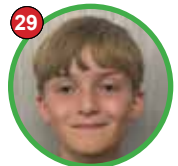


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President's Column

by James Morrow



Volunteers The American Cribbage Congress's Grass Roots program would be nonexistent without volunteers at all levels: regional statisticians, GRRT and GRNT directors, and club members who help set up and clean up at their clubs. And, of course, club directors keep the clubs organized and running smoothly. In 2022 the BOD voted to recognize the outstanding Club Director of the year.

Club members nominate their director by sending a letter explaining why their club is thriving under the direction of these awesome volunteers. Club directors set up special prizes each week, explain strategies, or go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome. They keep the players coming back. This year, forty-six club directors were nominated.

All three of the former directors of the year were nominated again this year. Even though they have been recognized in the past, they keep striving to give their members the best experience possible.

If you don't see your director's name and know how hard they work, next year send their name in and give them the recognition they so deserve.

This year's nominees are listed in no particular order. Congratulations, your club members recognize how hard you work for them and thank you for all you do.

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| • Bruce Hammond | • Annett Eiffert | • Jeff Gonzales |
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| • Vicki Marchand | • Jeanne Wauters | |

Who will be Director of the Year for 2026? We will have to wait until Grand National to find out.

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Intimidation

After reading the “No Kibitzing” article in the June *Cribbage World*, I recalled a very uncomfortable experience while playing at a friend’s house in Lincoln CA. Sometimes, intimidating onlookers at your game can remain silent ➡ and still affect your play.

Jon Kline (Lincoln CA)

Club 190 statistician and unofficial rules enforcer



CW is sorry to say goodbye to **Bob Chase** ⬇ (Minneapolis MN), who has been the face of the Central Region in the Tale of the Tape for the past twenty-seven months. Bob is facing some medical procedures that may reduce his tourney participation, so he is passing the baton to **Todd Schaefer** (Oakdale MN). Bob’s record over the past two years is 1,690 wins and 1,330 losses, or 55.96%. His biggest win was by 66 points over **Judith Beay** (NV) at 2024 Grand National, and his biggest loss was by 56 points against **Adam Switzer** (MN) at Club 215. *Cribbage World* wishes Bob a clean bill of health and hopes to see him down the trail soon.

Tale of the Tape Here's how three top players did in June			
	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
			
	average	58.8% (57–40)	✓ 67.2% (45–22)
biggest win	✓ +64 vs. Bob Miller (OR) @ Club 12	+48 vs. Stan Primc (WI) @ Hinkley MN	+40 vs. Mike Delena (RI) @ Stars and Stripes
worst loss	–49 vs. Brenda Nason (NV) @ Reno NV	–50 vs. Al Pernicek (NE) @ Roseau MN	–126 vs. Mary Burlington (MA) @ Palmetto State Classic—a three-game playoff beatdown!

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

It's my wife's fault. Prior to this year, I had never watched a World Cup soccer match. To be honest, I had seen no soccer of any kind of except my grandgirls' games.

But **Katie VanHuis** grew up playing soccer, so she roped me into watching many WC games over the past month.

I have to admit that there's a certain allure to the game that I'm coming to appreciate, but like a friend said: "You can watch for three hours and they score one point!"

I won't go into the blatant (over)acting by soccer players when an opposing player barely touches them and they throw themselves to the ground, writhing in pretend pain. (Is every FIFA player a card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild?)

One of the most puzzling things to this newbie is the lack of precise timekeeping. It both puzzles and infuriates me that they don't stop the clock during injuries, substitutions, goal celebrations, hydration breaks, fire ant infestations. (Okay, maybe I made up that last one.)

Since one of the reasons for a running clock is to preserve momentum, a hydration break by definition doesn't fit that goal. Everyone's on a break, so just push "stop" on the clock!

Instead, the clock runs continuously for 45 minutes each half. Then the referee says: "Oh, we must've been stopped for, hmm, let's say, about six minutes, no wait seven, better make that eight minutes. Heck, everyone's having fun, so let's just play some more. I'll let you know when we're done." Entirely at the referee's discretion, voilà, we see "+8" added to the clock.

To add even more imprecision, they then add extra stoppage time on top of the first stoppage time, so eight minutes may stretch out for another one, two, four minutes. Until the referee gets hungry or needs to go to the bathroom.

I think the biggest reason for this imprecise timekeeping is tradition: "That's how we played the game when we counted time by sundials and, by gum, we're gonna keep time this way until the sun swallows up the earth."

So maybe I can apply some soccer lessons to my cribbage game:

- "You were taking a drink, but I kept pegging."
- "Injury? Suck it up, deal the cards!"
- "While you were celebrating your 24-hand, I decided to keep playing."
- "You were offside, so I get a free deal."
- "I get one substitution per game, so I'm calling in **Rob Medeiros**."
- "It doesn't matter that you are in the game hole. The referee added thirty more holes of stoppage time, so I'm already halfway down 'fifth street.'"
- "Look, fire ants!"

I'm sure I can find a sympathetic judge to accept these "rules," because who doesn't love fire ants!

THIS JUST IN!

✦ DARYL DESJARDIN ✦

One of the most awesome joys of playing in the National Open Cribbage Tournament is the chance to visit with people and learn their stories. Here is one.

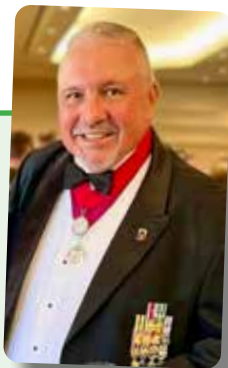
There's a lady who plays cribbage competitively now, who counts cards with precision and pegs forward with confidence. You'd never know, watching her calculate a hand at Grass Roots club or an ACC tournament, that she once couldn't add two and two. Here's the rest of the story.

In 2008 Kay was supposed to be dying. Central nervous system vasculitis—inflammation of the blood vessels in her brain and spinal cord—had ravaged her body and mind. The disease brought with it more than ten strokes, and Kay had to relearn how to walk and how to talk. After aggressive chemo treatments at UCLA, she made a decision that doctors probably didn't argue with too hard. She was going home to die. She'd had enough. But life had other plans.

That September, still relearning to walk and talk, Kay found herself one Sunday morning at the local golf course. It was a mixed scramble, and she hobbled through eighteen holes while chatting with Deirdre, a woman in her foursome. As they played, Kay explained her situation—the vasculitis, the strokes, the chemo and steroid fog that had left her basic math scrambled. Golf, she said, was part of her physical therapy. She needed her body to work again. Deirdre listened. And then she did something simple, but profound: she extended an invitation. "You might benefit from cribbage."

That invitation changed everything. Kay showed up at Deirdre's cribbage club. Her mind was broken. She couldn't add two and two. The game seemed impossible. What wasn't impossible was kindness. Deirdre printed out George "Ras" Rasmussen's strategy guides. She worked with Kay hand after hand, patient and encouraging, helping rebuild what vasculitis and chemo had burned away. One card at a time. One hand at a time. Fifteen-two. Fifteen-four. Pair for six. The counts came back. The words came back. The woman who'd gone home to die didn't die. She learned cribbage. She learned to live again.

Kay says it plainly: cribbage, and Deirdre's kindness, saved her life. Perhaps the moral is this: a small act of kindness extended to a stranger who's struggling can do more than we ever imagine. Saving a life doesn't always take a miracle. Sometimes it just takes someone willing to say "come play with us."



This story is really about two well-known ACC members: K.C. Carder ("Kay") and Denise Fortin ("Deirdre"). K.C. has now earned her Master Award and has finished first or second in ten ACC tournaments. Denise was the inaugural director of Pahump Peggers Club 360. And now you know . . . the rest of the story.

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

In my column in the May 2025 *Cribbage World*, I listed the terms of long-time members of the ACC Board of Directors. At that time, 41 people had served at least ten years on the BOD. My research for that column dealt only with the BOD election results, and it showed that just over 150 different people had been elected to the board. But that's not the whole story.

In the first fifteen years of the Congress, the ACC president had up to five presidential appointments to fill out the thirty-member Board of Directors. In 1995, the board was downsized to 25 people. The table starting below lists every person elected or appointed who attended at least one board meeting through the now forty-seven years of the American Cribbage Congress.

Counting the first three organizational meetings of the ACC executive board (at Raleigh, Cincinnati, and Denver), there have been 102 gatherings of the board in these forty-seven years. The first full BOD meeting was held July 31, 1981, in Raleigh. The first fall meeting of the board took place on September 17, 1982, in conjunction with the first Grand National in Milwaukee. In 1984, the board also began meeting during the first quarter of each year, starting in Buffalo, then Orlando (1985), Sparks NV (1986), and the Sands in Reno (1987). For ten years, the BOD met three times per year until the Raleigh board meeting was discontinued after 1993, and the group decided to meet just twice per year. The Covid-19 pandemic forced the Board of Directors to hold an online meeting later in 2020, and there have now been six virtual board gatherings, along with in-person meetings in conjunction with the Grand National each fall.

