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President's Column

by James Morrow



TOC & JPW March is coming fast and when it arrives, it isn't long after that cribbage players arrive in Reno NV for the JPW/ACC Open and Tournament of Champions.

The TOC started in 1982. **Dwight VanCleve** from Denver CO was the first champion.

There have been three two-time champions: **Erik Locke** (2014 and 2020), **Larry Samet** (1989 and 2002), and **Dale Kochenburg** (1996 and 2001).

Oregon has nine champions, California has eight, and Wisconsin and Massachusetts tie with six each.

There are many ways to qualify for this invitation-only tournament. In 2007 **Scott Buhrow** TN won the title; he had qualified through the internet program.

If you have qualified for this tournament, then I suggest you enter to win. If you haven't qualified yet, then show up for and play the JPW/ACC Open.

The ACC's biggest tournament for as long as I can remember, the ACC Open had over 1,000 players for nine years between 1996 and 2008. In 2024 the Las Vegas Grand National had a bigger attendance than the ACC Open, as plane tickets, fuel, food, and motels prices have hindered travel in the last few years.

This year, tournament directors **Rick and Peggy Shea** have added a Thursday tournament to the event. So you have one more reason to arrive early, see your friends, and win some MRPs, some money, or even a championship.

What day are you arriving in Reno?

Help Shape the Future of the ACC

The American Cribbage Congress is forming skill-based marketing and promotions committees to support club growth, tournament promotion, communications, sponsorships, and analytics—from the local level to national initiatives.

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Cribbage Quiz

There is only one way for the pona to peg 12 and the dealer to peg 29 points in a single deal. Do you know what it is?

answer on page 18

Where are John and Maria playing cribbage now? (page 29)

MIA

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

- Sherri Derosier Bitting (Crescent City CA)
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- Paul Reid (Glendale CA)
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- Briar Sutherland-Dufour (Annandale on Hudson NY)
- Sandra Urban (Kissimmee FL)
- Walter Willey (Oregon WI)



My Deal

by David Aiken



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

My editorial last month included a wish for a scorecard that starts with a “4.”

That got me thinking: how many 22-game scorecards have actually tallied 40 points or more? Where did they happen? Who held them? When I have questions like these, there is only one person to turn to: ACC programmer **Scott Harker**.

Scott extracted the data for me, and here it is (the ACC’s electronic records go back to only 1997, so these lists do not include data from the earliest years). On the next page is the full list, but this page shows 40+ scorecards by points, locale, and tournament.

In talking about big scorecards, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the very biggest scorecard ever: 46/21 +388, scored by **Ron Morgan** in 2016 in Carson City NV. (See the February 2017 *Cribbage World* for the full story of Ron’s record-setting card.)

I hope your name is on the list, but if it isn’t, then join me in wishing for a scorecard that starts with a 4!

game points	number of 40+ scorecards
46	3
45	5
44	4
43	18
42	44
41	73
40	142
	289

tournament	number of 40+ scorecards
JPW/ACC Open	26
Grand Nationals (including GN midweeks)	14
Saint Croix Classic	10
Portland Open	9
Veterans Day Classic	8
Independence Day Classic	7
Washington State Open	7

state/province	number of 40+ scorecards
Nevada	61
Oregon	58
Wisconsin	47
California	39
Washington	19
Montana	10
Michigan	9
Minnesota	7
Idaho	5
North Carolina	4
South Dakota	4
Arizona	3
Iowa	3
New Hampshire	3
Virginia	3
British Columbia	2
Georgia	2
Wyoming	2
Colorado	1
Illinois	1
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Nebraska	1
New York	1
South Carolina	1
Texas	1
	289

191 Players with One 40+ Scorecard

Austin Adams Fred Adolphson David Aiello Don Allen Rick Allen Allen Amaro Todd Anderson Tom Anderson Kris Bailey Rick Baird Edward Balcer Curtis Barbour Paul Barnes Arlene Barrett Larry Bartholomew Paul Batterson Billy Bender Joe Bernard Jerry Blackman Keith Blackman Laurie Blackman John Blake John Blowers Karen Bouffiou David Braach Henry Brandner Paul Brask Bernard Brentar Marilyn Brown David Thomas Carlson Jack Chandler Clarence Charles Ken Cochlin Clay Collier Richard Scott Corbin Joe Daesch Cory Dailey Tony Danihel Eric Davis Lyle Demoulpied Bruce Denend Matthew Depouw Charles Dolge Jackie Doppelt Michael Duffy Roberta Dyer Denny Edwards Jay Edwards	Annett Eiffert Mike Fetchel Martha Fingleton Jerome Fischer David Flaherty Danny Fournier John Furler Jeff Gardner Gary Getty Bryant Gilkeson Jerry Goedert Graeme Gossett I. V. Graham Roger Grandgeorge John Gray Terry Greenawald Al Greenlee Paul Gregson Lewis Gurney James Hartung Larry Hassett Steve Hastie Paul Hatcher John Hazlett Patrick Healey Rolie Heath Sharon Hejtmanek Douglas Henderson Rosemary Hendricks Michael Henze Richard Hinrichs Ken Holton Jones Hom Jack Howsare Bill Hutchinson Bob Iacopi Jesse Jarrell Bonnie Jennie Darlene Johnson Les Johnson Bob Joslin Lee Ann Ka'ai Dennis Kilba Paul Kilkelly Egon Koch Thomas Koncan Les Kvien Donna LaFleur	Tom Langford Kris Larsen Donald LeVack Clay Lindgren Vickie Lindner Gary Louderback George Mackie Bob Madsen Jim Maffa Todd Malmgren Bob McCabe Mike McComman Winona McDaniel Sharlene Medeiros Michael Meyer Betsy Miller Dennis Misenaar Ken Moomey Denny Moore Jack Moritzky James Muller Bernie Nelson Ginger Nelson Roberta Nelson Lana Newhouse Verne Nielsen Mark Niemerow William O'Malley Bob Oriet Frank Pacocha Kathy Pacocha Matt Padrow Doug Page Patty Pasterski Donald Patrin Larry Phifer Sue Pisha Pamela Pomeroy John Prehn Gordon Reid Holli Remington Todd Reynolds Gene Rice Bryan Riches Ratso Roderick George Rodriguez Eugene Rose Basil Rudnick	Mary Kathleen Ryan Bruce Sattler Alan Schaefer Greg Schleusner Harold Schmelzer Phyllis Schmidt Jay Shaffer Peggy Shea Richard Shea Jeff Shimp Jack Shumate Jason Shumate Robert Sommer Warren Sondericker Barry Spadea John Stamschror David Statz Wayne Steinmetz Michael Stevens Darlene Stier Valerie Sumner John Syftestad Irma Symons Marty Symons John Thiems Troy Thorson Jerome Tork Frank Trojan Ann Trotter Denny Van Orsow Jane Vander Loop Alan Vredeveld Bill Wakeman Linton Walker Terry Ward Richard Wardenburg Cynthia Wark Raymond Wellens Fred White Skip White Keith Widener Bob Wikstrom Bob Wilson Ian Wilson Bruce Wridge Kristina Wright Dave Yaeger
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35 Players with Multiple 40+ Scorecards

8	Duane Toll
6	Erik Locke
4	Willie Evans
	Roland Hall
	Jeanne Hofbauer
	Roy Hofbauer
	James Langley
	Cy Madrone
3	Donald Brown
	DeLynn Colvert
	Dan Marsh
	Ronald Morgan
	Emilio Perez
	Angelo Torrise
	Mel Ashley
	Bob Bartosh
	Jim Crawford
	Cres Fernandez
	Donald Flesch
	Gerald Gruber
	Terry Hatto
	Haley Hintze
	Ronald Hirshman
	James Huser
2	Peter Jackson
	Jeanne Jelke
	Suzanne Lamoureux
	Herschel Mack
	Mike McDaniel
	Ross Njaa
	Harry Palmer
	Todd Schaefer
	Sylvia Sutton
	Dennis Ulberg
	Roger Wilson

ACC Open High Qualifiers

The Best of the Best!

The JPW/ACC Open is the biggest cribbage tournament in the world every year. Attendance at this event exceeded 1,000 players nine times in days gone by. Here are the high qualifiers in those nine events, listed according to attendance. (Unfortunately, *Cribbage World* did not report all of the info in those days, so there are some holes in our data.)

year	attendance	HQ	score
2000	1,091	Jack Howsare	40/18 +366
2006	1,066	Bryan Riches	42/?? +??
1997	1,024	Cres Fernandez	42/20 +260
1998	1,024	Willie Evans	41/19 +236
1996	1,020	Brian Heroux	41/19 +??
2008	1,016	Fred Adolphson	41/19 +254
1999	1,014	Wayne Steinmetz	41/18 +280
2001	1,014	Kevin Post	39/?? +??
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All of these players except Riches are still ACC members. One player on this list, **John Syftestad** (Mount Horeb WI), won the ACC Open in 2002—which is tied for tenth on the list of highest ACC Open attendance at 986 players.

ACC Awards



Gary Pinkley
(Spokane WA)
Grand Master

I joined the ACC in 1990 and played Grass Roots and two Montana tournaments, where DeLynn Colbert showed me the cribbage subtleties and the infinite ways he found to win games against me. I also learned that cards were alive with creativity and full of fun. I observed the cards breaking up double runs, occasionally throwing three cards into the opponent's crib, and other creative moves.

