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President's Column

by James Morrow



Real Heroes We just finished directing the Washington State Open and the Spokane Memorial tournament.

We had a great turn out for both tournaments and had a surprise as we were setting up for the Friday Washington State Open. I glanced up and **Keith Widener** and **Terry Weber** were walking down the hall. Turns out, they were staying at the same motel we were playing at. Of course, I invited them to stay and play. Keith was high qualifier in the main tournament. It was lucky he saw me that morning, or they may have missed out on the cribbage fun!

This year we held the tournament at the Double Tree, the same playing venue where we will play Grand National in 2027. It was a good way to figure out some pros and cons of our venue. Are there enough places to have lunch, or should we have lunch available on site? The lighting was good, the acoustics seemed to work well, but we have some decisions to make before Grand National.

One of the positives of this event was seeing how many people stepped up to help where they are needed. **Abby Titus**, who plays in our Grass Roots club showed up early and then never stopped helping, from taking signups, setting up the room, cleaning up, and even seating. A huge thanks to Abby. Thanks to everyone who cross-checked, handed out cards, stood up and judged when needed. You all make these tournaments run smoothly.

A few records were broken this year under the famous **#mynewfavoritetournament**. Driving in from Kentucky, **Stephen Dugas** ran the GR9 and reported that 73 entries was a new record. **Bryan Gurdin** won the Memorial Day consolation, and that's another record in the books—most tournaments won in a season. He is adding to his most MRPs-in-a-season record every time he qualifies.

Good luck to everyone during the last month of the cribbage year!



Do you know what city this drink is from? (Hint: it's the same city as last month's CATW column.) If you know the answer, then you'll know where John and Maria played cribbage this month. (page 25)

Your Deal



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Cribbage Friendship

by Monica Newton (Waldport OR)



I believe that the hardest part of being an ACC member is watching some of my favorite people get older. About a month ago, a very special club member decided he would not be attending Grass Roots on a regular basis in the future. This special person is **Walt Howell** of Club 127 in Newport OR.

Needless to say, this broke my heart. There is absolutely nothing wrong with Walt's cribbage abilities, as he is still a fierce opponent across the board. It's just that his body doesn't allow him to get around very well any more.

Walt has been a club member for over thirty-five years, rarely missing a week. He is a Gold winner with 5,492 points and has been club champion six times. Walt has been my traveling partner and my doubles partner over the years.

The thing I respect most about Walt is that when he is playing, you will never be able to tell whether he is winning or losing by his demeanor.

Yes, it is sad to watch, but I wouldn't trade this friendship for anything. I appreciate the many cribbage lessons and life lessons on what real sportsmanship should look like.

Tale of the Tape	Here's how three top players did this month		
	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	60.1% (92-59)	50.7% (34-33)	✓63.2% (43-25)
biggest win	+46 vs. David Hogle (WA) @ Spokane WA	+47 vs. Joan Rein (MN) @ Club 215	✓+59 vs. Jack Curra (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	-42 vs. Tiphannie Duffy (OR) @ Club 12	✓-36 vs. Frank Duresky (MN) @ Club 240	-40 vs. Mike Keogh (MA) @ Club 104

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

During my nearly thirty years in the ACC, I have looked for a variety of ways to scratch my cribbage itch. That naturally includes weekend tournaments and weekly club sessions, but I have also spent a lot of time creating—and playing in—other cribbage events (the number in parentheses is how many of each event I have directed):

- Canadian Doubles in Michigan (42)
- Grass Roots Tournament of Club Champions (16)
- Michigan All Star Tournament (20)
- Michigan Long Match (12)

MAST #20

It's hard to choose my favorite nonsanctioned cribbage event (kind of like choosing your favorite child), but the Michigan All Star Tournament is certainly in the running.

I started MAST in 2005, billing it as the search to find the “best cribbage club in Michigan.” Each year since then (except for the Covid hiatus), we have had anywhere from four to eight Michigan clubs battling for an entire Saturday during each summer to claim the title.

The teams are made up of the top four players in each club, based on batting average. The competition in each club is fierce as the Grass Roots season draws to a close and players jockey for a position on their All Star team.

So far, five clubs have claimed at least one MAST title: Battle Creek (#300), Bergland (#390), Grand Rapids (#71), Mount Pleasant (#329), and Muskegon (#229). The frontrunner is Battle Creek, with seven championships, but Muskegon is close behind with six.

