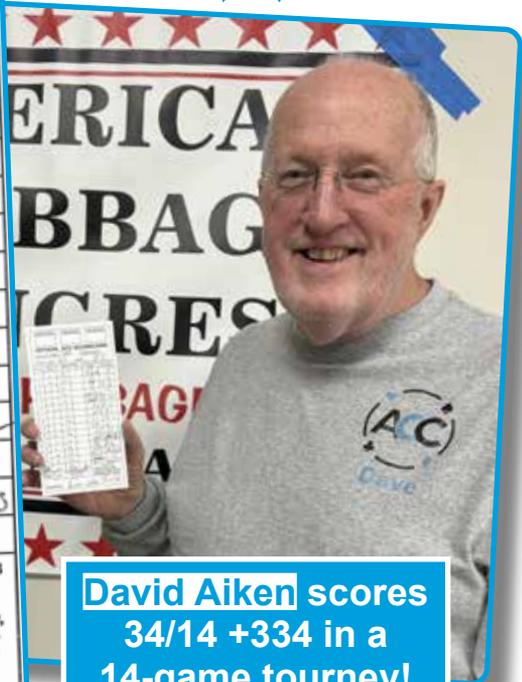


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New ACC Record!

GAME POINTS		GAMES WON		NET SPREAD	
OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD					
Name <u>AIKEN, DAVE (SMURRAY)</u>					
ACC# <u>MT 855</u> Seat# <u>B9</u>					
Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents Initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	3	39		MGM	10
2	2	24		JK	14
3	3	34		B	B18
4	3	36		AL	19
5	2	13		EFF	B15
6	2	12		RF	B11
7	3	31		NLT	B7
8	3	43		TC	B-3
9	2	16		JM	4
10	3	36		WS	B8
11	2	01		DS	B12
12	2	12		MO	B16
13	2	15		DTC	B20
14	2	22		BL	17
Total Game Points	34	(+) 334	(-) 0	Win = 2 Skunk = 3 Loss = 0	
Games Won	14	NET POINTS (+/-) 334		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
Signature <u>Dave Aiken</u> OK DS 11-22-25					



David Aiken scores 34/14 +334 in a 14-game tourney!
(story on page 6)



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President's Column

by James Morrow



Resolutions When writing my president's column, I try to do my due diligence in getting my facts correct. Last month I wrote about

Lowell Bailey and his quest to get all 220 zero hands.

I wrote that he has been chasing the dream for seventeen years. I was corrected, however, as Lowell saw the reprint of **David Aiken's** 2008 article in the January 2024 *Cribbage World*. Lowell's journey began only a mere twenty-four months ago as the reprint sparked his interest. A quote from Lowell: "I was in the midst of a terrible cribbage year; I decided to go for something I was more qualified to achieve."

All cribbage players go through ups and downs of cribbage: today a string of pearls (going 0 for 9 or more), then a grand slam.

Lowell may have gone through a bad cribbage year, but to be fair, I made a list of cribbage life goals at the top of last month's column. Lowell reports that when he gets the last eleven hands (yes, he has scratched two more off his list), he will have completed every one of those goals.

The new year is upon us. No not the cribbage new year that we all set our calendar too, but the one that the non-cribbage-playing folks celebrate.

I know there is a new year's resolution thing people do. I am here to help you with yours. Feel free to use some of these cribbage resolutions:

- Health and fitness: drink more water while you play cribbage.
- Financial goals: save up for the Grand National in Niagara Falls.
- Personal growth: learn a new variation of cribbage—Cutthroat, Captain, Canadian Doubles, Kings Cribbage.
- Mindfulness and well-being: help pick up after tournaments and Grass Roots; be a good sport no matter if you win or lose at cribbage.
- Get in shape: practice cutting for deal every day, the winner of the deal has an extra 11% chance of winning the game; current MRP leader **Bryan Gurden** is rumored to practice cutting for low card first thing in the morning and before he sleeps.

I hope these help, but I really want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!
What are your cribbage resolutions?

Your Deal



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Daily Cribbage Games

This is a page (89) from a recent novel I enjoyed called *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*. ➔ In the story, ten-year-old Florence spends her summers helping her mom run her grandparents' resort. She befriends Archie Eastman, an older guest there, and they become friends over time through their daily cribbage games. Spoiler alert: decades later, Florence decides to sell the resort (which had been in her family for generations) to a developer.

Patricia Gossett (Watertown WI)

"My mom always said the exact same thing about my father," Florence had replied. "And he still liked to play games with me."

Since the day Archie Eastman had come to her rescue against that mean boy with the lawyer dad, he'd gone back to avoiding her, which made him all the more intriguing. Florence had come to distrust adults who overtly tried to please children, and gravitated toward the Archie Eastmans of the world, the ones she'd have to win over. He played cribbage, so how ominous could he be? She saw no harm in asking him for a game. She also figured someone like him would consider it no fun to play against a beginner, so she planned to become an expert before challenging him.

She borrowed the cribbage board and deck of cards from one of the other guest cabins, and brought it to the restaurant in the early afternoon before it opened, and played against herself, hoping somebody would notice. Floyd did, right away.

"What ya doing there?" Floyd said, his voice as warm as a borrowed coat.

"Mastering the game of cribbage," she said, trying to sound unimpressed with herself.

"Kind of hard to master a game without an opponent. Reset the pegs. I'll play you."

"I think it's the best game in the world," she told him.

"You and me both," he said, and started to shuffle the deck.

"What do you like about it?"

"I'd say because it's like how life is supposed to be, I suppose," Floyd said, pausing to smooth down his sparse hair. "A mixture of luck and strategy."

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Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	47-45 (51.1%)	52-51 (50.5%)	✓ 86-48 (64.2%)
biggest win	+44 vs. Bob McMahon (NV) @ Reno	✓ +55 vs. Nancy Taylor (WY) @ Elgin IL	+48 vs. Frank Reddy (MA) @ Webster MA
worst loss	✓ -46 vs. Scott Bedolla (CA) @ Reno	-49 vs. Roland Schallberg (MN) @ Club 215	-50 vs. Michael DeHart (NC) @ Columbia SC

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

I've been a member of the ACC for more than twenty-seven years—since the fall of 1998—and I'll let you in on a little secret: I keep a secret list of cribbage goals.

I won't name the items on my list because then they wouldn't be secret. But one of my longtime goals was to set a new ACC record. A couple years ago, I set the record as longest-serving *Cribbage World* editor (**DeLynn Colvert** held the previous record of 202 issues; I'm now at 227 issues and counting). As grateful as I am to have accomplished this, my fondest dream is to win every game in a 22-game event. (Full disclosure: the closest I have come is eighteen wins, way back in 2015 when I was a good player!)

In late November, I traveled to Elgin IL to attend the Cheddar Curtain Challenge doubleheader, directed by **Les Kvien**. In the first tourney, high qualifier Life Master (4★) **Doug Page** (Oostburg WI) impressed everyone by losing only one game in this fourteen-game event and posting a 28/13 +152! Wow! Doug still knows how to play at the majestic age of 93 years and 7 months.

The second tourney started on Saturday morning, and I promptly skunked **Marsha Mahan**. While signing my scorecard, Marsha said: “You know what that means—starting with a skunk.” To which I responded: “Yes, now I can win fourteen skunks in a row!”

I didn't do that, but I did win all fourteen games, ↓ and six of them were skunks!

game	opponent	their rating	their MRPs	result of game
1	Marsha Mahan (Appleton WI)	Life Master	6,511	3 39
2	Deb Kvien (Mundelein IL)	Life Master	7,684	2 24
3	Jason Bick (Fishers IN)	pre-Master	0	3 34
4	Haley Hintze (Carpentersville IL)	Life Master	9,549	3 36
5	Jeff Shimp (Grand Haven MI)	Life Master (3★)	24,728	2 13
6	Richard Frost (Berlin WI)	Life Master (3★)	20,530	2 12
7	Nancy Taylor (Wheatland WY)	pre-Master	27	3 31
8	Thomas Celske (Twin Lakes WI)	pre-Master	871	3 43
9	Jerry Miller (DeKalb IL)	pre-Master	632	2 16
10	William Stacey (Grand Rapids MI)	Master	2917	3 36
11	Dan Selke (Arlington Heights IL)	Life Master (★)	10,926	2 1
12	Rob Sepp (Yorkville IL)	pre-Master	119	2 12
13	David Carlson (Boone IA)	pre-Master	1,076	2 15
14	Robert Deeds (Bensenville IL)	pre-Master	1,350	2 22
				34 334

The late great **David Campbell** once told **Dan Selke** that the fourteen-game record—held by the late great **Bill Medeiros**, who scored 32/13 +284 at the 2007 Dennis Cousens Memorial in Portland ME—was the one ACC record that would never be broken. Not only are fourteen-game events seldom played nowadays, but Bill’s record was the second oldest entry in the ACC’s record book.

Not only am I thrilled to have set a new ACC record, but for it to be *this* record is even more exhilarating given its association with my friends David and Bill.

I have to admit that I didn’t burn up too many braincells on this day. I was dealt lots of good hands, and when I needed a cut, I usually got it (for example, cutting to 24 points when I’m the pone at 18 holes out against **Richard Frost**). My toughest game was against **Dan Selke**. Twelve holes out, my only hold was 7-7-8-9. Dan was five holes out, and even though he held one middle card, I was able to keep him on the board—just barely!—before I counted out.