In the 2003 Montana tournament, the cards figured something out. They won high roller, high qualifier, and the tournament. The cards da happy! The next week playing Grass Roots, they won two games. The cards da sad. Then the cards' soul-searching started, and they realized they had the right to win and lose! Once the pressure was off, the cards once again became creative and wondered how they could skunk six cribbage players and make the playoffs, with only four games remaining. Sometimes cards are not good, with math. But if you let cards flow creatively, the cards will enhance your cribbage experience.

New Cribbage Master

Dave Leissner (Carmel ME)

QUADS

by Andrew Laurence (Alameda CA)

A few years ago, I calculated the odds of at least one four-of-a-kind appearing in the thirteen cards dealt out every hand (including the cut card). The answer was 3.42%. Recently, I ran that through Google AI, which confirmed it.

This got me wondering how likely it would be that a set of quads would be split evenly between the players and not be the cut card, thus potentially enabling a twelve-point quad play.

First, I asked Google AI for the probability of getting at least one quad in twelve cards. This turns out to be 2.37%.

The odds of even distribution of a quad (i.e., two of the quad cards ending up in even positions in the top twelve cards in the deck and two in odd positions) are 4/9 or 45.45%.

Finally, in order for a twelve-point quad in the play to be possible, the quad cards must not be higher than 7, which occurs 7/13 of the time.

So $0.0237 \times 0.4545 \times 7/13$ is approximately 0.58% of the time, or slightly less often than once every 172 deals, on average.

Caveat: Other cards played before the first of the quad cards can preclude the quad (e.g., pone leads a 10, dealer responds with 6, pone plays 6, dealer plays 6, and now pone is unable to play the final 6 because that would make the count 34), but there's no way of accounting for this, so the above calculations assume that pone leads one of the quad cards, or at least a card small enough that the fourth quad card would not put the total over 31.

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

It has been very interesting to begin the process of going through all of the items and paperwork in the archives of the American Cribbage Congress. I have decided to sort these materials into three separate areas. One is all the written materials of the early decades of the ACC, including its formation, the early Constitution and Bylaws, startup of the Grass Roots program, minutes of each Board of Directors meeting for the first twenty years, etc. One tote tub contains cribbage books and ACC pamphlets, along with major newspaper and magazine articles dealing with cribbage in general and matters pertaining to the ACC and sanctioned tournaments. The third area includes a number of tote tubs and boxes with ACC memorabilia, and that area is what I will discuss in this column.

Many of the following items come from the Joseph P. Wergin Collection. Being the founder and first president of the ACC, Wergin saved much of his writings and items relating to the beginning of the Congress and cribbage in general. It is wonderful that Joe, and through his descendants, was able to give so much of his work to the ACC archives. I am proud to add in many materials (including every issue of *Cribbage World*) that I had saved—and transported around the Midwest—throughout the 1980s and '90s.

Here is a listing of ACC memorabilia now in the archives:

- All 545 printed issues of the *Cribbage World* magazine starting in March 1980 to the present, including many duplicate copies from 1983 to 1991.
- All of the ACC Grand National program books from its start in September 1982 through the recent GN43 in Deadwood in October 2025.
- Most, but not all, of the National Open program books from the past fifty years of the NOCT in North Carolina.
- Most, but not all, of the sealed logo decks given out to NOCT participants starting in 1977 through the double deck sets in 1991.
- Many of the tournament pins given to players in the Tournament of Champions in Reno.
- Various flyers and posters of cribbage tournaments in 1979 from the United States and Canada, just before the ACC was formed in August 1979.
- Assorted memorabilia items, including a beautiful portrait of Sir John Suckling, from the Wergin Collection.

In my March column, I will list the twenty cribbage books that we currently have in the ACC archives. In my April column, I will give a listing of the paperwork contained in the archives.

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

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Spring Forward and Grow Your Cribbage Club

In some parts of the country, spring is just around the corner. This is the time of year many of us are itching to get outside—dig in the dirt, revive our flowers, and green up our yards. Why not bring that same fresh energy to your cribbage club?

You could spruce up your club by going outside with your cribbage friends and playing a game in a public area. It's a fun and natural way to promote and grow your club.

Where to start? Try spring activities like botanical gardens, farmers markets, festivals, and church functions. These are wonderful places to meet future cribbage cronies while enjoying the community.

I love to show off my Mustang and set up a table to hand out cribbage brochures. Cribbage friends join me to play, visit with people, and walk around sharing flyers. Double bonus: I get to show off my car and play cribbage at the same time!

Don't forget to wear your club shirts when you're out in public—you never know who might ask about cribbage!

What's stopping you from teaming up your favorite activity with promoting your cribbage club?

Did you know that the ACC/Grass Roots program provides business card templates, brochures, and flyers for clubs to use? You can find them on the ACC website at cribbage.org > **clubs**; then scroll to the bottom of the page and look for **Site Links**.

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



GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

official GRPs only, as of 1/21



Division 1	rank	GRPs	name (club)
	1	241	Thomas Beucler (388)
	2	199	James Endres (11)
	3	197	Douglas Myers (329)
	3	197	Bobby Ramelow (198)
	5	187	Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
	5	187	James Ravenscroft (175)
	7	181	Harvey Bourdeau (308)
	8	179	Thomas Kay (89)
	8	179	Sara Sandey (215)
	10	175	Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
	11	170	Richard Anderson (204)
	12	169	Linda Brent (272)
	12	169	John McCready (104)
	14	168	Carol Williams (600)
	15	167	David Peterson (218)
	15	167	Joe Peterson (410)
	17	166	Scott Bartosh (472)
	17	166	Marc Hachey (190)
	19	165	Haley Hintze (3)
	19	165	Robert Medeiros (104)
	21	164	Steve DePouw (229)
	22	161	William O'Malley (46)
	22	161	Peter Setian (72)
	24	160	Duane Toll (62)
	25	159	Jerry Ellis (119)
	25	159	Albert Moy (290)
	25	159	Gerald Nickels (108)
	28	158	Greg Schleusner (46)
	28	158	Mary Thacker (240)
	30	157	Jennifer Bennett (329)
	30	157	William Eilers (360)
	32	156	Thomas Brent (272)
	32	156	Frank Danielski (90)
	32	156	Adrian Levy (374)
	32	156	Brian McCoy (104)
	36	155	Mike Fetchel (26)
	36	155	David Hayden (391)
	36	155	Gerald Sabick (399)
	36	155	Rick Westerman (379)
	40	154	Jeremy Krieger (46)
	40	154	Jeanette Lambert (444)
	42	153	Mike Berberich (204)
	42	153	Edward Cuerth (347)
	42	153	Lee Frostad (69)
	42	153	Kevin Post (215)
	42	153	Scott Sand (94)
	47	152	Steve Brescia (464)
	47	152	Terry Goatz (463)
	47	152	Chris Kim (177)
	50	150	Joseph Ferguson (393)
	50	150	Tom Jackson (440)

Division 1 = 2,870 players ♦ Division 4 = 701 players

rank	GRPs	name (club)
50	150	Megan Player (58)
50	150	Robb Witters (46)
54	149	Jack Puleo (308)
55	148	Steve Knutson (414)
55	148	Louise Streeter (219)
57	147	Bernard Brentar (390)
57	147	Harry Halicki (71)
57	147	Peter Koski (368)
57	147	Mike Miller (17)
57	147	Howard Pearson (96)
62	146	Diane Harvey (113)
62	146	Richard Horvath (6)
62	146	Dennis O'Neil (459)
62	146	Michael Sofaly (243)
66	145	David Gerke (300)
66	145	Timothy Julkowski (377)
66	145	Ron Shupp (300)
66	145	Ivan Wells (271)
70	144	Kris Bailey (79)
70	144	Greg Dumas (140)
70	144	Doug Griffith (295)
70	144	Gordon Jurek (399)
70	144	Cary Vedin (218)
75	143	Stanley Filipiak (104)
75	143	Gary Hansen (61)
75	143	Frank Hanson (198)
75	143	Paul Temple (328)
79	142	Mary Bearss (71)
79	142	Michael Leonard (396)
79	142	Dave Schwartz (377)

Division 4	rank	GRPs	name (club)
	1	166	Robert Lewis (54)
	2	151	David Bute (433)
	3	142	Lynn Rieke (194)
	4	140	Kyle Morrill (395)
	5	131	Rhonda Perry (336)
	6	128	Erik Royland Locke (28)
	7	125	Dennis Kassebaum (344)
	8	122	Peggy Shea (194)
	9	119	Rich Ekman (395)
	10	118	Kaden Bowman (395)
	10	118	Brian Jalbert (488)
	12	117	Bethany Rolfson (154)
	13	114	Brad Seger (39)
	14	111	Paul Moreno (395)
	14	111	Howard Terry (336)
	16	110	Katrin Litsjo (376)
	17	108	Quentin Campbell (475)
	18	107	Kathee Bavart (420)
	19	106	Bill Russell (439)
	19	106	Lonnie Williams (461)



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

more Grass Roots stories next page

In order to ensure we don't miss any cool cards or big hands, we are now pulling the lists of **grand slams**, **28-hands**, and **29-hands** from the online report. If someone in your club earns one of these, be sure to record it online.



● **Mike Berberich** of Club 204 had a 28-hand (his second) while visiting Club 243 (Lakewood WA) on December 1.