Jeff Shimp (MI) leads the way among directors by attending 81 meetings since he was appointed by President Joe Wergin in 1979. **Patrick Barrett** (WI) is next in line by being at 62 meetings, while **Roy Hofbauer** (WA) is third with 55 meetings. The full list reveals that the top twenty-two people in BOD meeting attendance have all been elected to the American Cribbage Congress Hall of Fame!

The totals in the table include meetings actually attended by each board member (I've presented the list twice: one in order of meetings attended and once in order of director names). If the director had an excused or unexcused absence, it did not count as a meeting attended. Thanks to all 178 people who have served on the ACC Board of Directors!

rank	BOD member	meetings attended
1	Shimp, Jeff	81
2	Barrett, Patrick	62
3	Hofbauer, Roy	55
4	Rein, Joan	52
5	Perkins, Catherine	51
6	Colvert, DeLynn	50
7	Schaefer, Todd	44
8	Kooistra, Scott	42
9	Lulinski, Syl	41

rank	BOD member	meetings attended
10	Aiken, David	40
12	Bey, Ev	38
13	Widener, Keith	37
14	Campbell, David	34
15	Hall, Roland	33
17	Wergin, Joseph	31
	Hofbauer, Jeanne	31

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rank	BOD member	meetings attended
18	Fingleton, Martha Schmidt, Phyllis	30
20	Arblaster, Jim Monroe, Jeff Pond, Nick	29
23	Bernard, Joe Bickford, George Sumner, Valerie	28
26	McCabe, Bob	27
27	Dickinson, Jerry	26
28	White, Fred	25
29	Ramos, Joe	24
30	Madsen, Bob Milk, Bob O'Neil, David	23
33	Morgan, Ron Shea, Rick	22
35	Morrow, James Weber, Terry	21
37	Evans, Willie Frost, Richard Graham, Dick Hamilton, Ron McGibney, Fred	20
42	Barnes, Paul Palmer, Harry	19
44	Hejtmanek, Sharon Hornbeck, Lea Samet, Larry Soule, Mark	18
48	Lindner, Alan Mack, Hershey Steinmetz, Wayne	17
51	Allen, Rick Chambers, John Eiffert, Annett Fabian, Jim Griffin, Mackey Hannula, Don Hargesheimer, Elbert Jelke, Jeanne Reynolds, Butch	16
60	Logan, Ron Michaelis, Bob Ready, Jim	15
63	Dettling, Fred Gibbons, Tammy Jarrell, Jesse Madrone, Cy Munroe, Dale	14
68	Seigle, Joe	13
69	Cambell, Ken Hazlett, John Selke, Dan	12

rank	BOD member	meetings attended
72	Angell, Jim Christiansen, Dwight Hatcher, Paul Johnson, Jennifer Webb, George	11
77	Crews, Arnold Gregson, Paul Hofbauer, Jason Lewis, Tom Llewellyn, Pat Norris, Lee O'Connor, Frank Phifer, Larry Soule, Vicki	10
86	Brown, Don Campbell, William Horigan, Ed Maddox, Maxine Sands, Sandy	9
91	Babcock, Phil Medeiros, Bill Newhouse, Lana Plourde, Bob Sattler, Bruce Shea, Peggy Sissel, Gene	8
98	Bergeron, Henry Cornwell, Mary Gilbert, Bob Mikulsky, Gene Sauer, Bev Waite, Diane Zeisler, Dan	7
105	Baird, Rick Bowen, Joe Brumley, Betty Gunn, Opal Immel, Robert Joslin, Bob Madsen, Ralph Matheny, Jason Nelson, Bernie Tenenbaum, Al	6
115	Finley, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Shirley Loupee, Larry Webb, Sundae	5
119	Blough, Kathy Brandon, Liz Dinwoodie, Al Hatto, Audrey Hill, Jeanie Maringer, Rich Miller, Tom	4

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rank	BOD member	meetings attended
119 (cont'd.)	Nozick, Valerie	4
	Read, Robert	
	Shumate, Jack	
	Statz, David	
	Stoops, Harry	
133	Waldorf, Jim	3
	Wright, William	
	Cookman, Tom	
	Fenton, Ray	
	Gardner, Jeff	
	Glashan, Heidi	
	Heath, Rollie	
	Hom, Jones	
	Hornbacher, Jim	
	Lichty, Allan	
145	Nelson, Joe	2
	Pendergast, Nelson Ira	
	Weir, Dan	
	Wikstrom, Bob	
	Capper, Ken	
	Clemmey, David	
	Driscoll, Ernie	
	Haendle, George	
	Hardy, Jerry	
	Hartsell, Kat	
	Henderson, Dagg	

rank	BOD member	meetings attended
	Irons, Bill	
	Law, Jim	
	McGuire, Dave	
	Munkacsy, Kendra	
	Player, Megan	
145 (cont'd.)	Quackenbush, Marion	2
	Stier, Darlene	
	Williams, John	
	Wise, Frank	
	Wunderlich, Jack	
	Abbey, Charlene	
	Andersen, Allen	
	Boulette, Art	
	Boyd, Edna	
	Danielson, Peter	
	Gribbin, Peter	
	Klintworth, Dutch	
	Kluck, Marvin	
	Lawson, Peggy	
	Lemrise, Kai	
162	Lindgren, Gene	1
	Martin, Chris	
	Ranne, John	
	Schwedrsky, Leo	
	Shoemaker, William	
	Tsuruda, Tats	

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The USPS returned mail for these members. If you know where they are, please contact membership@cribbage.org.

- Pat Adams (Burnsville MN)
- Mitch Blanks (Glen Burnie MD)
- Joel Burger (Colorado Springs CO)
- Jackson Cotton (Anaconda MT)
- Rodney Crist (Edmond OK)
- Ryker Donaldson (Albany OR)
- Ernie Olness Jr. (Billings MT)
- John Tuura (Brule WI)

Who doesn't like waffles?! This month John and Maria played cribbage in the birthplace of the waffle. (page 23)

Alphabetic listing of directors who attended at least one BOD meeting

BOD member	meetings attended	BOD member	meetings attended	BOD member	meetings attended
Abbey, Charlene	1	Hargesheimer, Elbert	16	Nelson, Joe	3
Aiken, David	40	Hartsell, Kat	2	Newhouse, Lana	8
Allen, Rick	16	Hatcher, Paul	11	Norris, Lee	10
Andersen, Allen	1	Hatto, Audrey	4	Nozick, Valerie	4
Angell, Jim	11	Hazlett, John	12	O'Connor, Frank	10
Arblaster, Jim	29	Heath, Rollie	3	O'Neil, David	23
Babcock, Phil	8	Hejzmanek, Sharon	18	Palmer, Harry	19
Baird, Rick	6	Henderson, Daggy	2	Pendergast, Nelson Ira	3
Barnes, Paul	19	Hill, Jeanie	4	Perkins, Catherine	51
Barrett, Patrick	62	Hofbauer, Jason	10	Phifer, Larry	10
Bergeron, Henry	7	Hofbauer, Jeanne	31	Player, Megan	2
Bernard, Joe	28	Hofbauer, Roy	55	Plourde, Bob	8
Bey, Ev	38	Hom, Jones	3	Pond, Nick	29
Bickford, George	28	Horigan, Ed	9	Quackenbush, Marion	2
Blough, Kathy	4	Hornbacher, Jim	3	Ramos, Joe	24
Boulette, Art	1	Hornbeck, Lea	18	Ranne, John	1
Bowen, Joe	6	Immel, Robert	6	Read, Robert	4
Boyd, Edna	1	Irons, Bill	2	Ready, Jim	15
Brandon, Liz	4	Jarrell, Jesse	14	Rein, Joan	52
Brown, Don	9	Jelke, Jeanne	16	Reynolds, Butch	16
Brumley, Betty	6	Johnson, Jennifer	11	Samet, Larry	18
Cambell, Ken	12	Joslin, Bob	6	Sands, Sandy	9
Campbell, David	34	Julian, Bob	40	Sattler, Bruce	8
Campbell, William	9	Klintworth, Dutch	1	Sauer, Bev	7
Capper, Ken	2	Kluck, Marvin	1	Schaefer, Todd	44
Chambers, John	16	Kooistra, Scott	42	Schmidt, Phyllis	30
Christiansen, Dwight	11	Law, Jim	2	Schwedersky, Leo	1
Clemmey, David	2	Lawson, Peggy	1	Seigle, Joe	13
Colvert, DeLynn	50	Lemrise, Kai	1	Selke, Dan	12
Cookman, Tom	3	Lewis, Tom	10	Shea, Peggy	8
Cornwell, Mary	7	Lichty, Allan	3	Shea, Rick	22
Crews, Arnold	10	Lindgren, Gene	1	Shimp, Jeff	81
Danielson, Peter	1	Lindner, Alan	17	Shoemaker, William	1
Dettling, Fred	14	Llewellyn, Pat	10	Shumate, Jack	4
Dickinson, Jerry	26	Logan, Ron	15	Sissel, Gene	8
Dinwoodie, Al	4	Loupee, Larry	5	Soule, Mark	18
Driscoll, Ernie	2	Lulinski, Syl	41	Soule, Vicki	10
Eiffert, Annett	16	Mack, Hershey	17	Statz, David	4
Evans, Willie	20	Maddox, Maxine	9	Steinmetz, Wayne	17
Fabian, Jim	16	Madrone, Cy	14	Stier, Darlene	2
Fenton, Ray	3	Madsen, Bob	23	Stoops, Harry	4
Fingleton, Martha	30	Madsen, Ralph	6	Sumner, Valerie	28
Finley, Charlie	5	Maringer, Rich	4	Tenembaum, Al	6
Fitzpatrick, Shirley	5	Martin, Chris	1	Tsuruda, Tats	1
Frost, Richard	20	Matheny, Jason	6	Waite, Diane	7
Gardner, Jeff	3	McCabe, Bob	27	Waldorf, Jim	4
Gibbons, Tammy	14	McGibney, Fred	20	Webb, George	11
Gilbert, Bob	7	McGuire, Dave	2	Webb, Sundae	5
Glashan, Heidi	3	Medeiros, Bill	8	Weber, Terry	21
Graham, Dick	20	Michaelis, Bob	15	Weir, Dan	3
Gregson, Paul	10	Mikulsky, Gene	7	Wergin, Joseph	33
Gribbin, Peter	1	Milk, Bob	23	White, Fred	25
Griffin, Mackey	16	Miller, Tom	4	Widener, Keith	37
Gunn, Opal	6	Monroe, Jeff	29	Wikstrom, Bob	3
Haendle, George	2	Morgan, Ron	22	Williams, John	2
Hall, Roland	33	Morrow, James	21	Wise, Frank	2
Hamilton, Ron	20	Munkacsy, Kendra	2	Wright, William	4
Hannula, Don	16	Munroe, Dale	14	Wunderlich, Jack	2
Hardy, Jerry	2	Nelson, Bernie	6	Zeisler, Dan	7

