

Why so pale and wan fond lover?
Prithee why so pale?
Will, when looking well can't move her,
Looking ill prevail?
Prithee why so pale?

Why so dull and mute young sinner?
Prithee why so mute?
Will, when speaking well can't win her,
Saying nothing do't?
Prithee why so mute?

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The devil take her.

—*Sir John Suckling*





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President's Column

by James Morrow



Strategy and other stuff

I just returned from Sacramento CA. **Bob Bartosh** and **Alice Souza** held the start-of-the-year tripleheader. My cards were hot and cold all in the same tournaments: I played 66 games and won 33. I was .500 in every tournament, and we all know what that means! I qualified in 0% of the three mains and the two consolations I played. The consolations were ten and eight games so I could keep my average at 50%.

Bad beats—I had a few. In one of the more memorable games, **Kevin Harris** held 8-8-8-9 and we cut a 7, “just enough” but what a great hand. I also gave a few bad beats to others. **Ronnie Murakami** and I held identical hands, costing him ten pegging points and the game. The pegging went 4-4-9-9-2-2 go 6-6.

I tried to play the odds, and it seemed like I just wasn't meant to qualify. In one game, I'm dealing from 15 out and had what looked like a sure win. I deal myself A-A-4-4-5, so throw A-5 to my crib. I turn the starter card; it's an 8. I can almost see the look of disappointment on my face as I write this: no help for the hand but in the crib maybe? Before I turned the crib over, my opponent was quick to tell me they were glad to see the 4s in my hand and that he threw me 4-8. So with my A-5 and cut an 8, I proved that a 5 guarantees two points! I also lost that game.

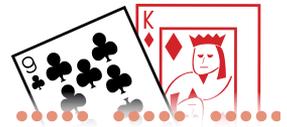
I traveled with **Rick Baird** and **Bob Brumley**, and since I wasn't doing anything during the playoffs, I took it upon myself to coach Rick, mainly because he was in the playoffs. I don't want to pat myself on the back, but *we* did make the main finals, and then when no one was looking **Darlene Stier** plopped down three 16-point hands in a row in game five to win the first main of the weekend. In the second main Rick did as well as I did (7 and 7), and in the consolation he won just one game.

As cribbage goes: 50% can get you in the playoffs. After a 1-7 consolation, all you have to do is average the next main back in. So in the third main, Rick had several of those great wins where on the other side of the board it's a bad beat. He was high qualifier, and as luck would have it he played Darlene in the second round. In game five it looked like Rick would get his payback, but Darlene left him in the dead hole to advance. Rick took it pretty well. I got a great picture of him giving her a congratulatory hug.

Happy pegging!



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Ethics Committee

I just reread the Bill Cooper letter [December issue, page 5] and the five new ones in the January *Cribbage World*. Emotionally they all strike a chord. Most of us would really prefer to not play with others who have been accused of cheating. But thanks to the Ethics Committee for making clear the requirements for expulsion. As a professional organization the ACC needs to adhere to certain standards. I'm glad to hear that we do, and I think we have it right on this issue.

Neil Fagerhaugh (Hugo MN)

Editor's note: *Cribbage World* thanks everyone who wrote concerning the ethics issue. All viewpoints have been aired in these pages, so we'll let Neil's letter close this issue.

Spokane Long Match

A long match will start in the Spokane WA area in April 2024. For more info, contact Timothy Julkowski at tim_the_bowler71@yahoo.com.

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

- David Filipiak (Bangor ME)
- David Wardwell (Bangor ME)

"We used to play cribbage!"

I am watching the pilot season of *So Help Me Todd*. In season 1.4 @ 31m (of 43m), when he is doing something he shouldn't be doing, he quickly turns away, and says: "Hey Karen . . . we used to play cribbage!"

Brenda Nason (Las Vegas NV)

Ruth Deals a 19-Hand

Congratulations on your impressive tenure as editor. *Cribbage World* is a fine magazine and had improved over the ten years I have been reading it. I am writing in hopes of getting this item in an upcoming issue: **Ruth Vienneau** is turning 90 in March. She is a very long time member of Club 130 in Rochester NY. Picking up on your 19-hand article in this month's CW, I was playing Ruth and was 8 holes from victory. She was dealing at 12 out. I figured I likely had the game won. Wrong. Ruth dealt me 3-4-7-10-Q-K. Not a point in the hand. I turned a 9, so even if you count all seven cards I had access to, there was not a single point to be had. Talk about a bad hand! I pegged one and then Ruth counted and went out for the victory.

Lawrence Jones (Rochester NY)

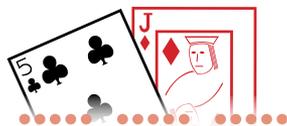
January Takeaways

Congratulations, **David**, on your new world record. Takeaways from the January edition: "mnemonic," "factoid," and "aspirational checklist." I like your style. Keep it up.

Rod Kazmerzak (Sun Prairie WI)

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

As far as I can tell, cribbage players are people. And like most humans, we tend to emphasize or remember bad news instead of good news.

Television stations stay in business by peddling doom and misfortune, by telling you to stay tuned so that you don't miss a breaking story about a disaster (whether local or on the opposite side of the world), by telling you how bad the approaching storm is going to be.

Ask most cribbage players about their most memorable game, and it'll be a loss—not a victory.

I still remember in detail how I lost an important match in 2009. Thanks for asking. Here's what happened.

I was the first pone in the deciding game of the match. After the first two deals, I was in hole 32, so this is good—right? Nope, it took me three deals to get off second street! I am soon dealing from 42 holes out, with my opponent 20-ish holes out. I deal myself 4-5-5-6-6-9. I toss

6-9 and pray for a 6-cut. Alas, I didn't get my kabangi cut, and so I still needed 20+ points to win the game and the match on the next deal. Which—spoiler alert—I did not win.

While this loss is still one of my more memorable ones, I know 350+ players that weekend who would have given anything to take second place in a prestigious tourney.

So rather than focusing on a single loss, it's better to remember that this was one of the most financially profitable tournaments I've ever had. Plus I earned lots of points. More importantly, I spent time playing a game I love with friends from all around the continent.

It may be a month too late to make an official New Year's resolution, but we can always resolve to remember good events, happy happenings, wonderful friends. Let's spend 2024 leaving bad things behind and focusing on good things.

What will *you* remember?

Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	60% (27-18)	✓ 73.2% (41-15)	60.3% (35-23)
biggest win	+39 vs. Linda Fisher (OR) @ Club 12	+36 vs. Sally Henderson (MI) @ Club 71	✓ +50 vs. Greg Lawless (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	-43 vs. Carl Natter (OR) @ Club 12	✓ -20 vs. Kim Paavola (MI) @ Club 71	-54 vs. Elaine Mori (MA) @ Club 104

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

As many of you are preparing to head to Reno NV for the ACC Open and TOC, I felt it would be appropriate to discuss the start of these prestigious events.

Master Rating Points (MRPs) were first awarded during the 1980–81 season. In 1982, the American Cribbage Congress Executive Committee and then the Board of Directors decided to put together an invitation-only event for the top 100 MRP earners from the 1980–81 and 1981–82 seasons. The event would be held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas and be titled the “Master Point Challenge Invitational.” The entry fee was \$100, and the invitation list totaled nearly 150 players.

Unfortunately with the high cost of transportation, lodging, entry, etc. only a few dozen players attended. **Dwight Van Cleve** (Denver CO) was the champion and pocketed \$1,200. The event was renamed the Tournament of Champions, and it was decided to hold the TOC again in November 1983. The second year would also feature an additional event, the Las Vegas Open, with an entry fee of \$31.