●● Sequim Valley Peggers Club 319 (Sequim WA)—**John Kriletich** is all smiles after getting his first ever 29-hand. This is the first 29 scored in Club 319.

December Big Hands (name, state, club)

29-Hands (3)

John Kriletich (WA), 393 ●●
Sharon Lee (AZ), 24
Pat Reynolds (OR), 356 ▲

28-Hands (38)

Terri Beaudin (MI), 368
Lee Behrens (WI), 120
Mike Berberich (WA), 243 ●
Jay Bonk (AK), 177
Richard Bousquet (FL), 479
John Byrne (MT), 391
Charles Cavicchi (FL), 147
Lee Chambers (OR), 113

Jeff Couillard (MI), 218
Mike Diamanti (WA), 459
Jackie Doppelt (CA), 100
Jim Franklin (WA), 243
Joseph Georgeson (SD), 397
Pat Grandinetti (CA), 371
Dan Hectorne (CA), 290
Keith Hessenauer (PA), 318
Donald Janelle (CT), 26
Daniel Kuenne (WI), 445
P. J. Madigan (CA), 222
John Marchand (NY), 130
LeRoy Mehring (MT), 391
Sarah Moehrke (OR), 62
Elaine Mori (MA), 104

John Murphy (FL), 147
Brenda Nason (NV), 400
James O'Malley (MA), 464
Sue Raynor (OR), 356
Michelle Schneider (SD), 251 x2
Catherine Segal (NJ), 175
Alice Souza (CA), 453
Tracy Stephens (CA), 190
Greg Strike (SD), 397
Chrissy Sullivan (MA), 464
Mary Tegt (WI), 1
Patricia Trenary (MI), 218
Keith Vanden Wymelenberg (WI), 1
Robert Veach (MT), 25

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Club 71 (Grand Rapids MI) has had only two grand slams this season—and both were by **William Stacey**. On both nights (October 21 and November 18), he faced **David Aiken** in game nine, and both times David failed to derail Bill—losing by 14 and 19 points.



●● Rez Peggers Club 346 (Waynesville NC)—**Keith Miller** gets his first ever Grass Roots grand slam in twenty-five years of playing, on 12/22.



● Club 175 (Bridgewater NJ)—**Wayne LeBlond** ends a very good night on December 16 by edging out **James Ravenscroft** by a single point in game nine.

Best Grass Roots scorecards this month!

Division 1
Kris Bailey
 20/9 +192
 (Club 79)

Division 4
Ray Warner
 15/6 +159
 (Club 484)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this season!

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

Division 4
Ray Warner
 16/6 +175
 (Club 484)

December Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (26)

- Kris Bailey (CA), 79
- Tom Barrons (MI), 432
- Frank Bogus (MA), 104
- Scott Buhrow (TX), 106
- Doug Griffith (MI), 295
- Michael Hakenjos (FL), 396
- Roland Hall (CA), 100
- Jerry Hedden (PA), 490
- Michael Hill (MI), 390
- Roy Hohn (CO), 34
- Greg Horst (AZ), 408
- Jack Howsare (VA), 117
- Phillip Jarosik (IL), 288
- Sherry Jensen-Mason (NV), 360
- Wayne LeBlond (NJ), 175 ●
- Robert Medeiros (MA), 104
- Keith Miller (NC), 346 ●●

- Kendra Munkacsy (MA), 104
- Karen Murphy (WA), 246
- Douglas Myers (MI), 329
- Vivian Powers (WA), 377
- Terry Rogers (WA), 379
- Vicki Ross (MT), 410
- Andrea Shada (WI), 197
- David Smith (FL), 454
- Susan Taylor (ME), 375

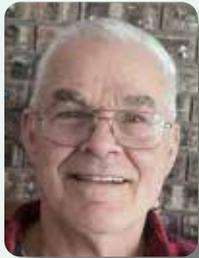
Lite Slams (27)

- Pat Adams (MN), 452
- Rusty Anderson (OR), 395
- Greg Blinsky (OR), 28
- Thomas Borkowski (MI), 97
- David Bute (CO), 433
- Quentin Campbell (CA), 475
- John Cooper (CA), 194
- Tony Dierickx (MN), 477

- Tanya Doughty (FL), 479
- Carolyn Emry (CA), 475
- Derek Fergus (WA), 156
- Ronald Geerdes (FL), 468
- Donald Hinds (TX), 498
- Garth Howell (OR), 395
- Andria Jason (MA), 439
- Frank LaPan (MI), 97 x2
- Erik Locke (OR), 28
- Petrus Maas (OR), 420
- Kevin Mansfield (TX), 498
- Nicholas Narog (OR), 395
- Darryl Overstreet (OR), 395
- Rob Palmer (OR), 38
- Erik Pittman (MN), 452
- Duane Ritchie (OR), 376
- Nancy Taylor (WY), 211
- Steven Umbro (OK), 500
- Ray Warner (AR), 484

I started playing cribbage with my friend and coworker Harry Ng in the '80s, and like many members I took the game informally with friends. After I started playing team cribbage at lunch seriously, Harry suggested I would enjoy playing with his club. I played but not on a consistent basis. Harry then suggested that we go to a small ACC tournament at a hofbrau in Cupertino. I played only that tournament for a few years, not because of the cribbage, but because the hofbrau served a fantastic meal! Later, I went with Harry and others to a tournament in Orangevale directed by Annett Eiffert. I played this tournament for two years and qualified both times. The second year, I was waiting for the playoff when another competitor asked if I would like to play \$5 a game. We played until the playoff began, and I was \$5 richer. Much later I found out that my opponent was the great Jim Langley. (I hope he still remembers that I bested him for \$5!) Nowadays, playing a tournament is a rarity for me, but I've won one consolation and one main. In 2001 I received a call from Mary Herrmann that she was starting a new club and would love to have me participate. Club 290 began play on that infamous date of 9/11/2001. Somehow, Mary sweet-talked me into being the club statistician since I was a weekly player. A few years down the line, Mary's health prevented her continuing as director, so I assumed that duty and continued until the 2018 season. I have won the club championship a total of sixteen times. I finally reached the Platinum level on December 17.

Albert Moy
(Lafayette CA)
Platinum #26



My dad taught me to play cribbage. We played muggins, and he stole points from me left and right. After about two years, I stole two points from him. He wanted me to join the ACC, so I played in the Salem tournament in 1989. I didn't play other tournaments for about six years before venturing out. My cribbage mentor was my dad at first. After he passed away, my mentors became Duane Toll and Erik Locke. I have been champion at Grass Roots Club 46 five times. I earned my Platinum Award on December 29, when I had to win a couple of really close games to get points that night. My first tournament win was in Rosenberg OR in 2003. I play a lot more tournaments now that I have retired. My toughest club opponent right now is Jeremy Krieger. A favorite cribbage moment this year was a trip with the guys to Grand National in Deadwood SD. My other interests are attending sports events of my grandkids.

William O'Malley
(Salem OR)
Platinum #27

That Cribbage Guy

Every cribbage club has a member who exemplifies camaraderie. The repeated stories, pegging banter, and point-counting expressions are unique to many of us, especially our seasoned members. For Club 295 in Rochester Hills MI, that member is **Phil Whitehouse**. Sixty-five years ago, Phil learned the game at age sixteen from a retired telegrapher from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He joined the ACC in 2006 and for many years was the director of the Mount Pleasant MI cribbage club. He earned his Gold in March 2025 and continues to appear, with his dry wit, weekly at Club 295 in Troy MI. Watch for him in future tournaments and be prepared to be entertained. Spoiler alert/cribbage nomenclature decoder: "That old Buick" (a historic General Motors automobile V8 engine) is a double-run eight-point hand, per Phil's cribbage speak.



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Born and raised in Madison WI, I learned to play cribbage from my dad, Nolan Johnson. I joined the ACC in the mid-1980s, and my first club was Club 1 in Madison. My dad, now 96 years old, is my cribbage mentor. I moved to Florida in 1993 and started my current club—#241 in Delray Beach—with Joe Daesch in 1997. I have been club champion three times (2010, 2013, and 2025). My first weekend win was the

Kenneth N. Johnson
(Jupiter FL)
Gold #250

2009 South Florida Open, which I codirected. I was runner-up in GN 41 at Virginia Beach, and I'm now only 23 points away from my Master rating. I started going to Reno in the late 1990s with my wife, my mom, and my dad (back when we had over 1,000 players!). My toughest opponents at Club 1 are Fred Adolphson and John Syftestad. Non-cribbage interests are my family: my wife is an operating room nurse, and we have twin girls who just graduated college in 2025. One is a Wisconsin Badger working in hockey, and the other is a Florida Gator off to Italy to teach English, then obtain her Masters. Here's something cool: I played with Joe Wergin and proofread his book on euchre.

