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President's Column

by James Morrow

BOD Meeting

A few days after the ACC Open in Reno NV, the board of directors meeting takes place online. The first meeting is always during the Grand National, which makes this the second of two annual gatherings where key decisions are made for the ACC.

During this board meeting, we found out the total votes for people who were nominated to be in the Hall of Fame. To be inducted automatically, a nominee needs to get 75% of the 100-member voting panel's votes. If no one gets 75%, then any member with 50% of the votes is voted on by the BOD. This year, no nominees were elected to the ACC Hall of Fame. However, **Roland Hall** proposed that anyone in the Hall of Fame gets an automatic vote every year for the new HOF inductees. All HOF members will be happy to know that the board passed this proposal, and we are excited to have you all a part of the selection committee.

Brenda Nason, our membership secretary, reports that our membership is at 6,250 members and has been over the 6,000 mark since last September. This is a great sign of growth and engagement throughout our community.

Speaking of membership: the BOD voted to eliminate life membership, effective immediately. This membership option was being utilized by only a couple of people each year, so it doesn't seem to be a cost-effective way of engaging members. Current life members will retain their life membership status.

Mark Soule, who has been in charge of the Awards Committee, has stepped down. Our new awards committee chair is now . . . drum roll please . . . the **Other Soule**, what's her name again? **Vicki**! She has been Mark's assistant for years and is now leading the charge.

On the digital side, things are looking exciting. eCribbage is undergoing an overhaul with new features and improvements. A new partnership with Cribbage Pro is in the works as well. We look forward to being able to play on a phone app as well as seeing a new platform.

Perhaps the most exciting news to come from the BOD meeting is the launch of a new marketing initiative. **Rick Shea** and **Kat Hartsell** brought a proposal to the board, and it passed with flying colors. With the help of ACC members, the goal is to update our media toolkits, get social media up and running, and work on partnerships throughout the nation, just to name a few plans.

Do you see a need for marketing somewhere in the ACC? Send your thoughts and ideas to **accmarketing@cribbage.org**. Your input could help shape the future of the game and community we all love.

Did anyone see **Todd Schaefer** on TV? Congrats on the three main wins in a row too, Todd. Has anyone else ever won three mains in a row?

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Point Open

Through thirty-seven hours in three days and six hours of sleep, my first tournament (Point Open) is in the books as a director. If there was one goal I wanted to achieve leading up to the tournament, it was for attendees to have a good time; with certainty I can guarantee my goal was reached. With beautiful views at the Stevens Point Country Club, delicious food, tasty spirits, unique awards, nice prizes, great friends, and good cards, a good time was had by all. Over the course of three days, we saw over 250 players in two main tournaments, two consolations, and one satellite. We crowned three new champions: **Sara Sandey** ➡ (Point Under main), **Todd Bullock** (Point Under consy), **Roger and Betsy Eigenberger** (Canadian Doubles); and two familiar faces: **Scott Sand** ➡ (Point Over main) and **Donald Curry** (Point Over consy). I want to thank all who offered encouraging words, helping hands, wisdom, and most importantly their time to help me in my first journey into the director world. I honestly could not have done it on my own, and for that I am truly grateful. With luck, this is only the beginning, and I look forward to seeing you all (and more) again.

Brian Napiwocki (Plover WI)
Point Open Tournament Director

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	√57.0% (49–37)	50.6% (39–38)	51.0% (25–24)
biggest win	+42 vs. Charlene Cohen (USA) @ Redding CA	√+ 49 vs. Kevin Post (MN) @ Club 215	+40 vs. Bob Musker (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	–46 vs. Allen Evenson (WA) @ Salem OR	–47 vs. Frank Duresky (MN) @ Club 240	√–43 vs. Howard Dorfman (MA) @ Club 104

My Deal

by David Aiken

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

Short Games – New ACC Policy

Slow play is a perennial problem at tournaments and clubs. You can read articles and letters about it going back decades in the *Cribbage World* archives. One solution to overcoming slow play is to start a game short. In the past, the starting position for a short game was left to the discretion of the director. At the recent online BOD meeting, I sponsored a proposal to standardize this, and the BOD has now mandated where a short game must start.

Early in the tournament, perhaps as a precautionary measure, short games should start with both players' front pegs in hole 28. Later in the tournament, in order to insure a timely finish, short games should start with both players' front pegs in hole 56.

While using short games is not the only method for combating slow play, if short games are used, they ***must*** start at one of these two holes: 28 or 56. The tournament or club director should supervise the placement of the players' front pegs to make sure they are in hole 28 or 56.

The chart on the next page shows how we arrived at these positions. It lists all starting holes from 0 to 60 and which player has the advantage. These numbers are based on **DeLynn Colvert**'s 26-theory, as laid out in his *Play Winning Cribbage*. The first dealer of a normal game starts with a seven-point advantage. As we follow the 26-theory through each starting hole, this advantage grows and shrinks and even passes from dealer to pone and back again.

The BOD desired to find starting positions that matched the dealer's advantage at that stage of the game. Thus, hole 28 still has approximately 75% of the game to play, and it shows the dealer's advantage at five holes (i.e., 71.4% of seven points). Similarly, hole 56 still has approximately 50% of the game to play, and it shows the dealer's advantage at three holes (i.e., 42.9% of seven points).

No system will ever be perfect, but these two holes now provide a standardized position in which to begin short games. (Wouldn't it be great if everyone played fifteen-minute games and we didn't have to play ***any*** short games?!)

It is very important to note that, even when a game is started short, the skunk line remains in its standard position: after hole 90—that is thirty holes before the end of the game. ***Under no circumstances*** should it be recalculated to be 25% of the total holes played. CW

starting hole

← pone's advantage ↓ dealer's advantage →

		0	7
		1	6
		2	5
		3	4
		4	3
		5	2
		6	1
9		7	
8		8	
7		9	
6		10	
5		11	
4		12	
3		13	
2		14	
1		15	
		16	1
		17	15
		18	14
		19	13
		20	12
		21	11
		22	10
		23	9
		24	8
		25	7
		26	7
		27	6
short game starting hole #1		28	5
		29	4
		30	3
		31	2
		32	1
9		33	
8		34	
7		35	
6		36	
5		37	
4		38	
3		39	
2		40	
1		41	
		42	1
		43	15
		44	14
		45	13
		46	12
		47	11
		48	10
		49	9
		50	8
		51	7
		52	7
		53	6
		54	5
		55	4
short game starting hole #2		56	3
		57	2
		58	1
9		59	
8		60	

Short Games – New ACC Policy

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Data provided by Grass Roots Commissioner Ivan Wells, based on DeLynn Colvert's *Play Winning Cribbage*

Reno

ACC Open Main
Sweet Sixteen

1–Todd Schaefer
2–Scott Sand
3/4–Don Allen
Steve Sundet
5/8–Kat Hartsell
Nancy Rojas
Scott Milo*
William Eilers
9/16–Bruce Sattler
Dennis Koehler
Dick Pedersen
Jeff McKinney
Karel Kon
Kevin Post
Kris Bailey
Les Kvien*

* = *qualified in top 16*

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Bob Joslin (Lakeville MN)
— Main high qualifier —

Perhaps no one has experienced a more heartbreaking loss in any tournament—let alone the biggest cribbage tournament of the year—than did Grand Master **Scott Sand** (Brainerd MN) on March 8.

On Saturday morning, 401 players started their quest to become the next ACC Open champion, but by Sunday afternoon only Scott and Life Master (★) **Todd Schaefer** (Oakdale MN) are seated at the playoff table.

Earlier in the bracket, Todd had the good fortune of matching up against players with less tournament experience. As we all know, anyone can win when they get great cards, but in these early rounds, Todd managed to win with a steady combination of both luck and skill.

round	opponent	rating	MRPs	score
1	Carl Vennes	Master	2,283	3-2
2	Chris Kim	Master	2,955	3-2
3	Gary Ninedorf	pre-Master	470	3-2
4	Karel Kon	pre-Master	815	3-0
5	Scott Milo	Grand Master	4,523	3-2
6	Don Allen	pre-Master	1,892	3-1
		totals	**12,938**	**18-12**

Moving to the finals, we see a tight battle. The players alternate victories throughout the first six games of this best-of-seven final matchup—Todd's case being aided by holding 5-5-6-6 on the first deal of the match and cutting a 4. Another example: in game five, Todd needs thirteen points with first count and is dealt suited 5-J-Q-K!

So it comes down to the last deal of the match. To win the tournament, Scott needs only four points with first count, while Todd is dealing from hole 106. Scott looks at 4-7-10-10-Q-K and tosses Q-K. Todd holds A-2-3-3 and tosses 2-J. A King is cut, and the pegging goes like this:

Scott	4		7		10		{go}		10 (for 1)
Todd		2		3		3		A (for 1)	
running count	*4*	*6*	*13*	*16*	*26*	*29*	*–*	*30*	*10*

Both players score a single point in the pegging. Scott has two points (the pair of 10s) and ends up in the dead hole. Todd counts his 12-hand to land in hole 119, and his 8-point crib puts him out.

After pegging his last hand, Scott says "congratulations" before Todd realizes he has won. Says Todd: "My emotion was that of disbelief instead of pure joy for winning Reno! It would have been impossible to accept this very tough loss with any more grace. ***Big*** respect from me."

Cribbage World congratulates both Scott and Todd for their skillful play and great sportsmanship. We look forward to many more matches of this caliber from them and all ACC members.

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Reno

TOC
Sweet Sixteen

1–Lance Denham
2–Robert Medeiros*
3/4–Bernard Kitheka
David Suhr
5/8–Bob Hanes
Ed May
Jim Crawford*
Michelle Gryka
9/16–Betty Brumley
David Aiello
J. J. Stansfield
Jason Matheny
Jason Thornton
Larry Leidenheimer
Phil Martin*
Trevor Poole*

** = qualified in top 16*

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Rob Medeiros (Dorchester MA)
— TOC runner-up —

Jim Crawford (Sierra Vista AZ)
— TOC high qualifier —

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Name: Crawford, Jim
City: Sierra Vista, AZ CA 4328

Game #	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponent Initials	Opponent ID Number
1	2	30			49
2	2	23			043
3	2	12			041
4	2	13		DG	257
5	3	35		BP	35
6	3	32			29
7	2	28			029
8	2	19			21
9	2	10			7
10	3	36			13
11	0		23		9
12	2	04			5
13	2	09			63
14	2	08			59
15	2	06		54	55
16	2	27			51

	(+)	(-)
Total Game Points	332	23
Net Points (+/-)	+269	
Games Won	15	

GAME POINTS: Win = 2, Loss = 0, Skunk = 3, Time Control = 15 Min. per Game

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

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How many Master Rating Points do you need in order to win the TOC? **Lance Denham** (Suquamish WA) needed exactly zero!

Lance had never played an ACC tournament before he came to Reno in early March. He joined the ACC in 2022 but in this time had played only club events. He won the championship at Poulsbo Peggers Club 434 (Poulsbo WA) in the 2024–25 season with 143 GRPs. And on the basis of that championship, he received an invitation to the 2026 Syl Lulinski Invitational Tournament of Champions.

Before then, Lance had played 65 events at Club 434—one GRRT and 64 weekly tourneys—earning a total of 292 GRPs in four partial seasons.

Lance won only seven games in the single GRRT he played, but he earned Grass Roots Points in 30 of the 64 weekly club events, or 46.9% of the time. At club, he won 226 of 384 games (= 58.85%), with 33 of them skunks. He had two lite slams (winning all six games), and his all-time best scorecard was 13/6 +136—on February 18, just a few days before he left for Reno.

His wins-per-week count looks like this:

games won	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
how many times	2	1	5	27	14	12	3	
total GRPs	0	0	0	8	116	128	40	**= 292**

So that's how Lance got to Reno. Here's what he did in Reno. . . .

He qualified #55 (of 72 players) with a 21/10 +53 scorecard. After a first-round bye, he took down some big names in the playoffs, all but one of whom were seeded higher than he was:

round	seeding	opponent	rating	MRPs
2	10	Margery Clark	Life Master	9,981
3	23	Roy Hohn	pre-Master	1,142
4	26	David Aiello	Life Master	6,089
5	50	Ed May	pre-Master	1,176
6	59	David Suhr	pre-Master	1,651
7	9	Robert Medeiros	Life Master (4★)	28,807
			total	**48,846**

In other words, it doesn't matter how long or how short a time you've been an ACC member; it doesn't matter how you qualify for the TOC; it doesn't matter how many MRPs you have or how many tournaments you've won. What matters is this:

- earn your qualification
- play smart
- manage each game carefully
- make the playoffs
- win the TOC!