ACC Awards



Bob Bartosh
(Sacramento CA)
Life Master (5★)

My grandfather taught me how to play cribbage over seventy years ago. I joined the ACC in 2002, and look to Jim Langley, Ron Morgan, and Duane Toll as my cribbage mentors. A member of Club 453, I have been club champion four times, plus twice in West Sacramento and once in Elk Grove. My first tournament win was in August 2003 in Castro Valley CA. I have now won seventy tournaments.

My favorite tournament is the Newport OR cluster. My toughest opponents in tournament play are Bob Brumley and Scott Bartosh; in club, it's Billy Schmidt. My favorite cribbage moment this year was finishing in the top four at the Deadwood Grand National. Non-cribbage interests include watching Saint Louis Cardinal baseball games, playing poker, and family. I was assistant district administrator for Little League baseball for twenty years, and I coached Little League for approximately thirty-five years. One player grew up to play middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears (Lance Briggs).



Bryan J. Gurden
(Las Vegas NV)
Life Master (2★)

I learned to play cribbage when I was six years old from my father and grandfather. My first tournament was at the Castaways in Las Vegas in 2002. I have learned so much just standing behind Duane Toll and analyzing plays and situations. He has never not answered any question I've asked. Early on, Mike McDaniel and I would spend hours on the phone discussing hands and plays. Obviously you can't go wrong talking cribbage with Erik Locke, which we do a lot. I direct Club 400 in Las Vegas and have been club champion three times. My first tournament win was in West Covina CA in 2006. I've now won 22 mains and 13 consolations. My favorite tournament has and always will be the next one I can get to! My toughest opponent

this season has been my travel partner, Ray Klocko, who seems to know all my moves. I'm 0-3 against him in the playoffs. My favorite cribbage moment this year was winning two tournaments in the spring Deadwood cluster and breaking the all-time MRP season record the same weekend. At one time I wouldn't accept a \$50 bill when getting paid in a cribbage tournament because it was bad luck. People always laughed at me. This season I accepted and saved every one of them. I'm going to take the wife on a Caribbean vacation with them! Non-cribbage interests include reading and travel. I've read everything Stephen King has written and own all but three of his books in hardcover.



Haley Hintze
(Carpentersville IL)
Life Master (★)

I taught myself how to play cribbage. I loved playing rummy and gin rummy with my grandmothers, and my older brother used to play two-handed cribbage against himself. I repeatedly asked him to teach me and he always refused, so I eventually taught myself the game. I joined the ACC in 2005 or 2006. I don't have a cribbage mentor. When I first joined the ACC I wasn't that good. I quit for a while, bought a few books, studied online as well, and slowly got better. Currently a member of Club 3, I have been club champion five times. My first tournament win was a consy against Nicki Kniech in Crystal Lake IL in 2011. I've now won twenty tournaments. I like

making the trip to Duluth MN. My toughest opponent is Jimmy McCarty or Les Kvien. I used to play tons of sports and bowled in semipro events occasionally, and I had a couple of sanctioned 300 games. I'm a rockhound, because minerals and gemstones remind me of my mortality.

I learned to play cribbage from my dad. I joined ACC in the mid-1990s after I learned about the ACC from an ad for a tournament in Minden NV in a little monthly flyer where I worked. I called the director and she said it might be better to join a club first, and she gave me Annett Eiffert's info. I joined the club and never looked back. Annett is still my toughest opponent! I ended up going to the Minden tournament a couple times but today I can't find anyone who remembers this tournament (the ACC website does not go back that far). My favorite tournament used to be in Paradise CA, where I got my first tournament win! But now I really like Topaz. I earned my Life Master rating at Peggy and Rick Shea's Eureka tournament; interestingly, I earned my Master at their Sonoma tournament! Jim Langley had given me many pointers to help my game and is also a very tough opponent.

Jennifer Bolles
(Sacramento CA)
Life Master



Steve's grandma taught him how to play cribbage. He joined the ACC in 1992 and looks to big brother Wayne Steinmetz as his cribbage mentor. A longtime member of Club 6 in Milwaukee, he is now a member of Club 600. Steve's first tournament win was in Madison in 2009; he's now won fifteen tournaments. His favorite tournament is Marinette. His toughest opponent is Dan Pluff. Steve's favorite cribbage moment this year was beating Little Moose in the Octoberfest consolation finals. When not playing cribbage, Steve enjoys fishing and playing poker.

Steven Steinmetz
(Gresham WI)
Life Master (★)



Bob Streib taught me to play cribbage when I was sixteen and working as a curb hop and short-order cook at his restaurant in Fayetteville NC. I got a 29-hand the first week and did not know how to count it. That was 1961; my next 29-hand came forty-eight years later in 2009. I needed 29 points to go out, and Fran Ward dealt me the 29! I joined the ACC in 1986 when I played my first tournament, the National Open. I started playing in the Raleigh club the same year, and I have been club champion three times. My favorite tournament is the NOCT. I codirected with Cathy Perkins from 1992 until 2013 and also ran the hospitality room. John Morch and I were directors from 2014 through 2018. In 2019 we turned it over to Megafer (Megan Player and Jennifer Johnson). My toughest opponent is my wife, Barbara, who I taught to play, and now she teaches me. We play four games every day for \$5 per game, and I pay her every November (I'll not divulge the amount). My favorite moment this year was when Barbara dealt me a 29-hand on June 15, and I won the game by six points! I

Jerry Gooden
(Raleigh NC)
Grand Master



won my first tournament—the 2000 Fayetteville consolation—with a very special set of pegs ➡ that Wilbur Paul made. He gave them to me one evening while we were playing at his house in Cherokee NC. The next year I won the Fayetteville main, and I have now won three mains and four consolations. My other favorite thing is golf. I currently play with a foursome every Thursday. One of the group and I have been playing together since 1969.

New Cribbage Masters

Scott Bartosh (Grass Valley CA)

Lori Boyer (Oroville CA)

Carolyn Washington (Fair Oaks CA)

Wayne O. Wyman (Billings MT)

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Deal Kindness, Peg Confidence: Growing Cribbage One Player at a Time

Every experienced cribbage player was once the new player. Walking into a club or tournament for the first time can be intimidating.

One prospective player worried because club games took only 15–20 minutes, while he needed 45. Instead of turning him away, the club director invited him to come early, where volunteers played practice games until he gained confidence and learned ACC procedures.

Not every beginner has that experience. One new player was told she was too slow and left in tears. Thankfully, a caring club director later worked with her one-on-one until she gained the confidence and speed to join regular club play.

Here in Pensacola, **Bob Miller** teaches new players every week, and several clubs offer summer teaching sessions. We also have two lite groups where beginners can learn at a comfortable pace and build confidence. Then we encourage the player to join the nine-game group.

As our nation celebrated 250 years of opening doors and creating opportunities, let's embrace that same spirit in our cribbage community. Our goal shouldn't simply be filling seats—it should be building friendships, mentoring new players, and making everyone feel welcome.

A little patience, encouragement, and mentorship can turn a nervous beginner into a lifelong player. The future of cribbage depends not only on finding new players—but on how warmly we welcome them when they arrive.

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

GrassRoots *Awards*

BRONZE

Tiffany Hague (MT), 391
Terry Reynolds (MT), 410

Club 246—on July 9 **Dennis Tracey** had 28-hand—in his crib! “Ecstatic” seems appropriate.



edited by **Michael Barrett**



Contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to
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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

The new Grass Roots Corner columnist will be introduced in the September Cribbage World.