In the early '50s I remember my grandfather playing cribbage. I played a little with friends and a cousin in Sturgis, then joined the ACC about 1989. My mentor was Lloyd Fenner, who helped start the Rapid City club. I've won the club four times. I finally reached the Gold level on September 16, after a six-week dry spell. To let some of the newer members know, it was hard to get GRPs in the early years. Your scorecard had to be in the top 20% to get points. Several times my 14 didn't make it! Also: our club was in Division 2 (limited to 24 weeks per season) for the first twenty-five years. I won a main in Cheyenne in 2017 with support from Kathy & Verdell. For five years now, Deadwood is the only tournament I've attended but our group used to be regulars in Cheyenne and Denver. My toughest opponent was Wes Hall, who directed our club for many years and was the first South Dakotan to reach the Gold level. Next toughest is Troy Thorson. I met Troy in a poker game when he was in college; he took off like a rocket, while I've slowed down a lot, just a homebody. I used to fish with Leroy, Jim, Jerry, and Rick, and there was always a beer and game after the fish were cleaned. My wife and three daughters also enjoy the game. We have two grandsons who are learning cribbage (and are also really good baseball pitchers).



Howard Pearson
(Black Hawk SD)
Gold #252



I picked up cribbage at the kitchen table from my parents, but truly learned the game from my late nephew, Shawn Andrusko, who was an excellent player in the ACC. He encouraged me to join, along with my father Dewey, back in 1995, and I've been a member of Twin City Peggys ever since. I was club champ in 2021. The first tournament I played was hosted by Jerry Gruber (another huge mentor and amazing friend) back in 1996, and I've attended many of Todd Schaefer's tournaments as well. I have only one victory (the 2014 Minnesota Snowball consy). I truly love the game and continue to learn and value the many friendships made along the way. Our club is wonderful, high caliber, and such a fun group! We have many excellent players; Dan Pluff, Dan Taylor, Todd Schaefer, and Brett Brunner are my toughest challenges—but it's so much fun to beat them! I've been fortunate to lead the club for several weeks this season, and I hope to hold onto my lead in the closing weeks. Besides cribbage, I love to golf and get out twice a week throughout the season. I am very blessed with an amazing family and friends and thankful for health and the ability to be active. I'm still waiting for the elusive 29!

Mary Thacker
(Shoreview MN)
Gold #259

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

Amanda Moquin (FL), 230

Steve Colgan (WA), 467

Mark Hauser (MI), 295

Chris Kim (AK), 177

Jim Maffa (MA), 104

Scott Noble (VA), 124

Scott Sand (MN), 94

Peter Vangness (MA), 464

BRONZE

Jennifer M. Bennett (MI), 329

Barbara Berg-Fennessey (FL), 230

Marc Morisseau (TX), 387

Gerhard Paseman (CA), 337

Shirley Phelps (CO), 34

Allen Southwell (MI), 71

Tracy Stephens (CA), 190

Judy Whitfield (CA), 389



Frank Danielski
(Little Chute WI)
Platinum #25

My mother taught me the game of cribbage when I was in my late teens. Since then I have . . . joined the ACC when it was in its infant stage; directed eight Polish Opens with my wife Ginny, which were attended by up to 200 players; included “leastski” tournaments on Saturday nights; began the Appleton Grass Roots club, which is still alive and

well; won twenty-two tournaments along the way; introduced the “kitchen game” to players;* have a Two Star rating in tournament play; and earned my Platinum status recently. But mostly I met and enjoyed a lot of nice people during this time span.

***Editor’s note:** in the kitchen game, each player antes a dollar. On the first hand, the dealer must get out of the kitchen (15 points), scoring at least 16 points in pegging, hand, and crib. If the dealer is short, he owes a dollar to the pone; if the dealer has 16 or more points, then the dealer wins the dollar. If the dealer doesn’t get out of the kitchen on the second deal, he owes another dollar.

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I learned to play cribbage from my parents. In the 1940s there was no such thing as television or even phones in our area, so we played games and cards. My parents taught all seven of us kids to play cribbage. When I met my late husband, Joe, in 1956, we spent most of our dates playing cribbage at his brother John’s. We joined the ACC in 1983 when we played our first tournament at the Dome in Marinette WI. Aside from Joe, Mick Michaelis was a great mentor and teacher. Joe and I organized the first Grass Roots club in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1995. Bay de Noc Peggers Club 218 is still going strong under the new leadership of Bruce LaFluer. That is still my home club, where I play part of the year; as a snowbird I play in San Diego for about four months of the year. I was club champion in 2007 and 2010. (My husband and David Peterson—who is always my toughest opponent—were usually the champions.) I earned my Gold Award by scoring 30 points in the GRRT in November. My favorite cribbage moment was winning the Aces and Eights tournament in April 2024 in Deadwood SD to make my Grand Master rating. I play only about eight or ten weekend tournaments per year. My number one priority is family—my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—which means lots of weddings and graduations. When I am in Gladstone, I serve as an AmeriCorps senior volunteer. Before I became a snowbird, I was active in the Gladstone Senior Center and All Saints Church.



Donna Aird
(Gladstone MI)
Gold #260



Malden Muggers Club 104 (Malden MA)—the largest Grass Roots club in the ACC—has had seven grand slams already this season:

- Paul Pepas (19/9 +149 on 9/16)
- Wayne King (20/9 +180 on 9/30)
- John McCready (24/9 + 299 on 10/7)
- Stanley Filipiak (19/9 +104 on 10/14)
- Frank Bogus (20/9 +137 on 12/2)
- Kendra Munkacsy (19/9 +149 on 12/16)
- Robert Medeiros (18/9 +105 on 12/23—but second place!)



Cribbage Quiz Answer

While there is one **way** for the dealer to peg 29 points and the pone to peg 12, there are actually **nine variations** on this theme. The two players must hold two identical pairs of cards, and all eight cards must add up to less than 31. Put another way, the rank of the two cards combined must be 7 or less. Here are the nine sets of pairs that work in this scenario:

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|-----|-----|-----|
| A-2 | A-3 | A-4 |
| A-5 | A-6 | 2-3 |
| 2-4 | 2-5 | 3-4 |

Here's one example played out:

pone	6		6 (for 6)		A		A (for 6)	
dealer		6 (for 2)		6 (for 12)		A (for 2)		A (for 13)
running count	6	12	18	24	25	26	27	28

For another look at quads, see page 9.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Tricia Bergeron and Roy Scheffer

by Mary Alice Russell

This has been a tough week for Club 439 on Martha's Vineyard MA. Our club simply would not exist if it were not for Tricia and Roy's passion for the game.

I am what the island calls a wash-ashore. Back in 2005 cribbage (and love) brought me to MV. After experiencing a Grass Roots club off-island, I wanted to start a club here; but lacked the confidence to even try. Life with kids and a new relationship kept me busy.

I started working with Tricia at the MV hospital in 2016, and we discovered a shared love of the game. She played regularly with a group of close friends. She would love to help, but made it clear that she would only assist—not be the director. She just could not help herself, and for that, I will be forever grateful.

Not surprisingly, just a few weeks later we soft-launched a tournament at her beloved Portuguese-American Club. I expected about ten people, as I nervously set up and sat and waited. Tricia was curious but confident. Twenty-four people showed up, and we were off!

These people were friends of Tricia and Roy. Then they told a few friends, and more players immediately said they were in. We had over forty members before Covid. Roughly 20–25 players now show up weekly.

Aside from having fun every week, Roy—who is known on the island as the Royster—is affectionately known at club as the Trickster. If you ever had the joy of playing him, you totally get the nickname! He was an extremely skilled player, as was Tricia.

Tricia and Roy were my sales pitch! I always promote cribbage when I meet someone new. And my spiel always included asking them if they knew Tricia or Roy. Their face would always light up, and they would enthusiastically nod. Now their interest is piqued.

A few years ago, our club started a scholarship for a graduating senior going into the trades. This is a point of pride for us, as most of our members are tradesmen. We will now rename the scholarship to honor Tricia and Roy.

My heart is heavy. We lost true friends. I felt our relationship blooming and wore it like a badge of honor. I am a better person because of them. They were gentle giants of the community and will be dearly missed.



CLUB 29

1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
3. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
4. Matt Klar (MN): GN43 Midweek (9/30)
5. Matt Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)
6. John Bartlett (MA): David Campbell Memorial (12/13)

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Before anything this month, I am sad to report the passing of **Tricia Bergeron** and **Roy Scheffer**. Roy and Tricia were from Martha's Vineyard and were a recent addition to the New England cribbage scene. They were out in their boat, when a snow squall came out of nowhere and the boat capsized. Unfortunately for their families and friends, they did not make it. They are going to be incredibly missed in New England. May they rest in peace. (*Editor's note: see also page 19.*)

As I start every February column, it's the most wonderful time of the year! **#birthdaymonth**. As usual, I accept all gifts, money, and cows! I need to start wishing **Adam Switzer** happy birthday as well, as we are getting ready for our first ever inter-ACC side pool, called the Switzer Soule Birthday Bash Side Pool! We have posted it, told people about, word of mouth, etc. Looking forward to this new "crackpot" idea. Other days this month include February 6, besides being *my* actual birthday day, is National '80s Day; our GN banquet theme is '80s prom and I am a child of the '80s. February 18 is Thumb Appreciation Day, and February 25—for New England—is National Clam Chowder Day.

On November 23, New England gathered in Vernon CT for the Yankee Classic. The top qualifier was **Just Rob**, but Connecticut didn't want anyone from Massachusetts in the top. The top four were **Mike Fetchel**, **Scott Johnson**, **George Windish**, and **Bill Peters**. All of them play Club 26 Phil's Piranhas in East Hartford CT. George took the win—his first!—and Scott came in second. In the consolation, **John Bartlett** ➔ and **Mary Roberge** qualified #1 and #2, and that is how they finished! Thanks, Phil, and the club for the tournament.