But now to noodle around a little, do you think I can convince the ACC Records Committee that I actually *set six records* on November 22?! Here are the current ACC records and recordholders, along with my corresponding score after the same number of games. ↓ My cards were so crazy good that I exceeded *all* ACC records from seven to fourteen games except for the nine-game consolation record of 24/9 +291, held by **John Schafer**. Interesting side note: John and I are in the same Grass Roots club—Beer City Peggers in Grand Rapids MI—so our club now holds two ACC scorecard records.

games	ACC record	recordholder	year	my score	record?
7	17/7 +199	Valerie Nozick (WA)	2017	18/7 +189	✓
8	20/8 +194	Artland Ka'ai (CA)	2018	21/8 +232	✓
9	24/9 +291	John Schafer (MI)	2020	23/9 +248	✗
10	26/10 +256	Don Tofte (WI)	1998	26/10 +284	✓
11	24/?? +??	Terry Goatz (KY)	2016	28/11 +285	✓
12	29/12 +299	Steven Braley (ME)	2025	30/12 +297	✓
14	32/13 +284	Bill Medeiros (MA)	2007	34/14 +334	✓

A funny thing about my record scorecard occurred six days later. I had asked **Les Kvien** if I could keep my scorecard for sentimental reasons. He said yes, but he needed it when he filed the tournament report. He promised to bring it to Grand Rapids the following weekend when he came to play in my Thanksgiving doubleheader.

Shortly after Les registered at my Friday event, he pulled out my crumpled scorecard and apologized: “Sorry, but one of the suitcases ended up on the card and mangled it during the trip to Michigan” (*see photo at top of next page*). Apparently the agonized (disgusted?) look on my face was so intense that Les immediately said: “No, no, not really, that’s a fake one; here’s the real one.” Les got me—real good—so now I owe him one!

Les also sent me a screenshot that he took while filling out the online tournament

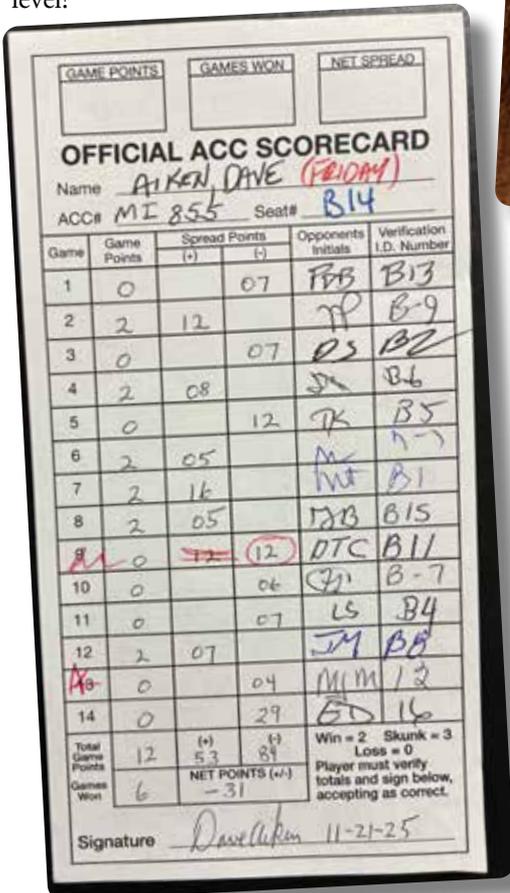
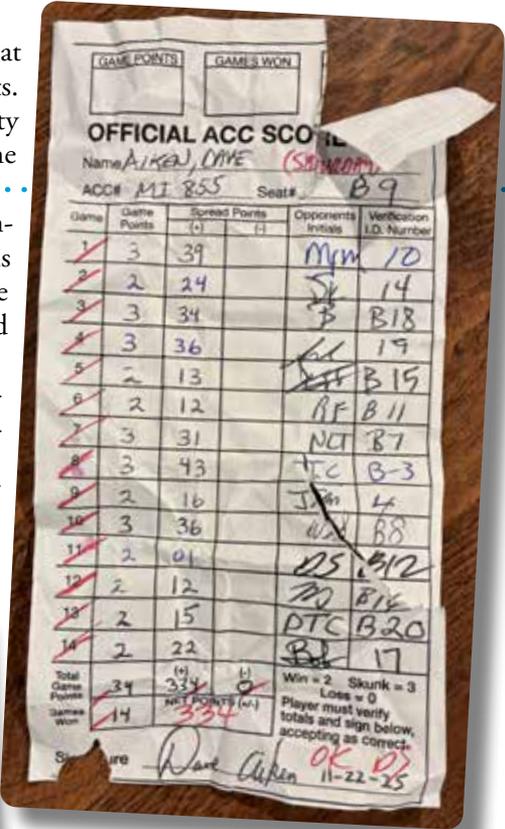
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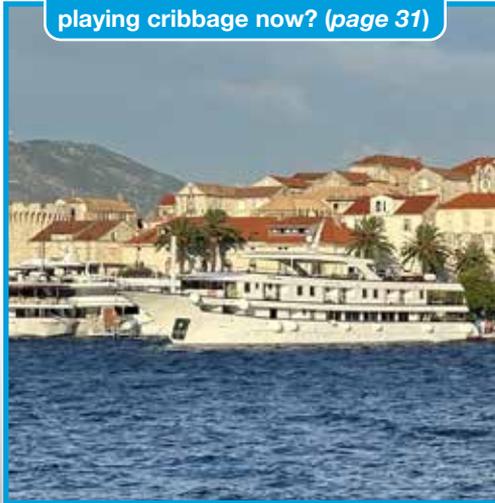
report. Apparently the software thought that 34 was too big to enter for game points. While that was never my goal, it is pretty cool to know that my scorecard stymied the MRP software!.....

Whether I'll ever win twenty-two consecutive games in an ACC tournament is doubtful, but I'll go ahead and announce my next cribbage goal: to turn in a scorecard that starts with a "4."

Let anyone think that I am now a top-notch cribbage player, capable of challenging the likes of Bryan or Eric or Duane, it seems appropriate to end with a picture of my Friday scorecard, in which I won six games. ↓ See, I can still play at my normal level!



Where are John and Maria playing cribbage now? (page 31)



Elgin, IL (11/22/2025)

Director: Les Kvien
Co-Director: Jerry Griffin

[Back to Tournaments](#)

Main Event (62 Players, 14 games)

Player	Location	Playoffs		Qualifying			Winnings	
		Finish	MRPs	Position	GPs	MRPs	Q Pool(s)	Prize
John Schafer (MI1038)	Battle Creek, MI	1	105	9	0	5	\$0	\$1050
Robert P. Chase (MN799)	Minneapolis, MN	2	70	9	0	5	\$0	\$725
Mary Tegt (WI2127)	Janesville, WI	3	42	8	21	25	\$50	\$450
Eric Jensen (MI1631)	Grand Rapids, MI	3	42	9	0	5	\$30	\$450
David Aiken (MI855)	Coopersville, MI	5	21	1	34	90	\$320	\$250

Questionable number of game points entered

It's not too early to start thinking about Grand National 2029. The BOD will award the Eastern Region's next GN in October, so if you are interested in hosting this event, talk to Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com).

Cribbage Quiz & A

Which state has hosted the most ACC-sanctioned tournaments?

answer on page 11



ACC Awards

I learned cribbage from a friend in the eighth grade sixty years ago, and I joined the ACC in 1999. My first tournament win was the Frozen Tundra in Green Bay, and since then I have won seventeen tournaments. I currently am the administrative secretary of Club 399 in Duluth, but I credit my old club, #240 in St. Paul MN, as being my cribbage mentors. They were always willing to give me lessons for \$5/\$10. According to Don Flesch, I am just another one of "Gruber's damn protegeses"! I am one of Jerry's kids, or as Frosty says: "rotten kid." I have never been club champion, but it is on my bucket list. The higher rated players are a challenge; Wayne Steinmetz is my favorite challenge. I enjoy traveling to tournaments and on cribbage cruises, but my all-time favorite tournament is the JPW/TOC in Reno. I have been there every year since 1999. This year's highlight was getting my One Star at the Wisconsin State Championship at Lac du Flambeau; when I got a lucky cut against Keith Widener in the fifth game of our match, that gave me the points I needed. Cribbage gets in the way of all the other stuff I should be doing around the house or the cabin, but I enjoy road trips, cruise ships, and foreign countries. When not traveling, playing cribbage, bowling, fishing, or hunting, I am a coach potato homeboy in good standing, complete with cable TV and streaming.



Edward W. Balcer
(Duluth MN)
Life Master (★)



Vicki Soule
(Woolwich ME)
Life Master

I learned to play cribbage at age twenty-four at a bar that had a country night (and, yes, I line-danced). I joined the ACC in 2002, and my cribbage mentors are the late great Sharlene Medeiros and David Campbell (and Mark Soule!). I was club champion twice at the now defunct Topsham club. My first tournament win was the 2004 New Hampshire Open consolation, followed two months later by the New England Championship main (I was also high qualifier). I have now won twelve tournaments (six of each). I earned my Life Master rating at the fortieth New Hampshire Open, where I played the nicest guy in cribbage—Mike Fetchel—in the battle of the ducks! My favorite tournament is the Medeiros Memorial (aka Vicki's Birthday Bash). My toughest opponents are Mark Soule, Bob Baker, Bob Chase, Jack

Chandler, and Keith Miller. My favorite cribbage moment this year was dressing up for the awards banquet in Deadwood SD. Non-cribbage interests include cross-stitching, volunteering, family, and traveling.

New Cribbage Master

Michael D'Elena (Coventry RI)

James W. Edgar (Goffstown NH)

Steven Macomber (Vancouver WA)



On his way to the Reindeer Games on November 29, **Dan Selke** (Arlington Heights IL) had a minor setback: a reindeer totaled his car about an hour outside Grand Rapids MI! Uninjured and undaunted, Dan rented a car and resumed his trip. He didn't make it in time for the main, but he turned in a near slam 14/7 +92 in the eight-game consolation and then ran the table for his twentieth sanctioned win. Congrats, Dan, on your whipsaw day!