Farewell from Michael

Many years ago (I forget exactly how many),* **David Aiken** asked me to shepherd a monthly compilation of accomplishments in the Grass Roots division. I was both flattered and excited to accept this responsibility.

I believe the Grass Roots format is the best way to prepare kitchen-table players for tournament play, no matter where they live. It's also a lovely social atmosphere to get together in your neighborhood to regularly play tournament-style cribbage.

I've done my best to applaud those who are both lucky and accomplished in weekly play, shining a happy light on one and all. Our own club and many others have new members, and many new clubs have popped up. That makes me very happy. I would like to think that in some small way I have helped in this recruitment effort.

David and I discussed that it would be a good time to get somebody involved, perhaps a little younger and connected with some different folks in the Grass Roots world to take on this responsibility. I'm excited to see who it is, and how they will handle the various and sundry information that comes their way.

My apologies to those who have sent information that for whatever reason did not get included in the *Cribbage World*. Sometimes it was simply something we do not publish, and in rare cases, information slipped through the cracks. New processes have begun to make it easier to make sure nobody gets left out. And I certainly hope to be one of those names in the near future.

Thank you, David, for trusting me, and I encourage all the directors and statisticians to do their best to stay current with award levels in their clubs. I've been lucky enough to obtain some nice ones, and I know how good it feels. Happy pegging!

**Editor's note: Michael's first column was in the September 2022 Cribbage World.*



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Club 221 (Winston-Salem NC) passes this trinket around for the high hand! **Martha Bisson** ➔ got a perfect card this summer!



GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Ed Johnson, member of Sno-King Peggers Club 108, just completed his 57th year as a Little League baseball umpire in the greater Seattle area. While attending a recent Seattle Mariners game, Ed was pictured on the stadium's big screen; later, he was interviewed on KOMO News. His career highlights include an American-European Little League tournament in Ireland. He plans to continue umpiring "as long as the smiles keep coming."



Paul Hirschmann
(Milwaukie OR)
Platinum #30

I learned cribbage forty-five years ago from some friends in California. I joined the ACC twenty-five years ago, and my cribbage mentor was the late Gene Goodell. When he threw cards in my crib, he'd always say "defense." I'm a member and director of Club 285; I've been club champion the last eleven years, plus two more before that string. My first tournament win was in Portland about twenty years

ago, and I've now won eleven tourneys. My toughest opponent at club is Jessica LeBeau. I've been a professional musician to some degree for fifty plus years, playing guitar, bass, pedal steel, dobro, mandolin. I also enjoy astronomy, motorcycles, and bicycles.

My uncle, Ray Zeuschel (now deceased), taught me how to play cribbage. I joined the ACC in the mid-70s, and my cribbage mentor is Jim Miller. I attend Club 243 and direct two other clubs: #317 and #481. I have been club champion three times. My toughest opponent at club is Fred Hogan. I have won two mains: the 2015 Daffodil Express Open and the 2022 ACC World Championships. I enjoy gardening and seeing people smile when I deliver garden stuff to the local food bank. I came west as a young man (just like the saying) in 1963 after graduating from high school. I worked in the woods for five years and saw a fir tree fifteen feet around hit the earth. I later became a cement mason for thirty-five years, "polishing concrete" as the old timers said. **Editor's note:** for more than a decade, Don has headed up the ACC exhibition at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Over thirty days, eight clubs will play cribbage with thousands of fairgoers.

Paul Hirschmann
(Milwaukie OR)
Grand Master



Don Zeuschel
(Puyallup WA)
Gold #280



CLUB 29

1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
3. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
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. James Huser (WI): Go Green Bay (2/27)
10. Casey Scott (OR): JPW/ACC Open (3/5)
11. Robert Chase (MN): April Fools Challenge (4/10)
12. Mike Comer (SD): Deadwood Open (4/23)
13. Joe Skibba (WI): Peg for Pink (5/1)

more Grass Roots stories next page

I learned to play cribbage when I was about six years old by watching my mother and grandmother. Being part of a large family, we played lots of card games, but cribbage was always my favorite. I joined the ACC in 1995 at a tournament in Lincoln City OR. My parents were my cribbage mentors. My mother gave me the competitive spirit, and my father always reminded me that it was a card game and like all games, sometimes you lose and sometimes you win. I am a member of SeaTac Peggers in Federal Way WA. I joined the club when I moved to the area in 1997 and have been club champion one time. I earned my Gold on the next to last week of the season; it had been ten seasons since I received my Silver Award. My toughest opponent at club is George Mackie; he and I have been at SeaTac Peggers the longest. My favorite cribbage moment this year was watching our club grow again. After Covid, weekly attendance dropped to about fourteen members; in the last year, we have grown to about twenty-four each night. Summer is my favorite time of the year because I get to spend time working in the yard. My wife and I like to travel, and we are members of a local Classical Choir and the Lions Club.

R. Bradley Denend
(Federal Way WA)
Gold #274



Ellen M. Swenson
(Gladstone MI)
Gold #277

It wasn't until I moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula for a teaching job that I learned to play cribbage. My best friend, Dorothy Westerbeck, taught me. When Joe Aird started Club 218 in 1995, I joined. Our club has the distinction of being the first one in the Upper Peninsula. My cribbage mentor was Joe Aird, and because of his leadership there are original joiners still in our club 218. I was club champion two times, in 2009 and 2011. My toughest opponent is Dave Peterson. I went to many weekend tournaments over the years, mostly in Wisconsin. I especially enjoyed playing "leastskis" at Appleton and Canadian Doubles more recently. My favorite cribbage moment was a few years ago when I held back-to-back 28-hands at club! I enjoy doing family genealogy, golfing, and playing board games with my family at holiday gatherings. After retirement, I went back to teaching, but this time it was after-school cribbage to fifth graders. After the sessions were completed, we held a tournament. Joe & Donna Aird helped everything run smoothly, and the kids had a lot of fun. I especially liked when students were grown and told me they still play cribbage!



Grand Rookie of the Year

by Grass Roots Commissioner Ivan Wells

At the end of every Grass Roots season, system software outputs numerous award lists, including one for plaques: GRP champion for the two divisions, ROY (rookie of the year) for the two divisions, batting average champion, and runner up for all five of these—a total of ten plaques. This year—and this year only—we are going to create and present an eleventh plaque because of a situation noticed by **Debbie Cotter**, our newly appointed Eastern Regional statistician.

Here's what happened: Debbie noticed the ROY points calculations did not include visitor points, and if they were included a different name would appear at the top of the list. The Grass Roots website improvement team agreed with Debbie's contention that visitor points (i.e., points earned while visiting a club other than your home club) should be included in a rookie's point total, but we didn't know why they never have been.

Here's what I found: the division champion and rookie awards were created in 2016; the addition of visitor GRPs to lifetime totals and division champion calculation was approved by the BOD in 2017, but ROY was not included in the proposal, and ultimately was never included in policy. So here we are, peering into our crystal ball nine years later: it's a little cloudy, but we're reasonably certain this situation was an oversight and not intentional. We're updating Grass Roots policy and the ROY calculation accordingly.

Vicki Marchand, director of Louisville Sluggers Club 463, provided a suggestion we are going to implement: the ten awardees and plaques are based on legacy software, so they don't change. The eleventh plaque will be based on updated software and policy. It will be titled Grand Rookie of the Year and presented to **A.J. Kabilian** (Quincy MA), a member of Club PT-109 who accumulated 254 points in his rookie season.

As A.J. pointed out, you get only one chance at this award, so we're going to make sure this deserving player is acknowledged as the one and only GROYP!



A.J. Kabilian

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



You are dealer at 115. The pone has first count from 113, and you are dealt A-A-5-5-Q-Q. What is your hold and your strategy?

Six points to peg out is never an easy task, but with today's configuration it looks a lot more promising. Tripping an Ace or 5 is very plausible here, as the pone will have to keep a hand of at least eight points, and a 5 would tend to be a part of that equation. Aces are also valuable here; it's possible that the pone would need a few pegging points to augment his hand. and saving an A for pegging three is a distinct possibility. So let's keep A-A-5-5 and hopefully navigate our way to victory.

The cut is a Q and pone leads a 10. That's just what we wanted, but let's wait a couple seconds before we play our 5. Hopefully the pone will think we have only one of them and match it with impunity. No such luck though, as he plays a J for 25. Here is the critical play. We need four pegging points with A-A-5 remaining. It appears that the pone will have enough to go out, so how can we win? We play the Ace to make the count 26, the pone says go and we play our other Ace for three points.

Now we are in the dead hole with a five left. The pone leads a 10 and we 15 it for the two points and the win. The pone had 9-10, but with A-A-5 showing it looked like we had a 9. Obviously we got pretty lucky, but good planning can give us the edge we need.

So in end-game situations, know exactly how many points you need and the scenarios that must play out to bring your plan to fruition.

Rob is the owner of goodcribbageplanning.com. Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com



The ACC is full of creative people. Here's one example from **Gordon Jurek** (Carlton MN), who spends his down time doodling on the back of his score-card.



