

Cribbage World

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS



The official ACC guide to pegging a 29-hand, as illustrated by **WENDY YAFUSO**

1. "Oh dear, I can't believe what just happened."
(*heart flutter*)
2. "Be careful, don't mess this up."
(*nervously*)
3. "I think I pegged twenty-nine holes."
(*gasping*)
4. "There, how'd I do?!"
(*smiling, showing off her 29-pin*)



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President's Column

by James Morrow



Click, click, send, done That's how the MRP tournament directors will soon be sending their results in.

Thanks to **Scott Harker**, who has been diligently working on the new reporting system, we will start using it on August 1!

It's very easy to use:

- go to the tournament directors area on the ACC website
- select the tournament you are directing
- enter the number of players
- enter the entry fee
- enter expenses, room rent, trophies, meals, etc.

The program will give you the sanctioning fee total and will show how many players qualify and how many players get qualifying points. Now you . . .

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Send it to your commissioner. (The tournament results won't be posted until all receipts and sanctioning fees are delivered to the commissioner.)

It sounds easy and it is.

If you have little or no computer knowledge, we have good news: Someone in your club or tournament crew knows how to use a computer. Recruit them to be your tournament statistician.

Did I say thanks to Scott Harker?

Let me say it again: Thank you, **Scott Harker**.

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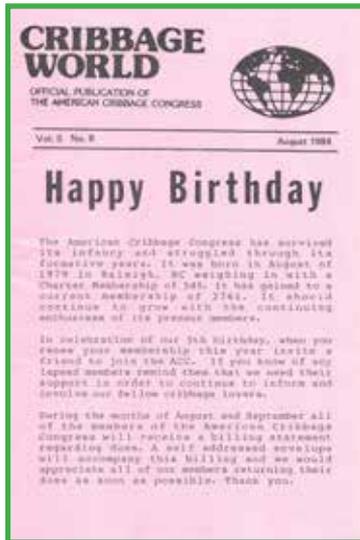
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Q-Pools

We have not always agreed (sometimes rarely), but I must confess that your article about Q-pools in the July *Cribbage World* is 110% accurate. Thank you for this. I refuse to allow Q-pools in my tournaments. To begin with, no new(er) player

even knows what it means, and you spend hours explaining it to someone who eventually doesn't get in anyway. Side pools are the way to go, and preferably run by someone outside of the TD. Thanks for the insight and explanations.

Kevin Mansfield (Liberty Lake WA)



40 Years Ago

The cover celebrated the five-year birthday of the American Cribbage Congress. Membership stood at 2,761. Elsewhere we read that plans were being drawn up for the third annual Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.



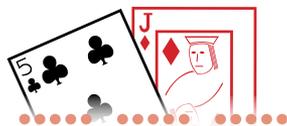
25 Years Ago

The cover announced end-of-year awards. Elsewhere we read that **Doris Denny** (GA) won the 211-player National Open in Raleigh NC; that **Phyllis Schmidt** (MA)—now a Life Master (★)—won the 340-player Independence Day Classic in Reno; and that the late, great **Bob McCabe** (WI) won the 118-player Madison Masters.

Cribbage Quiz

How many ways, and what are they, for the pone to score 15-for-14?

answer on page 6



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

Cribbage Quiz Answer

I initially thought the answer to this month's Cribbage Quiz (*see page 5 before reading any further*) could be handled with a simple list of hands in which the pone scored 15-for-14. But as I got into the details, I discovered that it was a math problem with some interesting twists. Since there isn't a short answer to this Cribbage Quiz (plus I needed a topic for this month's editorial!), let's jump into the weeds.

In order to find how the pone can score 15-for-14, we have to establish some ground rules. First, this can happen only with Aces, Deuces, and Treys. (Four 4s add up to 16, so no 15-for-14 with this combo—or any higher ranked card.)

Second, these cards must be dealt out so that each player has *two* of the rank in question.

Third, the dealer must play the first card of the quad.

Finally, the fourth quad of the card must bring the running count to 15 (the cards remaining in either hand are irrelevant to this Cribbage Quiz, so they aren't mentioned below).

Making this work with **Deuces** is easiest to illustrate, so let's start with it. Four Deuces add up to 8, which means the count has to be 7 when the dealer plays the first Deuce. The easiest way to visualize this is if the pone plays a 7 as her first card:

pone	7		2 (for 2)		2 (for 14)
dealer		2		2 (for 6)	
running count	7	9	11	13	15

But the pone can also score 15-for-14 with Deuces when the first three cards add up to 7 points; there is only one way to do this:

pone	A		A		2 (for 2)		2 (for 14)
dealer		5		2		2 (for 6)	
running count	1	6	7	9	11	13	15

Now let's tackle the **Aces**. In this case, four Aces add up to 4, so the running count has to equal 11 before the dealer plays the first Ace. Since there isn't an "11-card" in cribbage, the first three cards have to add up to 11. Here's one way to do this:

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	53.8% (93–80)	57% (135–102)	✓ 71.4% (30–12)
biggest win	✓ +62 vs. Beverly Castillo (NV) @ Topaz	+57 vs. Alan Talacek (AZ) @ Rampart	+42 vs. Cynthia Wark (OH) @ Augusta ME
worst loss	-48 vs. Al Pernicek (NE) @ Topaz	-46 vs. Jim Crawford (AZ) @ Rampart	✓ -32 vs. Stanley Fili-piak (MA) @ Club 104

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pone	4		4		A (for 2)		A (for 14)
dealer		3		A		A (for 6)	
running count	4	7	11	12	13	14	15

You can make this work with any three-card combo that adds up to 11, as long as one of the cards is not an Ace. These three cards can be played in any sequence.

When I first started working on this Cribbage Quiz, I thought that 15-for-14 wouldn't work with **Treys**. After all, four 3s add up to 12 and there isn't another 3 to make the running count 3 before the dealer plays the first 3! But then I had an *aha* moment: it *is* possible to make the count 3—by playing three Aces. Here's what this 15-for-14 looks like:

pone	A		A (for 6)		3 (for 2)		3 (for 14)
dealer		A (for 2)		3		3 (for 6)	
running count	1	2	3	6	9	12	15

So . . . how many of these ways did you figure out?

More important: did I miss any?

Most important: have *you* ever scored 15-for-14 as the pone?

Where are John and Maria now? Hint: think Europe. Next picture on page 31.



Club 308 (Centerville MA)—during week 35, with twenty-seven players, *two* players had grand slams: **Ray Tondorf** (21/9) and **Jack Emberg** (18/9). And **Joe Doyle** had a 28-hand.



My mother taught me to play cribbage when I was nine years old. I joined the ACC in 1991 and started a Grass Roots club in Alaska, which I directed for more than fifteen years. I never really had a mentor, but have stood behind and listened to some of the greatest. I was champion three times at Club 177 in Anchorage and once at Club 408 in Sun City. After needing only three points for several weeks, I finally earned Gold on my last session of the season. My first weekend tournament win was in 1995 in Attleboro MA. I have been fortunate the last couple of years in winning seven tournaments. I am a true optimist, so I don't think any player is tougher than the next. Not to say that I don't look down the table and see murderers' row coming up! But I tell newer players that if they say they can't beat someone, then they are already defeated. Away from cribbage, I enjoy plays and daytrips around Arizona. Last year I started directing tournaments again, so come to Arizona for some fun in the sun!

Darlene Stier
(Sun City AZ)
Gold #223





edited by **Michael Barrett**

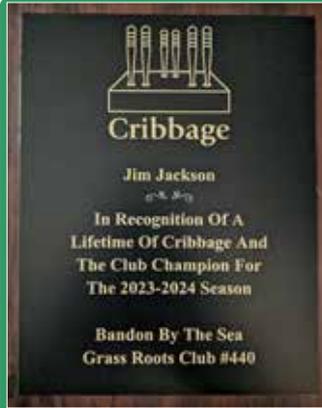


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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Mike was out ill for a bit, but is now back for the new season! Send your stories to the email above.

Now is a good time to get ready for the 2024–25 season. Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI) has been using **Kris Bailey's** cross-checking program for years, and it saves a ton of time, while also keeping handy photos of every week. You can find Kris on Facebook.



