



New BOD members
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Kendra Munkacsy
Megan Player
Kat Hartsell
Darlene Stier
Kai Lemrise
Jerry Hardy

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President's Column

by James Morrow



BOD Election

The votes for the BOD election have been counted, and in September we will welcome six new members to the board of directors.

I would like to take this time to thank the six former members for the years of service, dedication, and commitment they have put into our great organization.

- **Jeanne Jelke**—BOD secretary since 2015, Jeanne also chaired the elections and rules committees.
- **Jason Hofbauer**—chaired the Hall of Fame committee and served on the ethics committee.
- **Cy Madrone**—most recently was on the cross-checking committee.
- **Dan Selke**—served on several committees, as well as being the backup for the statistician.
- **John Hazlett**—ACC webmaster and also on the IT committee.
- **Lana Newhouse**—served two terms and also part of several committees.

These directors have served on other committees and helped decide rule changes, policies, and procedures while on the board.

Thank you all for serving.

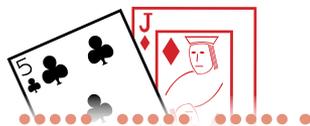
On another note: did you hear about this?



Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	65–58 (52.8%)	33–25 (56.9%)	✓ 68–33 (67.3%)
biggest win	✓ +58 vs. Dave Yae-ger (ID) @ Spokane and Harrison Pettit (WA) @ Federal Way	+48 vs. Sara Sandey (MN) @ Chaska	+40 vs. Vincent Minervini (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	✓ -30 vs. Becky Adams (OR) @ Sutherlin	-41 vs. Mary Tegt (WI) @ Appleton	-56 vs. Mike Sclafani (MA) @ Club 104

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Tennis legend **Roger Federer** delivered the 2024 commencement address at Dartmouth College in Hanover NH. Known mainly for his twenty grand slam titles and his domination of grass-court tennis (i.e., a record-setting eight Wimbledon titles) for much of the 2000s and 2010s, Roger is also an active philanthropist and world traveler. But until last year we didn't know he was a public speaker.

In a speech given to Dartmouth's 2024 graduating class that was both informative and entertaining, Federer showcased his sincerity and graciousness—already well known from his on-court behavior. He offered three life lessons, listed here with a relevant quotation from the speech:

Lesson #1: **effortless is a myth.** “It's not about having a gift; it's about having grit.”

Lesson #2: **it's only a point.** “When you're playing a point, it has to be the most important thing in the world, and it is. But when it's behind you, it's behind you.”

Lesson #3: **life is bigger than the court.** “I knew that tennis could show me the world. But tennis could never be the world.”

All three tennis lessons also apply to cribbage. (1) **Erik, Jim, and David** (the regional leaders) don't win effortlessly; they put in an incredible amount of work behind the scenes. (2) When you misplay a hand or blow a game, put it behind you and concentrate on the next hand, game, or tournament. (3) Most important: cribbage is not the end-all and be-all of life; there is much more to life than this game.

Here's an amazing factoid I learned from Federer's speech. He played 1,526 singles matches in his twenty-four-year tennis career, winning 1,251 of them (82%). He played 367 tournament and won 103 of them (28%). But during all these matches and tournaments, he won only 54% of his points!

Yep, you read that right. The dominating force in tennis lost nearly half of all the points he played! This gives new meaning to lesson #2. The quotation under this point above continues: “This mindset is really crucial, because it frees you to fully commit to the next point and the next point after that, with intensity, clarity, and focus.”

That is my goal—and it should be yours as well—to go to the next point with intensity, clarity, and focus. “Negative energy is wasted energy,” Federer said. “You want to become a master at overcoming hard moments.”

To view the entire speech (it's only twenty-five minutes long), go to **youtube.com** and type “Federer Dartmouth” in the search box.

At Grand National in Deadwood SD in October, the BOD will award the Central Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2028. If you are interested in hosting this event, inform Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of your interest by August 31.

MAST

The granddaddy of the state All Star tournaments was held on June 14 in Coopersville when seven Michigan clubs competed in the nineteenth annual Michigan All Star Tournament.

For the sixth time, Muskegon won the title “Best Cribbage Club in Michigan.” In eighteen games against eighteen opponents, the winning team scored 104 points, edging out #2 Grand Rapids and #3 Battle Creek. Muskegon’s winning club members ↓ were **Mike Shermeta**, **David Cummings**, **Steve DePouw**, and **Jeff Shimp**. Both Steve and Jeff scored 29 points to take second and third place individually.

The highest scorecard, 31 points, was posted by **Mary Bearss**—recently crowned club champion at Grand Rapids Club 71.



FAST

The Florida All Star Tournament was hosted by Greater Orlando Cribbage Club on June 14. Eight clubs participated—Greater Orlando #22, Emerald Coast #131, Halifax Area #230, Peg-a-Longs #276, Space Coast Peggers #336, Pensacola Peggers #396, Big Bend #430, and Pegging in Paradise #454—and everybody played twenty-one games against as many opponents.

GOCC Club 22 once again stood head and shoulders above all. This is their ninth time winning the FAST championship. They scored a total of 107 points, while Club 230 was second with 95 points. The winning teammates were **Ted Southland**, **Jean Bidegare**, **Jeff Olson**, and **David Fournier**. Both David and Ted scored 31 points and took first and second individually, while **Barbara Berg-Fennessey** (Club 230) was third with 29. **Howard Terry** held a 29-hand.





edited by **Michael Barrett**



GRASS ROOTS CORNER

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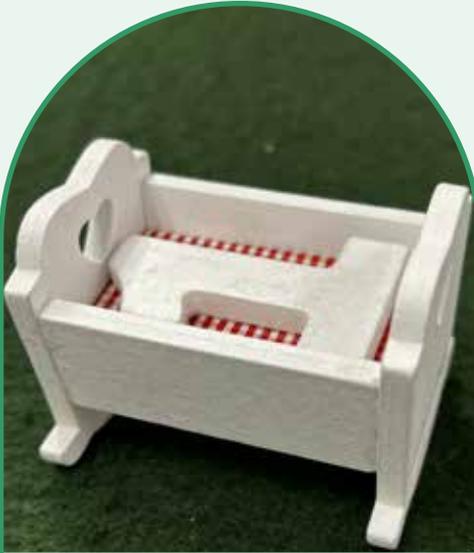
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One in the crib? If you play at Twin City Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC and have only a single point in your crib, then you get to hold this award! Thanks to **Sharon Ober** for the photo.

Michael Alexiou is starting a cribbage club in Harrisonburg VA. They usually have 4–6 in attendance for the four-game event, but occasionally up to ten. On May 21, **Carl Guerin** ➔ scored a 29-hand! The club is not yet official and everyone is still learning, so this was an exciting event!



Track Town 29ers Club 450 (Eugene OR) celebrated its season finale on May 24, and **Dave Silva** made it extra special by getting a 28-hand!

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Club 308 (Centerville MA)—on the same night, **Tracy Anzuoni** → got a 29-hand, and **Debbie Carbullido** and **Fran Shea** got 28-hands!



Club 375 (Portland ME)—grand slams by **Lauri Immonen**, **Tom McGonagle**, and **Mark Pease**. Mark also had a 29-hand!

Club 399 (Duluth MN)—grand slams this year for **Gerald Sabick** and **Vincent Simone**, and 28-hands for Betty Jo Jurek (three of them!), Butch Harder, Linda Carlson, Gary Grote, Bob Jackson, and 91-year-old Gayle Grant!



Erik Royland Locke
(Wood Village OR)
Gold #245

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James David Chase
(Casper WY)
Gold #242

My grandfather taught me how to play cribbage in 1968. I joined the ACC in 1993 but did not start playing on a regular basis until

2005. My cribbage mentor is my father, but we never played competitively like I do in club. I'm a member of Club 238 in Casper and have been club champion four times. I earned my Gold Award on April 21 when I won the last game of the night to get to 4,000 points exactly. I missing out on a grand slam by three spread points! My toughest opponent at club? Good question, but if I do not say Dave Harris, then I will never hear the end of it! My favorite cribbage moment this year was *handily* beating Dave Harris in my last game of the year! When I retire, I plan to start playing weekend tourneys. I like participating in sports (my current favorite is pickleball) and watching sports live and on TV, fly-fishing, and traveling. I once went on stage to accept an MVP trophy after a CYO state basketball tournament, which we won—only to find out five minutes later that another teammate had actually won the trophy. I should have waited for the name to be called; however, I deserved that MVP trophy!

29-Hands

- Mike Emerson (Club 55 in Santa Rosa CA)
- John Murphy (Club 147 in North Port FL)
- Dan Routhier (Club 161 in Bellingham MA)
- Larry Stuber (Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)—no pic



Grand Slams

- Steve Erickson (Club 34 in Denver CO)
- Loren Lookabill (Club 43 in Fremont CA)
~ plus a 28-hand the same night! ~
- Ronald Geerdes (Club 396 in Pensacola FL)
- Rick Mill (Club 427 in Laurel MT)



GRASS ROOTS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Does your club director make club fun, friendly, and inclusive?

Do they keep everyone organized and statistics up to date?

Does your director deserve to be named **Grass Roots Club Director of the Year**?

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Scroll down to the bottom of the page to “Site Links”

Click on “GR Director of the Year,” which will take you to the nomination form.

Fill out the form and click “submit.” Entries accepted until July 31.

What Happened at club this year?

