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SANDS REGENT HOTEL AGAIN HOSTS ACC OPEN TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Hundreds of cribbage players will meet and compete in Reno, Nevada, at the Sands Regent Hotel & Casino on January 28-29, 1989, in the ACC Open.

Tournament Directors Jeff Shimp of Allegan, Michigan, and Syl Lulinski of La Grange Park, Illinois, have been working closely with the personnel of the Sands Regent to make this an event to remember.

The Sands Regent is a 670-room casino just 10 minutes from the Reno airport. It has 2 restaurants open 24 hours a day, 3 casinos, 5 cocktail lounges, beauty and barber shops, a health club and a poker room -- in other words, something for everyone.

For those of you who will be flying to Reno, be sure to make your flight reservations early enough to gain the benefit of advance reservations savings that may be available. Plan ahead and have a great time. (For more information, see enclosed tournament insert.)

The INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS ... is being directed by Joan Rein of Carver, Minnesota, and will be held on Friday, January 27, 1989. The concept of the Invitational is to bring together in the spirit of competition and good "sportsmanship" those players who have done well and have been fortunate on the tournament trail. Invitations were mailed in November, and the criteria were outlined in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

If you consider yourself a qualifier and would like to attend and you have not been extended an invitation by the time you receive this issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD, please contact Joan Rein, Box 306, Carver, MN 55315, 612-448-2459.

Let's get behind Jeff, Syl and Joan to make this January 1989 weekend the best ever. These three individuals are working extremely hard to make this a pleasurable winter weekend for all. Last year over 600 persons attended the Open -- be one of them this year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Wergin

FORWARD FOR FREEDOM

100 After being in mothballs for some 30 years, the USS Wisconsin battleship was reconditioned, recommissioned and prepared for active service. A class of new recruits was organized in Wisconsin, and some 140 young men and women were assigned a few months ago to this strong arm of the fleet.

Recommission ceremonies were held at New Orleans, and many Wisconsin residents attended. The USS Wisconsin will represent the state throughout the world. "Forward for Freedom" is the theme adopted.

This past week this scribe sent mailings to the Special Service Officers of the Navy and the Marines who are serving on the ship. It was suggested that Grass Roots Clubs be organized to compete with clubs in the states. The men and women serving on this great ship do have plenty of recreation time to learn and play cribbage, which has been a favorite with sailors for many years. Tournament play would help them overcome many lonesome hours.

It is believed that there could be six or more clubs organized, as the complement of men and women equals the population of many small towns. This may be the spark that will form Grass Roots Clubs in the Air Force, the Navy and the Marines.

Note:
This column requested members having sons or daughters in the services and who play cribbage to send in names and addresses so that we can send them promotional material.

CRIBBAGE IN SCHOOLS

A Congress faculty is being built up as more people are reporting the teaching of cribbage in the elementary grades. Teachers are requesting this activity because they know that a knowledge of crib helps in developing math skills.

125 During the last month, Ken Keller, Madison, Wisconsin, and David Proctor of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, have joined the faculty. Other people reported teaching in the schools include Jim Shores, Forest Grove, Oregon; Fletcher, Helena, Montana; Jack Werdlich, Lincoln, Nebraska; Don Doyle and Jim Love, Madison, Wisconsin; and this writer.

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In the Congress' application to the state of North Carolina for a charter, the first objective was "to promote the game of cribbage," and another one was "to standardize the rules." Some officials have overlooked these purposes and have slanted all their activities to tournaments only.

It is our belief that cribbage promotion includes all people -- children, senior citizens, even those in retirement homes, the handicapped, etc. Promotion should not be limited to tournament prospects alone, and copies of rules should be available to everyone. How else can we standardize the rules in the United States?

JUDGE'S CORNER

Listed below are the new certified judges:

ID #		
164	Barlow, Dan	Durham, NC
165	Troutner, Marlene	Gresham, OR
166	Shears, Lindsey	Grass Valley, CA
167	Thomssen, Wm.	Grand Island, NE
168	Wasielewski, Walter	Jackson, MI
169	Horigan, Ed	Virginia Beach, VA
170	Stevens, Tom	Oroville, CA
171	Bays, Dennis	Clovis, CA
172	Chrabaszcz, Emil	Ware, MA
173	Stoops, Harry	Hialeah, FL
174	Mathews, John	Oroville, CA
175	Hunstad, Darrell	Nipomo, CA
176	Weitz, Robert	Buffalo, NY
177	Conell, Walter	Helena, MT

Frank Zabrowski
Monterey, CA

PEGGING POINTERS

Dan Barlow

You need four holes; opponent needs four holes; you have first count.