Congratulations to **Jim Jackson** who was not only the Bandon-by-the-Sea Club 440 club champion for the 2023–24 season but picked up a 28-hand in summer play. Jim is 92 years old and has been playing cribbage since he learned as a teen playing with friends. He used to travel to events but didn't have a home club until John "Doc" Nyhart established a club in Bandon. In all the years he has been playing, this was his first championship.

GrassRoots *Awards*

GOLD

- 213. Scott Fritz (Owen WI)
- 214. Roy Martin (Cameron Park CA)
- 216. Bob Hanes (Ankeny IA)
- 217. Don Wolf (Madison WI)
- 221. Mary Jane Esera (Hauula HI)
- 222. Jerry Newhouse (Appleton WI)

SILVER

- Mike Erdmann (MN), 94
- Debra Wrightman (CA), 173

BRONZE

- Robert Baker (MA), 109
- Scott Bartosh (CA), 371
- Lloyd Boyd (CA), 27

Correction

Rich Hawes (Sweet Home OR) was omitted from the "Players with two 28-hands" list in the July *Cribbage World*. Not only did Rich score two 28s, he held both hands on the same night!

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 202 (Boise ID) had a hot night on June 10. With seventeen players attending, **Fred Sallee** cut into a 28-hand, followed later by **Brian O'Connor**. **Jan Blevins** turned in a 20-point grand slam at the end of the night!



29-Hand

and

28-Hand

Paul Downing (Club 246 in Olympia WA)
Pat Basque (Club 131 in Fort Walton Beach FL)



Club 204 (Olalla WA)—**Rich Anderson** received a 28-hand in his crib on June 26. He's not in the picture because he was busy collecting the side pool! The pone was dealt 5-5-6-7-7-8; hoping for a 24-hand, he tossed 5-5 to Rich. Fortunately for the pone, he was only four out with first count.

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On June 29, six Michigan Grass Roots clubs met for the eighteenth annual Michigan All Star Tournament:

- Grand Rapids #71
- Muskegon #229
- Battle Creek #300
- Mount Pleasant #329
- Bergland #390
- Traverse City #432

This won't come as a surprise to anyone who has followed this tournament over the years, but **Battle Creek** won. Again. For the seventh time. Members of the winning team were **Dave Gerke**, **Gary Reichel**, **Sarah Gerke**, and **David Boyer**.

Dave Gerke had the highest overall score (30/13 +150). **Steve DePouw** (from the Muskegon club) was second, with **Gary Reichel** (Battle Creek) in third.

Club 71 from Grand Rapids finished second.



more Grass Roots stories next month



Club 284 (Eau Claire WI) recently had a pair of 28-hands. **Chuck Wysocky**, → in his second night playing as a guest, was so happy with his 28-hand that he joined the ACC and the club the next week. Another 28-hand was held by **Linda Schultz**, ← who moved back to Wisconsin from Florida about ten years ago. She apparently misses the flamingos!



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Arizona Screaming Eagles (Sun City AZ; 5/11)	Darlene Siter	46 players HQ. Ray Klocko (55) 1. Rick Watters (105) 2. Art Collins (70) 3. John Bernshausen (42) 3. Dennis Crooks (42)	20 players HQ. Patricia Crooks (12) 1. John Bakeberg (40) 2. Brad Henderson (24) 3. Patricia Crooks (12) 3. Jim Rogers (12)	28-hand: Rick Watters*	
Marv Lang Brat Stop Open (Kenosha WI; 5/24)	Dan Selke	56 players HQ. Donald Aiello (50) 1. Terry Weber (105) 2. Robert Deeds (70) 3. Donald Aiello (42) 3. Daniel Minesal (42)	44 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (15) 1. Lana Newhouse (60) 2. Daniel Minesal (40) 3. Steven Steinmetz (24) 3. Lisa Wagner (24)	28-hands: Rob Sepp* Sharon Schaefer*	Friday: Mike Becker Saturday: Daniel Minesal
EEC Barnyard Bonanza (Escondido CA; 5/25)	Joan Layte	32 players HQ. Kris Bailey (30) 1. Kris Bailey (70) 2. Kerry O'Connell (42) 3. Pamela Pomeroy (21) 3. Bob Prochnow (21)	16 players HQ. Ro Rocco (9) 1. Arland Kaai (24) 2. Ro Rocco (12) 3. Anthony DePinto (4) 3. Bruce Elliott (4)		
Montana Championship (Missoula MT; 5/28)	Rex Paddock	49 players HQ. James Morrow (30) 1. Kevin Mansfield (105) 2. Tom Brown (70) 3. Monica Hunt (42) 3. Bob Stone (42)	36 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (12) 1. Wayne Wyman (60) 2. Darlene Siter (40) 3. Wayne Koski (24) 3. Laurie Logan (24)		Early Bird: Pat Reynolds Canadian Doubles #1: Tim Goeres & Paul Pierre Canadian Doubles #2: Laurie & Ron Logan
Madison Masters (Lake Delton WI; 5/31)	Terry Weber	63 players HQ. John Syftestad (45) 1. John Syftestad (105) 2. James McCarty (70) 3. Patrick Healey (42) 3. Terry Weber (42)	46 players HQ. Steve Grage (21) 1. David Seifert (60) 2. Terry Weber (40) 3. Richard Frost (24) 3. Steve Grage (24)	28-hands: Virginia Grogan* James Huser* Kevin Harris	Friday: John Syftestad Canadian Doubles: James McCarty & Rick Kuehn

LEGEND
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* = in sanctioned event
green = grand slam
red = first win

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Montana Capital City (Helena MT; 5/31)	Sandy Sands	45 players HQ. Rick Westerman (50) 1. Patrick Sullivan (105) 2. Rick Westerman (70) 3. Ronnie Murakami (42) 3. Bob Stone (42)	34 players HQ. Wayne Wyman (15) 1. Carole Herron (60) 2. Gary Galetti (40) 3. James Clark (24) 3. Wayne Wyman (24)	28-hand: James Clark*	Early Bird: Walter Immonen Canadian Doubles #1: Walter Immonen & Bob Stone Canadian Doubles #2: Wayne Wyman & Jack O'Donnell
Jerry Montgomery Memorial (Redding CA; 5/31)	Jeanne Jelke	39 players HQ. Tom Langford (55) 1. Bob Brumley (105) 2. Harold Sontag (70) 3. Paul Gregson (42) 3. Robert Zahn (42)	21 players HQ. Lori Boyer (12) 1. Lori Boyer (40) 2. Don Allen (24) 3. Dale Hjertager (12) 3. Richard Shea (12)	29-hand: Peggy Shea*	Early Bird: Dale Hjertager Canadian Doubles: Betty & Bob Brumley
Copper City Classic (Butte MT; 6/4)	Gary Galetti	43 players HQ. Sara Sanner (35) 1. Frank Hanson (105) 2. Cy Madrone (70) 3. Todd Malmgren (42) 3. Joe Peterson (42)	27 players HQ. Sandy Sands (15) 1. Gary Galetti (40) 2. Charlette Springer (24) 3. Tom Brown (12) 3. Sandy Sands (12)	28-hand: Richard Rudio*	Early Bird: Carl Vennes Canadian Doubles #1: Walter Immonen & Bob Stone Canadian Doubles #2: CathiJo Neff & Ed Scharf
Steinmetz Shuffle (Appleton WI; 6/7)	Wayne Steinmetz & Richard Frost	56 players HQ. Allen Karr (50) 1. Allen Karr (105) 2. Henry Brandner (70) 3. Curt Donart (42) 3. Bob Kiley (42)	38 players HQ. Jim Mahan (18) 1. Les Kvien (60) 2. Terry Weber (40) 3. Sharon Schaefer (24) 3. Jeff Shimp (24)	28-hands: Brady Napiwocki* Henry Brandner Lewis Gurney	Friday: Richard Frost Saturday: James Huser
Territorial Prison Classic (Deer Lodge MT; 6/7)	Bob Stone	46 players HQ. Bob Stone (60) 1. Jeff Mather (105) 2. Bob Byrd (70) 3. Sara Sanner (42) 3. Bonnie Zieske (42)	32 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (18) 1. Charlette Springer (40) 2. Tom Palmer (24) 3. LeRoy Mehring (12) 3. Kathy Puccinelli (12)	28-hand: Ronnie Murakami*	Early Bird: Robert Brown Canadian Doubles #1: Sara Sanner & Richard Rudio Canadian Doubles #2: Charlette Springer & Jeff Mather

