask Ivan!"

In all seriousness, we have great resources on our website *but* the first thing on your list should be to find six players to attend your club. Then you need to decide if you want to play six games at club or nine. There are benefits to both. Find a venue that suits your needs. If you are starting with six players, the venue doesn't need to be large. It could even begin at someone's house!

If you are using a restaurant or place of business that serves food or beverages, let them know that having an event in their facility will be a win-win situation, as cribbage players like to eat and have beverages.

Now that you have a place to play and six or more players, look in the area for a newspaper that lists local weekly events. Normally they are free, and the internet has several options, from Facebook to Meet Up. But be prepared to grow as people see the ads you put in your local paper, on local community boards, at your local senior center, or even on social media. The summer months are the best time to bring new players into organized cribbage. It is the time to help them with their game play and get used to the ACC format. The official Grass Roots season is September 1 to May 31, when a player can earn points toward becoming the best player of their club and start earning their Bronze Award.

Now it's time to gather some playing cards and long boards. Printable scorecards are available on the Grass Roots website, and if you have trouble finding long boards, contact **Ivan Wells** for real this time.

The most important question remains: what will your new club be named? If you have more questions or want to discuss whether or not it is time to start your own, I am always available by email at **the29seeker@yahoo.com**.

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.

Your Deal



Letters to CW will be printed on a space-available basis and may be condensed or edited for clarity and length (150 words maximum). Send letters to cwed152@gmail.com or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404. Please include your name, city, and state.

In Memory of Russ Bemis

I'm sending you this donation for the youth cribbage to honor **Russ Bemis** (MT-662), my brother. His cribbage club in Missoula (#347) meant a lot to him. When I looked him up, I saw he went out at the top of his game. Whenever I called him on the phone, he always mentioned cribbage, so I think this gift in his name will allow others to find the joy Russ felt, interacting with others, in a competitive spirit. Thank you.

Steve Carroll (Novato CA)



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 May!

90—**Barry Rockwell** (CA)

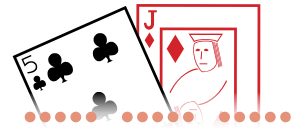
80—**Bob Stone** (MT)

70—**John Schafer** (MI)

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	101-74 (57.7%)	✓ 77-42 (64.7%)	108-91 (54.3%)
biggest win	+49 vs. Karen Holdstock (OR) @ Club 12	✓ +56 vs. Kevin Post (MN) @ Club 240	+43 vs. Mayland Champion (MA) @ New England Festival
worst loss	-64 vs Adrian Levy (CA) @ Topaz Lake	-50 vs. Jim Hogan (MN) @ Club 240	✓ -39 vs. Jim Sullivan (MA) @ New England Festival

My Deal

by David Aiken



Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nic**e

One point! Sometimes a single point is all that separates victory from defeat. In two recent tournaments, I encountered both the nadir and the zenith of cribbage.

Kat Hartsell reported in the January *Cribbage World* (page 38) how she beat me by one point in the final game of the Grand National midweek main. That win would have qualified me with a 28-point scorecard and, who knows, maybe I would've won it!

Three month later, I was playing in the Rod Hovey Memorial in Kalamazoo MI. This was a brand new tourney in honor of longtime ACC member and club director **Rod Hovey**, and I was excited to be there along with eighteen clubmates.

I started well, with a skunk and a win. But then I managed to lose five games in a row, virtually sinking my chances of qualifying in a twelve-game tourney.

Sidenote for everyone who says never start a tournament with a skunk: keep reading!

I won games eight and nine, but in game ten I faced a familiar foe—clubmate **Jerri Halicki**. Jerri held eight of the ten points she needed, and I managed to keep her on the board. Between hand and crib, I had enough points to seal a one-point victory.

I won my last two games, turned in a 15/7 +51 scorecard, and then waited to find out if I qualified.

Good news: I qualified (second from the bottom)! Bad news: I would face Jerri in the first round! To paraphrase Forrest Gump: I know what revenge is, so I was expecting a beatdown. Instead I got much better cards than Jerri did. And then I did the same thing against my next three opponents. And then I won the tourney!

Long story short: if I don't win the one-point game against Jerri, I don't even qualify for the playoffs—just as one point kept me out of the GN midweek. Moral of the story: every point counts, and sometimes one-point victories are the sweetest!

Sidenote for everyone who says never start a tournament with a skunk: read the above!

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	
David Aiken Coopersville, MI MI-885					
ACC#	MI-885	Seat#	50		
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number	
1	0	16	JD	49	
2	3	02	RWA	51	
3	0	07	BT	39	
19	0	16	BT	41	
20	0	03	V.CK	43	
21	0	01	KAT	45	
Total Game Points	26	(+) 234 (-) 121	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0		
Games Won	12	NET POINTS (+/-)	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.		
		+113	Signature <i>David Aiken</i>		

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD					
Name DAVID AIKEN					
ACC#	MI-855	Seat#	R-4		
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number	
1	3	43	DAF	R3	
2	2	25	DAC	R-5	
3	0	03	JB	R-7	
4	0	19	BT	9	
5	0	27	BM	R-11	
6	0	14	MS	R13	
7	0	04	VD	R15	
8	2	14	SB	R15	
9	2	09	WJ	R12	
10	2	01	JH	R10	
11	2	15	SN	R-8	
12	2	11	UB	R10	
Total Game Points	15	(+) 118 (-) 67	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0		
Games Won	7	NET POINTS (+/-)	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.		
		+51	Signature <i>David Aiken 2-8-25</i>		

Multigenerational Cribbage • by Melissa Bierenga



One of my duties as a school librarian is to offer extracurricular activities that help students learn new skills. My personal goal is to do so while connecting them with different generations. It is important to me that students are part of a community that is of varying ages but with common interests.

I have offered many clubs before—Origami Club, Lego Club, Poetry Club—but many students had never heard of cribbage. My husband and I play every night, so I thought that Cribbage Club would be the perfect way to introduce students to an old game that involves so many mathematical concepts.

I planned an after-school club that would take place over six weeks in 2023. The first few weeks would involve learning the basics of the game, and the last few weeks would allow for competition between students. Fourteen students signed up, and I started teaching them the basics.

I wondered if there was a group of seasoned players who could play against us on our last week, so I googled “cribbage league in Kalamazoo” and a random name popped up: **Rod Hovey**. [*Editor’s note: see March 2024 Cribbage World, pages 6–7.*] I sent an email wondering if his club would be interested in meeting up for a tournament. He was thrilled to be able to help, so we planned a tournament in December 2023.

Ten players came from Kalamazoo Club 321 to our school’s library, ↓ and students had one hour to play against as many seasoned players as possible. I will never forget the first question one of Rod’s club members asked me: “Do we have to be nice?” I responded: “Absolutely not!” The students were pretty confident in their skills . . . but Rod’s crew showed them that they had a lot to learn.

It was an incredible opportunity for our students. When we offered Cribbage Club a second time, eighteen students joined, and we had just as much fun playing against Rod’s club for our second tournament. We are hopeful that this can be an ongoing partnership between Kalamazoo Christian students and Club 321 members.

For me, my school’s Cribbage Club is so much more than teaching students cribbage. It is about bringing two different generations together to share common interests, to learn from one another, and to spend quality (screenless) time together. I believe that this is what God wants our communities to look like, and I will forever be grateful to Rod for replying to my email and helping me build this multigenerational community.

Editor’s note: Melissa is the media center and academic enrichment coordinator at Kalamazoo Christian Elementary/Middle School. I met her at the Rod Hovey Memorial in Kalamazoo MI on February 8, when we played in the last game of the main. When she told me why she was playing her very first tournament that day, I asked her to write up the story because I wanted ACC players to know (a) how important multigenerational cribbage is and (b) how valuable a role ACC members can serve in cribbage settings *outside* of clubs and tournaments. We need more Melissas—and more Rods—in our organization!



GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

official GRPs only, as of 4/17

Division 1 →

rank	GRPs name (club)
1	374 Thomas Beucler (388)
2	333 Scott Bartosh (600)
3	287 Dwight Christiansen (382)
4	286 Timothy Julkowski (377)
5	282 Peter Setian (72)
6	281 Terry Greenawald (127)
7	278 Jack Puleo (308)
8	276 Dennis Ulberg (284)
9	274 David Fournier (22)
9	274 Duane Schubauer (96)
11	271 Terry Hatto (261)
12	269 Bernard Brentar (390)
13	267 Frank Corrado (26)
13	267 Duane Toll (62)
15	266 Paul Dysart (251)
15	266 Dave Elliott (284)
15	266 Scott Milo (440)
18	259 Bryan Gurden (400)
18	259 Jeremy Krieger (46)
20	258 Scott Sand (94)
21	254 Eric Lemay (375)
21	254 William O'Malley (46)
23	251 George Wangen (108)
24	249 Paul Mauel (25)
24	249 Pierre Olivier (257)
26	248 Robert Donovan (219)
27	247 Allen Karr (61)
28	246 Bradley Gronli (430)
28	246 Chris McComas (426)
30	245 Monica Newton (127)
31	243 Dave Otte (393)
32	242 Wayne Steinmetz (6)
33	241 James Ravenscroft (175)
34	239 Daulph Plummer (354)
35	238 Alan Lindner (215)
36	236 Kirk Hobbs (314)
36	236 Shaun Wilford (190)
38	235 David Aiello (197)
38	235 Verdell Brand (96)
38	235 Margaret Christensen-D. (600)
41	233 Mike Fetchel (26)
42	232 Robert Lenz (445)
43	231 Patricia Felcyn (277)
44	230 John Healey (368)
45	229 Jerry Miller (3)
46	227 Kurt Rosenberg (295)
46	227 Reuben Sufka (94)
48	226 Vic Sever (261)
49	224 Robert Medeiros (104)
49	224 Tad Pilecki (374)

rank GRPs name (club)

51	223 J.J. Stansfield (164)
51	223 Andy Wagner (58)
53	222 Steven Braley (361)
54	221 Dennis Crooks (408)
54	221 Scott Haley (72)
56	220 Sheri Howard (204)
56	220 Jim Maffa (104)
56	220 Nancy Rojas (162)
56	220 Valerie Sumner (11)
60	219 William Eilers (360)
60	219 Daniel Minesal (6)
60	219 Daniel Pluff (240)
63	218 Hans Anderson (382)
63	218 Mayland Champion (109)
63	218 William Cormier (104)
63	218 Sandy Sands (25)
67	217 Gary Chamberlain (306)
68	216 Mark Cochran (34)
68	216 Denny Denend (243)
68	216 K.C. Dors (198)
68	216 Artland Kaai (164)
72	215 Garrett Van Scyoc (100)
72	215 Ken Varner (419)
72	215 Phillip Whitehouse (295)
75	213 Jeff Shimp (229)
75	213 Lou Tousignant (368)
77	212 Brett Brunner (240)
77	212 Carlyle Elliott (454)
77	212 Olivia Kelley (6)
77	212 Veronica Klaas (399)
81	211 Jean Bidegare (22)
81	211 Walter Howell (127)

