

# Cribbage World

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS



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GN 41 champs!  
**Sandy Sands (main)**  
**Charlene Cohen (consy)**



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- ✓ Eat all your favorites.
- ✓ Enjoy family.
- ✓ Play cribbage!

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as of November 30

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



## ACC Youth Scholarship

Youth are the future of the ACC, which is one of the main reasons that youth memberships are free.

If you have ever watched our youth players during a youth tournament you will see kids having fun. Win or lose, they are great sports who enjoy playing. They also get to win some pretty cool prizes.

The annual BOD meeting took place at the Virginia Beach Grand National in October. Several agenda items were discussed and decided on. In my opinion, one of the best new items to go into effect this year is all about the ACC youth: the American Cribbage Congress Youth Scholarship. The ACC will offer three \$1,000 youth scholarships to youth members attending college or trade school.

There is an online link with a fillable form at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org). If you have been one of our youth players and are furthering your education, I hope you will take this opportunity to apply for one of these scholarships.

## Milestones!

Two months in advance, send info about member birthdays ending in a zero to [cwed152@gmail.com](mailto:cwed152@gmail.com) or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

*Happy Birthday in December!*

90—**Alvin Lokitz** (FL)

90—**Delores Brey** (WI)

90—**Skip White** (OR)

70—**Russell Bemis** (Bonner MT)

70—**Karen Stout** (CO)

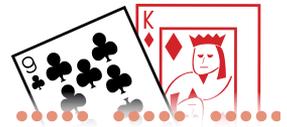
## Slow Play? No, Fast Play!

Are you a fast player? Do you get bored waiting two minutes for your next game? Here's a suggestion to help fill the time between games.

In a game that *Cribbage World* has named **The War of 1812**, the dealer sets her front peg at 18 points from the game hole, and the nondealer is 12 out. This is great endgame practice, and about a third of the time it goes two deals for a dramatic finish. (Note: if the nondealer has 12 or more after the starter card is cut, simply declare "game over" and start a new game.) You cannot practice this enough. And far better to do this than to grouse about slow play.

**James Ravenscroft** (Ambler PA) developed the basics of this game, and it came to *Cribbage World* via Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells** and **Steve Jesseph** (Doylestown PA).

# Your Deal



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## Suspensions

I have been a member of ACC since the 1980s. My wife and I ran the Savannah Open for seven years, and I am a Master-ranked player and a judge in the ACC. Although I haven't played in a tournament in a few years now, I would like to play. The purpose of this letter is to express my disdain in the policy of only suspending cheaters rather than the original punishment of a lifetime expulsion from the ACC. Cribbage cheaters are *thieves*, no better than someone who would steal money from your wallet or purse. These are adults who choose to steal because they have no conscience. There is no room in the ACC for this activity, and to only suspend them for a few months encourages them to return and be more careful about getting caught in any future games. The ACC expelled, rightfully so, the #1 ranked player lifetime, as well as other thieves along the years. I contacted the Ethics Committee and told them how I felt about this current policy. They only said that the committee approved these suspensions. I don't want to play against players whom I have to watch like a hawk every time they have their hands near their cards or pegs.

*Bill Cooper (Savannah GA)*

**CW welcomes responses from readers about this issue.**

## Old Timey Music and Cribbage in Daly City

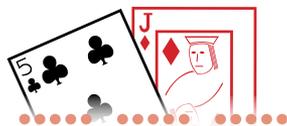
**Mike McInerney** (on the right) just turned eighty and is living in a senior community called Peninsula Del Rey in Daly City CA. He used to attend the Castro Valley club but since it is at least a one-hour drive and Mike has trouble driving at night, especially across the San Mateo Bridge, he's had to give up club. He's been at PDR for almost two years, where they play bingo, blackjack, and something called "All's Wild." Mike plays cribbage with his wife, Linda, every day, but there are only a few cribbage players, so he is teaching other PDR residents how to play cribbage, including

**George Rothman**, his star pupil! Mike says that George is a big opera fan but he is more into old timey music. Mike was excited to find *How to Win at Cribbage* at a library sale for \$1.



# My Deal

by David Aiken



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

I recently returned from Virginia Beach, where I attended Grand National 41. This should've been my twentieth GN, but of course Covid asserted executive privilege over the 2020 event, so this year was my nineteenth. My GN cycle started in Atlanta in 2004 and has now included these locations around the country:

- Appleton WI
- Atlanta GA (twice)
- Bethesda MD
- Grand Rapids MI
- Lincoln City OR (twice)
- Milwaukee WI
- North Conway NH
- Omaha NE
- Phoenix AZ
- Portland ME
- Portland OR
- Reno NV
- Sacramento CA
- Virginia Beach VA (twice)
- Wisconsin Dells WI
- Yankton SD

I like Grand National because of the wide variety of locales that we get to vis-

it. Each year I love seeing a new part of the country, whether it's scenic scenery, a beautifully built building, or an eventful event.

This year's GN was, however, far different for me than other GNs have been. First of all, I chose to not play the two midweek mains (some of you know why!). Flying in on Wednesday afternoon, the second leg of my flight was delayed in Baltimore because of a bomb threat at the airport. Fortunately, it was only a threat, but that meant I arrived late in Virginia, with the result that **Betty Brumley** and **Rick Baird**, who volunteered to provide an airport-to-hotel ride, had to hang around the airport for an extra hour.

On Thursday I played the midweek consolation and the GRTOC, with only middling results (4–5 both times). Friday morning was the BOD meeting, which I attended for slightly more than an hour before heading back to the airport (thanks, **Jennifer Curnow**, for the ride). I flew to Columbus OH, where I was privileged to attend the wedding of my best cribbage

Tale of the Tape	 <b>Rick Baird</b>	 <b>David Aiken</b>	 <b>Rob Medeiros</b>
average	58.6% (89–63)	55.1% (59–48)	✓ 60.3% (108–71)
biggest win	✓ +48 over Carolyn Blackman (OR) @ Club 12	+38 over Barbara Stockham (AZ) @ GN	+43 points over Roseanne Burton (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	–48 by Phil Murphy (OR) @ Club 12	–52 by Jeff Shimp (MI) @ Club 71	✓ –39 by Wayne King (MA) @ Club 104

friend—sorry to all you other ACC members who thought *you* were my best cribbage friend—**Jeff Gardner** and **Nikki Pearce**. ➔

(For those wondering why they scheduled their wedding on Grand National weekend: because [a] they wanted to get married on Friday the 13th, [b] they wanted to get married in October since Nikki's favorite holiday is Halloween, and [c] they didn't want to wait to get married until 2028, the next time Friday the 13th occurs in October!)

As most of you know, it is almost impossible to be in two places at once, meaning that I could not play the GN main. I arrived back in Virginia Beach in midafternoon (thanks, **Jack Howsare**, who in addition to directing a wonderful Grand National with the expert help of his daughter **Arlene Painter**, ↓ also arranged a driver to pick me up at the airport) and then attended the awards banquet on Saturday night, which is always the highlight of every GN, as we applaud and congratulate the accomplishments of our friends.



Sunday morning saw me in consolation action, when I managed to win six games—just enough to qualify, before losing in the first playoff round. So much for capitalizing on my shortened GN experience. All told, I won exactly half of my GN games (15–15).

So even though this GN was much different than previous GNs, I wouldn't change a thing, because it was filled with fun and friends.

I look forward to the next three GNs—Las Vegas NV in 2024, Deadwood SD in 2025, and Niagara Falls NY in 2026—for multiple reasons. First of all, because they are in some really cool locations. Second, because I will be codirecting all three of them. Third, because Grand National is always a wonderful opportunity to see cribbage friends from around the country.

See you in Las Vegas on November 16, 2024. **CW**

# GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

official GRPs only, as of 11/18

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
1 →	1	148	Robert Medeiros (104)
	2	145	Tom Anderson (356)
	3	138	Ronald Geerdes (396)
	4	131	Steve Colgan (467)
	5	125	Duane Toll (62)
	6	121	Jerry Newhouse (90)
	7	119	Michael Weber (277)
	8	117	Thomas Beucler (388)
	9	116	Cynthia Drozynski (173)
	10	114	Brett Brunner (240)
	10	114	Roy Martin (306)
	10	114	Gary Reichel (300)
	13	113	David Aiello (197)
	13	113	Rex Paddock (347)
	13	113	Gene Rice (202)
	16	112	Dwight Christiansen (382)
	17	110	Dennis Crooks (408)
	17	110	Gary Duvall (148)
	19	108	Steve Kaplan (408)
	20	106	Ron Bauer (224)
	21	104	James Wysocki (467)
	22	103	Tim Gudahl (202)
	22	103	Allen Karr (61)
	22	103	Alex Shada (197)
	25	101	Nancy Rojas (162)
	26	100	Ben Holder (43)
	26	100	Michael Lemay (375)
	26	100	Douglas Myers (329)
	29	99	Gerry Arseneau (308)
	29	99	Terry Kueker (197)
	29	99	Jim Merritt (431)
	29	99	Jeff Seidenstein (58)
	33	98	Robert Findley (271)
	34	97	Dave Bosio (332)
	34	97	Monica Newton (127)
	34	97	Dan Sand (94)
	34	97	Alice Souza (453)
	38	96	Brian Bell-Irving (62)
	38	96	Terry Mulligan (388)
	38	96	Joseph Murdock (175)
	38	96	Mike Shermeta (229)
	42	95	Wayne Momsen (127)
	42	95	Jeff Olson (22)
	42	95	Kim Paavola (71)
	45	94	John Bourgon (400)
	45	94	Randy DeMars (284)
	45	94	Larry Irion (419)
	45	94	Kenneth Nicholls (1)
	45	94	Sharon Schaefer (400)
	50	93	Dale Newberry (202)
	50	93	Dave Schwartz (377)
	52	92	Dave Koontz (347)
	53	91	Rick Baird (12)
	54	90	Barb Manninen (390)
	54	90	Brad McCourt (354)
	54	90	Robert McElwain (382)

rank	GRPs	name (club)
54	90	Jon Podevels (445)
54	90	Charlette Springer (356)
54	90	Donald Spurgeon (100)
60	89	Laurie Kenny (108)
60	89	Scott Noble (124)
60	89	Richard Nourse (109)
60	89	Bobby Ramelow (198)
64	88	Donna Karr (207)
64	88	Peter Koski (368)
64	88	Roger Widdowson (371)
67	87	Frederick Bertorello (390)
67	87	John Blowers (22)
67	87	Dave Parenteau (131)
70	86	Mark Blocker (382)
70	86	Scott Earley (430)
70	86	Ken Key (1)
70	86	Adrian Levy (374)
70	86	Dick Lind (82)
70	86	Michael Sofaly (243)
70	86	Mary Tegt (1)
70	86	Bernard Whitfield (58)
70	86	Gordy Wise (243)
79	85	Richard Anderson (204)
79	85	Joy Barnes (230)
79	85	Jon Bumstead (379)
79	85	Bryan Freeman (22)
79	85	Randy Nyberg (271)
79	85	Virginia Simonetti (224)
85	84	Edward Balcer (399)
85	84	William Bornstein (104)
85	84	Grant Crawford (131)
85	84	David Fournier (22)
85	84	Theo Mattingly (43)
85	84	Gerald Peterson (251)
85	84	David Petras (306)
85	84	John Piasecki (390)
85	84	Jack Puleo (308)
85	84	James Ravenscroft (175)
85	84	John Truitt (408)

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
4 →	1	85	Paul Gregson (54)
	2	76	Terry Bond (38)
	3	75	William MacMillan (211)
	3	75	Mary Alice Russell (439)
	5	74	Jerry Hedden (318)
	6	70	Aaron Young (455)
	7	69	Dulcie Hays (2)
	7	69	John Mealy (118)
	9	68	Jim Claude (452)
	10	67	Kathleen Kinsman (439)
	11	66	Brad Seger (39)
	12	65	Diego Alvarez (156)
	12	65	Rusty Anderson (395)
	14	64	Phyllis Day (336)
	14	64	Darryl Overstreet (395)
	14	64	Dennis Richardson (205)



edited by **Michael Barrett**



Club contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to **ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER

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Pensacola Peggys 396 was originally Division 4, playing six games per session. This fall we became a Division 1 club, which plays nine games. We were going to lose a few players who wanted to play only six games and at a slower pace. So Pensacola Nibs and Nobs 468 was born and is our baby sister club. Club 468 started out strong with ten players under directors **Kandy Bellanova**



and **Prentice Robinson** with guidance from **Jennifer Bednarek**, **Michael Lenney**, and **Opal Gunn** from Club 396. Both clubs play at the same location on the same night. The room is big enough and they can share supplies, so it's a win-win for all players!