continued

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Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 6/8)	Alice Souza	39 players HQ. Michael Rogers (40) 1. Ted Canepa (105) 2. Harold Sontag (70) 3. Chris Branson (42) 3. Roland Hall (42)	22 players HQ. Jason Shumate (9) 1. Jason Shumate (40) 2. Alice Souza (24) 3. Scott Bartosh (12) 3. Richard Shea (12)	28-hand: Roland Hall*	
Boston Regional Summa Special (Malden MA; 6/9)	Frank Reddy	108 players HQ. Bob Broxton (50) 1. Stephen Dugas (147) 2. Paul Petit (105) 3. Craig Greene (70) 3. Frank Reddy (70)	56 players HQ. Debra Cotter (18) 1. James Sullivan (60) 2. Mark Soule (40) 3. David Hayes (24) 3. Adam Sarmanian (24)	28-hand: Debra Cotter*	
Rampart Casino Midweek (Las Vegas NV; 6/13)	Troy Thorson & Brenda Nason	63 players HQ. Troy Thorson (60) 1. Troy Thorson (105) 2. Jim Dillard (70) 3. Brad Henderson (42) 3. Jim Mahan (42)	49 players HQ. Terry Higgins (27) 1. Gary Sand (60) 2. Kevin Mansfield (40) 3. Clay Collier (24) 3. Jim Crawford (24)	29-hand: Andrea Lawrence*	
Lake Superior Challenge (Ishpeming MI; 6/14)	Pat Healey	53 players HQ. Sharon Schaefer (45) 1. Sheila Vojtech (105) 2. Richard Frost (70) 3. Alan Sanborn (42) 3. Lou Tousignant (42)	28 players HQ. Scott Sand (9) 1. Scott Sand (40) 2. John Basolo (24) 3. John Sain (12) 3. Herb Walline (12)	28-hand: Jeff Clark*	Friday: Bernard Brentiar Saturday: Wendy Pitts
Rampart Casino Open (Las Vegas NV; 6/15)	Troy Thorson & Brenda Nason	67 players HQ. Steve Scadden (55) 1. Robert Chase (147) 2. Robert Cox (105) 3. Ray Klocko (70) 3. Marilyn Massey (70)	40 players HQ. K. C. Carder (24) 1. Kristina Wright (60) 2. K. C. Carder (40) 3. William Eilers (24) 3. Ivan Wells (24)	28-hand: David Hayes*	

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Topaz Summer Classic (Gardnerville NV; 6/18)	Beverly Castillo	51 players HQ. Carol Perko (35) 1. Bob Prochnow (105) 2. Barbara Stockham (70) 3. Jim Crawford (42) 3. Roland Hall (42)	35 players HQ. Cy Madrone (15) 1. Bob Bartosh (60) 2. Robert Chase (40) 3. Ray Klocko (24) 3. Todd Malmgren (24)	28-hand: Robert Cox*	Early Bird: Bill Schlabes Canadian Doubles: Ray Klocko & William Eilers Mid-Roller: Gary Sand
Les Summer Memorial (Gardnerville NV; 6/19)	Beverly Castillo	51 players HQ. Al Pernicek (45) 1. James Langley (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. Jennifer Bolles (42)	39 players HQ. Robert Chase (18) 1. Jim Crawford (60) 2. Jim Mahan (40) 3. David Hayes (24) 3. Kai Lemrise (24)	28-hand: Jim Mahan—x2! Nancy Rojas*	Canadian Doubles: Don Thienel & Craig Smith Mid-Roller: Darlene Stier
Independence Day Classic (Reno NV; 6/21)	Peggy & Rick Shea	129 players HQ. Craig Smith (60) 1. Jan Blevins (196) 2. Doug Rodrigues (147) 3. Sue Dalton (105) 3. Bernie Nelson (105) 5. Tristan Bacoch (70) 5. James Langley (70) 5. Laurie Logan (70) 5. Cy Madrone (70)	90 players HQ. Robert Chase (24) 1. William Eilers (84) 2. Robert Chase (60) 3. Margaret Fanucchi (40) 3. Brad Seger (40)	29-hand: Wendy Yafuso* 28-hand: Arne Gallagher*	Early Bird: Brad Seger Canadian Doubles: Laurie Logan & Paige Gacayan
Peg for Pink (Marinette WI; 6/21)	Al Karr	65 players HQ. Alan Schaefer (50) 1. James McCarty (147) 2. Haley Hintze (105) 3. Darlene Anderst (70) 3. Adam Switzer (70)	44 players HQ. Marlene Lazachek (15) 1. Dale Magedanz (60) 2. Olivia Kelley (40) 3. Rick Kuehn (24) 3. Marlene Lazachek (24)		Friday: Todd Bullock Canadian Doubles: Rick Kuehn & Mike Hackett
Midnight Sun Open (Wasilla AK; 6/22)	Marli Holden	20 players HQ. Myron Farrell (50) 1. Allen Wilson (70) 2. John Clayton (42) 3. Billie Adams (21) 3. Myron Farrell (21)	—		



My father taught me cribbage when I was twelve, but my mentor is my grandfather, who first showed me how to play board position. I joined the ACC in 1998 and qualified for the playoffs in my first five tournaments. I began playing Grass Roots in 2004 at Club 314 in Hudson NH, where I was club champion four times. In 2020 I moved to Amherst MA and joined Club 26 in East Hartford CT. I have won twenty-seven tournaments (fifteen main and twelve consolations) and earned my Two Star rating at the South Shore Open. My favorite tournament is the National Open in Raleigh NC; I won the main in 2014 and the consolation in 2015 and 2018. My toughest opponent over the years has been Jerry Hardy. My favorite moment this past year was winning Pat Llewellyn's Corned Beef & Cribbage tournament. Over the years I have been very fortunate to have had six 29-hands. Non-cribbage interests include biking, pickleball, listening to concerts at Tanglewood in the Berkshires, and vacationing with my wife Mary Burlington.

David Statz
(Amherst MA)
Life Master (2 ★)

New Cribbage Grand Masters

Jim Mahan (Appleton WI)

Donna Aird (Gladstone MI)

Ronnie Murakami (Honolulu HI)



I learned how to play cribbage from my mother while I was in second grade. My mom and I were the “cardies” of the family. We would be the ones to play cards with the family growing up, usually contract rummy, canasta, or “on your neighbor,” which several years later was marketed by someone smarter than our family as Uno! I have been a member of Have Pegs Will Travel Club 119 (Marietta GA) since the late 90s. My first 28-hand was that first year and was in my crib, oddly enough. I have been club champion a few times, including this year. My first tournament win was in Savannah GA in 2002. Ironically, I was the last qualifier and had to play one of my local mentors, Dave O'Neil, in the first playoff match and who also was my ride home. Fortunately, Dave held no grudges. My favorite tournament is the National Open in Raleigh, where I have a third and fifth place finish. One year in Raleigh I had my only 29-hand, during an Open Opener playoff match against *Cribbage World* contributor Rob Medeiros. Fortunately, the 29-hand kept me out of a close game involving end-game pegging. (Whew!) My toughest opponent at club is Tom Calvert. In tournament play Jeff Raynes seems to best me in a playoff situation. I also enjoy college basketball and have attended the NCAA tournament in twenty of the last twenty-three years. I am a diehard Packer fan, and I enjoy spending time with my brother and mother in Illinois.

Barri Gehrand
(Marietta GA)
Grand Master

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New Cribbage Masters

Larry Morse (South Milwaukee WI)

Carl B. Vennes (Spokane WA)

Robert L. Cox Jr. (Santa Rosa CA)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Dan Doescher

Dan “the doorman” Doescher passed away on May 27. A longtime on-again/off-again member of Club 39 in Pasco WA, Dan earned points in only a few tournaments (he finished fifth in the 2009 Veterans Day Classic in Reno). He also won a few trophy boards playing the Halloween tournament in Hermiston OR and other Northwest tournaments. Dan ran a cribbage tournament at many Doescher family reunions. Dan is survived by his longtime love, partner, adventure buddy, and cribbage partner Valerie Beaver (an ACC member), his three kids (whom he taught to play cribbage), and four much loved grandkids—Davian, Logan, Leland, Zelda—who know how to play cribbage and are ACC youth members.