Again, the field was small but **Leo Schwedrsky** (Lyndon Station WI) had one of the greatest weekends ever in the

forty-three years of the ACC! Leo qualified #1 in the TOC with 39 game points, then finished #1 in the TOC playoffs, then finished #1 in the Las Vegas Open. A totally dominating weekend!

The ACC's board said “let's try it again,” and so the third annual TOC and second Las Vegas Open were held in December 1984. This time the state of Montana ruled the roost as **Gene Miller** (Florence) took the TOC title and Mr. Cribbage himself, **DeLynn Colvert** (Missoula), captured the Open. Still, the turnout was small so the Board of Directors moved the events to Karl's Silver Club in Sparks NV in the Reno area for the first weekend of February 1986. The invitational was still named the TOC, but the Open was renamed the ACC Western Open with an entry fee of \$43.

The tourneys boomed, with the TOC attracting 110 entries and the Western Open 202 players! The next year the TOC and Open were moved to the Sands Regency in Reno, and with the direction of **Syl Lulinski** and **Bob Madsen**, along with the terrific guidance of the wonderful **Barbara Woodward**, the events flourished and the rest is history!

Scott Kooistra has done just about everything in the ACC. He served on the BOD as member, VP, and president. He's been the national MRP champ twice and All American seven times. He's directed tournaments in seven states. And he was the youngest person elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame.

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GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 1/15

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
1 →	1	228	David Aiello (197)
	2	224	Tom Anderson (356)
	3	203	Duane Toll (62)
	4	194	Steve Colgan (467)
	5	187	Robert Medeiros (104)
	6	186	Brian Bell-Irving (62)
	6	186	Dennis Crooks (408)
	8	185	Brett Brunner (240)
	9	176	Joy Barnes (230)
	10	175	Thomas Beucler (388)
	10	175	Verdell Brand (96)
	12	169	Dwight Christiansen (382)
	13	168	Raymond Tondorf (308)
	14	167	Gerry Arseneau (308)
	15	166	Rex Paddock (347)
	16	165	Sharon Schaefer (400)
	17	164	Dick Lind (82)
	17	164	Dale Newberry (202)
	19	163	Nancy Rojas (162)
	20	162	Adrian Levy (374)
	21	161	John Hazlett (71)
	21	161	Bob Prochnow (79)
	21	161	Alice Souza (453)
	24	160	Ben Holder (43)
	25	159	Roy Martin (306)
	25	159	Bethany Rolfson (154)
	27	158	Grant Crawford (131)
	27	158	James Andres (11)
	27	158	Kenneth Nicholls (1)
	27	158	Dwayne Pankiw (261)
	27	158	James Ravenscroft (175)
	27	158	Gary Reichel (300)
	33	156	Rick Baird (12)
	33	156	Timothy Julkowski (377)
	35	155	Jim Egan (321)
	35	155	Gregory Gougian (314)
	35	155	Jeff Olson (22)
	35	155	John Piasecki (390)
	39	154	Bob Bartosh (453)
	39	154	Ronald Geerdes (396)
	39	154	Wayne Momsen (127)
	42	152	Jim Blough (71)
	43	151	Gary Duvall (148)
	43	151	Dan Sand (94)
	45	149	James Mahon (361)
	46	148	Ron Shelton (124)
	47	147	Ray Klocko (400)
	48	146	Cynthia Drozynski (173)
	48	146	Arthur Maycroft (71)
	48	146	Jerry Newhouse (90)
	48	146	Duane Schubauer (96)
	48	146	Louise Streeter (219)

rank	GRPs	name (club)
53	145	Allen Karr (61)
53	145	Craig Phipps (106)
55	144	Jack Howsare (117)
55	144	Dan Vogel (224)
55	144	Phillip Whitehouse (295)
58	142	Jon Bumstead (379)
58	142	Terry Hatto (261)
58	142	Rick Westerman (379)
61	141	Richard Anderson (204)
61	141	Frederick Bertorello (390)
61	141	Douglas Myers (329)
61	141	Reuben Sufka (94)
61	141	Gordy Wise (243)
66	140	David Aiken (71)
66	140	Tamara Bonato (391)
66	140	Ken Patenaude (464)
66	140	Jason Thornton (12)
70	139	Keith Bryant (117)
70	139	Jon Kline (190)
70	139	Jim Merritt (431)
73	138	Mike Gervais (277)
73	138	Steve Kaplan (408)
73	138	William O'Malley (46)
73	138	Chris Petersen (307)
73	138	David Suhr (202)
73	138	Rick Vee (96)
79	137	Chad Frischmann (445)
79	137	Chris Kim (177)
79	137	Joseph Murdock (175)
79	137	Larry Phiifer (58)
83	136	Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
83	136	Jones Hom (290)
83	136	Dave Parenteau (131)

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
4 →	1	136	Jerry Hedden (318)
	2	128	John Mealy (118)
	3	118	Carol Miller (118)
	4	112	Eunice Kendall (395)
	5	109	William MacMillan (211)
	6	108	Darryl Overstreet (395)
	7	107	Aaron Young (455)
	8	106	Doug King (452)
	9	100	Jerrie Millman (395)
	9	100	Hoss Reynolds (38)
	11	97	James Langley (205)
	12	95	Christopher Cook (461)
	12	95	Dulcie Hays (2)
	12	95	Steve Lancaster (274)
	12	95	Rhonda Perry (336)
	12	95	Brad Seger (39)
	12	95	Jeffrey Smith (39)



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Box Car Peggys Club 371 (Citrus Heights CA) held its GRRT on December 2. Everyone had a good time, and four players qualified. During the tournament, **Pat Grandinetti** and **Howard Mann** cut for deal to start their game. Both of them drew a 6. They laughed about it, Pat shuffled the cards, and they did it again: both drew a 6. They had another good laugh, and Howard shuffled. Pat again drew a 6—and so did Howard. Now it's getting crazy. Again Pat shuffled, again Howard cut a 6, as did Pat! They cut eight 6s in a row! On the fifth cut, Pat won the deal with no 6s. When Howard posted this on the club's Facebook page, club member **Barbara Erysian** (who teaches statistics) added the following comment:

Club 461 (Columbia SC)—**Christopher Cook** had a 28-hand on January 9. This is the first big hand at a brand new club, directed by **Jennifer Curnow**. Chris had a perfect card going until the last game, when Jennifer skunked him. Not to worry, he still went home the top winner of the night!



“You were right to be shocked! The probability of drawing two 6s is $3/51 = .059$. (This would be the probability of drawing any two matching cards without replacing them. This is 5.9% or ~6%. It happens.) The probability of drawing matching 6s the next time would be $4/52 * 3/51 = .0045$. Now, since all the draws are independent, we multiply the probabilities. So the probability of getting 6 & 6, 6 & 6, 6 & 6, 6 & 6 would be:

$$0.059 * 0.0045 * 0.0045 * 0.0045 = .000000005$$

The probability that this would happen is about 1/200,000,000! Absolutely astonishing!”

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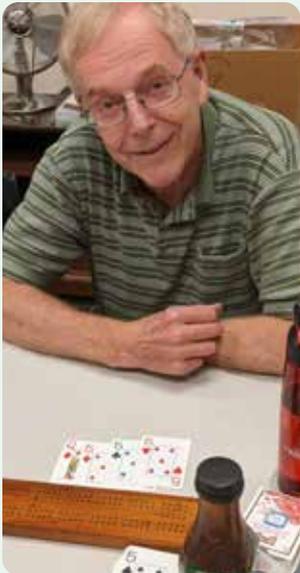
For the first time since **Club 219** (Colebrook NH) was formed in 1995, **not one player scored 12 points!** Of the nine players present, three scored 11 points, three scored 10 points, and one each scored 9, 7, and 6 points.