You have two choices. You can try to peg out before opponent does, or you can try to keep opponent from pegging out. The latter is your best bet, as the dealer has a clear advantage in the pegging game.

If you could see opponent's hand, it would be easy to choose the cards he or she is least likely to peg on. As it is, the best you can do is save cards unlikely to trap you into a run. Cards close in rank -- particularly touching cards -- are dangerous. A holding of A-A-5-Q will give you distinct options in the early play of the hand. A-A-2-3 is far more restricting and far more likely to lead to disaster. Of course, you should save enough points to go out if you peg nothing and dealer pegs fewer than four.

Underlined cards are the same suit.

1. What do you toss from 2-5-7-8-9-K?
2. What do you toss from 2-4-5-6-10-K?
3. What do you toss from A-2-3-10-J-K?
4. What do you toss from 3-7-8-9-J-Q?
5. What do you toss from 3-3-4-5-7-9?
6. What do you toss from 5-5-5-9-J-Q?
7. What do you toss from 2-3-4-7-7-7?

SOLUTIONS TO QUIZ

1. Toss 7-9. With 2-5-8-K, you have a nice diversity of cards. You should manage to find safe plays.
2. Toss 4-5 and keep the flush. 2-5-10-K isn't bad, but why save the 5? You could get stuck leading it:

You	Opponent
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u> (6)
K (16)	3 (19)
10 (29)	A (30-1)
5	Q (15-3)

3. Toss A-J. Holding all three low cards could trap you into a disastrous run.

4. Toss J-Q. If you don't keep 7-8-9, you may not go out even if you prevent opponent from pegging four holes. Keep the 3 as your opening lead. It's the card opponent's least likely to peg on. True, you're in trouble if opponent plays a 7, 8 or 9 on your 3, but with opponent only four holes from home, anything you do could lead to trouble.
5. Keep the 3s -- they give you a perfectly safe opening lead. Toss the 4 and the 5 -- they're too close to the 3s for comfort.
6. Even if you've never had a 28-hand (or 29), toss a pair of 5s. It's too easy to get trapped into leading those things.
7. Toss a pair of 7s. True, 2-3-4-7 isn't four points, but it will be after the cut. And it gives you more options during the play of the hand than you'd have holding three 7s.

The preceding was extracted from the book Miracles on Fourth Street by Dan Barlow. You may obtain the book by writing to:

Dan Barlow
4114 Livingstone Place
Durham, NC 27707

and enclosing \$7.50.

HAYWARD'S 7TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

As we go to press, Kate Macdonald is still seeking a location for her February 25, 1989, tournament; she plans to tie up the loose ends shortly. For information, contact Kate at 22245 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94541, or call 415-538-2044.

DOWN THE ROAD

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Washington State Championship	Feb. 10-12
Hayward's Tournament VII (CA)	Feb. 25
Greater Boston Classic (MA)	Apr. 7-9
Greater Herriston Open (OR)	Apr. 28-30
Minnesota Open	Apr. 28-30
Super Bowl of Cribbage (CA)	Apr. 29-30
Rhode Island Open	Apr. 30
Ben Franklin Open (PA)	May 6-7
Great Plains Classic (NE)	May 7
Belle City Classic (WI)	Aug. 11-13

PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST GRAND NATIONALS

1. All requests must be presented in person at any of the 3 Board of Directors' meetings held in the year that is 3 years prior to the year of the Grand National requested. Example: requests to hold the 1992 Grand National must be presented to the Board during 1989.
2. If tentative approval is given after the first proposal, then a second proposal must be presented to the Board during the next year. This proposal must consist of as many finalized details as possible. Final approval may be granted after the second proposal.
3. The person in charge is required to attend a minimum of 2 Grand Nationals, preferably recent events.
4. Details for the presentation formats will be provided to the proposed host by the Executive Vice President.
5. Approximately 3 months prior to each meeting, a notice would be in CRIBBAGE WORLD listing the opportunities available for that year's proposals.

Syl Lulinski
Tournament Commissioner

TOURNAMENT SCORECARDS

Through the generosity of the Philip Morris Co., the ACC has been furnished with 20,000 attractive tournament scorecards. The scorecards are adaptable to any number of games up to 22.

