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OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

Are the Congress Official Playing Rule ready for printing? You better believe it. After all Congress officials have been working them over for 15 months. One slight catch remains - printing and binding (staples) etc cost an arm and a leg and the stingy Executive Committee authorized only \$350.00 from the treasury for the job. That's a little on the light side, about \$400.00 light that is. They want \$750.00 for 2000 copies of a 24 page booklet. Whew, prolonged exposure to the price tag is associated with elevated blood pressure. Joe says, we must sell some advertising space to make up the deficit... Mr Think Big suggests tournament directors spend \$30.00 for a boxed 2" x 4" ad telling about their annual event. For you people who would like something larger, a half page (4" x 4") goes for \$50.00 while a whole page will set you back 100 smackeroos. The back cover will be glossy two colors and it is available for \$150.00. It's a good deal, these books will be around for many years.

The price tag on the Official Rules Booklet will be \$2.00 plus postage, however, one copy will be mailed free of charge to each member household. Tell your friends it's cheaper to join the Congress and save the cost of postage.

To get the show on the road we will have to get a bunch of ads. Hopefully our cribbage friends will come through. In closing, Joe says, "we always Think Big, now is the time to ACT BIG..... Send your ads to Cribbage, Box 5534, Madison, WI 53705....."

JUNIOR PROGRAM

During December-January another \$176.00 was donated to the junior program coin-box which jumps the total up to a whopping \$430.00...

The response by the members to help out the kids has been tremendous. The kids are in for a first class event, that's guaranteed.

Recently the Executive Committee OK'd the 1st National Junior Tournament be scheduled to take place in Massachusetts with the location and date(s) to be determined by the chairman of the junior program, Mr Frank O'Connor of Dedham, MA. The reasoning behind selecting the Bay State as the first site for our jrs to gather was quite simple; the O'Connors are Bay Staters as are 85 percent of our jr members.

Henceforth, either the Executive Committee or Board of Directors will decide each year where the junior tournament will be held. By the way, there are only 60 junior members on the rolls. We should and easily could have more. Help out of you can, jr dues is only one dollar. Sign up a dozen.

List of December-January donors:

Mr/Mrs Anonymous	\$50.00	Somewhere, USA
Jim Hodgskin	25.00	Orlando, FL
Nick Pond	23.00	Raleigh, NC
Herb Farwell	20.00	Fern Park, FL
Harry Palmer	20.00	Springfield, MA
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Art Golden	2.00	Broomfield, CO
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Jacob Kaufmann	2.00	Oshkosh, WI

* second donation

PEGGING POINTERS

By Dan Barlow, 1980 National Open Champion

Here's a play you will be able to make once in a blue moon, but if you are not alert when your chance comes, it could cost you a game. Say you are 16 holes away from going out and your opponent is ten away. You are the dealer, you hold A-6-7-9 and an 8 has been cut. Pone leads out with a 6. You play your 9, 15 for 2 points. He plays a 5, you play a 7, and he plays a 4 for 31...

Now you are trying to decided what to lead, your 6 or your Ace. Like all good cribbage players, you know the advantage of watching your opponent's cards. He has already played a 4, 5, and a 6, so you decide that he is much more likely to have a 6 than an Ace. Thus you decide to lead the Ace. But not so fast !!!!!

If this were any other time in the game, the Ace would be the better lead. But not here. If your opponent has a 6, he has a 12-hand and enough to put him out (you are not worried that he has a 9 since he would have used it to peg on your 9). But if he happens to have an Ace, he has only 7 points in his hand and he is still eight holes away from winning. By leading your Ace, you could be giving the game away; leading the 6 will cost you nothing. True, your opponent will seldom be holding the Ace, so the correct play will seldom pay off, but remember, the correct play can never hurt.

By watching your opponent's cards, you can often obtain valuable information. Just make sure you put that information to its proper use.