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Club 295 (Rochester Hills MI) handed out Christmas presents three weeks in a row. On December 13, **David Griffith** scored a grand slam (reported last month). On December 20, **Pierre Moncion** ➔ got a grand slam (first ever). And on December 27, **Kurt Rosenberg** ➔ got a 28-hand (his second ever)!



Club 104 (Malden MA)—new member **Emmeli Gordon** learned to play cribbage only recently. In her fifth week at club, she got a 29-hand on January 2!



Club 130 (Rochester NY)—in November 2022, **Dana Davis** ➔ dealt a 28-hand to **Marvin Knoeck**. ◀ Marvin was so grateful that six months later he returned the favor with interest by dealing Dana a 29-hand! These guys should share the wealth!





follow the trail



28-Hands



No picture of Ken
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Brandon Saldecke (Club 68 in West Covina CA)
Dan Wright (Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)
Ken Gronski (Club 120 in Wisconsin Rapids WI)
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Jerry Ensminger (Club 177 in Anchorage AK)
Caleb Corson (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
Donna Dilger (Club 467 in Shelton WA)

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Ronald L. Morgan
(Reno NV)
Gold #206

Fellow firemen in the Quincy CA Volunteer Fire Department taught me how to play cribbage. I joined the ACC In the 1980s. My cribbage mentor was DeLynn Colvert. A member of Club 11 in Reno, I have been club champion there five times, plus three times when I was member of Club 418 in Graeagle CA. After traveling for ten years with DeLynn Colvert and other Montana players, I moved back to the Reno area and traveled with Les Sumner for eighteen years. I've made All American six times, but play only local tournaments now. My toughest opponent at club is Darlene Pekovich. Non-cribbage interests include antiques and enjoying my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My favorite all-time cribbage moment was posting a phenomenal 46/21 +388 at the 2016 Fall Festival in Carson City NV, which set an ACC record. [Editor's note: see cover of February 2017 CW.] The flip side is that I've won four out of twenty-two games—twice!

As a freshman college student, I shared an apartment with five upperclassmen. They played cribbage every day, with the loser washing dishes. They taught me enough cribbage to almost make me quit college to become a professional dishwasher. I played little to no cribbage until I joined the ACC twenty-eight years later in 1990. I was club champion the first year, but my second championship was last cribbage season! My best cribbage tournament was Missoula 2003 where I won high roller, high qualifier, and the main. Heading home, my vehicle blew a rod. To make matters worse, the next day at Grass Roots, I received no respect for my cribbage skills; the club members somehow let me win one game!

DeLynn Colvert was my mentor, as I developed my unique way of winning and losing cribbage games. No specific cribbage player beats me consistently, as everyone kinda takes their turn beating me. For entertainment, I read Thucydides, John Adams's biography, and the Velveteen Rabbit. I walk 3–5 miles five or six days a week, and summers I bike 20–30 miles three times a week. I am also a professional golf hacker. Playing my worthy ACC opponents is always intriguing and a fun adventure in my earth journey.



29-Hand

**Steve Fleming (Club 131
in Fort Walton Beach FL)**



Gary Pinkley
(Spokane WA)
Gold #207

GrassRoots Awards

SILVER

Bob Bartosh (CA), 453
Kris Kriofske (TX), 106
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BRONZE

John Bright (IL), 288
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Carol Miller (WA), 118
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Grand Slams

Dan Selke (Club 3 in Elgin IL)

Mike Due (Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC)

Craig Hania (Club 267 in Yuma AZ)
{first slam at #267 in seven years}

Dave Schultz (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)
{won three games by three or less}

John Fitzgerald (Club 356 in La Grande OR)



Milestones!

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

Happy Birthday in February!

90—Del Meyer (CA)

90—Ruth Vienneau (NY)

70—JaNae Henderson (UT)

more Grass Roots stories next month

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



One of the more fascinating aspects of cribbage is the fact you can be dealt the same six cards and—depending on board position—the hand can be played at least six different ways, with complete justification for each discard.

You are pone in the first hand of the game and are dealt A-A-2-2-4-5. What to discard? Well A-A-2-2 has the biggest potential score with a 3-cut, but keeping four points to throw a 4-5 to opponent's crib? A-A-4-5 improves with more cuts and should be a better pegging hand, and the 2-2 discard while obviously fraught with peril is not as scary as 4-5.

Let's move the game up a bit: you are pone again and the score is 78-78. What decision do you make with this hand now? In my opinion, A-A-2-2 becomes the optimal play. The dealer is already in good position, so any ultra-defense is likely to be unsuccessful (though with this hand, any discard is potentially dangerous). An eight-point hand with pegging is still going to leave you shy of fourth street, so it's time to play for the "Hail Mary" 3-cut, which would catapult you to at least hole 94. Even a twelve-point crib with the 4-5 discard would be palatable if you hit your gamble here.

Other times during the game (for example, playing for a skunk) might require the all or nothing A-2 discard.

Raise your hand if Rob has ever tossed you a 5! Contact him at mrob2199@aol.com.

New Members

94 last month

United Kingdom

Lewis Britten (Berkhamsted)

Alaska

Sage Weaver (Fairbanks)

Arizona

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Doug Hounshell (Berkeley)

Tracy Jenkins (Hemet)

Kibby Kleiman (Berkeley)

Lyla Lane (Chico)

Michael Plante III (Eureka)

Zoe Richards (Berkeley)

Lee Thomas (Eureka)

Francine Ward (Placerville)

Tanya Wold King (Ventura)

Colorado

Deanna Dahl (Lakewood)

Edwin Eng (Wiggins)

Florida

Michael Lynch (Jacksonville)

Donna Rivest (North Port)

CM "Shots" Shotwell

(Pensacola)

Patsy Shotwell (Pensacola)

David Thorington (Ocoee)

Dennis Walczak (Mary Esther)

Idaho

Ashley Rose Courtright

(Moscow)

Roger Lewis Courtright

(Moscow)

Tyler Louis Courtright (Moscow)

Illinois

Whitney Allen (Forest Park)

Katherine Bremner (Chicago)

Jeremy Lachance (Chicago)

Steven Williams (Forest Park)

Kentucky

Bryan McGill (Louisville)

Kenneth Meng (Lexington)

Maine

Kyle Allen (Holden)

Matt Chadwick (Hampden)

Massachusetts

Emmeli Gordon (Cambridge)

Beryl O'Brien (South Dennis)

Anja Scholz (Leeds)

Dietrich Scholz (Leeds)

Greg Scholz (Leeds)

Sheryl A. Walsh (East

Falmouth)

Steven M. Walsh (East

Falmouth)

Michigan

Gabriel Waskiewicz (Ishpeming)

Timothy Wuerth (Saint Johns)

Minnesota

Michael Braden (Chaska)

Johnny Cancun (Apple Valley)

Erik Hedquist (Eagan)

Barbara LeBlanc (Little Falls)

Jack Schaefer (Saint Cloud)

Montana

Jeurgem Colbert (Butte)

Jerry Downey (Butte)

Meg Downey (Butte)

Jackie Ivankovich (Anaconda)

Jackie Ivankovich (Anaconda)