If you need advice on how to do this with zero MRPs, just ask Lance.

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Reno

ACC Open Consy
Sweet Sixteen

1–Peter Setian
2–Frank Abernathy
3/4–James Langley
Paul Mauel
5/8–Bob Joslin
Carole Herron*
Jason Matheny
Myron Farrell
9/16–Betty Brumley
Gerald Oxford*
Jack Lien
Jeanne Jelke
Paige Gacayan
Ted Lee Southland
Tristan Bacoch*
William O'Malley
* = *qualified in top 16*

Frank Abernathy (Garner NC)
— *Consolation runner-up* —

GAME POINTS | GAMES WON | NET SPREAD

Loupee, Chad
Crystal Lake, IL
IL 1245

CARD

K5

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	2	24		JCS	6
2	3	37		SA	10
3	3	41		[illegible]	14
4	0		35	[illegible]	18
5	2	13		[illegible]	22
6	2	30		[illegible]	23
7	2	63		[illegible]	K19
8	3	31		[illegible]	K17
9	3	33		9B	K11
Total Game Points	20	(+) 212	(-) 35	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0	
Games Won	8	NET POINTS (+/-) +177		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	

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Chad Loupee (Crystal Lake IL)
— *Consolation high qualifier* —

Bob Prochnow (San Diego CA)
— Opener champion —

Ronnie Murakami (Somewhere USA)
— Opener runner-up —

Nate Selk (Green Bay WI)
— Opener high qualifier —

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Reno Opener
Sweet Sixteen

1–Bob Prochnow
2–Ronnie Murakami*
3/4–Peter Setian*
Sylvia Bergquist
5/8–Barrett Mace
Erik Locke
Tom Cookman
Winona McDaniel
9/16–Allan Stanek
Bonnie Fife
Jim Mahan*
John Syftestad*
Les Kvien*
Nate Selk*
Nicole Gordon
Patrick Barrett

** = qualified in top 16*

GAME POINTS 23 | GAMES WON 10 | NET SPREAD +175

Selk, Nate
Green Bay, WI
WI 2311

CARD

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	3	36		SDS	P7
2	2	23		~	5
3	2	10		Jm	3
4	2	12		DLD	1
5	3	59		DCD	P16
6	2	18		JR	P17
7	2	05		DS	P13
8	3	37		Ray	P9
9	2	04		BG	2
10	2	14		Bill	6
11	0		26	BH	P10
12	0		17	DCK	14
Total Game Points / Games Won	23	218	43		
	10	NET POINTS (+/-) +175			

Win = 2 Skunk = 3
Loss = 0
Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.

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Reno

Lisa Spellenberg & Sheryl Brekke
— Canadian Doubles winners —

Dean McKinney
— Cribbage Bowl winner —

TOP TEN RENO PLAYERS x SIX

	Reno Opener	TOC	ACC Open main	ACC Open consy
1	Nate Selk	Jim Crawford	Bob Joslin	Chad Loupee
2	Bryan Gurden	Michael Becker	Scott Milo	Richard Corbin
3	Scott Bartosh	Scott Sand	Jim Crawford	Louis Petosa
4	Bob Brumley	Richard Corbin	Lee Brohel	Dick Pedersen
5	Jim Mahan	Erik Locke	Ken Quast	Bernard Kitheka
6	Al Pernicek	Bob Brumley	Clay Collier	Brad Seger
7	Dearl McCullough	Bryan Gurden	Bryant Gilkeson	Timothy Havighurst
8	Jones Hom	Trevor Poole	Bob Kiley	Steve Scadden
9	Debra Wrightman	Robert Medeiros	John Goe	Tristan Bacoch
10	Ronnie Murakami	Margery Clark	Chris Kim	Carole Herron

– *Reno Semifinalists* –

Bernard Kitheka — **TOC** — **David Suhr**

Don Allen — **MAIN** — **Steve Sundet**

Paul Mauel — **CONSY** — **James Langley**

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Joanne Kicken
— *Cribbage Bowl runner-up* —

Cribbage Bowl	Canadian Doubles
Dean McKinney	Sheryl Brekke & Lisa Spellenberg
Joanne Kicken	Pam Pomeroy & Les Rasmussen
Edward Balcer	Scott Bedolla & Mark Hofschield
Laurie Crosslin	Bob Brumley & Jeff Machovsky
Kim Strieck	Dennis Dresbach & Michael Kimsal
Jack Lien	James Morrow & Laurie Kenny
Tom Bair	Chad Frischmann & Scott Sand
Larry Phifer	Richard Flatto & Atwood Winters
Ted Panos	Roy Hohn & Todd Hohn
Cy Madrone	Sue Anderson & Charlette Springer

Casey Scott
— *29-hand!* —

It's always fun to track who qualifies in all of the MRP tournaments in Reno, but this feat was made harder by the addition of the Reno Opener on Thursday. Nonetheless, one player, Life Master (★) Bob Joslin (Lakeville MN), managed to qualify in all four tourneys:

event	*rank*	*score*
Reno Opener	35	17/8 +80
TOC	12	25/11 +197
ACC Open main	1	39/17 +269
ACC Open consy	57	13/6 +15

Fourteen other players qualified in three of the four events, listed here in order of best overall qualifying rank:

		Reno Opener	TOC	Open main	Open consy
player	*rank*	*rank & score*	*rank & score*	*rank & score*	*rank & score*
Rich Corbin	26	20 19/9 +134	4 28/13 +211		2 18/8 +147
Bernard Kitheka*	51		21 24/11 +98	25 32/14 +142	5 17/8 +89
Lee Brohel	70	49 16/8 +30		4 36/17 +215	17 15/7 +85
Roy Hohn	80		23 24/11 +32	36 31/14 +95	21 15/6 +125
Trevor Poole	102	32 17/8 +103	8 25/12 +166		62 12/6 +59
Peter Setian	107	16 20/9 +127	58 21/10 +40		33 14/6 +128
Winona McDaniel	114	22 19/9 +85	42 22/10 +99	50 30/14 +92	
Al Pernicek	115	6 21/10 +124	24 24/10 +165	85 28/13 +63	
James McCarty	124	57 16/7 +42	13 25/11 +184		54 13/6 +35
Betty Brumley	130	61 16/7 +9	51 21/10 +74		18 15/7 +83
Peggy Shea	140	56 16/7 +63	37 22/11 +69		47 13/6 +77
Gary Pinkley	144	54 16/7 +89	22 24/11 +89		68 12/6 +42
Arlene Carle	153		40 22/10 +124	61 29/14 +19	52 13/6 +37
Darlene Stier	173	11 20/10 +88		99 27/13 +61	63 12/6 +52

*Bernard did not play the Reno Opener, so in reality he was a perfect three-for-three!

Biggest One-Day Tourney Ever!

With 264 players in attendance, the **Reno Opener** main on March 5 set a record for biggest one-day tournament in ACC history. The previous record was the 2023 Aces & Eights, which had 203 in the main. Aces & Eights still retains the record for largest main and consy on a single day: 203 (main) + 120 (consy).

Reno

◆ My 29s ◆

by Jim Crawford

I want to share my personal experiences with 29-hands.

I got a 29-hand ➡ in the fifth round of the 2026 TOC playoffs against **Rob Medeiros**. This wasn't my first 29-hand in ACC events. It was my fourth!

My first 29-hand occurred in the eleventh game of the 2004 GRNT in Walnut Creek CA. I won the game, ended up with a 28-card, and first place for that local event.

My second 29-hand was on third street during the final game of the main playoffs at the 2018 Lucky Dog tournament in Neenah WI. I will never forget the backstory for this one. As I got ready to play the main finals against **Brad Behm**, I asked the tournament director for a new deck. Apparently, none were available, because someone had graciously given away all the remaining new decks to the local establishment to show their appreciation for letting us play there. To this generous person, I send many, many thanks. Because of this, the following would never have happened!

Bob Kiley heard me asking around for a new deck of cards. He was playing the consolation and said he had some new decks in his car and would bring one when he was finished his current game. Don't bother, I said, but he insisted. So Brad and I waited a few minutes for the new deck. Five games later, this Lucky Dog got the 29-hand ⬅ and went on to win the tournament!

My third 29-hand was during the 2019 TOC in Reno.

So, I've had two nonsanctioned 29-hands in the TOC and two sanctioned 29s. I personally think the TOC should be a sanctioned event. It is one of the top four prestigious events in the ACC and has only the best of the best in the ACC! An exception should be made for this. And maybe I can get "back pay" for my two TOC 29-hands?!

As I look back on almost twenty-seven years of playing ACC cribbage, my perspective about how lucky I am has changed dramatically. For many years I used to think I wasn't very lucky. In light of my four 29-hands, I am now convinced that I am a very lucky cribbage player playing the greatest two-person card game in the world.

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American citizens don't need a passport to play Grand National in Niagara Falls NY. Just fly into Buffalo NY or drive through the United States on your way to the tourney. But if you want to explore Canada during your GN experience, you'll need a valid/current passport. Canada is just a short walk or drive over the Rainbow Bridge from the Sheraton Hotel, and it is well worth the trip, so make plans now to visit our neighbor to the north. For more passport info, go to **travel.state.gov** and click the "Get a U.S. Passport" box. You can also obtain or renew your passport at any United States Post Office. It typically takes six weeks for your application to be processed, so plan ahead. (A faster option is available for an additional fee.)

If you see Scott Sand wearing this shirt, you might wanna steer clear. He won the ACC Open consy last year and took second in the main this year—both while wearing his favorite Spyder shirt!

ATTENTION

Effective March 31, 2026, no new Life Membership applications will be accepted.

Per BOD action on March 12, Life Memberships are being discontinued at the end of March. Applications postmarked before March 31 will be honored. Existing Life Members will retain their status.

Where are John and Maria playing cribbage now? (*page 43*)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

This will be my third and final column about what is currently contained in the archives of the American Cribbage Congress. Thanks very much to our first archivist, **Ken Cambell** of South Carolina, who did so much to preserve and catalog our history.

My February column detailed the many memorabilia items in the archives, while the March column listed cribbage books and pamphlets, along with various ACC rulebooks. This month's column will list the paperwork items in the archives. *Note:* some items are duplicated but I didn't want to take apart packets or notebooks that were nicely stored in chronological order.

- A very large banker's box full of paperwork dealing mainly with the first two decades of the American Cribbage Congress.
- A notebook containing all the board of directors meeting minutes from 1979 to 1991.
- A packet holding the BOD meeting minutes from 1979 to 1987.
- A notebook of BOD meeting minutes from 1991 to February 2001.
- A packet holding minutes, agendas, and financial reports of BOD meetings from 1991 to 2000.
- A folder with the original Constitution and Bylaws at the beginning of the ACC, along with updates in the 1980s and 1990s.
- A large notebook from 1997 to 1998 containing the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Organizational Policies and Procedures.
- A large notebook containing the 1999 and 2000 revisions to the above, with another notebook adding in the 2001 Policy Manual updates.
- A notebook of Tournament Regulations and Guidelines and 1986–90 statistics.
- A folder containing ACC history used for the website; another folder has the fourth draft of that ACC history from the start to 1989.
- A large packet dealing with the ACC Hall of Fame from its beginning through 1996.
- A Hall of Fame packet containing 8x11 pictures and biographies of the first sixteen HOF inductees.
- A large envelope with the ACC roster of all members from the 1981–82 season with their original ACC numbers.
- A packet holding the first Grass Roots manual on organization, policy, and procedures.
- A list of weekly and monthly updates in 1984–85 on Grass Roots clubs and standings.
- A directory of Grass Roots clubs and standings from 1992.
- Notes on starting the Cribadier General and Youth Cribbage Programs.
- A packet discussing the 400-mile problem of scheduling weekend tournaments.

Scott knows so much ACC history because he has lived through most of it—and has done just about everything in the ACC: BOD member, VP, president, national MRP champ x2, All American x7, tournament director, and youngest person elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame.

Opal's Seedlings

A Simple Thank You!

The 2025–26 cribbage season is heading to the finish line! 🏁 It's hard to believe how quickly this season has flown by. Soon we'll be handing out our annual certificates:

🏆 club champion

🦨 most skunks of the year

🎁 special gifts for our players

But here's something you may not know.

A "Thank You Certificate" is available on the American Cribbage Congress website (go to **cribbage.org > clubs > admin** and then look under "Certificates"). Why not print one (or create your own), place it in a nice frame, and present it to the businesses that host your club?

Our playing locations proudly display theirs—and it becomes free advertisement for your group while showing appreciation for their hospitality.

A simple thank you and a small token of appreciation goes a long way. After all . . . without your cribbage "home," where would you play?