Cribbage Quiz Answer

By a wide margin, California has been the location of the most ACC-sanctioned tournaments. Since 1997, thirty-six states and three Canadian provinces have held at least one main MRP tournament.

states/province	tourneys	states/province	tourneys
California	964	Rhode Island	56
Wisconsin	506	Arizona	50
Oregon	502	Illinois	50
Washington	338	Maryland	47
Nevada	311	New York	45
Massachusetts	240	Iowa	39
Michigan	174	Wyoming	38
Hawaii	169	Idaho	36
Florida	162	South Dakota	34
New Hampshire	149	Texas	14
Minnesota	147	Nebraska	10
Montana	139	British Columbia	9
Virginia	125	New Jersey	7
Colorado	124	South Carolina	6
North Carolina	124	Louisiana	5
Alaska	121	Missouri	2
Connecticut	79	Arkansas	1
Alberta	70	Ontario	1
Maine	70	Pennsylvania	1
Georgia	61		

Bonus Cribbage Quiz

Which ACC member has won 100% of the tournaments played in his home state?

*According to this list, two states and one province—Arkansas, Ontario, and Pennsylvania—have hosted exactly one tournament. The 2007 Golden Horseshoe in Hamilton ON was won by a Vermont player; the 2012 Moonshine Madness in Hot Springs Village AR was won by a Texas resident. But the 2014 Gettysburg Open was won by **Scott Harker**, who lived in Elkins Park PA at the time. In February 2026, Scott (the ACC's programming guru) and James Ravenscroft will host Pennsylvania's second tournament, the Keystone Classic in King of Prussia PA. Stay tuned to see if Scott successfully defends his title as the Reigning Champion of Pennsylvania!*

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)
4. Matt Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

Happy New Year, and I hope that 2026 brings all the best to our wonderful members of the American Cribbage Congress.

I am very honored to take over the stewardship of the ACC Archives and History. Thanks to **Bill Schlages**, **Bob Bartosh**, **Jim Mahan**, and **Valerie Sumner**, I was able to pick up two very large bankers boxes of the archives just before the Grand National awards banquet in Deadwood SD. I am currently halfway through all the materials and memorabilia, along with hundreds and hundreds of pages of notes, minutes, and documents relating to the formation and early years of the American Cribbage Congress. By the end of January, I plan to have a full accounting of what is contained in the archives. I am able to add in some materials from my own records kept from the 1980s and '90s, and I will draft a full report for the board of directors. I also plan to use my February and March columns in *Cribbage World* to inform the membership of what is contained in the ACC archives.

If any of you have any questions or comments about the first ten or twenty years of the American Cribbage Congress, please let me know by text or email (my contact info will be listed at the end of this column). I will do my best to answer each inquiry and may use that information for future columns.

Along those lines, a few months ago **Don Brown** (CA) sent me an email asking why our group is called the “Congress” and not some other term. Very good question, Don. At the organizational breakfast meeting in Raleigh NC on August 6, 1979, this subject was one of the very first agenda items. There was a motion to name the group the American Cribbage Association. But an attendee at the meeting quickly mentioned that a statewide group was already designated as the ACA. Even more, our founders were trying to distance themselves from the International Cribbage Association, which at the time was taking a portion from players’ entry fees to pay their officers and directors. Also, two of the larger cribbage organizations in the late 1970s were the Rhode Island Cribbage Association and the Florida Cribbage Association. The word “Association” was quickly dismissed, and “Congress” was adopted. One of the thoughts involved was that the US Congress brings together leaders of different groups of people. Designating the name American Cribbage Congress was literally the first order of business approved at that 1979 meeting. Thanks Don, and keep up your great work on your monthly *Cribbage World* column “Dispatches from the Left Coast.”

Please contact me with any questions, topics, or comments. I live halfway down a hill in a very small remote village so phone calls rarely go through. Please text me at 605.661.7081, or send email to **gn40cribbage@gmail.com**.

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

Let's have a soiree!

Who doesn't love a good celebration? Birthdays, galas, cribbage nights—they all deserve a little sparkle! And guess what? Sir John Suckling's birthday is February 10, which has been designated National Cribbage Day. Talk about perfect timing! Add a birthday cake, maybe a few balloons to celebrate his birthday.

Here's where the fun meets the heart: in honor of Sir John turn your event into a birthday giving night. Invite players to bring a blanket, canned goods, or cozy socks to donate to a community-outreach program or nursing home. It's a party with a purpose to support your neighbors!

Spread the word! Why keep all the excitement to yourself? Send a press release to let local radio and TV stations know about your birthday-themed giving drive or about National Cribbage Day. Share the press release with community newspapers. Post it on social media. Use your press release to invite bloggers and community storytellers to stop by and capture the fun. Invite them to celebrate and play a few hands and enjoy the spirit of your group. Let the community know you are celebrating National Cribbage Day.

Need help with a press release? No stress—we've got you covered. Check the ACC website (instructions below) to find a ready-to-use press release. Just fill in your club's name, event details, and celebration date. Easy, breezy, newsworthy. Here are some suggestions for places to share your press release: chamber of commerce, Facebook calendar/marketplace, local newspapers, I-Heart media, military organizations, senior centers, gaming centers, community-events websites, local pulse organizations, Meetup, college newsletters.

After the party, share your photos! Everyone loves seeing cribbage players celebrating. If your club decides to give back to the community that is icing on the cake.

The Grass Roots press release may be found here:

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

GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

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	1	156	Bobby Ramelow (198)
	2	154	Thomas Kay (89)
	3	153	Carol Williams (600)
	4	145	David Aiello (197)
	5	144	Kris Bailey (79)
	5	144	Cary Vedin (218)
	7	139	James Ravenscroft (175)
	8	138	Thomas Beucler (388)
	8	138	Bradley Gronli (430)
	10	136	Robb Witters (46)
	11	133	Harvey Bourdeau (308)
	11	133	Robert Medeiros (104)
	13	131	Bernard Brentar (390)
	13	131	Adrian Levy (374)
	15	130	Linda Brent (272)
	15	130	Rick Westerman (379)
	17	129	Gary Hansen (61)
	18	128	Mary Bearss (71)
	18	128	Jennifer Bennett (329)
	18	128	Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
	18	128	Lee Frostad (69)
	18	128	Chris Kim (177)
	18	128	Gerald Nickels (108)
	18	128	Dave Schwartz (377)
	25	127	Doug Weier (436)
	26	126	James Endres (11)
	26	126	Douglas Myers (329)
	26	126	Kevin Post (215)
	29	124	David Hayden (391)
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	32	123	Dave Leissner (361)
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	40	120	Peter Setian (72)
	42	119	James Aleschus Jr. (162)
	42	119	Ben Holder (43)
	42	119	Duane Toll (62)
	45	118	Mya Heston (463)
	45	118	Dennis O'Neil (459)
	45	118	Ron Shupp (300)
	45	118	Louise Streeter (219)
	49	117	Gerald Sabick (399)
	49	117	David Smith (454)
	51	116	Richard Anderson (204)

Division 1 = 2,687 players ♦ Division 4 = 643 players

	rank	GRPs	name (club)
	51	116	Frank Danielski (90)
	51	116	Gordon Jurek (399)
	54	115	Scott Bartosh (472)
	54	115	Jason Eck (46)
	54	115	Stanley Filipiak (104)
	54	115	Frank Hanson (198)
	54	115	Barry Spadea (464)
	59	114	Edward Cuerth (347)
	59	114	David Gerke (300)
	59	114	Nancy Hawkins (246)
	59	114	Sara Sandey (215)
	59	114	Sandy Shrum (117)
	64	113	Brian McCoy (104)
	64	113	Jonathan Pinyan (175)
	64	113	Dan Pohl (368)
	67	112	Steve Aho (368)
	67	112	Mike Berberich (204)
	67	112	Jeremy Krieger (46)
	67	112	Michael Leonard (396)
	67	112	Stanley Primc (199)
	67	112	Mary Thacker (240)
	73	111	Doug Holden (354)
	73	111	Jack Puleo (308)
	73	111	Kurt Rosenberg (295)
	76	110	Al Broskovetz (399)
	76	110	Haley Hintze (3)
	76	110	Duane Jones (69)
	76	110	Dearl McCullough (140)
	76	110	Tom Moses (79)
	76	110	Callie Ostrowski (161)
	76	110	Bob Prochnow (79)
	76	110	Farokh Ziari (43)
Division 4 →	rank	GRPs	name (club)
	1	128	Robert Lewis (54)
	2	122	Kyle Morrill (395)
	3	119	David Bute (433)
	4	116	Lynn Rieke (194)
	5	115	Erik Royland Locke (28)
	6	106	Peggy Shea (194)
	7	102	Christopher Cook (461)
	8	98	Brian Jalbert (488)
	9	97	Dennis Kassebaum (344)
	10	96	Bill Russell (439)
	10	96	Steve Sundet (433)
	12	88	Carol Miller (118)
	12	88	Pat Reynolds (38)
	14	86	Kathee Bavart (420)
	14	86	Heidi Falk (492)
	14	86	Katrin Litsjo (376)
	17	85	Howard Terry (336)
	18	84	Sheryl Brekke (194)
	18	84	Rhonda Perry (336)



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

more Grass Roots stories next page

With the season churning toward halfway, the awards are piling up. A reminder that *Cribbage World* doesn't typically print photos for 28-hands (unless there is a compelling story about it). Feel free to send photos of grand slams and 29-hands, and we'll print what we have room for.

Bandon-by-the-Sea Club 440—on November 17, club director **Lou Lopez** ➔ had an 18/9 +101 card for his first ever grand slam! The largest margin of victory was 25 holes, and five games were won by less than 10.