ATTENTION 1989 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PARTICIPANTS

If you have returned your entry for the 1989 Tournament of Champions Invitational to Joan Rein and you have not received your acknowledgment by January 20, you must contact Joan Rein immediately (P.O. Box 306, Carver, MN 55315 or 612-448-2459).

Syl Lulinski
Executive Vice President

BERNARD BEATS THE ODDS!

During a recent sanctioned tournament, ACC member Joe Bernard was dealt the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of spades, and then he cut the 8 of spades. Joe was told by Mark Steinhauser, an actuary, that the odds of this happening were 16,723,070 to 1.

Syl Lulinski
Executive Vice President

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT LET'S DOUBLE UP

An idea that may be worthy of consideration ... let's call January 1, 1989, Joe Wergin Membership Day. If every present ACC member would sign up one new member, we could double our membership to 10,000 strong. If you can't sign up a friend or relative, give a gift membership for \$7. With a minimum of effort, or at the very worst spending \$7, we could together make happen in a day what has taken 9 years to accomplish.

Send the name, address and \$7 to:

Jeff Monroe
P.O. Box 10486
Napa, CA 94581

AN OBSERVATION PLIGHT OF THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Defense is an important element in cribbage. Games are won by playing defense. The consummate cribbage player, however, uses this technique as a tool and then only sparingly.

Skillful players who use offense as their primary strategy will advance to the playoff rounds in more than 60% of tournaments entered, while others will advance only 10% of the time. Fortunate, no doubt. Lucky, absolutely not.

In the main, defense type players are the dominant group of those contributing to prize pots. I certainly appreciate their contributions but am concerned that they may eventually give up in despair and cease attending tournaments. They feel luck has run out on them, as their main source of points is derived solely from luck.

Defensive players are incredibly easy to spot. They are generally nervous and therefore lack confidence. They know they are going to lose and are seldom wrong in that prediction. That makes them prophets of sorts -- prophets of their own impending demise. Defensive players are wary of pegging runs or jumping on an opponent's card to make a pair, even when such a move is necessary to reach minimal position. The main objective is still to reach position, and to do that one must take calculated risks to

reach that venerated spot on the game board called position. That is offense. Offense may also dictate that you must intimidate your opponent. Force him or her to either match your card or stay several card lengths away. It requires about two of these situations to know your opponent well.

The bare fact is that defensive players rely solely on luck to win games, so they pose no threat whatever. Luck is a fleeting thing and, while games and even tournaments are won on luck alone, those wins will be few and far between.

This disease of always playing defense is endemic in tournaments, but it need not be. I have the solution. Determine your luck/skill ratio. Are you 90% luck and 10% skill? Most defensive players are in this category or close to it. Skillful (offensive) players will rank closer to 80% luck and 20% skill. Luck requires no skill but is quite undependable. Skill is a learned technique and is with you always. Be aggressive. Start intimidating your opponent before he or she tries putting you to the test. Improve your luck/skill ratio to at least 85/15. You will gain confidence, and eventually that ratio will improve to 80/20 or even 75/25. You will then win or place in many tournaments entered. Pegging is offense and is also the ACC logo, KEEP PEGGING. That amounts to much more than 15 2 and 31 for 2.

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SYNOPSIS OF ACC BOARD MEETING

September 23, 1988
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

23 Directors present; 7 absent; 2 visitors.

Minor corrections to the July 29 minutes were approved.

Treasurer Fred McGibney reviewed the financial report and presented a final 1989 budget of \$47,200, projecting a net income of \$2,585 for the coming year. In a brief discussion on Bud Coggins' concessions contract, with revenues being minute, it was noted that the two-year contract expires in February 1989.

New criteria for the Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World award will be developed by DeLynn Colvert and Liz Brandon, with future nominations to be made from the membership and election by the Board of Directors.

Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski's proposed procedures for future proposals to host the Grand National Tournament were adopted. Basically, these require that the proposal be presented in person three years prior to the tournament year requested, with tentative approval the first year and final approval given the second year. Sponsors must also attend two recent Grand Nationals and present as many finalized details as possible.

The subject of suspension or expulsion for cheating was deferred to the Reno meeting.

Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe and Treasurer Fred McGibney were asked to review Life Spouse criteria and prepare a revised proposal for the Reno meeting.