Luke Mill (Billings)

Tom O'Brien (Butte)

Dallas Webb (Butte)

Nevada

Joseph Iser (Las Vegas)

North Carolina

Jerry Cash (Belmont)

Lisa Cash (Belmont)

Oklahoma

Elizabeth Conkling (Norman)

Jeremy Conkling (Norman)

Ontario

Jeff Hetherington (Welland)

Oregon

Nancee Alameddine (Bandon)

Linda Fery (Salem)

Reece Green (Salem)

Daniel Henderson (Eugene)

Randy Hollingsworth (Portland)

Jody Massey (Cove)

Liz Merkle (Springfield)

Larry Romine (La Grande)

Kerry Schiewek (Eugene)

Paul Shrode (Junction City)

Pennsylvania

Joyce Eisenberg (Merion Station)

Ted Eisenberg (Merion Station)

Aimee Zack (Philadelphia)

South Dakota

Damian Vacin (Flandreau)

Vermont

Al Thomas (South Burlington)

Marie Thomas (South Burlington)

Virginia

Doug Gibson (Vienna)

Washington

Davian Beaver (Kennewick)

Logan Beaver (Kennewick)

Vicki Cochran (Buckley)

Phil Corn (Camano Island)

Leland Doescher (Kennewick)

Zelda Doescher (Kennewick)

Cindi Godsey (Spokane)

Lorin Love (Mead)

Mark Meyer (Tacoma)

Wisconsin

Mike Stevens (Three Lakes)

Susan Stevens (Three Lakes)

Tyler Szymanski (Wausau)

Now corrected!

NIBS or NOBS

Here's a hint from the sequence of play during a game on how to remember which is which. The first time in a deal that the Jack comes into play is when it is the cut card and the dealer takes two points (**Nibs**). The second time is when a player holds a Jack that matches the suit of the starter card and get one point (**Nobs**). The two terms appear in alphabetical order: **i** comes before **o**, so the cut Jack is **Nibs**, and holding a Jack that matches the suit of the starter card is **Nobs**.



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

“Cross-checking”

Did you know there is a whole section in the rulebook on scorecards and cross-checking? It is Rule 12 on pages 51–52. There are two pages on properly recording scores on the scorecard and resolving scorecard discrepancies during cross-checking.

Rule 12.1 deals with recording scores on scorecards. One point of this section is that when recording a single-digit point spread there must be a preceding zero. This is to confirm that the spread was less than ten. Another point is that players must use only blue or black ink. That is because judges and cross-checkers use red ink and sometimes other colors are used when ranking the scorecards. You might want to make your scorecard pretty by using green or purple or orange, but please don't.

Rule 12.2 covers how to resolve discrepancies when cross-checking. The first sentence states: **Do not consult the players to adjudicate scorecard errors.**

After that there is a list of how to resolve the problems depending on what they are.

It is very important that you as the player verify that the scores recorded on your scorecard and your opponent's scorecard are correct. When you initial their scorecard, you are certifying that you have checked and that all is correct. When you sign your scorecard and turn it in, you are certifying that your scorecard is correct. Once the cross-checkers get your scorecard that is final. It is not their responsibility to hunt down you or your opponent in order to fix a problem, and they are not supposed to anyway. I have personally seen folks fall from first place due to a scorecard error, and also from qualifying to not qualifying for playoffs. This can be very frustrating, especially when prize money and side pools are involved.

So the moral of this story is to make absolutely sure that you properly certify your results. It doesn't take that much effort. And it will help us all have fun.

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

CLUB 29

1. Jordan Hammond (IA): Iowa Classic (Sep. 16)
2. Terry Ward (CA): Barn Café Challenge (Sep. 24)
3. Diane Harvey (OR): Kirk's Ferry Trading Post (Nov. 18)
4. Marsha Mahan (WI): Jingle Bell Open (Dec. 2)
5. Chris McComas (WA): Depoe Bay Challenge (Dec. 9)



Joseph Petrus Wergin

ACC Open

And Syl Lulinkski Invitational Tournament of Champions

March 1st-3rd, 2024



THURSDAY, February 29, 2024: **CANADIAN DOUBLES** Entry fee: \$50 per team, register on-site 4 to 6:15 p.m. Play at 6:30. 9 Games, no playoffs pays 1:4. Non sanctioned. Tournament Director Dave Aiken

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024: **INVITATION ONLY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS** play begins at 8 a.m. on Friday. This is an ACC invitation only event. *Please check the list of players eligible for the TOC, posted at cribbage.org, before registering.* Entry fee \$125, includes \$25 Q-Pool. \$4,000 added by J Resort. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies. 1 game vs 16 opponents, top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs. (Finals best 3 of 5). Graduated Q-Pool paid to all qualifiers. Muggins will be played in the TOC. Directors: Patrick Barrett 715-323-5027 gnxvbarrett@gmail.com, Todd Schaefer 651-338-8116 cribbageawards@comcast.net.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024: **CRIBBAGE BOWL** play begins at 3:30 p.m. sharp on Friday, Entry fee \$50 PLEASE DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CRIBBAGE BOWL IF YOU ARE PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. On-site registration between noon and 3p.m. Friday. Play 1 game vs 12 opponents. No Playoffs. 100% payback plus trophies, pays 1:5. Director James Morrow 509-830-2318 the29seeker@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024: **ACC OPEN MAIN TOURNAMENT.** Be seated by 8 a.m. Entry fee \$100 includes \$20 Q-Pool and \$4 ACC sanction Fee. Qualifying round, 1 game vs 22 opponents, cut for deal. Top 25% to best 3 of 5 playoffs (Finals best 4 of 7). J RESORT ADDS \$10 PER PLAYER TO PAYOUTS-PAYBACK OVER 100% PLUS TROPHIES AND FEES. Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers. Directors Rick Shea 707-599-4605 lv2dve4ab@gmail.com, Peggy Shea 707-444-3161 Co-Director Patrick Barrett.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024: **CONSOLATION** play begins at 9:15a.m. Entry \$50 fee, includes \$10 Q-Pool and \$1 Sanction Fee. No pre-registration. Qualifying round 1 vs 9. Top 25% to best 2 of 3 playoff. \$1,000 added by J Resort. PAYBACK OVER 100% plus trophies, Hybrid Q-Pool 100% to all qualifiers.

If you have any questions about tournament registration, please send email to acctocopen@gmail.com and include your contact information including best phone number to reach you.



DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES FEBRUARY 19, 2024 No telephone entries- Please enter by mail

1st ENTRY: ACC# _____ \$125 TOC \$50 C. BOWL \$100 OPEN ACC DUES

Name _____ New to ACC Address (if different) _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

2nd ENTRY: ACC# _____ \$125 TOC \$50 C. BOWL \$100 OPEN ACC DUES

Name _____ New to ACC Address (if different) _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

ANCHOR SEATING: Name: _____ Check if Wheelchair/Scooter

Hotel: Contracted room rates: Sunday-Thursday \$59.00, Friday & Sat \$119.00 **plus taxes and fees** (includes either Birch or Cedar Tower- \$10 up-charge for Aspen Tower). Rate is for 1 or 2 people per room, add \$10 for each additional person up to 4. Please call 1-866-386-7829, Code: cribbage2024. **Book Early** to guarantee rates and availability.