CRIBBAGE EXPLOSION IN MAINE

A tragic swimming pool accident last August left young Russell Langmaid paralyzed. His hometown of Yarmouth rallied to help pay the astronomical expenses. Among the events was a rather hastily organized cribbage tournament. Evidently, cribbage players in southern Maine were just waiting for some organization. Everyone was amazed at the 160 entrants from this small coastal town. The tourney was an incredible success, but most importantly was the \$700.00 raised for Russ Langmaid. More tournaments will follow and players are now looking for the start of an annual state championship in Portland.

- HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT -

Recently Mr Peter Gribbin, our Director for the state of Maine, conducted a tournament for Portland High School students and surprisingly 32 students took part. Mr Gribbin, an educator in the Portland school system, is readying his students for the National Junior Cribbage Championships which are to be scheduled in Massachusetts this spring or early summer. Diane Ricci and Tina Thompson were the finalists. The same old story of the girls beating the boys again takes an old timer back many, many years... It's still happening these days !!!!

LEAGUE PLAYERS RATING SYSTEM

At the recent Executive Committee meeting held in Denver last month it was decided to look into setting up a Rating System for cribbage league players. A committee of four members has been appointed and hopefully will have something to present to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting this July.

CRIBADIER GENERAL COMMISSIONS

Cribadier General commissions are hot off the press, finally. We have yards & yards of blue ribbon and plenty of gold seals... The commissions will be signed and ready for mailing. As soon as the pokey secretary gets a bunch of large envelopes he will have them in the mail. Here is the latest look at the "Honor Roll of the Elite."

001	Gordon Fisher	Madison, WI
002	Donald J. Leonard	Sanford, NC
003	Lisa Feder	New York, NY
004	William F. Tuttle	Cincinnati, OH
005	John Luckman	Las Vegas, NV
006	Everett E. Bey	Quincy, CA
007	Dagg Henderson	Groton, CT
008	Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL
009	Joseph P. Wergin	Madison, WI
010	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA
011	Robert L. Immel	Northfield, MN
012	Richard Haby	Lafayette, IN
013	Jim Hodgskin	Orlando, FL
014	Herb Farwell	Fern Park, FL
015	Robert A. Read	Winter Gdn, FL
016	Harry Palmer	Springfield, MA
017	Nick Pond	Raleigh, NC

CONSOLATION MASTER POINTS

The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to award Master Points for Consolation tournaments but only on a 50 percent basis. Players like the idea of a second chance at cashing at tournaments, now they will have a 2nd chance at being awarded Master Points toooo. This change will become effective September 1st, 1981, the start of the next cribbage season. Oh yes, another good feature is that there will be no extra charge - repeat - no extra charge..... Other Executive Committee doings will appear in later editions.

NATIONAL RATING POINTS

Sanctioned tournament #7, the Rocky Mountain Championship, has been entered in the books. After hashing and rehashing the Master Points and the Big List we find only the tournament winner, Dwight VanCleve, breaking into the elite "Top Ten." All the players in the Top Ten have over 100 Master points to their credit.

Here again is the Big List of all those members who have earned over ten points. There are 147 members with ten points each for a total of 211 members rated thus far & this is only the beginning.

Mr Arnold Dean Crews of Jacksonville, Fla still leads the hit parade with a whopping 222.68 Master Points.

1	Arnold Crews	Jacksonville, FL	222.68
2	Ray Rodahl	Milwaukee, WI	164.50
3	Leonard Davy	Madison, WI	156.50
4	Rudy Hebain	Milwaukee, WI	148.50
5	Ed Schotanus	Groton, CT	140.62
6	Vern Hackbart	Poynette, WI	124.50
7	Rich Maringer	Greendale, WI	118.50
8	Dan Sokolowski	Milwaukee, WI	116.50
9	Dwight VanCleve	Denver, CO	109.41
10	Victor Lyngaas	Middleton, WI	100.50
11	Ken Martin	Agawam, MA	92.62
12	Warren Sondericker	Grenfld, WI	92.50
13	Joe Wergin	Madison, WI	87.41
14	Dagg Henderson	Groton, CT	84.62
15	Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL	84.50
15	Bob Michaelis	Marinette, WI	84.50
17	Bob Madsen	Chicago, IL	79.41
18	Gordon Zindler	Waukesha, WI	76.50
19	James Z. Foley	Myrtle Bch, SC	73.18
20	Ed Kloepple	St Paul, MN	68.50
21	Dave Stahlecker	Thornton, CO	61.41
22	Darrel Goodman	State Ctr, IA	60.60
23	Jim Kraus	Wilmington, NC	55.67