Division 4 →

1	219 Rhonda Perry (336)
2	210 David Bute (433)
3	204 Brad Seger (39)
4	201 John Mealy (118)
5	196 Steve Colgan (467)
6	195 Paul Gregson (54)
7	192 Rich Ekman (395)
8	179 Richard Shea (194)
9	177 Ken Nelson (211)
10	174 Rob Palmer (38)
11	172 Willie Evans (39)
11	172 Bruce Gorkowski (211)
11	172 Linda Johnson (156)
14	170 Pete Davis (465)
14	170 Roger Hall (142)
16	169 Mary Alice Russell (439)
16	169 Steve Sundet (433)
18	168 Erik Locke (28)

Division 1 = 3,078 players ♦ Division 4 = 678 players



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

GrassRoots *Awards*

GOLD

James K. Falzone-Cardinal
(Springfield MA), 72

John G. Goe (Puyallup WA), 243

David Zeiner (Sacramento CA), 162

SILVER

Carolyn Balmer (WA), 415

Raymond Burns (OR), 62

Don Grumpy Howard (CA), 306

BRONZE

Steve W. Aho (MI), 368

Michael J. Becker (MA), 104

Craig Bennett (MI), 300

Randy D. DeMars (WI), 284

Gary Grote (MN), 399

Howard Hanson (WA), 426

John McKenna (MA), 104

Tim Royston (MT), 25

Reiner Talmel (NV), 11

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Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI)—club director **Patrick Barrett** gets a 29-hand (his first ever!) *and* a grand slam the same night!

Jackson Peggars Club 332 (Jackson MI): **Jo Moore** had a pearl necklace on April 2. Here she is receiving her award from fellow members **Dave Bosio** and **Lyle DeMouplied**.



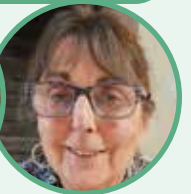
Grand Slams

Terry Volkman (Club 177 in Anchorage AK)

Dave Schultz (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)

Paula Abele (Club 454 in Land o' Lakes FL)

~ if Paula looks familiar, it's because she also won the 2024 GN consy! ~



GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Black Hills Club 96 (Rapid City SD)—old timer **Wes Hall** presents **Les White** with a trophy for winning our GRNT, now known as the first annual Wes Hall Classic.



28-Hands

Steve Painter (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)
 Paul Dysart (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)
 Joanne Hampton Club 285 in Portland OR)
 Beryl O'Brien (Club 308 in Centerville MA)
 Fran Shea (Club 308 in Centerville MA)
 Lyle DeMoulied (Club 332 in Jackson MI)
 Derek Murchie (Club 346 in Cherokee NC)
 Alex Farris (Club 382 in Chicago IL)
 Joyce Eisenberg (Club 438 in King of Prussia PA)
 Russell Utley (Club 451 in West Valley City UT)
 Greg Winkle (Club 454 in Land o' Lakes FL)
 Paul Kane (Club 464 Plainville MA)
 Richard Rudio (Club 427 in Laurel MT) ↓
 ~ gets his 28-hand during the club's GRNT ~

Club 130 (Rochester NY)—**Ruth Vienneau**, 91 years young, gets a 28-hand on March 28. There's a reason her cribbage nickname is Ruthless!



more
 Grass Roots
 stories next
 month



My mom and dad taught me how to play cribbage. They had me count hands numerous times before using a cribbage board, which I strongly recommend when introducing the game to others. I joined the ACC almost thirty years ago. My cribbage mentor is

Brett Brunner
 (South Saint Paul MN)
 Gold #240

my dad, who was president of the Saint Paul cribbage league for many years. A member of Club 240 in Roseville MN, I've never been club champion, but I've finished second more times

than I can count. HOF-er Jerry Gruber caught a 24-hand on the last game of the season to beat me out one year! Jerry Gruber and Norby Upton were the two people I enjoyed playing the most. They were great cribbage players and even better personalities. My claim to cribbage

fame was a three-week period at club where I had a grand slam the first week, my first 29-hand the next week, and then another grand slam in week three! I also had dealt to me at club a hand that is harder than getting a 29-hand: 9-10-J-Q-K-A—all in Hearts! I am a huge Vikings, Twins, and Timberwolves fan; I also enjoy other card games and pool.

ACC Grass Roots Official Scorecard					
Date	3/18/25 ACC# AM385		Seatt# 3		
Name	Peter Setian				
City			State		
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)		Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	2	29		JC	4
2	2	03		YFB	1
3	3	43		B	7
4	2	03		FB	11
5	3	31		BM	20
6	2	06		AFI	10
7	2	15		OB	6
8	2	21		Qu	2
9	2	07		NA	5
Total Game Points	20	158	Games Points: Win 2, Skank 3, Loss 0.		
Games Won	9	Net Points (+/-) +155	Player must verify totals and sign below		
Signature Peter Setian					

Club 72 (Indian Orchard MA): on March 18, two players were both going for grand slams. In the battle of the titans, **Peter Setian** beat **Alan Towne** by seven points in game nine!

ACC Grass Roots Official Scorecard					
Date	3/18 ACC# 2978		Seatt# 5		
Name	Alan Towne				
City	Westport		State MA		
Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)		Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	2	10		OB	6
2	2	07		CW	2
3	3	43		YFB	1
4	2	14		Set	9
5	2	15		PL	13
6	2	06		AK	12
7	2	01		SK	8
8	2	12		JC	4
9	-	-	07	TH	3
Total Game Points	17	108	07	Games Points: Win 1, Skank 3, Loss 0.	
Games Won	8	Net Points (+/-) +101	Player must verify totals and sign below		
Signature Alan Towne					



Colebrook Cribbage Cohorts Club 219 (Columbia NH)—**Mary Tichy** scored a 28-hand on April 4—her first at club. She also scored seven 24-hands in two back-to-back weeks!

Club 267 (Yuma AZ) finished its season on March 19. **Mike Watson** was the champ (again!). Since the first of the year, three members had 28-hands: **Leroy Zahn**, **Jerry Blackman**, and **John Garman**.

GRASS ROOTS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Does your club director make club fun, friendly, and inclusive?

Do they keep everyone organized and statistics up to date?

Does your director deserve to be named **Grass Roots Club Director of the Year**?

Let us know what makes them special.

Nominate them by going to **cribbage.org** and clicking the “clubs” tab.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to “Site Links”

Click on “GR Director of the Year,” which will take you to the nomination form.

Fill out the form and click “submit.”

Entries will be accepted until July 31, 2025.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Northern California Open (Redding CA; 2/28)	Jeanne Jelke	54 players HQ. Robert Zahn (45) 1. Larry Leidenheimer (105) 2. Doug Dresbach (70) 3. Anna Dunn (42) 3. Robert Zahn (42)	32 players HQ. Carole Herron (24) 1. Jeanne Jelke (40) 2. Richard Shea (24) 3. Haley Hintze (12) 3. Wayne Momsen (12)	28-hand: Erik Locke*	Canadian Doubles: Charlene Cohen & Ronnie Murakami Saturday: Larry Leidenheimer
Susanville Winter Classic (Susanville CA; 3/3)	Jeanne Jelke	44 players HQ. Jim Mahan (50) 1. Keith Widener (105) 2. Bernie Nelson (70) 3. Ray Klocko (42) 3. Al Pernicek (42)	35 players HQ. Carole Herron (9) 1. Edward Balcer (60) 2. Carole Herron (40) 3. Jeanne Jelke (24) 3. Todd Malmgren (24)	28-hand: Peter Jackson*	Early Bird: Darlene Stier Canadian Doubles: Ray Klocko & Bill Schlabes Tuesday: Jennifer Bolles
JPW/ACC Open (Reno NV; 3/7)	Rick & Peggy Shea	388 players HQ. David Aiello (90) 1. Brian Bell-Irving (302) 2. Constance Bennett (235) 3. Kevin Harris (176) 3. Bernie Nelson (176) 5. Rick Baird (126) 5. Winona McDaniel (126) 5. Michael Wertz (126) 5. Carol Williams (126) 9. David Aiello (84) 9. James Bishop (84) 9. Laurie Kenny (84) 9. Marsha Mahan (84) 9. Lonardo Resendez (84) 9. Peter Seitan (84) 9. Peggy Shea (84) 9. Wendy Yafuso (84)	288 players HQ. Robert Chase (25) 1. Scott Sand (173) 2. Al Pernicek (134) 3. Arland Kaal (101) 3. Chris Kim (101) 5. Terrance Cushman (72) 5. Arne Gallagher (72) 5. Julia Schewanick (72) 5. Ted Lee Southland (72) 9. Michelle Gryka (48) 9. Michael Hagan (48) 9. Peter Jackson (48) 9. Leaf Kaboli (48) 9. Kai Lemrise (48) 9. Steven Macomber (48) 9. Jason Matheny (48) 9. Sandy Sands (48)	28-hands: Michelle Black* Bob Brumley* Leaf Kaboli* Brad Seger* Sandy Denmark William Eilers Paul Reid Brad Seger	Canadian Doubles: Bob McMahon & Steve Suda TOC: Larry Leidenheimer Cribbage Bowl: LaSharr Noel