This year saw seven teams in action: Grand Rapids (#71), Muskegon (#229), Battle Creek (#300), Kalamazoo (#321), Shepherd (#329), Traverse City (#432), and Livonia (#478).

Alas, I did not make Club 71's All Star team this season. But apparently that was for the better, as my home club captured its fourth MAST title. Our team this year was composed of **John Schafer** (also club champion), **John Hazlett**, **Art Maycroft**, and **Mary Bearss**. ➡

After 24 games, we saw our closest MAST finish ever, with Grand Rapids and Muskegon both winning 56 games. Grand Rapids got the nod, however, by winning 11 skunks versus nine for Muskegon—resulting in a two-point margin of 123–121.

In his first MAST appearance, **Art Maycroft** made a big splash, taking first place with 35/16 + 159. **Dave Gerke** (Battle Creek) was second, and **John Schafer** was third.

The Michigan All Star Tournament format was copied by **Ray Wanke** for the Florida All Star Tournament and by **Jerome Kelliher** for the New England All Star Tournament. If other states or regions would like to play a similar event in their area, please contact me at **cwed152@gmail.com**. I can help you scratch your itch.

CLUB 29

1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
3. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
4. Matt Klar (MN): GN43 Midweek (9/30)
5. Jim Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)
6. Gary Pinkley (WA): Big Deal James Birthday (1/2)
7. Debbie Governale (SC): Smoky Mountain Classic (1/10)
8. Bob Brumley (OR): It's a New Year (1/17)
9. Casey Scott (OR): JPW/ACC Open (3/5)
10. James Huser (WI): Go Green Bay (2/27)
11. Mike Comer (SD): Deadwood Open (4/23)
12. Robert Chase (MN): April Fools Challenge (4/10)
13. Joe Skibba (WI): Peg for Pink (5/1)

At Grand National in Niagara Falls NY SD in October, the BOD will award the Eastern Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2029. If you are interested in hosting this event, inform Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of your interest by August 31.

New Cribbage Masters

Stephen Dugas (Medford MA)

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Cribbage World is looking for two player-journalists: one for the Western Region and one for 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.

MAST 20 winners from Club 71: John Schafer, John Hazlett, Art Maycroft, Mary Bearss



Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

This month's column was sparked by following the hot winning streak of Hall of Famer **Todd Schaefer** (MN), who recently set an ACC record by winning four consecutive sanctioned main tournaments! I will also highlight a few instances of three consecutive main tournament victories by other ACC standouts.

Schaefer began his record streak at the end of January in Chaska MN, with victories in the Minnesota Snowball One Day (84 players) and Switzer's Birthday Bash (79 players). In each main tourney, Todd won four playoff matches. Just over a month later, Schaefer picked up the championship at the largest tournament in the American Cribbage Congress, by winning seven playoff matches at the 401-player JPW/ACC Open in Reno. A couple of notes must be stressed about that weekend. Schaefer did not play in the Reno Opener because he was preparing to codirect the Tournament of Champions the next day. Todd did not qualify in the TOC, but that event doesn't award Master Rating Points because it's an invitational tournament. Five weeks later, Schaefer set the record by taking first in the 77-player April Fools Challenge in Proctor MN, where he again won four playoff matches. Schaefer almost extended that incredible winning streak to five consecutive mains the next weekend at Black River Falls WI in the Dianne Gurney Memorial. Todd qualified and won two playoff matches before **Jimmy McCarty** (WI) defeated him 3-1 in the tourney semifinals. In those five main events, Schaefer won an amazing twenty-one consecutive playoff matches and earned a whopping 950 Master Rating Points!

I could not find any instances of three sanctioned main tournament victories in a row by anyone in the 1980s or '90s, but Hall of Famer **Jim Langley** (CA) changed that in the spring of 2001. In a three-week span, Langley won the championship of the 106-player Lake Tahoe Spring event (NV), the 92-person Tax Relief Open (CA), and the 192-pegger World Championship in Quincy CA. An incredible run by Langley was close to being even better. At the Winnemucca Classic (NV) on the first weekend of April, Jim qualified first with 40/16 (including eight skunks and a record +400 net spread!—but lost in the playoffs). Then on the second weekend of May, after the three-main-tourney winning streak, Langley reached the semifinals of the Oregon Coast Classic (216 players) before losing 3-2 against **Phil True** (WA). Jim won nineteen consecutive main playoff matches during that streak and won the national title that season with a record MRP total.