OCTOBER 14–18, 2026

GRAND NATIONAL 44



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Thursday morning
register 8a ♦ play 9:30a
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playoffs 2p

SATELLITES

- ♦ Wednesday 7p, Grass Roots
- ♦ Thursday 7p, singles
- ♦ Thursday 7p, GRT OCC*
- ♦ Friday 9a, singles
- ♦ Friday 1p, DCAST*
- ♦ Friday 1:30p, singles
- ♦ Friday 7p, Canadian Doubles
- ♦ Saturday 7p, singles

**two events are by invitation only*

GRT OCC – directed by Rick Baird

DCAST – directed by Roland Hall

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consy ♦ 9 games

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2026 GN 44 SCHEDULE

*Events and times are subject to change.
Check the onsite schedule for the latest info.*

- ♦ postmark deadline: **October 2** (meals included with main tournaments are not guaranteed after this date)
- ♦ no preregistration for satellite events; cash only at the door
- ♦ registration for all events starts 90 minutes before announced playing times
- ♦ registration and side pools close 10 minutes before playing time
- ♦ all seats randomly assigned
- ♦ no Q-pool on MRP tourneys
- ♦ both mains are 22 games; Friday singles are 7 games; all other events are 9 games
- ♦ the final match of the GN main is best-of-7 games
- ♦ all tournaments are cut-for-first-deal
- ♦ no muggins
- ♦ side pools available onsite for all events
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- ♦ Discover more on your own!

WEDNESDAY (October 14)

7a **AMERICAN FALLS CLASSIC**
main registration (\$100)

8:30a **AFC** main starts

7p **Grass Roots** (\$20)
In Memory of Carl Deyette

THURSDAY (October 15)

7a **AFC** main playoffs

8a **AFC** consy registration (\$50)

9:30a **AFC** consy starts

2p **AFC** consy playoffs

7p **Thursday Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of David O'Neil

7p **GRTCC** (invitation only)

FRIDAY (October 16)

8a **BOD** meeting

9a **Friday Morning Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Fred Blanc

1p **All Star Tourney** (invitation only)

1:30p **Friday Afternoon Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Russ Perkins
Canadian Doubles (\$40/team)
In Memory of David Campbell

SATURDAY (October 17)

7a **HORSESHOE FALLS CLASSIC**
main registration (\$100)

8:30a **HFC** main starts

6:30p **awards banquet** (\$40)

7p **Saturday Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Henry Douglass

SUNDAY (October 18)

7a **HFC** main playoffs

8a **HFC** consy registration (\$50)

9:30a **HFC** consy starts

2p **HFC** consy playoffs

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Summer always throws me for a loop. The days are longer, somehow there are even more things to do, and before I know it, another *Cribbage World* article is due!

This month, I wanted to share something that I think could really help clubs or directors that are looking to grow their tournaments.

For our Spokane Memorial Day Tournament, I applied for a tourism grant through our city's Tourism and Convention Advisory Committee (TACI). I wasn't sure what to expect going into it. Before I ever started the application, I met with a Spokane City Council member who also serves on the committee. He gave me some direction, answered my questions, and let me know that a tournament like ours was exactly the kind of event they want to support. That conversation alone gave me the confidence to move forward.

The grant process itself really wasn't bad. I do have an advantage because I write grants in my day job at a nonprofit, but this wasn't some giant, impossible application. And the reporting afterward? Totally manageable.

It got me thinking: how many of our local clubs have tourism dollars sitting in their communities that nobody has ever asked for?

Many cities have a tourism office, visitors bureau, or similar organization whose entire purpose is bringing people into town to stay in hotels, eat at local restaurants, and support local businesses. Sound familiar? That's exactly what many of our tournaments do.

As we start planning for the 2027 Grand National in Spokane, I'll absolutely be looking at grant opportunities again. If it helps our players have a better experience while bringing visitors into our community, that's a win for everyone.

So here's a thought: spend fifteen minutes looking up your city's tourism office. You might be surprised by what you find.

And if the idea of writing a grant makes you want to close your laptop and pretend you never read this article . . . don't. Seriously. Reach out. I'd be more than happy to share what I learned, answer questions, or help point you in the right direction. I'd love to see more ACC-sanctioned tournament directors take advantage of opportunities like these.

Before I sign off, let me be the first to congratulate **Bryan Gorden** on an incredible, record-setting season. What an accomplishment! Congratulations as well to all of this year's All Americans. You earned it.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you on the trail.



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CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

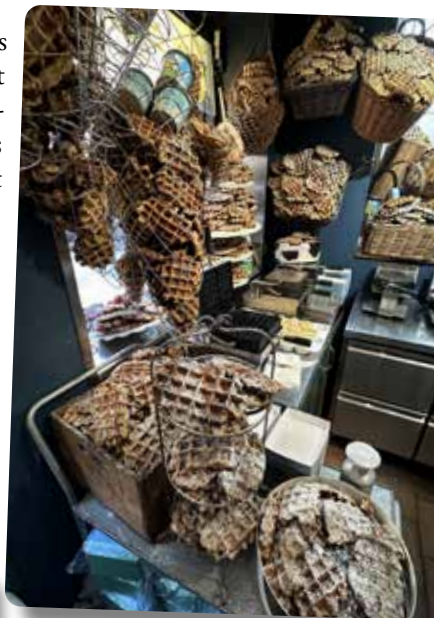
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~ with lots of help from Maria ~

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Waffles, waffles, and more waffles. Since Belgium is the home of the Belgian Waffle, it is possible to eat waffles for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Sweet, savory, salty, fast food, and gourmet versions of waffles are everywhere. I assume that most people know that Belgian Waffles come from Belgium. What I didn't know is that French fries were also invented in Belgium. The name "French fry" was made popular in the United States, even though they originated in Belgium. If you visit Belgium, make sure you don't ask for French fries. In Belgium, they are frites. If you order French fries, a local might call for a judge to settle the dispute.

While in Brussels, Maria and I visited two iconic sites: The Manneken Pis statue (aka The Pissing



Boy) and the Atomium. Since *Cribbage World* is a family magazine, we won't show any photos of the 400-year-old statue. The Atomium, on the other hand, is a landmark structure from the 1958 Brussels World's Fair. Since we live in Seattle, which also has a famous World's Fair landmark (the Space Needle), it was fun to explore the inside of the Atomium. Just like the Space Needle, the views from the top of the Atomium were fantastic.

As for cribbage, Maria pressed me like a waffle and won all three games.

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Please tell me, how is this August *Cribbage World*? It's summer and it's hot, but we can still celebrate. We will start off strong, with August 1 being National Colorado Day! If we didn't have Colorado, we wouldn't have **Roger Wilson**, **Kathy Pachoca** and **Troy Thorson** (even if they have moved), or one of the other Vicki's, **Vickie Humphrey**! August 17 is National Thrift Shop Day. Who doesn't like a good thrift shop? August 23 is National Cheap Flight Day; this is a good day to plan your upcoming flights! I would like to do a shout out to **Mark Soule** as well; on August 20, we will celebrate our thirty-third wedding anniversary! Happy anniversary, Mark! (Yes I know, we got married when we were three!)

On May 26, we traveled to South Windsor CT for the Carl Deyette Memorial. Carl still leaves a big void in New England cribbage and we still miss him! When the dust settled, **Robert Gura**, one of our newer players, who had been to Grass Roots only a few times, at Phil's Piranhas, took his first ACC win. **Debbie Cotter** took second. In the consolation, **Dave Fontaine** took the win over **Paige Thomas**, party planner extraordinaire! Fun fact, this was the tournament where I started "New England Live," with players going live on Facebook and picking the tournament winners!

New England went back to South Windsor on June 13 for the Stars and Strips Show-down. **Bill Peters** took the win over our beloved **Frank Corrado**. **Patrick Robrecht** won the consolation with **Jim Maffa** coming in second. We will be back in South Windsor in August!

On June 19–21 was Palmetto State Open and Soda City Classic in South Carolina, directed by the threesome of **Jennifer Curnow**, **Sally Henderson**, and **June Fordham**. The festivities started on Thursday night with a pizza party and a DJ called **DJ Robby Rob** (it was **Just Rob** in disguise). The one-day event saw our New England friend, **Mary Burlington**, take the win, with **Eric Davis** in second. It was a southeast sweep in the consolation, with **Mike Due** taking the win over **Bernard Kitheka**. In the Saturday/Sunday event, our traveling friend, **Stephen Dugas**, took the win over the Central Region's **Les Kvien**. Congratulations, New England, on taking the wins! The girls told me they are ready for the fall tournaments!

While they were partying in the south, we were playing cribbage in Maine at the inaugural Hardy's Mid-Maine Tournament. Shout out to **Joe Bowen** for helping this year, as Jerry was under the weather. Shameless plug: we will be back in 2027! Maine is a great place to visit the first weekend of June! We did not have a DJ



but we had a Phil and Mike! Thursday night, a bunch of us had seafood at Taste of Maine in my hometown! **Rich Crosby** had the two-pound lobster roll! ➡ On Friday, the main was won by **Yours Truly/Favorite Soule** over a new player, **Mike Fetchel**. I owed Mike, as he beat me in Nashua in the spring. The consolation was won by **Jerry Hardy**, with **Jim Maffa** again in second. Fun fact: Jerry and Laurie live fifteen minutes from the venue, while Mark and I live twenty minutes away!