Alvin Lokitz

Halifax Area Club 230 lost one of its colorful members. Al Lokitz (Ormond Beach FL) loved casinos and cribbage. He died at 91 years of age. Al didn't play weekend tournaments often, but did well when he did (he was halfway to his Master rating). Always a contender in club, where he had earned his Gold Award, he always beat you with a smile. Al will be missed by Club 230.



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Honesty Is Still the Best Policy

by *Barri Gehrand*

Cribbage often becomes a series of streaks. My 2023–24 season was not very productive in club or at tournaments. I came down with food poisoning at the 2023 National Open and with a never-ending cough halfway through the Grand National in Virginia Beach. Before the coughing episode, I finished the midweek consy with a 12/5 card, while 12/6 was needed to qualify. I received a call stating that I was late for a playoff. I explained that I had 12/5 and not 12/6, but went back to help resolve the issue. The directors were able to reseed the playoffs, and the player who went from high nonqualifier to last qualifier—**Kris Bailey** (San Diego CA)—finished second in the consolation. **David Aiken** heard the story and published a nice article regarding the incident heralding the virtues of honesty.* (Thank you, David!)

At the conclusion of his article David added this sentence: “CW hopes that Barri wins the very next tournament he plays.” As it turned out, in the next five mains that I entered, I had a first place (Winston-Salem), a second place (Fort Walton Beach), and three 5/8 finishes (Ashville twice, Winston-Salem again). My motto became “no consolations,” meaning that if I am still alive in a main I am not able to play the consolation. The streak ended in #6 (Winston-Salem), but I qualified in the consolation and had another 5/8 finish. Tournament 7 (Raleigh) I qualified in the main and lost my initial playoff match, thus eligible for the consolation, where I finished 3/4. Somewhere in this long run I achieved my Grand Master rating.† At the same time, after getting only a few Grass Roots Points in first half of the 2023–24 season, I went on a tear at club and won the championship while I was having the tournament success noted above.

Cribbage is indeed a series of streaks.

*See page 25 in the December 2023 CW.

†See page 16 in this *Cribbage World*.

MIA

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

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New Members

29 last month

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Kevin Anderson (Lester Prairie)

Eliza Fournier (Rosemount)

Ken Fournier (Rosemount)

Emily Hood (Prior Lake)

Jeff Hood (Prior Lake)

Montana

Millard Heiner (Butte)

Nevada

Ryker Green (Sparks)

Kimber Martin (Sparks)

New Mexico

Jo Beth Vigil Price (Clayton)

North Carolina

Zachary Williams (Franklin)

Oklahoma

Mia Terrell (Tulsa)

Virginia

Connie Frigo (Rockingham)

Robert Welch (Stafford)

Washington

Anthony Rounsville (Medical Lake)

Wisconsin

Lois Dunphy (Iron River)

Michael Gellerman (Port Wing)

Dennis Hipsher (Iron River)

Wyoming

Deborah Johnson (Cody)

James Johnson (Cody)

Tourney Tidbits

First Time **Sheila Vojtech** ↓ (Stratford WI) won her first tournament at the Lake Superior Challenge in Ishpeming MI on June 14.

First Time Times Two The Boston Regional Summa Special in Malden MA on June 9 had two first-time winners: **Stephen Dugas** (Medford MA) in the main, and **James Sullivan** (Cambridge MA). And this was Stephen's first tournament ever!

Not Their First Time Rampart Casino Open consolation finalists ↓ **Kristina Wright** and **K. C. Carder**.



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TUESDAY (Nov. 12)			
7p	Early Bird	\$20	9
WEDNESDAY (Nov. 13)			
8:30a	midweek main	\$100	22
7p	traditional doubles	\$40/team	9
THURSDAY (Nov. 14)			
9:30a	midweek consy	\$40	9
7p	Thursday singles	\$20	9
7p	GRTOC*	\$40	9
FRIDAY (Nov. 15)			
8a	BOD meeting	—	—
9a	Friday singles	\$20	9
1p	All Star Tourney*	\$100	16
7p	Canadian Doubles	\$40/team	9
SATURDAY (Nov. 16)			
8:30a	GN 42 main	\$100	22
7p	Saturday singles	\$20	9
7:30p	awards ceremony	{cash bar}	—
SUNDAY (Nov. 17)			
9:30a	GN 42 consy	\$40	9

* two satellites are by invitation only:

GRTOC directed by Rick Baird
All Star Tourney directed by Rolland Hall

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

I served as a judge at the National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh NC for much of the 1980s and '90s and was the head judge for about six years. As people like **Bob Immel**, **Howard Baum**, **Catherine Perkins**, and for many decades **Jeff Shimp** know, the NOCT was not the easiest tourney to judge.

The rounds of best-of-seven games had to be completed in 1 hour and 45 minutes or less, and in many rounds the judges had to shorten some games to start at 30-30 or 60-60 to try and finish in the allotted time frame.

Of course, the use of muggins also brought more judge calls, especially with so many new players years ago. (I personally *really like* muggins in the NOCT and TOC.) In the early years of the National Open, the continuous track cribbage board was used, and this also resulted in many judge calls as players would often put a peg in the wrong track or peg in the wrong direction. Thank goodness for the advent of the long board in the 1980s! For many years, judges and other veteran tournament players were used as independent dealers for matches in the late money rounds. The independent dealer did all the shuffling and dealing, and we had to recruit many people Sunday night and Monday to do this task.

Along with the wonderful people mentioned above, I also want to recognize the wonderful tourney assistant **Joey Kirchgassner**, the hilarious Friday night entertainment from **Bill Campbell**, the consolation director **Ernie Driscoll**, the **Davis Family** (who did everything), the great draw and wit from **Frank "Pegs" Abernathy** and **Richard Dacey**, and the man who held it all together behind the scenes, **Leonard Peebles** (LP).

Additionally, a big tribute to **Russell Perkins** and **Henry Douglass**, who were such a big part of directing the tourney Q-pool and siide pool, along with the hospitality room duties from both! They are both missed tremendously.

A *big thanks* to **Jerry Gooden** and **John Morch**, who directed the NOCT in 2014–18, and to **Megan Player** and **Jennifer Johnson**, who have done a great job directing since 2019. There are so many others I could mention but space won't allow. I haven't played cribbage in a long time, but I sure hope to attend the fiftieth National Open in 2025!

The **US Playing Card Company** and their advertising manager **William Tuttle** were a major sponsor for many years and gave each player a sealed deck of NOCT cards. I kept mine from 1979, along with a deck for losing a match.

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. The two small boxes of cards on the facing page are from Scott's personal collection of cribbage memorabilia.

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Sometimes the best intentioned plans can blow up in our faces and lead to excruciating losses.

One of these instances recently happened to me versus the excellent Michigan player **Pat Healey**. I had first count needing 10, and Pat was 11 out as dealer. My hand was A-2-4-5-6-K.

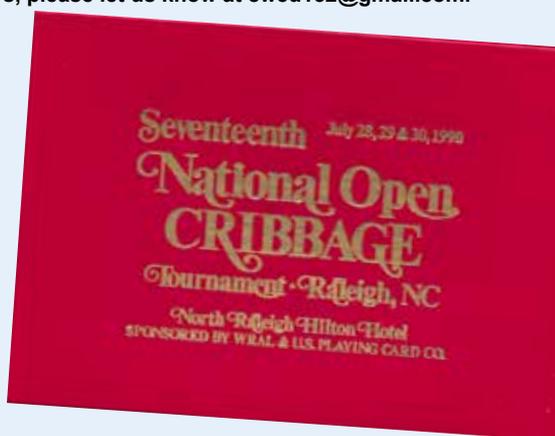
In this column I have frequently espoused the pegging value of A-4-5-6 as pone, so my hold seemed pretty reasonable. If I kept 4-5-6-K and the cut gave me only 7 or 9 points, I would be hard pressed to peg those extra points. The cut is a K (of course!). I lead my ace and Pat plays a 5 on it. I now have two options: match Pat's 5 and have enough to go out but risk giving up six points, or play the 4 or 6 and hope to get a go or match with my last two cards.