President Joe Wergin discussed membership promotion and suggested approaching the education area, grade schools to college. Further suggestions are being solicited for consideration at the Reno meeting.

Scott Kooistra reported formation of his new Tournament Guidelines Committee, indicating that regulations concerning one-day tournaments will be proposed at the Raleigh Board meeting in 1989.

Discussion concerning "Honorary Directors" was tabled to Reno in order to allow DeLynn Colvert more time to make his presentation.

Butch Reynolds' study of the Master Point system was discussed, but the Board voted down any change in the present arrangement or changes in the Grand Master and Life Master awards requirements.

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SYNOPSIS

Bob Madsen, chairman of the Nominating Committee, proposed reelection of the four officers for another year, and the motion carried unanimously. In the quickest vote with the least discussion at the meeting of the last year, those elected were: President, Joe Wergin, Madison, Wisconsin; Executive Vice President, Syl Lulinski, LaGrange Park, Illinois; Vice President-Policy, Ev Bey, Quincy, California; Vice President-Operations, Harry Palmer, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

By a vote of 21 to 2, the Board adopted Bob Julian's suggestion for addition of Section k to Article V of the Constitution: "A person expelled from the Board of Directors shall not be eligible to run for or hold the position of Director for the next term."

Awards chairman DeLynn Colvert announced that 37 awards would be presented at the Grand National awards banquet.

Grass Roots Commissioner Jerry Dickinson reported 66 clubs, with expectations of 70-80 this year. He discussed their regional organization, distributed a financial summary, and promised a club directory to all Board members as soon as it is published.

Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski discussed tournaments for the 1987-88 year, indicating that tournaments are growing in number. His report was published in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Criteria for invitations to the 1989 and 1990 Tournament of Champions were approved with minor changes. These criteria were published in last month's CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Discussion on rules changes was tabled until the Reno meeting, when Chairman Dick Cornwell will present a number of proposed rules changes to be included in the new rules books due for reprinting.

A proposal to form a committee for long-range planning was approved.

Printing of new two-color membership cards was approved.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 1989, at 1 p.m. at the Sands Regent Hotel, Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with the annual Tournament of Champions and the Congress Open.

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January 13-15, Belle City Classic

Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Don Wrzesinske, 8524 Westminster Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 414-886-6360.

January 13-15, Georgia Open

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall 3200, 1 Gun Club Road, Augusta, Georgia
Entry fee: \$39. Early Bird, Q-Pool, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Luis Lizarribar, 262 Greystone Drive, Martinez, GA 30907, 404-860-2686.

January 13-15, Portland Winter Tournament

Gresham Moose Hall, 16411 N.E. Halsey, Portland, Oregon. Entry fee: \$27. Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, lunch (\$3), Consolation. Contact Kate and John Furler, 924 S.W. 16th Avenue, #201, Portland, OR 97205, 503-228-3664.

January 14-15, Rocky Mountain Championship

Elks Club, 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado. Entry fee: \$35. Q-Pool, Consolation, Sunday Pairs Tourney.
Contact: Dick Graham, 300 E. Hampden Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110, 303-781-7854.

January 27, The Tournament of Champions

Sands Regent Hotel & Casino, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$100.
Contact: Joan Rein, PO Box 306, Carver, Minnesota 55315, 612-448-2459. (By invitation only - see criteria elsewhere in this issue.)

January 28-29, The American Cribbage Congress Open

Sands Regent Hotel & Casino, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Entry fee: \$50. Coffee, danish, Q-Pools, Consolation.
Contact: Jeff Shimp, 2164 116th Avenue, Route #7, Allegan, MI 49010. 616-673-4550.

February 5, Great Plains Winter Classic

Airport Inn, I-80 and Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Entry fee: \$15.
Contact: Jack Wunderlich, 2821 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-477-2900

February 10-12, Gopher State Championship

Regency Plaza Hotel, 41 No. 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$100. Friday Early Bird, Saturday lunch, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.
Contact: Jim Mahan, 3849 Abbott Avenue W, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, 612-588-0034.

February 18, Willows Tournament VIII

Willows Elks Lodge, 150 S. Shasta Street, Willows, California. Entry fee: \$35. Coffee, lunch.
Contact: Carl E. Martens, PO Box 666, Willows, CA 95988, 916-934-7961.