91,748
total attendance
at club tournaments

5,608
unique players

6,912
club tournaments
played

344,137
GRPs awarded

181
grand slams
(win all nine games)

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(win all six games)

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(lose all nine games)

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lite strings of pearls
(lose all six games)

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29-hands

226
active clubs

360
28-hands

Top ten clubs in attendance

rank	last year	club	name	location	total	average
1	1	104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	1545	42.92
2	2	71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	1196	33.22
3	5	408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	1115	30.97
4	3	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	1081	30.03
5	9	284	Chippewa Valley Club	Eau Claire WI	960	27.43
6	6	240	Twin City Peggers	Roseville MN	939	26.08
7	13	415	29 Seekers	Puyallup WA	929	25.81
8	4	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	912	25.33
9	7	108	Sno-King Peggers	Lynnwood WA	860	23.89
10	16	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	848	23.56

Grass Roots division winners

division	award	player	club	GRPs
1	champ	Thomas Beucler	388	430
	runner-up	Scott Bartosh	600	389
	ROY	Scott Hipsher	474	253
	ROY runner-up	Dennis Hipsher	474	214
4	champ	Paul Gregson	54	251
	runner-up	Rhonda Perry	336	246
	ROY	Raymond Sibert	480	155
	ROY runner-up	Dale DuRette	376	145

ROY = rookie of the year

Other Grass Roots winners

event	player	club	score
BA champ	Thomas Beucler	388	69.5%
BA runner-up	Scott Bartosh	600	66.4%
GRNT	Jack Silvia	439	35/16
GRRT Northwest	Valerie Nozick	108	33/16
GRRT Southwest	John Garman	267	34/15
GRRT Central	Scott Sand	94	32/15
GRRT East	Prentice Robinson	396	32/14

BA = batting average

GRNT = Grass Roots National Tournament

GRRT = Grass Roots Regional Tournament

Players with two grand slams

name	club
David Fournier	22
Dennis Hanel	202
Sandra Hinker	199
Timothy Julkowski	377
Junko Larsen	426
Mike Misluk	26
Rick Montague	161
William O'Malley	46

Players with four lite slams

None this year!

Players with three lite slams

None this year!

Players who won only four games—but still got points!

name	club	score
Gerry Arseneau	308	12/4 +105
Laura Clark	434	12/4 +107
Richard Clark	439	12/4 +123
Daniel Kuenne	445	12/4 +124
Ken Quast	39	12/4 +139
Ronald Stevens	173	12/4 +61
Phillip Whitehouse	295	12/4 +125
Roger Widdowson	371	12/4 +91

Top ten clubs in points awarded (not including GRRT and GRNT)

rank	last year	club	name	location	GRPs
1	1	104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	6107
2	3	71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	4410
3	5	408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	4351
4	2	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	3976
5	6	240	Twin City Peggers	Roseville MN	3880
6	12	284	Chippewa Valley Club	Eau Claire WI	3609
7	11	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	3592
8	4	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	3478
9	13	108	Sno-King Peggers	Lynnwood WA	3441
10	26	46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	3338

Clubs with 4+ grand slams

club	name	location	slams
71	Beer City Peggery	Grand Rapids MI	5
408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	5
26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	4
199	Midtown Club	Greenwood WI	4
361	Penobscot Peggery	Bangor ME	4
377	Spokane Peggery	Spokane WA	4

Clubs with 6+ lite slams

club	name	location	slams
194	Humboldt Cribbers	Eureka CA	15
395	Caveman Peggery	Grants Pass OR	12
465	Hillsboro Peggery	Hillsboro OR	12
376	McMinnville Peggery	McMinnville OR	11
439	Vineyard Club	Oak Bluffs MA	11
467	Shelton Club	Shelton WA	11
479	Beulah Peggery	Pensacola FL	11
452	South Metro 29ers	Apple Valley MN	10
323	Crossroads Club	Troy MO	9
480	Calapooia Club	Brownsville OR	9
54	Delta Club	Brentwood CA	8
274	Sweet Onion Peggery	Walla Walla WA	8
473	Tater Peggery	Idaho Falls ID	8
2	Oregon's First Club	Hermiston OR	7
118	St. Johns	Portland OR	7
154	Oro-Dam Peggery	Oroville CA	7
205	Redding Peggery	Redding CA	7
389	Lake County 29ers	Lakeport CA	7
475	SLO Peggery 805	Paso Robles CA	7
477	Marshall Area 29'ers	Marshall MN	7
38	Northeast Oregon	Baker City OR	6
142	Para-Pines-Peggery	Chico CA	6
318	Gold Club	Media PA	6
420	Lincoln City Club	Gleneden Beach OR	6

Thanks to three hard-working ACC members, *Cribbage World* is able to present the stats and data on pages 10–18. Grass Roots programmer [Scott Harker](#) extracted the numbers from the database. Grass Roots commissioner [Ivan Wells](#) provided the lists of champions. And GRNT director [Jennifer Johnson](#) made the cool graphics.

Players with a 29-hand

name	club
Robin Allen	127
Tracy Anzuoni	308
Lucien Arsenault	454
Allan Ashton	271
Raymond Barkes	199
Michelle Black	154
Jeremy Brandner	445
Ken Brask	115
Jerry Cash	466
Ken Cochlin	39
John Cooper	194
Grant Crawford	131
Gordon Dakin	374
Robert Deeds	3
Scott Diefes	276
Steve Duke	131
Karen Dupea	243
Mike Emerson	55
Mary Jane Esera	110
Joseph Konizeski	382
Jack Magnusson	473
Mark Meyer	243
Marc Milne	398
Mark Pease	375
Dennis Peterson	477
Paul Peterson	108
Abigail Pfisterer	177
Rick Rohrer	215
Dan Routhier	161
Robert Sheehan	147
Pat Siemonsma	251
Andy Wagner	58
Denis Walker	440
Rick Watters	24
Jeanne Wauters	157
Aiden Whitney	117
Gary Winn	202
Wendy Yafuso	281

Players with three 28-hands

name	club
Beryl O'Brien	308
Steve Painter	251
Francis Shea	308

Players with two 28-hands

name	club
Carolyn Balmer	415
Christine Banker	69
Barbara Berg-Fennessey	230
Dick Carter	46
Samantha Crist	284
Paul Dysart	251
Joyce Eisenberg	438
Estalita Ells	414
Steven Erickson	34
Alex Farris	382
Ari Goldberg	382
Gerald Hahn	62
Roland Hall	100
Mark Hamilton	246
Kenneth Hunt	177
Betty Jo Jurek	399
Ray Klocko	400
Dave Koontz	347
Keith LaPine	131
Chuck Minesal	6
Derek Murchie	346
Kris Parker	108
Bill Plunkett	229
Allen Richardson	232
Buster Riley	391
Wayne Smith	433

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Twin City Peggers Club 240 (Roseville MN)—**Francis Pasiuk** turned in this unique scorecard in summer play!

Clubs with 16+ near slams (players winning 8 games)

rank	last year	club	name	location	near slams
1	T2	104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	30
2	T17	408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	25
3	5	109	PT 109	Abington MA	23
T4	T13	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	21
T4	T7	445	Heart of Wisconsin	Stetsonville WI	21
6	6	108	Sno-King Peggars	Lynnwood WA	20
T7	T13	46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	19
T7	T51	215	Rivers Edge Peggars	Chaska MN	19
T7	T22	328	High Noon	Bradenton FL	19
T7	T42	377	Spokane Peggars	Spokane WA	19
T7	T60	400	Sin City Peggars	Las Vegas NV	19
T12	1	71	Beer City Peggars	Grand Rapids MI	18
T12	T60	238	Central Wyoming Club	Casper WY	18
T12	T22	284	Chippewa Valley Club	Eau Claire WI	18
T12	30	62	Timber Capital	Roseburg OR	17
T16	T7	96	Black Hills	Rapid City SD	17
T16	T7	240	Twin City Peggars	Roseville MN	17
T16	T34	243	Pierce County 31 for 2	Tacoma WA	17
T19	T42	25	Helena Club	Helena MT	16
T19	4	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	16
T19	T13	198	Spokane Valley	Spokane Valley WA	16
T19	T17	307	Colorado Rockies Assn.	Colorado Springs CO	16
T19	T7	308	Cape Cod Club	Centerville MA	16
T19	T7	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	16

Top Grass Roots players lifetime

The ACC has twenty-one Platinum Award winners (6,000+ lifetime Grass Roots Points), and here's how they rank at the end of the 2024–25 season.

rank	player	club	GRPs	rank	player	club	GRPs
1	Harold Sontag	162	8345	12	George Mackie	148	6613
2	Elmer Rasmussen	232	8300	13	Willie Evans	39	6519
3	Jim Blough	71	7845	14	Annett Eiffert	162	6508
4	David Fournier	22	7826	15	David Clemmey	–	6501
5	Patrick Barrett	120	7720	16	Herschel Mack	414	6441
6	Peter Setian	72	7516	17	Duane Sink	–	6406
7	Roger Wilson	23	7428	18	Phil Martin	26	6336
8	Allen Karr	61	6821	19	Jeff Shimp	229	6218
9	James Langley	205	6817	20	Rick Baird	12	6213
10	Duane Toll	62	6788	21	Gary Rasmussen	232	6196
11	Ken Cochlin	39	6656				

Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
1	John Syftestad	221
2	Bill Hill	189
3	Jerry Miller	271
5	William Kraatz	165
6	Wayne Steinmetz	256
11	Valerie Sumner	267
12	Lono Kaai	235
14	Douglas Day	98
14	Dawn Mountz	98
17	Sam Sinram	210
21	Stan Katzman	138
22	David Fournier	348
23	Roger Baxter	215
24	Robert Milk	122
25	Paul Mauel	290
26	Frank Corrado	281
27	Randy Azelton	138
28	Erik Locke	204
34	Mark Cochran	254
38	Rob Palmer	206
39	Brad Seger	212
43	Loren Lookabill	207
43	Wayne Morris	207
46	William O'Malley	309
54	Paul Gregson	241
55	Jim Wilder	203
58	Andy Wagner	270
61	Allen Karr	271
62	Duane Toll	310
68	Brandon Saldecke	56
69	Duane Jones	202
71	Mary Bearss	257
72	Peter Setian	301
79	Bob Prochnow	213
82	Ballard Cheatham	192
89	Paul McFarland	216
90	Mike Habighorst	234
94	Scott Sand	308
96	Duane Schubauer	307
97	Daryl Haberland	115
98	Jim Waldvogel	144
100	Garrett Van Scyoc	230
104	Robert Medeiros	292

club	champion	GRPs
106	Scott Buhrow	264
107	Charles Simmons	57
108	George Wangen	264
109	Mayland Champion	230
110	Roy Wong	192
113	Don Hansen	208
115	Joseph Wurman	76
117	Bill Whiting	254
118	John Mealy	231
119	Jerry Ellis	236
120	Patrick Barrett	221
124	Ron Shelton	193
127	Terry Greenawald	307
130	John Marchand	131
131	Dave Parenteau	237
140	Sharon Sherbert	277
142	Roger Hall	187
144	Barbara Yates	108
147	Sharon Liotta	235
148	George Mackie	211
150	Obie Weeks	90
154	Lori Boyer	199
156	Linda Johnson	215
157	Jeff Wussow	206
161	Dan Routhier	186
162	Nancy Rojas	285
164	J. J. Stansfield	254
173	Darrell Fails	191
175	James Ravenscroft	309
177	Gary Mathes	221
190	Shaun Wilford	311
193	Kerry O'Connell	148
194	Richard Shea	195
197	David Aiello	310
198	Kevin Mansfield	267
199	Richard Slone	268
202	Ronald Logan	244
204	Sheri Howard	232
205	Dale Hjertager	146
207	Ed Weigant	205
211	Bruce Gorkowski	188
215	Alan Lindner	262
218	David Peterson	231

Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
219	Robert Donovan	289
221	Robert Reister	232
222	Robert Bush	117
224	Heinz Park	185
229	Jeff Shimp	265
230	Barbara Berg-Fennessey	234
232	Travis Gonia	245
238	Candace Harmon	212
240	Brett Brunner	257
241	Kenneth Johnson	226
243	Michael Sofaly	219
246	Nancy Hawkins	160
249	Peter Jackson	154
251	Paul Dysart	290
257	Pierre Olivier	275
261	Terry Hatto	286
267	Michael Watson	128
271	Allan Ashton	168
272	Timothy Havighurst	234
274	Gloria Stapleton	162
276	Allen Hammacott	195
277	Patricia Felcyn	259
281	David Brokken	171
284	Dennis Ulberg	329
285	Paul Hirschmann	176
288	Al Doucet	189
290	Jones Hom	217
295	Kurt Rosenberg	281
300	Gary Reichel	237
306	Gary Chamberlain	242
307	Mark Shepherd	241
308	Jack Puleo	306
314	Kirk Hobbs	275
317	Don Zeutschel	197
318	Tom Kilcoyne	196
321	Jim Egan	278
323	Edward Peine	161
328	Paula Humbert	186
329	Douglas Myers	261
332	Dave Bosio	154
336	Rhonda Perry	246
337	Bill Wakeman	200
344	Janet Juedemann	153

club	champion	GRPs
345	Mike Poole	202
346	Keith Miller	197
347	Donna Laridon	167
354	Daulph Plummer	279
356	John Fitzgerald	244
359	George Hardardt	37
360	William Eilers	251
361	Steven Braley	263
368	John Healey	282
371	Karen Lyon	225
374	Tad Pilecki	251
375	Eric Lemay	313
376	Dale DuRette	145
377	Timothy Julkowski	312
379	Robert Walton	207
382	Dwight Christiansen	331
387	Jeff Gonzales	207
388	Thomas Beucler	430
389	Kirby Aasen	174
390	Bernard Brentar	288
391	Gary Louderback	197
391	David Hayden	197
393	Dave Otte	267
395	Rich Ekman	239
396	Michael Leonard	240
397	Clifford Anderson	149
398	Patrick Raney	120
399	Veronica Klaas	263
400	Bryan Gurden	273
407	Scott McMahan	168
408	Dennis Crooks	249
410	LeRoy Mehring	235
414	Tom Bair	199
415	Timothy Johnson	264
418	Doug Rodrigues	217
419	Ken Varner	272
420	Jack Shumate	215
422	Michael Hagan	124
426	Chris McComas	298
427	Tom Palmer	217
430	Bradley Gronli	275
431	Jim Merritt	232
432	Andy Stireman	114

Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
433	David Bute	240
434	Lance Denham	143
436	Pauline Taylor	249
438	Robert Kimsal	96
439	Mary Alice Russell	217
440	Scott Milo	293
443	Vincent Hahn	114
444	Ronald Hilson	209
445	Robert Lenz	246
448	Bob Cross	144
450	Jack McClain	143
451	Royd Nelson	156
452	Ed Lawrence	192
453	Bob Bartosh	245
454	Carlyle Elliott	226
455	Bill Wallace	199
459	Chuck Yurcina	233
460	David Sniegowski	238
461	Christopher Cook	165
462	Gerald Scollard	185
463	Terry Goatz	245

club	champion	GRPs
464	Patrick Hunt	268
465	Pete Davis	216
466	Melanie Clyburn	148
467	Steve Colgan	243
469	Nikki Anderson	28
470	Lyle Avey	21
471	Doug Coleman	55
472	Dan Zeisler	149
473	Gary Rose	132
474	Scott Hipsher	253
475	Quentin Campbell	150
476	Mike Moodry	184
477	Dale Janiszkeski	126
478	Joe Libin	109
479	Laura Snyder	139
480	Karl Crandall	95
482	Jamie Fincher	76
486	Jeff Stern	19
488	John Pappas	9
600	Scott Bartosh	389



One wouldn't expect to win a club championship in one's first full season after joining the ACC—especially in a club with two Platinum players, five Silver players, and seven Bronze players. Amazingly, that is what **Travis Gonia** did at Club 232 with a .575 winning average and 32 skunks. (In twenty-eight years, this is only the eighth time one of the Rasmussen brothers hasn't been club champion.) Travis began playing when he was in middle school. Since he joined our club, he studiously learned the fine points of the game, with the help of mentors **Dan Carr** and **Gary Rasmussen**. Like most of us, he has his superstitions. If his luck turns bad during a game, he may alter the style or the number of times he shuffles. Good luck in the future, Travis!

2025 GRNT by the Numbers

California (15) and Michigan. Oregon, and Washington (8 each) were the busiest

105
EVENTS

1,948
PLAYERS

1,806 Official
136 Unofficial
6 Youth

Hand-keyed into the database and cross-checked

35,064
GAMES



\$21,672 paid out
to GRP earners



28-Hands: 29
Grand Slams: 11
29-Hands: 2



\$2,280 in
additional
prizes!



174 Participating Clubs
across 34 States and Provinces

9,209
GRPS EARNED

High Score:
35 GRPs
Jack Silvia
Club 439

ACC Awards



Most credit for teaching me how to play cribbage goes to my grandparents Murl and George Zikmund, but also my mom Susan Bute. I joined the ACC in 2010 and look to Sue Edwards as my cribbage mentor. A member of Club 433 in Fort Morgan CO, I have been club champion four times. My first tournament win was in March 2011 in Denver; I have now won eleven mains and eleven consolations. My favorite tournament is the Deadwood SD cluster. My toughest opponent is Steve Sundet. My favorite cribbage moment this year was winning Saturday and Sunday consolations the same weekend in March. I also enjoy collecting arrowheads, playing French horn, and reading social science. My favorite cribbage variant is lowball.

David Bute
(Brush CO)
Life Master

[Editor's note: David says he likes this picture "because I about died hiking up to get" it. Now *Cribbage World* wants to know the backstory!]

My dad taught me while he played with my Uncle Jack; I had to pay attention and not ask too many questions. I joined the ACC in 1979 and became a member of Club 5 under Elbert Hargesheimer. My father was my mentor playing this awful game, but he tormented me in a good way to play better. I have wonderful memories of the first tournament we played together in Niagara Falls in 1989. I became club champion in 2025 for the first time. I live seventy miles from club, and often during the winter months I'm a no-show, so this was an unexpected good fortune. My first tournament win was in Massachusetts against Al Miller, and I have won nine others since. My favorite tournament is Raleigh: I love the format, and the directors are so professional. My toughest opponent was Harry Palmer. My favorite moment this year is easy: when my daughter and grandson came to the Hamburg tournament to play Canadian Doubles. I love Yankee baseball and the Buffalo Bills. Here's a tidbit: a good friend of mine is going blind and wouldn't be able to play cribbage if he wasn't given a ride. With the help of our tournament director and another member, the ACC provided a lighted board for him—on which I have yet to claim a victory! Bless the wonderful members of Grass Roots and the ACC for all you do. If we all pitch in and play nice, the sky is the limit.

William M. Kraatz
(Frewsburg NY)
Grand Master



Where are John and Maria now? (see page 34)



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Renegé

Probably the most difficult rule to understand and administer is the renege rule. I have written about this rule before but there is still some confusion about when a renege occurs and what renege card(s) must be shown. With the newly revised rulebook coming out in August 2025, there has been a slight clarification of the renege rule.

We all know that a renege occurs when a player fails to play a card or cards that could have been played before a player calls “go” or “31.” Or do we? That is what is defined in the rulebook, but how many times have you been playing someone, and they look at you and say: “Oops, I just renege.” They didn’t play the card or show you the card. So you call for a judge, the judge comes over and says: “Yep, it’s a renege. Do you want the renege card live or dead?” At this point you haven’t seen the card, and many judges out there will not allow you to see the card because up to now the rule has unfortunately been misinterpreted.