Let's finish strong—and finish grateful!

Questions? Ideas? Reach me at mo_pilgrim59@msn.com.

- A packet holding notes about the rules and judges program from 1988.
- Two notebooks containing rule changes proposed and/or drafted in 1989–92.
- Two packets containing MRP proposals from 1988 to 1990 and discussions on Life Master Award levels.
- A packet containing suspensions and expulsions from 1982 to 1992.
- A folder holding notes on other tournaments held in the 1980s.
- A packet containing Joseph Wergin correspondence and other ACC information.

I am honored to be the keeper of the ACC archives and history. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at **GN40cribbage@gmail.com** or text me at 605.661.7081. Thank you!

GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

official GRPs only, as of 3/21

GRPs

Division 1 ➡

rank	GRPs	name (club)
1	366	Thomas Beucler (388)
2	287	Douglas Myers (329)
3	255	Bernard Brentar (390)
4	248	Richard Anderson (204)
4	248	William O'Malley (46)
6	244	James Ravenscroft (175)
7	241	Bobby Ramelow (198)
8	236	Jerry Hardy (431)
8	236	Duane Toll (62)
10	234	Scott Bartosh (472)
11	233	Jerry Ellis (119)
12	231	Tom Jackson (440)
13	230	James Endres (11)
13	230	Daulph Plummer (354)
15	229	Greg Schleusner (46)
15	229	Dan Vogel (224)
17	227	Harvey Bourdeau (308)
17	227	Frank Hanson (198)
17	227	Jeremy Krieger (46)
17	227	David Peterson (218)
21	226	Terry Goatz (463)
21	226	Peter Setian (72)
23	224	Chris Kim (177)
24	221	Kris Bailey (79)
24	221	Mike Berberich (204)
24	221	Gerald Sabick (399)
27	219	Frank Danielski (90)
28	218	Howard Pearson (96)
29	217	David Gerke (300)
30	216	Marc Hachey (190)
31	214	Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
32	213	Tom Durkin (410)
32	213	David Hayden (391)
34	212	Dennis O'Neil (459)
35	209	Adrian Levy (374)
35	209	Monica Newton (127)
37	208	Edward Cuerth (347)
37	208	Jack Lien (113)
37	208	John McCready (104)
37	208	Peyton Reum (430)
41	206	Lee Frostad (69)
41	206	Joseph Murdock (175)
43	205	Steve DePouw (229)
43	205	Haley Hintze (3)
45	204	Sylvia Bergquist (140)
45	204	Chad Frischmann (445)
45	204	Thomas Kay (89)
48	203	Jessica LeBeau (285)
48	203	Farokh Ziari (43)
50	202	Mike Poole (345)
51	201	Rick Westerman (379)
52	200	Sharon Liotta (147)
52	200	Stanley Primc (199)
54	199	Terry Greenawald (127)
54	199	Albert Moy (290)
56	198	Diane Harvey (113)
56	198	Michael Leonard (396)
56	198	Gary Nerton (426)
56	198	Ronald Rose (17)
60	197	Michael Barrett (120)
60	197	Joseph Ferguson (393)
60	197	Mike Fetchel (26)
60	197	Doug Griffith (295)
60	197	Bob Prochnow (79)
60	197	Michael Sofaly (243)
66	196	Gordy Wise (243)
67	195	Edward Balcer (399)
67	195	Richard Horvath (6)
67	195	Robert Lenz (445)
67	195	Gary Rasmussen (232)
71	194	Linda Brent (272)
71	194	William Eilers (360)
71	194	Sheri Howard (204)
74	193	Peter Grant (161)
74	193	Dennis Misenar (415)
74	193	Barry Spadea (464)
77	192	Robert Medeiros (104)
77	192	Randy Nyberg (271)
79	191	Richard Kelliher (314)
79	191	Scott Sand (94)
79	191	Sara Sandev (215)

Division 4 ➡

rank	GRPs	name (club)
1	238	David Bute (433)
2	197	Robert Lewis (54)
3	189	Lynn Rieke (194)
4	188	Rhonda Perry (336)
5	179	Quentin Campbell (475)
6	167	James Kulpa (376)
6	167	Kyle Morrill (395)
8	165	Dennis Kassebaum (344)
9	164	Howard Terry (336)
10	163	Erik Locke (28)
11	161	Pat Reynolds (38)
12	159	Tony Dierickx (477)
13	157	Paul Moreno (395)
14	155	Rich Ekman (395)
14	155	John Mealy (118)
16	152	Dana Harvey (118)
17	150	Jack Shumate (420)
18	148	Peggy Shea (194)
18	148	Steve Sundet (433)
20	146	Christopher Cook (461)
20	146	Lonnie Williams (461)

Division 1 = 3,080 players ◆ Division 4 = 786 players

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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

edited by Michael Barrett

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February 10 was International Cribbage Day, so *Cribbage World* thought it would be fun to see who had the best scorecard on **Sir John Suckling**'s birthday. This year, **Peter Setian** scored a grand slam 21/9 +191 at Club 72 in Indian Orchard MA. Remarkably, Peter tied the best ever ICD score in Division 1: **Jack McClain** got the exact same score at Club 450 in Eugene OR in 2024. Honorable mention goes to **Mattie Kivett**, who scored 21/8 +209 at Club 198 in Spokane Valley WA in 2025.

In Division 4, **Howard Terry** scored 12/5 +120 at Club 336 in Rockledge FL. The best ever score in a lite club on February 10 was by **Georjean Wilkerson**, who scored 13/6 +114 at Club 118 in Portland OR in 2022. Honorable mention goes to **Tom Kilcoyne** from Club 318 in Media PA, who scored 13/6 +103 in 2025.

Club 308 (Centerville MA)—highlights from twenty+ years

- 32 active members at present
- one Platinum member
- Jim Flaherty is a six-time club champion
- Jack Puleo is a four-time club champion
- 60 grand slams
- 128 28-hands
- 12 29-hands
- one player had two 28s in the same night and four in one season
- 13 active players have achieved Bronze or higher

The Buckeye Cribbage Club 460 had its very first 28-hand on February 16. Congratulations to **Kelly Brock**!

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February Big Hands (name, state, club)

29-Hands (1)

Doug Weier (OK), 436

28-Hands (39)

Sandra Avina (CA), 43
Eric Bauer (OK), 500
Randal Blair (CA), 422
Richard Bousquet (FL), 479
Joseph Bowen (ME), 361
Bill Bowen (MA), 308
Kelly Brock (OH), 460
Kathy Cushman (NV), 418
Gerald DeVowe (MI), 390 x2
Doug Dresbach (CA), 162
Barbara Endres (CO), 224
Galen Friend (FL), 22
Ronald Goble (WI), 399
Harold Graham (WA), 232
Vincent Gregoire (MA), 464
Lewis Gurney (WI), 284
Bob Hanes (IA), 17
Scott Hipsher (WI), 399
David Hitchman (WA), 246
Jennifer Johnson (NC), 58
Jon Kline (CA), 190
Larry Leidenheimer (MN), 399
Kenneth Nicholls (WI), 1
Raymond Oglesby (MA), 161
Gary Partridge (CA), 453
Jim Perry (CA), 43
John Piasecki (MI), 390
Jon Podevels (WI), 445
Chris Poole (OR), 395
Terry Reynolds (MT), 476
Jim Rosso (WY), 211
Robert Scharping (WI), 284
Janice Sisley (WA), 232
Judy Spoerl (CO), 224
Andrew Teague (VA), 117
Joyce Wegerson (MN), 399
Mary Williams (OR), 465
Christine Zager (WI), 445

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Sno-King Peggers Club 108 had two grand slams on the same night! ⬇ On February 24, **Wanda Burke** took first place with 21/9 +200; **Steve Hays** was a few points back with 21/9 +173.

Club 162 (Carmichael CA)—in early December, the ACC's lifetime GRP leader, **Harold Sontag**, ⬆ scored a 28-hand at River City Peggers. He scored the evening's bonus hand—any four of a kind—and also received a bonus for the 28. Not to be outdone, his brother **Dick Sontag** soon scored his own 28-hand, also earning the two bonuses. No surprise that many players changed their surnames to Sontag that night in hopes of joining in the family luck!

Best Grass Roots scorecards this month!

Division 1
Thomas Beucler
21/9 +251
(Club 388)

Division 4
Rusty Anderson
16/6 +203
(Club 395)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this season!

Division 1
John McCready
24/9 +299
(Club 104)

Division 4
Rusty Anderson
16/6 +203
(Club 395)

February Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (20)

Tom Anderson (OR), 356
Thomas Beucler (MN), 388
Lois Brandner (WI), 445
Wanda Burke (WA), 108 ⬆
Steven Hays (WA), 108 ⬆
James Hearon (FL), 276
Judith Jackson (MA), 109
Bob Joslin (MN), 215
Bill Klem (WA), 148
Glenn Little (CO), 34
Bill Meinen (SD), 251
Brady Napiwocki (WI), 120
Terry Pederson (WI), 284
Marci Purdy (CO), 224
Todd Reistroffer (SD), 251
Peter Setian (MA), 72
Jeff Shimp (MI), 71
Vincent Jim Simone (MN), 399
Colleen Vigil (TX), 276
Diana Webster (OR), 62

Lite Slams (34)

Jason Anderson (MN), 477
Rusty Anderson (OR), 395
Steven Aziz (VA), 461
Randal Blair (CA), 422
Sheryl Brekke (CA), 194
David Bute (CO), 433
Virginia Cheney (CA), 54
Lance Denham (WA), 434
Wes Du Mont (OR), 38
Jack Elliott (NY), 130
Delia Jane Fulkerson (OK), 500
Roger Hall (CA), 142
Wayne Hansen (OR), 395
Dana Harvey (WA), 118
David Hayes (TX), 498
Bob Huddleston (OR), 395
Susan Humphreys (CA), 98
Jason Jarvis (WA), 211
Rita Jewett (NC), 466
Jody Johnson (WA), 467
Bill Juedemann (MO), 344
Marvin Knoeck (NY), 130
Ed Lawrence (MN), 452
Michael Leonard (FL), 468
Ian Mahoney (WA), 486
Scott McMahan (OR), 407
Tammy Nachreiner (MN), 492
Ross Newmann (OR), 465
Linda Pyers (CA), 389
Pat Reynolds (OR), 38
Donald Smith (CA), 389
Walter Smith (NC), 466
Will Snell (WA), 156
Brian Warner (WY), 211

Club 175 (Bridgewater NJ)—N.J. Nibs and Nobs enjoyed their GRNT with fun cards and a great Irish stout stew! It was especially nice to have visitors: **Bill Sundheim** (our last director, now living in Maryland) and **Travis Herr**, a brand new club member who found out about the ACC when he played in the Keystone Classic in February. And on March 17 (note the green scorecard!), **James Ravenscroft** ➡ scored a grand slam, giving him enough points for his Bronze!

Club 307 (Colorado Springs CO) often sees months go by with no one winning its 28/29 pot from all those quarters paid week after week for everyone's skunks. But on February 25 we had three 28-hands: ⬇ **Kim Carlson**, **Kent Bair**, and **Monte McVay**! We were all so excited to collect and split our winnings until we found out that **Ed Hanemann** won our skunk pot last week for earning a 28-hand of his own! Thanks, Ed, for allowing us to split three dollars three ways from last week's skunk money!

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GrassRoots*Awards*

GOLD

Ronald A. Reid (Burbank CA)
Sharon Schaefer (Henderson NV)

SILVER

Alan Josephson (TX), 387
Jerry Kniffen (CA), 140
Barry W. Spadea (RI), 464
Herb Walline (MI), 368

BRONZE

Kelly K. Foster (OR), 46
Bruce Hammond (OR), 46
Karen Holdstock (OR), 12
Tom McLaughlin (VA), 117
Gregg Pericich (CA), 164
Richard Rounds (FL), 328
Greg Stuecheli (TX), 106
John D. Truitt (AZ), 408

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John B. Morch II
(Raleigh NC)
Gold #263

I learned cribbage from my father about seventy years ago. I joined the ACC in 1988 and have learned a lot from members of Club 58 in Raleigh. I earned my Gold ranking in January. I usually play four or five tournaments per year and have won three sanctioned tournaments: the 2001 Virginia Open, the 2023 John Medeiros Memorial, and the 2025 Raleigh Spring Fling consy. One of my favorite cribbage moments occurred in the 2007 National Open. I was playing Barri Gehrand in the once-defeated round, and the winner would play for the championship. It was a best-of-seven match, and before we started, we agreed to split the Henry Douglass pool, as we were the only two players left in it. Barry won the first three games and I said: "Boy, am I glad we agreed to split Henry's pool." I then went on to win the next three games and in the final seventh game hit a 28 and two 21s and went flying by Barri, at which point he said: "Boy, am I glad we agreed to split Henry's pool." Besides cribbage, I enjoy bocce, cooking, and reading.