TOC by Invite (Friday) \$125 x _____ \$ _____

Make check out to: ACC Open

Cribbage Bowl (Friday) \$50 x _____ \$ _____

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ACC Open (Sat) \$100 x _____ \$ _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Happy New Year! I hope that those who participated in the “Cribmas” tourney enjoyed it! Unending thanks to TDs **Jen Curnow**/*Jfx7Fan* and President **James Morrow**/*29seeker* for their creativity and lots of hard work to provide this event for all of us. The winners are:

- Gold—**Greg Gougian**/*gougie00*
- Silver—*digger396*
- Bronze—**James Logue**/*triplejamesl* and **Robert Hewitt**/*beaver67*

We will evaluate if we should make this an annual event in December, and possibly use this best-of-five format more times during the year!

There could be many reasons causing you to boot. Here is the simplest, one-time fix that **Jen Curnow**/*Jfx7Fan* recommends, which usually shows immediate results.

When you click on the desktop smart launcher to open it, but before actually going into the site, stop and look at your choices. You will see three options: Launch eCrib 1, Launch eCrib 2, and settings. Click on the **settings** box and change 512 to 1024, then click **save**. This increases the amount of memory on your computer available to eCribbage.

Many of you have figured out that there is a *booting prevention* possibility that can help by exiting the site and returning. It is okay to reset your computer this way **only** if your next opponent is still playing and not on fourth street yet. It gives you the time to exit, come back quickly, and set a new table before they are ready to play. You are not put on a timer if there is no opponent for you to play, even if you told the TD you're resetting. Once a new table is set, the missing opponent goes on the timer. Many of you have also figured out that the likelihood of booting happens midway into the tournament.

Point Leader of the Month
Gregory Gougian (*gougie00*) @ 197 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)
Todd D. Wolfley (*lobomente*)

Internet 28-Hands
Rick Allen (*excitations*)

Internet Grand Slams
Peggy Rooney (*boondocky1*)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	661	Terry Higgins (chainlink1)
2	594	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
3	579	Donald Olney (olney47)
4	561	Jerry Griffin (meatloaf627)
5	540	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
6	510	Kelly Ann Burgar (lithummp)
7	499	Tammy Gibbons (mistressofcribbage)
8	486	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	472	Sam Sinram (ia503)
10	449	Daniel Crete (dec)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Bruce C. Grimstad

Bruce Grimstad (Edmonds WA) passed on December 17, at the age of 83. He joined the ACC and Club 108 in December 2010 and was a very competitive player. Bruce lived life to the fullest, and after retiring as a firefighter he remained active by engaging in musical entertainment, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, motorcycling, following sports, and playing cribbage. For most of the last thirteen years, Bruce competed at every club tournament and usually finished in the winning column (he had earned his Bronze Award). We will miss his competitiveness, his quick wit, and his constant concern and care for his fellow members, but he won't be forgotten.

Gary Lee Larson

Gary Lee Larson, of Waukesha WI (father and father-in-law of Tony and Dianna Larson), passed away on November 2 at age 78. Gary loved cribbage and became a member of the Ishpeming MI club in 2016, then Kenosha WI in 2019, and finally Milwaukee WI in 2022. He was ready and waiting two hours before Dianna picked him up every week for club. If you knew Gary, you were blinded (literally) by the *size* of his cards and his board. He was legally blind and was able to play the game he loved with his special cards and board. He knew how to "light up the room" with his lamp to assist his limited sight. A big thanks to everyone who made him smile and enjoy one of his favorite things.

Troy Long

Troy Long (Lynnwood WA) passed on Christmas Day at the age of 49. Troy joined the ACC and club 108 just a little over two years ago, and he participated each week on a regular basis. He was an avid cribbage player who would not allow confinement to a wheelchair to keep him from playing cribbage and being around other people.

He always had a story about hunting or fishing to share with everyone. His presence at weekly tournaments added significantly to members' enjoyment, and if on a rare occasion he failed to show up everyone would seek to find out why. Troy was an inspiration to all for the way he handled his disability and the way he related to others. He was taken from us far too early in his life.

Tom McLaughlin

Tom McLaughlin passed away in early January. Tom was a longtime member of Club 109 and was club champion in the 2010/2011 season. He played in some ACC tournaments from 2008 to 2014. When Club 109 folded in 2013, he moved to the Mansfield MA club, which he also directed for a short time. Not wanting to drive at night, he ran a non-ACC group at the Abington Senior Center. He was an excellent cribbage player and a very tough opponent. RIP, Tom.

Angelo D. Torrise

Angelo Torrise (Sparks NV) passed away on December 23. Called "an amazing man" by many, this is something his family has always known. After serving in the US Marine Corp (where he met, fell in love with, and married his wife Joan), he joined the San Mateo Police Department, where he was recognized with Outstanding Devotion to Duty and Heroic Conduct awards. During his years with the department, he became their firearms instructor, taught in both the San Mateo County and the San Francisco International Airport academies, and trained canines for the San Mateo County Canine Unit in Hillsborough with his beloved dog Thor. He earned several black belts in multiple martial arts disciplines. As an ACC member, he earned both his Life Master rating and his Gold Award. He was director of Placer Peggers Club 190 in Auburn CA until moving to Reno in 2014. Angelo also enjoyed playing poker and pai gow.

Yours Truly rolled into Sacramento on January 4 with a positive outlook and high hopes for the string of Kickoff Tournaments directed by **Bob Bartosh** and **Alice Souza**. In Kickoff #1 after six games I had 15 points—six wins with three skunks. Unofficial ACC statistician **Kris Baily** (San Diego CA) estimated that, per a formula he developed, I had an 86% chance of qualifying at that point. I ended up in the 14% that wouldn't qualify because in the next sixteen games I earned 12 points—five wins with two skunks. No, my 27/11 did not make the playoffs. I do recall several years ago at Antioch CA, the late **Richard Wardenburg** turned in a 27/10 card and qualified. So, it can be done, just not this time. Things turned temporarily better in the consolation the next day where in a ten-game qualifying I had an 18/8 to snag high qualifier. I reverted to form in the playoffs where Happy Bridegroom **Ronnie Murakami** (Honolulu HI) double-skunked me in the first game (62 holes) and settled for a near skunk in the second (28 holes). Oh well, as the Oscar losers say: "It was an honor just to be nominated."

The always tough **Darlene Stier** (Sun City AZ) took out **Rick Baird** (Bend OR) to win Kickoff #1, causing ACC president **James Morrow** to christen Rick with a moniker that cannot be repeated in a family newspaper, but I'm sure any of these three players would be glad to tell you!

Darlene, who was born in Minnesota, shuffled between Arizona and Alaska for a number of years with her husband, Mike, and then several years on her own in Alaska after Mike's passing. She says they used to play cribbage with friends for \$5/\$10 plus a dollar a point, literally playing for rent money. At those stakes a lot of money can be won and lost. For example, a 31-point skunk would cost the loser \$41! While in Alaska, the couple founded and directed Club 177 in Anchorage until Darlene decided she had enough of the cold, snow, and grizzly bears. She permanently resettled in Sun City, where she is a member of Screaming Eagles Club 408.

Darlene finished #19 in the Western Region last year, her best showing ever. She won six tournaments in the past two years. So, if you see her down the table and are going to play her, bring your A game. You'll need it.

Over and out.



Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

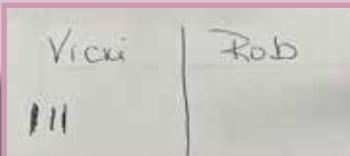
Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Happy February! February is National Cancer Prevention Month, American Heart Month, the month of love, and my birthday month. I mentioned this last year. Thank you, **David Campbell**, ➔ for instituting this month (he probably would not agree). In all this hype, I take a moment to remember David, who passed on February 10, 2021. For new members, he was the ACC president when he passed and one of our best friends. We certainly miss you.