For at least the last two years I have been preaching that in the case I just described a renege *has not occurred* because the card has not been played, and further it is up to the nonoffending player to catch the renege; even further, you cannot call a renege on yourself. So think about this for

a second: you realize you renege, so you call it on yourself rather than playing the card, and you keep it hidden from your opponent so that the opponent cannot determine whether it is to their advantage to have you play it or not. Kinda sounds like using the rulebook to gain an unfair advantage, doesn’t it? If you had played the card like you were supposed to do, your opponent would have seen it, so they should see it.

This confusion is addressed in the new rulebook under rule 7.3.c: **The non-offending player decides if the renege card(s) will be dead or played and has the right to see the first renege card.** It is now okay if you want to call a renege on yourself, but the non-offending player still get to see the card.

I already got a question about this relating to a multiple renege because the nonoffending player gets to see only one renege card: which card is considered the first renege card? The answer is that it doesn’t matter. The offender can pick any of the renege cards and show the non-offending player—but not all of them.

Send me email if you want further clarification.

And let’s all keep having fun. Yes, that is why we play this game!

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

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BOD Election ♦ 2025 edition

The results of the 2025 election for the ACC’s Board of Directors were announced in early June by President **James Morrow**, after having been certified by Election Supervisor **Megan Player** and Vice President of Policy **Keith Widener**.

The successful candidates include nineteen incumbents, along with six new directors (listed here in order of votes received): **Kendra Munkacsy**, **Megan Player**, **Kat Hartsell**, **Darlene Stier**, **Kai Lemrise**, and **Jerry Hardy**.

The Western Region seated ten directors, the Central Region six, and the Eastern Region nine.

Both the number (744)* and the percentage (12.6%) of ballots returned were up from the 2023 election cycle. According to Widener and Player, 536 ballots were cast online, or 72% of all ballots cast; these are the highest numbers since online voting started in 2013.

The astute reader will notice that one name—**Cy Madrone**—appears in the list of unsuccessful candidates in the nearby box even though he received more votes than the last name in the list of elected directors. ACC policy limits the number of directors in each region to ten. As a result, Cy—who was the eleventh vote-getter from the Western Region—was bumped down to the “nonqualifiers’ list.” He was the only incumbent director to have missed the cut this year, and he will be eligible to assume a place on the BOD should there be a vacancy in the Western delegation within the next two years.

Once again, **Opal Gunn** was the beneficiary of this rule. She polled #26 (six votes below the cut line), but moved up

Your 2025–27 BOD

order	name	votes	region
1	David Aiken	479	C-1
2	Keith Widener	450	E-1
3	Mark Soule	442	E-2
4	Vicki Soule	441	E-3
5	Rick Baird	431	W-1
6	Terry Weber	429	C-2
7	Kendra Munkacsy	426	E-4
T8	Patrick Barrett	421	C-3
T8	James Morrow	421	W-2
10	Rick Shea	416	W-3
11	Todd Schaefer	412	C-4
12	Megan Player	410	E-5
13	Kat Hartsell	386	W-4
14	Jennifer Johnson	381	E-6
15	Darlene Stier	379	W-5
16	Roland Hall	361	W-6
17	Robert Joslin	336	C-5
18	Kai Lemrise	332	W-7
19	Jason Matheny	329	C-6
20	Sandy Sands	322	W-8
21	Jerry Hardy	321	E-7
22	Betty Brumley	319	W-9
23	Joe Bowen	296	E-8
24	Tammy Gibbons	294	W-10
26	Opal Gunn	281	E-9

*Two mailed-in ballots were not included in the tally due to missing or invalid codes. Disqualifying those ballots did not have any effect on the make-up of the BOD.

when Cy moved down. The same thing happened to Opal in 2023, when she moved ahead of the eleventh and twelfth Western Region candidates.

The new BOD term runs from September 1 of this year until August 31, 2027. The board will be installed at the ACC's annual meeting in Deadwood SD on October 3, and their first official action will be to elect five officers from among the twenty-five directors: President, Executive Vice President, VP–Policy, VP–Operations, and VP–Competition. All ACC members are encouraged to attend this meeting to meet the new directors and to hear the end-of-year status reports.

Five current BOD members did not run for reelection this year. The ACC thanks them for their dedicated service to the organization (listed here by length of BOD service): **Jeanne Jelke** (8 years), **Dan Selke** (6), **John Hazlett** (6), **Jason Hofbauer** (6), and **Lana Newhouse** (4).

Electronic Ballots Cast (2013–2025)

year	ballots		
	total	online	percent
2013	1,001	536	53.5
2015	852	433	50.8
2017	994	537	54.0
2019	566	234	41.3
2021	644	358	55.6
2023	632	374	58.6
2025	744	536	72.0

2025 Nonqualifiers

order	name	votes	region
25	Cy Madrone	287	W-11
27	Bryan Gurden	269	W-12
28	Willie Evans	259	W-13
29	Kevin Harris	229	C-7
30	Zachary Widener	212	E-10
31	Mike D'Elena	206	E-11

Regional Representation on the BOD (1995–2025)

year	Western	Central	Eastern
1995	8	10	7
1997	10	9	6
1999	10	9	6
2001	10	8	7
2003	10	9	6
2005	10	7	8
2007	10	8	7
2009	10	8	7
2011	10	6	9
2013	10	7	8
2015	10	8	7
2017	10	9	6
2019	10	9	6
2021	9	9	7
2023	10	9	6
2025	10	6	9

Voting by Region (2025)

region	number of candidates	total votes	average votes per candidate
Central	7	2635	376.4
Eastern	11	3866	351.5
Western	13	4476	344.3

Voter Participation (1989–2025)

year	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023	2025
ballots mailed	5202	6923	6600	6834	6620	7282	6943	7330	7129	7057	6773	6821	6658	6447	6196	6085	4897	5723	5922
ballots returned	1788	1897	958	775	1049	2353	1305	813	1212	854	1012	1207	1001	852	994	566	644	632	744
percent returned	34.4	27.4	14.5	11.3	15.8	32.3	18.8	11.1	17.0	12.1	14.9	17.7	15.0	13.2	16.0	9.3	13.2	11.0	12.6

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
April Fools Challenge (Proctor MN; 4/4)	Gordy Jurek	77 players HQ. Thomas Beuler (60) 1. Mark Fries (147) 2. Thomas Beuler (105) 3. Donald Curry (70) 3. Dan Taylor (70)	44 players HQ. John Novotny (21) 1. Scott Sand (60) 2. Daniel Pluff (40) 3. Timothy Cuppy (24) 3. Betsy Miller (24)	28-hands: Al Pernicek* Wendy Schmidt*	Saturday: Lewis Gurney
Dianne Gurney Memorial (Black River Falls WI; 4/18)	Wayne Steinmetz	58 players HQ. Mary Tegt (50) 1. Henry Brandner (105) 2. Cynthia Wark (70) 3. David Carlson (42) 3. Mary Tegt (42)	24 players HQ. Dennis Koehler (15) 1. Dennis Koehler (40) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (24) 3. Scott Fritz (12) 3. Jeff Machovsky (12)	28-hand: Joe Skibba*	
Magic City Main (Billings MT; 4/19)	Richard Rudio	52 players HQ. Barbara Stockham (50) 1. Shaq Bitar (105) 2. Bob Bartosh (70) 3. Greg Dibble (42) 3. Manuel Enriquez (42)	32 players HQ. Edward Balcer (18) 1. Wayne Momsen (40) 2. Gary Nerton (24) 3. Edward Balcer (12) 3. Nancy Taylor (12)	28-hand: Darlene Stier*	Saturday Canadian Doubles: Sara Sanner & Richard Rudio Sunday Canadian Doubles: Edward Balcer & Larry Leidenheimer
Montana Trailhead Main (Billings MT; 4/21)	Richard Rudio	48 players HQ. Sheila Vojtech (45) 1. Junko Larsen (105) 2. Pete Larsen (70) 3. Darlene Stier (42) 3. Wayne Wymann (42)	30 players HQ. Jim Rosso (24) 1. Larry Leidenheimer (40) 2. Margery Clark (24) 3. Jim Rosso (12) 3. *Robert Snow (12)		Monday Canadian Doubles: Barbara Stockham & Bob Byrd
Western New York Open (Hamburg NY; 4/25)	Robyn Boldt	18 players HQ. William Kraatz (35) 1. Joseph Bowen (70) 2. Daniel Shirk (42) 3. Robyn Boldt (21) 3. William Kraatz (21)	10 players HQ. William Kraatz (12) 1. Robyn Boldt* (24) 2. William Kraatz (42) 3. Russell Bentley (4)	28-hand: Russell Bentley*	Early Bird: Ron Drake Friday: John McConville Canadian Doubles: Lori Maloy & Douglas Maloy



Junko Larsen
Pete Larsen



in schooling
in Billings!