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Hannah Wilson, a member of Windy City Club 382, is an eight-game *Jeopardy!* winner and will play in the *Jeopardy!* Tournament of Champions. Club 382 plays in downtown Chicago at Will's Northwoods Sports Bar. Here's

Hannah holding the club's Grass Roots certificate, along with other club members at a recent tourney. Congrats, Hannah, the cribbage world is rooting for you!



# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 46 (Salem OR) had some fun. On 9/12 **Jeremy Krieger** got a 28-hand. On 9/19 **Eric Frey** got his first ever grand slam. ➔ And on 10/10 **Eric Frey** got a 28-hand, ◀ but was unable to count it as **Bruce Hammond** counted first and the 5 cut gave him just enough to go out and leave Eric 32 holes out.

CAPITAL CRIBBAGE CLUB  
 CLUB # 46 - SALEM OREGON  
**THE GRASS ROOTS**

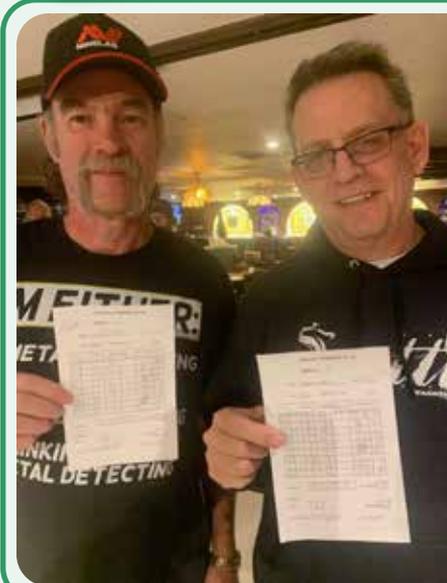
NAME Eric Frey  
 TABLE \_\_\_\_\_ SEAT 9

GAME	GAME POINTS	SPREAD POINTS	OPPONENT'S SIGNATURE	SEAT NO.
1	2	17		17
2	3	46		117
3	3	40		157
4	2	04		161
5	3	21		182
6	3	13		195
7	2	19		214
8	2	10		224
9	3	53		277

TOTAL PTS **21** TOTALS

GAMES WON **9** PLUS **223** (Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 MINUS **0**  
 NET PTS **223**

Player must verify their totals and sign below, thus accepting the above figures are correct.  
Eric Frey  
 Signature



Club 34 (Denver CO)—via random seat assignment, **Robert West** and **Mark Cochran** played nine other players out of the eighteen in Club 34's October 17 tournament—but not each other. Both scored grand slams! Having two grand slams on the same night was a first in the fifteen-year club history!



## 29-Hands

Chuck Wolfe (Club 17 in Des Moines IA)

David Zeine (Club 162 in Carmichael CA)

Don Zeuschel (visiting Club 243 in Tacoma WA)





**28-Hands**

*follow  
the trail*



Ben Creighton (Club 12 in Bend OR)  
 Philip Murphy (Club 12 in Bend OR)  
 Jeff Bovitz (Club 94 in Saint Cloud MN)  
 Paul Peterson (Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)  
 Linda Serben (Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)  
 Elizabeth Wood (Club 127 in Newport OR)  
 Lee Hammerstein (Club 131 in Walton Beach FL)  
 Roger Flategual (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)  
 Robert McGuire (Club 251 in Sioux Falls SD)  
 Pete Davis (Club 285 in Beaverton OR)  
 Tim Maas (Club 436 in Oklahoma City OK)  
 Kent Nelson (Club 451 in Salt Lake City UT)  
 Callie Ostrowski (visiting Club 464 in North Attleboro MA)

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**Grand Slams**

Norman Maurice (Club 131 in Walton Beach FL)  
 Dennis Dresbach (Club 271 in Albuquerque NM)  
 Pete Koski (Club 368 in Ishpeming MI)  
 Laurie Weier (Club 436 in Oklahoma City OK)



# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 25 (Helena MT) has had five 28-hands so far this season (clockwise, starting at top left):  
 Steve Minich  
 Jim Bridger  
 Kathy Thompson  
 Robert Veach  
 Jon Linder

Club 332 (Jackson MI)—**Jim Stratton** has had some good luck mixed with bad. He's had *two* 28-hands this season (October and February)—and lost both games!



The player with a 28-hand pictured in the November CW is unknown no more. *Cribbage World* apologizes for confusing the Maryland champion with the aptly named **Mayland Champion** of Club 109 (Abington MA).



Club 120 (Wisconsin Rapids WI)—club director **Patrick Barrett** has had possibly his worst start to a Grass Roots season. Until November 9, when he put all nine games in the win column to score his seventh grand slam!





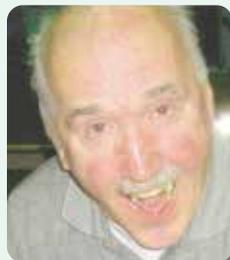
Delores learned cribbage from her dad when she was twelve years old. She joined the ACC in 1994 and is a charter member of Club 199.

**Delores Brey**  
(Greenwood WI)  
Gold #197

She's played in this club for thirty years and is the only charter member still playing there. Delores has been club champion twice (2001 and 2002) and also won the Waupaca tourney in 2001.

Delores's husband of sixty-six years recently passed away. When not playing cribbage, she enjoys playing bridge and sheephead and watching the Badgers and Packers on TV.

Ben learned cribbage from his father as a youth growing up in Ohio. A longtime member of Club 43 in Fremont CA, Ben has been club champion four times. After pushing for Gold six weeks (extending back to last season), he finally got 12 points on the night that his son, Ben B., visited his club, making it extra special. A Master rated player in tournament play, Ben won his first tournament at the 2001 Solano 29er's September Sizzler. His toughest opponents at club are Theo Mattingly and Farokh Ziari. Ben enjoys coin collecting, working with stained glass, and woodworking projects. He has been married to his soulmate for sixty-two years.



**Ben Holder**  
(Fremont CA)  
Gold #198

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{*Dan's words*} I learned to play cribbage by watching my parents play. I have been a member of St. Paul Peggers Club 240 for thirty

**Daniel Pluff**  
(Saint Paul MN)  
Gold #201

years. My first tournament win was at Turtle Lake, and I now have fifteen tournament wins. Grand National is my favorite because you get to go to places across the country. I recently won the

midweek main at Grand National in Virginia Beach. It came down to the fifth game, and I won with my opponent in the stink hole. In 2018 I made the All American team. Dan Taylor is my toughest opponent, as he is an excellent pegger. My other interests are bow hunting and collecting coins and cribbage boards.

{*John's words*} My father taught me and my brother how to play cribbage when I was seven years old. I joined the ACC in 2002. Duane Toll and Wayne Steinmetz showed me how to play better. Grand Rapids Club 71 is my home club, but I also play at Battle Creek Club 300. I have been club champion three times in three clubs (Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids). I struggled to earn my Gold but remembered to never give up (as many friends remind me). I won my first tournament in Dundee MI in 2006. David Aiken is one of the toughest players at club but is the most enjoyable game also. I enjoy playing cribbage (though I may not always show it), and I enjoy making cribbage boards, mostly from reclaimed wood. I like woodworking, and my pet project is making white boards for players with vision problems. I provide white boards and shipping free of charge to ACC clubs and members. I am the assistant internet commissioner and internet statistician. That being said, it's time to download the results of the ACC online tournaments! [*editor's note:* John set the ACC record for highest score in an ACC-sanctioned consolation—a massive 24/9 +291 on May 31, 2020, at America's Dairyland.]



**John Schafer**  
(Battle Creek MI)  
Gold #203

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



While no one was looking, on October 10 the all-time points leader in Grass Roots clubs, ← **Harold Sontag** (Dixon CA), went over the 8,000-point mark at his home club, River City Peggys #162 in Carmichael CA. This is not a designated award plateau, but it is a significant—and huge—number! Harold is on pace to achieve Diamond status (10,000 points) in less than five years. Harold's closest competitor, **Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen** (at Club 232 in Chehalis WA), currently stands at 7,894 GRPs.

*more Grass  
Roots stories  
next month*

## Bowling for Cribbage

**Timothy Havighurst** decided to buy something for **Adam Fitzhugh** for running Club 272 in Crofton MD. Since the Crofton club meets every week in a bowling alley, when Tim saw this board on an auction site at a reasonable price, he had to get it. Unfortunately, the base of the bowling pin was missing, and the graphic on the front was missing a card from the perfect 29-hand.

Tim showed it to Club 272's resident woodworker/winemaker/veterinarian **Michael O'Brien** and suggested that the missing 5 of Spades could somehow be incorporated into a stabilization device for the board. Michael delivered in Spades (pun intended). Now this cribbage board rests in Adam's mancave—complete with a hidden compartment for pegs and the 5 of Spades hidden under the new base.



## GrassRoots *Awards*

### SILVER

Elizabeth M. Collinge (CA), 21

Jan Johnston (CA), 190

Joe Zimmitti (CT), 26

### BRONZE

Bob Barratt (WY), 238

Ronald L. Dailey (CA), 207

Steven G. Fleming (FL), 131

Susan E. Johnson (IL), 288

Dave Koontz (MT), 347

Jeremy Krieger (OR), 46

Scott McMahan (OR), 407

John P. Parker (CA), 173

Pat Reynolds (OR), 38

Gene Rice (ID), 202

Richard Simmons (OR), 46



## Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

### Is it a renege?

We just concluded the Grand National at Virginia Beach. **Jack Howsare** and his assistants all did an excellent job running this legacy event at an oceanfront venue that is hard to beat. I want to mention that each year there are at least two other ACC-sanctioned tournaments held at this same location. You don't get to play cribbage very often at a venue like this, so I would like to encourage all y'all to support those other Virginia Beach tournaments, and let's keep this venue alive and thriving.

During the Grand National an interesting situation occurred. A game had reached fourth street, and the dealer was about ten out while the pone needed just a few holes. During the course of pegging, the pone had reached the dead hole when the dealer said "go." The pone then pegged out and claimed the game. When the pone laid down his unplayed cards, the dealer noticed that he had a card that could have been played, so he called for a judge.

What do you think? Was it a false claim of game? Was it a renege? Was it anything?

Several judges conferred and decided it was not a false claim of game because when the dealer said "go" the pone had enough points to win the game. So the next question would be was it a renege? After reviewing the renege rule, the judges

enforced the renege rule and awarded the dealer two points. When all was said and done the pone pegged out and won.

Unfortunately, the judges blew the call. They didn't read far enough in the renege rule to get to the correct ruling. Rule 7.3(e) states: **If a player calls "go" and their opponent pegs out, the game is over. It is not a renege if that player had cards that could have been played.**

If you are a judge, it would be a good idea to reread the rulebook and become familiar with it. If you are on a judge call, don't rush making the call just because you think you know the rule. Find where it is spelled out in the rulebook and make sure you are correct in your ruling. As judges we owe it to the players to get it right.

And remember, as always, let's have fun!



Keith Widener was inducted into the ACC's Hall of Fame at the Grand National awards banquet in Virginia Beach. He was introduced by Cathy Perkins.

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



**40 Years Ago**  
 The cover contained a holiday greeting from *Cribbage World* editor **Bob Madsen**, although he didn't sign the note, nor does his name appear anywhere in the magazine. This was apparently a good time to invest in cribbage books, as elsewhere we see three cribbage books



offered for sale at low prices: **Joe Wergin**/*How to Win at Cribbage* reduced from \$14.95 to \$4.95; **DeLynn Colvert**/*Play Winning Cribbage* reduced from \$9.95 to \$7.95 for ACC members; and **John Chambers**/*Cribbage: A New Concept* reduced from \$4.95 to \$3.95.

## 25 Years Ago

The cover reported that **Jackie Doppelt** (Napa CA) was the best of 132 players at River City Open in Sacramento. **John Chambers** must have heeded the advice in his book (see the 1983 report above), for we read that John won the 130-player Dante Club Open in West Springfield MA. And on page 17 we see that **Ben Holder**—who earned his Gold Award just a few weeks ago (see page 13)—had *two* 28-hands in successive weeks at Club 43 in Fremont CA.