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The American Cribbage Congress Open will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29, 1989 in Reno, Nevada at the Sands Regent Hotel/Casino. This tournament will be held the day after the Invitational Tournament of Champions.

MAIN TOURNAMENT (Saturday & Sunday):

The entry fee is \$50 with an optional Insurance (Q) pool of \$15. Entries **must** be received no later than **6 P.M.**, Monday, January 23. It is highly recommended that you mail your entries early to ensure receipt by the Sands Regent before the deadline. **ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6 P.M. MONDAY.** On Saturday at 7:00 A.M. the tournament will begin with drawing for seats, orientation, rules, and then play. We expect play to begin at approximately 8:30 A.M. Play will consist of 22 games (2 games vs. 11 opponents with alternate deals). The top 25% will advance to Sunday's play-offs which will be elimination matches, best 3 of 5 (first 4 positions, 4 of 7, dealers provided). Pay back: **over 100%, Q Pool 100%**, (graduated, to approximately 1 out of 8 entrants).

CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT (Sunday):

The entry fee is \$30 with an optional Insurance (Q) pool of \$10. Registration will be Sunday from 8:30 A.M. to 10 A.M. The tournament will begin with drawing for seats, rules and play shortly after registration closes. Play will consist of 9 games (1 game vs. 9 opponents, cut for deal). The top 25% will advance to Sunday afternoon play-offs which will be elimination matches, best 2 of 3 (first 2 positions, 3 of 5, dealer provided). Pay back: **100%, Q pool 100%** (graduated, to approximately 1 out of 8 entrants).

The Sands Regent Hotel/Casino has set aside a limited number of rooms at a reduced rate of \$32 per night, single or double occupancy. A hotel reservation form is included at the bottom of this page.

NOTE: Regardless of whether or not you are playing in the Invitational on Friday, the Sands/Regent must have your separate entry for the American Cribbage Congress Open no later than 6 P.M. on Monday, January 23.

If you have any questions contact: Jeff Shimp 2164 116th Ave. Rte. 7 Allegan, Michigan 49010 (616) 673-4550 OR Syl Lulinski 1429 Scotdale Road LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525 (312) 352-4759

ENTRY FORM

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS OPEN

All entries must be received before 6 P.M. Mon. Jan. 23, 1989

Entries may be limited due to space restrictions.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Attach a second sheet for names of additional entrants. Provide name, address, phone, social security number, and explanation of amount enclosed for each.

Fees:

Main Tourn. \$50.00 x = \$
Q Pool \$15.00 x = \$
Subtotal = \$
Hotel Deposit \$34.24 x = \$
TOTAL REMITTED = \$

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February 24-26, Arizona State Classic

Apache Well Activities Hall, 2237 N. 56th Street, Mesa, Arizona. Entry fee: \$42. (\$49 non-ACC members). Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Charlie Fletchall, 2248 Floyd Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85205, 602-985-8705.

February 24-26, MGM Open

Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$36 (\$41 after February 17). Early Bird Doubles, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Doubles, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Thomas Gallagher, 1160 St. Agnes Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304, 414-499-0775.

February 26, Central New England Open

Moose Lodge, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$35. Q-Pools, coffee, donuts, lunch, Consolation.

Contact: Paul Cormier, 28 Washington Street, Marlboro, MA 01752, 508-485-4252.

March 10-12, Warren L. Swett Memorial

American Legion Hall, 406 Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Entry fee: \$35. Friday Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: John Swett, P.O. Box 214, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 815-459-4276.

March 11, Fairfield Semi-Annual Tournament

Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield, California. Entry fee: \$43. Morning Doubles, coffee, doughnuts, lunch.

Contact: George Halterman, 3410 Astoria Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-428-4343.

March 17-19, Capitol City Tournament

Day's Inn, 1780 East County Road, Maplewood, Minnesota. Entry fee: \$45. Early Bird, Q-Pools, lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Ron Hamilton, 1685 Pioneer Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 612-429-3639.

March 19, South Shore Open

Elks Lodge, School Street, Randolph, Massachusetts. Entry fee: \$35. Q-Pools, Consolation.

Contact: George Webb, 92 Robbins Street, Avon, MA 02322, 508-588-4526.

March 31, April 1-2, Tri-Cities Open

Marinette Hotel, 1821 Riverside Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$42. Friday Night Special, Friday Night Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Robert Michaelis, 1120 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143, 715-735-6704.