I didn't really think it was a tough call. If Pat matches my 5 for six points, he *still* needs to peg five points with his last two cards to win. Pat *does* match my 5, making the count 16. I have 4-6 left, and as it turns out he has 6-7, so there is no way I can prevent him from pegging five points.

It's safe to say I was pretty dumbfounded at this turn of events. But like I said, sometimes plans blow up in our faces and lead to excruciating losses!

Rob thrives on tough decisions. Contact him at mrob2199@aol.com.

At this remove, we don't know exactly what years the US Playing Card Company gave out cards at the National Open. We know that cards were available at least as early as NOCT 5 in 1978, and we have evidence that they went until at least 1991 (NOCT 18). Here on the left ↓ are two boxes of cards that Scott Kooistra got at his first NOCT (#6 in 1979), the blue box opened, the red box still sealed. And on the right ↓ are the cards given out in 1990, the year that Scott won the NOCT. Somewhere along the line, they changed from two separate boxes to a doublewide box containing two decks. If you have any boxes of cards similar to these with additional years, please let us know at cwed152@gmail.com.



Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Just like that, August is here! Happy New Cribbage Year! We are now in the dog days of summer. There are no big holidays in August . . . bummer . . . but there are some cool days! August 1st is National Friendship Day. I think we all can be thankful for the friends the ACC has given us. August 10th is National Lazy Day, but there are tournaments that day, so let's not be too lazy. August 20th is National Bacon Day . . . yum yum! And August 29th is National Sports Day! Whatever you do in August, enjoy every moment.

Over the past month, there have been only two tournaments in the Eastern Region, and they have been in Maine. We are becoming the IT place for tournaments, though I may be biased.

On June 30, the Capital City Classic was held in Augusta ME, directed by **Joe Bowen**. I sat down to play my opponent in the first game. We both cut a 9 . . . so we shuffle and both cut a 3 . . . shuffle shuffle again . . . and we cut different 3s. In the last cut my opponent cut a 2 and I cut a K. I never had that happen! After the 49 peggers battled it out, **Jim Mahon** ➔ (ME) bested **Rob Medeiros** (MA). This is not the first time these two met in finals. In Bangor in January, Jim got his first win over Rob. I guess Jim has Rob's number. Does Rob have a new nemesis? In the consolation, **Ethan Guyaz** chalked up another win, this one over **Jerry Hardy**.



July 12–14 saw us gather in Bangor ME for a doubleheader. On Friday 33 peggers met for the Running of the Lobsters One-Day. Well, **Keith Widener** ➔ ran right to Maine to be top qualifier. Unfortunately, he fell to the second-place finisher. In Ellsworth ME in May, **Mark Soule** (I may know him) bested his friend and teammate **Pete Legendre**. Pete got revenge this time, with Mark in second. On Saturday 53 people battled for the Lobster Pegoff playoffs. Again—and he's not invited back, at least in the summer—the high qualifier was once again **Keith Widener**. After all those rounds of playoffs, (including beating me!) Keith came in second and Mainer Bob Hewes took top honors. The consolation saw battle after battle, **Donna LaFleur** received a 28-hand. In her next game, Donna plays Mark Soule and on the very first hand, Mark dealt himself four 5s. Donna was a sweetheart and cut the 10. Another 28-hand! In the end **Barbara Barbour** ➔ (CT) was the #1 qualifier, and Mark Soule was #2.



When the playoffs were done, they reversed the numbers: Mark won, with Barbara coming in second!

Thank you to **Joe Bowen** for all you do for New England cribbage!

News

Youth Grand National 5 was held in Reno on June 22 in conjunction with the Independence Day Classic.

	name (age)	city state
main champ	Cameron Shumate (11)	Paradise CA
	2 Tim Shaw (17)	Sacramento CA
consy champ	Marley Souza (12)	lone CA
	2 Angelina Villalobos (15)	Oroville CA



Youth Grand National 6 is planned for June 28, 2025, at the J Resort in Reno NV in conjunction with the 2025 Independence Day Classic.

Youth Tournament Trail

- July 11 ♦ New England Youth Championship (Bangor ME)
- December 7 ♦ Ready Springs (Penn Valley CA)
- February 8 ♦ Sierra Youth Tournament (Grass Valley CA)

Teaching Manuals

- **Carolyn Clark** (Dover-Foxcroft ME)
- **Greg Pines** (Garden Grove CA)
- **Kate Zdanski** (Staunton PA)

August Funnies

- Q.** Why don't oysters share their pearls?
- A.** They are shellfish.
- Q.** Where do ghosts like to boat on vacation?
- A.** Lake Erie.
- Q.** What kind of sandals do frogs wear?
- A.** Open Toad.



If you are on Facebook, add **American Cribbage Congress** to your list of friends. (We promise to not sell your SSN.)

Peg for Pink

It was a great weekend for Club 6 at Al Karr's Peg for Pink tournament. We had three qualifiers in the main, one being **Olivia Kelley** → at #16. In the deciding game between Olivia and **Al Schaefer**, both players are in hole 119. She cut a Jack to end her hopes. She then entered the consy and double-dipped. She made her way to her first finals only to find a rather tall roadblock in her way. After being instructed by **Marlene Lazachek** to beat me, Olivia tried but she couldn't do it. The big guy ended up with the piggy bank, but we split the cash. I need to help her with her cutting. At club on Tuesday, she cut me a Jack at the end of our game. I should lend her my copy of *The Art of Cutting* by the late **Tony Danihel**. Tony would often tell us how he practiced cutting at home!



Jimmy "The Peggung Machine" McCarty, ↓ coming off a second place at Lake Delton, was not to be denied in the Peg for Pink main, where he faced **Haley Hintze** at the final table. Haley told me about a previous tournament where she quadded **Rod Kazmerzak** (Sun Prairie WI) twice in *one game*, both times with 6s. It brought back bad memories of me getting quadded twice in *one hand* by **Max Steplyk**. We both held 3-3-4-4. After getting quadded on 4s, I tripped his 3, thinking I'd get 6 holes back. I can still see his infectious smile as he says: "Yup, I got it."



It was nice to see **Ann Trotter** again after a long break. We overheard the following dialog at the tournament:

Doug Page: "Where have you been lately?"

Ann: "Well, contrary to the cribbage gossip mill, I'm not suspended, I'm not in jail,



and I'm not running a house of ill repute.”

Doug: “That’s funny. I’ve heard all three.”

In all seriousness, Ann said her husband Tony is holding his own and thanked everyone for their kind words and prayers.

Heart of Wisconsin

In the final consolation, **Wayne Steinmetz** was dealing to **Jane Vander Loop**. Thinking that he had studied hard from his nephew, **Jimmy “The Pegging Machine” McCarty**, the play was as follows:

Jane	4		3 (for 3)		5 (for 7)		7 (for 8)	
Wayne		2		1 (for 4)		6 (for 6)		6 (for 1)
<i>running count</i>	4	6	9	10	15	21	28	6

After the dust settled, Jane pegged 18 and Wayne pegged 11 for a total of 29. They would like to share the \$100 from the ACC for this “29.”

Puerto Rican Power Play!

The July *Cribbage World* reported that **Emilio Perez**, director of the Kenosha WI club, nailed his fifth 29-hand on June 12! Here’s a picture of his “power play” grand slam! ➔

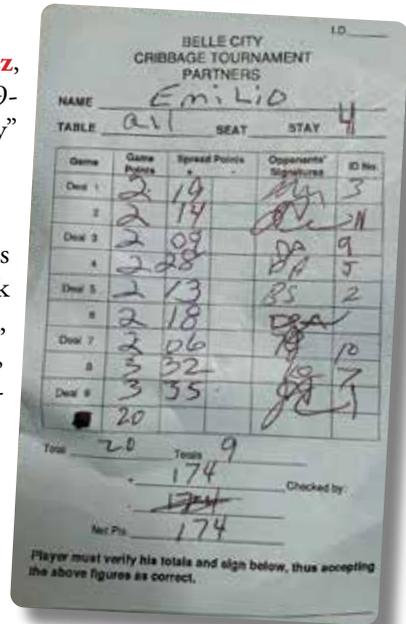
Rampart

Bob Chase was at the Rampart doing what he does best, chasing points. While playing the midweek qualifier, he almost double skunked **Alan Talacek**, winning by 57. His next opponent, **Jim Crawford**, turned the table on him, winning by 46. Not very often do you see a swing of 103 points between games. Ironically, Club 6 in Milwaukee just got a new member; her name is Sara Chase. Let’s see if there will be a surge of *chasers*.