Saturday and Sunday were a free for all! **Mike Fetchel** got his win, and **Billy Cormier** ◀ came in second. Here is the reason: we had them to our house for BBQ, and they won because of me. (That is my story and I am sticking to it.) Because he didn't want his wife to show him up, **Mark Soule** took the win over **Jack Chandler** ➡ in the consolation. The online Challonge bracket may say "Vicki Soule (Good Soule)" and "Mark Soule (Bad Soule)," but I had *nothing* to do with that (wink, wink!).



On June 27, we celebrated July Fourth early. **Wanda Berry** and I represented! ⚡ We were hosted by **Frank Reddy** and **Bill Cormier**. When we got done having fun, the brackets were set. **Jonathan Pinyan**, visiting from New Jersey, won, with **Jack McCready** taking second. The consolation was won by **Bill Peters**, with our Maine girl, **Laurie Hardy**, coming in second. It is always a great time with Frank and Bill and that whole club. Come visit!

At the time of writing this article, there are 93 days until the kickoff of Grand National 44. We are so excited to welcome everyone! We are scurrying for last minute preparations! We hope you are making your plans to come see us! It's going to be "barrels of fun." There may be people in barrels, you never know!



Vicki's Monthly Funnies

- Q. What did Taylor Swift say to August?
- A. You need to cool down!
- Q. Why do bananas use sunscreen in August?
- A. Because they peel!

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
EEC Barnyard Bonanza (Escondido CA; 5/23)	Joan Layte	37 players HQ. Tom Moses (40) 1. Anthony DePinto (105) 2. Donald Brown (70) 3. Kathryn Justyn (42) 3. Carol Williams (42)	16 players HQ. Kris Bailey (15) 1. Bruce Elliott (24) 2. John Gray (12) 3. Kris Bailey (4) 3. Lorraine Ghazarian (4)		
Capital City Spring Roundup 2026 (Helena MT; 5/26)	Sandy Sands	50 players HQ. Bryan Gurden (75) 1. Dick Pedersen (105) 2. Laurie Logan (70) 3. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Wayne Wyman (42)	32 players HQ. Darlene Stier (12) 1. Chris Branson (40) 2. Margery Clark (24) 3. Todd Malmgren (12) 3. Darlene Stier (12)	28-hand: Bob Bartosh*	Early Bird: Wayne Wyman Tuesday Canadian Doubles: Bob Stone & Tamara Bonato Wednesday Canadian Doubles: Tamara Bonato & Bob Stone
Mount Rainier Open (Olalla WA; 5/30)	Dave Liesse	58 players HQ. Allen Evenson (40) 1. Timothy Johnson (105) 2. Don Richmond (70) 3. Joseph Christensen (42) 3. Allen Evenson (42)	36 players HQ. Craig Wilkey (24) 1. Michael Sofaly (60) 2. Richard Anderson (40) 3. Dawna Gray (24) 3. Dennis Misenar (24)	28-hand: Allen Evenson*	
Copper City Classic Spring Roundup (Butte MT; 6/2)	Gary Galetti	42 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (50) 1. Dick Pedersen (105) 2. Eric Boysen (70) 3. John Byrne (42) 3. Bill Schlabes (42)	28 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (21) 1. Sandy Sands (40) 2. Robert Brown (24) 3. Bryan Gurden (12) 3. Marsha Mahan (12)	28-hands: Chris Branson* David Hayden*	Early Bird: Stephen Dugas Tuesday Canadian Doubles: LeRoy Mehning & James Schwindt Wednesday Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & Bill Schlabes
Spring Territorial Prison Classic (Deer Lodge MT; 6/5)	Bob Stone	48 players HQ. Ray Klocko (55) 1. Todd Malmgren (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. Jay Edwards (42) 3. Ray Klocko (42)	41 players HQ. James Clark (18) 1. LeRoy Mehning (60) 2. James Clark (40) 3. Michael Crume (24) 3. Joe Gates (24)	28-hand: Chris Branson*	Canadian Doubles: Frank Hanson & Carl Vennes Early Bird: Sandy Sands

LEGEND

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*** = in sanctioned event**

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Madison Masters (Baraboo WI; 6/5)	Terry Weber	68 players HQ. Allen Karr (45) 1. Scott Sand (147) 2. Robert Chase (105) 3. Olivia Kelley (70) 3. Lana Newhouse (70)	46 players HQ. Richard Frost (21) 1. Wayne Steinmetz (60) 2. Terry Weber (40) 3. Richard Frost (24) 3. Vicky Fry (24)	28-hand: Ken Moomey	Friday: Jason Bick Saturday: Haley Hintze
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 6/6)	Alice Souza	35 players HQ. Dennis Morin (50) 1. Dan McPherson (105) 2. Dennis Morin (70) 3. Donald Spurgeon (42) 3. Carolyn Washington (42)	17 players HQ. Don Howard (9) 1. Sharon Sherbert (40) 2. Beverly Drouin (24) 3. Don Grumpy Howard (12) 3. Alice Souza (12)	28-hand: Adrian Levy*	
Willamette River Classic (Springfield OR; 6/6)	Julia Schewanick	40 players HQ. Sonya Clevenger (55) 1. Mike McDaniel (105) 2. Winona McDaniel (70) 3. Don Hansen (42) 3. Skip White (42)	20 players HQ. Jessica LeBeau (15) 1. Erik Locke (40) 2. Jessica LeBeau (24) 3. Paul Hirschmann (12) 3. Jack Shumate (12)	28-hand: Katrin Litsjo*	
Walleye Open (Roseau MN; 6/12)	Les Kvien	22 players HQ. Haley Hintze (50) 1. Robert Chase (70) 2. Dan Taylor (42) 3. Haley Hintze (21) 3. Steve Schneider (21)	{no consy}		Canadian Doubles: Henry & Lois Brandner
Stars & Stripes Showdown (South Windsor CT; 6/13)	Don Janelle	68 players HQ. Peter Setian (75) 1. Bill Peters (147) 2. Frank Corrado (105) 3. Jack Chandler (70) 3. Peter Setian (70)	32 players HQ. John Pappas (9) 1. Patrick Robrecht (40) 2. Jim Maffa (24) 3. Richard Cormier (12) 3. John Pappas (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Walleye Open (Roseau MN; 6/13)	Les Kvien	18 players HQ. Jim Mahan (45) 1. Les Kvien (70) 2. Steve Schneider (42) 3. Jim Mahan (21) 3. Al Pernicek (21)	12 players HQ. Henry Brandner (12) 1. Todd Schaefer (24) 2. Henry Brandner (12) 3. Adam Switzer (4)		
Palmetto State Open (Columbia SC; 6/19)	Jennifer Curnow, June Fordham, & Sally Henderson	74 players HQ. Terry Weber (50) 1. Mary Burlington (147) 2. Eric Davis (105) 3. Vicki Marchand (70) 3. Robert Medeiros (70)	48 players HQ. Bernard Kitheka (24) 1. Mike Due (60) 2. Bernard Kitheka (40) 3. Pam Marlin (24) 3. Larry Phifer (24)	28-hand: Steven Aziz	Night Owl: Bernard Kitheka
Soda City Classic (Columbia SC; 6/20)	Jennifer Curnow, June Fordham, & Sally Henderson	72 players HQ. Les Kvien (65) 1. Stephen Dugas (147) 2. Les Kvien (105) 3. Paul E Gagnon (70) 3. Dan Selke (70)	50 players HQ. Eric Davis (15) 1. Robert Medeiros (60) 2. Robert Reister (40) 3. Jean Bidegare (24) 3. Bonnie Fife (24)	28-hand: Ronn Marcelais*	Canadian Doubles: Michael DeHart & Ben Keebler
Hardys Mid- Maine Festival 1 (Brunswick ME; 6/19)	Joe Bowen	30 players HQ. John Olson (45) 1. Mike Fetchel (70) 2. Vicki Soule (42) 3. Phil Martin (21) 3. John Olson (21)	22 players HQ. Steven Braley (21) 1. Jerry Hardy (40) 2. Jim Maffa (24) 3. Steven Braley (12) 3. Paige Thomas (12)	28-hand: Mike Fetchel*	Friday: Donna LaFleur
Hardys Mid- Maine Festival 2 (Brunswick ME; 6/20)	Joe Bowen	36 players HQ. Patrick Robrecht (25) 1. Mike Fetchel (105) 2. William Cormier (70) 3. Barbara Barbour (42) 3. Peter Legendre (42)	20 players HQ. Donna LaFleur (6) 1. Mark Soule (40) 2. Jack Chandler (24) 3. Donna LaFleur (12) 3. Vicki Soule (12)	28-hands: Mike Fetchel* Susan Jaynes*	Canadian Doubles: Paige Thomas & Patrick Robrecht