April 21-23, World Masters Classic XI

Midway Motor Lodge, 3710 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. Entry fee: \$47 (\$54 for non-ACC members). Early Bird, Q-Pools, Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Special, Consolation, Last Chance.

Contact: Gaylord E. Matti, P.O. Box 5049, Madison, WI 53705, 608-238-6470.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BLUE MOUNTAIN OPEN
 La Grande, Oregon
 September 24-25, 1988
 Director: Ron Lesley
 Number of Entries: 120/86

PORTSIDE OPEN
 Portsmouth, Virginia
 October 7-9, 1988
 Director: Stan Daniels
 Number of Entries: 114/70

<u>Main Tournament</u>	
1. John Hill	Missoula, MT
2. Denny Edwards	Hermiston, OR
3. Kate Furler	Portland, OR
4. D. Van Orsow	Culver, OR

MP	<u>Main Tournament</u>	MP
160	1. Bob Gombatz	Raleigh, NC
132	2. Tom Horigan	Largo, FL
114	3. Henry Douglas	Reidsville, NC
101	4. Dan Moore	Gibbstown, NJ
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<u>Consolation</u>	
1. Ron Carper	Hermiston, OR
2. Ed Lovely	LaGrande, OR
3. Ern Standard	LaGrande, OR
4. Dot Richmond	Woodland, WA

MP	<u>Consolation</u>	MP
63	1. LaRue Lanier	Jacksonville, NC
49	2. George Webb	Avon, MA
40	3. Jim Arblaster	Kissimmee, FL
34	4. P. Schmidt	Williamstown, MA
		26

MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP
 Missoula, Montana
 October 7-9, 1988
 Director: DeLynn Colvert
 Number of Entries: 116/58

COLORADO CHAMPIONSHIP
 Englewood, Colorado
 October 8-9, 1988
 Director: Dick Graham
 Number of Entries: 42/22

<u>Main Tournament</u>	
1. Leon Christy	Richland, WA
2. Will Stevens	Ronan, MT
3. Perry Peplow	Lolo, MT
4. Milo Roinstad	Missoula, MT

MP	<u>Main Tournament</u>	MP
156	1. Ken Ehrich	Aurora, CO
128	2. Dick Graham	Englewood, CO
110	3. Ralph Salazar	Littleton, CO
97	4. Ron Bellomy	Denver, CO
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<u>Consolation</u>	
1. Rex Paddock	Missoula, MT
2. Buzz Emery	Missoula, MT
3. B. Lliteras	Richland, WA
4. Michelle Park	Nyssa, ID

MP	<u>Consolation</u>	MP
49	1. Gloria McLeod	Minneapolis, MN
35	2. Pamela White	Denver, CO
26	3. Mary Jo Gross	Denver, CO
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GREAT GAMES TOURNAMENT

Beaverton, Oregon

October 7, 1988

Director: Kate Furler

Number of Entries: 46/-

Main Tournament

1. Bud Ferrigno	Canby, OR	
2. Greg Tungate	Portland, OR	
3. Bill Minden	Portland, OR	
4. Pat LaBrasseur	Albany, OR	

WEST BEND CLASSIC

West Bend, Wisconsin

October 9, 1988

Director: Gene Biegler

Number of Entries: 108/64

Main Tournament

1. Duane Toll	Milwaukee, WI	MP 148
2. John Gasper	Pewaukee, WI	120
3. Ted Kliora	Waukegan, IL	102
4. Jim McManus	Milwaukee, WI	89

Consolation

1. P. Raskiewicz	Pt. Wash'ton, WI	MP 52
2. Ken Rehm	Kenosha, WI	38
3. Doris Conner	Milwaukee, WI	29
4. Betty LaGasse	Marinette, WI	23

VERMONT TOURNAMENT V

South Burlington, Vermont

October 16, 1988

Director: Fred McGibney

Number of Entries: 68/44

Main Tournament

1. Roland LeBlanc	Burlington, VT	MP 108
2. Louis Petosa	Bristol, CT	80
3. David Proctor	Longmeadow, MA	62
4. Brenda Galvin	Springfield, MA	49

Consolation

1. Robert Smith	Concord, NH	MP 42
2. K.C. Finley	Enfield, CT	28
3. Laura LeBlanc	Burlington, VT	19
4. Grover O'Brien	Chicopee, MA	13