The Chris Greeley Kindness Charity Tournament was held in Holden ME. In the main, it was **Dave Leissner** over **Steph George**, and in the consolation it was **Steve Braley** over **Jerry Hardy**.

Virginia Beach was the place to be on December 5–6 to hang out with directors **Laurie Schmitz** and **Megan Player**. The Friday sixteen-game tournament was won by soon-to-be-new-director **James Ravencroft**, and second place went to **Jesse Ferguson**. The weekend tournament saw one of my nemeses, **Keith Miller** take another win over

Vicki's February Funnies

Q. What is the best outfit for February 2nd?
A. A tutu (not tue-tue, Keith Widener).

Q. What is a ghost's favorite month?
A. Feb-boo-ary.

Q. Why do people walk slow in February?
A. Because it is not March.

Thomas Kay; the consy was won by **Jason Dean Stauffer**, with **Cindy Wark** coming in second. Great job, ladies!

We gathered in Wolfeboro NH on December 12–14 to honor our friend and president who passed away too early, **David Campbell**. Shameless plug: the Windrifter is amazing and there is such a family feel when we all gather there. The Friday event was won by **Todd Smith**, with **Joe**

Bown in second. Fun fact: Joe was #1 qualifier and Todd was #2. The consy was won by #1 qualifier **Jim Sullivan**; this was Jim's first win, with **Paige Thomas** in second. The main event was won by a newbie, **Just Rob**, ↑ who beat out our visiting friend, **Jack Howsare**. You would think that Rob would be friendly to guests. The consolation saw an all-girls final with **Deb Cotter** ➔ taking the win over **Kendra Munkacsy**. Next up at the Windrifter: Vicki's Birthday Bash! Go New England!

This month's pictures from Niagara Falls are from our Maid of the Mist Ride—a twenty-minute ride into Horseshoe Falls! Spoiler alert: you *will* get wet, no matter where you are on the boat. It was pretty amazing to see the falls up close and to drive into them.

Happy Valentine's Day and just be nice!





Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Play the game!

Recently a post on Facebook talked about a player's sleeve accidentally knocking out her front peg as she placed her cards on the opponent's side of the table. Her opponent was fine with her just putting her peg back where it was, but bystanders felt like they needed to open their mouths, telling her that she could have been penalized. So she asked a judge sitting next to her about the situation, and the judge told her that technically she had to go back and that her back peg became her front peg. She then placed her peg behind the back peg and played on. There are more details in the post if you can find it. No specific rule covers this exact situation. However, if you read rule 8.5b, which talks about both pegs being accidentally dislodged, it basically says to figure out where the pegs were, put them back, and play on without penalty. In this case there was no attempt to touch or remove her peg, it was just accidentally dislodged.

This past weekend in Asheville NC at the Smoky Mountain Classic (directed by **Jacob French**), the ACC's testing examiner Sally Henderson called me over to assist with a judging call. The pone was on second street and the dealer was on third. The pone led a 2, the dealer paired it, and the pone tripped it for six and pegged to hole 49. The dealer played a 9 making the count 15 and scored two points. As the dealer was pegging his points, the pone for whatever reason became distracted and thought she had not yet pegged her six points, so picked up her front peg and went six pegs backward to hole 43—except she jumped tracks and placed it in hole 78 on third street. Both players agreed that this is what happened.

Sally and I eliminated rules 8.4c and 8.4d because there was actually no score to be pegged and there may have been a cribbage action taken before this was caught, but we were not going to let the 29 points gained by the pone stand nor were we going to allow the dealer to take a 29-point penalty. So we decided that two rules applied. First, rule 8.5a(2): **If the player completes recording the score in the wrong direction and releases the peg, both pegs shall remain where they are and that score and the previous score are forfeited.** Then we invoked rule 8.8: **If a player records an otherwise correct score but places the peg in the wrong track . . . it shall be moved to the proper track without penalty.** So the net effect of this situation is that the pone lost six points. The dealer was not due any penalty points.

The ACC wants judges to use common sense when judging situations that are not exactly spelled out in the rulebook. In the first situation above there was no reason for bystanders to interfere (see Code of Ethics). The players had already worked it

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The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I always advise players to change up their pegging patterns so as to not become too predictable.

Let's say you hold 4-5-6-9 as pone. I assume the 4 is your probable lead card. You're probably not going to get killed in pegging but you certainly won't score any bonanzas either.

But what if you lead the 9? Most players are reticent to lead 9s, so the dealer will probably be confused as to your holding. You might get an A or 2 response, which could lead to a 4-1 pegging advantage for you. If the dealer makes the count 19 you should be safe playing your 6 to make the count 25. You could score a cheap 31-2 if the dealer plays A or 2, or at the very least make him use two cards for a go. Or perhaps you'll get a go while saving your 5 for the next series.

There are a number of favorable outcomes, so open your mind to new ways of pegging with different hands, and you'll be pleasantly surprised what avenues open up for you.

Rob always looks for—and finds—pegging bonanzas. Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com.

out. In the Asheville situation, the dealer felt that he should have been due some sort of penalty. I think that the pone having to forfeit six points was penalty enough. There was no way in Hades he was going to get twenty-nine points for an overpeg.

It has been said many times: play the game—not the rulebook. We are not going to gain or maintain members by playing cutthroat cribbage. Rules are there to prevent unscrupulous people from cheating and to help straighten out unusual situations. They do not exist to provide you with another way of winning.

Finally I need to let all of you know that I have changed my email address. The new address is **keith@qtainc.com**. Feel free to email me about any rule issues. And please remember to always have fun!

Cephalopods on the loose at the Emerald Coast Open in Fort Walton Beach FL, thanks to Jason Matheny and Paul Barnes.



Anecdotes and Other Oddities

Several years ago when he still lived in Long Beach, my friend **Rodney Rideau** (Las Vegas NV) and I would sometimes fly to Reno for one of the three events there each year. One year we decided to go up for the Veterans' Day Classic. We got to the hotel, checked in, had dinner, and since it was still relatively early decided to while away some time at the poker machines. At the time the (then) Sands Hotel had a very liberal policy towards providing "free" drinks to players. Rodney and I both had inordinate luck at the machines and were able to play quite some time and consumed more than a few adult beverages. We finally called it a night and staggered back to our respective rooms. The next morning I stumbled down to the playing venue but no Rodney. He couldn't answer the bell. That Saturday night he said he was going to have a light dinner, no drinks, and be sharp for the consolation the next morning. Oops, tournament director, the late **Bill Irons**, had a hard-and-fast rule: if you didn't play in the main, you could *not* play in the consolation. In his mind the consolation was strictly for main nonqualifiers. Nobody else. No way, no how, end of story. So, the upshot was that Rodney went all the way to Reno and never played a hand of cribbage! (Full discloser: Rodney qualified in as many events as I did.)

Several months ago I was playing someone (let's call them Player A, not the real name). After dealing a hand A proceeded to throw their hand in the muck and declare they had dealt seven cards to themselves. I said: "No, no, no. You have to let me see and count the cards *before* you get rid of them." A very good reason for this rule: an unscrupulous player (in the ACC?) could deal, quickly look at the hand, see little or no potential, toss it, and declare too many cards. Anyway, judges were called, the situation was adjudicated and that was that. I thought. Meanwhile, my neighbor on the right (Player B, not the real name) was saying that B had counted A's hand prior to discard and could, vouchsafe that A had seven cards. It didn't matter because I had not been shown them but it got me to thinking: in the thousands of hands of cribbage I've played, as pone have I *ever* counted the number of cards in my opponent's hand prior to discard? Let alone my neighbor's opponent's cards? The answer is I've *never* done that and would be surprised if anyone else has either. You're way to busy looking at your own hand and planning your play. In addition, many players do not fan out the cards so it would be impossible to count them. Then, to top things off, B also adamantly declared that B's opponent, Player C (again, not the real name), my opponent's neighbor, had counted A's cards and would also vouch for the number being seven. Really? Why? No real point here; it just seems like a strange thing to go to war over.