In the last two months, Club 89 (Springfield VA) has had five 28-hands: **Thomas Kay, Ed Tasca, Russ Bracebridge, Mark O'Conner,** and **Donald Schubring.**



November Big Hands

29-Hands (3)

- Marc Atkinson (WA), 459
- Chip Corrado (CT), 26
- Deb Kvien (IL), 3 ➔

28-Hands (36)

- John Basolo (MI), 368
- Russell Bentley (NY), 5
- Frederick Bertorello (MI), 390
- Deb Bliven (OR), 46
- Russ Bracebridge (VA), 89
- Roger Brown (MI), 321
- Dick Carter (OR), 46
- Alexander Castro (MN), 477
- Aram Chakerian (CA), 100
- Darnel Chevette (MI), 368
- Allan Clark (WI), 1



- Linda Clark (CA), 306
- Daniel Ernster (OR), 46
- Daniel Finstad (MI), 295
- Ronald Goble (WI), 399
- Debbie Governale (SC), 461
- Lana Greenwell (ID), 202
- Gary Grote (MN), 399

- Steve Jesseph (PA), 490
- Thomas Kay (VA), 89
- Rod Kazmerzak (WI), 1
- Joe Keller (MN), 94
- James Klotz (ID), 202
- Peter Koski (MI), 368
- Jim McDaniel (FL), 444
- Greg Michels (MI), 368
- Dennis Misenar (WA), 415
- Paul Mundy (FL), 131 ⬆
- Kris Nothwang (CA), 55
- Stacey Olson (FL), 22
- Duane Person (WA), 426
- John Piasecki (MI), 390
- Meme Schafer (MI), 71
- Hunter Schreifels (MN), 94
- Linda Serben (WA), 108
- Stephen Yates (AK), 177

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Every player at Burbank Bombers Club 257 got a 29 at their GRRT on December 6. Well, at least a piece of a 29. **Cathy Rendon** made a fabulous cake—marbled with a super yummy butter cream filling—in the shape of a 29. Now there's a 29-hand you could sink your teeth into!

Best Grass Roots scorecards this month!

Division 1
Sandy Sands
 22/9 +199
 (Club 25)

Division 4
Ray Warner
 16/6 +175
 (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)



November Slams

Grand Slams (16)

Thomas Beucler (MN), 388
 Thomas Brent (MD), 272
 Roger Brown (MI), 321
 Jim Chadwick (ME), 361
 ↑ Tom Durkin (MT), 410
 Gordon Jurek (MN), 399
 Lou Lopez (OR), 440
 Brian Napiwocki (WI), 120 ↑
 David Rice (WA), 393
 Mary Roberge (MA), 26
 Sandy Sands (MT), 25
 David Smith (FL), 454
 Rob Smith (WA), 69 & 377 x2

William Stacey (MI), 71
 Gordy Wise (WA), 148

Lite Slams (25)

Kirby Aasen (CA), 389
 Chris Arend (WA), 156
 Darin Arendt (MN), 452
 David Bute (CO), 433
 Dave Carelock (WY), 211
 Joseph Hays (LA), 499 x2
 Jon Hoefl (NY), 130
 Jody Johnson (WA), 467
 Dennis Kassebaum (MO), 344
 Steve Krzmarzick (MN), 477

James Kulpa (OR), 376
 Raymond Lincoln (MA), 439
 Suzanne McNally (OR), 28
 Chris Melheim (MN), 492
 Kyle Morrill (OR), 395
 Gerald Oxford (CA), 98
 Jim Paradis (PA), 438
 Rhonda Perry (FL), 336
 Linda Pyers (CA), 389
 Raymond Sautter (CO), 211
 Michelle Slusarenko (MB), 491
 Cliff Swift (LA), 499
 Ray Warner (AR), 484
 June Wolter (CA), 389

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

Steve Bernard (SD), 96

Timothy Havighurst (MD), 272

Amanda Moquin (FL), 230

BRONZE

Arne Gallagher (WA), 108

Richard Gole (MI), 71

Roger Henry (MT), 427

Jim Jackson (OR), 440

Barb Manninen (MI), 390

Steve McGee (MT), 25

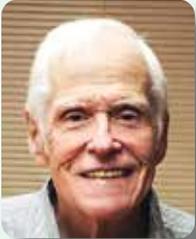
Bob Meeds (OR), 113

John R. Murphy (FL), 147

Gerald W. Peterson (SD), 251

Bill Wimer (MA), 308

*more Grass Roots
stories next month*



**Richard I.
Anderson**
(Seabeck WA)
Gold #254

I was thirteen when my parents taught me how to play in 1960. I joined the ACC in 1997, and my cribbage mentors are Mills Brubaker and Sue Pisha, who I call my “stepparents.” A member of Kitsap Peggers Club 204, I have been club champion twice, most recently in the 2023–24 season. I have earned my Master rating

in weekend tournaments and have won two main tournaments (Gem State Challenge in 2013 and Blue Mountain Open in 2023). I enjoy supporting local clubs by attending their GRRTs and GRNTs. Everyone in my club is tough, but Mike Berberich and Chris Christianson are steadfast opponents. The nicest person I met while playing cribbage is Hal Lamon. My non-cribbage interests are walking and doing puzzles.

GOLD



Dave Elliott
(Eau Claire WI)
Gold #249

I started playing cribbage about forty years ago and am self-taught. I belong to Club 284 in Eau Claire. I earned my Gold Award in September. My toughest opponent is Dennis Ulberg. My outside interests are spending time with family and time at my cabin in the woods, cutting trees and making firewood. I am on kidney dialysis three times a week, so my free time is very valuable.



Douglas K. Myers
(Mt. Pleasant MI)
Gold #255

I learned to play cribbage when I was a sixteen-year-old stockboy at Sears in 1954 by watching some old-timers playing in the break-room, then joining them before I enlisted in the US Air Force a year later. The next time I played was forty years later, when I saw a newspaper ad that Al Scarantino was starting a club in Mount Pleasant. I became a member of Club 329 on the first day. I have won nine club championships. I have had a handful of grand slams as well as many 28s, plus a 29-hand on New Year's Day 2015. I made a half dozen trips to Reno, where I once came in fourth. My recent best memory at club was losing the first game then winning the next two, and then getting six skunks in a row for a 22-point scorecard! My toughest competitors are everyone in my club, all great people, a small but great club! What people might not know about me? I have had six heart attacks leading to nine stints, a double bypass, and several angioplasties. I am all plugged up and still going!

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Eliminating preconceived notions is an integral part of successful cribbage play. How many times have you heard: “Never match a card on fourth street” or “Don’t keep 5s in end-game pegging scenarios; they can only get you in trouble.” If you are a player who abides by those statements, you are most likely losing games that you should be winning.

Let’s tackle the first one. You should be willing to match any card at any part of the board—obviously dependent on position and the configuration of the rest of your hand. If you take away your pegging options by refusing to risk matching a card, your flexibility will be greatly restrained and you’ll end up making decisions that are then forced upon you. That’s never a good winning formula.

How about keeping 5s—especially double 5s—as dealer in an end-game situation. If the pone needs over six points, he is going to need to keep a good scoring hand—not just a hand to prevent the dealer from pegging out. In such a case, he may very likely have to keep a 5—especially with picture cards. How many times during a game does the sequence X-5-5 arise? In my eyes that’s the most common pegging cluster. If you have that second 5 for 25-for-6, you will peg out and not allow a potential good hand to score enough to go out. So don’t be scared of 5s in end-game pegging. They are everyone’s friend but even more so the dealer’s.

Rob specializes in end-game pegging. Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com.

Cribbage Musings

by Daryl DesJardin

Greetings from somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean!

As I pen this, I’m aboard the Norwegian *Star* on a fifteen-day transatlantic voyage, enjoying the gift of time with my big sister, Cindy, and my brother-in-law, Mark. Each day, Cindy and I have established a simple ritual: cribbage. Fifteen-two, fifteen-four, and a pair is six. But what began as a game has become something far more valuable. Those daily sessions at the card table have opened the door to heart-to-heart conversations that might not have happened in the rush of our regular lives. We’ve laughed, reminisced, worked through old memories and issues, and strengthened our bond in ways that only unhurried time together allows.

It reminds me of something we all know, but some of us, including me, tend to forget: the importance of making time for what truly matters. We were good at planning, at coordinating, at making things happen in our daily routines. But how often did we apply that same intentionality to our most important relationships? Cribbage time is paying huge dividends for me and my awesome older sister . . . and better now than later!



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

A new way to misdeal!

Recently I received an email from **Jennifer Curnow**. Jennifer runs two awesome tournaments in Columbia SC as well as the local Grass Roots club. Here is what happened.

The dealer shuffled the deck and the pone cut the cards. As the dealer was dealing the pone said “be right back” and left the table for a minor emergency. When the pone returned, they picked up their hand (A-4-4-10), and the dealer was waiting for the pone to cut. The pone cut, the starter card was turned, the hands were played as normal, the pone counted their hand, the dealer counted their hand, but they were unable to locate the crib. After some weird looks and a brief discussion, it was decided that the dealer had only dealt each player four cards, and neither player had tossed anything to the crib. In addition, all four cards were four that you might normally keep. By the time this was discovered, all cards except the starter card were mucked. Jennifer, being the only judge in the club, was tasked with trying to figure this out. What would you do?

I immediately responded that this might be a good one for *Cribbage World*.

Since the cards were not properly dealt per rule 4.2, I think that all points pegged should be retracted and the same person should redeal. The cards had been mucked, but four cards and the starter card were known, so I would attempt to reconstruct the play and retract the pegging points.

If this was impossible, I would randomly choose four cards from the pack and call it the crib. I don't like that option because the cards were never properly distributed. However, **both** dealer and pone are responsible for making sure there are no abnormalities in the dealing, and the pone left during the dealing. The dealer messed up the deal, but the pone failed to verify the proper number of cards dealt.