It took only one year for another ACC Hall of Famer to garner three consecutive sanctioned main tournament titles. **Bob Julian** (WI) won three mains in a row and set a unique record by doing it in three different ACC regions in a three-week span! On June 1, 2002, Julian won the title of the 88-player Nugget Classic (CA); the next weekend Bob topped 200 peggers to win the St. Croix Classic at Turtle Lake WI; and the third Sunday of June he claimed the 92-person Jim Arblaster Florida Open. In the Florida Open, Julian won four straight playoff matches with a great run, defeating

Doug Page, **Duane Toll**, **Harry Palmer**, and **Sharlene Medeiros**. Overall, Bob won fourteen consecutive main playoff matches and cruised to his fourth national MRP title.

In the summer of 2010, Life Master (★) **Mike McDaniel** (OR) had a winning streak of three sanctioned main tournaments. McDaniel began the streak with an impressive victory at the 210-pegger Independence Day Open in Reno, followed with first place in the Portland OR Summer Open (128 players), and a week later the title at the Pahrump NV Open. In those three wins, McDaniel posted fifteen consecutive playoff victories!

Last summer in 2025, Life Master (★) **Les Kvien** (IL) came so close to duplicating those achievements. Kvien won the Heart of Wisconsin Classic in late July and later that weekend made the top four in the Stetsonville Midsummer Classic Consy. After that, Kvien won two main tourneys in a row during a great long weekend in Hinckley MN.

Before writing this column, I double-checked with both **Erik Locke** and **Duane Toll**, who between them have an unbelievable 166 main tournament victories! Both Locke and Toll said they came close to winning three consecutive mains. They have won two mains and a consy in a row, or two mains and then a second-place finish—but never three mains in a row.

It's so incredibly hard to do, so a big congrats to Todd Schaefer with all that skillful play and obviously a whole lot of great cards and fortunate cuts! Will anyone break his record and win five consecutive sanctioned main tournaments?

Canadian Cribbage (Almost)

by Jordan Bauldic (Winnipeg MB)

In 2015, I told my mom, **Sherry Bauldic**, that a big cribbage tournament was scheduled for Yankton SD, namely Grand National 34. Her first reaction was: "Where the heck is Yankton?" I explained that it was a nine-hour drive straight down I-29 and a bit west. For anyone curious, that's 863 kilometers (536 miles) from Winnipeg, Manitoba, where I was born and raised.

Over the past decade, I've driven to places in the United States I never expected to visit: Duluth (612 km/380 mi), Omaha (1,012 km/629 mi), Deadwood (1,056km/656mi), Milwaukee (1,262 km/784 mi), and Minneapolis (706 km/439 mi), whenever my work schedule allows.

At Grand National 43, **Les Kvien** told me he was planning to run an ACC tournament in the small town of Roseau MN. I nearly fell out of my chair. In a remote part of northern Minnesota, Roseau is *only* 181 km (112 mi) from Winnipeg. Les mentioned he was born and raised there, and suddenly it all made sense.

The Walleye Open will feel like home-field advantage for me simply because it's so close to home. And it gives me a chance to bring members of my Grass Roots club to a weekend tournament without asking them to commit to a long road trip. The Walleye Open may be on the smaller side, but it's shaping up to be a competitive event.

Stay tuned for a tournament report next month.

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Summer Shuffle: Team Up with Local Clubs to Grow Cribbage!

Summer is the perfect time for cribbage clubs to work together and grow the game we all love! Across many areas, local clubs are teaming up to welcome beginners, younger generations, and players wanting to rediscover cribbage.

One fun idea gaining popularity is hosting **joint teaching events** while regular games continue. Designated volunteers step away from competition to teach new players at separate tables, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

And honestly . . . helping someone score their very first 15-2 can feel just as exciting as winning a skunk game!

Here are some great summer growth ideas:

- Wear your cribbage shirts while out in public
- Hand out flyers at flea markets, car shows, festivals, restaurants, and sporting events
- Host beginner-friendly teaching nights
- Create joint flyers with nearby clubs showing multiple play opportunities

Many clubs are discovering that many conversations start with “I used to play cribbage years ago!” That single moment may lead to your club’s next regular player.

A special thank you also goes out to Milton Peggers Club 444 for helping with the Pensacola area food drive in honor of Sir John Suckling’s birthday. Community involvement like this continues to show that cribbage clubs are about much more than cards and boards.