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Topaz Winter Wonderland 2025 (Gardnerville NV; 3/9)	Bev Castillo	55 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (55) 1. John Quist (105) 2. Gordon Dakin (70) 3. Charles Booker (42) 3. Haley Hintze (42)	28 players HQ. Dave Yaeger (15) 1. Dave Yaeger (40) 2. Neal Henning (24) 3. Jim Mahan (12) 3. Maria Quist (12)		Early Bird: Carol Williams Canadian Doubles: Jennifer Bolles & Emilio Perez Mid-Roller: Bryan Gurden
Northwest Open (Baker City OR; 3/14)	Pat Reynolds	22 players HQ. Sue Anderson (30) 1. Wes Du Mont (70) 2. Les Sissel (42) 3. Sue Anderson (21) 3. Tom Wilson (21)	14 players HQ. Patty Vowell (12) 1. Todd Malmgren (24) 2. Patty Vowell (12) 3. Paige Gacayan (4) 3. Rob Palmer (4)	28-hand: Jan Blevins*	Early Bird: Rob Palmer Canadian Doubles: Charlene Cohen & Ronnie Murakami
Wine Country Spring Open (Napa CA; 3/15)	Roland Hall	53 players HQ. Dennis Morin (40) 1. Bill Schlabes (105) 2. Paul Gregson (70) 3. Dennis Morin (42) 3. Dave Yaeger (42)	28 players HQ. Peter Jackson (21) 1. Peter Jackson (40) 2. Cres Fernandez (24) 3. Jackie Doppelt (12) 3. Dick Lind (12)	28-hand: Craig Rothbach*	
Pat Llewellyn's Corned Beef & Cribbage (Woonsocket RI; 3/16)	Rick Montague	113 players HQ. Joshua Parker (40) 1. Mary Burlington (147) 2. Joyce Keay (105) 3. John Kerwin (70) 3. Kendra Munkacsy (70)	55 players HQ. Paul Boyd (15) 1. Ron Rapoza (60) 2. William Cormier (40) 3. Paul Boyd (24) 3. Bill Peters (24)	28-hand: Callie Ostrowski*	
Hang Town Open (Placerville CA; 3/16)	Alice Souza	24 players HQ. Allen Amaro (35) 1. Dennis Morin (70) 2. Allen Amaro (42) 3. James Aleschus (21) 3. Bob Bartosh (21)	16 players HQ. Don Howard (15) 1. Steve Hastie (24) 2. Don Grumpy Howard (12) 3. Sue Dalton (4) 3. Michael Rogers (4)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Mick Michaelis Classic (Marinette WI; 3/21)	Al Karr	56 players HQ. Pete Severson (55) 1. Haley Hintze (105) 2. Richard Horvath (70) 3. Bonnie Anderson (42) 3. Jeff Shimp (42)	34 players HQ. Todd Bullock (21) 1. James McCarty (60) 2. Doug Page (40) 3. Robert Lenz (24) 3. Kristina Wright (24)		
Super Sutherlandin One-Day (Sutherlandin OR; 3/21)	Bob Brumley	27 players HQ. Michael Wertz (55) 1. Don Hansen (70) 2. Steven Macomber (42) 3. Wayne Molsen (21) 3. Michael Wertz (21)	17 players HQ. Scott Milo (15) 1. Bernie Nelson (40) 2. William O'Malley (24) 3. David Gilkeson (12) 3. Scott Milo (12)		
Sutherlandin Shuffle (Sutherlandin OR; 3/22)	Bob Brumley	39 players HQ. Gordy Wise (40) 1. Dana McClain (105) 2. Kat Hartsell (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Scott Reidy (42)	27 players HQ. Gerald Hahn (9) 1. Richard Shea (40) 2. Gerald Hahn (24) 3. Betty Brumley (12) 3. Craig Smith (12)	28-hand: Gerald Hahn	
Arizona Screaming Eagles (Sun City AZ; 3/22)	Darlene Stier	47 players HQ. Donald Gabrielson (35) 1. Jim Crawford (105) 2. Barbara Stockham (70) 3. Donald Gabrielson (42) 3. Brian Smith (42)	21 players HQ. Nora Maloy (18) 1. Nora Maloy (40) 2. Jim Rogers (24) 3. Ryan Huffman (12) 3. Obie Weeks (12)		
Fort Morgan Wide Open Saturday (Fort Morgan CO; 3/22)	David Bute	36 players HQ. Joe Gates (40) 1. Steve Sundet (105) 2. Wayland Kuhnle (70) 3. Wanda Berry (42) 3. Joe Gates (42)	24 players HQ. David Bute (18) 1. David Bute (40) 2. William MacMillan (24) 3. Austin Denton (12) 3. Mike Poole (12)		Lowball: Tim Connors

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

ACC Awards

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Fort Morgan Wide Open Sunday (Fort Morgan CO; 3/23)	David Bute	31 players HQ. Larry Smith (35) 1. Karen Westhoff (70) 2. Randy Berger (42) 3. Clay Collier (21) 3. Wayland Kuhnel (21)	18 players HQ. Donald Curry (9) 1. David Bute (40) 2. Donald Curry (24) 3. Al Pernicek (12) 3. Jim Rosso (12)		



Grandmother taught me and my brother to play cribbage to teach us math for grade school. I joined the ACC in the early 1990s and played at Beer City Peggers Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI until I retired in 2015. Then we hit the road, traveling the whole country, playing in many local Grass Roots clubs in many states. I am now a member of Pegging in Paradise Club 454 in Land o' Lakes FL since buying a house in Lakeland in 2023. I have been lucky enough to play in the Michigan

Michelle Gryka
(Lakeland FL)
Grand Master

All Star Tournament several times and the Florida All Star Tournament, winning it the first year I played in it. I am the only person to have played this unique Grass Roots competition in two states. The first tourney I won was in 1991 playing the great Jeff Shimp. Reno is my favorite tournament, not just because of cribbage but because of so many people I have met around the country that I get to see there. I get challenged weekly by Dave Smith and Jim Correa in my Florida club and by Dave Aiken and Bill Stacey in my Michigan club. (I consider myself a member of both clubs!) I have five grandkids and four great-grandkids in Michigan (with three more grandkids in other states). I travel there as much as possible to see them.

New Cribbage Masters

Ted Lee Southland (Casselberry FL)

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



Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

It's time to vote for the American Cribbage Congress Board of Directors. Please exercise your right and vote for the directors who will shape the policies and operate the ACC for the next two years.

The first board of directors was appointed by Founding Father/President **Joseph Petrus Wergin**, along with assistance from the Executive Committee. A twenty-six-member board of directors was named after the organizational meeting of the Congress in August 1979 in Raleigh NC.

The original constitution of the ACC called for the first election of the board of directors to be held in the summer of 1981. The top twenty-five vote-getters were elected to the BOD. The top twelve vote-getters received a two-year term, and the next thirteen got a one-year term. That method of alternating twelve and thirteen board members continued for the next seven elections until the summer of 1989. For a time, the president appointed up to five directors to reach a maximum of thirty BOD members.

The board of directors then decided on a cost-cutting and time-saving method of all twenty-five directors for a two-year term. This method of voting for the BOD began in 1989 and has continued in every odd year since then, leading to the election this year. I wrote in greater detail about the early election process in my May 2024 column. For this year, it was time for me to do some research. I got out all my *Cribbage World* election issues, and it turns out that 151 people have served at least one year as a board member for the Congress.

Jeff Shimp (MI) was appointed to the original board of directors back in 1979 when the ACC was formed. Shimp then served forty-plus years on the board, before being named Board Member Emeritus a few years ago. Not far behind in years on the board is **Patrick Barrett** (WI). Pat was first elected to the BOD in 1993 and has been reelected ever since, for a total of thirty-two years. Thanks, Jeff and Patrick, for all that service to the ACC.

Forty-one people have served at least ten years on the board. ➔ Let's pay tribute to these folks, who have been very important to the history and operation of the ACC.

Thanks to all these people for your service. Please vote!

Long-serving BOD members

30+ years	Patrick Barrett Jeff Shimp
26-30 years	Roy Hofbauer Joan Rein
21-25 years	DeLynn Colvert Bob Julian Catherine Perkins
16-20 years	David Aiken Joe Bernard Ev Bey George Bickford David Campbell Martha Fingleton Roland Hall Jeanne Hofbauer Scott Kooistra Syl Lulinski Todd Schaefer Phyllis Schmidt Keith Widener
10-15 years	James Arblaster John Chambers Annett Eiffert Willie Evans Richard Frost Larry Hassett Sharon Hejtmanek Lea Hornbeck Bob Madsen Bob McCabe Bob Milk Ron Morgan James Morrow David O'Neil Nick Pond Joe Ramos Rick Shea Valerie Sumner Terry Weber Joseph Wergin Fred White



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

The Starter Card

Sometimes the simplest things can cause confusion. Cutting for the starter card and what to do with it is an example.

Rule 3.1.c states: **When cutting before each deal and for the starter card, no less than four cards shall be taken from the top and no less than four left on the bottom.** There has to be a limit placed so that the cut isn't easily manipulated. It has to be a fair cut.

Then there is a whole section—rule 6—solely about the starter card. Rule 6.1.a states that **only after both players discard to the crib shall the pack be cut by the pone.** I have covered this before. Do not precut! Rule 6.1.b states: **The pone shall not look at the bottom card of the upper pack when making the cut.** Keep that card hidden. Rule 6.1.c states: **If the card is placed in the dealer's hand and is not seen by the pone, there will be a two-point penalty. The pone blindly removes two cards from the dealer's hand, looks at them, and selects either one as the starter card.**

The other card is returned to the dealer's hand, and play continues.

If this isn't enough, rule 9.3 deals strictly with the starter card. Most notably, rule 9.3.a states: **The starter card must remain segregated from the hands and crib while they are being counted and scored.** The action of mixing the starter card with your hand or crib carries a two-point penalty. We are all guilty of doing this sometimes, especially when counting the crib, and most of the time it is just a harmless action. But if you are doing this, it is not a good practice and you need to stop.

Now before I get lots of emails about this, let me clarify a little. If you are holding the starter card in one hand but not releasing it into the hand or the crib, that does not constitute mixing the starter card with the hand or the crib. The card has to be released and mixed with the hand or crib to violate this rule.

So everybody please play nice, and always 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.

CLUB 29

1. Donald Curry (IA): Americas Dairyland Open (9/20)
2. Michael Wertz (OR): Salem Classic 2024 (10/11)
3. Jason Masciola (CT): Boston Regional (11/3)
4. Howard Terry (FL): Grand National 42 (11/15)
5. Connie Paluda (WI): Go Green Bay (2/14)

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Welcome May! Birds singing, trees blossoming, yard-work abounding! We all know about May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Star Wars Day, Mother's Day, but . . . what about these days? May 6 is National Nurses Day. Do you know any? My mom is an RN, so it's nice to have an on-call nurse on speed dial at no charge! May 11 is National Mini Golf Day, for all those cribbage players who say they need a new hobby! May 27 is National Sunscreen Day. I have two colors, ghost white or lobster red. I love my spf 150! Enjoy the warm weather!

Very sad news from New England. Our longtime friend and my agitator, who I liked immensely, **Carl Deyette**, passed away last month. It was a shock and loss to Club 26, New England cribbage, and the ACC in general. [*editor's note: see page 43*]



May 16 was the newly renamed **Pat Llewellyn's Corned Beef & Cribbage**. Guess what! Pat and her son flew home so she could talk to us dear hearts. We laughed; we cried. At 92 years young, she is still a spitfire. ◀ **Rick Montague** and his helpers ▶ did a great job! After the 114 peggers battled it out, **Mary Burlington** bested the field, with **Joyce Keay** coming in second. There may have been a **Burlington-Statz** match in there, but no one

slept on the couch (right, Just David?!). Local **Ron Rapoza** ▶ won the consolation, and second place went to **Billy Cormier**. It is always a great time, but having Pat there touched our souls.