## BOD Meeting Quick Takes

- Election of officers—four officers were reelected unopposed: President **James Morrow**, Executive VP **Rick Shea**, VP-Policy **Keith Widener**, and VP-Competition **David Aiken**. The new VP-Operations is Mark Soule, who edged out incumbent **Terry Weber**.
- The **DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament** will be played at Grand National beginning at the end of the 2023–24 season. Thus, there'll be two DCASTs in calendar year 2024: in Reno for 2022–23 and in Las Vegas for 2023–24.
- **Grand National**, **National Open**, and **ACC Open** were given legacy status, meaning that no sanctioned tournaments will be scheduled on their week-ends anywhere in the country.
- The BOD will have one **virtual meeting** a year as a means to encourage new board members and help with traveling costs for board members.
- Grand National 2026 was awarded to Niagara Falls and will be directed by **David Aiken**, **Mark Soule**, and **Vicki Soule**.

# HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

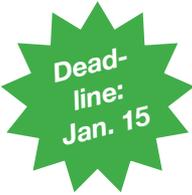
The ACC's Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to recognize members who excelled in playing the grand old game and/or contributed to the advancement of the American Cribbage Congress. Each year, the ACC membership is invited to nominate candidates worthy of inclusion in the HOF. Here are the nominating criteria:

1. Nominations must be submitted by email to the address below. If you cannot email, please call the number provided. Nominations may be made only by a current ACC member and must include the name of the person doing the nominating.
2. An individual nominated for the Hall of Fame must meet the following *mandatory* criteria. He/she must . . .
  - a. be a member in good standing for seven consecutive years or have been a member in good standing for a minimum of five consecutive years until death intervened.
  - b. have displayed and complied with the rules of ethical play.
  - c. have displayed and complied with standards of good sportsmanship.
3. In addition, to be eligible for nomination, a candidate is required to meet at least three of the following criteria. He/she must have . . .
  - a. promoted the game of cribbage and/or served the ACC by specific acts of accomplishment as specified in the nominating letter.
  - b. established his/her expertise by being rated a Master player or higher.
  - c. established his/her expertise by being rated Bronze Award or higher in

- d. the Grass Roots program.
- d. served as a tournament director of an ACC sanctioned tournament for a minimum of five years.
- e. served as a Grass Roots club director for a minimum of five years.
- f. served as a member of the Board of Directors of the ACC for a minimum of four years.
4. Exceptions to or exemptions from the above criteria must be initiated by a current member of the BOD.

Nominations must be submitted by January 15.

The HOF chair will review all letters of nomination for compliance with the nominating criteria and provide copies of each letter to the HOF voting panel (composed of twenty-five BOD members plus three panel members selected by each BOD member). The ballots will be counted prior to the March BOD meeting.



Any nominee who receives 75% or more positive votes will be elected to the HOF. Any nominee who receives more than 50% positive votes but less than 75% will be voted on by the BOD; if the BOD approves by two-thirds majority, that candidate will be elected to the HOF. Induction into the HOF will take place at Grand National.

Email HOF nominations to:

**Jennifer Johnson: [HOF@cribbage.org](mailto:HOF@cribbage.org)**

If you have any issues with emailing, please call/text Jennifer at 617.515.2232.

# New Members

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## **England**

Maureen Pendrick (Northleigh)

## **Alaska**

Randy Eledge (Anchorage)

## **Arizona**

Carolyn de Looper (Glendale)

David Lewis (Gilbert)

Erdean Lewis (Gilbert)

Jim Pulver (Phoenix)

## **California**

Chester Anderson

(Westminster)

Chantal Blanchette (Napa)

Desbee Brown III (Marina)

Kathy Brunner (Orangevale)

Daryke Cassar (Glendale)

Alana Chisholm (Oakley)

Austin Cripps (Oakley)

Jerrel Crowe (El Dorado Hills)

Erik DeLongchamp

(Atascadero)

Sophia Hooper (Crescent City)

Crystal Johnson (Brentwood)

Chip Kalvin (Crescent City)

Kareen Kalvin (Crescent City)

Steve Krupa (Bayside)

Kim Loughran (Huntington

Beach)

Dina O'Kelley (Sacramento)

Bob Proctor (Rohnert Park)

Robin Rhodes (Lincoln)

David Steen (Napa)

Erik Weiss (Lodi)

## **Colorado**

Tom Blair (Berthoud)

Cheryl Eckenroth (Aurora)

Ann Thomas (Grand Junction)

## **Florida**

Kirk Reynolds (Tampa)

Amy Rivera-Cortes (Navarre)

David Rivera-Cortes (Navarre)

## **Georgia**

Andy Goldstrom (Marietta)

## **Hawaii**

James Lazar (Hilo)

## **Illinois**

Mitchell Piel (Chicago)

Lisa Stuve (Huntley)

## **Iowa**

Kate Givens (Altoona)

Shawn Givens (Altoona)

Dean Schroeder (Iowa Falls)

## **Kansas**

Hilary Kozak (Leavenworth)

## **Kentucky**

Denise Vandeveld

(Simpsonville)

## **Maine**

Tori Courchaine (Kittery)

Robert De Clercq (Wells)

Sherman Hardy (Falmouth)

Wayne Ladner (Falmouth)

Anthony Messier (Buxton)

Kathy Messier (Buxton)

Diane Peterson (Kittery)

Neal Stone (Wells)

## **Massachusetts**

Ray Cericola (West Yarmouth)

Bruce Cortis (Feeding Hills)

Devin Fauteux (BillERICA)

Raymond Garrett (Wilmington)

Tina Garrett (Wilmington)

Alan Lindberg (Southbridge)

Sarah Thornington (West  
Yarmouth)

## **Michigan**

Duane Arnouts (Muskegon)

Eric Bunce (Ishpeming)

Pam Handy (Stanwood)

Ty Hutchinson (Ishpeming)

Grant MacDonald (Kalamazoo)

Irja Rayn Maki (Ishpeming)

Amy McGillvary (Livonia)

Bruce Moore (North Muskegon)

David Paulman (Bergland)

Gayle Sigan (Escanaba)

Nick Sigan (Escanaba)

Susan Weston (Westland)

## **Minnesota**

Anne Kane (Forest Lake)

Linda Klover (Lino Lakes)

Douglas Leppanen (Duluth)

Don Ostman (Chaska)

James Taylor (Hermantown)

Anthony Werner (Savage)

Lori Werner (Savage)

Ronald Zuehl (Shorewood)

## **Montana**

Barbara Goeres (Missoula)

Patrick Sullivan (Clancy)

## **Nevada**

Charles Gebhardt (Zephyr  
Cove)

Al Owen (Las Vegas)

Heidi Owen (Las Vegas)

## **New Hampshire**

Glenn Blazys (West

Stewartstown)

Leonard Langford (Merrimack)

## **New Jersey**

Mike Rajoppi (Hanover)

## **Ohio**

Joseph Lanigan (Broadview  
Heights)

Paul Schreiber (Moreland  
Hills)

## **Oregon**

Ross Atkinson (Albany)

Art Benson (Salem)

Roger Collinson (Bend)

Kiz Dreier (Milwaukie)

Ryan Estes (Portland)

Linda Fisher (Bend)

Chris Grant (Tillamook)

Astrid Hensley (Cove)

Karen Koerper (Depoe Bay)

Charlie Kuttig (Grants Pass)

Lacy Kuttig (Grants Pass)

Rae Lyons (Aloha)

Jim Molakides (Salem)

Sue Raynor (Cove)

Julia Schewanick (Springfield)

Casey Scott (Hermiston)

Ulys Stapleton (Grants Pass)

Brandon Stokes (Portland)

Kristi Stokes (Portland)

Khrys Suckow (Lincoln City)

Julius Vesel (Portland)

## **Pennsylvania**

Karen Glasthal (Berwyn)

## **South Dakota**

Denny Fleer (Mission Hill)

Laurynn Leonard (Sioux Falls)

John Marx (Hartford)

Rick Swanson (Sioux Falls)

Janet Taylor (Sioux Falls)

Samantha Taylor (Sioux Falls)

## **Texas**

Jaidyn Amas (Katy)

Jiovanni Carbajal (Brookshire)

Lennyn Carbajal (Brookshire)

Alexandra Cough (Katy)

Sofia Diaz (Katy)

Aaron Frias (Katy)

Keniah Frias (Katy)

Jordan Giles (Katy)

Michael Owens (Katy)

Jorge Ramirez (Katy)

Jakob Rivera (Katy)

Daven-Ryan Soriano (Katy)

Elvis Valle (Katy)

## **Utah**

John D. Moody (Ogden)

## **Vermont**

Robert A. Krupp (Saint Albans)

## **Virginia**

Henry Chin (Mechanicsville)

Tim Jackson (Richmond)

Patrick Zelinski (Virginia Beach)



by John Quist  
 ~ with lots of help from Maria ~

## Addendum #1

Maria and I visited Kronborg Castle in Denmark during a recent trip to visit family to Sweden. Kronborg Castle (see page 2) is more popularly known as Hamlet’s Castle, as it is a location setting in Shakespeare’s play (where it is called Elsinore).

While touring the castle, we had an amazing opportunity to play a cribbage game in the eighteenth-century game room. While playing, we imagined we were in the time of Shakespeare. The cards were European in style, which have different “royal cards” than our standard decks (see page 43). Maria skunked me in royal fashion in the royal game room!

I have chosen some of my favorite quotations from *Hamlet*, and I’ve taken the liberty of providing my translation from Elizabethan English to Cribbage English.



Shakespeare’s <i>Hamlet</i>	Cribbage English (translated by John Quist)
To be, or not to be: that is the question: Whether ’tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.	To peg or not to peg, that’s the question. Whether to get tripped by the pone, after an outrageous cut for your opponent.
Though this be madness, yet there is method in’t.	It may be madness to continue to play, yet DeLynn’s book says there is method to it.
The lady doth protest too much, methinks.	My wife Maria does protest when I miscount.
The devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape.	Is my wife Maria the devil?
Something rotten in the state of Denmark.	My wife Maria skunked me by 43 pegs! That’s rotten.
Give thy thoughts no tongue.	If I say what I think, I will be sleeping on the couch.
This too shall pass.	I eventually made it to the fifth stage of cribbage grief.

### Washington

Sheena Arndt (East Wenatchee)  
 Austin Budd (Sequim)  
 Patricia Day (Shelton)  
 Bertha Dozark (College Place)  
 James Housel (Tacoma)  
 Lois Lewis (Oak Harbor)

### Angela Luke (Federal Way)

Alex Mann (Poulsbo)  
 Brenda Riegger (Sequim)  
 Rita Rohde (Lilliwaup)  
 William Rohde (Lilliwaup)  
 Tom Simpson (Seattle)  
 Aaron Toland (East Wenatchee)  
 Cynthia Wagner (Renton)

### Doug Woodford (Colbert)

Marge Woodford (Colbert)  
**Wisconsin**  
 Nicholas Neuman (Plymouth)  
 Cathy River (Monona)

### Wyoming

Roy Foster (Cheyenne)  
 Mark Goplen (Casper)

# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
(*Internet Commish*)  
[accjudgetest@gmail.com](mailto:accjudgetest@gmail.com)



## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	516	Terry Higgins (chainlink1)
2	341	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
3	307	Jim Correa (Dio)
4	303	Tammy Gibbons (mistressofcribbage)
5	300	Daniel Crete (dec)
6	298	Jerry Griffin (meatloaf627)
7	297	Kelly Ann Bugar (lithummpfer)
8	286	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	263	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
10	262	Donald Olney (olney47)

**Important**—there will be no online ACC tournaments on the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day. I hope all of you enjoy your family time and that the TDs relax and take a much needed break. There also will be no ACC regular tournament on December 16 due to a special event!

Brainstormers **James Morrow** and **Jen Curnow** are holding a best-of-five bracketed tournament all day on Saturday, December 16. (This will eliminate the 1p tourney that day.) It will be in the room labeled “ACC Lounge 1.” **You must preregister** with Jen via email ([jcurnow@att.net](mailto:jcurnow@att.net)).

You’ll receive a return email with details and instructions because Challenge brackets will be involved to find your opponents (the ecribbage bracket won’t work for this format). See Jen’s article on the facing page for more details. The top four finishers will be awarded various PRO memberships!

Congrats to **Nancy Roncetti** (*nunzia*) on achieving Life eMaster (★)! Nancy is only the ninth person in ACC history to achieve this prestigious level. It was a pleasure to meet you at Grand National, Nancy. Well done!

At last! Look for the switch from the original ACC logo to the current one in your profile/bling boxes. **Jen Curnow** (*JJx7Fan*) has been working tediously on these, one member at a time, which is a huge undertaking! Please email me or Jen if you don’t see yours changed over.