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Independence Day Classic (Reno NV; 6/26)	Peggy & Rick Shea	131 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (65) 1. Lori Boyer (196) 2. Michael Sefick (147) 3. Rick Baird (105) 3. Paul Gregson (105) 5. William Eilers (70) 5. Robert Lewis (70) 5. Ronnie Murakami (70) 5. Denny Spero (70)	91 players HQ. Ester McCullough (12) 1. Arne Gallagher (84) 2. Raeanna Halvorson (60) 3. Bob Brumley (40) 3. Wayne Mornsen (40)	28-hands: Lori Boyer* Chris Branson*	Early bird: Bryan Gurden Canadian Doubles: A.J. Tasker & Ronald Jensen
Boston Regional Summa Special (Malden MA; 6/28)	Frank Reddy	100 players HQ. Jack Chandler (55) 1. Jonathan Pinyan (147) 2. John McCready (105) 3. Debra Cotter (70) 3. David Kabilian (70)	48 players HQ. Laurie Hardy (18) 1. Bill Peters (60) 2. Laurie Hardy (40) 3. Ralph Bolduc (24) 3. Donald Janelle (24)		

Youth News

Results of Youth Grand National 7 (Reno NV), June 27, 2026

	name (age)	city state
YGN Championship		
champ	Blake Salter (12)	Grass Valley CA
runner-up	Nick Plowman (17)	Magalia CA
YGN Consolation		
champ	Angelina Villalobos (17)	Oroville CA
runner-up	Josephine Nail (18)	Magalia CA

There were three first-time youth players in attendance: **Paden Branca** (Dublin CA), **Keanu Lemrise** (Crescent City CA), and **Josephine Nail** (Magalia CA).

Blake Salter YGN 7 Champ!



Internet Cribbage

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It's here! The "Play On-line" section on the ACC website is totally new and improved! **Jen Curnow** and I have been working with **Paul Gregson's** coding skills to do the written content, while

Paul and **John Schafer** have been doing the stats-related content. Many thanks to all of them for the many hours and months of tedious work to get it just right! Please go there and read, read, read the info, especially the links on the left with info about each playing site.

The new online player certification form (**cribbage.org > Play Online > Register Usernames**) is available for those who want to certify their screenname/username to play ACC-sanctioned tourneys on Cribbage Pro, which begins on August 1. Please get certified now, and keep your current name if you already play at Cribbage Pro. If you already play at eCribbage, eCrib+, or Game Colony, it would be helpful to use the same screenname at Cribbage Pro. Find more information by checking out our new website section explaining ACC-sanctioned tournaments at Cribbage Pro.

You do **not** have to do the new online player certification form if your ACC membership dues are currently paid up and they never lapsed for more than two months. We simply shifted you to the new website list of screennames/username.

However, if you've been on a break and are now returning, you **must** do the new form to recertify as an internet player for the software to restart your IRPs again. If you are unsure of your past name(s) go here: **cribbage.org > Play Online > Registered Username List**. If your name is not on the list, please fill in that certification form. This is separate from ACC membership (i.e., don't use the big red button for this).

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1239	Timothy Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	1130	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
3	1111	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
4	1098	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
5	1063	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
6	1027	David Smith (thecuse5)
7	1011	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
8	990	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	965	John Schafer (netview85)
10	912	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)

Point Leader of the Month

Roger Wilson (rogerw29) @ 181 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Jennifer Bolles (jebbbifer)

Joe Losacco (4joe2win)

Internet 28-Hands

Dan Crete (dec)

Internet Grand Slams

Sally Henderson (sallyann3)

New Members

54 last month

United Kingdom

Vanessa Hunt (Barnsley)
Elliot Silver (Winchcombe)

Arizona

Jared Burns (Phoenix)
Linda Gates (Green Valley)
Jeffrey Parson (Green Valley)

British Columbia

Sofia Abbas (Surrey)

California

Paden Branca (Dublin)
William Branca (Danville)
Jason Jones (Los Alamitos)
Keanu Lemrise (Crescent City)
Roger Mannie (Santa Rosa)
Scott Varner (Camarillo)

Colorado

Michael Lucas (Monument)
Kurt Risley (Parker)

Delaware

Kevin Joesel (Bethany Beach)

District of Columbia

Colleen Sealander (Washington)

Florida

Natalie Barone (Safety Harbor)
Bill Ockunzzi (Safety Harbor)

Dustin Reinhart (Clermont)

Georgia

Chris Gianaras (Statesboro)

Idaho

John Stephenson (Idaho Falls)

Illinois

Kyle Bethke (Huntley)
Kurt Kaufmann (Godfrey)
Tony Kresl (Naperville)
Robert T Lewis (Northbrook)
William Rogers (New Lenox)
John Tuisl (Western Springs)

Indiana

Thomas Felger (Granger)

Kansas

Travis Rose (Newton)

Maine

Harold Butts (Portland)
Robert Daigle (Verona Island)
Tracey Uddin (Searsport)

Massachusetts

Keith Hershenson (Watertown)
David Rousseau (Mattapoissett)
Edward Schiffman (Watertown)

Minnesota

Kari Hilleison (Saint Paul)

Ommann Hilleison (Saint Paul)

Nevada

Theresa Ineck (Sparks)
Michael McKeag (Las Vegas)

New Hampshire

Timothy Collins (Belmont)

New Mexico

Dave Hsu (Albuquerque)
Cheryl Robertson (Albuquerque)

New York

James Davidson (Baldwinsville)

Oregon

Clinton Beeler (Springfield)
Luke Brown (Portland)
Craig Johnson (Portland)
Joseph Nguyen (Portland)

Pennsylvania

Mark Adams Jr (Johnstown)
Matthew Schmidt (Chester Springs)

Rhode Island

John Piepowski (Warren)

Texas

John Fersch (Denton)

Virginia

Patrick Farley (Chesapeake)

Washington

Matthew Akridge (Spokane)
Diane Ketcham (Spokane)
Ted Ketcham (Spokane)
Don Kirkpatrick (Hansville)

Wisconsin

Sara Cress (Madison)
Jared Marske (Verona)

↓ ↓ ↓ IMPORTANT INTERNET INFO ↓ ↓ ↓

Have you played your ten required games at the new eCrib+ yet? Please do this ASAP because our ACC tourneys move there on August 1. Don't be locked out. Please go to **ecribplus.com** through the **Tutorial**, read all of the **FAQs** under the **Goodies** button, especially the one that says **Tournament Information**, and play some eCrib+ tourneys first! Also, please put your ACC number logo on your name. Find out how on the **Scribes** button (new name for the Wall), click the **ACC Chat** section, and read the one that says **Important Directions**. Thanks, and enjoy!



SANCTIONED

Tournaments

MRPs*as of July 10*

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	3831	Bryan Gurden	1	1704	Les Kvien	1	1360	Mike Fetchel
2	2184	Ray Klocko	2	1367	Haley Hintze	2	1251	Robert Medeiros
3	1823	Bob Brumley	3	1271	Jim Mahan	3	981	Stephen Dugas
4	1588	Bob Bartosh	4	1191	Scott Sand	4	922	Donna LaFleur
5	1485	Roland Hall	5	1122	Todd Schaefer	5	903	Terrance Cushman
6	1458	Erik Locke	6	1088	David Aiello	6	884	David Statz
7	1377	Duane Toll	7	992	James McCarty	7	875	Peter Setian
8	1240	James Langley	8	940	Robert Chase	8	817	Debra Cotter
9	1212	Darlene Stier	9	924	Al Pernicek	9	797	Jerry Hardy
10	1128	Paul Gregson	10	885	John Syftestad	10	716	Larry Phifer
11	1121	Cy Madrone	11	800	Dennis Koehler	11	706	Peter Legendre
12	1090	William O'Malley	12	757	Doug Page	12	700	John Bartlett
13	973	Bill Schlabas	13	725	Wayne Steinmetz	13	673	Keith Widener
14	940	Todd Malmgren	14	722	Steven Steinmetz	14	651	William Cormier
15	904	Wayne Momsen	15	708	Allen Karr	15	647	Patrick Robrecht
16	784	Winona McDaniel	16	692	Terry Weber	16	630	Phil Martin
17	779	Carole Herron	17	678	Marsha Mahan	17	623	Paul Batterson
18	778	Jeanne Jelke	18	677	Doug Whitlock	18	614	Richard Nourse
19	770	James Clark	19	624	Bob Joslin	19	610	James Ravenscroft
20	754	William Eilers	20	614	Dan Selke	20	602	Frank Reddy
21	693	Betty Brumley	21	536	Henry Brandner	21	596	Mary Burlington
22	684	Dennis Misenar	22	523	Clay Collier	22	594	Barry Spadea
23	635	Jones Hom	23	521	Bob Kiley	23	570	Bonnie Fife
24	624	Jack Shumate	24	494	Edward Balcer	24	559	Carlyle Foss
25	612	Junko Larsen	25	479	Dan Sand	25	550	James Sullivan
26	599	Charlene Cohen	26	463	Patrick Barrett	26	534	Mark Soule
27	584	Jennifer Bolles	27	457	Emilio Perez	27	528	Paige Thomas
28	565	Kai Lemrise	28	442	Steve Schneider	28	519	Jack Silvia
29	553	Alice Souza	29	439	Jeff Machovsky	29	497	Michael D'Elena
30	523	Mike McDaniel	30	435	Richard Frost	30	486	Eric Davis
31	516	Bernie Nelson	30	435	John Schafer	31	447	Bill Peters
32	514	Lori Boyer	32	432	Chad Frischmann	32	442	Vicki Soule
33	513	Steve Sundet	33	430	Dan Taylor	33	439	Keith Miller
34	512	Ryan Huffman	34	418	Joe Clarke	34	431	Paul Kane
35	493	David Bute	35	404	Rick Kuehn	35	427	Charles Booker
36	491	Robert Milk	36	396	Bob Hanes	36	410	Jamie Fincher
37	487	Scott Bartosh	37	389	William Stacey	37	409	Barri Gehrand
38	485	Willie Evans	38	388	John Hazlett	38	408	Marty Duchow
39	483	Rick Baird	38	388	Kevin Mansfield	38	408	Deborah Taylor
40	477	Arun Sautter	40	371	Kevin Anderson	40	406	Frank Abernathy
41	472	Ronnie Murakami	40	371	Wade Skaja	41	381	Joshua Parker
42	462	Paul Hirschmann	42	370	Marlene Lazachek	42	373	Peter Grant
42	462	Peggy Shea	43	368	Jerry Griffin	43	366	A.J. Kabilian
44	455	Donald Stockham	43	368	Adam Switzer	44	359	Frank Bogus Jr.
45	444	Carol Williams	45	364	Cynthia Wark	45	358	Wanda Berry
46	437	Richard Shea	46	353	Jason Matheny	46	354	Scott Noble
47	423	Audrey Hatto	46	353	Steve Scadden	47	339	Jack Chandler
48	422	Brad Seger	48	350	Chad Loupee	48	334	Kendra Munkacsy
49	421	Bob Prochnow	49	344	Jeff Shimp	49	333	Laurie Hardy
50	420	Matt Padrow	50	337	Pete Severson	50	329	Mike Due
						50	329	Nancy Riccio