We move across the border from Rhode Island to Abington MA for the inaugural New England Cribbage Festival. On day one, 43 players dwindled to two as **Donna LaFleur** took the win over **Mike Dostoomian**. In the consolation, **Craig Greene** got his first W over **Jack Silvia**. Saturday was the 22-game main event, with guests **Sally Henderson** and **Jennifer Curnow**. Nice to see you ladies! It was also the perfect bracket for 64 players. When it was all over on Sunday, our other visiting friend, **Cynthia Wark**, got the W over our beloved **Mike Fetchel**. In the consolation, **Billy Cormier**, fresh off his second place consy the week before, was victorious over close-

enough hometown hero **Rick Nourse**. **Mary Burlington** and I held a Challonge class. Brackets are not mandatory, however they are nice. Now we have ten people in New England who can post brackets! I would encourage each region to have some classes!

Next, we travel to South Windsor CT for the Blarney Stone Battle, which 53 people came to win. When it was all said and done, last week's second place finisher, **Mike**



Fetchel, ◀ won over **Harvey Boudreau**. In the consolation, the current Rookie of the Year, **Bonnie Fife**, ▶ got her first win! **Jim Sullivan** from that crazy Malden club came in second.

It was a great month of cribbage on the East Coast (and New England), and it is not slowing down for the spring! Play fair, play nice!



Vicki's May Funnies

Q. What do you call a bee born in May?

A. May bee.

Q. Which state loves spring the most?

A. MAY-NE (Maine).

Q. What is a cow's favorite holiday?

A. Moo-ther's day!

Bonus Vibes ♦ (supplied by Vicki's Favorite Editor)

On January 26, **Vicki Soule** (aka the author of "Vicki's Cribbage Vibes") shared this picture ▼ and post on Facebook: "Sometimes . . . the mighty falls!" Her

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD					
Name: Soule, Mark					
ACCR: ME 357 Seat: 9					
Game	Game Points	Scored Points	Opponents Index	Verification ID	Number
1	0	32	KH	10	
2	0	04	AL	14	
3	2	18	BP	19	
4	0	07	22	2.2	
5	0	07	JACK	26	
6	0	26	MS	23	
7	0	102	PL	19	
8	0	03	SB	15	
9	0	11	RB	11	
10	0	16	AL	7	
11	2	01	FR	3	
12	0	01	20	8	
Total game points	4	19 (2)	Wins = 2	Streak = 3	
Game Avg	2	NET POINTS (w/)	Loss = 0		
		= 106	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.		
Signature: <i>Mark Soule</i>					

husband, **Mark**, had won only two of twelve games at the Snowbowl in Bangor ME. Later that day, she posted again: ▶ "Probably shouldn't share the spouse's card. It came back to bite me! I couldn't even add right! Oops." If the CW editor did his math right, Mark won 16.7% of his games, while Vicki won only 11.1%!

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD					
Name: Vicki Soule					
ACCR: ME 357 Seat: 10					
Game	Game Points	Scored Points	Opponents Index	Verification ID	Number
1	-	-	14	COF	9
2	-	-	08	MS	5
3	3	32	-	2	1
4	-	-	18	AL	6
5	-	-	01	OR	2
6	-	-	03	SB	11
7	-	-	01	PL	7
8	-	-	22	DM	3
9	-	-	02	LAB	4
Total game points	3	13 (2)	Wins = 2	Streak = 3	
Game Avg	1	NET POINTS (w/)	Loss = 0		
		= 37	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.		
Signature: <i>Vicki Soule</i>					

BOD ELECTION

Every odd-numbered year the ACC holds an election for its 25-member Board of Directors. The next two-year term of office begins on September 1, 2025, and runs through August 31, 2027. Per the ACC Policy Manual, only members who are current when the mailing list is prepared and aged 18 or above are eligible to vote (i.e., expired members cannot vote). Joint members will receive separate issues of this *Cribbage World* so that each eligible voter has their own ballot and unique code.

The preferred method of voting is online at **cribbage.org** but mail is also acceptable. Each eligible voter has been issued a random four-digit alphanumeric code that *must* be used when voting. Located by your name and ACC number on the back of this magazine, your code is used to gain access to the online ballot. It must also be written on mailed-in ballots. Ballots must be mailed separately; no group mailings will be accepted.

This year thirty-one candidates are running for election to the BOD. Each region must have between six and ten directors, and no state may have more than four.

Candidate biographies and photos (presented in random order) are printed on the next few pages. Please read these bios carefully, for they contain statements by the candidates about their qualifications, cribbage accomplishments, contributions to the ACC, and policies they plan to enact or have already enacted.

After reading the biographies, please vote for the candidates of your choice.

VOTING ONLINE

- go to **cribbage.org**
- click on the “Vote Here” button
- enter the four-digit alphanumeric code from your CW address label
- select up to 25 candidates
- click “submit”
- verify your vote
- click “yes”

VOTING BY SNAIL MAIL

- copy the four-digit alphanumeric code from your CW address label into the four boxes at the bottom of the ballot
- vote for up to 25 candidates by marking an **X** in the box by their name
- write in the box at lower right the total number of votes cast
- cut on dotted line
- add postage
- place self-addressed postcard in mail

If you have any questions about the voting procedure, please contact:

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All voting must take place before May 31. Mail-in ballots must be *postmarked* by May 31, and online voting must be *completed* by midnight Hawaii Standard Time on May 31. **CW**

Vote online by May 31

BOD CANDIDATES



Vicki Soule (Woolwich ME)—I have been honored to be on the BOD for the past four years. I have assisted in the Awards Committee and Social Media Committee and help maintain the social media pages for the ACC. I am also a member of the Market-

ing/Promotions Committee. I joined the ACC in 2002, after playing in a Grass Roots tournament. My first tournament was the famous New England Corned Beef and Cribbage in 2002. Since then, I have traveled throughout the country playing and meeting some of my best friends. I volunteer wherever needed. I have directed the Meeiros Memorial since 2009 and been a codirector multiple times. I assisted with the 2007 Grand National in Portland ME and was a codirector in North Conway NH Grand National in 2019. To increase membership, I would look to our social media pages and expand our presence. To reach younger audiences and grow, we need to be out where people can find us. The ACC has given me friends and experiences like no other, and I would like to be able to help others have that same experience. Thank you for your consideration.



Joe Bowen (Dedham ME)—I have been on the BOD for two years and sit on several committees. I hope to be reelected as I have many thoughts on improving our cribbage system. My wife, Kathleen, of thirty years and I have lived in Maine since 1992. We have

raised five kids and have eight miniature dachshunds. Three of my four sons are ACC members. I retired from crisis management work several years ago, working for the Maine Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. A few years ago, I retired from coaching wrestling after forty+ years. I stay busy raising dachshunds and with cribbage: working with state politicians about cribbage/gambling rules, playing and involved in twenty-five tournaments a year. I have an active club in Bangor. I run the only youth tournament on the East Coast. I assisted in getting the rule changed/implemented for the definition of what a long board is, that we use in play and tournaments. I have been a judge for thirteen years. I believe cribbage is a great equalizer for youth and adults, as well as beginners and experienced players. I look forward to continuing work on the BOD, with new and old members.



Kai Lemrise (Crescent City CA)—I live with my dad Louis, girlfriend Madison, and eight-year-old son Keanu. I learned how to play cribbage in late 2015 from my friend John Cogburn, and we joined the ACC the same day in February 2016 after finding out

there was a local Grass Roots club. Went to a tournament in March 2016, and I was hooked. I am director of Club 98 with the help of Jim Waldvogel, who covers when I'm gone officiating or coaching sports. I have played cribbage in eleven different states and played a Grand National in all three regions. I've won three sanctioned tournaments (one main, two consy), earned my Master award, Bronze level in Grass Roots, and have over 1,000 points online. I have been an active judge since 2017 and have directed three tournaments so far. I also volunteer to cross-check scorecards and anything else the tournament director may need. I believe I have the passion and skills necessary to serve on the BOD and would really love to become more involved and give back to all the great friends I've made with this game. Thank you for your consideration when voting.



James Morrow (Zillah WA)—I have been Club 156 director for twenty-five years, director of several sanctioned tournaments each year, including the Cribbage Bowl in Reno NV and the ACC World Championships in Long Beach WA. I am a senior judge and serve

as the head judge of the JPW/ACC Open and TOC in Reno NV. As president of the ACC, my goals are to continue to recruit players, promote the ACC in all aspects, and keep our game that we all love fun, friendly, and enjoyable for all players. I will be open minded while considering new ideas and information. I will continue to make the most beneficial decisions for the entire ACC. Thank you for being part of our great organization and allowing me to serve. Thank you for voting.



Sandy Sands (Helena MT)—an ACC member since 1996, I am director of Club 25 and dozens of tournaments since 2012, most notably several of the cities in the Montana Spring Roundup and Montana Fall Roundup. I was honored to be chosen for the

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BOD in 2021 and 2023 and would like to continue serving in this capacity. I support tournaments in all three regions: playing, assisting with logistics, cross-checking, serving as a senior judge, posting challenge brackets to the ACC Facebook page; anything to enhance cribbage play. Pleasantly surprised to be awarded the Western Region Volunteer Award in 2021, and the President's Award for contributions to the ACC. I assist tournament directors in creating tournament flyers and bring cribbage "merch" to tournaments as a fun way to promote this game we love. As an organization, I believe we must adapt, be creative and modernize to attract and retain new and younger members to keep the ACC thriving and growing. I believe I bring fresh ideas and a lot of energy and would be honored to serve another term on the BOD.



Kat Hartsell (Spokane WA)—with fifteen years of experience in the nonprofit sector and degrees in social work and marketing, I've had the privilege of merging my love for social impact with my expertise in strategic growth.

My passion is to seek ways to help organizations thrive and fulfill their missions. I joined the ACC in 2011, but my love for cribbage goes back to the '90s. I'm committed to keeping that love alive for others in our community. I was given the first Grass Roots Director of the Year award, contributed to different BOD committees, and am spearheading the 2027 Grand National in Spokane. As the face and fun behind "The Kat Hartsell Experience" in *Cribbage World*, I connect with players across the country. Directing Club 377 helps me build strong relationships and gain insights into what players truly want from our organization. I'm excited to bring ideas and strategies to the table focused on retaining members while expanding our reach. I'm a great listener, open to feedback, and always ready to advocate for change when needed. Whether it's honoring our traditions or introducing new ideas, I'm committed to respecting our organization's legacy while positioning it for future growth.