Bob Prochnow
(San Diego CA)
Gold #264

I learned to play in college and joined the ACC in 2004. With no official cribbage mentor, I try to learn from every opponent I play. I initially played Grass Roots in the Bay Area. I started the Livermore club a few year later, and that club is still in existence in Castro Valley. I currently play in the San Diego club, where I have been club champion three times. On the night I earned my Gold, I lost the last game of the night to my wife to prevent my grand slam! My toughest opponents at club are my wife and Kris Bailey. My non-cribbage interests include bingo and watching grandkids' sports. I also enjoy traveling to different venues and playing cribbage with other members.

Club 390 (Bergland MI)—week 27 turned out to be very interesting. The **Sain Brothers** held the spotlight. **Rick** had a grand slam 19/9 +153, while **John** had a string of pearls 0/0 –134. In addition, with eighteen players in attendance, they were the only two players to get 24-hands that week. John got his while playing Rick—and still got beat!

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, 2026.

Tourney Tidbit

At the Come Sea Bandon tourney, directed by **Scott Milo** on February 14 in Bandon OR, **Betty Brumley** was the main high qualifier and the main champion. **Diana Webster** was the consolation high qualifier and the consolation champion. Two women winning their respective tournaments—yay! To top it off, **Mike McCammon** bought a dozen roses for the ACC women playing in this tournament on Valentine's Day.

While Jay Fulwider is officially retired from his "Cribbage Board of the Month" column, he still maintains a strong interest in collecting and describing cribbage boards. If you have any questions about boards, you may contact Jay at budandotis@outlook.com.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Larry Collins

Larry Collins (Zion IL) passed away on March 11 at age 84. Larry played in three clubs: his home club was #197 in Kenosha WI, but he also frequented Club 3 in Elgin IL and Club 6 in Milwaukee WI. In his last two weeks at Club 6, he finished in last place on March 3 with 4/2 –88, and then he went out with a bang, finishing in first place on March 10 with 13/5 +93! What a way to go: winning the last tourney in a game he loved! In addition to earning his Bronze Award in cribbage, Larry also enjoyed three-handed double-deck pinochle. Larry was an outgoing man who would enter a room and greet others with a hug or a handshake. He will be missed.

Ronald "Kent" Nelson

Wasatch Club 451 lost their founding member, Kent Nelson, on March 3, at age 88. It may seem like an arduous task to be the first person to start a Grass Roots club in the state of Utah, but being part of a family (seven siblings, ten children, thirty-five grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild), Kent had a family of card players ready to shuffle up and deal. Kent taught math and physical education at West Jordan Junior High/Middle School. The last time Kent played cribbage at club, he came in second place. Of course, he wanted to win, because "cream always rises to the top," but much like how he spent his life as a teacher, he was also a kind man who would leave room at the top for someone else to receive the spotlight—until the next time. Kent passed away thirty minutes before the next meeting of our club. From his hospital room, there was only one way for Kent to show up to cribbage club: he pegged his final 121. Through tears and fifteens-for-two, we learned of his passing and knew he showed up on time, for the last time. Kent will be missed, but thanks to him, the Wasatch club plays on.

ACC *Awards*

Roland A. Hall
(Napa CA)
Life Master (6★) #4

My dad taught me to play cribbage when I was probably four or five years old. We grew up in a small town and got only two television channels, so we played a lot of cards. I wish Dad was still alive so I could thank him for teaching me to play. In the fall of 1987, I saw an ad in the *Napa Register* for a tournament at the Napa Fairgrounds. I didn't have any plans that weekend and with all the cribbage knowledge I gained from my father, I thought for sure I could win the tournament. I didn't, but I did qualify and lost in the first round. When I showed up for the tournament I was greeted by tournament director Jack Monroe, who gave me a warm welcome and checked on me throughout the day. Most of my opponents were friendly, and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In 1999 I started playing more than just a couple times a year. My children had moved out of the house, and I had retired. At tournaments, I would watch the high-ranking players, especially Jesse Jarrell, who was national champion that year. I've learned my cribbage strategy from reading books and/or articles by DeLynn Colvert, John Chambers, Dan Barlow, and George "Ras" Rasmussen and by playing cribbage against Hal Mueller's cribbage program.

I play at Century Peggers Club 100 in Napa. I have been club champion five times including Division I national champion in the 2001–2002 season. My first tournament win was in August 2000 at John Ryan's Shut Up and Deal tourney in Castro Valley. I have now won 77 tournaments (40 mains and 37 consolations).

I earned my sixth star at the Veteran's Day Classic in Reno last November. Ronald Allen, from Truckee CA, who had never won a tournament, beat me in game five in the finals, earning his first tournament win. One of my favorite tournaments is the JPW/ACC Open in Reno. I always enjoy seeing players from all over the United States and Canada. I was lucky to win this tournament in 2004.

My retirement years have been greatly enhanced by cribbage because it gives me a reason to travel to different cities and meet new people and form friendships with a lot of players. I enjoy traveling and exploring with my wife, Becky, and watching my children, grandchildren, and six-month-old great-grandson, Stetson, mature and prosper.

New Cribbage Masters

Don Allen (Eugene OR)

Bruce D. Sattler
(Nottingham MD)
Life Master (★)

My parents taught me how to play cribbage at a very young age. Throughout my life, my math acumen can be directly related to my early cribbage education. I joined the ACC in 1992, shortly after receiving information from Hoyle regarding its existence. I am presently a member of Chesapeake Bay Club and previously of the Baltimore Club when it existed (1993–2000). I have been club champion a half dozen times. My first tournament win was in 1994 in Gibbstown NJ; I have won twenty-nine ACC sanctioned tournaments. I received my Two Star ranking at the JPW/ACC Open in early March. I was hoping to do this there, since it was the thirty-year anniversary of my first-place finish in both the ACC Open consolation and the TOC consolation (when it existed) in 1996. My favorite tournaments are the 20+ Charm City Classics that I directed over the years. My toughest opponent is Rick Bryant. Non-cribbage interests are Janice, Haley, Murphy, Marley, and poker!

Todd D. Schaefer
(Oakdale MN)
Life Master (★)

Neighborhood friends taught me how to play cribbage, and I joined the ACC in 1993 (I think). The late great Jerry Gruber was my cribbage mentor. A member of Club 240, I have been club champion one time. My first tournament win was in Wisconsin Dells WI in 1996; I have now won eighteen events, including the 2026 JPW/ACC Open, where I earned my Two Star ranking. That weekend was a dream come true, as it was my third sanctioned win in a row, following up winning both main tournaments in the same weekend in Chaska MN! My two favorite tournaments are the JPW/ACC Open in Reno NV and the National Open in Raleigh NC. Les Kvien is my toughest opponent. Non-cribbage interests include watching NHL hockey and going fishing. I am a 31+ year employee of the Minnesota Department of Health and about to retire. A good part of my career I inspected houses where children were lead-poisoned. I have friends to this day that I met on the CB radio. My handle is "The Sundance Kid."

Todd Schaefer is the hottest player in the ACC right now, winning the last three tourneys he played. He is currently #6 in the Central Region.

event	*MRPs*
Minnesota Snowball (1/30)	187
Switzer's Birthday Bash (1/31)	192
ACC Open (3/8)	309
three-tournament total	688

David Aiello
(Kenosha WI)
Life Master

I learned how to play around Christmas time when I was about ten, with my grandpa, dad, and uncles. I joined the ACC in 2018. For cribbage mentor I bounce ideas off Erik Locke, Bryan Gurden, and Scott Sand. I'm a member of Club 197, which I've won seven times in a row. My first tournament win was in Kenosha WI, and I've now had nine sanctioned victories. I earned my Life Master in January in Fort Walton Beach FL, when I took first place on Friday. My favorite tournament is the TOC, which I won in 2023. Marlene Lazachek has been my toughest opponent the last two years. My favorite cribbage moment was taking second at the Deadwood Grand National. Non-cribbage interests include hanging out with family and friends and playing golf.

Scott Sand
(Brainerd MN)
Grand Master

I learned to play cribbage from my dad when I was young. I joined the ACC in 2006 so I could play club with my dad. My cribbage mentor was Jerry Gruber, who taught me a lot in the years I was lucky enough to play alongside him in the Saint Paul club. I currently play in Club 94 in Saint Cloud MN, where I have been club champ four times. My first tournament win was the 2021 Jerry Gruber Memorial; to date I have won ten tournaments. I earned my Grand Master in Fort Walton Beach FL this year; since I live in Minnesota, it is a great tournament to play in January! My toughest opponent is Hall of Famer Todd Schaefer, who has beaten me in the finals twice this year, including game seven of the ACC Open in Reno. Outside of cribbage, my hobbies are fishing and anything outdoors. I enjoy foraging for mushrooms and berries in the spring and summer in Minnesota. Chanterelles are my favorite mushroom to eat. I am also a big Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Wild fan.

The Kat Hartsell EXPERIENCE

I went to Reno thinking it would be a vacation. You know, play some cribbage, hang out with friends, maybe sleep in a little. That lasted until we landed at the Denver airport for our connection.

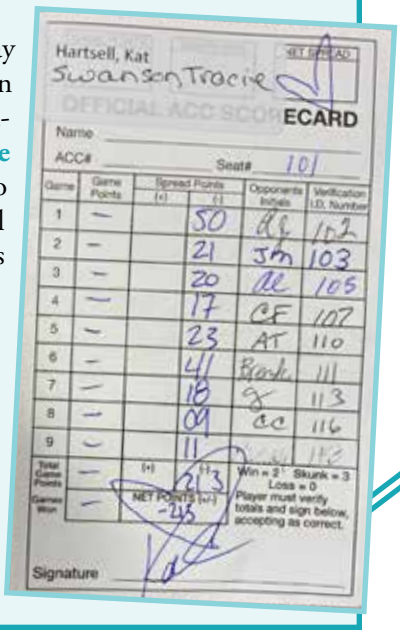
Rick Baird called and said his family came first and he couldn't make it to run side pools like he normally does. So what do I do? Of course, I volunteer to help! I always volunteer to help. And there went my weekend.

Not only was I already helping on the tabulating committee, but now I'm up until midnight stuffing envelopes and waking up at 5:30a to set up for the next day of lines. It was my first time doing side pools on such a scale, and it was *almost* flawless. Learning curves, right? Someone was missed when calculating who would win big, which affected every other person, and I had to rewrite thirty envelopes and redo thirty calculations. But honestly? I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Here's the thing though, running side pools is a thankless job, and it eats up ***all*** of your free time. We really need to work on realizing the amount of time these folks are putting into tournaments. The sacrifices they make. This is all out of the goodness of our hearts. There isn't any type of payment. We pay for our flights, all our food, everything. It's a sacrifice of time and money, and I think we need to do better at appreciating the people who make these tournaments happen.

Now, the actual cribbage part of the week? That was . . . a rollercoaster.

Thursday was the one-day event. Didn't do well. Then Thursday evening came doubles with my bestie **Tracie Swanson**. We decided to break away from our normal partners and play together. We wore our couples outfit, cribbage gangsters, and looked insanely cute. ⬆ But then something incredible happened—we experienced our first ever string of pearls. That's right. We didn't win a single game together. Not one. A perfectly executed run of losses. ➡ Everyone got a good laugh out of that one, but honestly? It really messed with my head. [***Editor's note: last year in Reno, I partnered with Tracie, and we won three games; I guess we now know who is the heavier burden!***]



On Friday morning in the Tournament of Champions, I sat down across from my first opponent, ⬆ **Michael Stevens**, and proceeded to get almost double-skunked. Michael has now earned himself a permanent spot on my mirror!

By the time Saturday rolled around for the JPW (the largest cribbage tournament in the world, 401 players this year!), I wasn't even sure I was going to play. The string of pearls had really affected my mentality. I didn't think I was meant to be there. I didn't think I could play with such caliber.

And when I sat down to play on Saturday, I immediately regretted showing up.

We had the ***hardest*** table in the room: **Duane Toll**, **Patrick Barrett**, **Rob Medeiros**, **Scott Milo**, **Laurie Logan**, **David Aiello**, **Dan Selke** just to name a few. And funny enough: I'm sitting at a table with 25 people out of 401 players, and my bestie Tracie is on the table too! What are the odds?

But then something clicked. The cards started cooperating. I got the cuts I needed. My pegging game was on fire. I won games I probably shouldn't have won. I made it to the playoffs. And then I made it to Elite Eight.