A Certificate at Last!

Christine Zager (Owen WI) has been playing Grass Roots for fourteen years in Club 445 and never got one.

The wait is over! She now is the proud owner of a certificate, even if it is for the lowly string of pearls!



Dan Selke (Arlington Heights IL) and I arrived in Las Vegas for the Rampart Casino Midweek and Open with high hopes to advance to the next MRP level: Dan to One Star and Yours Truly to Two Star. Dan needed only 7 MRPs to advance, I needed slightly (a lot, but doable) more. Dan started slowly but then won his last nine games to easily qualify and make the necessary points. Congratulations, Dan, richly deserved. I, on the other hand, and similar to Dan, started slowly but then went downhill. Chagrined to say, I didn't make a point or a nickel in four events at Rampart. My local host for the weekend, **Rodney Rideau**, was also shut out, so for the weekend we were 0 for 8 in total. The high point for me was, after the first main, I abstained from the \$100 side pool, thereby costing me only \$80 in side pools for each tournament rather than the customary \$180!



A philosophical question. Should tournament directors be allowed to win their own tournaments as well as be the high qualifier? It seems sort of unfair, like a homefield advantage or having a big lead in the ninth inning. In fact, I thought directors had been banned from winning their own tournaments *and* most of the money. You could get the impression that certain directors are holding tournaments strictly for their own point and cash enhancement. **Troy Thorson**, evidently didn't get the no-no memo; he directed the tournament (and made that aspect look a lot easier than I know it to be), was high qualifier, and won the Rampart Midweek (and laughed all the way to the bar). Really Troy? HQ and win your own tournament? Is there no end to your greed while poor slobs like me go wanting? And you're directing both the Grand National midweek and main? You've been warned, People.

Over and out.

NEW RULEBOOK

The Rules Committee is hard at work developing a new edition of the ACC's rulebook. This means lots of Zoom meetings, phone calls, and emails among committee members. If you have any suggestions for the committee, contact the chair, **Jeanne Jelke**, at jjelke@charter.net.

The goal is to have new rulebooks ready by June 2025.



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Card Exposure

Occasionally when dealing, the dealer will accidentally flip a card. Many times they are not sure as to what to do, and everyone seems to have their own idea and solution.

Rule 4.3.a covers this problem: **If the dealer exposes a card or cards while dealing, the cards shall be reshuffled and redealt.** But there is an exception. Rule 4.3.b states: **During the deal, if the pone looks at any of the cards or causes a card or cards to be exposed, there will be no redeal.** You are then referred to Rule 4.2.c, which states: **The pone shall not reach for or touch the cards before the distribution is completed, except to use the hand or arm as a backstop to prevent cards from falling off the table while being dealt.**

Some people like to pick up the cards and look at them as they are dealt, but that is a no-no. You are not allowed to touch the cards until the dealing is complete. Ask

me why. Go ahead. I'll tell you. If you are reaching for the cards while they are being dealt the potential for one to get flipped is greater. To deter this, Rule 4.2.c exists. But it goes deeper than just that.

As I have said before, rules exist to prevent people from doing unscrupulous things. Suppose you were allowed to pick up the cards as they were being dealt. You pick up the first two and you don't like what you see, so the next card you cause to be flipped up so that you can demand a redeal. So this rule of not picking up the cards until they are all dealt is to prevent that, and if you mess with the cards before the dealing is done and you flip one, you are just allowing your opponent to see one of your cards because there will not be a redeal.

Bottom line – keep your hands off of the cards until the dealing is complete.

And let's always have fun!

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

CLUB **29**

1. Jordan Hammond (IA): Iowa Classic (Sep. 16)
2. Terry Ward (CA): Barn Café Challenge (Sep. 24)
3. Diane Harvey (OR): Kirk's Ferry Trading Post (Nov. 18)
4. Marsha Mahan (WI): Jingle Bell Open (Dec. 2)
5. Chris McComas (WA): Depoe Bay Challenge (Dec. 9)
6. Kevin Post (MN): ACC Open (Mar. 2)
7. Neil Fagerhaugh (MN): ACC Open (Mar. 3)
8. Richard LaRiva (CO): ACC Open (Mar. 3)
9. Les Sissel (OR): Northwest Open (Mar. 16)
10. Don Hansen (OR): Sutherlin One-Day (May 24)
11. Peggy Shea (CA): Montgomery Memorial (May 31)
12. Andrea Lawrence (CA): Rampart Midweek (June 13)
13. Wendy Yafuso (TX): Independence Classic (June 21)

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
(*Internet Commish*)
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Many of you know **Mike Fetchel** (aka *mfetchCT425*), either through live play or internet play. He received the well-deserved inaugural award of “Best Sport in Cribbage” at the Grand National banquet last October. Mike also contributes to the Daily Cribbage Hand website that many of us read regularly for insights from others.

Kudos to Mike for earning the first-ever Life eMaster (2★) award with over 15,000 IRPs during the twentieth season on ACC online play! Here are Mike’s other amazing internet achievements:

- inaugural internet champion in 2004
- internet champion five times (tied with Dan Crete/*dec*)
- tournaments won: 121
- tournaments won in a single season: 16

Point Leader of the Month

Daniel Crete (*dec0194|dec*) @ 161 IRPs

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)

Ron Shelton (*red29rws*)

Internet 29-Hands

Greg Pines (*cribsurfer*)

Internet 28-Hands

Kat Hartsell (*katthequeen*)

Ron Shelton (*red29rws*)

Internet Grand Slams

Rick Allen (*excitations*)

Greg Gougian (*gougie00*)

Pat Liegl (*patco1950*)

Bill MacMillan (*wy00019l*)

Terry Weber (*56chevy*)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1293	Gregory Gougian (<i>gougie00</i>)
2	1128	Jerry Griffin (<i>meatloaf627</i>)
3-T	1110	Daniel Crete (<i>dec</i>)
3-T	1110	Terry Higgins (<i>chainlink1</i>)
5	1097	Sue Edwards (<i>co434sue</i>)
6	1004	Nancy Rojas (<i>nancridbr</i>)
7	975	Nick Severson (<i>ogshmo0</i>)
8	958	Donald Olney (<i>olney47</i>)
9	946	Timothy Julkowski (<i>timoregon2854</i>)
10	939	Pat Liegl (<i>patco1950</i>)



- tournaments played: 2,146+
- first to achieve Life eMaster (★)
- second to earn both Life eMaster and Grand eMaster (behind the late, great Mark Van Dyke/*loosepokes*)

Get to know Mike, in his own words

How did you learn to play cribbage?

I learned to play when I was around twelve from my parents and grandparents.

How did you find internet cribbage?

Gosh, that’s a great question. I started the first year it began, so I’m guessing I saw it advertised on the ACC website, and probably word of mouth, too.

Club info?

Member of Club 26 (Phil’s Piranhas) in East Hartford CT. Club champ 3x.



Can you see the colors on the flag? That's your clue that John and Maria are in Sweden. The building on page 8 is the State House (city hall) in Helsingborg, with lots of springtime tulips and daffodils. Here we see Kärnan Castle, also in Helsingborg. Go to page 33.

Don't throw away your old *Cribbage World*

When you're done reading *Cribbage World*, take it with you on your next trip to the doctor, auto repair shop, community center, or lodge, so it can be enjoyed by others.

Toughest club member? Toughest internet player?

There's so many tough players at the club, but right now, my nemesis is Scott Johnson. Excellent player and lots of fun to play. On the internet: Dan Crete, John Schafer, Sam Sinram, Jim Maffa, Rick Baird, and Jim Correa have been really tough over the years. I'm sure I'm missing others.

Toughest player on the road?

Steve Braley has been very tough on me lately.