National Rating Points (Continued)

24	Virginia Taylor	Greensboro, NC	55.41
25	Frank O'Connor	Dedham, MA	55.18
26	Vaughn Trolinger	Boulder, CO	53.41
27	Guy Pence	Northfield, MN	52.50
28	Haley Johnson	St Cloud, FL	41.18
29	Dave McGuire	Kissimmee, FL	39.18
30	Frank Wise	Orlando, FL	38.85
31	Tom Miller	St Louis, MO	37.41
32	Del Taylor	Greensboro, NC	33.18
33	Larry Brown	Wilmington, NC	30.00
"	Bob Immel	Northfield, MN	30.00
"	Maxine Maddox	Wilmington, NC	30.00
"	Jack Morris	Wilmington, NC	30.00
37	Dick Graham	Englewood, CO	29.41
38	Paul Kleinschmidt	Colo Spgs, CO	21.41
39	George Heunisch	Orlando, FL	20.85
40	Dan Barlow	Chapel Hill, NC	20.00
"	Walt Chowanec	Milwaukee, WI	20.00
"	Tom Comstock	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	Richard Dacey	Bear Creek, NC	20.00
"	Doris Donalies	Union Grove, WI	20.00
"	Hugh Fanton	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	Jerry Gagnon	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	Jim Hodgskin	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	M. O. Mathisen	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	Tony Pesce	Orlando, FL	20.00
"	Myron Roseland	Winter Park, FL	20.00
"	Daniel Weir	Greendale, WI	20.00
52	Ann Knoll	Wilmington, NC	19.00
53	Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee, WI	13.47
"	Roger DeGroot	Peshtigo, WI	13.47
"	Bob Dettman	West Allis, WI	13.47
"	Jerome Doughty	Racine, WI	13.47
"	Bob Julian	Milwaukee, WI	13.47
"	Allan Lichty	Des Moines, IA	13.47
"	John Mitchell	Racine, WI	13.47
"	Dana Rogers	Truro, IA	13.47
"	Jim Schneider	Menominee Fls, WI	13.47
"	Dick Sjolander	West Salem, WI	13.47
"	Ethel Teepe	Menoninee, MI	13.47
"	Lois Tenge	Pewaukee, WI	13.47
65	147 tied	Everywhere, USA	10.00

- CRIBBAGE RESULTS -

The third annual Rocky Mountain Championship held last month in Denver had 93 players enter the Singles competition while 78 pairs entered the Doubles. This year all previous attendance records were broken.

The Singles winner was Dwight Van Cleve who played superbly all the way. Dwight picked up the \$385.00 first place check as well as 109.41 Master points. Young Dave Kerr, another local lad, was the runner-up while Glenn Little of Littleton, CO finished third.

Dale Pryich of Casper, Wyoming played and scored with a 28 hand. Dale will receive a framed certificate from the Congress to commemorate the occasion.

What seemed a surprise to some but a delight to most players was the fifth place finish by Congress president, Joseph P. Wergin. Why a surprise? After all he wrote "the book."

The Doubles event was won by the brothers Stevens, Brad of Denver and Mark of Salt Lake City, Utah. Smiling Vaugh Trollinger and partner Gail Campbell, both from Boulder, were the runners-up.

Dick Graham and his cribbage committee did an outstanding job & in the process they picked up \$1500.00 for local charities. Nice going gang, hope you have a bigger crowd next year.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: A special edition of Cribbage World entitled "Election Special" will be published and mailed in about a week or ten days. It will tell all about the upcoming election of Directors, the how, who, why and when. Be sure to read it.....

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

February 21-22: Kissimmee-St Cloud (Gateway to the Worlds) Cribbage Meet, Elks Lodge, downtown Kissimmee, FL Entry fee \$6.00 incl morning coffee & sandwich buffet on Sat. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 16 playing single elim (3/5) on Sun. This meet geared for intermediate players seeking tournament experience. Info: write Fla Cribbage Assn, PO Box 565, Kissimmee, FL 32741. Sanctioned by the Congress.