Thanks to **Jennifer Johnson** for designing a certificate I can award to the Player of the Month. I will email these monthly to the player with the most IRPs earned, along with certificates for a grand slam, 28-hand, or 29-hand.

### Point Leader of the Month

**Betsy Miller** (*weezieboop*) @ 187 IRPs

### Internet 29-Hands

**Marilyn Gaudreau** (*mohini*)

### Internet 28-Hands

**Tim Julkowski** (*timoregon2854*) — x2

**Bernard Palmer** (*bernie49251*)

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## Helping Hands by David Aiken

This list of 77 cribbage hands that *every* cut card helps first appeared in the December 2007 *Cribbage World*. I created the list with input from several ACC members. **Jeff Gardner** (Lewis Center OH) double-checked the starting, minimum, and maximum values. So the next time you absolutely, positively must have a cut, be sure to hold one of these hands, because they will be helped by the starter card—no matter what it is!

hand	start	min.	max.	hand	start	min.	max.	hand	start	min.	max.
A-A-3-4	2	4	10	A-4-5-7	0	2	7	2-3-6-7	2	4	8
A-A-3-5	2	4	8	A-4-5-8	0	2	7	2-3-6-8	0	2	7
A-A-3-6	2	4	8	A-4-6-7	0	2	7	2-3-7-8	2	4	7
A-A-4-8	2	4	8	A-4-6-8	2	4	7	2-3-7-9	0	2	6
A-A-5-6	2	4	8	A-4-7-9	0	2	5	2-3-8-9	0	2	7
A-2-2-6	2	4	8	A-4-8-9	0	2	5	2-4-5-7	0	2	8
A-2-3-4	4	6	10	A-4-8-T	2	4	6	2-4-5-8	2	4	8
A-2-3-5	3	5	8	A-5-5-7	2	4	8	2-5-6-6	2	4	12
A-2-3-6	3	5	10	A-5-6-6	2	4	12	2-5-6-7	5	7	12
A-2-3-7	3	5	10	A-5-6-7	3	5	10	2-5-7-9	0	2	7
A-2-3-8	3	5	10	A-5-6-8	2	4	8	3-4-5-6	6	8	16
A-2-4-4	2	4	10	A-5-7-10	2	4	6	3-4-5-9	3	5	12
A-2-4-5	0	2	7	A-5-7-J	2	4	6	3-5-6-7	5	7	12
A-2-4-6	0	2	6	A-5-7-Q	2	4	6	3-5-6-8	0	2	8
A-2-4-7	0	2	6	A-5-7-K	2	4	6	3-5-8-9	0	2	7
A-2-4-8	2	4	8	2-2-3-4	8	10	18	3-5-9-T	2	4	7
A-2-5-6	0	2	7	2-2-3-6	2	4	12	4-5-6-8	5	7	12
A-2-5-8	2	4	6	2-3-3-4	8	10	17	4-5-7-9	0	2	8
A-2-5-9	2	4	7	2-3-3-7	4	6	12	4-5-8-9	0	2	7
A-3-3-5	2	4	10	2-3-4-4	8	10	18	4-5-8-T	2	4	7
A-3-4-5	3	5	10	2-3-4-5	4	6	12	5-6-6-8	2	4	12
A-3-4-6	0	2	8	2-3-4-6	5	6	12	5-6-7-7	8	10	16
A-3-4-9	0	2	8	2-3-4-7	3	5	10	5-6-7-8	6	8	14
A-3-5-6	2	4	8	2-3-4-8	5	7	12	5-6-7-9	5	7	12
A-3-5-7	2	4	8	2-3-5-6	0	2	9	J-J-J-J	12	13	21
A-3-5-8	0	2	5	2-3-5-9	0	2	7				



Come join **Muggins, the Cribbage Elf** as he hosts eCribbage's **Cribbmas** standard Best of 5 online tournament!!

**Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup>    **Time:** 11:30 am EST    **Where:** eCribbage – ACC Lounge

You MUST preregister to play **NO LATER** than December 13<sup>th</sup>!  
Register by emailing JJx7Fan at jcurnow@att.net

**IRPs, PRO Prizes, and Bling will be awarded!**

# Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

*Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard*

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ [soule1994@comcast.net](mailto:soule1994@comcast.net) ◆

The holiday season is here! I am not sure how we went from a beautiful Grand National tournament and 70° days ➔ to the 30s. Maybe that is just in Maine. I want to say I missed my column last month, however with an eleven-day road trip with Mark and editor deadlines, I promised to make it up!

Another sad start to this month's column, **Hazel St. Cyr** (South Portland ME) passed away on October 21. Hazel was a fixture in New England cribbage and a great cook.

She would help us with the yummy breakfast breads at any tournaments that Mark, David, and I ran. Rest in peace, Hazel. We will miss you.

September 24 saw a new tournament in Maine. The Flying High Cribbage Classic in Kittery ME saw fifty-nine players at this inaugural event on the Maine/New Hampshire border. It was an all-Maine final with **Dave Peterson** in first and **Woody Woodman** second; the consy saw **Patrick Robrecht** in first, with **Barry Spadea** in second.

October 1 was the last tournament, after twelve years, at the Brookline Events Center in Brookline NH. Still in their honeymoon, directors **David Statz** and **Mary Burlington** directed the 38th annual New Hampshire Open. When the dust settled, **David Flaherty** came out on top of the field, with the nicest guy in cribbage (at least for 2023!) **Mike Fetchel** coming in second. With Mike's second place finish, he received his Life Master award. The consolation saw **Lou Petosa** come out on top over **Peter Legendre**. Peter did not have a rooster for good luck this year. Also, from this tournament, East Coast Commissioner and—some would say—my better half, **Mark Soule**, reached the 10,000-MRP threshold, earning his One Star. I think it was all my coaching.

October 7 saw another new Maine tournament, thanks to **Joe Bowen** and his continued efforts for cribbage in New England. The inaugural Seaside in Wells was held in Wells ME. The new tournament saw 64 players from all over New England. It rained, but that did not affect **Frank Reddy**, who drove up from Massachusetts, as he won. Close to being a hometown hero (he is from Dayton, a couple of towns over), **Mike Steeves** came in second. It was a Maine showdown in the consolation, with **Ethan Guyaz** coming out on top over **Steve Braley**. It was a great location. We are excited for next year.

That leads us to Grand National 41. See elsewhere in this issue for all the fun! It was a great time had by all. **David Statz** and I played each other with the same pegs. ➔



His went faster! **Jerry Hardy** earned his One Star! Congrats to Eastern players **Kendra Munkacsy** on her Rookie of the Year award and **Mike Fetchel**, on the inaugural Jerry Gruber Sportsmanship Award. It was my pleasure to present this award to Mike. Congratulations to **Keith Widener** for his induction into the ACC Hall of Fame. (Pictures of Kendra, Mike, and Keith are on pages 31 and 15.) We were also lucky to have **Bill Medeiros's** daughters **Tracey**, **Lori**, and **Sherry** and granddaughter **Shea** in attendance, as we inducted "Willy" posthumously into the Hall of Fame. Bill became a HOF member in 2022, however, his daughters wanted to be present, so they were presented with pictures and his plaque in Virginia Beach. Bill, we miss you.



On October 29, the spooks were in Brewer ME. It was the third annual Spooktacular, and we were all dressed up. **Some** people just went along with their wives (here's looking at you, **Mark Soule**—see page 45). The finals saw a dinosaur and a clown, both from Maine. **Steve Braley** came out the winner, while **Steph George** came in second. The consolation saw **Arnold Ward** victorious over **Ethan Guyaz**.



The most recent tournament was the Boston Regional in Malden MA, directed by long-time player/new director **Frank "Reddy for Cribbage" Reddy** and codirected by long time player/new codirector **Bill "Billy" Cormier**. The venue was large, and the boys had everything down to a T. New England is proud of you two! High qualifier was that little dinosaur from Maine, **Steve Braley**. He even became Facebook famous! In the end, however, Maine native **Jerry Har-**

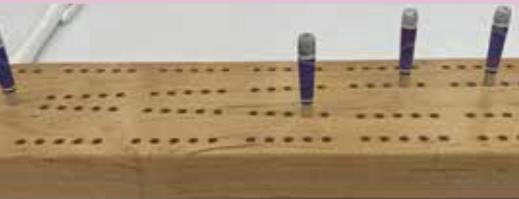


**dy** came out on top, over Rhode Islander **Paul Petit**. The consolation saw first-time winner **Joyce Keay** **beat out** **Carlyle Foss** for top honors.

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I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. See you in 2024!



# Grand National 41

*Cribbage World* asked the GN champ to give us his thoughts about his weekend in Virginia Beach. Here's his take on his last two matches.



**Sandy's first day at Virginia Beach. He has no idea that he's about to win GN 41!**

go back to the deck from games 1 and 2. He confirmed that the player can choose a prior deck. Somewhat disappointed because that deck was not favorable to me in the first two games, nevertheless we went back to the original deck of cards. As it turned out, I won game 5 to advance to the finals.

Not expecting history to repeat itself, I found myself down 2–0 to **Ken Johnson** in the final match. I asked for a different deck. The tides again turned, and I won games 3 and 4. Ken asked if he could go back to the original deck. I shrugged and said coyly: “You can, but it didn’t do Lana any good.” Good fortune, good cuts, and good cards found their way back to my side of the board, and I won the fifth and final game of the match—and Grand Nationals 41!

**Editor’s note**—Here’s a tidbit that Sandy didn’t mention. In the last hand of game four in the finals, Sandy got quad 3s on Ken, like this:

Ken	3		3 (for 6)		10		{go}
Sandy		3 (for 2)		3 (for 12)		5	4 (for 2)

Sandy pegged 16 points and had a 12-hand and an 8-crib, for a total of 36 holes on one deal! And then in the first hand of game five he got quad 5s:

Sandy		2		5 (for 2)		5 (for 12)
Ken			5		5 (for 6)	{snip}

Sometimes things go according to plan!

## How to Win Grand National

by *Sandy Sands*

During the semifinals, I was down 2–0 to **Lana Newhouse**. I asked for a different deck. I won the next two games. So Lana asked for the first deck back. I wasn’t certain of the ruling, but I knew each player could request a new deck once per match, so I asked the TD if it had to be a different deck or if Lana could



**Sandy receiving the President’s Award on Saturday night. He still has no idea what’s coming!**

## All's Well That Ends Well

**Barri Gehrand** (Marietta GA) scored 12/5 in the midweek consolation, so he waited around to see if he qualified, knowing he probably wouldn't. When he heard that the bottom qualifier was 12/6, he took off. But then he got a call: "They are waiting for you in the playoff room." Barri said he thought that was wrong, but he'd come back and check. Upon returning to the playing venue, he found out that sure enough, he had not qualified. (The cross-checkers somehow misread his carefully printed 12/5 as 12/6.) Meanwhile . . .

**Kris Bailey** (San Diego CA) scored 12/6 +22, so knew he would be close to the cutoff (his three losses were close ones to David Statz, James Morrow, and Terry Cushman). He waited until he saw that he was high nonqualifier, and then was out the door, planning on some beach time with his wife's family, who lives nearby.

When Barri's scorecard was eliminated, the TDs scrambled to rearrange the playoff bracket and to find Kris and get him to the playoff room. Good thing they did, as this low qualifier went all the way to the finals before losing to the champ.

After rushing back to the hotel, Kris won the next eight games to sweep into semifinals. He lost his first semifinal game but easily won the next two to get to the finals against **Haley Hintze** (Carpentersville IL), whom Kris knows through poker. Haley had a 24-hand and 6-crib, and then a 16-hand going down third street to win the final game. It was, Kris says, a fun experience, especially since his wife and youngest boy got to watch his final match.

Congrats to Kris for his exciting run from nonqualifier to second place (alas, he is now 0-7 in finals). And kudos to Barri for insisting that the cross-checkers look at his scorecard again. CW hopes that Barri wins the very next tournament he plays. Honesty is always the best policy!

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☞ This year's five playoff events at Virginia Beach proved, once again, that you don't have to qualify high to make the finals. All you have to do is get your foot in the door.

event	winner	qualifying position	runner-up	qualifying position
GN Opener main	Jeff Shimp	23/43	Ray Klocko	28/43
GN Midweek main	Daniel Pluff	16/49	Rick Allen	7/49
GN Midweek consy	Haley Hintze	16/43	Kris Bailey	43/43
GN 41 main	Sandy Sands	51/71	Kenneth Johnson	64/71
GN 41 consy	Charlene Cohen	21/47	Jerry Ensminger	18/47

☞ **David Statz** (Amherst MA) had a good week at the beach. He won the Wednesday night satellite and was high qualifier in the GN main with 37/16 +222.