It has been a quiet month in the Eastern Region. The Ocean State Open that was scheduled on January 8 was rescheduled to March 24 due to a major snowstorm.

A doubleheader was held in Bangor ME on January 12–14. The one-day Bangor Winter Classic had 32 peggers. There was an awesome crowd from Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. When the dust settled, there were eight qualifiers. **Rob Medeiros** (you may recognize the name) qualified #1, and I qualified #8. There may have been an upset with #8 winning the playoff match in a three-game sweep. ⚡ I was fortunate in my other



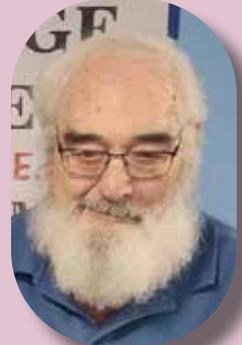
matches and came out with the win over **Rick Montague**. The 24-play-



er consolation saw the trophy go to **Lance Browne**, with **Mary Burlington** coming in second. Mary played husband **David Statz** in the first round; as we can see, he did not have to sleep on the couch.

Sunday was the 30-player Bangor Snowball. This time Rob and I qualified #6 and #7 and we played each other in the final four. There was another three-game sweep, but Sunday was not in my favor. Rob went on to finish second, to hometown native and first-time winner **Jim Mahon**.

➔ Jim plays only in the Bangor tournaments, so we are all happy he got his first win. The 18-player consolation saw **Jack Chandler** ⚡ come in first over **Steph George**. This annual doubleheader in Bangor is always a fun time. There is a casino right across the street, great places to eat, and maybe a little cold in Maine in January, but



the cards are always hot!

Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises. And my birthday!



Dale's Tales

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



Wisconsin Dells Deal in Lake Delton

¶ With the price of corn being so low, it wasn't looking good for the Farmer-in-the-Dell to attend. **Mike Henze** came up with the ingenious idea of siphoning gas from his lawnmower to fill his car. His lawnmower holds fifteen gallons, while his car holds only twelve. Now he has to win so he can refill the car for his return trip!

¶ I was busy getting off to a fast start, dropping my first six. I even had a 24-hand and still lost! After tossing **Smoothy Selke** under the bus for missing points, I must in fairness confess to also missing points—twice during my first game. And while playing the pegging machine, **Jimmy McCarty**, I called and took 16. Jimmy says: “How do you get 16?” I backed up 8 and he took 8. Not to fear, I still won by 9 and took home his \$1. While I'm busy screwing up, my proofreader, ghost writer, travel planner, and (most important) girlfriend, **Jane Vander Loop**, ➔ was busy qualifying. Her 28-hand didn't hurt. She lost to **Dave Aiello** in quarterfinals, which matches my saying: “If you have to lose, lose to the winner.” I had asked Dave to text me if he won it. After stopping for

lunch, we got back on the road, only to have Dave and crew pass me. They held up the first-place board!

¶ **Carol Williams** picked up a set of Jack Daniels pegs for me. They didn't last long before I lost one. I still have the replacements, but they just didn't work for me. Before the main,

I gave them to **Steve (“JD”) Steinmetz**. It didn't take him long to properly train them, and he qualified with a 30 card. The pegs must have a short memory, as it was one-and-done, losing to **Adam Switzer**. Steve isn't so sure now! ⬆



Muggins at the TOC

With the TOC just around the corner, it is time to review **muggins**. Rule 10 in the ACC's rulebook covers muggins in detail; here are the highlights:

- Pegging out into the game hole (hole 121) is *mandatory*.
- Muggins applies to the *underpegging* of points during the play or the scoring of hand or crib.
- You cannot take muggins until *both players* agree on the amount of points.
- You cannot be mugged for omitting or underpegging a penalty.
- You cannot be mugged for omitting or underpegging a muggins score.
- You cannot be mugged for pegging backward.
- The dealer cannot be mugged for failing to peg two points for turning a Jack as a starter card. (Here's why: you can mug someone only *after* they miss the points and *before* you take a cribbage action, but since the dealer has up until the time she/he plays their first card, by this point the pone has already taken a cribbage action—played their first card—and so the missed Jack is “unmuggable.”)
- When your opponent misses points (during pegging or scoring), you should say “muggins for X points” and identify the score not pegged or underpegged.
- You must call muggins *before* making your next cribbage move.
- You can mug someone only for the actual amount of points they could have taken; for example, if they are 10 holes away from winning and take only 8 points but actually have a 12-point hand, they can be mugged for only 2 points since that is the maximum points they could have taken; they cannot be mugged for 4 points, since they cannot have actually pegged all 12 points.

Brothers David and Paul O'Brien, both of Schenectady NY, play cribbage at least once a week, and have been doing so for over sixty years. Neither of them has ever had a 29-hand, but here's a rarity. Paul recently dealt a six-card straight flush to David, who was so excited he showed it to Paul immediately! David discarded A-6 to Paul's crib. What would you discard?



Pixieland Express

¶ While on a bus at Disney, I thought I would help **Dave Yaeger** replenish his magical pixie dust supply. When he needs a cut, he sprinkles it on the cards.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Pre-Virginia Beach Classic (Virginia Beach VA; Dec. 1)	Laurie Schmitz	24 players HQ. Doug Whitlock (25) 1. Doug Whitlock (70) 2. Bruce Reinke (42) 3. David Smith (21) 3. Terrance Cushman (21)	20 players HQ. Jack Howsare (24) 1. Keith Widener (40) 2. Jack Howsare (24) 3. Laurie Schmitz (12) 3. Rick Allen (12)		Friday: Bill Whiting
Virginia Beach Classic (Virginia Beach VA; Dec. 2-3)	Laurie Schmitz	40 players HQ. Doug Whitlock (45) 1. William Walker (105) 2. Scott Earley (70) 3. June Fordham (42) 3. David Smith (42)	25 players HQ. Jack Howsare (9) 1. Jennifer Johnson (40) 2. Donna LaFleur (24) 3. Jack Howsare (12) 3. Keith Widener (12)		Saturday: Terrance Cushman
Steve Lewis Memorial (Depoe Bay OR; Dec. 8)	Jack Shumate	23 players HQ. Nicholas Trujillo (45) 1. Nicholas Trujillo (70) 2. Melvin Chase (42) 3. Roland Hall (21) 3. William O'Malley (21)	18 players HQ. Erik Locke (9) 1. Bob Brumley (40) 2. Erik Royland Locke (24) 3. Marcia Glenn (12) 3. Diana Webster (12)		<p>LEGEND</p> <p>HQ = high qualifier</p> <p>* = in sanctioned event</p> <p>green = grand slam</p>
Mountain View Winter Classic (Loveland CO; Dec. 9)	Vickie Humphrey	33 players HQ. Kevin Holzhausen (30) 1. Clay Collier (105) 2. Ginger Cauley (70) 3. Steve Sundet (42) 3. David Bute (42)	14 players HQ. Larry McKinney (15) 1. Larry McKinney (24) 2. Jim Mahan (12) 3. Edwin Eng (4) 3. Ann Lundblad (4)		
David Campbell Memorial (Wolfboro NH; Dec. 9-10)	Mark Soule	67 players HQ. William Shoemaker (35) 1. Fred Blanc (147) 2. Robert Medeiros (105) 3. Steven Braley (70) 3. Beth Smith (70)	42 players HQ. Joyce Keay (18) 1. Mark Soule (60) 2. Deb Taylor (40) 3. Stanley Filipiak (24) 3. Donna LaFleur (24)	28-hands: Deborah Taylor* Phil Martin* Dan Selke*	Friday: Rick Montague Canadian Doubles: Todd Smith & Michael Steeves
Depoe Bay Challenge (Depoe Bay OR; Dec. 9-10)	Jack Shumate	29 players HQ. Jack Shumate (40) 1. Jack Shumate (70) 2. Greg Schleusner (42) 3. Bruce McGillivray (21) 3. Peggy Shea (21)	12 players HQ. William O'Malley (12) 1. William O'Malley (24) 2. William Eilers (12) 3. Bill Schlabes (4)	29-hands: Chris McComas* 28-hands: Peggy Shea* Jack Shumate*	