Megan Player (Cary NC)—I learned to play cribbage when I was nine years old, and I've been passionate about the game ever since. In 2007, I discovered that cribbage was organized at a competitive level and joined Club 58. That same year, I

participated in my first tournament, the National Open, and I've been involved in the cribbage community ever since. Currently, I serve as the director of the National Open and as the codirector for multiple tournaments in the Southeast. I'm always ready to lend a hand at tournaments, helping wherever and whenever it's needed. I also played a key role in developing the system currently used for member voting, which has streamlined the process significantly. I love the game of cribbage and am committed to supporting its players. I'm eager to continue improving and growing the game by serving on the BOD, with the goal of enhancing the player experience and helping the community thrive. Thank you for your considerations. Please log on and vote!



Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)—I first joined the ACC in 1981, having attended tournaments in over twenty states in all three regions. I have directed or codirected at least fifty tournaments in the past thirty years and have assisted other directors in seating arrangements, serving as head judge, troubleshooting, avoiding snafus, cross-checking, prize money distribution, and flyer design. I take an active part in our BOD meetings helping to articulate and frame the issues being discussed. It was due to my input that our rulebook now has a color-coordinated "table of actions" making it far easier for judges to locate the right course of action. In my last term I took the initiative to form a committee to review and revise the cross-checking guidelines that will be included in the new rulebook. If you value my character, tournament experience, ability to think critically, speak truth to power, and be accessible to all members, then I would appreciate your vote.



David Aiken (Coopersville MI)—club director for eighteen years; director of seventy+ ACC tourneys in nine states; organizer of the annual Michigan All Star Tournament and monthly Canadian Doubles at my house; creator of the ACC's challenge playoff

bracket page. Let's work together to get people playing the best card game ever invented!

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Mark Soule (Woolwich ME)—it has been an honor to serve as a BOD member for the past eight years, with consistent attendance at all meetings. I currently hold the position of Vice President of Operations. I serve as the Eastern Region tournament commis-

sioner, chair the Awards Committee, and am a member of the Rules Committee and Hall of Fame Committee. An ACC member for twenty-two years, I learned cribbage from my grandmother at age eight. I'm a senior judge, Life Master (★), and was Rookie of the Year in 2005. I received my Bronze Award. I run two tournaments yearly in New England and assist with the Open Opener in Raleigh in July. Having traveled around the country playing tournaments, I have made friends from coast to coast. One major issue the ACC has is declining membership. I would like to come up with ideas to attract new members and advance our technology to attract members of all ages. If elected, I will be presenting these ideas for improvement. All members' ideas will be considered and presented at meetings. It would be my pleasure to serve as a BOD member.



Roland Hall (Napa CA)—I joined the ACC in 1987. I was director, treasurer, and statistician for the Napa/Yountville Grass Roots club 1999–2005. I resigned in 2005 and relocated to Vermont for two+ years to care for my mom. I have directed GRNTs, GRRTs,

and sanctioned tournaments and help with cross-checking and seating rotation at other tournaments. I have served on the BOD since 2009 and have been a member of the Rules Committee since 2011. At the February 2013 BOD meeting, I proposed that the Grass Roots program adopt our club policy to help retain new Grass Roots players. The proposal was not passed by the BOD, but, fortunately, David Aiken liked the idea and it has evolved into the “Cribbage Code of Congeniality.” It has been published in *Cribbage World*, and over seventy Grass Roots clubs have adopted the “Play Nice Pledge.” I’ve played cribbage in twenty-five states and two Canadian provinces and am always willing to talk with members and present their good ideas to the BOD. I support youth cribbage and want to see the ACC grow and be here

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for our children and grandchildren. Please support me. Thanks.



Todd Schaefer (Minnesota MN)—I am running for the BOD and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. I have loved playing cribbage for nearly my entire life and have been an active ACC member since 1993. I am the current chair of the

Ethics Committee and a current codirector of the Tournament of Champions in Reno NV. I have previously directed the Capital City Cribbage Tournament in St. Paul MN and the Cribbage Bowl in Reno. I am the founder of Club 240 in St. Paul. I am a Life Master (★) and a senior judge. This year, I had the great honor of being elected to the Hall of Fame. In several terms on the BOD beginning in September 1999, I believe I have ably served our membership in many capacities, and I would be honored to continue to do so. Thank you for your consideration. Please vote!



Jason Matheny (Houston TX)—as a dedicated member of the ACC, I am committed to growing the game and strengthening our community. Over the years, I have enjoyed playing, organizing events, and working to promote tournaments and support local clubs. During my time on the BOD, I have helped lead initiatives to improve tournament accessibility, increase membership, and modernize communication efforts to better connect players across the country. My passion for cribbage and leadership experience drive me to continue fostering a vibrant and welcoming community. I would be honored to have your support for reelection so we can keep building a strong future for the ACC together.

OFFICIAL BALLOT—MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31

- 01 Vicki Soule
- 02 Joe Bowen
- 03 Kai Lemrise
- 04 James Morrow
- 04 Sandy Sands
- 06 Kat Hartsell
- 07 Megan Player
- 08 Cy Madrone
- 09 David Aiken
- 10 Mark Soule
- 11 Roland Hall
- 12 Todd Schaefer
- 13 Jason Matheny
- 14 Darlene Stier
- 15 Kristina Munkacsy
- 16 Opa Gunn

- 17 Terry Weber
- 18 Keith Widener
- 19 Jennifer [unclear]
- 20 Tamm [unclear]
- 21 Betty [unclear]
- 22 Robert [unclear]
- 23 Jerry Haro
- 24 Willie Evans
- 25 [unclear] Barrett
- 26 Rick Shea
- 27 Bryan Gurden
- 28 Zachary Widener
- 29 Kevin Harris
- 30 Mike D'Elena
- 31 Rick Baird

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Darlene Stier (Sun City AZ)—my mother taught me to play cribbage when I was nine years old. I never really had a mentor but have stood behind and listened to some of the greatest. I joined the ACC in 1991 and started Club 177 in Anchorage AK, which I directed for fifteen+ years and was club champion three times. I retired to Arizona in 2017 and joined Club 408 and, with unforeseen death of our director, am once again a director, being club champion once and received my Gold ranking. My first weekend tournament win was in 1995 in Attleboro MA, and I received my Life Master in 2024. Two years ago, I started directing ACC tournaments again, so come to Arizona for some fun in the sun. I have been fortunate in winning fourteen mains and one consolation. Noncribbage interests are few and far between since I left Alaska. I do enjoy plays and day trips while making new friends. It would be my honor to serve on the BOD.



Kendra Munkacsy (Melrose MA)—as a relatively new member of the ACC, having joined in 2022, I would love to give back to the community that has already given me so much. I have never served on the BOD, so I would bring a fresh new perspective to an organization that often seems resistant to change. Enthusiasm and genuine interest are crucial to an ACC leadership position, and I have demonstrated these qualities in my dedication to tournament and Grass Roots play, as well as involvement with cross-checking, running side pools, updating brackets, and any other task that

makes tournaments run more smoothly. As a member of the younger demographic in the ACC, I am concerned about the future of the organization, particularly waning membership. My primary focus would be recruitment strategies, in order to keep membership numbers rising instead of falling, and accurately representing a demographic of the ACC that is often on the sidelines, but crucial to the ACC's future.



Opal Gunn (Pensacola FL)—I am seeking your vote for reelection to the BOD. As the codirector of Pensacola Peggers 396, Beulah Peggers 479, Nobs & Nobs, and the monthly Canadian Doubles game morning, I possess a deep understanding of both

nine-game and six-game divisions. Furthermore, I actively contribute to marketing efforts aimed at expanding the club's membership. My commitment to community service is evident through my involvement with GCRMC, where I hold a board position, and my volunteer work at the USO in the kitchen. In addition, I volunteer every Tuesday morning at the Beulah Senior Center overseeing the game morning. As an avid enthusiast of various cribbage formats, including Kings Cribbage and Canadian Doubles, I am eager to continue serving our community and appreciate your consideration.



Terry Weber (Madison WI)—member of Club 1 and an ACC member since 2007. I have earned my Bronze award in Grass Roots. Am also a Life Master (2★) and a ten-time Central Region All Star and four-time All American. I have thirty-one ACC-sanctioned tournament wins and am also a senior judge. I served on the Executive Committee for eight years. Also received the 2017 Central Region Volunteer of the Year Award. I am an ACC tournament director having conducted forty-three tournaments and the 2018 Grand National in Milwaukee. Currently coordinating four tournaments a year. Serving on the BOD the last decade has allowed me a chance to give back to the ACC. I bring common sense to the BOD in these times when its crucially needed. I originated the idea of the hybrid Q pool that is now being used at the JPW/ACC Open and the TOC in Reno. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to serve the ACC. Please vote for your BOD.

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- copy the four-digit alphanumeric code from your CW address label into the four boxes at bottom left
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- write in the large box at right the total number of votes cast
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- add appropriate postage
- drop self-addressed postcard in mail

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Keith Widener (Advance NC)—many of you know me as I travel extensively across the country playing cribbage. Over the years I have voluntarily served as VP of Policy & Ethics, been a member of and chaired numerous committees including chair of the

Ethics Committee, directed and codirected several tournaments, and missed only one BOD meeting in eighteen years. As a charter member, I have earned the Silver Award, Life Master (3★), been All American five times, and was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame. As national commissioner of judges I strive to administer the rules in a fair and just manner and I answer many questions about the interpretation of the rules through my “Ruling Points” column in *Cribbage World*. I don’t think my education as an engineer has anything to do with cribbage, but I am a logical thinker and am not afraid to think outside the box and introduce new ideas. I have proven that I can work with members from every region for the good of the ACC, and I would very much appreciate your vote. For me, serving the ACC is strictly a labor of love. All y’all vote! And let’s have fun!



Jennifer Johnson (Morrisville NC)—I have served on the BOD since 2021 and am running to renew my seat. I’ve loved cribbage since I learned the game from my dad at a lake house in New Hampshire as a kid in the late ‘70s. I didn’t know organized crib-

bage was a thing until 2016. I joined the ACC and Club 58 in Raleigh, and I was very excited when I finally earned my Bronze. I took over the March Madness tournament in Raleigh and renamed it “Spring Fling” several years ago. I direct the John Medeiros Memorial and codirect the North Carolina Open and the National Open in July. At other tournaments, I am always willing to help with anything a director may need. I currently chair the Hall of Fame and Promotions Committees and serve on the Grass Roots and IT Committees. I serve as the Eastern GRRT director, the GRNT director, and the director of Club 58 in Raleigh. I won the Grass Roots Commissioner’s award in 2023. I want to take my passion for the game, my will-do attitude, and my organizational and technical skills and continue to help the ACC. Thanks for your consideration!