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands
Peg for Pink (Marinette WI; 5/2)	Al Karr	52 players HQ. Bob Kiley (45) 1. Patrick Healey (105) 2. Dan Selke (70) 3. Allen Karr (42) 3. Bob Kiley (42)	32 players HQ. Fred Adolphson (18) 1. Fred Adolphson (40) 2. James McCarty (24) 3. Les Kvien (12) 3. Marsha Mahan (12)	
Winston-Salem Open (Winston- Salem NC; 5/2)	Keith Widener	42 players HQ. Terry Weber (55) 1. Bruce Sattler (105) 2. Terry Weber (70) 3. Terrance Cushman (42) 3. Jennifer Johnson (42)	34 players HQ. Megan Player (15) 1. Sharon Ober (60) 2. Megan Player (40) 3. Michael Burnham (24) 3. Morris Healy (24)	28-hand: Nancy Egan*
North Carolina Open (Winston- Salem NC; 5/3)	Keith Widener	48 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (55) 1. Frank Abernathy (105) 2. Eric Davis (70) 3. Jack Howsare (42) 3. Howard Terry (42)	28 players HQ. Jamie Fincher (9) 1. Thomas Kay (40) 2. Jamie Fincher (24) 3. Jean Bidegare (12) 3. Roxanne Wilson (12)	28-hand: Bruce Sattler*
Cribbage Weekend In America (Appleton WI; 5/9)	Terry Weber	65 players HQ. David Aiello (60) 1. Chad Frischmann (147) 2. David Aiello (105) 3. Bob Hanes (70) 3. Jeff Shimp (70)	36 players HQ. John Stoll (15) 1. David Cummings (60) 2. Jim Mahan (40) 3. Lana Newhouse (24) 3. John Stoll (24)	28-hands: Jerry Krueger* Jon Allard
Super Sutherland One-Day (Sutherland OR; 5/9)	Bob Brumley	30 players HQ. Chris Poole (40) 1. Bob Brumley (70) 2. Chris Poole (42) 3. Mike McCammon (21) 3. Mike McDaniel (21)	20 players HQ. Duane Toll (12) 1. Ben Hester (40) 2. Todd Malmgren (24) 3. Trevor Poole (12) 3. Duane Toll (12)	

LEGEND
HQ = high qualifier
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 green = grand slam
 red = first win

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Oregon State Open (Sutherlin OR; 5/10)	Bob Brumley	36 players HQ. Duane Toll (50) 1. Tom Bair (105) 2. William O'Malley (70) 3. Don Hansen (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	18 players HQ. Jack Lien (15) 1. Ronnie Murakami (40) 2. Jason Eck (24) 3. Jack Lien (12) 3. Rob Smith (12)		
Old Orchard Beach Tournament (Old Orchard Beach ME; 5/10)	Joseph Bowen	63 players HQ. Steven Braley (40) 1. Tom McGonagle (105) 2. Vicki Soule (70) 3. Jack Chandler (42) 3. Robert Medeiros (42)	39 players HQ. Jerry Hardy (18) 1. Susan Taylor (60) 2. Laurie Hardy (40) 3. Jerry Hardy (24) 3. David Statz (24)	28-hand: Carol Hersom*	
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 5/10)	Alice Souza	34 players HQ. Jones Horn (40) 1. Alice Souza (105) 2. Chris Branson (70) 3. Jeanne Jelke (42) 3. David Keskeys (42)	16 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (15) 1. James Aleschus (24) 2. Sue Dalton (12) 3. James Clark (4) 3. Bill Schlabes (4)		
Jerry Montgomery Memorial (Redding CA; 5/16)	Jeanne Jelke	34 players HQ. Kai Lemrise (60) 1. Kai Lemrise (105) 2. Roland Hall (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Van Ray (42)	18 players HQ. Sara Sanner (12) 1. Paul Gregson (40) 2. Jackie Doppelt (24) 3. Sue Dalton (12) 3. Sara Sanner (12)		Early Bird: Sara Sanner Canadian Doubles: Bob Brumley & Doug Dresbach
MVP 2.0 Spring Fling (Loveland CO; 5/17)	Vickie Humphrey	46 players HQ. Tim Connors (35) 1. Tim Connors (105) 2. Haley Hintze (70) 3. Jim Mahan (42) 3. Al Pernicek (42)	28 players HQ. Clay Collier (21) 1. Terry Weber (40) 2. Michael Desaulniers (24) 3. Clay Collier (12) 3. Doug Whitlock (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Maine State Championships (Ellsworth ME; 5/17)	Joseph Bowen	28 players HQ. Stephen Dugas (35) 1. David Statz (70) 2. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. Dave Leissner (21) 3. Keith Widener (21)	13 players HQ. Carlyle Foss (9) 1. Ethan Guyaz (24) 2. Mark Soule (12) 3. Carlyle Foss (4) 3. Dan Michela (4)	28-hand: Steven Braley*	
Seaside in Wells (Wells ME; 5/24)	Joseph Bowen	69 players HQ. Phil Martin (45) 1. Todd Smith (147) 2. Tom McGonagle (105) 3. Michael Becker (70) 3. Michael Sciatani (70)	38 players HQ. Mark Soule (15) 1. Michael Bettencourt (60) 2. Eldon Woodman (40) 3. Jim Maiffa (24) 3. Vicki Soule (24)		
After the Barnyard (Bonsall CA; 5/25)	Obbie Weeks	22 players HQ. Donald Brown (35) 1. Donald Brown (70) 2. Art Whitney (42) 3. Anthony DePinto (21) 3. Carol Perko (21)	12 players HQ. Pamela Pomeroy (6) 1. Pamela Pomeroy (24) 2. Robert Meyer (12) 3. Paul Gregson (4)		Canadian Doubles: Carol Williams & William Eilers
Cribbage in May (South Windsor CT; 5/31)	Charles Booker	68 players HQ. Donald Janelle (50) 1. Frank Bogus (147) 2. Donald Janelle (105) 3. Harvey Bourdeau (70) 3. Frank Corrado (70)	40 players HQ. Barbara Barbour (18) 1. Richard Nourse (60) 2. Steven Braley (40) 3. Jerry Kelly (24) 3. John Pappas (24)		

Milestones!

Two months in advance, send info about member birthdays ending in a zero—and all birthdays over 100!—to cwed152@gmail.com or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

Happy Birthday in July!

- 90—**Ken Holcomb** (MI)
- 90—**Wes Du Mont** (OR)
- 80—**John Garman** (WA)
- 80—**Max Schmitt** (NV)
- 80—**Trett Bishop** (CA)
- 70—**Mary Simon** (CA)
- 70—**Robin Rogers** (AK)
- 60—**Monica Newton** (OR)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

The first weekend tournaments after the American Cribbage Congress was formed took place in September 1979. They were the Florida Open in Orlando and one I attended, the M&M Open in Marinette WI. Over the next year, there were large tournaments in Quincy CA, Marshalltown IA, and Northfield MN as well as gatherings in Hamburg NY, Madison WI, Kailua Kona HI, Englewood CO, and Cupertino CA. The first year of the ACC wrapped up with a full field of 256 players at the National Open in Raleigh NC. These early tournaments all had different formats, inconsistent qualifications and payouts, varying rules, and more, but it was still a great start for the congress!

Beginning in August 1980, the Master Rating Point system was instituted; rules and formats were more consistent; and twenty-two sanctioned tournaments decided our first national champion along with other honors. President **Joseph Wergin** and Secretary-Treasurer **James Arblaster** were able to certify, publicize, operate, and record results of these events. Over the next few years, dozens of new tournaments were added to the schedule, along with the formation of Grass Roots, so it was a lot for Wergin and Arblaster to handle.

At the 1985 Board of Directors meeting in Raleigh, the position of tournament commissioner was created and approved. **Jim Fabian** of Naperville IL graciously accepted that post beginning with the 1985–86 season. His responsibility was to coordinate and oversee the scheduling, sanctioning, and reporting of all tournaments approved by the ACC. Fabian contacted all tourney directors across the nation about the new system. Jim had a full-time financial business, along with raising a family, and the next year relinquished the tournament commissioner position to **Syl Lulinski** of LaGrange Park IL. As with everything he did, Lulinski did a fantastic job as commissioner, but the number of events continued to grow and it was a great deal to manage.

Thankfully in 1990, the board expanded to three regional tournament commissioners: **George Webb** (MA), **Martha Fingleton** (WI), and **Roy Hofbauer** (WA). In 1993 **George Bickford** (MA) became the Eastern Region Commissioner, and in 1995 **Joe Bernard** (IL) took over the Central Region post. Fingleton served as the national tournament commissioner for a number of years, with Bickford assuming this position after her for over a dozen years.

Joe Bernard passed away in early 2009 and George Bickford passed away late that year. **Patrick Barrett** (WI) took over the Central Region commissioner post, and **David Campbell** (ME) was named the Eastern Region commissioner. Hofbauer retired from the Western position in 2017 after an incredible twenty-seven years, and **Rick Shea** (CA) has now been the Western Region leader for the past eight years. Campbell passed away unexpectedly in February 2021, and **Mark Soule** (ME) has been the Eastern commissioner for the past four years. Barrett has been the Central Region leader for the past sixteen years and now serves as the national tournament commissioner as well, after Campbell had that post for some years. Barrett says the commissioners still

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



End-game pegging in Canadian Doubles can be both very exciting and very nerve-wracking. We are so used to setting up our own four-card amalgamation for end-game situations that we sometimes forget to equip our partner with the right mix of cards.

Let's say you are arranging the cards and your team is none needing just two, with the dealing team needing three. What would be the perfect hand to keep not only for yourself but for your partner? The first combination to retain is a 3 in your hand and a 2 for your partner. If you lead the 3, your partner can cover seven possible responses by the opponents: A, 2, 4, 10, J, Q, and K. In addition, giving your partner a 5 will cover a 5 and 7 response, while a 9 will cover a 3 or 9 response. The last card for your partner should be 6 or 8—which basically cover only 6 or 8 (the 4 is already covered by the 2). I favor the 8 in this situation because many players are conditioned to make the count 11 if possible, but against an elite team I would likely switch to 6.

What other cards should you keep as the first person to play a card besides the 3? Well, since the game will end on any response other than a 6, you have to keep cards that will cover your partner's likely response, which should be a 2. That would make the count 11 (i.e., the first three cards are 3-6-2), so you would likely keep 2, 3, or 4 to score on any card your opponent could score two with.