FEATHER RIVER OPEN

Oroville, California

October 22, 1988

Director: John Mathews

Number of Entries: 72/--

Main Tournament

1. Rex Reid	Quincy, CA	MP 112
2. Butch Reynolds	S. Maria, CA	84
3. Harold Wagner		66
4. D. Thomson	Yountville, CA	53

The Master Points listed in the Tournament Results are correct to the best of our knowledge. The final authority for accuracy of both the names and points rests with Statistician Bob McCabe and Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NIAGARA FALLS TOURNAMENT

Niagara Falls, New York
October 14-16, 1988
Director: William Kraatz
Number of Entries: 32/12

IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallace, Idaho
October 28-30, 1988
Director: Roy Carlson
Number of Entries: 56/35

Main Tournament

1. Richard Bett	Lackawanna, NY	MP	32
2. William Kraatz	Niagara Falls, NY	24	
3. Tom Haight	Ann Arbor, MI	16	
4. Paul Eichler	N. Tonawanda, NY	8	

Consolation

1. Bob Weitz	Buffalo, NY	MP	6
2. Stan Bochinski	Tonawanda, NY	2	
3. Ben Bigfoot	Bath, NY	--	
4. Herm Herman	Herkimer, NY	--	

Main Tournament

1. Jim McNulty	Libby, MT	MP	
2. Gary Motley	Gresham, OR		
3. Leon Christy	Richland, WA	50	
4. Ray Hanes	Walla Walla, WA	37	

Consolation

1. Gil Johnson	Spokane, WA	MP	18
2. C. Sobkoviak	Richland, WA	14	
3. Jim Hartung	Kennewick, WA	10	
4. Al Whitsett	Baker, OR	6	

MIDWEST DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 22-23, 1988
Director: Martha Fingleton
Number of Entries: 63/32

POLISH OPEN

Appleton, Wisconsin
November 4-6, 1988
Directors:
Ginny and Frank Danielski
Number of Entries: 152/82

Main Tournament

1. Norm Wright	Madison, WI	MP	103
2. S. Jacobson	Wh. Bear L., MN	75	
3. Ron Hamilton	Wh. Bear L., MN	57	
4. Robert Sommer	Excelsior, MN	44	

Consolation

1. Russ Adams	Minneapolis, MN	MP	16
2. M. Fingleton	Milwaukee, WI	12	
3. Bob McCabe	Brown Deer, WI	8	
4. Harvey Cohen	Milwaukee, WI	4	

Main Tournament

1. Jeff Clarke	Antioch, IL	MP	192
2. Al Schaeffer	Milwaukee, WI	164	
3. Joe Brown	St. Charles, IL	146	
4. Jim Jeffers	Green Bay, WI	133	

Consolation

1. Marge Nye	DePere, WI	MP	61
2. Ray Hill	Superior, WI	47	
3. Harry Langman	Appleton, WI	38	
4. Pat Kufahl	Merrill, WI	32	

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

SHALL WE BELL THE BIRDS?

Martha Fingleton's letter in the November CRIBBAGE WORLD endorsing the present ACC Directors' nominating system shows a touch of naivete. Those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting, dining with and competing against Ms. Fingleton know she is certainly not naive. Why then her horror? Because she appears naive about how the Board is operating under the reorganization that was adopted in Reno two years ago. Such firsthand knowledge might well alter her opinion of my suggestion in the September CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Item 1

The Reorganization Committee recommendation to set up an election (screening) committee was accepted by the Board. Of course, it has not been implemented.

Item 2

The Reorganization Committee recommended a periodic turnover system for elected officers to bring in new people and give interested cribbage players the opportunity to help direct the Congress. That change was rejected by the BOD.

Item 3

The same committee recommended abolition of the Executive Board. This was rejected by the BOD. In my opinion, the four-member Executive Board has become the decision maker for the entire membership of 5,000 plus. For example, Martha could not be appointed treasurer or tournament commissioner unless three of the four Executive Committee members approved. Who will bell the cat, Martha?)

The above are facts that indicate a reluctance by some BOD members to let the chips fall freely, but rather to continue existing procedures. By the way, there are some excellent people on the Board.

The electorate I remain concerned with, 85% of the membership who are not among the top 15% in talent, has been disenfranchised to a degree, as duly noted in the pages of CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Item A

A Director missing three Board meetings during two years will be dropped from the Board unless the Executive Committee can be dissuaded from so doing. Is that fair to the members who voted that person onto the Board? Further, that Director is barred from running again in the next election. Is that showing consideration for the electorate?