ACC Awards



Roger J. Bouchard
(Glastonbury CT)
Life Master (★) #130

My father taught me how to play cribbage years ago. I joined the ACC in the summer of 1996 after seeing an article about Richard “Rit” Alkas being the ACC’s player of the year. Rit later became my cribbage mentor. I’ve been club champion a couple times, and my first tournament win was in Hudson WI in September 2000. I’ve now won eighteen tourneys. My favorite tournament is the National Open in Raleigh NC. My toughest opponent lately is Paul Batterson. My favorite cribbage moment this year was getting a grand slam at Club 26 on January 8. I enjoy ocean cruising, reading, and cribbage. In 1999 John Chambers started an in-house cribbage club that lasted two years. After it ended, some of us liked the idea so

much that we formed our own group. Starting each September, fifteen players now gather every Thursday to play nine or ten games. Records are kept and a playoff-based system is held in June to determine a winner.

I learned to play cribbage from my youngest brother. We are a card-playing family and have gotten together every year for the past thirty-nine years to play and visit. While we usually play a four-handed bidding game called 500, we don’t always have groups of four, so many play cribbage while we wait. I watched for several years and then asked if I could learn. After the second game, which I won, he introduced me to muggins; the rest is history. I played my first tournament in Kissimmee in 2010 and won my first main in 2017 in Wyoming. I enjoy the Montana tournaments as they are clustered and I can camp in my RV, which I drive across the country to play cribbage. I secretly would like to beat Bob Chase but have yet to do so. Troy and Kathy have taught me many important lessons, and I am grateful for the hours we have played. I have won five mains and two consolations. I enjoy my family, quilting, embroidery, and travel.



Sara Sanner
(Colorado Springs CO)
Grand Master #483

New Cribbage Life Master

285. Charlene Cohen (Honolulu HI)

286. William Eilers (Pahrump NV)

New Cribbage Grand Master

479. JoAnne Thomas (Lakewood WA)

481. Rob Voysey (Edmonton AB)

New Cribbage Master

1056. Melvin E. Chase (Rickreall OR)

The ACC database won’t accommodate certain types of memberships, so for the time being we have to hand-massage points for these members. We’ll get there eventually!

Western Region

MRPs name

267 Bill Schlaves

159 Jim Dillard

Eastern Region

MRPs name

300 Kendra Munkacsy

297 Terrence Cushman

126 Bill Peters

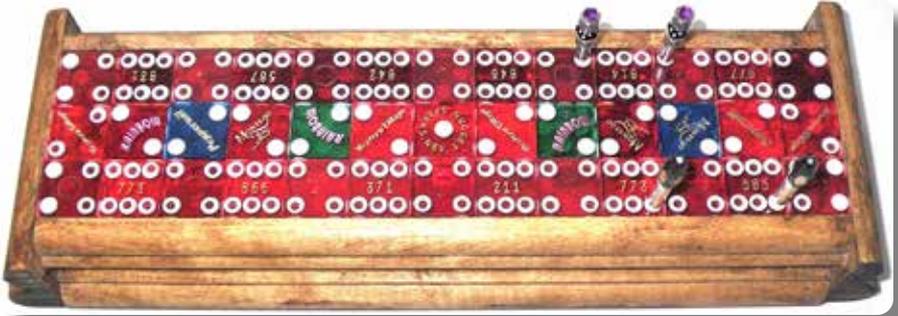
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— February 10 —
International Cribbage Day &
Sir John Suckling’s birthday

Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

This board was made about fifteen years ago by ACC member George Hicks of Sparks NV. The board is made from Reno area casino dice. I featured this board last year and am using it again to encourage our members to attend the TOC and JPW Open in Reno on March 1–3. This is my favorite tournament and one of the few I have attended multiple times.



Because I don't attend many tournaments, I will never get my Master rating and see my cribbage history printed in *Cribbage World*. So I might as well do it myself! Here it is in my own words.

My father taught me to play cribbage in 1952 when I was seven. I have played ever since. My father passed in 1981 and I inherited his board. That started my cribbage board collection, which is now just short of five hundred boards. One of my friends signed me up with the ACC and I started getting *Cribbage World*. I joined Sea-Tac Peggers Club 148 around 2000. My cribbage mentor, the late **Roger Lueschow**, convinced me to attend a few tournaments. It took a while but I finally won one. I have two second place finishes that I am prouder of than my win. Those were to **DeLynn** and **Ras**. In 2008, *Cribbage World* editor **David Aiken** recruited me to write the monthly column "Cribbage Board of the Month." At this point there have been about 175 columns. My wife, Lois, and I have run a cribbage club at the West Seattle Senior Center for the last ten years, with the help of ACC member **Frankie Cline**. Finally, my favorite cribbage memory of the past year was getting a grand slam last April with the Sea-Tac Peggers. That is my seventy-one years of cribbage history.



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 (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line).

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Teaching Tip

When counting points, one of the most common oversights a new player experiences is missing nobs and nibs (heels). When I am teaching a new group of kids and on the first day they play independently, I put out a raffle jar. Whenever a student successfully identifies nobs or heels, they put a ticket in the jar. At the end of the class period, I raffle off prizes like decks of cards, custom pegs, or candy bars. This quickly establishes the habit of keeping an eye out for the Jack. On the last day, I raffle off prizes with the remaining tickets to end on a high note with the kids.

News

The second annual Ready Springs Youth Tournament took place on December 9 in Penn Valley CA. Seventeen players showed up. With only three in the younger group, everyone played nine games. Two of the final four participants were under the age of 12!

	name (age)	city state
main (17 players)		
champ	Nick Plowman (15)	Paradise CA
2	Marley Souza (10)	Ione CA
3	Tim Shaw (17)	Sacramento CA
4	Cameron Shumate (11)	Paradise CA
consolation (6 players)		
champ	Angelina Villalobos (15)	Oroville CA
2	Chris Hopkins (12)	Rough and Ready CA

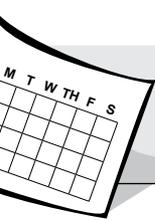
It's not too late to sign up for the thirtieth annual Sierra Youth Tournament on Saturday, February 24, in Grass Valley CA. It's going to be a special event with lots of extra prizes given out throughout the event. Any child or young adult 18 or younger is eligible to enter the tournament. An informational flyer is available by sending a request to danthefan@yahoo.com or on page 2 in this *Cribbage World*.

A huge thank you to **Joseph (Chris) Christensen** and Club 204 in Port Orchard WA. Chris made a beautiful child's glider rocker that was raffled among club members. They raised \$270, and all of it was donated to the ACC Youth Program.