Send me questions and situations, and I will reply. As always—let's have fun!

Send questions about rules and the rulebook to kwidener@triad.rr.com.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Paul McFarland

Paul McFarland (Alexandria VA) passed away on October 24. He loved to play cribbage, but in recent years stopped participating in tournaments because of health issues. He is renowned for going 0-for-22 at the Grand National 2016 midweek main in Bethesda MD. Paul was director of Club 89 in Springfield for many years and played in it for close to thirty years. He had earned his Silver Award in Grass Roots play. He is missed.



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SATURDAY • MARCH 7 — ACC OPEN MAIN — Be seated by 8a. Entry fee \$100 (includes \$20 Q-pool and \$3 ACC-sanction fee). Qualifying round: 1 game vs. 22 opponents, cut for deal. Top 25% to best-of-5 playoffs (finals best-of-7). J Resort adds \$10 per player to prize fund. Payback over 100% plus trophies and fees. Hybrid Q-pool pays 100% to all qualifiers. Directors: **Rick & Peggy Shea**. **Lunch not provided. You are on your own for lunch.**

SUNDAY • MARCH 8 — ACC OPEN CONSOLATION — No preregistration. Play begins at 9:15a. Entry: \$50 (includes \$10 Q-pool and \$1 ACC-sanction fee). Qualifying round: 1 game vs. 9 opponents. Top 25% to best-of-3 playoffs. \$1,000 added by J Resort. Payback over 100% plus trophies. Hybrid Q-pool pays 100% to all qualifiers. Directors: **Rick & Peggy Shea**.

HOTEL ROOMS—Sunday–Thursday \$59, Friday & Saturday \$119 + taxes and fees for Cedar Tower (slightly higher for Birch or Aspen). Rate is for 1 or 2 people per room; add \$10 for each additional person up to 4. **Call 866.386.7829** and use code **Cribbage32026**. Book early to guarantee rates and availability.

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Rick Shea has been the Western Region tournament commissioner for nearly ten years. In that time he has sanctioned (approved) well over 1,000 tournaments *and* approved the necessary post-tourney reports required of all tournaments. He and wife **Peggy** spend up to thirty hours a month on these functions. (If the Shea house is anything like mine, Peggy does most of the work and he gets most of the glory.)

The sanctioning portion of the job includes ensuring that the tournament flyer is consistent with the request, for example, amounts, dates, and times are all in agreement. In addition, they ensure no other tournament is scheduled for that date that is within close proximity (it used to be 500 miles but I believe that standard has been relaxed somewhat). If there is a conflict, Rick will try to offer alternative dates. The latter may cause a director to cancel his request as either he/she or the venue may not be available on the alternative date(s).

In reviewing the after-report, Rick and Peggy check to ensure that all necessary receipts are included, that the receipts and revenue are consistent with player benefits, and that the ACC sanctioning check is enclosed. Sometimes the reported payouts do not match what is entered into the automated reporting system. Also, a director will sometimes have everything correct but forget to submit the check. In this case the report is either returned to the director or he/she is contacted.

Sanction approval is rarely withheld. The primary reason for such disapproval is it conflicts with a legacy tournament (when no other tournament anywhere may be held). Another reason is if the request is not received in time to appear in at least one issue of *Cribbage World* prior to the tournament's date.

Rick and Peggy find it humorous when a director asks why the tournament results are not included in *Cribbage World* when they have barely received the report, the report has problems, and/or the sanction check was not included.

In addition to all this the Sheas direct or codirect some nine tournaments a year. (We assume the reports for their tournaments are always correct and timely.) So, a big thank you to Rick and Peggy, as well as **Patrick Barrett** and **Mark Soule**, respectively the Central Region and Eastern Region tournament commissioners. To paraphrase the beer commercial: "For all you do, this salute's for you." We couldn't do it without you.

Over and out.



New Members

119 last month

Alaska

Margorie Keene (Anchorage)

Alberta

Theresa Dawn Prawdzik (Cardston)

California

Linda Bell (Atascadero)
Maria Cochran (Atascadero)
Dave Cornish (Napa)
Chrissier Fraser (Grover Beach)
Desiree Gatto (Alamo)
Thomas Goffee (Newark)
Jay Hellenbrand (Camarillo)
Thomas Marks (Atascadero)
Sharon Smith (Antioch)
Robert J Styczynski (Roseville)

Colorado

Juliann Jenson (Denver)
Chris Porter (Aurora)
Michael Tougas (Denver)

Connecticut

Casey Burnham (West Hartford)
Lee Shufro (Westport)
Luke Shufro (Westport)

Florida

Lincoln Fitts (Rockledge)
Patrick Fitts (Rockledge)
Jean Mulligan (Pensacola)
Larry Mundy (Shalimar)
Paul Mundy (Niceville)
Thomas Pax (Sanford)
Joe Proctor (Niceville)
Steven Zaczkowski (West Palm Beach)

Georgia

Steven Atkinson (Marietta)

Idaho

Jonathan Fristad (Nampa)
Lana Greenwell (Boise)
Kimbra Kline (Boise)
Adam Williams (Meridian)

Illinois

Renae Mendez (Prairie Grove)

Indiana

Kaitlyn DeWeerd (Granger)
Shawn DeWeerd (Granger)

Iowa

Dennis Shaw (Winterset)

Louisiana

Nolan Hahn (New Orleans)

Maine

David C. Bishop (Hampden)
Conner Brodey McDonald (Dedham)

Manitoba

Robert Hewitt (Gimli)

Massachusetts

David Christensen (Oak Bluffs)
Samantha Cron (Vineyard Haven)
Jenelle DeVits (Malden)
Scott Jones (Hanover)
Jessica Lindley (Gloucester)
James Monahan (Milford)
Cynthia Nolette (Springfield)

Michigan

Jim Bark (Mount Pleasant)
Chris Ervin (Saint Johns)
Phillip Gole (Hastings)
JoAnn Snowaert (Gladstone)
Mike Trekas (Gladstone)

Minnesota

Rodd Bruntjen (Apple Valley)
Dean Eriksen (Carlton)
Dave Kolklin (Esko)
Nedira LeBlanc (Apple Valley)
Thomas Litke (Rosemount)
Thomas Revard (Blaine)
Stephanie Van Epps (New Ulm)

Mississippi

Sonya Romero (Ocean Springs)

New Hampshire

Frank Gallant (Derry)
Randy Kernozicky (Keene)
Ryan Olson (Nashua)

New York

Susan Brady Tessier (Pulaski)
David Friot (Pulaski)
Keith Gibbs (Orwell)
Sally Hill (Pulaski)
Gloria Sibenik (Hamburg)

Nova Scotia

Claude Ramsay (Caucasian)

Ohio

Ernest Santamaria (Cuyahoga Falls)
Jerry Schmitt (Macedonia)

Oklahoma

Peggy Morin (Edmond)
Judy Morris (Edmond)
Maury Morris (Edmond)
Britt Smith (Guthrie)

Oregon

Jake Adams (White City)

Stephen Bakker (Salem)
Fran Blackwell (McMinnville)
Glen Blackwell (McMinnville)
Connor Brenes (Portland)
Lynn Bruno (Bend)
Daniel Geoppinger (Portland)
Randy G Smith (Portland)

Pennsylvania

Pam Marlin (Haverford)
Greg Wiber (Villanova)

South Dakota

Matthew Carda (Sioux Falls)
Grace Chasing-Hawk (Vermillion)
Scott Flanagan (Humboldt)
Maureen Flynn (Sioux Falls)
Pat Haschke (Sioux Falls)
Adam Saylor (Tyndall)
Doug Schneider (Sioux Falls)

Tennessee

Cobi Montgomery (Lebanon)

Texas

Steven Clarke (Houston)

Virginia

Jim Bracebridge (Lovettsville)
Alan Peterson (Chester)
Cindy Peterson (Chester)
Nik Salem (Norfolk)
Nic Beckman (Puyallup)

Washington

Pat Costello (Seattle)
Juan Marcos Dominguez (DuPont)
Dianne Fergus (Zillah)
Vern Forsberg (Battle Ground)
Duane Hatch (Southworth)
John Hesslink (Bremerton)
Mary Osterman (Milton)
Wayne Peck (Tacoma)
Jenny Potocki (Snohomish)
Shellee Potocki (Snohomish)
Saviya Robinson (Woodinville)
Todd Stracke (Puyallup)

West Virginia

Stephen McIntire (Bridgeport)

Wisconsin

Kurt Barth (Eagle)
Roland Kronberger (Park Falls)
Keith Smith (Medford)
Bill Swiekatowski (De Pere)
Doreen Swiekatowski (De Pere)

Wyoming

Adam Hall (Casper)
Josiah Hall (Casper)
Dezarae Mustain (Cheyenne)