We would also like to welcome **Club 503: I Peg Your Pardon** (Overland Park KS) to the growing cribbage community!

There have also been inquiries from the New York City area. If your group or community is interested in growing cribbage opportunities in your area, email us for additional information on creating teaching events, joint flyers, and club outreach ideas.

Working together helps show newcomers that cribbage is fun, social, welcoming, and open to everyone. No time to create your own flyer? Promotional materials are also available through the official American Cribbage Congress website.

By teaming up, teaching new players, and promoting cribbage in the community, clubs everywhere can help keep this timeless game growing for generations to come!

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



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

As we wrap up the season, it's very encouraging to see the new players, the young players, and the new club champions. We had more than 2,000 players in the Grass Roots National Tournament. And on a personal level, our very own club had several new players as well and a couple who will continue into the next few seasons. Good luck to all those who play through the summer. And congratulations to all the award winners of the past year!

Joe and Mya Heston joined Club 463 in September with kitchen table and bar tournament experience. With 233 and 222 Grass Roots Points this season, this couple tops not only our local rookie list but also the national list. Joe was the Rookie of the Year in Division 1, and Mya was tied for runner-up ROY! Both are kind people and wonderful additions to Louisville's growing club.



Unique club championship **Bill Eilers** won the Club 360 championship, yet never won a weekly tournament the entire season. Club 360 held the full complement of 36 weekly tournaments, and Bill qualified in 17 of them (and once as a visitor at Club 400). His best score was a 15, and he accumulated 219 GRPs.

May Big Hands (name, state, club)

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29-Hands (0)

Eugene DeVowe (MN), 94
Tom Dobscha (OR), 450
Doug Dresbach (CA), 162
James Endres (NV), 11
Michael Henze (IA), 17
Gordon Jurek (MN), 399
Suzy Kennedy (PA), 490
Esther Killam (NV), 11
Sandy Linnell (OR), 127
John Maiuro (FL), 444
Celeste Matroni (FL), 396

Reed Nelson (UT), 451
Ross Newmann (OR), 377
Elly Paegelow (WI), 120
Paul Philipps (CA), 306
Mark Shepherd (CO), 307
Darrell Stewart (WA), 379
Adam Switzer (MN), 240
Arnold Ward (ME), 361
Pete Wilbur (WI), 6
Laura Williams (OK), 436

28-Hands (41)

Robin Battson (WA), 232
Stephanie Ann Blythe (CA), 374
Joseph Bowen (ME), 361
Kevin Boylan (MA), 109
Elizabethann Burch (OR), 376
Kathleen Carpenter (WA), 377
Cate Correa (FL), 454



GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Ed Hanemann Farewell Club 307 bids **Ed Hanemann** a fond farewell! This summer Ed is moving with his wife Patti from Colorado to Kansas to be with his kids and grandkids. We will miss Ed's formidable play and his sassy jokes, but not routinely losing \$5 to him on side bets! Ed was one of the founding members of Club 307 and a five-time club champ dating back to 2002. Club 307 provided Ed a warm sendoff while honoring his naval service with an edible print of his old battle flag of the USS *Blackfin* submarine. Thank you for your friendship, your service, and never letting us miss a pegging point!

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **month**

Division 1

David Newlon

21/9 +204

(Club 354)

Division 4

Barrett Mace

14/6 +166

(Club 194)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **season**

Division 1

John McCready

24/9 +299

(Club 104)

Division 4

Rusty Anderson

16/6 +203

(Club 395)

May Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (23)

David Aiello (WI), 197
Tom Bair (OR), 414
Charles Collins (MI), 300
Greg Dumas (CA), 140
Steven Erickson (CO), 34
Tom Gannon (MT), 377
Jerry Hardy (ME), 375
Paula Humbert (FL), 328
Karen Lyon (CA), 371
Darlene Marczak (MI), 390
Robert Medeiros (MA), 104
Derek Murchie (NC), 346
John Murphy (FL), 147
David Newlon (AK), 354
John O'Donnell (CA), 306
Barb Olson (MN), 399
Todd Reistroffer (SD), 251

John Ruffilo (MI), 229
Sara Sanner (CO), 307
Jeff Shimp (MI), 71
Donald Strychalski (MA), 104
Gordy Wise (WA), 204
Joe Zimmitti (CT), 26

Lite Slams (29)