I also want a picture card to get out of trouble if the pegging goes longer than expected. And the other card should be a middle card to cover as many bases as possible.

And I save the most important advice for last: don't cut a Jack!

When's the last time you saw Rob cut a jack?! Email questions to him at mrob2199@aol.com.

Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth Tournament Trail

• July 24 • New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME) ← **PROMO IN PAGE 37**

schedule and sanction tournaments avoiding conflicts, check tourney reports as well as paybacks and expenses, and insure that directors are following ACC guidelines. In addition, the national commissioner's duties include overseeing Grand National each year and ordering supplies such as scorecards, bracket boards, and more.

A huge thanks to these eleven people—and their spouses—who have served the ACC so admirably as tournament commissioners through the years!

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.

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Kaboom! Fireworks, hamburgers, hot dogs, parades, and picnics! Happy July from the great state of Maine! Obviously, we know July is popular for the 4th, which falls on a Friday . . . happy long weekend! A quick remembrance of our beloved past president, **David Campbell**, whose birthday was July 2. Here are some other fun days. July 1 is National Postal Workers Day, which covers half of the ACC! July 14 is National Mac and Cheese Day. What do you prefer: the yellow-and-blue box or made from scratch? I would take both! And for **Just Rob**, July 23 is National Vanilla Ice Cream Day! Enjoy the summer with these fun days!

This month we start in Winston-Salem NC for the North Carolina Cluster directed by Hall of Famer, always a southern gentlemen with T-U-E **Keith Widener** and the dynamic duo **Megafer**, that is, **Jennifer Johnson** and **Megan Player**. The Friday main saw OG **Bruce Sattler** beat OG **Terry Weber**. **Sharon Ober** won the consolation over **Just Megan** (Player). The Saturday–Sunday winners were the Biscoe Kid, **Frank Abernathy**, over **Eric Davis** in the main, and **Tom Kay** take the win over **Jamie Fincher** in the consolation. Great tournament, y'all!

Next we move up to Abington MA for the South Shore Open. The day started with **Bonnie Fife** handing me a Jeep Duck that was painted as a cow. If you know me, you know I have an obsession with cows. After seven games in twelve-game tournament, I was 4-3, so I do what any respectable cribbage player does: I draw a fence. Next up is fellow Mainer and nemesis, **Jerry Hardy**. I hold 5-5-5 and the Jack of Hearts, and the **five of Hearts** cut! My first 29-hand ever! If you know me, you know that I cannot bluff, so Jerry asked if I had a 28. I shook my head no and said “higher!” I was on Cloud 9! I ended up qualifying and taking the win over **Roy Scheffer**. There was a **Statz versus Burlington** match in the playoffs, which Burlington won. In the consolation, **Steve “Doogie” Dugas** took the win over **Jerry Hardy**. (I fired him up!) I wrote about this day in my diary! Thanks to Bonnie and the directors.

Six days later we move to Old Or-



Vicki's July Funnies

Q. What treats do dads like on the 4th of July?

A. POPsicles.

Q. What did the firecracker eat at the movies?

A. POPcorn.

Q. What did the flag do when it lost its voice?

A. It just waved.

chard Beach ME, which is usually packed with tourists, but it was raining, so why not play cribbage. After all the pegging, I found myself in the finals again, against fellow Mainer **Tom McGonagle**. I fought hard, but two in a row was not to be—even with my cow duck. Tom got his first ACC win in a very fun match. The finals in the consolation saw two Mainers: **Sue Taylor** versus **Laurie Hardy**, and Sue got her first win! More amazing is that Tom and Sue are significant others! As long as we are talking about firsts, this tournament was directed by **Rich Crosby**, a first-time TD, and he was amazing! Looking forward to 2026!

The Maine State Championships were held on May 17 in Ellsworth. Ho hum congratulations goes to **Just David** (Statz) over **Steven Dugas**. The consolation saw **Ethan Guyaz** toppling Eastern Region Commissioner **Mark Soule**.

Maine was hoping in May! We move to the Seaside in Wells for another rainy Saturday, on Memorial Day weekend. I put **Tom McGonagle** on his way because he ended up second in the main. The winner was almost-just-around-the-corner **Todd Smith**. The consolation saw **Mr. Soule** qualify #1, while **Mrs. Soule** qualified last! However, you know what happens to the high qualifier. I ended up 3-4 to the eventual second place finisher, hometown hero **Eldon Woodman**, who lost to first-time winner **Michael Bettencourt** (NH).

May was exciting for Maine. I encourage you all to come visit! Until next month, enjoy your summer, and play nice!



CLUB 29

1. Donald Curry (IA): Americas Dairyland Open (9/20)
2. Michael Wertz (OR): Salem Classic 2024 (10/11)
3. Jason Masciola (CT): Boston Regional (11/3)
4. Howard Terry (FL): Grand National 42 (11/15)
5. Connie Paluda (WI): Go Green Bay (2/14)
6. Vicki Soule (ME): South Shore Open (5/4)

Joan Leyte (Escondido CA) is livin' the dream. Since childhood Joan has loved horses—riding, feeding, grooming, and generally being in the vicinity of them. She has now satisfied her lifelong fascination with horses in a tangible way. Joan owns and operates the Escondido Equestrian Center, an eighteen-acre spread where she currently boards some twenty-seven horses, a labor of love she has engaged in for about twelve years. Her horse is named His Nibs. ➔ Why is the horse named His Nibs, you might ask. A good question but a better answer: when Joan bought the horse, his name was Jack. She didn't particularly care for that name but thought, when playing cribbage, she frequently cut the Jack for her opponent. Thus, His Nibs. In her spare time she works as a legal secretary, a job she plans on retiring from in the near future.

In addition to all that, Joan hosts and directs the annual Barnyard Cribbage Tournament around Memorial Day each year. The tournament is held in an actual barn, where she provides a huge barbeque lunch. ➔ **Art (Eli) Whitney** ➔ dons his ranch regalia every year for the event. If you attend the Barnyard (and you really should, it's one of a kind), bring your appetite and make sure your shock absorbers are in good working condition.

Gabriel Laforge (Encinitas CA), who won the main, had never played a sanctioned ACC tournament before. After he won, I told him: "Don't quit your day job, Gabe, because winning tournaments ain't that easy."

The aptly named After the Barnyard Tournament, ably directed by **Obie Weeks**, was held the next day. At that tournament I heard someone say they had done a little unofficial research and determined that the high qualifier won the tournament only about 5% of the time. This confirms a suspicion I've had for quite some time, a phenomenon I call "The Curse of the High Qualifier." Something about using up one's allotment of good cards maybe? Again, I'm not sure of the science of the survey but it makes sense to me. Having said all that, Yours Truly defied the odds. I was high qualifier and ended a five-year dry spell by winning my twenty-eighth lifetime tournament.

Editor's note: here's a picture I took of **Art Whitney** ➔ when I played the Barnyard Bonanza (as it was then called) in May 2018.

Over and out.





New Members

60 last month

Arizona

George Emerson (Tucson)

California

Mike Congdon (Chico)
Aaron Decaillet (Santa Rosa)
Catherine Gilbert (Apple Valley)
Gabriel Laforge (Del Mar)

Colorado

Annabel Spoerl (Aurora)
Kirk Vanderbeek (Thornton)

Connecticut

Robert Butler (Portland)

Florida

Steve Duke (Niceville)
Greg Kuzmits (Naples)
Michelle Kuzmits (Naples)
Jack Mulone Jr (Cocoa Beach)
Ernest Slaybaugh (Pensacola)
Robert Stein (Ormond Beach)

Idaho

Jesse Fernandez (New Plymouth)
Lora Hendrix (Eagle)
Kimber Eve Konzal (Worley)

Illinois

George Tully (Chicago)

Kentucky

Bob Halligan (Louisville)

Maine

Patricia Brissette (St George)
Jamie R Clark (Augusta)
Carol Jenkins (Hudson)
Eric Jenkins (Hudson)
Norman Woods (Pittston)

Massachusetts

Sarah Belanger (Oak Bluffs)
Paul Breen (Oak Bluffs)
Rich MacKeen (Wrentham)

Michigan

Joe Foltz (Mount Pleasant)

Minnesota

Craig Fuhs (Burnsville)
Joyce Jollymore (Duluth)

Montana

Callie Dahlberg (Missoula)
Alex Healy (Missoula)

Nevada

Tina Black (Winnemucca)
Deborah Croan (Las Vegas)
Mike Lundquist (Las Vegas)

North Carolina

Barry Doeber (Elizabeth City)
Gail Doeber (Elizabeth City)
Roger Lashua (Sanford)
Peter Morris (Canton)

Ohio

Del Hackett (Wadsworth)

Oregon

Nancy Brown (Hillsboro)
Timothy Hamos (Oakland)
Mary Hansen (Cottage Grove)
Scott Kanna (Brookings)
Doug Phelps (Grants Pass)
Debra Stephens (Toledo)

South Dakota

Lori Watson (Sioux Falls)

Texas

Mark Janzer (Houston)

Virginia

Vickie Dortzbach (Chesapeake)
Robert LeClair (Winchester)

Washington

Susie Fegler-Kimotho (Edmonds)
Katherine Stewart (Redmond)
Mike Stewart (Redmond)
Abigail Titus (Spokane)

Wisconsin

Mark Cherney (Green Bay)
David Dohms (Eau Claire)
William Glielmi (Wisconsin Rapids)
Ron Hopfensperger (Neenah)
Jeff Polacek (Madison)

Wyoming

Sheldon Albertson (Glenrock)



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Can you believe the year is half over?

We had a doubleheader with the Washington State Open on Friday and the Spokane Memorial Day Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend was beautiful, and we are excited that we topped out at eighty players! Hoping we are on our way to bringing our numbers back up for this tournament, which has been around for almost thirty years! (Next year will be special!) Here are a few highlights.