I'll bet if I told you that I needed three points to get out and win the game and a 5 was the cut card you'd say: "If you can't get out from three points with a nickel cut, you better go back to Bonehead Cribbage School." You'd probably be right, but here's what happened a few weeks ago. As pone, I needed three to win and

New Members

86 last month

Alberta

Johanna Wing (Airdrie)

Arizona

Vincent Cassandro (Phoenix)

California

Alex Angier (Rio Linda)

Natalie Boero (Oakland)

Steve Dansey (Truckee)

Krista Knecht (Chico)

Kelly Kresin (San Francisco)

Gregg McGreevy (Oakland)

Casey Ungar (San Francisco)

Colorado

Cindy Clark (Denver)

Jon Flair (Brush)

David Haviland (Denver)

Bob Laborde (Colorado Springs)

Janice Ricci (Denver)

Florida

Andy Berentsen (Havana)

Tom Bertz (Winter Haven)

Sky Divya (Delray Beach)

John Goolsby (Milton)

Karen Keown (Bonita Springs)

Adam Markow (Palm Beach Gardens)

Richard Nadeau (The Villages)

Daniel Schultz (Bonita Springs)

Mark Shimp (Orlando)

Idaho

Jeff Down (Boise)

Illinois

Leonard Grzybowski (Belleville)

Kentucky

William Brown (Owensboro)

Laura Miller (Louisville)

Maine

Andrew Fitzpatrick (Holden)

Jeanne Muse (Portland)

Jeffery Trent (Portland)

Maryland

Rick Millward (Myersville)

Massachusetts

Sarah May Cloutier (Whitinsville)

Kenneth Durant (Wrentham)

Frank Jenkins (Sherborn)

Pamela Sampson (Sherborn)

Steven Weafer (Norwood)

Michigan

Terri Beaudin (Negaunee)

Jeanette Curry (Portage)

McGwire Hidden (Kalamazoo)

Christopher Schaub (Traverse City)

Minnesota

Tanner Gundermann (Brewster)

Mike Million (Marshall)

Missouri

Christine Sylvia (Saint Peters)

Neil Sylvia (Saint Peters)

Montana

Goob West (Missoula)

Nevada

Bea Barbarito (Reno)

Mike Decker (Reno)

Shelly O'Connor (Las Vegas)

New Hampshire

Stephen Herrick (Sanbornville)

Kathy Lavallee (Keene)

New Mexico

Bob Ginder (Albuquerque)

New York

Daniel Kline (New York)

Brittany Rafferty (Cheektowaga)

William Wisnoski (Cheektowaga)

North Carolina

David Baxter (Southport)

KC Hastings (Southport)

Merry Klinefelter (Southport)

Noemi Walton (Durham)

Oklahoma

Brett Jones (Norman)

Greg Spahr (Edmond)

Oregon

LeLand Bellet (Bandon)

Jean Brown (Waldport)

Kelly Crowder (Coos Bay)

Chantal Guzman (Salem)

Brad Jenkins (La Grande)

Cynthia Morgan (Medford)

Jason Randall (Coquille)

Devin Thiele (Salem)

Heidi Thomas (Bend)

Tim Vandervlugt (La Grande)

Pennsylvania

Peter Quain (Royersford)

Utah

Marci Burk (Salt Lake City)

William Bryan Burk (Salt Lake City)

Virginia

Allen A Andrews (Chesapeake)

Joe Grant (Norfolk)

Washington

Lisa Bogardus (Bremerton)

Katherine Flack (Seattle)

Jason Jarvis (Yelm)

Jeff Maahs (Milton)

Ian Mahoney (Bellevue)

Don Richmond (Bonney Lake)

Zachary Smith (Lakebay)

Erik Tracy (Bremerton)

Wyoming

Nidhal Abaza (Madison)

Philip Lorge (Port Washington)

Alyssa Nagel (Madison)

the dealer needed six. I was dealt 2-3-6-8-9-Q. Since I could only keep 2 points I opted to hold 2-3-6-9 as there were only three cards in the deck that don't give me enough. The 5 (one of the three) was cut. I couldn't peg any, leaving me in the extremely weird situation of needing three, cutting a 5, and still not able to get out!

Finally, true story. A few days ago I had an appointment with my heart doctor. I happened to be wearing my spiffy new Two Star jacket. The nurse thought the ACC logo stood for American Cardiologists' College, so I was afforded some respect I probably wasn't due. Booya and olé.

Over and out.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Chris Greeley Classic (Holden ME; 11/29)	Joe Bowen	20 players HQ. Jim Chadwick (40) 1. Dave Leissner (70) 2. Stephanie George (42) 3. Justin Bowen (21) 3. Jim Chadwick (21)	12 players HQ. Jerry Hardy (18) 1. Steven Braley (24) 2. Jerry Hardy (12) 3. Robert Thompson (4)	28-hand: Richard Crosby*	
Virginia Beach Christmas Classic 1 (Virginia Beach VA; 12/5)	Laurie Schmitz	50 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (30) 1. James Ravenscroft (105) 2. Jesse Ferguson II (70) 3. Frank Abernathy (42) 3. Bill Whiting (42)	{no consy}	28-hand: Jesse Ferguson*	Friday: Rodney Joe Bercaw
Virginia Beach Christmas Classic 2 (Virginia Beach VA; 12/6)	Laurie Schmitz	52 players HQ. Keith Miller (40) 1. Keith Miller (105) 2. Thomas Kay (70) 3. Terrance Cushman (42) 3. Donna LaFleur (42)	36 players HQ. Cynthia Wark (15) 1. Jason Dean Stauffer (60) 2. Cynthia Wark (40) 3. Matthew Easterbrook (24) 3. Keith Widener (24)		Canadian Doubles: Stephen Dugas & Bonnie Fife
Willamette Valley Classic (Salem OR; 12/6)	Greg Schleusner	46 players HQ. William O'Malley (50) 1. Bob Brumley (105) 2. Erik Locke (70) 3. Betty Brumley (42) 3. Edgar Tuttle (42)	22 players HQ. Julia Schewanick (12) 1. Christi Lewis (40) 2. John Bennett (24) 3. Jeff Crabill (12) 3. Julia Schewanick (12)	28-hand: Jessica LeBeau*	
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 12/6)	Alice Souza	37 players HQ. James Clark (35) 1. Scott Bedolla (105) 2. Dan McPherson (70) 3. Peggy Saber (42) 3. Sharon Sherbert (42)	18 players HQ. Alice Souza (18) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Jones Horn (24) 3. Ben Lewis (12) 3. Alice Souza (12)	28-hand: Michael Rogers*	

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Winter Won Day (Portland OR; 12/7)	Erik Locke	43 players HQ. Bob Brumley (25) 1. Craig Smith (105) 2. Aaron Garner (70) 3. Daniel Ernster (42) 3. Thomas Wilson (42)	13 players HQ. Larry Pisha (15) 1. Erik Locke (24) 2. Larry Pisha (12) 3. Christi Lewis (4) 3. Steve Scadden (4)	28-hand: Bob Brumley*	
Windrifer Classic (Wolfeboro NH; 12/12)	Mark & Vicki Soule	53 players HQ. Joseph Bowen (45) 1. Todd Smith (105) 2. Joseph Bowen (70) 3. Harvey Bourdeau (42) 3. Rick Montague (42)	41 players HQ. James Sullivan (9) 1. James Sullivan (60) 2. Paige Thomas (40) 3. Barbara Barbour (24) 3. Keith Bryant (24)		
David Campbell Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; 12/13)	Mark & Vicki Soule	62 players HQ. William Cormier (40) 1. Robert Medeiros (105) 2. Jack Howsare (70) 3. William Cormier (42) 3. Frank Fratea (42)	40 players HQ. Harvey Bourdeau (15) 1. Debra Cotter (60) 2. Kendra Munkacsy (40) 3. Frank Bogus Jr (24) 3. Jerry Hardy (24)	29-hand: John Bartlett 28-hands: Joseph Bowen* Frank Fratea* Frank Reddy* Mary Roberge*	Friday: Paul Kane Canadian Doubles: Deborah Taylor & Marty Duchow

Hard to do!

At the Smoky Mountain Classic in Asheville NC on January 10, **Jennifer Curnow** (Irmo SC) did something that is kinda hard to do: she won fifteen games and had negative spread points! Jen did what she was supposed to—win the close games (seven of eight single-digit games)—but the bottom line was minus 16!

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)	Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
1	-	26	JH	11
2	2	15	RWH	7
3	2	06	JH	2
4	-	39	PA	6
5	2	04	OK	3
6	2	06	70	1
7	-	13	Net	18
8	2	17	CD	22
9	2	02	SDS	26
10	2	05	EGE	51
11	2	23	JBM	47
12	2	05	MB	41
13	2	19	JS	37
14	2	16	WJ	33
15	2	10	med	49
16	2	12	Z	42
17	2	26	JL	48
18	-	49	Kitt	52
19	-	17	B	25
20	2	13	o 2	
21	2	01	HT	17
22	-	06	Sally	13
Total Game Points	30	157 113	Win = 24 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0	
Games Won	15	NET POINTS (+/-)	Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
		-16	Signature <i>Jen Curnow</i>	

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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This month I feature the most accomplished female online player with the best records: **Sue Edwards** (co434sue). A formidable opponent, Sue consistently plays at both online sites. She is always in the top 5% percent monthly and keeps coming close to becoming the first female internet champ. Sue is the only woman to have the most internet wins in a season and was the first female Life eMaster (★), with 14,127 IRPs (#4 overall). Here is more about Sue, in her words:

I learned to play cribbage from my grandparents in Nebraska, using toothpicks as pegs and shuffling sticky cards in cornstarch. I come from a family of card and game players and have over one hundred board games on my shelves. I have a wonderful husband, two kids, and two grandkids. I joined the ACC in 1995 when I learned about competitive cribbage from the centerfold of *Games Magazine*. I am director of Club 23 in Denver and have been club champion numerous times.

The high point of my cribbage career happened thirty years ago when I came in second at the Reno tournament, which had 900 players! I get to Reno yearly, but don't travel much, as most tourneys are far from Denver. My toughest opponent is Roger Wilson.

- Point Leader of the Month*
Daniel Crete (dec) @ 187 IRPs
- New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*
Bryan Gurden (gurdszilla)
- Internet 28-Hands*
Tim Julkowski (timoregon2854)
- Internet Grand Slams*
Roger McGlenn (mtmogie)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	628	Tim Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	574	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
3	542	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
4	535	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
5	534	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
6	511	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
7	492	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
8	482	Bryan Gurden (gurdszilla)
9	471	David Smith (thecuse5)
10	468	Terry Higgins (chainlink1)



I am executive director of an educational nonprofit that creates exciting programs for students and families in Denver Public Schools. Maybe I'll retire in five more years (then I'll be 81!).