I eventually lost to **Scott Sand**, who went on to lose in the finals against **Todd Schaefer**. But top eight out of 401 players? While running side pools and operating on about four hours of sleep? I'm incredibly proud of that.

It also means something kind of funny. Last year in Reno I made the top eight at the Tournament of Champions, so now I have two Reno trophies, two years in a row. I'm not saying Reno is my lucky city . . . but Reno might be my lucky city.

Oh, and one more thing! This past Thursday the 12th, back at home, we had the an online ACC board meeting, where the marketing pilot proposal was approved. This means we finally get to start building some things aimed at helping more people find their way into this game. We have done so many things right in the ACC, but marketing has been our Achilles heel. I hope to give this department the love and care it has always needed. We are a dying organization, and it's time to change that.

So if you see volunteers at tournaments, the ones stuffing envelopes at midnight, the ones setting up boards at 6a, the ones running around making sure everything works, make sure to say thank you. They're doing it because they love this game and this community. And we need them.

And if you beat me along the way? You might just earn yourself a spot on the mirror. Michael Stevens already claimed his!

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ **by Vicki Soule** ◆ **newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com** ◆

Happy April and bring on spring. Spring in New England is mud season, so we can skip right to summer, after we celebrate some fun days! Let's start with a pastime most cribbage players have, drinking beer! National Beer Day is April 7. April 15 is National Laundry day! Why does laundry need its own day? Someone needs to invent an all-in-one, washer, dryer, folder, and put-away machine! After all the laundry, you can celebrate National Gummi Bear Day on April 27. Have fun, get outside, enjoy spring!

Before I begin tournament recaps, Reno just ended and New England (and the East Coast) would like to congratulate **Just Rob (Medeiros)** for his second-place finish in the TOC and **Peter Setian** on his first place finish in the ACC Open consolation. Way to represent!

On January 30–February 1, we met at the Windrifter Resort in Wolfeboro NH for Vicki's Birthday Bash. (PSA: next year, the tournament is on my actual birthday, so watch out Minnesota!) On Friday, we held the Winter in Wolfeboro One Day. A rookie, **Mark Soule**, took high qualifying honors, but in the end, he switched with second qualifier, **Lance Brown**, and Lance won. The consolation saw high qualifier **Josh Parker** ➡ take the win over **Mary Roberge**. ➡ The main event saw our friend **Mike Fetchel** take the win over **Donna LaFleur**, and the consolation saw **Mike D'Elena** ➡ get his first win over high qualifier **Charlie Booker**. Other fun things this weekend: one of our newer players, **AJ Kalibian**, ⬅ won Friday night singles with a grand slam. Our friend **Debbie Cotter** achieved her Master status, and **Kendra Munkacsy** had to hire a chiropractor because she played Canadian Doubles with **Just Rob** and had to carry him all night! Last month I wrote about the inter-ACC birthday bash side-pool that we considered a success, even though ***they*** won . . . there is always next year. Maybe **Todd Schaefer** and **Bob Joslin** will be cooled down by then and not win everything! Just kidding, guys! (or am I?)

The weekend of my real birthday, a new tournament was hosted by two great guys from Pennsylvania: **James Ravencroft** and our "make things work guru" **Scott Harker**, who ran the Keystone Classic doubleheader. In part 1, James hosted, qualified num-

ber 1, and won the tournament against Connecticut's **Mike Fetchel** (you may have heard of him!). The consolation was won by **Stephen Dugas**, with **Joseph Murdock** in second place. In part 2, **Joseph Wurman** won his first tournament, with **Howard Eisenberg** second. The consy saw another first time winner, **Marcia Sommers**, over James's dad, **Kit Ravencroft**! Thanks for bringing cribbage back to PA!

Vicki's Monthly Funnies

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall!
Spring apparently wasn't bad either!

Q. Where do birds vacation during April break?

A. Someplace cheep.

Q. What do you call a group of bunnies hopping away from you?

A. A receding hareline.

February 18–22 was the Virginia Beach Winter Wonderland doubleheader, directed by **Laurie Schmitz** and **Megan Player**. Part 1 was won by **Larry Phifer** over new TD **James Ravencroft**. The consy saw **Scott Noble** take the win over **Terry Cushman**. In part 2, a visitor from the west, **Ray Klocko**, took the win over **June Fordham**, and **Jamie Fincher** won the consy over **Bob Junion**. Two interesting tidbits: it was the debut of the **Henry Douglass** side pool stamp, and Laurie put "skunk boxes" on the tables; if you got skunked, you added a dollar. The high nonqualifier got the money! Great ideas and great job, ladies.

The February Frenzy was held in South Windsor CT on February 21, directed by **Barbara Barbour** and **Phil Martin**. **Just Rob** (insert eyeroll) won again over always a bridesmaid, **Paige Thomas**. The consy finals were played by two Connecticut players: **Donna LaFleur** took the win over **Paul Batterson**. (Home court advantage?)

Here's a first look at the quilt to be raffled at Grand National 44 in Niagara Falls. ⬅ Our heartfelt thanks go to **Nanci O'Brien** for her amazing workmanship and her donation! Tickets for the quilt are on sale from the GN directors (**David Aiken** and **Katie VanHuis** or **Vicki** and **Mark Soule**): one ticket for $5, three tickets for $10, eight tickets for $20.

Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Shuffling

There has been a lot of talk recently about shuffling and cutting cards when dealing, especially on social media, so maybe it's time to talk about this a little bit.

In a previous column, I wrote about rule 2.1, proper mixing of the pack. I talked about what constituted a shuffle, that the pack must be mixed or shuffled at least three times. We talked about rule 2.2, which gives the pone the right to shuffle the pack themselves for whatever reason once per deal, then handing the cards back to the dealer who under rule 2.3 has the right to make the last legal shuffle prior to offering up the cut to the pone.

So what about all this recent talk about improper shuffling? Well, it appears that there has been some manipulation of the shuffle going on. While there are certainly many creative ways to manipulate a shuffle, this particular method involves scooping up all of the cards from the previous deal (both hands, the crib, and the cut card), and placing them on the bottom of the pack, then while riffling the cards making sure that they do not get mixed in with the rest of the pack and therefore remain on the bottom. That is thirteen cards, one quarter of the pack, that the dealer knows are from the previous hand and where they are now located. When the pone cuts, the dealer knows whether or not they are in play, and the dealer now has an advantage of how to hold, how to toss to the crib, and how to play their cards.

The ACC code of ethics on page 7 of the rulebook covers this situation under the second bullet point: **controlling the location of the cards in the pack before cutting for first deal or when dealing**. Violations of the code of ethics should be reported to the tournament or club director and/or directly to the Ethics Committee.

In the meantime, one way to show confidence in your shuffling would be to end it with multiple cuts of your own before offering up the cut to the pone. Another way would be to wash the cards. And if you notice anything unusual going on, let the tournament or club director know, and follow that up with a letter to the Ethics Committee with details.

I feel confident that at least 99% of us are playing fair and doing things as best we can, so let's just keep focusing on that and let's all have fun!

Send questions about rules and the rulebook to keith@qtainc.com.

New Members

92 last month

Kazakhstan
Saltanat Beristemova (Almaty)
Timothy Barnett (Almaty)

Arizona
John Conlin (Gold Canyon)

California
Vikki Annis (Red Bluff)
Michael Hunsinger (McKinleyville)
Kevin Knapp (San Francisco)
Chris Kronser (Carmichael)
Barbara Melrose (Tahoma)
Jonn Melrose (Tahoma)
Kelly Ray (Fortuna)
Elaine Sams (Loleta)
Steven Sams (Loleta)
Perry White (Mount Shasta)

Colorado
Carolyn Hilborn (Colorado Springs)
Brooke Homrighausen (Parker)
David Powell (Aurora)
Shawn Tessman (Denver)
Craig "CJ" Varriano (Denver)

Florida
Ann Bolton (Cocoa Beach)
Joe Loizzo (Winter Haven)

Idaho
Ann Lempesis (Boise)
Jim Moore (Athol)
Thomas Peterson (Post Falls)
Lisa Qualsund (Athol)

Illinois
Brian Hassemer (Gurnee)
Beth Rankin-Contee (Beach Park)

Indiana
Jan Taylor-Spence (Indianapolis)

Kansas
Craig Lathrop (Shawnee)

Kentucky
Jonathan Abramson (Owensboro)
Cadence Brown (Owensboro)
Derek Burnett (Owensboro)
Jonathan Dudko (Owensboro)
Arthur Wiegele (Louisville)

Louisiana
Barbara Fanta (Bossier City)

Maine
Dianna Lewis (Surry)

Manitoba
Tyler Slusarenko (Winnipeg)

Maryland
Catherine Forrence (Frederick)
Cene Ketcham (Annapolis)
Christopher Voell (Frederick)

Massachusetts
Vincent Gregoire (Swansea)
Kelly Larcheveque (Belchertown)
Lee Larcheveque (Belchertown)
Lisa Majewski (Swansea)

Michigan
Frank Alsup (Saint Joseph)
Gary Hattis (Lyons)
Cindy Trevillion (Champion)

Minnesota
Jim Carter (Marshall)
Linda Nelson (Duluth)
Darren Tutt (Maple Grove)

Montana
Julie Gray (Missoula)
Tim Gray (Missoula)

Nebraska
Bernard Pilachowski (Omaha)

Nevada
Daryle Lewis (Minden)

New Hampshire
Casey Clark (Colebrook)
Thomas Sands (Sandown)

North Carolina
Trey Adcock (Whittier)
Wade Beck (Summerfield)
Crystal Liachoff (Locust)
Russ Liachoff (Locust)

Ohio
Benyamin Haber (South Euclid)
Netanya Haber (South Euclid)

Oklahoma
Eric Bauer (Edmond)
Harry Morris (Edmond)
Matthew Morris (Edmond)
Ned Morris (Muskogee)

Oregon
Thomas Fauria (Bend)
Dan Pahl (Happy Valley)
Mark Peters (Bandon)
Caleb Ralston (Bend)
Thomas Scofield (Otter Rock)
Heather Thompson (Portland)

South Dakota
Lindsay Harvery (Brookings)
Joseph L'Amour (Vermillion)
Emilee Masson (Spearfish)
David Sorensen (Rapid City)
Layne Stewart (Vermillion)

Texas
Chuck Whiting (Fulshear)

Utah
Juliana Conway (Salt Lake City)

Virginia
Crisanto DeGuzman (Chesapeake)
Andrew Teague (Virginia Beach)

Washington
Cheryl Knotts (Walla Walla)
Keith Knotts (Walla Walla)
Marc Kriger (Kirkland)
James Olson (Gig Harbor)
Randy Wesselius (Zillah)

Wisconsin
Paul Graening (Madison)
Jake Kostka (Osseo)
Preston Larson (Eau Claire)
Denise Muermann (Iron River)
Jonathan Smith (Appleton)
Karen Vacha (Plover)
Tony Vacha (Plover)

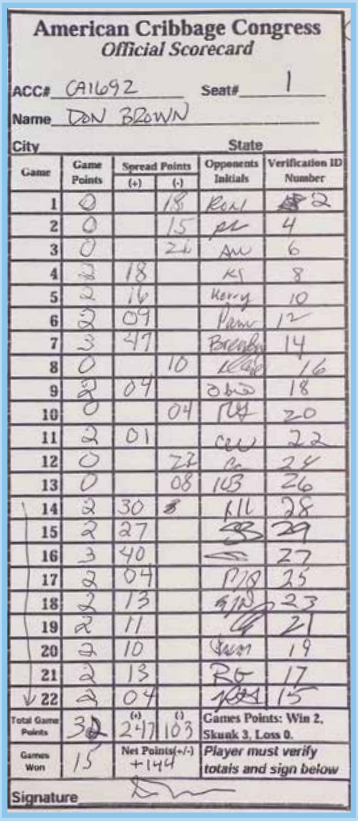
Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Angelina Villabos (17yo from Oroville CA) played in the TOC and the ACC Open in Reno NV.

Nick Plowman (17yo from Magalia CA) played in the ACC Open in Reno NV.