Feb 28-March 1: MGM Open at Ramada Inn at Green Bay, WI. Entry fee \$25.00. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 32 playing in single elim on Sunday. Loser's tournament on Sunday. Buffet lunch on Sat only \$4.00; sandwiches available on Sunday.. Info: MGM Cribbage Tmt, PO Box 552, Green Bay, WI 54305. Sanctioned by the Congress.

March 14-15: Western NY State Open, at West End Hotel in Hamburg, NY. Entry fee \$25. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 16 playing double elim on Sun. Meals available on site. Info: Elbert Hargesheimer Jr, 40 Main St, Hamburg, NY 14075. Sanctioned by the Congress.

March 21-22: Wisconsin State Classic at "8" locations around the state: Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Hudson, Janesville, Madison, Marinette, Milwaukee & Wisconsin Rapids. Entry fee \$26.00. Qual games (21) on Sat with top qualifiers playing single elim (3/5) on Sunday. Top 20% of each District will advance to finals at Madison. Sanctioned by the Congress.

March 27-28: 12th annual Greater Wilmington Cribbage Assn tournament at YMCA. Doubles Fri eve at 7:00 pm, \$10.00 per team. The Singles \$6.00 per indiv. (Continued pg 10)

TOURNAMENT TRAIL (Continued)

played on Sat. Coffee & Doughnuts served at both sessions. Info: YMCA, 2710 Market St, Wilmington, NC 28403. Sanctioned by American Cribbage Congress.

April 4-5: Wisconsin State Classic Finals at Madison. Same format as in District preliminaries. Time and place to be announced. Sanctioned by the Congress.

April 4-5: Capital City Open, Madison, WI. Special tmt for husbands, wives, friends who may accompany qualifiers to Madison. It will be a separate event & National Rating Points will be awarded. Entry fee \$21.00. For more info: Madison Cribbage Club, Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705. Sanctioned by the Congress.

May 9: 10th Annual World Championship Tournament at Quincy, CA. Entry fee \$40.00 incl Singles, Doubles & Awards Banquet. Info: Plumas County Chamber of Commerce, Box 1018, Quincy, CA 95971. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

May 16-17: American Cribbage Championship at Marquette, MI. Entry \$26.00. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 32 playing single elim (3/5) on Sun. Consol Tmt on Sunday. Buffet lunch on Sat \$4.00; sandwiches available on Sunday. Info: Pete Danielson, 49 Elder Dr, Marquette, MI 49855. Sanctioned by the Congress.

May 23-24: Midwest Masters Classic for 1981 in Des Moines, Iowa. Qual games (21) on Sat with top 32 playing single elim (3/5) on Sun. Entry fee \$31.00. Qual Pool \$10. Consol tmt on Sunday \$12.00. For more info write to Midwest Cribbage Assn, Box 5584, Madison, WI 53705. Sanctioned by the American Cribbage Congress.

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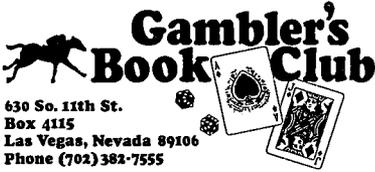
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership count is slightly over the 850 mark. We are doing OK, adding a few more to the rolls every week. It appears we will meet our goal of "1001 in 1981."

We have members in 41 states and two provinces of Canada. We're lacking members in nine of the states (AR-DE-ID-LA-MT-NH-ND-SD-VT), and our second membership goal of "members in all 50 states" appears in jeopardy. Any help from you readers will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to President Joe Wergin and a bunch of New England volunteers, we find Connecticut on top in the numbers parade with 175 members... Next comes Joe's home state of Wisconsin with 120. Frank & Pat O'Connor, our minutemen from Massachusetts, are active again and the Bay State now has 100 members on the rolls, including 51 juniors. Next in line comes North Carolina with 64 and Florida with 63 members.

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