Ron Bauer (NM), 489
Karl Bloomberg (FL), 336
David Bute (CO), 433
Pat Costello (WA), 486
Steve Dansey (CA), 222
Michael Doe (WA), 486
Bill Fares (OR), 407
Russell Fuchs (NC), 466
Paul Gregson (CA), 54
Mary Hill (NC), 466

Derrick Jacobsen (MN), 492
George Lozy (NY), 130 **x2**
Barrett Mace (CA), 194
Ron Marcelais (SC), 461
Rose Marchand (NY), 130
Henry Mason (MI), 107
Pat McLaughlin (MO), 323
Suzanne McNally (OR), 28
Lisa Merlino (OK), 500
Rona O'Neil (CA), 142
Pete Pearson (NC), 443
Bill Russell (MA), 439
Mary Alice Russell (MA), 439
Greg Schleusner (OR), 376
Peggy Shea (CA), 194
Randy Smith (OR), 118
Doug Weier (OK), 500
Jody Williams (SC), 461



Kathy Thompson
(East Helena MT)
Platinum #31

Kathy learned to play cribbage by watching her parents play. She joined the ACC in the late 1990s. Her cribbage mentor is the late Walt Connell. A member of Club 25 in Helena MT, she has been club champion five times. She earned her Platinum ranking of May 19. She needed 18 points to reach that level, and it came down to the last game. She got 18 points, earned her Platinum, and also captured the club championship. Her toughest opponents at club are Paul Mauel and Sandy Sands. Non-cribbage interests are family, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Kathy used to bowl, once rolling a 284 game.

I started playing cribbage in 1963 with friends when I was a college freshman. I played only bar cribbage until about 2000, when I started playing partners tournaments. In about 2010, I learned about an ACC tournament in Carter WI. We were invited to join the ACC at that time. Shortly after I attended several tournaments in Turtle Lake WI. In 2011, I attended the world's largest cribbage tournament in Reno NV. On the way home from Reno, I decided we should have a Grass Roots club in Bergland MI, so in the fall of 2012, with my mentor Don Hannula, I organized Bergland Club 390. We just completed our fourteenth year of play, and out of those fourteen years I have been club champion ten times. I received my Master rating in Marinette WI in October 2025 and my Gold ranking in April 2026 in Bergland—which were two of my best moments in cribbage. I have attended several ACC tournaments in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. I've also codirected the Yooper Classic in Watersmeet MI almost a dozen times. My toughest opponent at Club 390 is my cribbage partner John Sain. I enjoy my two grandchildren, football (especially the Green Bay Packers), and also playing local cribbage tournaments. My favorite ACC tournament is Reno.

Bernard Brentar
(Bergland MI)
Gold #273



Lewis A. Gurney
(Eau Claire WI)
Gold #275

My dad taught me to play cribbage many years ago, and I joined the ACC around 2000. My cribbage mentor is Wayne Steinmetz. I have been club champion twice—once with my current club (#284) just this season and once in Greenwood WI (#199). My toughest opponents at club are Dave Elliott and Linda Schultz. My favorite cribbage moment this year was taking second place at the Dianne Gurney Memorial in Black River Falls WI. I enjoy gardening, wildlife watching, and Milwaukee Brewers baseball.

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GrassRoots *Awards*

PLATINUM

Richard Kelliher (NH), 314

SILVER

Laurie Schmitz (VA), 117

Doug Whitlock (IA), 17

BRONZE

Donald Aiello (WI), 197

Greg Dibble (MT), 427

Jay Edwards (MT), 427

Terry Heinert (MT), 25

Timothy H. Maas (OK), 436

Victor Rodriguez (CA), 453

Ronald W. Stevens Sr. (CA), 173



Top ten clubs in attendance

rank	last year	club	name	location	total	average
1	1	104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	1667	46.31
2	2	71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	1163	32.31
3	11	46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	1099	30.53
4	3	408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	1074	29.83
5	18	464	New England Pegtriots	Plainville MA	1029	28.58
6	13	368	Hematite	Ishpeming MI	1025	28.47
7	10	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	1021	28.36
8	8	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	1018	28.28
9	16	202	Boise Peggers	Boise ID	961	26.69
10	4	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	927	25.75