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Seaside in Wells Classic (Wells ME; 10/18/25)	Joseph Bowen	65 players HQ. John Bartlett (60) 1. James Sullivan (147) 2. Jay Langill (105) 3. Frank Bogus (70) 3. Mike Fetchel (70)	38 players HQ. Jerry Kelly (24) 1. Robert Baker (60) 2. Frank Reddy (40) 3. Stephen Dugas (24) 3. Jerry Kelly (24)	28-hand: Carlyle Foss*	
Octoberfest (Marinette WI; 10/24/25)	Al Karr	48 players HQ. Allen Karr (45) 1. Wayne Steinmetz (105) 2. Allen Karr (70) 3. Andy Stireman (42) 3. Curt Thiel (42)	26 players HQ. James Huser (9) 1. Steven Steinmetz (40) 2. James Huser (24) 3. Darlene Anderst (12) 3. Peter Koski (12)	28-hands: Donna Aird* Peter Koski*	Saturday: Henry Brandner
Spooktacular Cribbage (Bangor ME; 10/25/25)	Joseph Bowen	23 players HQ. David Bishop (25) 1. Dave Leissner (70) 2. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. David C Bishop (21) 3. Craig Greene (21)	12 players HQ. Laurie Hardy (18) 1. Paige Thomas (24) 2. Laurie Hardy (12) 3. Steven Braley (4)	29-hand: Jim Chadwick* 28-hand: Dave Leissner*	Friday: Dave Leissner
Spooktacular Special (Halsey OR; 10/31/25)	Julia Schewanick	34 players HQ. Paul Hirschmann (45) 1. Brian Bell-Irving (105) 2. Bernie Nelson (70) 3. Matt Constantino (42) 3. Paul Hirschmann (42)	14 players HQ. Gordy Wise (12) 1. Julia Schewanick (24) 2. Robb Witters (12) 3. Craig Wilkey (4) 3. Gordy Wise (4)	28-hand: Duane Toll*	Early Bird: Sheri Howard Canadian Doubles: Rick Baird & Craig Wilkey
Palmetto State Fall Open (Columbia SC; 10/31/25)	Jennifer Curnow	58 players HQ. James Hearon (40) 1. Philip Beauregard (105) 2. David Fournier (70) 3. James Hearon (42) 3. Larry Phifer (42)	40 players HQ. Laurie Schmitz (15) 1. Terrance Cushman (60) 2. Joy Barnes (40) 3. Paul McCleanahan (24) 3. Keith Miller (24)	28-hand: Barri Gehrand*	Night Owl: Keith Miller

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Soda City Fall Classic (Columbia SC; 11/1/25)	Jennifer Curnow	62 players HQ. Terry Weber (65) 1. Terry Weber (105) 2. Greg Girard (70) 3. Keith Miller (42) 3. Keith Widener (42)	38 players HQ. Michelle Gryka (12) 1. Paul Barnes (60) 2. Barri Gehrand (40) 3. Terrance Cushman (24) 3. Jeff Olson (24)	28-hand: Brook Lee*	Canadian Doubles: Jacob French & Terrance Cushman
Anchorage Open (Anchorage AK; 11/1/25)	C. J. Kim	17 players HQ. Abigail Pfisterer (40) 1. Willie Bragg (70) 2. Abigail Pfisterer (42) 3. Jeneva Guard (21) 3. Stephen Yates (21)	{no consy}		
New Hampshire Open (Nashua NH; 11/2/25)	David Statz & Mary Burlington	78 players HQ. Ralph Bolduc (55) 1. Mike Fetchel (147) 2. Vicki Soule (105) 3. Carlyle Foss (70) 3. Thomas Simolanis (70)	36 players HQ. Laurie Hardy (15) 1. John Bartlett (60) 2. Callie Ostrowski (40) 3. Marty Duchow (24) 3. David Flaherty (24)	28-hand: Carlyle Foss*	
Veterans Day Classic (Reno NV; 11/7/25)	Peggy & Rick Shea	152 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (80) 1. Ronald Allen (196) 2. Roland Hall (147) 3. Russ Bracebridge (105) 3. Darlene Stier (105) 5. Ray Klocko (70) 5. Steven Macomber (70) 5. Darlene Pekovich (70) 5. Brad Seger (70)	94 players HQ. Trevor Poole (21) 1. Bob Bartosh (84) 2. Chase Harding (60) 3. Scott Hudson (40) 3. Jeanne Jelke (40)	28-hand: Denny Spero*	Canadian Doubles: Billie Reddell & Debra Wrightman
Boston Regional (Malden MA; 11/9/25)	Frank Reddy	112 players HQ. Jerry Hardy (45) 1. Jerry Hardy (147) 2. Paige Thomas (105) 3. Frank Reddy (70) 3. Jack Silvia (70)	57 players HQ. Wayne King (15) 1. Louis Petosa (60) 2. Frank Gallant (40) 3. Mayland Champion (24) 3. Bonnie Fife (24)		

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New England Fall Classic #1 (Webster MA; 11/14/25)	Stephen Dugas	58 players HQ. Debra Cotter (40) 1. Debra Cotter (105) 2. Nancy Riccio (70) 3. Kris Bailey (42) 3. Jamie Fincher (42)	42 players HQ. Mike Misluk (18) 1. David Statz (60) 2. Jerry Hardy (40) 3. Paul Kane (24) 3. Laurel Post (24)		Friday: Stephen Dugas
New England Fall Classic #2 (Webster MA; 11/15/25)	Stephen Dugas	58 players HQ. Bonnie Fife (55) 1. Paul Kane (105) 2. Phil Martin (70) 3. William Cormier (42) 3. Bonnie Fife (42)	38 players HQ. Richard Nourse (24) 1. Patrick Robrecht (60) 2. Richard Nourse (40) 3. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Cynthia Wark (24)		Canadian Doubles: Frank Reddy & William Cormier
Cheddar Curtain Challenge #1 (Elgin IL; 11/21/25)	Les Kvien	58 players HQ. Doug Page (60) 1. Chad Loupee (105) 2. Haley Hintze (70) 3. Doug Page (42) 3. Doug Whitlock (42)	{no consy}		Canadian Doubles: John Hazlett & Don Pohlman
Cheddar Curtain Challenge #2 (Elgin IL; 11/22/25)	Les Kvien	62 players HQ. David Aiken (90) 1. John Schafer (105) 2. Robert Chase (70) 3. Eric Jensen (42) 3. Mary Tegt (42)	26 players HQ. Deb Kvien (9) 1. Richard Frost (40) 2. James Huser (24) 3. Jason Bick (12) 3. Deb Kvien (12)		
Fort Morgan Wide Open #1 (Fort Morgan CO; 11/22/25)	David Bute	32 players HQ. Vicki Conte (40) 1. Clay Collier (70) 2. Jody Strouse (42) 3. Vicki Conte (21) 3. Arun Sautter (21)	24 players HQ. Al Pernicek (18) 1. David Bute (40) 2. Al Pernicek (24) 3. Dave Harris (12) 3. Wayland Kuhnel (12)	28-hand: Raymond Sautter*	

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Fort Morgan Wide Open #2 (Fort Morgan CO; 11/23/25)	David Bute	23 players HQ. Steve Sundet (50) 1. Clay Collier (70) 2. William MacMillan (42) 3. Wanda Berry (21) 3. Steve Sundet (21)	10 players HQ. Larry McKinney (6) 1. Larry McKinney (24) 2. David Bute (12) 3. Raymond Sautter (4)		
Yankee Classic (Vernon CT; 11/23/25)	Phil Martin	62 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (50) 1. George Windish (105) 2. Scott Johnson (70) 3. Mike Fetchel (42) 3. Bill Peters (42)	32 players HQ. John Bartlett (15) 1. John Bartlett (40) 2. Mary Roberge (24) 3. Matthew Binkowski (12) 3. Patrick Robrecht (12)	28-hand: Scott Johnson*	
Thanksgiving at the Mill (North Bend OR; 11/28/25)	Scott Milo	62 players HQ. Paul Gregson (70) 1. Monica Newton (105) 2. Paul Gregson (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Gerald Oxford (42)	33 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (18) 1. Charlene Cohen (60) 2. Margaret Christensen-Deutsch (40) 3. Lisa Humiston (24) 3. Ronnie Murakami (24)	28-hand: Kelly Crowder* Steve Krupa*	Canadian Doubles: Dennis Misener & Christi Lewis
Reindeer Games (Grand Rapids MI; 11/28/25)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	46 players HQ. Tom Fraser (55) 1. Bryan Gurden (105) 2. Tom Fraser (70) 3. Jim Blough (42) 3. Haley Hintze (42)	26 players HQ. John Schafer (18) 1. Dan Selke (40) 2. John Schafer (24) 3. Andy Stireman (12) 3. Harry Williams (12)		Canadian Doubles: Haley Hintze & Les Kvien
Wishbone Open (Grand Rapids MI; 11/29/25)	David Aiken & John Hazlett	42 players HQ. Keith Widener (40) 1. Ed May (105) 2. Rick Redding (70) 3. Andy Stireman (42) 3. Keith Widener (42)	15 players HQ. Haley Hintze (9) 1. Bryan Gurden (24) 2. Haley Hintze (12) 3. Les Kvien (4) 3. Cynthia Wark (4)		

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Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

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Happy 2026! This year is America's 250th birthday. How much has changed in 250 years! No matter your beliefs, we have this amazing organization that we are free to travel and play cribbage and meet friends, old and new. Happy New Year, ACC! May it be our best year yet! January 6 is National Take down the Christmas Tree Day. Thoughts? I feel the tree should be up until after New Years. January 18 is National Thesaurus Day (trying to score brownie points with the *Cribbage World* editor!). And January 30 is Yodel for Your Neighbor Day! Please no yodeling at the tournaments scheduled for that day, but if you do, please share the videos. May the first month of the year be great!

I wanted to put in a reminder for the **first ever inter-ACC side pool**—the Switzer/Soule Birthday Bash Blowout! **Adam Switzer** and I both have birthdays in February (he gets a day, I get a month). We are going to hold a combined side pool to prove whose birthday is better! I have already started encouraging New England! We will do one combined side pool with participants from both tournaments. This will be held at our tournaments on January 31 and February 1. In today's technology, Adam and I will be able to talk throughout the tournament and run the pool together. I will still have the better decorations and better cake (here's looking at you, **Bob Joslin!**), and I am sure there will be some smack talk. This is a collaborative effort with the blessings of our codirectors. We hope to make it work so it will be incorporated into more tournaments at the same time across the United States.