Live tournament wins?

Twelve (seven main and five consy).

Family?

Married thirty-two years to Vicky. One daughter, Carolyn, aged twenty-eight.

Job?

Recently retired Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in February of this year.

Hobbies?

I like to read. Along with cribbage, I enjoy other board and card games (backgammon, poker, hearts, euchre, dominoes, blackjack, etc.). I enjoy watching/playing sports. My daughter has been dragging my old out-of-shape body out to the pickleball courts. Yikes for her . . . but she puts up with me, and we have lots of fun!

The

Kat Hartsell

EXPERIENCE



I know I said that I wasn't doing much this month but *surprise!* I hopped in my friend **Brad Seger**'s car and made the thirteen-hour trip to Reno NV. For the last minute decision that it was, I am happy to say that I played my favorite game, Canadian Doubles, with another great friend, **Bill Schlabs**, and we ended up in second place!

Although I wasn't a qualifier in the main or consolation, I did get to explore Reno a bit more than I have. Just a few blocks away from the J Resort is a beautiful riverwalk with a nice park where they had music and several vendors. I looked at some of the art around town, got to wade in the river, and walked along the beautiful paths with gorgeous foliage.

I was excited to see the Youth Grand National was occurring at the same time as ours. **Cam-eron Shumate** ➡ won the main, and **Marley Souza** ➡ won the consolation. All the kids who played were so fun and a joy to meet. Congratulations to these awesome youths!



Last but definitely not least, I really feel like I need to tell you about **Marcia Glenn** ⚡ from Lincoln City OR. I have gotten to know many cribbage players, and Marcia has always stuck out to me and has a special place in my heart. Her story though, is just unheard of! Marcia played cribbage on a regular basis back in the early 90s. After getting married, she ended up taking a twenty-year hiatus, unable to find time to jump back into the ACC. Upon

her return to cribbage, she played the Portland OR one-day and had a below average return to the tournament trail. But on Saturday she qualified and then went on to win the main! A few weeks later, Marcia also won the World Championship consolation in Long Beach WA. We all should hope to achieve such a great return to cribbage!

I hope to have great news for you next month as July is nonstop for me: Sutherlin OR, Stetsonville MN, and then the National Open in Raleigh NC. Hope to see you on the trail!



CRIBbage AROUND THE WORLD

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John Maria

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Another town, another train, as our *arrival* in Sweden was required because we needed to do laundry at my mother's house. Since Sweden is the birthplace of ABBA, I will extend the song title mash up theme one more month.

Surprisingly, many ABBA song titles fit our cribbage competition very well. Maria is often the *dancing queen* as she sings *the winner takes it all*. *Should I laugh or cry*, as I feel potential wins *slipping through my fingers* on fourth street. *When all is said and done*, cribbage is *the name of the game* we all love to play. I plead to the Viking gods, *gimme gimme gimme* some good hands. Don't *you owe me one?* I feel *under attack* as Maria shifts from a defensive mode on second street to an offensive posture on fourth. I wonder when I should send up an *S.O.S.* I hope this isn't my *Waterloo*. I try to be a *super trouper*, living in a *dream world*, before we move on to our next destination. It is a *crazy world*, and I am now *head over heels* as I win two of three games in Sweden. The score is as *good as new*, tied at six wins each.

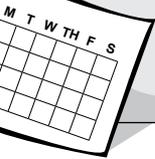
These silk playing cards → are from a royal collection. Royals from all over Europe played cribbage during periods of high popularity of the game. Can you imagine playing with silk woven cards—especially three hundred



years ago?! If you google “silk playing cards,” you’ll see that they are still a thing! The things you learn when you travel.

Editor’s note: Maria and John saw the virtual ABBA concert before heading to Sweden. As an engineer, John says that the hologram/avatar technology was incredible and realistic beyond belief. The photo ← is from the ABBA stadium in London.





SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of July 10

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	2226	Erik Locke	1	1533	Jim Mahan	1	1327	Robert Medeiros
2	1621	Roland Hall	2	1514	Robert Chase	2	840	David Statz
3	1565	Bob Bartosh	3	1269	Terry Weber	3	819	Larry Phifer
4	1428	Bob Brumley	4	1100	Allen Karr	4	803	Jerry Hardy
5	1365	Cy Madrone	5	1040	Jeff Shimp	5	778	Terrance Cushman
6	1090	Ray Klocko	6	1026	Clay Collier	6	770	Donna LaFleur
7	1016	Darlene Stier	7	973	Haley Hintze	7	766	Mark Soule
7	1014	James Langley	8	964	Chad Frischmann	8	672	Mike Fetchel
9	1014	Bill Schlabas	9	960	Troy Thorson	9	668	Phil Martin
10	995	Don Thienel	10	927	James McCarty	10	633	Keith Widener
11	994	James Morrow	11	898	Lana Newhouse	11	618	David Hayes
12	846	Kevin Mansfield	12	793	David Aiello	12	590	Kendra Munkacsy
13	771	Rick Baird	13	750	Marsha Mahan	13	575	Rick Montague
14	762	Charlene Cohen	14	721	Kristina Wright	14	548	Barri Gehrand
15	755	Jason Shumate	15	635	Al Pernicek	15	519	Frank Reddy
16	748	James Clark	16	634	Les Kvien	16	517	Rick Allen
17	743	Sara Sanner	17	620	Steven Steinmetz	17	504	Scott Earley
18	729	Ronnie Murakami	18	602	Doug Page	18	480	Patrick Robrecht
19	723	Dave Yaeger	19	599	Jason Matheny	19	464	Ethan Guyaz
20	713	William Eilers	20	574	John Syftestad	20	461	Jack Chandler
21	712	Carole Herron	21	548	Patrick Healey	21	455	Peter Legendre
22	709	Peggy Shea	22	540	John Schafer	22	451	Steven Braley
23	679	Todd Malmgren	23	520	Emilio Perez	23	450	Frank Abernathy
24	659	Duane Toll	24	510	Daniel Pluff	24	380	Charles Booker
25	658	Wayne Momsen	25	495	Henry Brandner	25	376	William Cormier
26	651	Jim Crawford	26	475	Bob Hanes	26	355	Robert Baker
27	629	Bernie Nelson	26	475	Dan Selke	27	342	Peter Grant
28	627	David Bute	26	475	Adam Switzer	28	337	Carlyle Foss
29	612	Junko Larsen	29	462	Michael Henze	29	325	Marty Duchow
30	608	Carol Perko	30	428	Scott Sand	30	324	David Flaherty
31	593	Peter Jackson	31	413	Darlene Anderst	31	313	Megan Player
32	575	Steve Sundet	32	403	Wayne Steinmetz	32	308	Paul Petit
33	573	Alan Schaefer	32	403	Doug Whitlock	33	301	Debra Cotter
34	549	Bob Prochnow	34	391	Steve Schneider	34	291	Robins Buck
35	545	Sandy Sands	35	389	Cynthia Wark	35	291	Mike Misluk
36	526	Alice Souza	36	376	Rick Kuehn	35	291	Richard Nourse
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45	454	Margery Clark	46	325	Dan Taylor	44	237	Michelle Gryka
47	454	Jeanne Jelke	47	315	Donna Aird	47	233	James Edgar
48	434	Barbara Stockham	48	312	Andy Stireman	48	231	Ray Cross
49	432	Frank Hanson	49	299	Jane Vander Loop	49	228	Paul Batterson
50	414	Tom Brown	50	298	David Aiken	50	225	David Peterson
50	414	Jim Dillard	50	298	Marlene Lazachek			

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>Tournament Directors</i>
Nov. 12–17, 2024	Las Vegas NV	Troy Thorson, Kathy Pacocha, David Aiken
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	Deadwood SD	David Aiken, Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Niagara Falls NY	David Aiken, Mark Soule, Vlcki Soule

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

(TBD) 2025	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra
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MN ♦ Hinckley Doubleheader

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

Aug. 2, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 3–4, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader

American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim & Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)