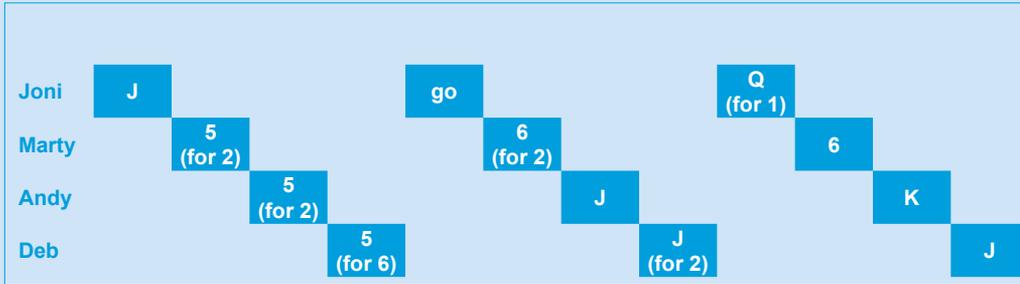
# Grand National 41

## 112 Points in One Deal!

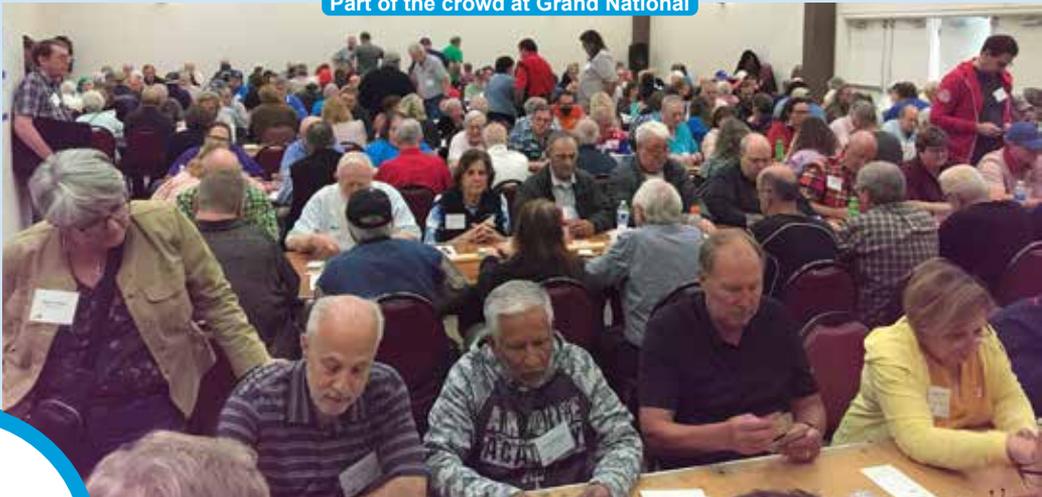
**Deb Taylor** and **Marty Duchow** (Unionville CT) played **Joni Pennington** and **Andy Stireman** (Lake Ann MI) in game nine of Canadian Doubles at Grand National. In the third hand of the game, Deb was dealing in hole 64, with the ponies in hole 48. By the end of the hand, Joni and Andy were over the skunk line in hole 93, and Deb and Marty won the game with 10 points to spare! In this one hand, Joni and Andy scored 45 points, and Deb and Marty had 67! Here are the hands: both teams tossed 3-7, and the 5 of Clubs was the starter card:

player	hand	score
Joni	10-J-Q-Q	16
Marty	4-5-6-6	24
Andy	5-Jc-Q-K	18
Deb's hand	5-J-J-Q	16
Deb's crib	3-3-7-7	12

Here's how the pegging went (the far right column shows total points scored by each player during pegging):



Part of the crowd at Grand National





Michael Crume (Nine Mile Falls WA) and Troy Thorson (Loveland CO) at Grand National. Says Mike: "Personally, I think people stare because we're just so damn sexy."

¶ If you're going to get knocked out of the main playoffs, you might as well (a) do it in time to enter the consolation and (b) win the consy. And that's exactly the route that Master **Charlene Cohen** (Honolulu HI) followed in Grand National. She lost in the first round of the main playoffs on Sunday morning, entered the consy, and then won six consecutive matches to become GN consy champ!

¶ Speaking of GN consy: the finals featured players from the only two noncontiguous states. Runner-up **Jerry Ensminger** lives in the largest city in the 49th state (Anchorage and Alaska, for those of you bad at both geography and history), and champion



**Charlene Cohen**

(photo on front cover) lives in the largest city in the 50th state (Honolulu and Hawaii, and ditto with the snide editorial comment).

¶ Two players were GN latecomers. **Chris Leishear** (Montgomery Village

	points scored
go	9
4 (for 1)	5
Q	2
Q (for 2)	10
Q 10 (for 7)	

MD) didn't decide to attend GN until Friday; not to worry, he qualified #3 and made it to the third round. **Troy Thorson** (Loveland CO) made his flight reservation for GN on Thursday, and he did even better. Troy qualified #2 and made it all the way to the quarterfinals. Apparently it pays to be procrastinate!

¶ While playing **Rick Shea** (Eureka CA) in the Grand National consy, **Meme Schafer** (Battle Creek MI) got a 28-hand on first street to tie the game on second. That was her only good hand, as Rick then proceeded to skunk her!

¶ This year saw the largest GRTOC ever in the Eastern Region. Sixty-four players joined the fun on Thursday night, and **William Eilers** (Pahrump NV) turned in a near slam scorecard (16/8 +113), followed by **Rick Shea** (Eureka CA) in second.

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# Grand National 41

DEAR ACC . . .

by Kat Hartsell (Spokane WA)

My first ACC Grand National is finished and in the books. My experience was one I will never forget, and it was not only because of the venue and overall experience, but the incredible people and the lifelong lessons I took back to Spokane.

This year, it took place in beautiful Virginia Beach VA. An untapped area for me personally, the Atlantic Ocean has only been something I could gaze upon, never had I dipped my toes in. This is probably one of the reasons I was so keen on going, and I am happy to say I got to spend some time on the beach, looking for shells and waving at the dolphins. If you haven't experienced the colors of Virginia Beach in the fall, the pinks and purples of the sunset, or the sound of the waves crashing against the beach (or soaking you to the bone because you weren't anticipating the water to come up so high!), and you have the opportunity, don't skip it. It is a must for all.

Every Grand National hosts an in-person ACC board meeting. ↓ So naturally, as I am sure everyone has done, I chose to attend it! Boy, was I surprised to only see about six non-board members in attendance! After hour four, I started to understand. Annnnd by hour seven, I was one of two non-BOD members still in attendance. The meeting was long, but so informative. I was pleasantly surprised to see how eager the board was to hear input, so of course I was happy to give some. President **James Morrow** keeps the meeting running at a brisk pace, but also lets everyone have their say. Could the meeting have been shaved about thirty minutes if I hadn't been there? Maybe, but I feel certain agenda items wouldn't have gone the way they would have had I not raised my hand. Everyone should feel like they can contribute to such important meetings, and I appreciated that the board let me have my moment (or moments!). I will absolutely attend any and all that I may be in the vicinity of for the future, and I encourage anyone that may be interested to take the time as well.

My biggest cribbage takeaway this week is "the game isn't over until 121 points are scored." I could have won a couple games if I hadn't given up because I was dealing from eighteen out and they only had six to go. It was a wakeup call and a rude one



at that. I also saw and learned how to *not* lose a game. And I mean attitude wise, how to be a gracious loser. I saw respected men and women fall from the pedestals I had them on, game after game. We all go into playing this game knowing that there will be a winner and a loser, and the cards are fickle. At any given tournament, only 25% of players are qualifiers, which means 75% (dare I say) are nonwinners. We



can go in expecting to win every single game, but understanding that if we lose, our reaction needs to be the same as if we had just won. We are all there for two reasons (I hope), and that is to have fun, and (maybe, if we are in the cribbage goddess's favor) to win. Unfortunately, there has to be a loser for there to be a winner in every game. So when we lose, why are we acting as if it is so unexpected?

Let's be real here, the cards were rough, but the experience I gained while surrounded by some of the cribbage "greats" was immeasurable. I was invited to be in a house with twenty-three (yes, you read that correctly) other people for an entire week. I will be honest when I say I was nervous; I knew a handful of the people that would be there and only a couple that I had more than some passing conversations with. I (and I am sure most everyone else) was pleasantly surprised at how well we all got along and enjoyed ourselves. Good food, fun times, coaching, beach explorations, roommates talking in their sleep, pranks and jokes played on one another, games played at the airport as we waited for our flights, and even on our flights as we left Virginia Beach—all of these experiences brought on a happiness I didn't know I was missing. Were we there to play cribbage or to enjoy a week away from the monotonous every day to-do's? Because honestly, I am not sure. I will forever remember this week if just for the friendships that were built.

The best advice I can give that I learned from this week is that if you love something, if you love to *do* something *so* much, find a way to do it. Life is short. Do what you love, don't live life with regrets. Do whatever you can to fill that passion. I know I am going to. I am going to continue to search for that joy and happiness that the cards and this week gave me. I am going to hold onto the friendships that were forged and strengthened from this Grand National. I will strive to find that in every event I attend from here until forever! The joy that cribbage brings me I want to spread to others, and that doesn't just include the game but all the extras that come with playing cribbage—the friends, the locations, the happiness and fun.

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# Dale's Tales

*Cribbage Stories by Dale Magedanz  
CW's Milwaukee Correspondent*



## GN 41 Edition

☞ While sitting next to **David Statz** in the GN41 midweek, **Jane Vander Loop** saw David's opponent get a cut and take 16. David replied: "I have three more than you." Hmm.

☞ **David Aiken** bolstered his frequent flyer miles. He flew out to Virginia Beach for the Grand National but he didn't stay very long. He wasn't about to miss **Jeff Gardner's** wedding. So, two days after he arrived, he flew to Ohio for the festivities. After that, he flew back to Virginia for the conclusion of the GN. He needed to get back to Michigan, so back on the big bird and more miles. What's the total, Dave? *[editor's note: 2,351 miles, but who's counting?!]*

☞ **Jim Crawford** was at my table and saw me drop the first eight games. I got skunked by 41 on three occasions before I turned it around. Jim saw me beating up on my opponents and said: "See, he knows how to play this game when he gets good cards." Sorry to report that my 27/11 +3 fell short.

☞ One of my favorite sayings is: What are the odds? While playing point chaser **Bob Chase** at GN 41, I had some fun with him. I'm holding three 10s and a Jack. Bob's first lead is a 10. So I do my favorite move of dropping all three 10s. I call 20 and peg two. Bob's comment was: "Which one do you want to play?" It was a first-time experience for Bob, and he

insisted I submit it. It's rare that someone will lead the case card. At GN 41, it happened to me four times, and four times I dropped all three matching cards. What are the odds?

☞ The odds on getting a crib flush are 1 in 588 or 0.17%. During a consy in Virginia Beach, **Craig Smith** (Gresham OR) defied the odds getting them back to back against **Trevor Poole**. One was a Diamond straight flush. On his third attempt he was one spade short.

☞ I am still the tallest ACC member but my size 16 shoes are no longer the largest. At GN41, I spotted a larger pair under my table. I asked if they were size 18? Yes was the reply. My 16s are still a good foundation. They are even larger than 15-2. In comparison, the wrestler André the Giant wore 24s and basketball players Shaquille O'Neal and Bob Lanier wore 22s. This brings us to Robert Wadlow, who wore 37AA. Before his death, he was the world's tallest man at 8'11". His nephew is a friend of mine.

☞ Eighty-four-year young **Jeff Shimp** (Grand Haven MI) drove by himself fourteen hours to GN, arriving Tuesday morning. In the twelve-game main on Tuesday, he qualified 23rd out of the 172 players. Next came the playoffs, and around 1a, he found himself as the champion. Besides the stamina this youngster has, he still has game!