The entry form for the annual Peg for the Border tournament, held on January 17–18 at **Joan Leyte**'s Farm near Escondido CA and ably directed by **Kris Bailey** (San Diego CA), contained a rather ominous looking item called "GR9" side pool. Having no idea what that was but never having met a side pool I didn't like, I entered. I thought maybe the international Group of Eight was expanding to nine, and we were to bet on the newest member. I would have bet on California (fourth largest economy in the world). But no, that wasn't it. Although I'd never heard of it, according to Kris, GR9 was created by **Stephen Dugas** and is somewhat prevalent on the East Coast (the first GR9 was held in Wolfeboro NH in December 2024, hosted by **Mark and Vicki Soule**). In a nutshell, the GR9 is a side tournament encompassing the last nine games of a twenty-two-game qualifier, or equal to the number of games in a normal Grass Roots tournament. Its purpose is to keep players engaged even though they may be having an otherwise crummy qualifying day and to spice things up a bit in games 14–22. As I say, new to me, but I liked it so much that I turned the nine games into a grand slam and won the GR9 going away. My first "grand slam" in years, giving me 19 points, ➡ also propelled me into high qualifier and provided me with a tidy sum. Altogether, a great day of cribbage for Yours Truly. I think I'm going to petition Kris to name the side pool "The Don Brown Memorial GR9 Side Pool." Has a nice ring, don't you think? In the playoff semifinals I faced **Paul Gregson**; the match went five tough games but he prevailed. He then went on to wax **Carol Williams** 3-0 in the final. Paul reported that over the last couple years or so he had lost seven of eight finals before taking the PFTB. Now he's seven for nine; nice work, Paul.



American Cribbage Congress
Official Scorecard

ACC# CA1692 Seat# 1
Name DON BROWN
City State

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+)	Spread Points (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	0		18	RON	2
2	0		15	[illegible]	4
3	0		26	AW	6
4	2	18		KS	8
5	2	16		Kerry	10
6	2	09		Pam	12
7	3	47		Barbara	14
8	0		10	[illegible]	16
9	2	04		Debi	18
10	0		04	[illegible]	20
11	2	01		CW	22
12	0		22	[illegible]	24
13	0		08	LB	26
14	2	30		LL	28
15	2	27		[illegible]	29
16	3	40		[illegible]	27
17	2	04		[illegible]	25
18	2	13		[illegible]	23
19	2	11		[illegible]	21
20	2	10		[illegible]	19
21	2	13		RT	17
22	2	04		[illegible]	15
Total Game Points	32	(+) 247	(-) 103	Games Points: Win 2, Skunk 3, Loss 0.	
Games Won	15	Net Points(+/-) +144		Player must verify totals and sign below	

Signature

Speaking of Carol: kudos to her for producing a grand slam in the Topaz Winter Classic consolation at Topaz Lake NV on March 4. In the finals she took out **Eric Locke** to win the tournament. Unfortunately for her, the good cards disappeared in all the subsequent Reno tournaments.

In response to my December 2025 column concerning "fun with names," I received the following from **Bob Milk** (Queen Creek AZ):

picture	player
cow's udder	Robert Milk
largest mammal	Cruz and/or Hayden Wales

The Inside Track
by Rob Medeiros

Winning end-game battles more often than not requires plotting courses to ***not*** lose rather to win. Let's examine a situation from Reno in early March.

The pone needs four to go out, and the dealer needs six. The pone keeps 3-4-5-8, so he has five points—enough to go out. How are the ways the pone can lose the game from here, and how best can to avoid them?

First of all, let's discount the dealer matching every card. No planning can avoid that disastrous ending. Getting into runs unnecessarily would be my first scenario to avoid. The pone has the 8 as an escape card, so we should be able to navigate around that potential problem.

The next most likely way to turn a win into a loss is to let dealer get a match ***and*** a 15, so we must avoid that at all costs. In this particular hand the pone committed this fatal error. He led the 3 instead of the 4, enabling dealer to match the 3 and then score 15-2 with an Ace. After that, the pone gave up two "goes" to a 7 and a 9, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

So when you are making end-game decisions, always think at least one step ahead.

Rob always thinks one card ahead! Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com.

water basin	DeLynn Colvert
antique car	Scott and Charlene Hudson
cattle	Darlene Stier
owl	Gordy Wise
cookie	Monica Newton
headwear	Audrey and Terry Hatto
California prison	Erik Folsom
shoes	Gerald Oxford
paper	Doug Page
charcoal grill	Terry Weber
cotton ball	Dan Pluff
pear	John Bartlett
faker	Frank Bogus Jr.
shovel	Barry Spadea
singing deer	Robins Buck
military long gun	Jack Howsare

And finally, this from **Tom McLean** (Yakima WA):

powerful Greek goddess	Jamie Fate

Over and out.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Land Shark Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; 1/16)	Grant Crawford	*92 players* HQ. Mike Fetchel (40) 1. David Aiello (147) 2. Barri Gehrand (105) 3. Keith LaPine (70) 3. Barbara Yates (70)	*57 players* HQ. Patricia Jewell (21) 1. Patricia Jewell (60) 2. Chad Frischmann (40) 3. Jerry Ellis (24) 3. Keith Widener (24)	*28-hand:* Mike Fetchel*	
Emerald Coast Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; 1/17)	Grant Crawford	*88 players* HQ. Rhonda Perry (55) 1. James Stuart (147) 2. Jim Correa (105) 3. Scott Earley (70) 3. Jerry Ellis (70)	*50 players* HQ. Terry Goatz (24) 1. Bryan Gurden (60) 2. Steven Nisbet (40) 3. David Aiello (24) 3. Vicki Marchand (24)	*28-hands:* Robert Miller* Matthew Reum* Nancy Williams* Wendy Yafuso*	*Canadian Doubles:* Keith & Leshia Widener
Peg for the Border (Escondido CA; 1/17)	Kris Bailey	*29 players* HQ. Donald Brown (30) 1. Paul Gregson (70) 2. Carol Williams (42) 3. Donald Brown (21) 3. Ron Guidotti (21)	*18 players* HQ. Bob Prochnow (18) 1. Cy Madrone (40) 2. Tom Moses (24) 3. Jeff Machovsky (12) 3. Bob Prochnow (12)		*Canadian Doubles:* Bob Prochnow & Rick Kimberlin
Arizona Screaming Eagles (Sun City AZ; 1/27)	Darlene Stier	*52 players* HQ. Bryan Gurden (50) 1. Bryan Gurden (105) 2. Brian Smith (70) 3. John Bernshausen (42) 3. Darlene Stier (42)	*30 players* HQ. Ray Klocko (27) 1. Bob Brumley (40) 2. Russell Roach (24) 3. Ray Klocko (12) 3. Carol Williams (12)	*28-hand:* Karen Misluk*	
Minnesota Snowball One-Day (Chaska MN; 1/30)	Adam Switzer	*84 players* HQ. Sandra Most (55) 1. Todd Schaefer (147) 2. Scott Sand (105) 3. Gordy Chamberlain (70) 3. Chris Melheim (70)	*46 players* HQ. Reuben Sufka (24) 1. Adam Switzer (60) 2. Al Pernicek (40) 3. Wayland Kuhnel (24) 3. Marsha Mahan (24)		

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HQ = high qualifier
**** = in sanctioned event***
green = grand slam
red = first win

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Switzer's Birthday Bash (Chaska MN; 1/31)	Adam Switzer	*79 players* HQ. Todd Schaefer (45) 1. Todd Schaefer (147) 2. Les Kvien (105) 3. Bob Joslin (70) 3. Doug Whitlock (70)	*46 players* HQ. Scott Sand (18) 1. Daniel Pluff (60) 2. Alan Gunderson (40) 3. Scott Sand (24) 3. Sara Sandey (24)	*28-hands:* Dennis Koehler* Sara Sandey	*Canadian Doubles:* Donald Curry & Doug Whitlock
Cactus Classic (Sun Lakes AZ; 1/30)	Robert Milk	*76 players* HQ. Jim Crawford (65) 1. Ivan Wells (147) 2. June Fordham (105) 3. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. Lindsay Nelsen (70)	*43 players* HQ. Bob Brumley (12) 1. **Dennis Dresbach** (60) 2. David Brokken (40) 3. Terrance Cushman (24) 3. Russell Roach (24)	*28-hands:* Ron Guidotti* (x2)	
Roadrunner Classic (Sun Lakes AZ; 1/31)	Robert Milk	*76 players* HQ. Jason Matheny (45) 1. **Timm Hagen** (147) 2. Dave Yaeger (105) 3. Ted Panos (70) 3. Don Thienel (70)	*41 players* HQ. Roland Hall (27) 1. Gary Girard (60) 2. Charlene Cohen (40) 3. Joe Gates (24) 3. Donald Stockham (24)	*28-hands:* Jamie Fincher* Ted Panos* Rick Watters*	*Canadian Doubles:* Ivan Wells & Brenda Nason
Pegging for Vets #15 (Sacramento CA; 2/7)	Alice Souza	*43 players* HQ. Roland Hall (45) 1. Alice Souza (105) 2. Harold Sontag (70) 3. Paul Gregson (42) 3. Roland Hall (42)	*19 players* HQ. Ben Lewis (15) 1. **Ben Lewis** (40) 2. Ester McCullough (24) 3. Chris Branson (12) 3. Bob Brumley (12)		
Super Saturday One-Day (Spokane WA; 2/7)	Tim Julkowski	*39 players* HQ. James Morrow (35) 1. James Morrow (105) 2. Mattie Kivett (70) 3. David Hogle (42) 3. Vivian Powers (42)	*16 players* HQ. Frank Hanson (18) 1. Nikki Anderson (24) 2. Frank Hanson (12) 3. Curtis Beckham (4) 3. Timothy Julkowski (4)	*28-hand:* Ken Quast*	

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Come Sea Bandon (Bandon OR; 2/14)	Scott Milo	*31 players* HQ. Betty Brumley (35) 1. Betty Brumley (70) 2. Peggy Shea (42) 3. Bob Brumley (21) 3. Tom Jackson (21)	*22 players* HQ. Diana Webster (15) 1. Diana Webster (40) 2. Richard Shea (24) 3. Duane Toll (12) 3. Denis Walker (12)	*28-hand:* Michael Crume*	*Canadian Doubles:* Diana Webster & Duane Toll
Pacific Coast Championship (Marina CA; 2/20)	Dick Lind	*30 players* HQ. Cy Madrone (75) 1. Paul Gregson (70) 2. Dennis Morin (42) 3. Steve Hastie (21) 3. Christy Lens (21)	*22 players* HQ. Randy Borchardt (12) 1. Jones Hom (40) 2. Randy Borchardt (24) 3. Bob Bartosh (12) 3. Debra Wrightman (12)	*28-hand:* Wilson Taguinod*	*Dealer's Choice Doubles:* Randy Azelton & Lloyd Boyd
Point Over Open (Stevens Point WI; 2/20)	Brian Napiwocki	*72 players* HQ. Betsy Eigenberger (60) 1. Scott Sand (147) 2. Doug Whitlock (105) 3. Edward Balcer (70) 3. Betsy Eigenberger (70)	*36 players* HQ. Donald Curry (18) 1. Donald Curry (60) 2. Roger Eigenberger (40) 3. Henry Brandner (24) 3. Dennis Koehler (24)		
Point Under Open (Stevens Point WI; 2/21)	Brian Napiwocki	*68 players* HQ. Al Pernicek (55) 1. Sara Sandey (147) 2. Patrick Barrett (105) 3. Allen Karr (70) 3. Steve Schneider (70)	*46 players* HQ. Don Pohlman (18) 1. Todd Bullock (60) 2. Sheila Vojtech (40) 3. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Scott Sand (24)		*Canadian Doubles:* Betsy & Roger Eigenberger
Willamette Valley Open (Salem OR; 2/21)	Greg Schleusner	*47 players* HQ. Gary Duvall (35) 1. Erik Royland Locke (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Gary Duvall (42) 3. Bruce McGillivray (42)	*27 players* HQ. Kelly Foster (12) 1. William O'Malley (40) 2. Clinton McRay (24) 3. Kelly Foster (12) 3. Don Hansen (12)		