Teaching Manuals

- **Scott Harker** (Phoenixville PA)
- **Geoffrey Rezek** (Darien CT)

Dan Zeisler is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.263.7468 or danthefan@yahoo.com.



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

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as of January 10

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	972	Erik Locke	1	820	Terry Weber	1	511	Donna LaFleur
2	607	Roland Hall	2	792	Robert Chase	2	449	Jerry Hardy
3	525	Bob Brumley	3	627	Jeff Shimp	3	447	Mark Soule
4	475	Peggy Shea	4	609	Clay Collier	4	432	David Statz
5	401	Dave Yaeger	5	475	Kristina Wright	5	416	Rick Allen
6	387	Bob Bartosh	6	432	Haley Hintze	6	393	Robert Medeiros
7	375	Sandy Sands	7	419	Allen Karr	7	327	Keith Widener
8	372	Charlene Cohen	8	396	Marsha Mahan	7	327	Rick Montague
9	360	Kevin Mansfield	9	356	Daniel Pluff	9	308	Ethan Guyaz
10	358	Troy Thorson	10	329	Lana Newhouse	10	303	Steven Braley
11	338	Sara Sanner	11	289	James McCarty	11	299	Patrick Robrecht
12	337	Steve Sundet	12	288	Dan Selke	12	279	Phil Martin
13	325	Ronnie Murakami	13	276	Steven Post	13	270	Peter Legendre
14	319	William Eilers	14	270	David Aiello	13	270	Mike Fetchel
15	307	Rick Baird	15	265	Cynthia Wark	15	262	Robins Buck
16	302	Jack Shumate	16	242	Dale Magedanz	16	230	Fred Blanc
17	297	Ray Klocko	17	236	Ann Trotter	17	209	Frank Reddy
18	274	Darlene Stier	17	236	Patrick Healey	18	208	Kenneth Johnson
19	255	Tammy Gibbons	17	236	Jim Mahan	19	205	David Flaherty
20	250	James Morrow	20	235	Doug Whitlock	20	202	Peter Grant
21	248	James Langley	21	233	Andy Stireman	21	199	William Cormier
22	247	Alice Souza	22	225	Dan Taylor	22	198	Paul Petit
23	244	William Macmillan	23	220	Chad Frischmann	23	192	Scott Earley
24	243	David Bute	24	214	Darlene Anderst	24	186	Sandy Shrum
25	242	Mike McDaniel	25	208	Adam Switzer	25	178	Mike Misluk
26	235	Bernie Nelson	26	207	Steven Steinmetz	26	173	David Clemmey
27	231	William O'Malley	27	198	Doug Page	27	161	Carl Deyette
28	218	Jim Crawford	28	190	Henry Brandner	28	153	Jack Chandler
29	216	Duane Toll	29	187	Frank Duresky	29	152	Peter Setian
30	215	Don Dolezal	30	186	Les Kvien	30	148	Charles Booker
31	212	Bob Prochnow	31	185	Bob Joslin	31	146	Mary Burlington
32	205	Jim Rosso	32	182	Bob Hanes	32	144	James Hearon
33	198	Eric Boysen	32	182	Don Thienel	33	143	Michael Steeves
34	197	Doug Dresbach	34	178	Michelle Gryka	34	136	Roger Bouchard
35	190	Lori Boyer	35	177	Bob Kiley	35	132	Laurie Hardy
36	187	Carol Perko	35	177	Tom Briski	35	132	Laurie Schmitz
37	184	Carole Herron	37	171	Jason Matheny	37	131	William Shoemaker
37	184	Robert Milk	38	159	Ed May	37	131	John Morch
39	180	Dan Marsh	39	155	Emilio Perez	39	130	David Peterson
40	179	Cy Madrone	40	152	Rick Kuehn	40	128	Joe Zimmitti
41	178	Junko Larsen	41	150	Todd Schaefer	41	125	William Walker
42	169	Kai Lemrise	42	143	Wayne Steinmetz	42	124	Larry Phifer
43	167	Jason Shumate	43	138	Eric Jensen	43	122	Jonathan Pinyan
44	164	Todd Malmgren	44	135	Lewis Gurney	44	119	James Edgar
45	161	Margery Clark	45	131	Marlene Lazachek	44	119	Joyce Keay
46	160	Jason Hofbauer	46	130	Glenn Gauthier	46	110	Jim Maffa
47	159	Leroy Zahn	46	130	Mike Miller	46	110	Stephanie George
47	159	Carol Williams	48	120	Jeff Machovsky	48	105	Marty Duchow
49	158	Joe Gates	48	120	Gary Chamberlain	48	105	Ron Shelton
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Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

AZ ♦ Scottsdale Doubleheader

Elks, 6398 E Oak St, Scottsdale AZ 85257

Feb. 2, Cactus Classic

TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Lynn Multari

Feb. 3–4, Roadrunner Classic

TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171)
& Charlene Hudson

MI ♦ Cribbage @ MI Junction Doubleheader

The Junction, 335 N Railroad St, Rives Junction MI 49277. TD: Jerry Adams (517.612.4455) & David Aiken

Feb. 2+4, Cribbage @ MI Junction #1

Feb. 3, Cribbage @ MI Junction #2

NH ♦ Wolfeboro Doubleheader

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

Feb. 2, Winter in Wolfeboro One-Day

Feb. 2–4, Medeiros Memorial

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader

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

Feb. 2, Minnesota Snowball One-Day

Feb. 3–4, Switzer's Birthday Bash

OR ♦ Portland Doubleheader

TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979)
& Tammy Gibbons

Feb. 2, Pre-Super One Day

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230

Feb. 3–4, Pre-Super Two Day

Moose, 22980 NE Chinook St, Portland OR 97060

VA ♦ Hampton Roads Doubleheader

Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Jack Howsare (757.699.2999) & Laurie Schmitz

Feb. 9, Hampton Roads #1

Feb. 10–11, Hampton Roads #2

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

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ME ♦ Feb. 17, Capital City Classic

American Legion, 400 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME 04330. TD: Joe 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

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CA ♦ Feb. 24, Sierra Youth Tournament

Chicago Park School, 15725 Mt Olive Rd, Grass Valley CA 95945. TD: Dan Zeisler (530.263.7468) & Don Howard

CA ♦ Feb. 26–28, Susanville Winter Classic

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

NV ♦ The Big One!

J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

Feb. 29 ♦ Canadian Doubles

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Mar. 1 ♦ TOC

TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

Mar. 2–3 ♦ JPW/ACC Open

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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NV ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

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

Mar. 4–6, Topaz Winter Wonderland #1

Mar. 6–8, Topaz Winter Wonderland#2

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

CO ♦ Mar. 15–17, Colorado Winter Open

Second Green Mtn Townhomes Clubhouse, 650 S Youngfield Ct, Lakewood CO 80228. TD: Katey Mayo (720.934.6656) & Nicki Nebbia

RI ♦ Mar. 17, Corned Beef & Cribbage

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

CA ♦ Oceanside Doubleheader

Mar. 23, SoCal in March A

Laguna Vista Mobile Estates, 276 North El Camino Real, Oceanside CA 92058. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook

Mar. 24, SoCal in March B

Pit Stop Diner, 3825 Mission Ave D1, Oceanside CA 92058. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook

RI ♦ Mar. 24, Ocean State Open

Providence Firefighters Hall, 92 Printery St, Providence RI 02904. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Joe Bowen

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

MN ♦ Apr. 5–7, April Fools Challenge

Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

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, Alsea River Open

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen

Apr. 12–13, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

NH ♦ Apr. 7, Granite State Classic

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

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