Tammy Gibbons (Hillsboro OR)—I stumbled happily into the ACC in 2008 and cannot fathom my life without this game, and more importantly, this amazing group of friends. I have served you honorably from both the Western and Central regions and I’m eager

to continue to do so. I’m a judge in good standing and have many years of experience as a TD in the west. I ran a Grass Roots club for nearly a decade and am a current internet TD with nearly fifteen years of experience. I served as the internet commissioner from 2014 to 2020. I recently joined the Ethics Committee, and working to keep this organization fair and just for all is my ultimate goal. I helped to start the annual Jerry Gruber Sportsmanship Award (along with Vicki Soule and Lana Newhouse) that will be given out to one deserving person each year at our Grand National. I’ve had plenty of roles, and I’d like a chance to progress with the ACC as a BOD member for another term. Thank you so much for your support and friendship. Please vote, your voice is so important!



Betty Brumley (Roseburg OR)—I would love your consideration to vote for me for the BOD. I have been on the BOD for two years now, and I am also the Grass Roots awards administrator. I have been an ACC member since 1999, where I have achieved

my Life Master and a Silver in Grass Roots. I enjoy helping at tournaments and hanging out with my fellow ACC members. I hope to promote and help the ACC community to grow. Thank you for considering to vote for me!



Robert Joslin (Lakeville MN)—I have been a member of the ACC since 1998, earning Life Master (★), Silver Award in Grass Roots, club champion, and won multiple tournaments across the country. I also directed crib-

bage tournaments in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa over the last twenty+ years, directed six youth tournaments in Minnesota, and was the GRNT director for ten years. I have served on Rules Committee for a few terms and have been a senior judge for nearly twenty years. From a professional perspective, I have been in corporate finance and treasury for twen-

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ty-five years, which I feel enables me to add a different perspective to the BOD. It's clear that I love to play cribbage and participate in the many voluntary positions that are needed to ensure the ACC runs smoothly. The ACC has given me friends and experiences like no other, and I would like to be able to help others have similar experiences. Thank you for the consideration.



Jerry Hardy (Topsham ME)—I've been an ACC member for twenty-two years. I started playing at the age of ten, being taught by family and friends. I fell in love with the game. I'm currently a Life Master (★) and was Rookie of the Year in 2004. I've been the

director of many tournaments over the years and ran a Grass Roots club as well. Cribbage and the ACC have become such a big part of my life. I met my wife (Laurie) while playing ACC tournaments. In 2006 we had our wedding and hosted a tournament of well over one hundred players on the same weekend so our ACC friends could easily attend. I want to see the organization thrive and continue to evolve with the times. Improving membership being one of the top priorities. I would appreciate your vote and be honored to serve on the BOD if elected. Thank you for your consideration.



Willie Evans (Kennewick WA)—after being on the BOD for ten years, I took a leave for health reasons. I have now recharged my batteries and am ready to assist the BOD in making the ACC bigger and better. I have been a member of the ACC since 1985 and

reached Platinum level in Grass Roots and Life Master (2★) level in the ACC. I am also a past member of the Ethics Committee and have served on the Tabulating Committee for years. Thank you for your support. Please vote.



Patrick Barrett (Wisconsin Rapids WI)—sixty-three years old. Wife, Linda. Two children, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren. Forty-five-year member of the ACC. Thirty-year member of the BOD. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 2012. Central Region tournament commissioner since 2009. Codirector of the TOC and Deadwood Cluster. Director of the Wisconsin State Championship. Director of Grand

National 16 and 25, codirector of Grand National 37, 40, and 43. Founder and director of Club 120. Achieved Life Master (★) and Grass Roots Platinum levels. Senior judge. Fourteen sanctioned tournament wins, including Grand National 16 and 2009 JPW/ACC Open. Thank you for considering this ACC veteran for your vote.

National 16 and 25, codirector of Grand National 37, 40, and 43. Founder and director of Club 120. Achieved Life Master (★) and Grass Roots Platinum levels. Senior judge. Fourteen sanctioned tournament wins, including Grand National 16 and 2009 JPW/ACC Open. Thank you for considering this ACC veteran for your vote.



Rick Shea (Eureka CA)—I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the BOD once again. I have been an active member of the BOD since 2016. I have served as the western region commissioner and executive VP and a member of the Ethics Committee as well as the Executive Committee. I look forward to doing so in the future.

committee as well as the Executive Committee. I look forward to doing so in the future.



Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV)—I've been passionate about the game ever since I found the ACC in 2001. Over the years, this organization has given me so much, and now that I am recently retired, I have more time to give back to the game I love. For nearly

twenty years, I have served as a judge in the ACC, and I was recently appointed as a senior judge. Additionally, I have almost thirty-one years of experience in the poker industry, running tournaments and managing competitive events. I created Club 400 in Las Vegas in 2013, which I ran until 2017. In 2023, I resumed leadership of the club, continuing to foster a strong and welcoming cribbage community. I've never won Grass Roots Director of the Year, but I'm very close friends with someone who has. Now, I am seeking a position on the BOD to help the organization continue to grow and thrive. With my experience in tournament operations, officiating. I am dedicated to ensuring the ACC remains strong for future generations of players. I would be honored to have your support and your vote.



Zachary Widener (East Bend NC)—when I was eight years old, I started going to cribbage tournaments all over the East Coast with my dad. I didn't play tournaments initially but I played many side games and met many people. I was, in fact, a "sweetie."

Around the time I turned ten, I played my first ACC-sanctioned tournament, losing all twenty-two games. I also started playing Grass Roots. At

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age eleven we played the Atlanta Classic. I was top qualifier in the main but lost out in the first round. Not to be deterred, I was top qualifier in the consolation and went on to win it over the late great Bobby Stuart. By the time I turned twelve, I had accumulated over 500 MRPs. My dad called me a quartermaster (there were no youth MRPs in those days). I am now thirty-two years old and I represent the future of the ACC. I am volunteering my time to serve on the BOD so that I can participate and learn about how the ACC functions in order to be the best that I can be. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.



Kevin Harris (Louisville KY)—originally from Spokane WA. In US Navy 1982–2003, member of Department of Defense as Administrative Assistant and Auditor 2004–17. Joined ACC 2006 in Dallas, Grass Roots member in Dallas and Houston 2006–10, then joined

Tournament Trail 2010. Directed tournaments in Shreveport, New Orleans, and Daytona Beach, currently serving as registrar for internet community and coordinating the ACC batting average competition since 2017. Achievements include Grand Master rating 2024, Bronze Award as member of Louisville Sluggers Club 463 2023, Master rating 2019, All Star Team for Central Region 2021 and Eastern Region 2020 (one of only three ACC members to make teams in two regions). Have won nine ACC-sanctioned championships. Founder of Louisville Club 463 on September 2023. This will be my sixth time running for BOD. My experience and military training of attention to detail make me a worthwhile choice among this year's nominees. I have the utmost respect for past and present BOD members and always look to new experiences at all times. That attitude and dedication is important in a BOD member.



Mike D'Elena (Coventry RI)—I first joined the ACC in 2001. From 2001 to 2007 I played in Grass Roots and attended approximately 10–12 tournaments per year. In 2006 and 2007, I codirected the original New England Peer tournament. After taking a few years off for personal reasons, I returned to the ACC in 2017 and picked up right where I left off. I reclaimed my position as a judge and began directing and codirecting more tournaments. I'm always willing to help where needed in any of the 25–30 tournaments that I attend each year throughout the country. During the day, I work as a security supervisor for a medical sterilization company. At this time I would like to step up and utilize my experience and leadership skills to give back to the organization that I love and have been part of for the last fifteen years now.



Rick Baird (Bend OR)—I have been a member of the ACC since 1993 and have actively played in tournaments since 2002. I am currently a member of the BOD, elected in 2023. I served on several committees, including the Rules Committee. I was director of Club 62 in Roseburg for five years before moving to Bend. I have been director in Bend since 2020. I have directed tournaments since 2016 and am currently the director for the GR-TOCC. You will find me at most tournaments helping in some way. My goal if elected will be to contribute in any way to better the ACC and give back to the great game of cribbage. Thank you for considering me for the BOD. I aim to serve you. Please vote!

MIA

The USPS has returned mail for the following members. If you know where they are, please contact the membership secretary at membership@cribbage.org.

Steven Blake (Bend OR)
Clifford Bradley (Stanfield OR)
Dan Durawa (Edgartown MA)
Sarah Hultgren (Hudson WI)
William Knaack (Marenisco MI)
Daniel Legendre (Ellsworth ME)
Barb Manninen (Marenisco MI)

Mark Martell (Green Bay WI)
Paul Moyer (Truckee CA)
Paul Reid (Glendale CA)
Beth Tessmer (Edgartown MA)
Sandra Urban (Kissimmee FL)
Walter Willey (Oregon WI)

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros

You are dealing from three out, and your opponent needs eight with his first count. You have 7-8-9-Q-Q-K; what's your hold?

Obviously this is not an ideal hand for end-game pegging; you have no low cards, no magic elevens, and no five—so what can you hold to maximize your defenses here? My first thought is to keep 7-9-Q-Q; if the pone has a low-card hand such as 2-3-3-4 or 3-3-4-5, you can play your 7 and 9 (these also cover all middle card leads) and then run the Queens for three at the end. But what if the pone leads a K? I like the 9 response here: you can tempt him to dump a 5. Obviously I don't have a 5 and he could think I'm more likely to have a 2 to complete the magic 11 with the 9 instead of a 7.

I actually got very lucky in this scenario. The pone had 5-10-10-K, so after the first go, I led the 7 to start the second series. The pone was scared to put a 5 on it as a 3 or 6 would beat him, so I got a go and 15-for-3 with my last Queen.

So do not fret if you get dealt subpar pegging cards at the end. Formulate a plan and see it through. You just may get rewarded.

Rob does much of his end-game pegging at Club 104 in Malden MA. Email questions to him at mrob2199@aol.com.

Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Tournament Results

Ready Springs Youth Cribbage Tournament — main

champion—**Angelina Villalobos** (Paradise CA, age 16)

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

3rd place—Blake Salter (Grass Valley CA, age 11) — grand slam!

4th place—Amos Gruel (Penn Valley CA, age 16)

Ready Springs Youth Cribbage Tournament — Consolation

champion—**Oceana Gregory*** (Somerville AL, age 10) — grand slam!

2nd place—Anthony Fontaine (Smartsville CA, age 15)

3rd place—Judah Pagan (Grass Valley CA, age 11)

*Ten-year-old **Oceana Gregory** was visiting her grandparents in Grass Valley and also played club that week. Thank you to Club 472 for letting Oceana play.