Aug. 2, Wyoming Open One-Day Challenge

Aug. 3–4, Wyoming Fall Roundup

CA ♦ Sacramento Starter

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

Aug. 8–9, Sacramento Starter #1

Aug. 10, Sacramento Starter #2

Aug. 11, Sacramento Starter #3

Aug. 13–14, Sacramento Bonus Event

CT ♦ East Hartford Doubleheader

Knights of Columbus, 1831 Main St, East Hartford CT 06108

Aug. 10, Patriot Kickoff Classic

TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor

Aug. 11, Northeast Peer Tournament

TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Marty Duchow

CA ♦ Jimmy Yee Memorial

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834

Aug. 16, Peg for the Crown

TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 17–18, Yee Peg for the Hangover

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

NC ♦ Aug. 23–25, John Medeiros Memorial

DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

CA ♦ Aug. 24, Jim and Leann Memorial

Clubhouse 7, 24111 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods CA 92637. TD: Artland Ka'ai (714.955.3681) & Ken Varner

CA ♦ Aug. 25, SoCal in August

El Tejate, 3050 Pio Pico Dr, Carlsbad CA 92008. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Pam Pomeroy

OR ♦ Aug. 9–11, Blue Mountain Open

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

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OR ♦ Aug. 30–Sep. 1, Portland Sum. Festival
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.
TD: Erik & Courtney Locke (503.754.2979)

MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup
Aug. 30–Sep. 1, Capital City Fall Roundup Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
Sep. 3–5, Fall Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Dave Hayden
Sep. 6–8, Montana Fall Championship Westside Lanes, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands

WA ♦ Longview Doubleheader
American Legion, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632. TD: Chris McComas (360.590.8276) & Erik Locke
Sep. 6, Taking the Longview Midweek
Sep. 7–8, Taking the Longview

CT ♦ Sep. 8, Connecticut September Sizzler
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd,
South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Joan Fletcher
(860.968.7133) & Barbara Barbour

ID ♦ Sep. 13–15, Gem State Classic
Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD:
Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

IA ♦ Iowa Classics Doubleheader
Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshall- town IA 50247. TD: Mike Henze (641.485.2604) & Bob Joslin
Sep. 13, Iowa Classic#1
Sep. 14–15, Iowa Classic #2

TX ♦ Sep. 14, Red River Peg Out
Elks, 8550 Lullwater Dr, Dallas TX 75238. TD: Scott
Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

NH ♦ Sep. 15, New Hampshire Open
American Legion, 11 Court St, Nashua NH 03061.
TD: David Statz & Mary Burlington (603.247.4335)

NV ♦ Sin City Doubleheader
Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Hen- derson NV 89011. TD: Brenda Nason (619.300.2628) & Sharon Schaefer
Sep. 20, Sin City Sunrise
Sep. 21–22, Sin City Spectacular

WI ♦ Sep. 20–22, America's Dairyland Open
Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI
54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

WA ♦ Sep. 20–22, Spokane's Fall Brawl for It All
Neon Moon, 5028 N Market St, Spokane WA
99217. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & James
Morrow

ME ♦ Sep. 22, Capital City Classic
American Legion, 400 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME
04330. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

OR ♦ Sep. 27–29, Oregon Championship
Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD:
Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

VA ♦ Williamsburg Doubleheader
Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. TD: Scott & Mark Noble (434.806.7286)
Sep. 27, Williamsburg Scream Opener
Sep. 28–29, Williamsburg Scream

ME ♦ Sep. 28, Seaside in Wells
Ogunquit Senior, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090.
TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

WI ♦ Oct. 11–13, Octoberfest
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Oct. 11–13, Salem Classic
Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97301. TD:
Bruce Hammond (503.507.7432) & Eric Frey

MA ♦ Oct. 12–13, New England Classic
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington
MA 02351. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Mike
D'Elena

WI ♦ Oct. 18–20, Wisconsin State Championship
Lake of the Torches Resort, 8311 Hwy 13 S, Wis-
consin Rapids WI 54494. TD: Patrick & Linda Bar-
rett (715.323.5027)

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader
VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642) & Bob Joslin
Oct. 25, Minnesota Open One Day
Oct. 26–27, Jerry Gruber Memorial

WA ♦ Oct. 25–27, World Championships
Chatauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long Beach
WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) &
Jason Hofbauer

ME ♦ Oct. 26, Spooktacular Cribbage
Seasons Grill, 477 Main St, Bangor ME 04401. TD:
Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

CA ♦ Oct. 26, Oroville Halloween Masquerade
Eagles, 2010 Montgomery St, Oroville CA 95965.
TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454) & Paul Gregson

WI ♦ Nov. 1–3, Northeast Wisconsin Open
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI

54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

ME ♦ Nov. 2, Chris Greeley Classic

Holden School, 590 Main Rd, Holden ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

OR ♦ Nov. 2–3, Brownsville Open

Kirks Ferry Trading Post, 217 Bishop Way, Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

MA ♦ Nov. 3, Boston Regional Tournament

Irish American Club, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

NH ♦ Windrifter Doubleheader

Windrifter Resort, 337 South, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Mark & Vicki Soule (207.442.9001)

Dec. 13, Windrifter Classic

Dec. 14–15, David Campbell Memorial

CA ♦ Nov. 6–8, Diamond Mountain Fall Classic

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NV ♦ Nov. 8–10, Veterans Day Classic

J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Rick Baird

CA ♦ Nov. 11, Topaz Fall One-Day Wonder

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

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NV ♦ Grand National 42

Rampart Casino, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Troy Thorson (303.909.5125)

Nov. 12–14, GN 42 Midweek

Nov. 15–17, Grand National 42

AZ ♦ Nov. 23–24, Arizona Screaming Eagles

Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Cir, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

CT ♦ Nov. 24, Yankee Classic

Elks, 9 N Park St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Mike Fetchel

MI ♦ Thanksgiving Doubleheader

TBD, Grand Rapids MI. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Nov. 29 + Dec. 1, Wishbone Open

Nov. 30, Reindeer Games

OR ♦ Nov. 29–Dec. 1, Thanksgiving at the Mill

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader

Sheraton Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Megan Player

Dec. 6, Virginia Beach Classic 1

Dec. 7–8, Virginia Beach Classic 2

CO ♦ Dec. 7, MVP Winter Challenge

VFW, 305 S Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

CA ♦ Dec. 7, Ready Springs Youth Tournament

Ready Springs School Gym, 10862 Spenceville Rd, Penn Valley CA 95946. TD: Jeff Duran (530.913.2464) & Grumpy Howard

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner

Dec. 27, Steve Lewis Memorial

Dec. 28–29, Depoe Bay Challenge

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

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

Jan. 9–10, Sacramento VFW #1

Jan. 11, Sacramento VFW #2

Jan. 12, Sacramento VFW #3

AZ ♦ Jan. 10–12, Snowbird Special

DAV Hall, 954 S 13th Ave, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Jim Blakely

WI ♦ Jan. 17–19, American Pride

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverfront Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

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So Much for That Theory!

by Eric Jensen (Grand Rapids MI)

First of all, I want to say that if you have not been introduced to Canadian Doubles, it's a must for all serious cribbage players. But you don't even have to be a serious cribbage player, because this game is, in my opinion, the best form of cribbage entertainment.

I hate to lose, but even in losing I still have a great time playing this game. It's explosive, you are on the offense 99% of the time. How exciting on your deal to pick up ten cards and make two hands (with two cards in the crib). It's hard not to be able to get a dozen points out of one of the hands. A 24-hand is not uncommon in Canadian Doubles, often meaning a victory for that team.

With that said, any team can win this game. It is very difficult to get a grand slam, with one team winning all their games. You can pair two great cribbage players together, but they are bound to lose a game or two. Remember, the other team is on the offense as well.

My partner **David Aiken** and I pulled off a slam on Sunday, July 14, winning all nine games, with a couple of skunks added in. We obviously had great cards and good cuts, although we did win a couple close ones by pegging out. The irony of it all is that we won (lost?) the cut on eight occasions. The theory is that you don't want to deal first in Canadian Doubles. But on this Sunday, I happened to cut the low card *seven* times and David once. Bottom line: we dealt first in eight games and still recorded a slam! Another theory, which we did twice: you have a better chance skunking your opponent when you deal first.

We certainly enjoyed our success but also understand that at the next Canadian Doubles tournament we may win only two games. That's what makes this game so exciting!

For Better or For Worse by Lynn Johnston for May 05, 1998





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