On October 31–November 2, the Palmetto State Fall Open and Soda City Classic was held in Columbia SC. The trio of **Jennifer Curnow**, **June Fordham**, and **Sally Henderson** welcomed back cribbage friends. The winner of the Palmetto Fall Open main was New England native **Phil Beauregard** over that crazy Floridian, **Dave Fournier**. The consolation saw another New England transplant and podcaster extraordinaire, **Terry Cushman**, over another Floridian, **Joy Barnes**. The Soda City Fall main saw visitor **Terry Weber** take the win over **Greg Girard**. Fun fact: **Keith Widener** and **Keith Miller** came in 3/4. How many Keiths are there down south? The consolation saw Florida's **Paul Barnes** take the win over **Barri Gehard**. Great job again, ladies.

On November 2, New England visited Nashua NH for the 40th and Final New Hampshire Open. This tournament was the last tournament run by **David Statz** and **Mary Burlington**. They think that retiring and trav-

Vicki's January Funnies

Q. What do you say on the first of January?
A. Last year seems just like yesterday.

Q. What can you catch in January with your eyes closed?
A. A cold.

Q. What do you call a snowman in a temper tantrum?
A. A meltdown.

eling is better than cribbage. Well, it probably is, and we wish them safe travels. Coming into this tournament, yours truly needed over 70 points for her Life Master. Step one was to qualify, with my lucky cow, which I did. Director-turned-cheerleader **Mary Burlington** kept me apprised of my points as I was going round through round. When I got to round three, I had reached Life Master status, ➔ but now I wanted to win. I made it to the finals and who do I face? The first recipient of the Jerry Gruber Sportsmanship Award, **Mike Fetchel**. He had a lucky charm—a glow-in-the-dark duck. Well there was a battle, and I dubbed him no longer the



nicest guy in cribbage. He and his duck and I and my cow went to game five, ◀ where he won. It was hard-fought battle and so much fun! Congrats Mike! The consolation saw on-fire **John Bartlett** over **Callie Ostrowski**. It was a great day at the last New Hampshire Open.

On November 9, we moved to Malden MA for the Boston Regional, directed by **Frank Reddy**, **Billy Cormier**, and the whole Malden Muggers club. They welcome 112 players. Before the tournament, we had all the veterans post for a photo. ▼ Thank you for your service to our great country, and thank you for keeping us free. After all the qualifying round and playoffs, Maine's own **Jerry Hardy** took the win over Massachusetts's **Paige Thomas**. The consolation was won by **Lou Petosa**, and **Frank Gallant** took second.

On November 14–16, **Doogie aka Stephen Dugas** and friends ran the inaugural New England Fall Classic 1–2 in Webster MA. On Friday it was an all-girls final, with **Debbie Cotter** taking the win over **Nancy Riccio**. The consy saw **Just Jerry** over **Just David** (Hardy and Statz). The two-day classic saw **Paul Kane** get his first win over veteran **Phil Martin**. The consolation was won by **Patrick Robrecht**, and **Rick Nourse** came in second.



Internet Cribbage

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The TDs asked me to remind you to be specific when you have an issue. Instead of saying something vague like “my opp is stuck,” say, “Sally is stuck on table 208.” We can get there faster that way,

instead of trying to find you on the long list. Using names and/or table numbers for all situations helps a lot, especially if we are juggling other issues! Better yet, pm us so we don't miss it in the lobby chat if we are busy working with others.

Please be respectful of other players by being ready to start your game when your opponent is ready. At start time, you should be off to the races when your first opponent's name pops up in a gray box. TDs are no longer going to nudge you if you're not starting, since you are automatically on the timer if not starting. For the rest of the tournament, stay alert and watch your screen. **Do not set a table and walk away—be ready for your opponent to join you.** It is very rude, and frustrating to all, to be gone when your opponent has asked to join you several times. The five-minute timer is intended to be used primarily for boots out of the room, but TDs have been using it more lately because a player is holding up getting their table going. We all want to keep the tournament moving along smoothly!

Jen (*jjx7fan*) has a great trick to help all of us move faster to our next game by keeping our scorecard open on our screen during tournaments at eCribbage. Once the tourney has officially started:

Point Leader of the Month

Terry Higgins (*chainlink1*) @ 140 IRPs

New Life eMasters (★) (10,000 IRPs)

Pat Liegl (*patco2950*)

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Sandy Sands (*now4sands*)

Internet 28-Hands

Lori Boyer (*elmo4x4*)

Tammy Egermier (*tammye432*)

Tim Julkowski (*timoregon2854*)

Beth Van Domelen (*qkitch*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	514	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
2	459	Tim Julkowski (timoregon2854)
3	432	John Schafer (netview85)
4	431	David Smith (thecuse5)
5	425	Basil Rudnick (basil22)
6	419	Kelly Ann Burgar (lilthummp)
7	418	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
8	385	Terry Higgins (chainlink1)
9	384	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
10	382	Matt Constantino (cyclonestone)

- Open your scorecard, leave it up on your screen, and move it off to the side.
- Play your first game.
- When your game finishes, a new, updated scorecard will pop up on your screen.
- Move the new scorecard to the side.
- Close the old scorecard--which is now *blank* because your game is already recorded.
- Repeat after each game. So much easier!

CRIBbage AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*



by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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While traveling through Croatia to attend my niece's wedding, we stumbled upon the family house of the most famous world traveler of all time, **Marco Polo**. On the island of Korcula, the wealthy Polo clan used the family home ↓ as a base to run their family business. Korcula, along with the rest of the Dalmatian islands, was conquered by the Republic of Venice a few years before Marco was born. The Polo family then moved to Venice and continued their merchant business there. Marco Polo was born in 1254. I was always taught that Marco was Venetian, but there is some debate on whether he was born in Korcula or Venice. The birth stats from 1254 turn out to be not as reliable as our historic online ACC MRP stats.

When Marco was a teenager, he traveled with his father and uncle to what is now Mongolia and China. He didn't return for twenty-four years. While Marco wasn't the first European to travel to the Far East, he was the first to document the adventure in detail. His famous book, *The Travels of Marco Polo*, is one of the most widely read books in the world.

For the many cribbage road warriors out there . . . can you imagine going on the road for twenty-four years? Playing tournaments as you travel from city to city, state to state? The travel that Maria and I have done is nothing compared to what Marco Polo did. I assume our accommodations and meals have been much better than what Polo had. Cribbage

wasn't invented until four centuries after Marco Polo, so he never played the game. Luckily for us, we have the luxury of playing cribbage when we travel. For this story, I won two of three games against Maria, which was a rare luxury for me.



Can you believe it's January already? I am looking forward to an early tournament, then hunkering down with lots of family time.



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

Quick update: I said yes to a new hat—ACC Marketing Chair—and the first thing out the door is our new *Cribbage Anyone?* brochure (shiny, simple, hand-out-able). More tools are coming, but I'll save the deep dive for another month.

Closer to home, we just wrapped our Spokane Grass Roots Regional Tournament and . . . can I brag for a second? Last year we had one person earn points. This year we had eleven out of thirty-six! We also welcomed four visitors and had three Spokane clubs represented. That's my favorite part of regionals—you get your usual Monday-night crew plus new faces and those “I didn't know this could happen” moments. The best.

Now the part that isn't as cute on a flyer or fun to talk about: we canceled our February Pasco tournament. Not for drama—just math. A lot of us aren't retired. Getting time off for every weekend of cribbage isn't realistic, and when we tried to run six events a year, we noticed two things:

- We were fried. Even when we “just show up,” we end up helping, working, fixing something.
- We were crowding out new directors who want to learn the ropes.

So we're leading by example and dialing it back to three or four tournaments a year. Healthier for home and work. Healthier for the tournament scene. And it opens space for others to become weekend directors. If you've ever thought, “Maybe I could direct,” please take this as a nudge. We'll cheer you on, share our checklists, and give you all kinds of advice.

Since this issue lands at New Year's resolution time, here are mine—borrow any you like:

- Show up sustainably—not every event; the ones that fit real-life schedules.
- Build the pipeline—hand the mic to new directors—teach, mentor, guide.
- Invite one friend—Grass Roots grows one guest at a time.
- Clap louder—at club, milestones, first qualifiers—celebrate the little victories.
- Keep the joy—if the schedule steals the joy, the schedule changes.

If your list is already full, try one manageable cribbage goal for 2026: “Play two new tournaments.” “Volunteer at your club.” “Help clean up a venue after an event.” Tiny, doable, and easily repeatable.

To our regional crew—thank you for the hustle, the laughter, and the fun. And a special shout-out to **Vivian Powers**, who quietly exemplifies what volunteering looks like. She opens her home to players, is first to arrive and last to leave, checks in on what's needed, and makes sure folks from all over have an incredible Spokane

Tourney Tidbit

Veterans Day Classic **Ronald Allen** (Truckee CA) beat **Roland Hall** (Napa CA) in game 5 of the main finals in Reno NV. To get to the finals, he had to beat **Pete Larsen** (Vancouver WA), **Willie Evans** (Kennewick WA), and **Russ Bracebridge** (Gainesville VA). Here is Ron's MRP history:

season	points
2005	21
2009	62
2012	21
2015	116
2021	24
2024	26
	270

On November 8, Ronald earned 201 MRPs. He may be the ACC player who has waited the longest (at least twenty years) to win a main tournament.



In game 3, Roland was six points out as pone, while Ronald was dealing from seven points out. Here is how the pegging went:

Roland	3	7 (for 2)	5 (for 1)	J (for 2)				
Ronald		5	K		J		J (for 7)	
running count	3	10	15	25	30	10	20	30

While Roland may have lost the match, he earned his Life Master (6★) when he reached the semifinals!