Youth Tournament Trail

- June 28 • Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV) ← **PROMO ON PAGE 37**
- July 24 • New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME)

Teaching Manuals sent out by Dan Zeisler

- Aaron Grossman (Reno NV)
- Gordon Pilanaia (HI)
- Frank Reddy (Winthrop MA)



The

Kat Hartsell

EXPERIENCE

Would you believe it if I told you that I played in my first main tournament finals in Sutherlin OR? One of the most thrilling matches I have ever played, and it was against **Dana McLain**, from Battle Ground WA. The most exciting part was the fact that Dana was also going for her first tournament win *and* the odds of two women in the finals were pretty low, with only seven playing that day. A huge congratulations to Dana on her first main championship! Though of course, her picture goes on my mirror. Until next time, Dana!

I begin my April with a trip, not to the Oregon coast to play cribbage (unfortunately), but to sunny California. It is my youngest daughter Josie's golden birthday, the big ten on April 10. We experienced Disneyland, Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, and Lego Land. We had fun seeing all the sights, and I got to play nine games at the San Diego Grass Roots Club! I was thrilled to meet several new players and of course see **Kris Bailey** and **Bob Prochnow** and hear all about his latest travels.

I got great advice from the members on where to visit and the "secret parking" for the best destinations. I would love to tell you where to park—except it's a secret!

I can't wait to get home, relax, and not hear: "Lady, are those your kids trying to kidnap our dolphin?" I am now somewhat of a whale expert, if you ever go watch a whale or dolphin show, make sure to sit in the first few rows, as you can see the action better from there.

I also want to remind everyone to vote in this year's BOD election. Lots of great candidates are running to serve on the ACC's incredible board of directors, and voting for them is your way of making a difference. Thank you so much for your time in getting your vote in.



CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

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After the April edition of our ATW story came out, it is understandable that some people might question if we really are traveling to all of the destinations we write about. Fortunately for us, we have our passport, train, and hotel records for proof. Unfortunately for me, I also have all the proof that Maria beats me in our ATW battles. While in Nuremberg, Germany, Maria won two of three games, increasing her lead to seven games.

Nuremberg is infamous for its part in WWII history, but Maria and I focused on the city's history from five hundred years earlier. As we walked around the old city center and the Imperial Castle in Nuremberg, we learned that this specific castle was different than all the other castles in the region. The royal families from this castle can trace their lineage back one thousand years. Because of this long line of nobility, their belief is that it extends even farther back, all the way to the Holy Roman Empire. These royal families constantly traveled from one region of old Europe to the next. They traveled to collect taxes and stay in safe locations during uprisings in other parts of Europe, never really having a "home" castle. The roaming-nobility story almost sounds like the "road warriors" that take to the ACC's Tournament Trail across the United States, trying to become MRP royalty!

Nuremberg was one of the most advanced cities in the world in the 1500s. It was a leader in arts and sciences, and it has more sundials than I have ever seen in any Renaissance-era city. ↓

While in Nuremberg, we visited the Albrecht Dürer house—a contemporary of Da Vinci who also an incredible artist, engineer, and businessman. His self-portrait → looks eerily like the ACC version of Albrecht—**Trevor Poole!**



Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Last month, I announced that **Rick Baird** (*ricky-ticky2201*) became the first member of the 6K Club. I thought it would be fun to show where others stand on the way to joining the club by having at least 6,000 IRPs, GRPs, and MRPs. Thanks to **Paul Gregson** (*a2zcribbage*) for this chart. Names are sorted alphabetically within each level. Numbers are current as of early March; up-to-date numbers may be found on **cribbage.org**.

*Point Leader
of the Month*
Matt Constantino
(*cyclonestone*) @ 162 IRPs

eMaster (2,000 IRPs)
Jennifer Curnow
(*jjx7fan*)

Internet 28-Hands
Mike Berbrich (*bigberb*)
Monica Newton
(*oreo2757*)

Internet Grand Slams
Paul Poropatic
(*pporopatic*)
Nick Severson (*ogshmoo*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	934	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
2	911	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
3	820	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)
4	793	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
5	792	James Morrow (29seeker)
6	737	Nick Severson (ogshmoo)
7	723	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
8	721	Basil Rudnick (basil 22)
9	703	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
10	688	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)

level	name	IRPs	GRPs	MRPs
6000	Rick Baird	6035	6101	16426
5000	Mel Ashley (D)	6322	5232	20061
	Paul Gregson	6340	5121	7755
4000	Rick Allen	10445	4995	7603
	Paul Batterson	4810	5048	9831
	Sue Edwards	13384	4258	6183
	Tom Langford	11245	4738	13600
	Pat Llewellyn	4283	4183	6935
	William MacMillan	14421	4093	4664
	James Morrow	8169	4946	12521
	Nancy Rojas	4259	4789	4625
	John Schafer	13303	4428	7720
3000	Ed Bloom	4408	3384	4793
	Jennifer Bolles	3156	3888	5383
	Mike Fetchel	15257	3733	6851
	Bob Hanes	3152	4108	9964
	Rollie Heath (D)	3477	4938	14249
	Douglas Henderson	3597	3157	12669
	Timothy Julkowski	7937	3864	4456
	Robert Milk	3332	3178	11968
	Scott Milo	4690	3536	4260
	Gerald Oxford	4685	3567	4254
	Sandy Sands	3734	3155	3625
	Richard Shea	12282	3866	11482
	Roger Wilson	3882	7313	15883

At the virtual BOD meeting on February 22, **Todd Schaefer** (Oakdale MN) was elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame. The HOF was established in 1982 to recognize persons who have contributed to the advancement of the American Cribbage Congress and to the promotion of the game of cribbage—and Todd has certainly done that! Todd will be inducted into the HOF at the Grand National awards banquet in Deadwood SD on October 4.



New Members

92 last month

United Kingdom

Peter Cordwell (London)

Arizona

Al Lillie (Benson)
Randy May (Goodyear)
Joyce Wheeler (Phoenix)

California

Jakob Harle (Lake Forest)
Deborah Jackman (Redding)
Paul Kummer (Redding)
Brigette Lavagetto (Redding)
Ben Lewis (Granite Bay)
Joe Madigan (Napa)
Brian O'Dea (Santa Ana)
Stephen Santos (Victorville)
Daniel Schmill (Paso Robles)
Sirius Blue Wantland (Nevada City)

Colorado

Austin Denton (Colorado Springs)
David Denton (Colorado Springs)

Connecticut

Mary Eames (Thompson)
Kenneth Greene (Brooklyn)
Maria Greene (Brooklyn)
Kimberly Lawton (Burlington)
Steve Smith (Prospect)

Florida

Evan Gould (Port Charlotte)
Roger Hart (Molino)
Bill Landen (Lake Wales)
Samantha Leonard (Pensacola)
Celeste Matroni (Pensacola)
Paul Matroni (Pensacola)
Mary Nicholson (Pensacola)

Idaho

Marlene Bannon (Cascade)
Matthew Bannon (Cascade)

Illinois

Michael McKanna (Gurnee)

Kentucky

Katie Harmon (Louisville)
Noah Hinson (Louisville)

Maine

Matt Allen (Kennebunkport)
Matthew Bourgoin (Gorham)

Massachusetts

Anita Brann (Westford)
Rudy Brann (Westford)
Ron Filosa (Melrose)
Chris Mirabito (Arlington)
Roberta Oberlander (Marstons Mills)

Michigan

Laurie Seelen (Ishpeming)
Cathy Swartout (Livonia)

Minnesota

Mark R. Fries (Oak Grove)
Pauli Rike (Crystal)
Beth Salzl (Roseville)
Dan Salzl (Roseville)
Roy Schardin (Lakeville)

Montana

Zachery Hendrickson (Missoula)
Jessie Martin (Missoula)
Tobias Martin (Missoula)
Gary Senti (Stevensville)

New Hampshire

Robert Labrie (Nashua)

New York

Briar Sutherland-Dufour (Annandale on Hudson)

North Carolina

Karl Mundt (Raleigh)
Bob Payne (Raleigh)
James Zech (Kernersville)

Oklahoma

Erica Heffel (Moore)

Ontario

Alden Therrien (Whitchurch-Stouffville)

Tanya Therrien (Whitchurch-Stouffville)
Chris Yandt (Ottawa)

Oregon

Samuel Baxter (Hermiston)
Gevin Brown (Powell Butte)
Peggy Curtis (Sweet Home)
Julie Daly (Baker City)
Dave Hill (Bend)
Eileen Pfahler (McMinnville)
Terri Snedden (Brownsville)
Mary Williams (Hillsboro)

Pennsylvania

John Hunt (Media)

South Dakota

Dan Benthin (Tea)
Chad Boese (Sioux Falls)
Bryan Ferwerda (Sioux Falls)
Jim Gasper (Sioux Falls)
Joseph Gogain (Rapid City)
Bill Huffman (Sioux Falls)
Dave Komes (Rapid City)

Texas

Ray Vines (Grapevine)

Vermont

Kris Burford (Richmond)
Jesse Ferguson II (Providence Forge)

Washington

Wendy Darnold (Wenatchee)
Gordon Eklund (Tacoma)
Todd Elmquist (Gig Harbor)
Debbie Stern (Seattle)
Jeff Stern (Seattle)

Wisconsin

Betsy Eigenberger (Sheboygan)
Roger Eigenberger (Sheboygan)
Jim Forster (Appleton)
Brad Grant (Green Bay)
Scott Pedracine (Madison)
Robert Setterman (Plover)
Keith Vanden Wymelenberg (Madison)

Wyoming

Lynn Burgert (Cheyenne)