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Minnesota Open One Day (Chaska MN; Sep. 22)	Adam Switzer & Bob Joslin	74 players HQ. Allen Karr (45) 1. Adam Switzer (147) 2. Jeff Shimp (105) 3. Frank Duresky (70) 3. Robert Chase (70)	46 players HQ. Wendy Schmidt (21) 1. Bob Kiley (60) 2. Pete Christensen (40) 3. Wendy Schmidt (24) 3. Betsy Miller (24)		
Portland Doubleheader Pre- Game (Portland OR; Sep. 22)	Erik Locke & Tammy Gibbons	36 players HQ. Rick Baird (30) 1. Bob Brumley (105) 2. Steven Macomber (70) 3. James Morrow (42) 3. Jack Shumate (42)	14 players HQ. Tammy Gibbons (18) 1. Jason Hofbauer (24) 2. Tammy Gibbons (12) 3. Mike McCammon (4) 3. Don Dolezal (4)		
Jerry Gruber Memorial (Chaska MN; Sep. 23–24)	Adam Switzer & Bob Joslin	75 players HQ. Allen Karr (40) 1. Robert Chase (147) 2. Les Kvien (105) 3. Timothy Shaw (70) 3. Sara Sanner (70)	40 players HQ. Beth Schmidt (24) 1. Wayne Johnson (60) 2. Jeff Shimp (40) 3. Allen Karr (24) 3. Beth Schmidt (24)	28-hands: Wayne Johnson* John Schmidt*	Canadian Doubles: Sara Sanner & Sara Sandey
Portland Doubleheader (Portland OR; Sep. 23–24)	Erik Locke & Tammy Gibbons	48 players HQ. Michael Wertz (50) 1. Marcia Glenn (105) 2. Herschel Mack (70) 3. James Ney (42) 3. Tammy Gibbons (42)	20 players HQ. Erik Locke (12) 1. Steve Ellis (40) 2. Erik Locke (24) 3. Paul Hirschmann (12) 3. Jason Hofbauer (12)	28-hand: James Ney*	
Flying High Classic (Kittery ME; Sep. 24)	Joe Bowen	59 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (55) 1. <b>David Peterson</b> (105) 2. Eldon Woodman (70) 3. Frank Reddy (42) 3. Peter Legendre (42)	36 players HQ. Patrick Robrecht (15) 1. Jerry Hardy (60) 2. Barry Spadea (40) 3. Laurie Hardy (24) 3. Gary Tapley (24)		
Madison Masters (Appleton WI; Sep. 29–Oct. 1)	Terry Weber & Dan Selke	63 players HQ. Daniel Kuehn (35) 1. Jerry Newhouse (105) 2. Daniel Kuehn (70) 3. Edward Balcer (42) 3. David Aiello (42)	36 players HQ. Andy Stireman (12) 1. Wayne Steinmetz (60) 2. Dan Selke (40) 3. Dick Hammen (24) 3. Richard Horvath (24)	28-hands: Pete Wilbur* Chad Frischmann*	Friday: Wendy Pitts Saturday: Lewis Gurney

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

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Oregon Championship (Bend OR; Sep. 30–Oct. 1)	Rick Baird & Jason Thornton	53 players HQ. Erik Locke (50) 1. Ian Symons (105) 2. Don Hansen (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Erik Locke (42)	40 players HQ. Jason Thornton (15) 1. Valerie Beaver (60) 2. Jason Thornton (40) 3. Bethany Rolfsen (24) 3. James Morrow (24)		Mid-roller: Duane Toll
New Hampshire Open (Brookline NH; Oct. 1)	David Statz & Mary Burlington	114 players HQ. Carl Deyette (40) 1. David Flaherty (147) 2. Mike Fetchel (105) 3. Richard McCollem (70) 3. Peter Grant (70)	62 players HQ. Scott Johnson (18) 1. Louis Petosa (60) 2. Peter Legendre (40) 3. Phyllis Schmidt (24) 3. Barbara Berg-Fennessey (24)	28-hand: Donald Thompson*	
Grand National Opener (Virginia Beach VA; Oct. 10)	Keith Widener & Laurie Schmitz	170 players HQ. Peggy Shea (60) 1. Jeff Shimp (196) 2. Ray Klocko (147) 3. Andy Stireman (105) 3. Robins Buck (105) 5. Haley Hintze (70) 5. Ron Shelton (70) 5. Ethan Guyaz (70) 5. Rick Kimberlin (70)			Tuesday: Cy Madrone
Grand National Midweek (Virginia Beach VA; Oct. 11–12)	Megan Player & Jennifer Johnson	194 players HQ. David Aiello (50) 1. Daniel Pluff (196) 2. Rick Allen (147) 3. Kevin Mansfield (105) 3. Cynthia Wark (105) 5. Jack Silvia (70) 5. Bob Prochnow (70) 5. David Eric Brokken (70) 5. Ivan Wells (70)	170 players HQ. Steven Braley (21) 1. Haley Hintze (112) 2. Kris Bailey (84) 3. Bob Joslin (60) 3. David Bute (60) 5. Scott Earley (40) 5. Patrick Healey (40) 5. Dave Proctor (40) 5. Jerry Hardy (40)	28-hands: Brad Gronli* Jerry Hardy*	Wednesday: David Statz Thursday: Carlyle Foss

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Grand National 41 (Virginia Beach VA; Oct. 14–15)	Jack Howesare	284 players HQ. David Statz (55) 1. Sandy Sands (252) 2. Kenneth Johnson (196) 3. Tom Briski (147) 3. Lana Newhouse (147) 5. Jim Maffa (105) 5. Ed May (105) 5. Peter Setian (105) 9. Kendra Munkacsy (70) 9. Emilio Perez (70) 9. Marsha Mahan (70) 9. Sandy Shrum (70) 9. Rick Montague (70) 9. Steve Sundet (70) 9. Laurie Schmitz (70) 9. Jason Matheny (70)	186 players HQ. Robert Chase (24) 1. Charlene Cohen (112) 2. Jerry Ensminger (84) 3. Terry Weber (60) 3. Peggy Shea (60) 5. Bob Joslin (40) 5. Paul Barnes (40) 5. Kristina Wright (40) 5. Jason Ramelow (40)	28-hands: Tammy Gibbons* Virginia Grogan* Bob Prochnow* Meme Schafer* Anthony Yaeger* Joe Gates Ron Musolf	GRTOC: Bill Eilers Friday: Fred Adolphson Canadian Doubles: Tom Briski & Scott Fritz Saturday: Kathie Nordlund

## Tourney Tidbit

**Twins?** **Jerry Hahn** (Winston OR) and **Monica Newton** (Waldport OR) were sitting next to each other at the Salem OR on October 21–23. In the same hand in their respective games, Monica held 4-5-6-Q of Hearts, and Jerry held 4-5-6-K of Hearts. Both decks were cut and both cut cards were a 6 of Spades. What are the odds?!

## Are you a Cribbagehead? You are if you . . .

- are a member of the American Cribbage Congress
- are a member of a Grass Roots club
- play cribbage three or more times a week
- know the difference between Nibs and Nobs
- have traveled more than 500 miles to play cribbage
- have a trophy area in your house
- have read a cribbage strategy book
- own a cribbage strategy book
- dream about cribbage
- recognize all nine 24-hands at a glance
- know which cribbage player has the middle name Royland
- own four or more cribbage boards
- have ever made a custom cribbage board

If you score . . .

You are a . . .

1–3      wanna-be cribbagehead

4–6      fledgling cribbagehead

7+      certified cribbagehead

*based on an idea submitted by  
Geoffrey Rezek (Darrien CT)*

# Montana Rookies, 2022–23 Class

by Bob Byrd

Collectively, the Butte MT and Deer Lodge cribbage clubs are joined at the hip and share many facets of the game, including members who play weekly at both clubs. Success at one club usually translates to success at the other club.

A year and a half ago the two clubs received an influx of new players. Our new players came to us through a variety of means: friends of friends, newspaper articles promoting cribbage, nonsanctioned tournaments, cribbage fundraisers. And dare I say: sharing a beer with a stranger over a game of cribbage at the local pub.

Our newbies have just completed their first full rookie season and have done very well. To paraphrase longtime Butte member **LeRoy Mehring**: “I just can’t seem to get through this gauntlet of rookies!”

After **CathiJo Neff** left a nonsanctioned Idaho-Montana tournament finishing dead last, she vowed to become

one Montana’s best players. Since then she qualified in the 2023 GRNT, took second in doubles at the Billings, took two consecutive third place finishes in main events at Helena and Lodge, and qualified for the Butte and Deer Lodge mains.

**Tamara Bonato** earned her first MRPs in the Deadwood Open. Then she took second in the Deer Lodge main, followed up with winning Canadian Doubles in Helena a few days later.

**Stacy Murray** won the Anaconda nonsanctioned event in February 2022. In 2023 she qualified in the Worley ID and Butte mains, plus in Canadian Doubles with her mother (another member of the posse), **Judy Powers**, in both Butte and Deer Lodge.

In fall 2022 **Kathy Puccinelli** qualified in the Butte consy. In spring 2023, she finished in the money in Canadian Doubles in Missoula and Billings, and also qualified in the Deer Lodge main and the Missoula consy.

**Linda Isaacs** earned her first MRPs at the Worley consy. In fall 2023 she took second place in Missoula Canadian Doubles.

Rounding out our rookie class is **Diane Stanisich**, who cut her MRP teeth at the 2023 Aces and Eights main in Deadwood.

So if you plan on coming to Montana for the spring or fall roundups, you’ll have to run the gauntlet. If you’re unable to attend, you might be lucky enough to find one of our rookies out on the road chasing MRPs. Go ahead, try you’re your luck. . . . We dare you!

## Cribbage Quiz

Who was the most excited person at the Grand National awards banquet in Virginia Beach?

*answer on page 45*

# ACC Awards



{Wayne's words} My grandmother taught me how to play cribbage. I joined the ACC in 1991, and Warren Sondericker was my cribbage mentor. A member of Club 6 in Milwaukee, I've been club champion four times. My first tournament win was in St. Joe MI in 1993. I've won forty-one tournaments, including the recent Madison Masters consy in Appleton WI, which gave me my Five Star Award. My favorite tournament is Reno. My toughest opponent is my nephew Jimmy McCarty. My favorite cribbage moment this year was playing the Green Bay finals against my sister Valerie Degerstedt (**editor's note:** Valerie won!). My non-cribbage interests are golf and fishing.

**Wayne Steinmetz**  
(Hartland WI)  
Life Master (5★) #6

{Rob's words} I learned the great game of cribbage by watching my grandfather and grandmother play, and she later became an ACC tournament player at the age of 95! My home club is #104 in Malden MA, home to some of the greatest characters in the ACC: Frank "Bogey" Bogus and Stan Filipiak to name just two. I never really had a mentor but I have a "six pack" of great cribbage minds that I brainstorm with almost daily: Erik Locke, Terry Cushman, Dwight Christiansen, Dan Selke, Jason Matheny, and Chris Leishear. Their insights are invaluable in keeping my game as sharp as it can be. I've won forty-three tournaments since I joined the ACC in 1995. My favorite tournament is the National Open in Raleigh: I love the multiple formats and getting to view multiple popcorn matches throughout the week. My toughest opponents are Jerry Hardy, Kendra "Godzilla" Munkacsy, and David Statz—who I swear I've played two million times over the years! My favorite cribbage moment this year was coming within one peg of a twelve-game grand slam at the Kittery Flying High Classic. My other interests are fantasy sports, music trivia, cribbage travel, and very, very bad dancing!

**Robert Medeiros**  
(Dorchester MA)  
Life Master (4★) #12



Mark learned to play cribbage from his grandmother. He joined the ACC in 2003 and looks to the late, great Bill Medeiros as his cribbage mentor. A member of Club 375 in Portland, he has been club champion once and has earned his Bronze Award. Mark has won seventeen tournaments, with his first one being the 2004 Dennis Cousens Memorial consolation. Mark's favorite tournament is the David Campbell Memorial. His toughest opponents are Frank Reddy and Jim Maffa. His favorite cribbage moment this year was beating Vicki in the finals of the Daniel Webster Open consy. Non-cribbage interests are spending time with his wife Vicki and playing Strat-O-Matic baseball.

**Mark Soule**  
(Woolwich ME)  
Life Master (★) #128

## *Other Cribbage Award Winners*

- Life Master (4★) #9 — Todd Malmgren (Clackamas OR)
- Life Master (4★) #10 — Cy Madrone (Santa Barbara CA)
- Life Master (2★) #54 — Mike McDaniel (Springfield OR)
- Life Master (★) #127 — Troy Thorson (Loveland CO)



{Mike's words} I learned to play cribbage from my dad, mom, grandma, and grampa, starting around twelve years old. I'd come home from school and watch them play for hours. I joined the ACC in 2000 and look to Phil Martin and members of Club 26 as my cribbage mentors. As a member of Club 26 in Hartford

**Mike Fetchel**  
(Durham CT)  
Life Master #287

CT, I've been club champ three times. My first tournament win was in West Springfield MA in 2004. I've now won twelve tournaments (seven mains and five consolations). I earned my Life Master ranking when I made it to the finals at the New Hampshire Open in Brookline NH. My favorite tournaments are National Open in Raleigh NC, Grand Nationals, and JPW/ACC Open in Reno. The ACC has the greatest

collection of cribbage players ever assembled in the history of the world, so naming my toughest opponent is difficult, but if I had to name one, it would be Rob Medeiros. My favorite cribbage moment this year was attending Grand National in Virginia Beach and getting to see and meet up with so many ACC members from all over the country. I love playing all types of games, including backgammon, poker, hearts, euchre, and dominoes. I'm an avid sports fan, with hockey and baseball being my favorites. I also love casino gambling and will visit any casino that will take my money.