JOB OPENING

Cribbage World is looking for someone to write about cribbage in the Central Region. Basic requirements include attendance at tournaments and Grass Roots club, the knack to recognize a good story, and the ability to write in an engaging manner. If you fit these requirements, contact CW at cwed152@gmail.com.

experience. She gives so much to our scene that she makes me want to do more—and makes all of this worth it. Thank you, Viv. I couldn't do it without you, truly.

See you down the road friends, hopefully in Spokane for January but if not there, Reno for sure!



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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of December 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1559	Bryan Gurden	1	796	David Aiello	1	629	Mike Fetchel
2	838	Bob Brumley	2	702	Haley Hintze	2	529	John Bartlett
3	779	Bob Bartosh	3	604	Les Kvien	3	394	Jerry Hardy
3	779	Ray Klocko	4	545	Doug Page	4	393	Robert Medeiros
3	779	James Langley	5	544	James McCarty	5	386	Debra Cotter
6	751	Roland Hall	6	498	Robert Chase	6	366	James Sullivan
7	676	Duane Toll	7	432	Allen Karr	7	365	Keith Widener
8	646	Erik Locke	8	416	Terry Weber	8	351	Peter Legendre
9	617	Darlene Stier	9	392	Dennis Koehler	9	315	Stephen Dugas
10	614	William O'Malley	10	388	Kevin Mansfield	10	307	Frank Reddy
11	586	Paul Gregson	11	383	Richard Frost	11	300	Richard Nourse
12	480	Todd Malmgren	12	382	Steven Steinmetz	12	295	Carlyle Foss
13	453	Bernie Nelson	13	368	Jerry Griffin	13	281	William Cormier
14	409	Donald Stockham	13	368	Doug Whitlock	14	272	Frank Bogus Jr.
15	369	Charlene Cohen	15	330	Jim Mahan	15	271	Paige Thomas
16	366	Bill Schlages	16	306	Henry Brandner	16	266	Paul Batterson
17	359	Jones Hom	17	291	Clay Collier	17	262	Deborah Taylor
18	354	Wayne Momsen	18	289	Wade Skaja	18	261	Vicki Soule
19	333	Gary Louderback	19	282	Dan Selke	19	231	Mary Burlington
20	331	Jeanne Jelke	20	279	Wayne Steinmetz	19	231	Jack Silvia
21	323	James Clark	21	274	Deb Kvien	21	225	Phil Martin
22	318	Wayne Morris	22	264	Marsha Mahan	22	223	Peter Grant
22	318	Carol Perko	23	229	Bob Joslin	23	222	Patrick Robrecht
24	313	Alice Souza	24	227	Greg Stuecheli	24	219	Terrance Cushman
25	305	David Bute	25	221	Al Pernicek	25	214	Donna LaFleur
26	304	Carole Herron	26	209	William Stacey	26	213	Jeff Olson
27	292	Scott Bartosh	27	208	Ken Moomey	27	211	Marty Duchow
28	284	Jennifer Bolles	28	207	Emilio Perez	28	186	Kendra Munkacsy
28	284	Gordy Wise	29	204	Michael Henze	28	186	Roy Scheffer
30	283	Ryan Huffman	30	200	Scott Sand	30	185	Bonnie Fife
31	277	Paul Hirschmann	31	199	Bob Hanes	30	185	Dave Leissner
32	269	William Eilers	32	198	Dan Taylor	32	184	Charles Booker
33	267	Rick Baird	33	197	Edward Balcer	33	182	Laurie Hardy
34	262	Cy Madrone	33	197	Marlene Lazachek	33	182	Mark Soule
35	260	Brad Seger	35	195	Joe Clarke	35	180	Jamie Fincher
36	256	Willie Evans	36	193	Chad Frischmann	36	173	Kenneth Johnson
36	256	Chris McComas	36	193	Rod Mandler	37	170	Keith Miller
38	254	Tom Brown	38	192	Daniel Pluff	38	169	Paul Kane
39	237	Dawn Diaz	38	192	John Syftestad	38	169	David Statz
40	232	Monica Newton	40	190	Bob Kiley	40	166	James Ravenscroft
41	220	Farokh Ziari	41	188	Denise Fortin	41	165	Dianna Larson
42	216	Barbara Stockham	42	180	Kelly Holt	41	165	Mary Roberge
43	213	Matt Padrow	43	177	Andy Stireman	43	155	Robert Baker
44	208	Betty Brumley	44	173	David Aiken	43	155	Scott Johnson
45	205	Pamela Pomeroy	45	172	Eugene DeVowe	45	154	David Flaherty
46	202	Trevor Poole	46	167	John Schafer	46	149	Stanley Filipiak
47	201	Ronald Allen	47	156	Chad Loupee	47	147	Scott Earley
48	200	Jason Shumate	48	155	Larry Leidenheimer	48	145	Patricia Bergeron
49	196	Junko Larsen	48	155	Alan Lindner	49	142	Eric Davis
50	192	Pete Larsen	50	154	Robert Lenz	50	141	Michael D'Elena
			50	154	Don Pohlman			

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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WI ♦ Wisconsin Dells Deal Doubleheader
AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost
Jan. 2, Wisconsin Dells Deal 1
Jan. 3–4, Wisconsin Dells Deal 2

WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader
Neon Moon, 5028 N Market St, Spokane WA 99217. TD: Jason Ramelow (509.638.9518) & Kat Hartsell
Jan. 2, The Big Deal: James's Birthday Edition
Jan. 3–4, Spokane New Year Kickoff

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabas (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh
Jan. 8–9, Sacramento #1
Jan. 10, Sacramento #2
Jan. 11, Sacramento #3

NC ♦ Smoky Mountain Doubleheader
Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Rd, Asheville NC 28806. TD: Jacob French (678.517.2090) & Alan Rogers
Jan. 9, Smoky Mountain Classic Opener
Jan. 10–11, Smoky Mountain Classic

AZ ♦ Jan. 9–11, Snowbird Special
 DAV Hall, 954 S 13th Ave, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Jim Blakely

OR ♦ Jan. 10, Willamette Valley Challenge
 Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader
VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Grant Crawford (850.461.9390) & Jim Cook
Jan. 16, Land Shark Open
Jan. 17–18, Emerald Coast Open

CT ♦ Jan. 17, New Year Knockout
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Michael Kopp (860.856.1705) & Barbara Barbour

OR ♦ Jan. 17–18, It's a New Year Tournament
 Senior Activity Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

CA ♦ Jan. 17–18, Peg for the Border
 Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley

Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Kris Bailey (574.722.4539) & Joan Layte

NV ♦ Vegas Doubleheader
Schaefer house, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)
Jan. 23, Sin City Shuffle
Jan. 24–25, Schaefer Shuffle

AZ ♦ Jan. 27–28, Arizona Screaming Eagles
 Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Circle, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

AZ ♦ Roadrunner Doubleheader
Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson
Jan. 30, Cactus Classic
Jan. 31–Feb. 1, Roadrunner Classic

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader
Legion, 102 W 4th St, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642), Steve Schneider, & Bob Joslin
Jan. 30, Minnesota Snowball One-Day
Jan. 31–Feb. 1, Switzer's Birthday Bash

NH ♦ Wolfeboro Doubleheader
Windrifter Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)
Jan. 30, Winter in Wolfeboro One Day
Jan. 31–Feb. 2, Medeiros Memorial

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

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. 19–20, 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 Rancheria 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)
<i>see entry form in centerfold</i>

MA ♦ Mar. 15, Corned Beef & Cribbage
American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Rick Montague (508.414.5684) & Paige Thomas

MA ♦ Mar. 20, New England Festival #1
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mike D'Elena

MI ♦ Mar. 21, Battle in the Creek
Westlake Presbyterian Church, 415 28th St S, Battle 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

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

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, Alsea 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

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

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

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, MT 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

NC ♦ Winston-Salem Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson
May 1, Winston-Salem Open
May 2–3, North Carolina Open

CA ♦ May 2–3, Humboldt Bay Classic
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD:
Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Sheryl Brekke

CA ♦ May 9, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

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 ♦ May 22–24, Jerry Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Ranche-

ria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke
(509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

WA ♦ Spokane Memorial Doubleheader
TBD, Spokane WA 99205. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & James Morrow
May 22, Spokane Memorial 1-Day
May 23–24, Spokane Memorial 2-Day

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

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

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

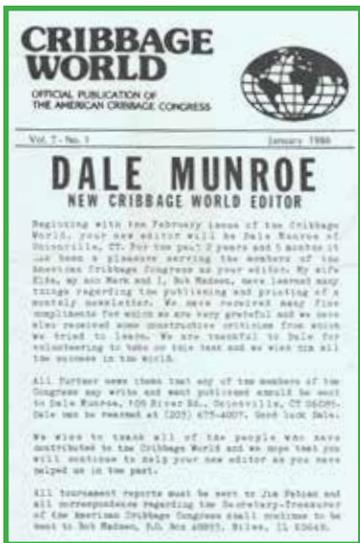
CA ♦ June 6, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

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

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, De- poe 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

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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



40 Years Ago

The front cover reported that **Dale Munroe** (Unionville CT) was appointed as the third *Cribbage World* editor. Dale served the ACC for four years, editing 49 magazines, with a total page count of 844 (averaging 17.22 per issue). He retired as CW editor in February 1990.



Dale had ACC number CT-1, and in the years before his death in March 2017 he earned 457 GRPs and 2,331 MRPs.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Tim Morrissey** (WA) won the 184-player Chinook Winds Open in Lincoln City OR. Elsewhere we read that **Wayne Steinmetz** (WI) won the 104-player Jesse James Open in Northfield MN.

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

CO ♦ Loveland Doubleheader

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

July 25, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #1

July 26, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #2

CA ♦ River City Tripleheader

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

July 31, River City Shake It Up Friday

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 1–2, River City Shake It Up Saturday

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 3–4, Natomas Open

TD: Bill Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

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