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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of April 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1788	Erik Locke	1	1734	Jim Mahan	1	1149	David Statz
2	1221	Bob Brumley	2	1212	Terry Weber	2	1126	Robert Medeiros
3	1095	Bob Bartosh	3	1195	Scott Sand	3	825	Donna LaFleur
4	952	Paul Gregson	4	969	Steven Steinmetz	4	809	Mark Soule
5	868	Bill Schlabas	5	909	David Aiello	5	782	Peter Legendre
6	833	Peggy Shea	6	800	Cynthia Wark	6	774	Phil Martin
7	798	Bernie Nelson	7	716	Haley Hintze	7	731	Mary Burlington
8	791	Richard Shea	8	708	Al Pernicke	8	718	Jerry Hardy
9	770	Duane Toll	9	636	Emilio Perez	9	681	Terrance Cushman
10	756	Dave Yaeger	10	603	Jeff Shimp	10	679	Frank Abernathy
11	713	James Morrow	11	591	Marsha Mahan	11	578	Stephen Dugas
12	706	Sara Sanner	12	560	Larry Leidenheimer	12	545	Kendra Munkacsy
13	654	Peter Jackson	13	551	Allen Karr	13	539	Mike Fetchel
14	644	Bryan Gurden	14	545	James McCarty	14	529	Barry Spadea
15	625	Don Thienel	15	532	Dan Taylor	15	420	Bruce Sattler
16	587	Jason Shumate	16	505	Wendy Yafuso	16	418	Robert Baker
17	577	David Bute	17	504	Bob Kiley	17	411	Debra Cotter
18	569	Rick Baird	18	485	Dan Sand	18	406	Jack Silvia
19	567	Carol Williams	19	481	Jason Matheny	19	392	Keith Widener
20	564	James Clark	20	441	Donald Curry	20	387	Marty Duchow
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25	468	Darlene Stier	25	369	Rick Kuehn	25	357	Donald Janelle
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29	427	Pete Larsen	29	349	Jeff Machovsky	29	347	Laurie Hardy
30	413	Jeanne Jelke	30	341	Edward Balcer	30	334	Megan Player
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39	374	Mike McCammon	37	272	Ed May	39	284	Michael D'Elena
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42	354	Ivan Wells	42	261	John Hazlett	42	277	Peter Setian
43	352	Winona McDaniel	43	249	Dan Selke	43	276	Deborah Taylor
44	347	Lori Boyer	44	248	Todd Schaefer	44	266	Paul Batterson
44	347	Eric Boysen	45	244	Bob Joslin	45	263	Richard Nourse
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Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE		
date	location	Tournament Directors
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	The Lodge in Deadwood SD	David Aiken, Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Sheraton in Niagara Falls NY	David Aiken, Mark Soule, Vlcki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree in Spokane WA	James Morrow, Rick Baird, Kat Hartsell
TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE		
Mar. 6–8, 2026	J Resort in Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra

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
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

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WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader

Trailhead Golf Course, 22302 E Country Vista Dr, Liberty Lake WA 99019. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell

May 23, Washington State Open

May 24–25, Spokane Memorial 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

ME ♦ May 24, Seaside in Wells

Ogunquit Senior Ctr, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup

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 ♦ Madison Masters Doubleheader

AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

June 6, Madison Masters 1

June 7–8, Madison Masters 2

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 Lakes, 111 N. F. St, Isabella MI 49849. TD: Pat Lesley (500.459.2065) & Tom Butner

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

CA ♦ Topaz Double Summer Bash

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US-395, Gardnerville CA 89410. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Rick Baird

June 21–22, Topaz Double Summer Bash #1

June 23–25, Topaz Double Summer Bash #2

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

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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

MA ♦ July 12–13, New England Summer Slam

American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steven Dugas

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YOUTH GRAND NATIONAL 6

Saturday, June 28, 2025

In Conjunction with the Independence Day Cribbage Classic

J Resort - 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501

See Independence Day Flyer for rate (866)-386-7829

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- 2 pm Registration Opens for Early Bird, Mid Roller and Main Tournament
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- 7 pm Canadian Doubles \$50-Team \$20- Side Pools, 9 Games, No Playoffs

Saturday June 28, 2025

- 7 am Pick Up Scorecards, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
- 8 am Main Tournament, \$73, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 22 Games, \$1,000.00 J Resort Added, 5:30 pm Main Tournament Playoffs, Best 3 of 5

Sunday, June 29, 2025

- 7:30 am Main Tournament Playoffs Continue, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
- 8 am Consolation Registration
- 9 am Consolation, \$40, \$10 Side Pool, 9 Games, \$500.00 J Resort Added
- 1 pm Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

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Daytime Phone w/Area Code _____ E-Mail _____

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_____ \$25 per person Doubles partner _____

_____ \$20 Doubles Side Pool

_____ \$73 Saturday Main Tournament Make Payable To: Independence Day Cribbage

_____ \$10 Main Side Pool Mail To: Peggy Shea

_____ \$20 Main Side Pool 6282 Humboldt Hill Road

_____ \$50 Main Side Pool Eureka CA 95503

_____ \$ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

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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NC ♦ National Open Tripleheader

DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

July 17–18, Open Opener

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

July 18–21, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

July 21, Come Monday

TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

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

July 24–25, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 26–27, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ♦ Pasco Tripleheader

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

July 24–25, Weekday Challenge

July 26, Summer Classic

July 27, Western Region Championships

CA ♦ July 26, Pegging for Vets

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

CA ♦ River City Doubleheader

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

Aug. 1, River City Shake It Up Friday

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

CA ♦ Aug. 4–5, Natomas Open

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

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

Aug. 7–8, Sacramento 2025 #4

Aug. 9, Sacramento 2025 #5

Aug. 10, Sacramento 2025 #6

MN ♦ Midwest Doubleheader

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

Aug. 8, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 9–10, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

CT ♦ Midwest Doubleheader

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: (1) Martin Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor and (2) Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

CT ♦ Aug. 9, Patriot Kickoff Classic

Aug. 10, Northeast Peer Tournament

CA ♦ Aug. 9, Laguna Woods Tournament

Laguna Woods, 23822 Avenida Sevilla, Laguna Woods CA 92637. TD: Paul Dockstader (562.234.0839) & Ken Varner

WI ♦ Aug. 22–24, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle

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

CA ♦ Sep. 5–6, Jimmy Yee Memorial

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

CT ♦ Sep. 6, September Sizzler

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

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OR/ID ♦ ORE-IDA or Bust!

Sep. 5–7, Gem State Classic

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709.
TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

Sep. 9–11, Oregon Trail Tournament

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

Sep. 12–14, Blue Mountain Open

American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande
OR 97850. TD: Charlette Spring-
er (541.975.3176) & Sue Anderson

IA ♦ Iowa Classic Doubleheader

Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St,
Marshalltown IA 50158. TD: Mike
Henze (641.485.2604) & Bob Joslin

Sep. 19, Iowa Classic 1

Sep. 20–21, Iowa Classic 2

MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup

Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102.
TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble

Sep. 26–27, Montana Memorial

Sep. 28–29, Big Sky Open

MN ♦ Chaska Tripleheader

VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD:
Adam Switzer (952.687.1642), Steven Schnei-
der, Bob Joslin, and Chad Frischmann

Sep. 26, Minnesota Open One-Day

Sep. 27–28, Jerry Gruber Memorial

Sep. 29, Westward Ho!

SD ♦ Grand National 43

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

Sep. 30–Oct. 2, GN43 Midweek

Oct. 2–4, Grand National 43

entry form online

MA ♦ New England Classic Doubleheader

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St,
Abington MA 02351. TD: Debra Cot-
ter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker

Oct. 10, New England Classic Warmup

Oct. 11–12, New England Classic

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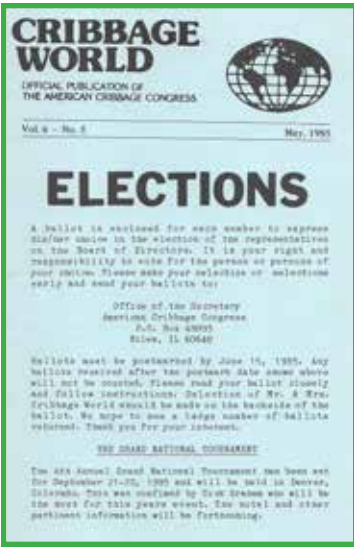
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40 Years Ago

The front cover gave instructions for voting in the BOD election and announced Grand National #4 in Denver CO. Elsewhere we read that **DeLynn Colvert** took second place in two consecutive tournaments: Midway Open in Hermiston OR directed by **Jeanie Hill** and

Montana Open in Missoula MT directed by DeLynn himself.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Phyllis Schmidt** (MA) won the 130-player South Shore Open in Randolph MA and that **Bob Fitzgerald** (CT) won the 110-player Eastern States Championship in Shrewsbury MA one week later.



IN MEMORY OF CRIBbage FRIENDS

Marcia Glenn



A beloved member of Club 127 and a longtime ACC member, Marcia Glenn passed away on March 25. She grew up as a military kid and graduated high school in Germany. She was a sci-fi fan and a devoted US Marine, but the two great loves in her life were Robert and Larry. She returned to the ACC a couple years ago after a twenty-year hiatus and was just 91 points away from earning her Bronze Award in Grass Roots. She had nearly 1,300 MRPs



on the Tournament Trail, to go along with her three tournament victories. Away from the cribbage board, Marcia was a successful glass artist and loved going to Alaska via cruise ship. If you met her, you were a friend. She was generous and an inspiration for others to make changes to improve their lives. She was a real cheerleader.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Carl Deyette

by Joe Zimmitti

The vast cribbage community lost one of its most likable and valued members, Carl Deyette, of East Hartford CT, a member of Club 26. A devoted husband and loving father, Carl leaves behind his wife, Lorraine, and children Jennifer, David, and Julia. He also leaves behind a trail of literally hundreds of friends who have been touched by his generosity, good nature, and thoughtfulness.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Joe Zimmitti (aka "Cupcake"), and Carl and I have known each other for as long as we've known our wives, the better part of fifty-five years. We met at UPS in 1969, both putting in most of our years as tandem tractor-trailer drivers. It was there that I taught Carl the game of cribbage. He had long since surpassed his teacher after he joined the ACC, several years before I finally did. For the next twelve or so years, Carl and I were traveling partners and roommates in Reno, Raleigh, Portsmouth, North Conway, and wherever Grand National was played. Our last trip was to the Virginia Beach Grand National, where even then, he would walk the mile and a half boardwalk back and forth, a couple times each morning. It came as a shock, shortly thereafter, that Carl's health took a sudden turn for the worst.

Carl phoned me from the hospital at 2:15a on March 16, said there were no answers, and that he would be sent home for hospice care. We expressed our love for each other, and then he thanked me for all the good advice I gave him over the years. I said: "Oh that, I made all that stuff up!" He chuckled, and that's last thing I remember from the last time we spoke.

Rest in peace, my friend. Knowing you has made me a better person, and I will always try to live up to the example you set. Your kindness, generosity, friendship, and sense of humor will be missed by me and all the many people whose lives you touched.

① Carl loved going to the Cape every summer. ② Joe and Carl loved Reno, here with Mary Burlington and Roger Bouchard. ③ Yep, Joe and Carl *really* enjoyed Reno! ④ Club 26 sent sixteen members to Reno in 2018, and everyone wore matching shirts so they could find each other. Carl and Joe ended up having to play each other! ⑤ During the National Open, Carl loved eating at The Pit in Raleigh, here with Joe and clubmates Mike Misluk, Mike Fetchel, Marty Duchow, and Phil Martin. ⑥ Carl and Joe with their UPS friend known as "Short Al." ⑦ Carl winning the 2023 Open Opener consy, with TD Dave Aiken.



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