Kat (this girl here) and the ACC president (**James Morrow**) won the prestigious doubles championship. The trophies were a knockout: solid gold and silver elephants. They were so sought after that we reused them for an unplanned Saturday night doubles. **Audrey and Terry Hatto** volunteered to run it—and then won it. The elephants are now in Canada. But if you will notice, each pair that ran the doubles tournament also *won it!*

I am sure it is well known by now, but I also directed the tournament in which **Erik Locke** got a string of pearls. This is an accomplishment I shall display on my mantle for many years to come!

I want to shout out to all the incredible ladies who ran for the BOD. Every woman who ran got voted onto the board this year: **Kendra, Kat, Darlene, Vicki, Opal, Betty, Tammy, Jennifer, and Megan**. And can you believe a whopping *six* new faces will be on the board! It is an exciting time! I truly appreciate everyone who took the time and voted; it is so encouraging to see more votes this year than last. We all look forward to hearing how you want to see the organization grow.



CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
20	25

At every ACC-sanctioned event, many competitors start their pre-tournament routine with a “cup of Joe.” Since Maria and I live in Seattle, we are surrounded by a plethora of good coffeehouses. One of those coffeehouses, with its first location in Pike Market, is Starbucks. While it can be argued that Starbucks might not have the best coffee, it can’t be argued that Starbucks changed the way the world drinks coffee.

When Starbucks started their Asian expansion, Maria worked on the team that introduced Starbucks to the Philippine market. We all know now that Starbucks is a huge success internationally. What is less known is that many international Starbucks cafes are in some of the most beautiful and scenic locations in the world. There are even competitions for which Starbucks have the most beautiful views. Several top ten lists regarding the best Starbucks can be found online. When we were the Philippines for the holidays, we visited one of these “most beautiful” locations. It is in the small town of Tagaytay. (I bet you can’t say that ten times fast!)

The Tagaytay Starbucks has a beautiful mountaintop view of a volcanic caldera (Taal Volcano) that is similar to Yellowstone. This view also has a rare geologic formation, found elsewhere in the entire world only a couple of times. The rarity might be equivalent to a 29-point hand in cribbage. The rare formation is a triple island-lake combo. Let me try to describe it: While on an island, we have a view of a lake. This lake has another island. On this “lake island” is yet another lake, which also has another young volcanic island inside it. Confused?! Well, take my word for it that this view of triple island-lake combo rarity was wonderful.

And while Maria enjoyed her coffee, another wonderful rarity happened. I won all three games, reducing my deficit to five games. Maria must have had too much caffeine, affecting her ability to read my cards. When we play our next ACC tournament, I can imagine Maria’s competitors offering to buy her a coffee or two!



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The ACC's online team is looking forward to seeing many of you at the National Open!

Here are duties that volunteer administrators of the ACC internet division handle.

Registrar Kevin Harris. First contact for

online play registration. Accepts and records new online players. Informs about expiring ACC memberships. Keeps a list of how new players found us and how many are new to the ACC.

Assistant Commissioner John Schafer. Works with registrar on member status. In charge of TD schedule at Game Colony and helps players with technical issues.

Statistician John Schafer. Responsible for each player's IRP stats. Inputs results after each tournament at both sites. Updates stats at the beginning of each month. Responsible for the database to be accurate. Responds to concerns regarding IRP data. Determines when a player has officially earned a new eMaster award. Reports new eMasters and top 10% of players monthly for publication in *Cribbage World* and on the website. Maintains and updates the entry page of the online section of the ACC website, as well as the schedule section.

Commissioner Sally Henderson. Handles all concerns related to player issues. Responsible for volunteer TDs and internet admin. Schedules eCribbage TDs. Writes a monthly column for *Cribbage World*. Promotes online play at live tournaments with a step-by-step handout. Handles questions about online play on the ACC's Facebook page and direct emails. Sends certificates to those who earn a 28, 29, or grand slam. Coordinates trophies yearly for those who earn eMaster awards.

Point Leader of the Month

Rick Allen (*excitations*) @ 160 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Roger Wilson (*j55552929*)

Internet 28-Hands

Jordan Bauldic (*shotrock3*)

Joe Lasacco (*joe2win*)

Nick Severson (*ogshmoo*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1000	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
2	988	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
3	934	James Morrow (29seeker)
4	931	Nick Severson (ogshmoo)
5	894	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
6	888	Pat Liegl (patco1950)
7	884	Basil Rudnick (basil 22)
8	876	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
9	833	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
10	820	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)

Updates ACC Facebook page to recognize the "Point Leader of the Month" and grand slams. Updates internet section of the ACC website, other than stats. Works with eCribbage admin and ACC admin. Reports at BOD meetings.

BOD Supervisor David Aiken. Oversees the ACC's internet division as VP of Competition.

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Director: Joe Bowen **Hosted by:** Seasons Restaurant, 427 Main St., Bangor, Maine

For more information, contact: Joe Bowen 207-659-6111, Bowenmaine@gmail.com

Or: Don "Grumpy" Howard 916-212-2465, grumpydopey@sbcglobal.net

Send entry to Joe Bowen, 124 Mill Rd., Dedham, ME 04429, please call for late entry

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Name: _____ **Age on July 24th 2025:** _____

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Phone: _____ **Youth ACC Number:** _____

Email: _____



SANCTIONED Tournaments

MRPs

as of June 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	2008	Erik Locke	1	2301	Jim Mahan	1	1723	David Statz
2	1599	Bob Brumley	2	1562	Terry Weber	2	1318	Robert Medeiros
3	1407	Bob Bartosh	3	1332	Scott Sand	3	1106	Jerry Hardy
4	1343	Duane Toll	4	1223	David Aiello	4	1044	Mary Burlington
5	1166	Bill Schlabas	5	996	Steven Steinmetz	5	988	Peter Legendre
6	1158	Paul Gregson	6	946	Cynthia Wark	6	948	Phil Martin
7	1058	Dave Yaeger	7	940	Al Pernicke	7	927	Mark Soule
8	918	Richard Shea	8	877	Haley Hintze	8	898	Donna LaFleur
9	840	Peggy Shea	9	833	Jeff Shimp	9	839	Frank Abernathy
10	825	Bernie Nelson	10	693	Jason Matheny	10	775	Terrance Cushman
11	803	Sara Sanner	11	678	Marsha Mahan	11	768	Stephen Dugas
12	757	Carol Williams	12	662	Larry Leidenheimer	12	716	Barry Spadea
13	748	Ray Klocko	13	646	James McCarty	13	658	Vicki Soule
14	743	David Bute	14	636	Emilio Perez	14	613	Mike Fetchel
15	741	Bryan Gurden	15	624	Allen Karr	15	603	Keith Widener
16	740	James Morrow	16	612	Bob Kiley	16	575	Kendra Munkacsy
17	737	William O'Malley	17	595	Donald Curry	16	575	Bruce Sattler
18	734	Peter Jackson	18	581	Dan Sand	18	557	Barri Gehrand
19	733	Carole Herron	19	553	James Huser	19	553	Donald Janelle
20	711	Wayne Momsen	20	542	Wendy Yafuso	20	541	Steven Braley
21	697	Chris McComas	21	532	Dan Taylor	21	536	Jack Howsare
22	651	James Clark	22	508	Edward Balcer	22	478	Joseph Bowen
23	648	Todd Malmgren	23	485	Henry Brandner	23	476	Eric Davis
24	625	Don Thienel	23	485	Clay Collier	24	444	Robert Baker
25	621	Jeanne Jelke	25	478	Dan Selke	25	433	Frank Reddy
26	617	Jason Shumate	26	473	Bob Hanes	26	423	William Cormier
27	569	Rick Baird	27	467	Wayland Kuhnel	27	419	Richard Nourse
28	540	Darlene Stier	28	463	Kevin Harris	28	417	Carlyle Foss
29	539	Craig Smith	29	456	Robert Chase	29	414	Laurie Hardy
30	538	Charlene Cohen	30	411	Jeff Machovsky	30	411	Debra Cotter
31	537	Pete Larsen	31	392	Steve Scadden	31	406	Jack Silvia
32	524	Winona McDaniel	32	382	Chad Frischmann	32	389	Megan Player
33	521	Jennifer Bolles	33	379	Peter Christensen	33	387	Marty Duchow
34	498	Kai Lemrise	34	369	Rick Kuehn	34	385	Barbara Barbour
35	495	Wayne Morris	35	366	Thomas Beucler	35	381	Roy Scheffer
36	472	Scott Bartosh	36	365	Marlene Lazachek	36	376	Paige Thomas
37	467	Jones Hom	37	363	John Hazlett	37	365	Dan Routhier
38	465	Joe Gates	38	355	Richard Frost	38	362	Larry Phifer
39	461	Mike McCammon	39	352	Daniel Pluff	39	356	Todd Smith
40	455	Kevin Mansfield	40	342	Les Kvien	40	340	Mike Misluk
41	453	Doug Dresbach	41	339	Mark Fries	41	332	Frank Bogus
42	452	William Eilers	42	336	Doug Page	42	328	Paul Batterson
43	451	Don Hansen	43	334	Sheila Vojtech	43	324	Rick Montague
44	445	Michael Crume	44	317	Robert Lenz	44	309	Charles Booker
45	437	Kat Hartsell	45	300	Reuben Sufka	45	304	Harvey Bourdeau
46	424	Greg Schleusner	46	299	Lewis Gurney	45	304	Bonnie Fife
47	416	Bill Klem	47	291	Wayne Steinmetz	47	300	Philip Beauregard
48	412	Trevor Poole	48	285	Lana Newhouse	48	299	Michael D'Elena
49	406	Eric Boysen	49	283	Troy Thorson	49	296	William Shoemaker
50	403	Barbara Stockham	49	283	Jeff Wussow	50	295	Scott Earley
50	403	Michael Wertz						

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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

SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>tournament directors</i>
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	The Lodge 100 Pine Crest Ln Deadwood SD 57732 <i>phone: 877.393.5634</i>	David Aiken Patrick & Linda Barrett Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 <i>phone: 716.285.3361</i>	David Aiken 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 17–21, 2025 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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

In order to finalize end-of-year stats in a timely fashion, reports for *all* July tourneys must be submitted to the regional tournament commissioners by August 5.