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Topaz Classic (Gardnerville NV; 3/2)	Bev Castillo	*71 players* HQ. Bryan Gurden (55) 1. James Langley (147) 2. John Quist (105) 3. Ray Klocko (70) 3. Robert Milk (70)	*53 players* HQ. Carol Williams (27) 1. Carol Williams (60) 2. Erik Royland Locke (40) 3. Brian Bell-Irving (24) 3. Jim Mahan (24)	*28-hands:* Kim Corn Jacob French	*Early Bird:* Alice Souza *Canadian Doubles:* Gary Pinkley & Russell Roach *Mid-Roller:* Darlene Stier
Reno Opener (Reno NV; 3/5)	Rick and Peggy Shea	*264 players* HQ. Nate Selk (50) 1. Bob Prochnow (252) 2. Ronnie Murakami (196) 3. Sylvia Bergquist (147) 3. Peter Setian (147) 5. Tom Cookman (105) 5. Erik Royland Locke (105) 5. Barrett Mace (105) 5. Winona McDaniel (105) {***continued next column***}	{***no consy***} {***from previous column***} 9. Patrick Barrett (70) 9. Bonnie Fife (70) 9. Nicole Gordon (70) 9. Les Kvien (70) 9. Jim Mahan (70) 9. Nate Selk (70) 9. Allan Stanek (70) 9. John Syftestad (70)	*28-hand:* Maria Quist*	
JPW/ACC Open (Reno NV; 3/5)	Rick and Peggy Shea	*401 players* HQ. Bob Joslin (78) 1. Todd Schaefer (303) 2. Scott Sand (236) 3. Don Allen (177) 3. Steve Sundet (177) 5. William Eilers (126) 5. Kat Hartsell (126) 5. Scott Milo (126) 5. Nancy Rojas (126) 9. Kris Bailey (84) 9. Dennis Koehler (84) 9. Karel Kon (84) 9. Les Kvien (84) 9. Jeff McKinney (84) 9. Dick Pedersen (84) 9. Kevin Post (84) 9. Bruce Sattler (84)	*284 players* HQ. Chad Loupee (33) 1. Peter Setian (173) 2. Frank Abernathy (135) 3. James Langley (101) 3. Paul Mauel (101) 5. Myron Farrell (72) 5. Carole Herron (72) 5. Bob Joslin (72) 5. Jason Matheny (72) 9. Tristan Bacoch (48) 9. Betty Brumley (48) 9. Paige Gacayan (48) 9. Jeanne Jelke (48) 9. Jack Lien (48) 9. William O'Malley (48) 9. Gerald Oxford (48) 9. Ted Lee Southland (48)	*29-hands:* Casey Scott* Jim Crawford *28-hand:* Bernard Kitheka* Dennis Jacobs Erik Walum	*Canadian Doubles:* **Sheryl Brekke & Lisa Spellenberg** *Cribbage Bowl:* Dean McKinney *TOC:* Lance Denham

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3	768	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
4	739	John Schafer (netview85)
5	728	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
6	695	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
7	694	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
8	683	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
9	679	David Smith (thecuse5)
10	666	Sue Edwards (co434sue)

This month's column publicly thanks all of the TDs who volunteer tirelessly at both ACC online tournament sites. I have given them kudos in emails for their time, their talent, their dedication–but it's never enough! They are always willing to help each other out by substituting or splitting tournaments as needed, especially at the last minute. I also apologize to them for having to put up with the grief and/or whining (especially about others being behind) that some players give us. Please remember that without these TDs, there would be no tournaments, and that they are the last person out of the room. In our hearts, we know that 99% of players appreciate us, and play for the love of the game, but it is hard to deal with the negativity as a volunteer. I appreciate my awesome team for hanging in there week after week. A simple thanks in the lobby from the players goes a long way! Here is the list of the loyal TDs that we can't survive without, listed accord to platform and their years of service to the ACC.

Editor's note: Sally is also an online TD, having TD'ed for six years on eCribbage and ten years on MSN zone.

eCribbage TDs

18 – John Schafer (netview85), assistant commissioner
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2 – Nick Severson (ogshmoo)
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Point Leader of the Month
John Schafer (*netview85*) @ 190 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)
Lori Boyer (*elmo4x4*)

Internet Grand Slams
Nancy Roncetti (*nunzia*)

CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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Venice Italy, with one of the most recognizable plazas in the world, was our next destination. Saint Mark's Square, aka Piazza San Marco, has many iconic and historic landmarks—the Doge's Palace, Saint Mark's Basilica, and Saint Mark's Campanile (tower), to name a few. The "where are John and Maria now" photo was probably one of the easier destinations for *Cribbage World* readers to identify.

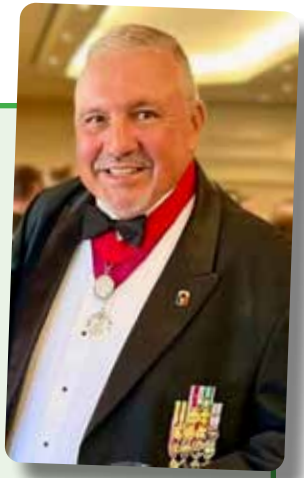
Venice has it all and can satisfy almost any traveler's curiosity: history, architecture, art, romance, food. Maria and I could fill an entire *Cribbage World* magazine with stories from Venice, but **Kat Hartsell** still hasn't given us her page! For this story, we will focus on two of the most famous bridges in Venice: the Ponte di Rialto and the Bridge of Sighs. At over four centuries old, the Rialto is the oldest bridge crossing the Grand Canal. With retail shops perched along the center of the bridge, the Rialto bridge ⬇ is a marvel of Renaissance engineering. For centuries, everyone in Venice wanted to walk across the Rialto bridge.

The Bridge of Sighs, ⬇ on the other hand, was a bridge from the Doge's Palace to a prison. This prison was used for political and business enemies of the Venetian Empire. No one wanted to walk across this bridge. When prisoners walked across it, they would look out the small windows of the bridge for their last glimpse of Venice. Knowing that very few prisoners ever came out alive, these prisoners would "sigh" as they crossed the bridge—hence the name.

When Maria won two of three games, I had to sigh. Of course, losing to Maria isn't as bad as when political prisoners crossed the Bridge of Sighs. What does make me sigh? Writing about Maria beating me. She beats me so often, maybe I need to contact Adult Protective Services.

THIS JUST IN!

+ DARYL DESJARDIN +



Well, friends, it's that time of year again. The robins are singing, the dogwoods are blooming, and somewhere in a windowless federal building, a person who has never once held a cribbage board is deciding how much of your tournament winnings belong to the United States government.

Yes. Tax Day. April 15th. The one day a year when every American is required by law to feel exactly like they do when their opponent counts out a 24-hand they didn't see coming.

I've been thinking about what the IRS and a cribbage opponent have in common, and I've come up with more than I'm comfortable with:

1. They both get points you didn't know you owed. You think you've played a clean hand. You've counted your fifteens, your pairs, your runs. You feel good. You feel righteous. And then your opponent—or the Schedule D instructions—finds something you completely missed and helps themselves to it with a smile that is technically polite.

2. Neither one will accept "I didn't see it" as an excuse. Just as muggins is legal in North Carolina tournament play, so is a penalty for filing late. The cards don't care about your intentions. Neither does the 1040.

3. And both reward people who kept better records than you did. That opponent who wrote down every score since 1987? Terrifying. That neighbor who saved every receipt in a shoebox? Disgusting. Both of them are doing just fine.

The deeper lesson is that cribbage has been preparing us for tax season our entire lives, and we simply haven't appreciated it. We are a community of people who understand that you don't always get to count what you think you deserve. We know the crib giveth and the crib taketh away. We know that a 29-hand is theoretically possible and practically the stuff of legend, much like a tax refund large enough to matter.

We also know something the general public does not: the importance of the count. In cribbage, you cannot simply feel like you have enough points. You must count them. Out loud. In sequence. With witnesses. This is also the preferred method of the Internal Revenue Service, though they are somewhat less sporting about it and will not let you peg the difference.

April 15th is a day of reckoning—a day when the universe asks you to account for yourself, to lay your cards face-up on the table, and to be honest about what you've got. No sandbagging. No fudging the count. Nobs is a point whether you declare it or not, and income is income whether you report it or not.

1 Weekend 2 Wins

Redux!

The March *Cribbage World* listed five players who won two tourneys in the same weekend, and asked "Who will be next?" Come to find out, there have been two other double-winners-in-the-same-weekend this season:

Todd Schaefer (Oakdale MN) won the Minnesota Snowball One-Day on January 30 and Switzer's Birthday Bash on January 31, both of them in Chaska MN. ***Editor's note: with his win at the ACC Open in Reno on March 8, Todd has now won <u>three</u> sanctioned events in a row! See pages 9 and 29.***

Scott Noble (Charlottesville VA) won the Smoky Mountain Classic Opener consolation on January 9 and followed that up with a win in the Smoky Mountain Classic main on January 11.

CLUB 29

1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
3. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
4. Matt Klar (MN): GN43 Midweek (9/30)
5. Jim Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)
6. Gary Pinkley (WA): Big Deal James Birthday (1/2)
7. Debbie Governale (SC): Smoky Mountain Classic (1/10)
8. Bob Brumley (OR): It's a New Year (1/17)
9. Casey Scott (OR): JPW/ACC Open (3/5)

The good news—even if we have to search for it with both hands—is that the game continues. You pay what you owe, you shake your opponent's hand, you cut the deck again. The skunks of this world do not define us. What defines us is that we showed up, played the hand we were dealt, counted honestly, and we'll be back at the board next week ready to do it all over again.

So this April 15th, as you click that final "submit" button, take a moment to feel the quiet kinship between the game you love and this great civic ritual. Both require patience. Both require honesty. Both will occasionally leave you staring at the ceiling at 2 am wondering where it all went wrong. And if it's any comfort: even a 19-hand costs you nothing extra.

Peg straight and file on time!

SANCTIONED Tournaments MRPs

as of March 12

WESTERN REGION

1	2528	Bryan Gurden
2	1436	Bob Brumley
3	1349	Ray Klocko
4	1105	James Langley
5	1083	Bob Bartosh
6	1052	Roland Hall
7	1032	Erik Locke
8	1009	Darlene Stier
9	993	Paul Gregson
10	875	William O'Malley
11	865	Duane Toll
12	707	Cy Madrone
13	568	Jeanne Jelke
14	533	Bill Schlabes
15	523	Alice Souza
16	518	James Clark
17	504	Jones Hom
18	495	Charlene Cohen
19	489	Bernie Nelson
20	485	William Eilers
21	480	Todd Malmgren
22	475	Carole Herron
23	465	Wayne Momsen
24	455	Donald Stockham
25	427	Scott Bartosh
26	423	Betty Brumley
27	420	Matt Padrow
28	417	Robert Milk
29	408	Ryan Huffman
30	397	Ronnie Murakami
31	395	Wayne Morris
32	392	Dearl McCullough
33	385	Winona McDaniel
33	385	Bob Prochnow
35	380	Junko Larsen
36	372	Paul Hirschmann
37	353	Brad Seger
38	348	Carol Perko
39	341	Carol Williams
40	336	Steve Sundet
41	333	Gary Louderback
42	326	Scott Milo
43	317	Jack Shumate
44	314	Dawn Diaz
44	314	Chris McComas
46	313	Barbara Stockham
47	306	James Morrow
48	305	Sylvia Bergquist
48	305	David Bute
50	301	Don Thienel
50	301	Ivan Wells

CENTRAL REGION

1	1304	Les Kvien
2	1076	David Aiello
3	931	Scott Sand
4	846	Haley Hintze
4	846	Jim Mahan
6	824	Todd Schaefer
7	801	James McCarty
8	758	Dennis Koehler
9	631	Doug Whitlock
10	624	Bob Joslin
11	617	Doug Page
12	615	John Syftestad
13	606	Robert Chase
14	556	Al Pernicek
15	553	Allen Karr
16	502	Steven Steinmetz
17	477	Terry Weber
18	467	Marsha Mahan
19	452	Stephen Dugas
20	451	Wayne Steinmetz
21	443	Henry Brandner
22	433	Clay Collier
23	426	Edward Balcer
24	392	Bob Kiley
25	390	Richard Frost
26	388	Kevin Mansfield
27	383	Dan Taylor
28	373	Dan Selke
29	368	Jerry Griffin
30	349	Adam Switzer
31	343	Joe Clarke
32	329	Patrick Barrett
32	329	Chad Frischmann
34	315	Bob Hanes
35	314	Jason Matheny
36	311	Pete Severson
37	302	Jeff Machovsky
38	299	Chad Loupee
39	296	Marlene Lazachek
40	294	Rick Kuehn
40	294	Sara Sandey
42	293	Donald Curry
43	289	Wade Skaja
44	288	Larry Leidenheimer
45	287	Kevin Anderson
46	274	Deb Kvien
47	265	Don Pohlman
48	264	Daniel Pluff
49	255	Chris Melheim
50	253	Robert Lenz