{Andy's words} My maternal grandmother, Octa Hruska, taught me how to play cribbage, and she made me play muggins! I joined the ACC in 2013 and have several cribbage mentors. At my first tournament, Dave Aiken was standing behind me and after a hand said, "If you had thrown A-4 into your crib you would have guaranteed a minimum of two points." At the time I was certain I already knew everything about cribbage but he explained to me why the 5-combo was a two-point guarantee, and instantly I realized I didn't know nearly what I thought. So many others have helped me along the way: Dan Selke, Terry Weber, Jeff Shimp, and John Hazlett. A member of Cherry Peggers Club 432 in Traverse City MI, I've been club champion once. My first tournament win was the 2016 consy in Stevensville MI. I beat Dan Selke in the finals, and he reminds me often! I've now won two mains and eight consolations. My favorite tournament is any tourney in Battle Creek MI. More than half of my tournament wins have been there! My toughest opponent is Erik Locke (duh!). My favorite cribbage moment this year was driving to and spending time in Virginia Beach with the love of my life, fellow ACC member, Joni Pennington. Non-cribbage interests are watching NFL football in the fall with Joni; hanging with my dad (we golf, hunt, fish, and play all kinds of card games together—he's one of my best friends); and spending time with family. I won my first fourteen games in the 2018 Reno main. I had 28/14 at the break and lost six games after lunch, that fourteen in a row was a hoot! (Duane Toll was one of my victims.) I may have earned the title of Grand Master but I feel like I'm still learning about the game.

**Andy Stireman**  
(Lake Ann MI)  
Grand Master #484

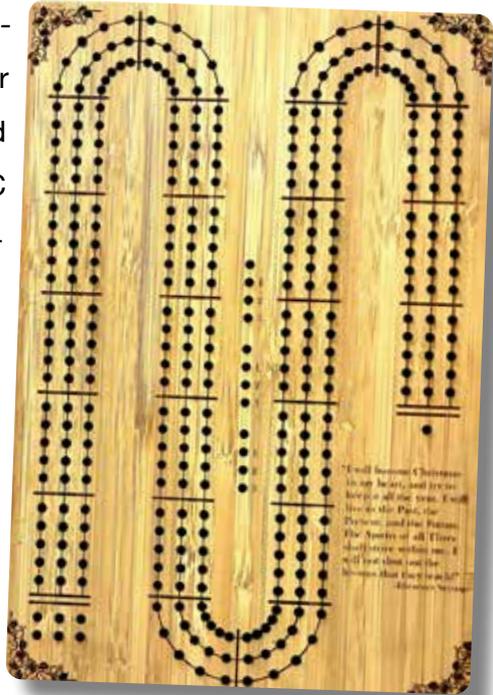


1. Jordan Hammond (IA): Iowa Classic (Sep. 16)
2. Terry Ward (CA): Barn Café Challenge (Sep. 24)

*New Cribbage Master*  
1055. Adam Switzer (Waconia MN)

## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

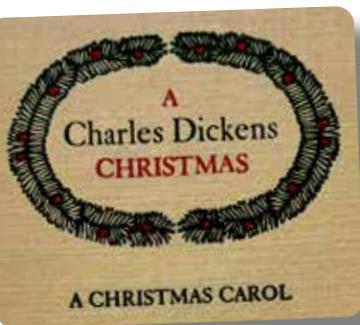
'Tis the season! Most of us will be celebrating this holiday season one way or another. This month's cribbage board is a celebration of Christmas for ACC member **Chuck Shields** and his family. Chuck lives in Bradenton FL and learned to play cribbage while stationed in England during the 1960s. His son, Christopher, is a 3D computer graphic designer and made this board as a Father's Day gift. The board combines Chuck's favorite game, cribbage, and his favorite book, Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. The quotation at bottom



right on the board reads: **I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future.**

**The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach.**

Wherever and whenever you celebrate this year, I wish you Happy Holidays and Happy Pegging. Also, I hope the New Year will bring you good cards and good cuts.



**Jay Fulwider** collects cribbage boards in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: "Just keep your pegs moving." Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to [budandotis@msn.com](mailto:budandotis@msn.com) (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line).

# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Elite Junior Cribbage Player Angelina Villalobos (Oroville CA, age 15)

*Note: Shortly after learning to play cribbage, Angelina was diagnosed with chronic Crohn's disease. She currently has infusion treatments every five weeks, which last three to four hours. To pass the time, she and her mom play cribbage.*

### When did you learn to play cribbage?

I learned when I was nine years old. I wanted to know how to play because my mom was playing in tournaments on weekends, and I wanted to travel with her and understand what she was doing at these events.

### Who taught you how to play?

My mom, **Lori Boyer**, and my grandma, **Emma Schambach**, taught me. I picked up the game really fast and played a month later in the Paradise Youth Tournament. That event didn't have enough players for two age groups, so I played with everyone and came in second place against **Wyatt Hagen**, who was fourteen at the time. I was nine.

### Do you play in a Grass Roots club? Where?

In 2020 I started playing in the Paradise Club. Then, in 2022, after Covid was no longer a big issue, my mom restarted a Grass Roots club in Oroville, and I've been playing there ever since.

### Adult/youth tournaments you've played in? Best finishes?

I've played a lot of youth tourneys, including multiple times in the Sierra Youth Tournament in Grass Valley, where I took first place in the 11u division in 2019 and 2020. I participated in the Memorial event in Sacramento. I also played the one year there was a youth tournament in Paradise. In addition, I've played Youth Grand Nationals 2, 3, and 4. In YGN2, I took third place in 11u; in YGN3, also playing in 11u, I came in second. In June of this year, I won YGN4 playing in the 12o division. I've also entered adult tournaments in Antioch (where I took first place in the consolation), the Eureka/Paradise Fire Tribute, the consolation in Monterey, and in Reno at both the ACC Open and the Veteran's Day Classic.

### What's your favorite part of playing cribbage?

I love all the math I have to do in my head when I play cribbage. Math is my favorite subject at school and has always come easy for me.

### Do you have a favorite memory?

My favorite memory was when I skunked **Terry Higgins** in Monterey after he said he was going to get revenge from the Santa Slam consy when I beat him in the finals.





# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of November 6

**100 MRPs minimum**

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	494	Erik Locke	1	517	Jeff Shimp	1	400	Donna LaFleur
2	375	Sandy Sands	2	455	Robert Chase	2	382	Rick Allen
3	360	Kevin Mansfield	3	349	Terry Weber	3	284	David Statz
4	348	Charlene Cohen	4	346	Daniel Pluff	4	262	Robins Buck
5	280	Dave Yaeger	5	315	Haley Hintze	5	249	Rick Montague
6	273	Ray Klocko	6	276	Steven Post	6	236	Patrick Robrecht
6	273	Roland Hall	7	267	Allen Karr	7	234	Jerry Hardy
8	268	Sara Sanner	8	239	Clay Collier	8	227	Phil Martin
9	263	William Eilers	9	236	Ann Trotter	9	226	Ethan Guyaz
10	252	Bob Brumley	10	233	Andy Stireman	10	223	Mike Fetchel
11	247	Rick Baird	11	208	Cynthia Wark	11	218	Peter Legendre
11	247	Darlene Stier	12	203	Jim Mahan	12	216	Mark Soule
13	240	Tammy Gibbons	13	201	Adam Switzer	13	208	Kenneth Johnson
14	230	Troy Thorson	14	187	Patrick Healey	14	185	Robert Medeiros
15	222	Bob Bartosh	15	186	Les Kvien	15	179	David Flaherty
16	216	Peggy Shea	16	185	Bob Joslin	16	160	Sandy Shrum
17	213	Steve Sundet	17	184	Dan Taylor	17	144	James Hearon
18	205	Bob Prochnow	17	184	Lana Newhouse	18	137	Peter Setian
19	196	David Bute	19	182	Chad Frischmann	19	131	John Morch
20	187	Carol Perko	20	177	Tom Briski	20	130	David Peterson
21	183	James Morrow	21	172	David Aiello	21	128	William Cormier
22	178	Bernie Nelson	22	171	Jason Matheny	21	128	Joe Zimmitti
22	178	Lori Boyer	23	167	Bob Kiley	23	125	Peter Grant
24	166	Jack Shumate	24	165	Frank Duresky	24	122	Jonathan Pinyan
25	164	Don Dolezal	25	157	Henry Brandner	24	122	Charles Booker
26	158	Joe Gates	26	153	Kristina Wright	26	119	James Edgar
27	157	Alice Souza	27	150	Todd Schaefer	27	118	David Clemmey
28	154	Jim Rosso	28	146	Bob Hanes	28	113	Keith Widener
29	152	Jones Horn	29	138	Eric Jensen	29	112	Larry Phifer
30	149	Bryan Gudden	30	130	Mike Miller	30	110	Jim Maffa
31	145	Ronnie Murakami	31	127	Dan Selke	31	107	Carl Deyette
32	143	Mary Gates	32	125	Wayne Steinmetz	32	105	Ron Shelton
33	142	Herschel Mack	33	123	Ed May	32	105	Richard McCollem
34	141	Charlette Springer	33	123	Dale Magedanz	34	102	Laurie Schmitz
35	135	Richard Anderson	35	122	Marsha Mahan			
36	130	Frank Hanson	36	118	Michael Henze			
37	129	K. C. Carder	37	115	Timothy Shaw			
38	128	Margery Clark	38	110	Jerry Newhouse			
38	128	Robert Cox	39	108	Jeff Machovsky			
40	120	Ivan Wells	40	105	David Eric Brokken			
41	119	Kris Bailey	40	105	Marlene Lazachek			
42	114	Gary Nerton	42	104	Doug Page			
43	111	Todd Malmgren						
44	110	Ian Symons						
44	110	Fred Garrin						
44	110	Larry Holman						
44	110	Wayne Koski						
48	107	Cy Madrone						
49	106	Wayne Morris						
50	105	Rob Palmer						

*The full list of regional standings will return.*

### Additional MRP Leaders

#### Western Region

MRPs name

121 Bill Schlabes

#### Eastern Region

MRPs name

112 Eldon Woodman

101 Kendra Munkacsy

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
<b><u>Rick Shea</u></b> 707.599.4605 31for14@gmail.com	<b><u>Patrick Barrett</u></b> 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	<b><u>Mark Soule</u></b> 207.442.9001 soule1994@comcast.net

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		
June 22–25, 2023	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra
March 1–3, 2024	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra

**WI ♦ Dec. 1–3, Jingle Bell Open**  
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader
Sheraton Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Jack Howsare
<b>Dec. 1, Pre-Virginia Beach Classic</b>
<b>Dec. 2–3, Virginia Beach Classic</b>

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341
<b>Dec. 8, Steve Lewis Memorial</b> TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Pete Maas
<b>Dec. 9–10, Depoe Bay Challenge</b> TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Greg Schleusner

**CO ♦ Dec. 9, Mountain View Winter Challenge**  
 VFW, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Jim Rosso

**NH ♦ Dec. 9–10, David Campbell Memorial**  
 Windrifter Resort, 337 Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Mark Soule (207.442.9001) & Frank Reddy

CA ♦ Barn Café Challenge
Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza
<b>Dec. 9, Barn Café Challenge #16</b>
<b>Dec. 10, Barn Café Challenge #17</b>

**HI ♦ Dec. 22–24, Abe Kealoha Extravaganza**  
 Honblue, 501 Sumner St #3B1, Kailua HI 96817. TD: Fred White (808.351.1296) & Marilyn Dyer

CA ♦ Sacramento 2024 Kickoff
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bob Bartosh (209.365.3232) & Alice Souza
<b>Jan. 4–5, Kickoff #1</b>
<b>Jan. 6, Kickoff #2</b>
<b>Jan. 7, Kickoff #3</b>

**WI ♦ Jan. 5–7, Wisconsin Dells Deal**  
 Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

**RI ♦ Jan. 7, Ocean State Open**  
 Providence Firefighters Hall, 92 Printery St, Providence RI 02904. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Joe Bowen