As for hobbies: I've found at least one geo-cache for the past 5,900+ days, and over 50,000 in total. I won a gold medal in senior volleyball this year at the World Senior Games.

CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*



by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
29	37

After visiting the island of Marco Polo's family, we traveled to one of the most famous islands in the world for modern day travelers, Hvar Croatia. Since the late 1800s, Hvar has been known as a travel destination for health-conscious travelers. The food, water, weather, and extremely beautiful beaches have drawn visitors from around the world for centuries. Hollywood stars, corporate titans, and European royalty have—and still—visit Hvar. Several billionaires had their private super yachts in the harbor while we were there. As we walked by, we googled the yachts to read the bio information of the owners. We are always hopeful that their bio will state they play cribbage as a hobby. If they do, I'm going to knock on their door. Bill Gates was the closest thing to that, as he plays competitive bridge. So close!

Beyonce and JayZ regularly park their yacht in the harbor and party in Hvar. If Maria and I “bumped into” the Queen B and JayZ, we were going to offer to teach them how to play Canadian Doubles! Hey... the chances of that are probably better than getting a 29-point hand, since the population of Hvar city is only 4,000 people. Even though that chance meeting didn't happen, we will continue to look for cribbage-playing travelers. For our CAW competition, I won all three games. With my track record against Maria, the chance of that happening was also highly improbable. I hope my hot cards continue as Maria and I head to the JPW/ACC Open in March.





The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

We threw a birthday tournament for President **James Morrow**, and it went full chaos fun—in the best way, of course.

Goodie bags. Mystery presents on the 24-hand table. Silly poems and little good-luck charms from James himself. And the MVPs? Holiday party poppers we fired at him randomly all weekend (I heard James was looking into hearing aids). James reached the finals with my Papa—who did not, I repeat, did not—gift him the one thing he asked for on his birthday: the win.

In the quiet after, I started flipping through old *Cribbage Worlds*. Not for a project. Just because I don't want us to forget who set the tables before we ever sat down. And wow—there's a lot in those pages:

- **“Long-est” Beach**—the Hofbauers were steering that ship thirty plus years ago with an incredible amount of sponsorships, community, and commitment.
- **Cheryl Mussell**—turns out she snagged a big win back in the 1990s. I had no idea, and now I can't stop smiling about it.
- **Annett Eiffert**—who's on the marketing committee—earned her Master award back in 1997! You can work alongside someone for a year and not realize they were laying the groundwork so we could be playing today.

Reading that doesn't make me sentimental; it makes me clap harder now. When someone gets points for the first time, or wins a side event, or finally breathes after a skunk, I hear all those years behind us—the directors who hauled boards, the regulars who just kept showing up, the folks who quietly did the work so we could walk in and deal, and who continue to do it to this day.

So yes—confetti and poppers and a finals match with my Papa. More of that, please. But also yes to remembering the long runs that brought us here. The stubborn weekends that never quit. The names that flew under the radar and still fill rooms to this day. Cribbage is incredible. The American Cribbage Congress even more so for bringing us together and keeping people coming back for more, decades later.

I'm still playing. Still traveling when life allows. Also juggling family, Grass Roots, and the new marketing hat. Some months are loud; some are quiet. Either way, I'm grateful—for the laughter, the help, the encouragement in the playing hall, and for the history sitting right under our chairs.

See you at the tables. If you give me a bad beat, bring your best grin for the mirror. And if you hear a pop in the distance, it's probably just James's birthday lasting a little longer than planned. I may have noticed a couple of the extra goodie bags were missing their poppers. . . .

THIS JUST IN!

✦ DARYL DESJARDIN ✦



Even though it's already February, it's not too late to propose some new year's resolutions. Here are my 2026 cribbage resolutions—ones that may improve my play without losing what makes cribbage so great in the first place.

1. Get better at discarding—on purpose. Even though I solicit opinions from the plethora of those who play better than I do, I still go with my gut too many times when tossing cards into the crib. Sometimes that works. Often, it doesn't. This year, I'm trying to actually understand the math behind those decisions. Some two-card tosses are just better than others, and knowing when to feed your crib versus starving your opponent's can quietly swing games. It might only be a point here or there, but over time those points add up.

2. Pay better attention to pegging. Pegging is where I can leak points without realizing it. I can obsess over the hand and the crib, then treat pegging like it's just something that happens. It isn't. Good pegging can be worth several points a hand. Here are patterns I (and others) fall into: missing an easy run or knowing when pairing helps or hurts. Once I spot bad habits, then they're fixable.

3. Play often—but don't play on autopilot. Casual kitchen games are fun, but they're also where my bad habits grow. I've got to slow down just a little. Take a few seconds before each discard or peg and actually think it through. Players don't need to turn every game into a math exam, but a small pause can make a big difference.

4. Lose better. Nobody likes getting beaten, especially skunked, but losses are gold if you're willing to look at them honestly. After a rough game, replay the turning points in your head. Was it a bad discard? A missed pegging chance? Or did the cards just hate you that day? At ACC tournaments, I've observed that the best players don't blame luck for everything—they steal lessons from every loss (e.g., Rob "Voldemort" Medeiros).

5. Above all, never forget why I'm playing. Cribbage is a social game at heart. Enjoy the trash talk, the groans over a zero-point hand, and the absolute joy of watching someone count a perfect 29. In words that we see every month in *Cribbage World*: "Let's have fun!" Wins are nice—but good company and making friends are better.

To the entire ACC family: here's to a year full of fifteens, sneaky runs, and maybe—just maybe—an elusive 29!

Daryl DesJardin is a retired USAF chaplain living in The Villages FL.



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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of January 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1634	Bryan Gurden	1	891	David Aiello	1	629	Mike Fetchel
2	943	Bob Brumley	2	748	Haley Hintze	2	564	Robert Medeiros
3	811	Ray Klocko	3	742	Les Kvien	3	529	John Bartlett
4	779	Bob Bartosh	4	591	James McCarty	4	516	Terrance Cushman
4	779	James Langley	5	545	Doug Page	5	449	Debra Cotter
6	751	Roland Hall	6	532	Dennis Koehler	6	442	James Sullivan
7	676	Duane Toll	7	498	Robert Chase	6	442	Keith Widener
8	646	Erik Royland Locke	8	453	Jim Mahan	8	427	Jerry Hardy
9	617	Darlene Stier	9	443	John Syftestad	9	398	Peter Legendre
10	614	William O'Malley	10	439	Allen Karr	10	393	Richard Nourse
11	586	Paul Gregson	11	416	Terry Weber	11	392	Keith Miller
12	480	Todd Malmgren	12	390	Richard Frost	12	363	William Cormier
13	453	Bernie Nelson	13	389	Steven Steinmetz	13	341	Stephen Dugas
14	409	Donald Stockham	14	388	Kevin Mansfield	14	335	Deborah Taylor
15	369	Charlene Cohen	15	368	Jerry Griffin	15	332	Donna LaFleur
16	366	Bill Schlages	15	368	Doug Whitlock	16	323	Frank Bogus Jr
17	359	Jones Hom	17	354	Henry Brandner	17	319	Frank Reddy
18	354	Wayne Momsen	18	318	Wayne Steinmetz	18	314	Paige Thomas
19	333	Gary Louderback	19	305	Marsha Mahan	19	307	Carlyle Foss
20	331	Jeanne Jelke	20	298	Al Pernicek	20	279	Vicki Soule
21	323	James Clark	21	291	Clay Collier	21	272	Phil Martin
22	318	Wayne Morris	22	289	Wade Skaja	22	266	Paul Batterson
22	318	Carol Perko	23	282	Dan Selke	23	264	Patrick Robrecht
24	313	Alice Souza	24	274	Deb Kvien	24	231	Mary Burlington
25	305	David Bute	25	270	Pete Severson	24	231	Jack Silvia
26	304	Carole Herron	26	257	Bob Kiley	26	229	Kendra Munkacsy
27	292	Scott Bartosh	27	246	Chad Frischmann	27	223	Marty Duchow
28	284	Jennifer Bolles	28	238	Edward Balcer	27	223	Peter Grant
28	284	Gordy Wise	28	238	Bob Hanes	29	222	David Statz
30	283	Ryan Huffman	30	229	Bob Joslin	30	213	Jeff Olson
31	277	Paul Hirschmann	31	227	Greg Stuecheli	31	198	Eric Davis
32	269	William Eilers	32	226	Scott Sand	32	196	Todd Smith
33	267	Rick Baird	33	224	Marlene Lazachek	33	194	Mark Soule
34	262	Cy Madrone	34	209	William Stacey	34	187	Jamie Fincher
35	260	Brad Seger	35	208	Ken Moomey	35	186	Mary Roberge
36	256	Willie Evans	36	207	Emilio Perez	35	186	Roy Scheffer
36	256	Chris McComas	37	204	Michael Henze	37	185	Bonnie Fife
38	254	Tom Brown	38	198	Dan Taylor	37	185	Dave Leissner
39	237	Dawn Diaz	39	195	Joe Clarke	39	184	Charles Booker
40	232	Monica Newton	39	195	Denise Fortin	40	182	Laurie Hardy
41	220	Farokh Ziari	41	193	Rod Mandler	41	181	Stanley Filipiak
42	216	Barbara Stockham	42	192	Daniel Pluff	42	176	Paul Kane
43	213	Matt Padrow	43	187	Dan Sand	43	174	Barry Spadea
44	208	Betty Brumley	44	184	Adam Switzer	44	173	Kenneth Johnson
45	205	Pamela Pomeroy	45	181	James Huser	45	166	James Ravenscroft
46	202	Trevor Poole	46	180	Kelly Holt	46	165	Dianna Larson
47	201	Ronald Allen	47	179	Don Pohlman	47	156	Jacob French
48	200	Jason Shumate	48	177	Andy Stireman	48	155	Robert Baker
49	196	Junko Larsen	49	173	David Aiken	48	155	Scott Johnson
50	192	Pete Larsen	50	172	Eugene DeVowe	50	154	Barbara Barbour
						50	154	David Flaherty