Grass Roots division winners

division	award	player	club	GRPs
1	champ	Thomas Beucler	388	438
	runner-up	Jerry Hardy	431	396
	ROY	Joe Heston	463	233
	ROY runner-up	{tie} Peter Grant & Mya Heston	161 463	222
4	champ	David Bute	433	310
	runner-up	Erik Locke	28	256
	ROY	Joseph Hays	499	213
	ROY runner-up	Steven Umbro	500	176

ROY = rookie of the year

Other Grass Roots winners

event	player	club	score
BA champ	Thomas Beucler	388	71.7%
BA runner-up	David Bute	433	69.2%
GRNT	Steven Aziz	461	34/15
GRRT Northwest	Lorne Tanton	261	38/17
GRRT Southwest	Paul Gregson	600	34/15
GRRT Central	Mike Comer	96	32/15
GRRT East	{tie} Sharon Polyot & Susan Jaynes	230 600	35/16

BA = batting average

GRNT = Grass Roots National Tournament

GRRT = Grass Roots Regional Tournament

Players with two grand slams

name	club
Tom Bair	414
Thomas Beucler	388
Robert Medeiros	104
Todd Reistroffer	251
Sandy Sands	25
Peter Setian	72
Jeff Shimp	229
David Smith	454
Rob Smith	69
William Stacey	71
Gordy Wise	243

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

name	club	score
Roger Hall	142	12/4 +116
Jeff Hinrichs	232	12/4 +70
Dennis Jacobs	249	12/4 +77
Khytt Lawrey	281	12/4 +32
Al Silva	389	12/4 +127
Tracy Stephens	190	12/4 +110
Mike Trekes	218	12/4 +65

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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	6,550
2	2	71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	4,420
3	12	368	Hematite	Ishpeming MI	4,313
4	14	202	Boise Peggers	Boise ID	4,053
5	3	408	Screaming Eagles	Sun City AZ	4,037
6	8	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	4,003
7	7	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	3,997
8	10	46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	3,856
9	4	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	3,778
10	30	464	New England Pegtriots	Plainville MA	3,561

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Clubs with 4+ grand slams

club	name	location	slams
104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	9
399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	5
454	Pegging In Paradise	Tampa FL	5
25	Helena Cribbage Club	Helena MT	4
46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	4
69	Lilac City	Spokane WA	4
71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	4
120	Central Wisconsin	Wisconsin Rapids WI	4
251	Sioux Falls Cribbage	Sioux Falls SD	4
377	Spokane Peggers	Spokane WA	4
390	Bergland Club	Bergland MI	4
432	Cherry Peggers	Traverse City MI	4

Clubs with 6+ lite slams

club	name	location	slams
395	Caveman Peggers	Grants Pass OR	16
389	Lake County 29ers	Lakeport CA	15
452	South Metro 29ers	Apple Valley MN	13
433	Fort Morgan Peggers	Fort Morgan CO	12
194	Humboldt Cribbers	Eureka CA	11
211	Stink-Hole-in-the-Wall Gang	Cheyenne WY	11
376	McMinnville Peggers	McMinnville OR	11
477	Marshall Area 29ers	Marshall MN	11
323	Crossroads Club	Troy MO	10
439	Vineyard Club	Edgartown MA	10
28	Oregon's Finest	Portland OR	9
130	Film City	Henrietta NY	9
492	Evan Crib Nibbers	Evan MN	9
205	Redding Peggers	Redding CA	8
461	Palmetto Peggers	Irmo SC	8
500	Edmond Club	Edmond OK	8
156	Silver Dollar	Zillah WA	7
438	King of Prussia Club	King of Prussia PA	7
466	Denver Club	Denver NC	7
498	Central Texas Club	Georgetown TX	7
38	Northeast Oregon Club	Baker City OR	6
54	Delta Club	Brentwood CA	6
97	Club 97	Bay City MI	6
118	St. Johns	Portland OR	6

Players with a 29-hand

name	club
Marc Atkinson	459
Martha Bisson	221
Beverly Castillo	11
Len Cook	491
Chip Corrado	26
Eugene DeVowe	94
Jim Franklin	243
Joellen Froseth	251
Joe Gates	34
Frank Hanson	198
Guy Heald	374
Sherry Jensen-Mason	360
John Edward Kriletich	393
Deb Kvien	3
Scott LaFleur	218
Sharon Lee	24
Bob Miller	361
Darryl Overstreet	395
Tonya Patterson	436
Alan Peterson	124
Pat Reynolds	38
Lynn Rieke	194
Buster Riley	391
Carol Sanderson	27
Doug Weier	436
Robert Wilson	27

Grass Roots Award Levels

award	points	number of players
Bronze	1,000	2,229
Silver	2,500	644
Gold	4,000	249
Platinum	6,000	31
Diamond	10,000	0

Numbers include deceased and lapsed members.