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<b>NC ♦ Smoky Mountain Classic Doubleheader</b>
Crowne Plaza, One Resort Dr, Asheville NC 28806. TD: Jacob French (678.517.2090) & Alan Rogers
<b>Jan. 11–12, Smoky Mountain Prologue</b>
<b>Jan. 13–14, Smoky Mountain Epilogue</b>

**AZ ♦ Jan. 12–14, Snowbird Special**  
 DAV Hall, 954 S 13th Ave, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Pam Pomeroy

<b>ME ♦ Bangor Doubleheader</b>
Seasons Grill, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04412. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley
<b>Jan. 13, Bangor Winter Classic</b>
<b>Jan. 14, Bangor Snowbowl</b>

**WI ♦ Jan. 19–21, American Pride**  
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

**OR ♦ Jan. 20–21, Its a New Year Tournament!**  
 Senior Activity Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

**CA ♦ Jan. 20–21, Peg for the Border**  
 Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Ave, La Mesa CA 91942. TD: Kris Bailey (574.722.4539) & Vee Casey

**NV ♦ Jan. 26–27, Schaefer Shuffle West**  
 Pass Casino, 140 Water St, Henderson NV 89015. TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

**FL ♦ Jan. 27–28, Emerald Coast Open**  
 VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL, 32548, Ft Walton Bch. FL 32548. TD: Jim & Paul Hearon (850.866.7866)

**CA ♦ Jan. 27–28, Pacific Coast Championship**  
 American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933. TD: Dick Lind (831.595.9920) & Raymond Lee

**NV ♦ Jan. 28, Bill's Bodacious Bash**  
 Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Henderson NV 89015. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & K. C. Carder

<b>AZ ♦ Scottsdale Doubleheader</b>
Elks, 6398 E Oak St, Scottsdale AZ 85257
<b>Feb. 2, Cactus Classic</b> TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Lynn Multari
<b>Feb. 3–4, Roadrunner Classic</b> TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

<b>MI ♦ MI Junction Doubleheader</b>
The Junction, 335 N Railroad St, Rives Junction MI 49277. TD: Jerry Adams (517.612.4455) & David Aiken
<b>Feb. 2–4, Cribbage @ MI Junction #1</b>
<b>Feb. 3, Cribbage @ MI Junction #2</b>

<b>NH ♦ Wolfeboro Doubleheader</b>
Windrifer Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)
<b>Feb. 2, Winter in Wolfeboro One-Day</b>
<b>Feb. 2–4, Medeiros Memorial</b>

<b>MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader</b>
VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642), Bob Chase, & Bob Joslin
<b>Feb. 2, Minnesota Snowball One-Day</b>
<b>Feb. 3–4, Switzer's Birthday Bash</b>

<b>VA ♦ Hampton Roads Doubleheader</b>
Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Jack Howsare (757.699.2999) & Laurie Schmitz
<b>Feb. 9, Hampton Roads #1</b>
<b>Feb. 10–11, Hampton Roads #2</b>

**WA ♦ Feb. 10, Super Sat One-Day**  
 VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

**WI ♦ Feb. 16–18, Go Green Bay**  
 Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

**ME ♦ Feb. 17, Capital City Classic**  
 American Legion, 400 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME 04330. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

**CA ♦ Feb. 23–25, Northern California Open**  
 Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fanucchi

**CA ♦ Feb. 26–28, Susanville Winter Classic**  
 Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

<b>NV ♦ The Big One!</b>
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501
<b>Mar. 1 ♦ TOC</b> TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

**Mar. 2-3 ♦ JPW/ACC Open**

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**entry form online at [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org)**

**NV ♦ Mar. 4-5, Topaz Winter Wonderland**

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

**CA ♦ Gold Country Doubleheader**

Senior Center, 11960 Heritage Oak Place #15, Auburn CA 95603. TD: Jon Kline (650.279.0001) & Scott Bartosh

**Mar. 9, Gold Country Classic #1**

**Mar. 10, Gold Country Classic #2**

**WI ♦ Mar. 15-16, Mick Michaelis Classic**

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

**OR ♦ Mar. 15-17, Northwest Open**

Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Pat Reynolds (541.403.0172) & Rob Palmer

**RI ♦ Mar. 17, Corned Beef & Cribbage**

St Joseph Veterans Hall, 99 Louise St, Woonsocket RI 02895. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle

**OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader**

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob Brumley (541.733.1136) & Betty Brumley

**Mar. 29, Super Sutherlin One-Day**

**Mar. 30-31, Sutherlin Shuffle**

**OR ♦ Newport Cluster**

American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 98374

**Apr. 6-7, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial**

TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

**Apr. 8-9, Spring Fling**

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

**Apr. 10-11, Alesia River Open**

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen

**Apr. 12-13, Dean Bauman Memorial**

TD: Monica Newton (154.181.9103) & Dana McClain

**NH ♦ Apr. 7, Granite State Classic**

American Legion, 797 Court St, Keene NH 03431. TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

**NC ♦ Spring Fling Doubleheader**

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

**Apr. 12, Raleigh Friday Pre-Fling**

**Apr. 13-14, Raleigh Spring Fling**

**NY ♦ Apr. 19-21, Western New York Open**

Moose, 45 Church St, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

**WI ♦ Apr. 19-21, Dianne Gurney Memorial**

Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

**CA ♦ Apr. 20, Wine Country Spring Open**

Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

**MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup**

**Apr. 20-21, Magic City**

Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble

**Apr. 22-23, Montana Trailhead**

Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble

**CA ♦ Apr. 21, George Shea Memorial**

7 Flags Mobile Home Clubhouse, 300 International Blvd, Sonoma CA 95476. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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**Eighteenth-century playing cards used by the Quistlings in Kronborg Castle in Denmark. (see page 19)**

**SD ♦ Deadwood Tripleheader**

Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Lane, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke

**Apr. 25–26, Deadwood Open**

**Apr. 27, Aces & Eights**

**Apr. 28, Calamity Jane Open**

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**2024 Atlantic Cruise Cluster**

Norwegian Getaway cruise ship, departing New York City on April 29. TD: Winona & Michael McDaniel (541.525.1292)

**Apr. 30, New York Opener**

**May 2–3, Nova Scotia Challenge I**

**May 4, Nova Scotia Challenge II**

**May 5–6, Nova Scotia Challenge III**

**May 9, Belfast Challenge**

**CA ♦ Humboldt Doubleheader**

Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**May 3, Humboldt Bay One-Day**

**May 4–5, Humboldt Bay Classic**

**WI ♦ May 10–12, Cribbage Weekend in America**

Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

**AZ ♦ May 11–12, Arizona Screaming Eagles**

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

**WA ♦ May 17–18, Washington State Open**

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

**NC ♦ Winston-Salem Doubleheader**

Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson

**May 17, Winston-Salem Open**

**May 18–19, North Carolina Open**

**OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader**

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob Brumley (541.733.1136) & Betty Brumley

**May 24, Super Sutherlin One-Day**

**May 25–26, Oregon State Open**

**WI ♦ May 24–26, Brat Stop Open**

Brat Stop, 12304 75th St, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Emilio Perez

**WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader**

Eagles, 6410 N Lidgerwood, Spokane WA 99208. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & Michael Crume

**May 24, Memorial Weekend One-Day**

**May 25–26, Memorial Weekend Two-Day**

**WI ♦ May 31–June 2, America's Dairyland**

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

**CA ♦ May 31–June 2, Montgomery Memorial**

Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Dr, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

**WI ♦ June 7–9, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle**

Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

**WI ♦ June 21–23, Peg for Pink**

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

**OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader**

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

**July 5, Super Sutherlin One-Day**

**July 6–7, 4th of July Special**

**WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader**

Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Chad Frischmann

**July 12–13, Heart of Wisconsin Classic**

**July 13, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic**

**OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader**

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

**July 12, Depoe Bay Shuffle**

**July 13–14, Shut Up and Deal**

**CA ♦ July 12–14, River City Shake Up**

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

**ME ♦ Bangor Doubleheader**

Seasons Grill, 427 Main St,  
Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joe Bowen  
(207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

**July 12, Running of the Lobsters**

**July 13–14, Lobster Peg Off**

**WA ♦ Sunnyside Cluster**

VFW, 614 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944.  
TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

**July 18–19, Weekday Challenge #21**

**July 20, Summer Classic**

**July 21, Western Region Championship**

**IL ♦ July 19–21, Marv Lang Memorial**

Cliffbreakers Center, 700 W Riverside Blvd, Arlington Heights IL 60004. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875) & Jerry Griffin

**NC ♦ National Open Cluster**

Double Tree, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham NC 27703

**Open Opener—details forthcoming**

**July 26–29, National Open**

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626)  
& Jennifer Johnson

**Come Monday—details forthcoming**

**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

**ID ♦ Sep. 13–15, Gem State Classic**

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

**NV ♦ Grand National 42**

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

**Nov. 12–14, GN 42 Midweek**

**Nov. 15–17, Grand National 42**

*Tournament Trail continued online*

**Cribbage Quiz Answer**

Hands down, **Betty Brumley** (Roseburg OR) was the most excited person at the GN awards banquet. Here's proof, as she receives her All American award!



The ACC already has a Farmer in the Dell living in Iowa. Now we have one in Maine! (story on page 23)



**Don't throw away your old *Cribbage World***

When you are 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.

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Hal Lamon

Our cribbage family lost one of its upstanding members when Hal Lamon, 90, passed on August 1. Hal was a wonderful volunteer for the ACC and especially for Grass Roots, where he was the long-time director of the Sea-Tac Peggers in Federal Way WA. A Grand Master, Hal was also the tournament director for the Mount Rainier Open in Tacoma for many years. He and his late wife of 58+ years, Joyce, traveled to many tournaments all over the Pacific Northwest, Reno, and at least one cribbage cruise. Hal served in the US Air Force, was the proprietor of two hardware stores, and later was manager of a Boeing Small Business Program, all while raising three children and later becoming a beloved grandfather. His willingness

to help others extended beyond cribbage—he volunteered for Jaycees and Boy Scouts and served on the local community college board of trustees. Hal also had a great love of dogs, particularly Samoyeds. At his celebration of life service, his family

honored him with a memento given to guests: a deck of cards with a fine picture of Hal and his last dog, Nikita. Hal's infectious laugh and sense of humor made playing a game of cribbage with him fun, win or lose. Hal was a true cribbage friend and wonderful member of our cribbage family, and he will be greatly missed.

### Lee Norris

We mourn the passing of Lee Norris (North Kingstown RI). Lee was a soft-spoken man who was on the ACC BOD for more than a decade and also directed a club in West Warwick RI. He traveled to many New England tournaments as well as up and down the East Coast. A native of the tiny logging community of Allegany OR, he learned cribbage as a child and then joined the ACC in 1985. After a twenty-two-year career in the US Navy, Lee went back to college, got his teaching degree, and taught remedial math for seven years before retiring. He enjoyed traveling, playing racquet sports and chess, and hacking away on the golf course. A good player who had earned his Gold Award and his Life Master rating, this cribbage friend will be missed.



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## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



End-game play sometimes requires some over-the-top Hollywood acting. If you have first count needing under five and you don't have enough points, discard fairly quickly and confidently. Especially if your opponent is not in range of pegging out. The dealer might easily surmise that your quick decision means you're out, so he could easily just try to garner as many pegs as possible, increasing your chances of scoring the pegs you might need.

Conversely if you need a big hand and the dealer is 5-9 pegs out, take your time discarding your hand, even if you have 4-5-5-6. The dealer will think you have a hand that needs help and he certainly won't provide you any with careless pegging.

And **do not** react positively or negatively to any cut. An astute player who might have poker skills in reading player tells could read you like a book. **Be an enigma!**

As for last month's column asking for help with A-3-5-7-8-Q, **Rich Baird** provided a few helpful tidbits.

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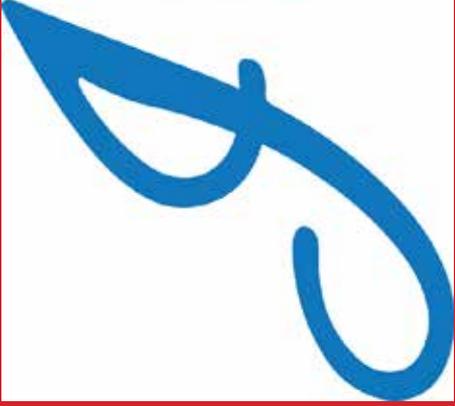
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