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>tournament directors</i>
Oct. 14–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 <i>phone: 716.278.2695</i>	David Aiken Katie VanHuis Mark Soule Vicki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201 <i>phone: 509.455.9600</i>	James Morrow Rick Baird Kat Hartsell
TOC & ACC OPEN		
March 6–8, 2026 March 4–7, 2027 March 2–5, 2028 March 1–4, 2029	J Resort 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501 <i>phone: 866.386.7829</i>	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 16–20, 2026	Double Tree (RDU) 4810 Page Creek Ln Durham NC 27703 <i>phone: 919.941.6000</i>	Megan Player Jennifer Johnson David Aiken

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PA ♦ Keystone Doubleheader

Trinity Episcopal Church, 966 Trinity Ln,
King of Prussia PA 19406. TD: James
Ravenscroft (267.897.3404) & Scott Harker

Feb. 6, Keystone Classic 1

Feb. 7, Keystone Classic 2

CA ♦ Feb. 7, Pegging for Vets

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

WA ♦ Feb. 7, Super Saturday One-Day

VFW, 2902 E Diamond Ave, Spokane WA 99217.
TD: Tim Julkowski (503.805.9410) & Jason Ra-
melow

MI ♦ Feb. 13–14, Rod Hovey Memorial

Delta Marriott Hotel, 2747 South 11th St, Kalama-
zoo MI 49009. TD: Steve Nuyen (269.377.6711) &
Roger Brown

OR ♦ Feb. 14–15, Come Sea Bandon

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

VA ♦ Winter Wonderland Doubleheader

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

Feb. 18–20, VA Beach Winter Wonderland 1

Feb. 20–22, VA Beach Winter Wonderland 2

WI ♦ Feb. 20–22, Point Open

Stevens Point Country Club, 1628 Country Club
Dr, Stevens Point WI 54482. TD: Brian Napiwocki
(715.340.7967) & Patrick Barrett

CA ♦ Feb. 20–22, Pacific Coast Championship

American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933.
TD: Dick Lind (831.595.9920) & Randy Borchardt

CT ♦ Feb. 21, February Frenzy

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd,
South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour
(860.543.2244) & Don Janelle

OR ♦ Feb. 21, Willamette Valley Open

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

CA ♦ Feb. 27–Mar. 1, Northern California Open

Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Ranche-
ria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke
(509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

WI ♦ Feb. 27–Mar. 1, Go Green Bay

Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI
54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

NV ♦ Mar. 2–4, Topaz Classic

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

Reno, Nevada ♦ The Big One!

J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

March 5 ♦ Reno Opener

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

March 5 ♦ Canadian Doubles

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

March 6 ♦ TOC

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

March 7–8 ♦ JPW/ACC Open

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

see entry form online

OR ♦ Mar. 14–15, The Grape Escape

Ruby Vineyard & Winery, 30088 SW Egger Rd, Hill-
sboro OR 97123. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) &
Steve Hendricks

MA ♦ Mar. 15, Corned Beef & Cribbage

American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA
01570. TD: Rick Montague (508.414.4684) & Paige
Thomas

MA ♦ New England Festival Doubleheader

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St,
Abington MA 02351. TD: Joe Bowen
(207.659.6111) & Mike D'Elena

Mar. 20, New England Festival #1

Mar. 21–22, New England Festival #2

OR ♦ Mar. 20–22, Northwest Open

Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Rob
Palmer (541.519.7910) & Pat Reynolds

MI ♦ Mar. 21, Battle in the Creek

Westlake Presbyterian Church, 415 28th St S, Bat-
tle Creek MI 49015. TD: Dave Boyer (268.788.1289)

AK ♦ Mar. 21, Alaska State Championship

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD:
C.J. Kim (907.245.2687) & Arlene Carle

AZ ♦ Mar. 21–22, Arizona Screaming Eagles

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Reindeer Open & Wishbone Games: \$440 to Johnson Family Cancer Center

Jingle Bell Open: \$102 to Salvation Army

WI ♦ Mar. 27–29, Mick Michaelis Classic
Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Mar. 27–29, Willamette River Roundup
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley

CT ♦ Mar. 28, Blarney Stone Battle
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Barbara Barbour

MA ♦ Mar. 29, Weekend in New England
Mill at French River, 9 Frederick St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Rick Montague

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MT ♦ Billings Doubleheader
Hampton Inn & Suites, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.671.0339) & Greg Dibble
Apr. 18–19, Magic City Main
Apr. 20–21, Trailhead Main

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

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Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird 	Bob Chase 	Rob Medeiros 
average	38–25 (60.3%)	22–23 (48.9%)	√55–33 (62.5%)
biggest win	+34 vs. Roger Col-linson (OR) @ Club 12	√+55 vs. Nancy Tay-lor (WY) @ Elgin IL	+42 vs. Mary Burling-ton (MA) @ Wolfeboro
worst loss	√–35 vs. Jean Menden-hall (OR) @ Club 12	√–35 vs. Tim Cuppy (MN) @ Club 215	√–35 vs. Paige Thom-as (MA) @ Wolfeboro

PENN VALLEY SIERRA YOUTH CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT Saturday, March 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. sharp - Ready Springs School Gymnasium

10862 Spenceville Road, Penn Valley, CA

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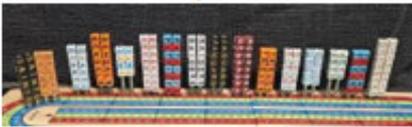
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May 1, Winston-Salem Open

May 2-3, North Carolina Open

WI ♦ May 1-3, Peg for Pink

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

CA ♦ Humboldt Doubleheader

Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.6747) & Sheryl Brekke

May 2, Humboldt Bay One-Day

May 2-3, Humboldt Bay Classic

CA ♦ May 9, Pegging for Vets

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OR ♦ May 9, Liberty, Luck & Skunks One-Day

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.
TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

ME ♦ May 16, Maine State Championships

Elks, 317 High St, Ellsworth ME 04605. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Rich Crosby

CO ♦ Loveland Doubleheader

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

May 16, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #1

May 17, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #2

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

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

May 16, Spring Paranormal Open #1

May 17, Spring Paranormal Open #2

CA ♦ Jerry Montgomery Memorial

Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley & Jennifer Bolles

May 22, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1

May 23-24, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

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

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

MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup
May 26–28, Capital City Spring Roundup Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

June 2–4, Copper City Classic
East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

May 29–31, Garden City Classic
Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cu-erth (406.207.8529) & Karl Paddock

June 5–7, Territorial Prison Classic
Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback

June 8–10, Anaconda Spring Stack
Elks, 223 Main St, Anaconda MT 59711. TD: Duane Brugman (406.560.0770) & Vicki Ross

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668), Pete Maas, Greg Schleusner
July 10, Depoe Bay Shuffle
July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth Tournament Trail

March 28 • Penn Valley Sierra (Penn Valley CA)

June 27 • Youth Grand National 7 (Reno NV)

Ready Springs Youth Tourney (Penn Valley CA) on December 6

main

champ	Tyden Shupe (15)	Smartsville CA
runner-up	Blake Salter (11)	Grass Valley CA

consolation

champ	Zachary Smith (15)	Smartsville CA
runner-up	Aedan Taylor (17)	Colfax CA

↓ SEE PROMO IN DECEMBER CW ↓
NC ♦ NOCT Tripleheader
Double Tree (RDU), 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703
July 16–17, Open Opener TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Mark Soule, & John Hazlett
July 17–20, National Open TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson
July 20, Come Monday TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

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

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

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓
NY ♦ Grand National 44
Sheraton, 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Katie VanHuis, and Mark & Vicki Soule
Oct. 14–15, American Falls Classic
Oct. 16–18, Horseshoe Falls Classic
entry form on cribbage.org

Tournament Trail continued online



40 Years Ago

On the front cover, new editor **Dale Munroe** laid out his vision for what *Cribbage World* would look like, including this statement: “If you have something constructive or informative to say, send it to me; if there are questions or complaints, space will be found to air



your point of view.” *Cribbage World* honors this sentiment today.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Michael Schell** (Seattle WA) won the 186-player Washington State Championship in Centralia WA. Tournament director **Elmer (“Ras”) Rasmussen** solicited \$9,000 in cash, merchandise, and services to yield a payback of 142%! Elsewhere we read that **Don Patrin** (Saint Paul MN), who was MN-1, captured his first win at the 128-player Eau Claire Classic.

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