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader
Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)
July 4, Super-Sutherlin One-Day
July 5–6, July Special

MA ♦ July 12–13, New England Summer Slam
American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steven Dugas

IL ♦ July 11–13, Rockford Open
Cliffbreakers, 700 West Riverside Blvd, Rockford IL 60004. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Jerry Griffin

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 11, Depoe Bay Shuffle
July 12–13, Shut Up and Deal

CO ♦ MVP Doubleheader
VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80536. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry
July 12, MVP Summer Sizzler #1
July 13, MVP Summer Sizzler #2

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NC ♦ National Open Tripleheader
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703
July 17–18, Open Opener TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Mark Soule & John Hazlett
July 18–21, National Open TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson
July 21, Come Monday TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
entry forms online

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader
Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Tom Briski
July 24–25, Heart of Wisconsin Classic
July 26–27, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ♦ Pasco Tripleheader
Eagles, 2829 W Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell
July 24–25, Weekday Challenge
July 26, Summer Classic
July 27, Western Region Championships

CA ♦ July 26, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

CA ♦ River City Doubleheader
Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas
Aug. 1, River City Shake It Up Friday
Aug. 2–3, River City Shake It Up Saturday

CA ♦ Aug. 4–5, Natomas Open
Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Jennifer Bolles

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh
Aug. 7–8, Sacramento 2025 #4
Aug. 9, Sacramento 2025 #5
Aug. 10, Sacramento 2025 #6

MN ♦ Midwest Doubleheader
Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Steve Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer
Aug. 8, Midwest Kickoff
Aug. 9–10, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

CT ♦ Midwest Doubleheader
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: (1) Martin Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor and (2) Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour
CT ♦ Aug. 9, Patriot Kickoff Classic
Aug. 10, Northeast Peer Tournament

CA ♦ Aug. 9, Laguna Woods Tournament
Laguna Woods, 23822 Avenida Sevilla, Laguna Woods CA 92637. TD: Paul Dockstader (562.234.0839) & Ken Varner

CA ♦ Aug. 10, Social in August
Weeks house, 81 Via Larga Vis, Bonsall CA 92003. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Pam Pomeroy

WI ♦ Aug. 22–24, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

NC ♦ Aug. 22–24, John Medeiros Memorial
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

MT ♦ Aug. 22–24, Garden City Fall Classic
Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cuerth (406.207.8529) & Karl Paddock

MT ♦ Aug. 29–31, Capital City Fall Roundup
Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

OR ♦ Aug. 30–31, Portland's 15-2 and a Brew
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik & Courtney Locke (503.754.2979)

MT ♦ Sep. 2–4, Fall Territorial Prison Classic
Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Dave Hayden

CA ♦ Sep. 5–6, Jimmy Yee Memorial
Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

CT ♦ Sep. 6, September Sizzler
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour (860.543.2244) & Matt Binkowski

OR/ID ♦ ORE-IDA or Bust!
Sep. 5–7, Gem State Classic Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)
Sep. 9–11, Oregon Trail Tournament Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Pat Reynolds (541.403.0172) & Rob Palmer
Sep. 12–14, Blue Mountain Open American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3176) & Sue Anderson

TX ♦ Red River Doubleheader
Elks, 2470 Walnut Hill Ln/8550 Lullwater Dr, Dallas TX 75220. TD: Scott Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier
Sep. 11–12, Red River Kickoff
Sep. 13–14, Red River Peg Out

WI ♦ Sep. 12–14, America's Dairyland Open
Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

CA ♦ Sep. 13, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.

TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

IA ♦ Iowa Classic Doubleheader
Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshalltown IA 50158. TD: Mike Henze (641.485.2604) & Bob Joslin
Sep. 19, Iowa Classic 1
Sep. 20–21, Iowa Classic 2

MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup
Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble
Sep. 26–27, Montana Memorial
Sep. 28–29, Big Sky Open

MN ♦ Chaska Tripleheader
VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642), Steven Schneider, Bob Joslin, and Chad Frischmann
Sep. 26, Minnesota Open One-Day
Sep. 27–28, Jerry Gruber Memorial
Sep. 29, Westward Ho!

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SD ♦ Grand National 43
The Lodge, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, & John Hazlett
Sep. 30–Oct. 2, GN43 Midweek
Oct. 2–4, Grand National 43
<i>entry form online</i>

MA ♦ New England Classic Doubleheader
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker
Oct. 10, New England Classic Warmup
Oct. 11–12, New England Classic

OR ♦ Oct. 10–12, Oregon Championship
Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

WI ♦ Oct. 17–19, Wisconsin Championship
Lake of the Torches, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

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

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Oct. 24–25, ACC World Championships
Oct. 24, One Day at the Beach

WI ♦ Oct. 24–26, Octoberfest

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

WI ♦ Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Northeast Wisconsin Open

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

OR ♦ Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Spooktacular Special

Pioneer Villa Truck Plaza, 33180 OR-228 (exit 216), Halsey OR 97348. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Bob Simpson

CA ♦ Nov. 1, Pegging for Vets

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

NH ♦ Nov. 2, New Hampshire Open

American Legion, 11 Court St, Nashua NH 03061. TD: David Statz & Mary Burlington (603.247.4335)

NV ♦ Nov. 7–9, Veterans Day Classic

J Resort, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

MA ♦ New England Fall Classic
 American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Bonnie Fife, Rick Montague
Nov. 14, New England Fall Classic #1
Nov. 15–16, New England Fall Classic #2

OR ♦ Nov. 28–30, Thanksgiving at the Mill

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

WI ♦ Dec. 5–7, Jingle Bell Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Christmas Doubleheader

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

Dec. 5, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic

Dec. 6–7, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic 2

OR ♦ Dec. 6, Willamette Valley Classic

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

CA ♦ Dec. 6, Pegging for Vets

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

CO ♦ Dec. 13, MVP Winter Classic

VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80536. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

OR ♦ Midwest Doubleheader
 Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner
Dec. 26, Steve Lewis Memorial
OR ♦ Dec. 27–28, Depoe Bay Challenge

WI ♦ Wisconsin Dells Deal Doubleheader
 AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke
Jan. 2, Wisconsin Dells Deal 1
Jan. 3–4, Wisconsin Dells Deal 2

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

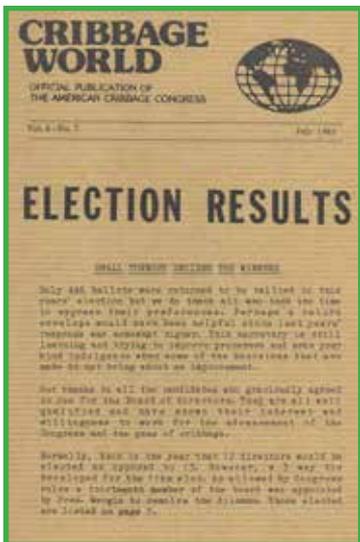
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IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Roger DeVries

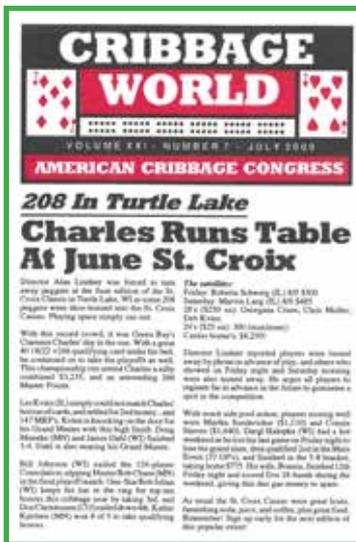
Roger DeVries (Grand Rapids MI) played with Club 71 only seven weeks this spring before he passed away. Every game—win or lose—he had a smile on his face. On April 22, four generations of cribbage players came to play (left to right): great-grandson Eli Tubergen, granddaughter Melissa Tubergen, daughter Joni Brummel, and the patriarch Roger. We will miss Roger and his smile.





40 Years Ago

The front cover lamented the number of ballots returned—only 446, which still stands as the second fewest number. In 2025 we received 744 ballots, but this is only 12.6% of the ballots mailed, compared to 16.1% in 1985. On page 10 we read that *Cribbage World*



editor **Bob Madsen** underwent open-heart surgery on July 1. The current CW editor also had open-heart surgery, almost twenty-five years later, on March 11, 2010.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Clarence Charles** (Green Bay WI) was both high qualifier (with 40/18) and won the St. Croix tourney in Turtle Lake WI, beating **Les Kvien** (Mundelein IL) in the finals.

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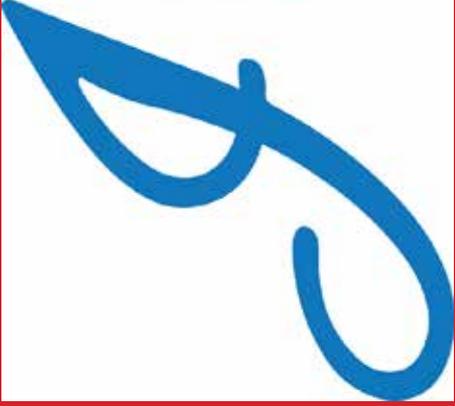
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