EASTERN REGION

1	1045	Mike Fetchel
2	824	Terrance Cushman
3	784	Robert Medeiros
4	623	Peter Setian
5	567	Donna LaFleur
6	529	John Bartlett
7	502	Keith Widener
8	481	Jerry Hardy
9	475	Debra Cotter
10	470	Richard Nourse
11	460	Paul Batterson
11	460	Peter Legendre
13	442	Frank Reddy
13	442	James Sullivan
15	419	Paige Thomas
16	408	Deborah Taylor
17	403	Phil Martin
17	403	Jack Silvia
19	399	David Statz
20	392	Keith Miller
21	389	William Cormier
22	381	James Ravenscroft
23	380	Barry Spadea
24	377	Larry Phifer
25	359	Frank Bogus Jr.
26	354	Scott Noble
27	335	Vicki Soule
28	332	Bonnie Fife
29	329	Frank Abernathy
29	329	Michael D'Elena
31	316	Charles Booker
31	316	Paul Kane
33	315	Mary Burlington
34	311	Peter Grant
34	311	Patrick Robrecht
36	307	Carlyle Foss
37	302	Jamie Fincher
38	294	Mark Soule
39	269	Scott Johnson
40	266	Marty Duchow
41	255	Kendra Munkacsy
42	241	Mary Roberge
43	234	Louis Petosa
44	232	Jeff Olson
45	222	Scott Earley
45	222	Todd Smith
47	214	Lance Browne
48	206	Joshua Parker
49	201	Barri Gehrand
50	198	Eric Davis

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
date	***location***	***tournament directors***
Oct. 14–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 *phone:* 716.278.2695	David Aiken Katie VanHuis Mark Soule Vicki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201 *phone:* 509.455.9600	James Morrow Rick Baird Kat Hartsell
TOC & ACC OPEN		
March 4–7, 2027 March 2–5, 2028 March 1–4, 2029	J Resort 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501 *phone:* 866.386.7829	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 16–20, 2026	Double Tree (RDU) 4810 Page Creek Ln Durham NC 27703 *phone:* 919.941.6000	Megan Player Jennifer Johnson David Aiken

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OR ◆ Newport Cluster
American Legion, 424 W Olive St, Newport OR 97365
Apr. 4–5, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial TD: Pete & Junko Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird
Apr. 6–7, Spring Fling TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
Apr. 9–10, Alsea River Open TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen
Apr. 11–12, Dean Bauman Memorial TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

NY ◆ Apr. 10–12, Western New York Open
VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

NC ◆ Spring Fling Doubleheader
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
Apr. 10, Friday Pre-Fling
Apr. 11–12, Raleigh Spring Fling

MN ◆ Apr. 10–12, April Fools Challenge
Moose Lodge, 413 Third Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

WY ◆ Cheyenne Doubleheader
American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim & Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)
Apr. 11, Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge
Apr. 12, Cheyenne Spring Roundup

WI ◆ Apr. 17–19, Dianne Gurney Memorial
Comfort Inn, N6295 Holiday Dr, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ◆ Apr. 18, Napa Wine Country Open
Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

ME ◆ Apr. 18, Pine Tree Open
Sea Dog Brew Pub, 26 Front St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Rich Crosby

OR ◆ Apr. 18–19, Somebunny's Getting Skunked
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

MT ◆ Billings Doubleheader
Hampton Inn & Suites, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Greg Dibble (406.861.4823)
Apr. 18–19, Magic City Main
Apr. 20–21, Trailhead Main

SD ◆ Deadwood Doubleheader
Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Apr. 23–24, Deadwood Open
Apr. 25, Aces & Eights
Apr. 26, Calamity Jane Open

CA ◆ Apr. 25, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

NC ◆ Winston-Salem Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson
May 1, Winston-Salem Open
May 2–3, North Carolina Open

WI ◆ May 1–3, Peg for Pink
Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

CA ◆ Humboldt Doubleheader
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.6747) & Sheryl Brekke
May 2, Humboldt Bay One-Day
May 3, Humboldt Bay Classic

CA ◆ May 9, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

OR ◆ May 9, Liberty, Luck & Skunks One-Day
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

ME ◆ May 9, Well in May
Wells Ogunquit Senior Center, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

ME ◆ May 16, Maine State Championships
Elks, 317 High St, Ellsworth ME 04605. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Rich Crosby

CO ◆ Loveland Doubleheader
Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Mike Poole
May 16, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #1
May 17, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #2

NV ◆ Pahrump Doubleheader
Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles
May 16, Spring Paranormal Open #1
May 17, Spring Paranormal Open #2

WY ◆ May 16–17, Oil City Open
Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD: Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

CA ◆ Jerry Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley & Jennifer Bolles
May 22, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1
May 23–24, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

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WA ◆ Spokane Memorial Doubleheader
DoubleTree, 322 N Spokane Falls Ct, Spokane WA 99201. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & James Morrow
May 22, Washington State Open
May 23–24, Spokane Memorial Weekend

CA ◆ May 23, EEC Barnyard Bonanza
Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

MT ◆ Montana Spring Roundup
May 26–28, Capital City Spring Roundup Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
June 2–4, Copper City Classic East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands
May 29–31, Garden City Classic Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cuerth (406.207.8529) & Karl Paddock
June 5–7, Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback
June 8–10, Anaconda Spring Stack Elks, 223 Main St, Anaconda MT 59711. TD: Duane Brugman (406.560.0770) & Vicki Ross

CT ◆ May 30, Carl Deyette Memorial
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Charles Booker (860.726.6921) & Barbara Barbour

WA ◆ May 30–31, Mount Rainier Open
Olalla Grange, 7554 Fragraria Rd, Olalla WA 98359. TD: Dave Liesse (253.343.3445) & Bill Klem

WI ◆ Baraboo Doubleheader
AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke
June 5, Madison Masters 1
June 5–7, Madison Masters 2

CA ◆ June 6, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

OR ◆ June 6, Willamette River Classic
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley

MN ◆ Walleye Doubleheader
City Center, 121 Center St E #101, Roseau MN 56751. TD: Les Kvien (847.420.4075) & Bob Chase
June 12, Walleye Open #1
June 13, Walleye Open #2

CT ◆ June 13, Stars & Stripes Showdown
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Don Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

SC ◆ Columbia Doubleheader
Hilton Garden, 8910 Farrow Rd, Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow (803.240.2198) & June Fordham
June 19, Palmetto State Open
June 20–21, Soda City Classic

MI ◆ June 19–21, Yooper Classic
Northern Waters Casino, N5284 US-45, Watersmeet MI 49969. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) & Bernie Brentar

NV ◆ June 24–26, 2026 Topaz Summer Bash
Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Alice Souza

MN ◆ Hinckley Doubleheader
Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Chad Frischmann (715.492.5337) & Scott Sand
June 26–27, Hinckley Summer Shuffle
June 27, North Star Open

NV ◆ June 26–28, Independence Day Classic
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

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OR ◆ Springfield Doubleheader
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley
July 3, Super One-Dayer
July 4–5, 4th of July Special

MA ◆ June 28, Boston Summa Special
Irish American Hall, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

MA ◆ July 5, South Shore Open
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Debbie Cotter

IL ◆ Marv Lang Memorial Doubleheader
American Legion, 820 N Liberty St, Elgin IL 60120. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875) & Jerry Griffin
July 10, Marv Lang Memorial #1
July 11, Marv Lang Memorial #2

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 10, Depoe Bay Shuffle
July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

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NC ◆ NOCT Cluster
Double Tree (RDU), 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703
July 16–17, Open Opener TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Mark Soule, & John Hazlett
July 17–20, National Open TD: Megafer (919.518.3626)
July 20, Come Monday TD: Jennimeg (617.515.2232)

WI ◆ Stetsonville Doubleheader
Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Tom Briski
July 23–24, Heart of Wisconsin Classic
July 25–26, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ◆ Pasco Tripleheader
Eagles, 2829 W Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell
July 23–24, Weekday Challenge
July 25, Summer Classic
July 26, Western Region Championship

CA ◆ July 25, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

CO ◆ Loveland Doubleheader
Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry
July 25, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #1
July 26, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #2

CA ◆ July 26, Timmy Shaw Memorial
Veteran's Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Dr, Placerville CA 95667. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

CA ◆ River City Tripleheader
Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834
July 31, River City Shake It Up Friday TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas
Aug. 1–2, River City Shake It Up Saturday TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas
Aug. 3–4, Natomas Open TD: Bill Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

CA ◆ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh
Aug. 6–7, Sacramento Starter #1
Aug. 8, Sacramento Starter #2
Aug. 9, Sacramento Starter #3

MN ◆ Hinkley Doubleheader
Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Steve Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer
Aug. 7, Midwest Kickoff
Aug. 8–9, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

CT ◆ South Windsor Doubleheader
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074
Aug. 8, Patriot Kickoff Classic TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor
Aug. 9, Northeast Peer Tournament TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

OR ◆ Aug. 14–16, Blue Mountain Open
Union County Senior Center, 1504 N Albany St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3176) & Sue Raynor

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NATIONAL OPEN CRIBBAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

JULY 16-17

OPEN OPENER & CON

Opener starts at 2:30 on 7/16 pay at door

JULY 17-20

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JULY 20

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WI ◆ Aug. 21–23, DockHounds Challenge 1
Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

ID ◆ Sep. 11–13, Gem State Classic
Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

SC ◆ Columbia Doubleheader
Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Rd, Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow (803.240.2198) & June Fordham
Sep. 11, Palmetto State Fall Open
Sep. 12–13, Soda City Fall Classic

CT ◆ Sep. 12, September Sizzler
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour (860.543.2244) & Matt Binkowski

NV ◆ Pahrump Doubleheader
Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles
Sep. 12, Fall Paranormal Open #1
Sep. 13, Fall Paranormal Open #2

IA ◆ Marshalltown Doubleheader
Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshalltown IA 50158. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)
Sep. 18, Iowa Classic 1
Sep. 19–20, Iowa Classic 2

OR ◆ Sep. 19–20, Oregon Championship
Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

MA ◆ Norwood Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Dr, Norwood MA 02062. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker
Sep. 26, New England Classic Warmup
Sep. 27, New England Classic

WI ◆ Oct. 2–4, Wisconsin State Championship
Lake of the Torches Casino, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

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NY ◆ Grand National 44
Sheraton, 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Katie VanHuis, and Mark & Vicki Soule
Oct. 14–15, American Falls Classic
Oct. 16–18, Horseshoe Falls Classic
entry form on cribbage.org

WI ◆ Oct. 30–Nov. 1, DockHounds Challenge 2
Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

KY ◆ Kentucky Fall Classic
Triple Crown Pavillion, 1780 Plantside Dr, Louisville KY 40299. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Wanda Berry
Nov. 13, Louisville Slugger
Nov. 14–15, Bluegrass Open

FL ◆ NCL Cruise Cluster
NCL Star Cruise Ship leaving from Miami FL. TD: Winona McDaniel (541.525.1292) & Troy Thorson
Nov. 22, NCL Cruise Paris One-Day
Nov. 25, NCL Cruise Portugal One-Day
Nov. 27–28, NCL Cruise Portugal Two-Day
Nov. 29–30, NCL Cruise Mid-Atlantic Two-Day
Dec. 1–2, NCL Cruise Home Bound Two-Day

OR ◆ Nov. 27–29, Thanksgiving at Ko Kwel
Ko Kwel Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

MN ◆ Dec. 4–6, Frosty Fingers Cribbage Clash
Jackpot Junction Casino, 39375 County Hwy 24, Morton MN 56270. TD: Jason Anderson (952.797.6277) & James Zahnow

CO ◆ Dec. 12, MVP2.0 Winter Wonder
Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

AZ ◆ Sun Lakes Doubleheader
Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson
Feb. 5, Cactus Classic
Feb. 6–7, Roadrunner Classic

WA ◆ Feb. 13, Super Saturday One-Day
VFW, 2902 E Diamond Ave, Spokane WA 99217. TD: Timothy Julkowski (503.805.9410) & Jason Ramelow

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BIRTH OF THE CRIBADIER GENERALS

40 Years Ago

The front cover describes the Cribadier General program, a booster club originally created to fund the Youth Program but later switching gears to focus on finding a permanent location for the ACC's Hall of Fame. Alas, that still remains a dream.

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AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS

Marvin Helfgott Tops Orlando Open

VOTE

Voting deadline is May 18.

25 Years Ago

On page 3 we learn that 131 players at the Capital City Open in Saint Paul MN were "gruberized"! **Jerry Gruber** (MN) was high qualifier (37/16 +222) and won the main. He also cashed on Friday night, took third on Saturday night, and won All Events. On page 7, we read that **Willie Evans** (WA) won the 72-player Washington State Open. At the same tournament, **Jeanne Hofbauer** set a new ACC record for a 22-game event, scoring 44/20 +317!

Youth Tourneys

- June 27 ◆ Youth Grand National (Reno NV)
- April 25 ◆ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)
- May 9 ◆ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)
- June 6 ◆ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)
- June 27 ◆ Youth Grand National 7 (Reno NV)
- July 16 ◆ National Youth Open (Durham NC
- July 23 ◆ New England Youth (Bangor ME)
- July 25 ◆ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)

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