Item B

But it gets worse. If a present Director is defeated for reelection, he or she may be reappointed to the Board by the President, regardless of the vote, instead of taking a new face (like Ms. Fingleton). The last three elections at least have been marked by such appointments. One Director was so favored two consecutive years. Does that show contempt for the electorate?

There have been many changes in rules, regulations, the constitution and the by-laws since Joe Wergin and Jim Arblaster pushed the American Cribbage Congress into prominence. Ms. Fingleton in exposing herself to the electorate for the first time in 1988 promised to cut through the "BS" if elected. Making her views public through the CRIBBAGE WORLD is an excellent start. Given the extraordinary dropout of members (650 failed to renew as of September 1, 1988) and the 20-30% turnover in tournament players, obviously we need to rattle a few cages. Meetings of the ACC Board of Directors are open to its members. I urge Ms. Fingleton and all other interested members to attend as spectators. I'm sure they will get a new perspective on the operations of the American Cribbage Congress.

Joe Seigle, Director
Conventry, CT

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Are we too big in the ACC now to remember the little guy in our tournaments? I'm referring to a couple of recent tournaments where the entry fee was \$100. An entry fee of that amount is not conducive to getting more players to enter tournaments. We have many players out there who cannot pay and will not pay that much to enter. These high entry fees should be only for the Invitationals or some other special events. Everyone talks so much about master points, I think what they really mean is master bucks. Let's not turn the ACC into an organization only the rich can afford. Let's keep the entry fees down so Joe Average can afford to attend.

Will Johnson
Parkville, MN

A REMINDER TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

If you want to give your tournament a little publicity, either before or after or both, we're always pleased to insert an article in CRIBBAGE WORLD. You write a little release, and we'll publish it.

IN MEMORIAM

Nora M. Cote
Dexter, Maine

LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

If there's a spare actuary out there ... figure the odds on this one. Two of our regulars, Mickey Griffin and Ray Dalton, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, played out this experience. On August 10, 1986, Mickey lost a game but did save a skunk by getting a 29-hand!! Not to be outdone, on September 22, 1988, Ray lost a game, also saved a skunk by getting a 29-hand!!!

Same two players, each got a 29-hand and lost the game; what in heaven's name would be the odds on that one???

Jack Wunderlich
Lincoln, NE

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SEASON'S GREETINGS**

This is the time of the year when we should take stock and count our blessings for the many things we do have and temporarily forget the many things that are not going our way.

During Christmas and Hanukkah people seem friendlier, kinder, more consider-
accommodating and giving. We set
our complaints and dislikes long
enough to see the best in another person
rather than the worst.

Despite one's faith, life is materialistic for most of us and somehow December magnifies that human failing more than any other time of the year. Yet, materialism is more often than not offset by the spirit of giving, and the net result has a positive effect on most of us.

CRIBBAGE WORLD would like to thank, on behalf of all of the ACC membership, those individuals who devote their time and efforts throughout the year, behind the scenes, to making life a little more pleasant for all of us. All tournament, Grass Roots and league directors; President Joe Wergin; Membership Secretary Jeff Monroe; General Secretary Joan Rein; Tournament Commissioner Syl Lulinski; Statistician Bob McCabe; Grass Roots Commissioner Jerry Dickinson; Associate Editors Gene Gorlewski and Bob Plourde; the entire Board of Directors.

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LETTER TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

The Western New York Cribbage Club proudly responds to Frank Zabrowski's article regarding certified judges in the November issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD.

Frank states that "It is shameful that there are states with hundreds of ACC members and not one or a very few qualified judges."

The WNYCC has a paid-up membership of 37, all ACC and Grass Roots members. In this group we have SEVEN certified judges, namely:

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| William Kraatz | Donald Shaw |
| Robert Weitz | |

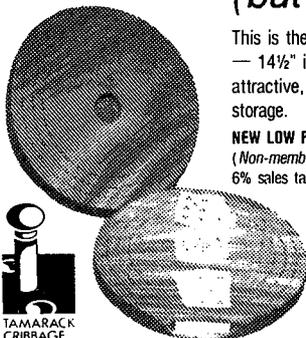
Also, the founder of WNYCC and long-time national director, E. Hargesheimer, Jr. (Hargy), has participated as a judge in sanctioned tournaments since the organization of the ACC and before the certifying program began.

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