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>tournament directors</i>
Oct. 14–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 <i>phone: 716.278.2695</i>	David Aiken Katie VanHuis Mark Soule Vicki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201 <i>phone: 509.455.9600</i>	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 <i>phone: 866.386.7829</i>	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 2027	Double Tree (RDU) 4810 Page Creek Ln Durham NC 27703 <i>phone: 919.941.6000</i>	Megan Player Jennifer Johnson David Aiken

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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 Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlages (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, Hinkley MN 55037. TD: Steve Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer

Aug. 7, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 8-9, Midwest Great Hinkley 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

GA ♦ ATL Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 2301 Sullivan Rd, College Park GA 30337. TD: Jamie Fincher (478.278.1377) & Kelley Adams

Aug. 13-14, ATL Classic

Aug. 15-16, Peach State Peg-off

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

WI ♦ Aug. 21-23, DockHounds Challenge 1

Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Stein-

metz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ♦ Aug. 22, Summertime Laguna Classic

The Towers, 24055 Paseo del Lago Gate 10, Laguna Woods CA 92637. TD: Paul Dockstader (562.234.0839) & Ken Varner

MT ♦ Aug. 28-30, Garden City Fall Classic

Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cuerth (406.207.8529) & Dave Koontz

NH ♦ Dover Doubleheader

Elks, 282 Durham Rd, Dover NH 03820. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Patrick Robrecht

Aug. 29, Double Double

Aug. 30, Dover Regular

MT ♦ Fall Roundup

Sep. 1-3, Territorial Prison Classic

Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback

Sep. 4-6, Capital City Fall Roundup

Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

Sep. 8-10, Anaconda Fall Stack

Elks, 221 Main St, Anaconda MT 59711. TD: Vicki Ross (406.654.4984) & Duane Brugman

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

TX ♦ Red River Doubleheader

Elks, 8550 Lulwater Dr, Dallas TX 75238. TD: Scott Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

Sep. 17-18, Red River Kickoff

Sep. 19-20, Red River Peg-out

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Mick Michaelis Classic: \$500 to Shriners Children Hospital

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

CA ♦ Sep. 19, Pegging for Vets

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

YOUTH CA ♦ Sept. 19, Youth Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7567 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Don Howard (916.212.2465)

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader

VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318.
TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642) &
Steve Schneider & Bob Joslin

Sep. 25, Minnesota Open One-Day

Sep. 26–27, Jerry Gruber Memorial

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

CA ♦ JMM Doubleheader

IOOF Hall, 1445 Butte St, Redding CA 96001. TD:
Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

Sep. 26, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1

Sep. 27, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

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)

WY ♦ Oct. 3–4, Oil City Open

Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD:
Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

MA ♦ Oct. 4, Boston Regional

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

NY ♦ Pre-GN Doubleheader

VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075.
TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

Oct. 10–11, Western New York Festival Day #1

Oct. 12, Western New York Festival Day #2

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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 centerfold

OR ♦ Oct. 23–25, Salem Classic

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th St NE #165, Salem OR
97301. TD: Bruce Hammond (503.507.7432) &
Eric Frey

ME ♦ Oct. 24, Seaside in Wells

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

CA ♦ Oct. 24, Oroville Halloween Masquerade

Haunted Clubhouse, 1047 14th St, Oroville CA
95965. TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454) & Paul Gregson

WI ♦ Oct. 24–25, Octoberfest

Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Lee Tesch

WI ♦ Oct. 30–Nov. 1, DockHounds Challenge 2

Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Cir-
cle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Stein-
metz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

WA ♦ Long Beach Doubleheader

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long
Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow
(509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell & Jason Hofbauer

Oct. 30, One Day at the Beach

Oct. 31–Nov. 1, ACC World Championships

NC ♦ Nov. 6–8, John Medeiros Memorial

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

NV ♦ Topaz Tripleheader

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville
NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo
(775.453.3715) & Alice Souza

Nov. 7–8, Topaz Winter Wonderland #1

Nov. 9–10, Topaz Winter Wonderland #2

Nov. 11–12, Topaz Winter Wonderland #3

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

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NV ♦ Nov. 13–15, Veterans Day Classic

J Resort, 345 Arlington, Reno NV 89509. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

NH ♦ Nov. 15, Granite State Classic

Elks, 81 Roxbury St, Keene NH 03431. TD: John Pappas (617.803.5329) & Gail Somers

AZ ♦ Nov. 21–22, Arizona Screaming Eagles

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

CT ♦ Nov. 22, Yankee Classic

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

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

MI ♦ Thanksgiving Doubleheader

American Legion, 401 N Park St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525. TD: David Aiken & Katie VanHuis (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Nov. 27+29, Reindeer Games

Nov. 28, Wishbone Open

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

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader

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

Dec. 4, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic I

Dec. 5–6, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic II

OR ♦ Dec. 5, Willamette Valley Classic

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

CA ♦ Dec. 5, Pegging for Vets

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

CO ♦ Dec. 12, MVP2.0 Winter Wonder

Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Mike Poole

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles

Dec. 19, Fall Paranormal Open #1

Dec. 20, Fall Paranormal Open #2

NC ♦ Asheville Doubleheader

Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Rd, Asheville NC 28806. TD: Jacob French (678.517.2090) & Alan Rogers

Jan. 8, Smoky Mountain Classic Opener

Jan. 9–10, Smoky Mountain Classic

OR ♦ Jan. 9, Willamette Valley Challenge

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader

VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Grant Crawford (850.461.9390) & Jim Cook

Jan. 15–16, Land Shark Open

Jan. 17–18, Emerald Coast Open

WI ♦ Jan. 16–17, American Pride

Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, 2929 Allied St, Green Bay WI 54304. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Jan. 16–17, Bandon Its a New Year

Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

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

Jan. 22, Steve Lewis Memorial

Jan. 23–24, Depoe Bay Challenge

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

Jan. 23, Schaefer Shuffle

Jan. 24, Sin City Shuffle

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40 Years Ago

The front cover announced the upcoming Grand National #5 in Minneapolis.

This would be the first of two GNs held in Minnesota, and both of them were won by **Bob Hanes** (IA)! This would be the first GN hosted by **Scott Kooistra**, who has directed more GNs than anyone else: five!

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that ACC Founding Father **Dick Graham** (CO) won the 323-player Reno Summer Classic, beating **Wayne Steinmetz** (WI) in the finals.



Peter A. Jackson

Peter Jackson of Chico CA passed away on July 11 at seventy-nine years of age. Pete was a life member of the ACC and helped establish Club 249 in Chico in 1998.

Pete was club champion twelve times and earned his Silver Award. He was active in tournaments in California, Oregon, and Nevada and earned his Life Master rating. Pete won ten main and eleven consolations. He loved to play cribbage and was excellent at helping new players. Pete also played locally in a four-handed

non-ACC club almost weekly. Peter was a very nice man and will be missed by the many people who knew him.

Helmuth "Hal" Mueller

Hal Mueller (Waterdown ON) passed away on June 30. Born in October 1941, he will be remembered for the impact he had on the lives of those around him. Hal played extensively in the Eastern Region in the 2000s, but after earning his Grand Master Award in 2013, he attended very few live tournaments. Hal's influence in the ACC was primarily through his cribbage program, Hal's Crib. Helmuth's absence will be deeply felt by those who valued his companionship.

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