Players with three 28-hands

name	club
Ronald Goble	399
Edward Kniffen	397
Dennis Marshall	46
John Piasecki	390

Players with two 28-hands

name	club
Dan Balmer	415
Eric Bauer	500
Craig Bennett	300
Richard Bousquet	479
Joseph Bowen	361
Lori Boyer	154
Cate Correa	454
Gerald DeVowe	390
Doug Dresbach	162
Joseph Georgeson	397
Paul Gregson	600
Michael Henze	17
Ronald Hilson	444
David Hitchman	246
Kirk Hobbs	314
Tim Kunst	399
Christi Lewis	204
Terry Lundwall	368
LeRoy Mehring	410
Peter Morris	346
Ross Newmann	465
Kris Nothwang	55
Elly Paegelow	120
John Pappas	488
Dick Pedersen	393
Chris Poole	395
Jim Rosso	211
Alan Sanborn	390
Michelle Schneider	251
Hunter Schreifels	94
Harold Sontag	162
Judy Spoerl	224
William Wolfe	390

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

rank	club	name	location	near slams
T1	46	Oregon Capitol	Salem OR	29
T1	251	Sioux Falls Club	Sioux Falls SD	29
T1	399	Lake Superior Shufflers	Duluth MN	29
4	104	Malden Muggers	Malden MA	26
5	240	Twin City Peggers	North Saint Paul MN	25
T6	96	Black Hills	Rapid City SD	24
T6	204	Kitsap Peggers	Olalla WA	24
T6	415	29 Seekers	Puyallup WA	24
T9	162	River City Peggers	Carmichael CA	23
T9	284	Chippewa Valley Club	Eau Claire WI	23
T11	26	Hartford Metro	East Hartford CT	22
T11	71	Beer City Peggers	Grand Rapids MI	22
T13	108	Sno-King Peggers	Lynnwood WA	21
T13	368	Hematite	Ishpeming MI	21
T15	22	Greater Orlando	Winter Park FL	19
T15	25	Helena Club	Helena MT	19
T15	464	New England Pegtriots	Plainville MA	19
T18	3	Crib-a-holics	Elgin IL	18
T18	215	Rivers Edge Peggers	Chaska MN	18
T20	62	Timber Capital	Roseburg OR	17
T20	177	Alaska	Anchorage AK	17
T20	377	Spokane Peggers	Spokane WA	17
T20	410	Bigbutte Mile Hi Peggers	Butte MT	17
T24	34	Denver Club	Denver CO	16
T24	90	Cribbage Night in America	Appleton WI	16
T24	202	Boise Peggers	Boise ID	16
T24	307	Colorado Rockies Assn.	Colorado Springs CO	16
T24	374	Contra Costa Club	Walnut Creek CA	16

Players with six lite slams

name	club
David Bute	433

Players with four lite slams

name	club
Derrick Jacobsen	492
Frank LaPan	97

Players with three lite slams

name	club
Ellen Aasen	389
Tony Dierickx	477
Joyce Dupont	323
Dana Harvey	118
Rita Jewett	466
Doug King	452
Steve Krzmarzick	477
Danny Mitchell	407
Steven Umbro	500
Kirby Aasen	389

Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
1	John Syftestad	231
2	Casey Scott	183
3	Les Kvien	255
5	Joseph Frey	177
6	Richard Horvath	240
11	James Endres	305
12	Rick Baird	239
14	Robert Boback	51
17	Sam Sinram	243
21	Stan Katzman	26
22	Jean Bidegare	238
23	Sue Edwards	199
24	Robert Milk	118
25	Kathy Thompson	229
26	Mike Fetchel	301
27	Bob Cross	177
28	Erik Locke	256
34	Michael Malmon	208
38	Pat Reynolds	206
39	Ken Cochlin	194
43	Farokh Ziari	296
46	Greg Schleusner	307
54	Robert Lewis	249
55	Mike Emerson	216
58	Frank Abernathy	232
61	Ted Kuchta	233
62	Duane Toll	300
69	Duane Jones	256
71	John Schafer	216
72	Peter Setian	326
79	Kris Bailey	333
82	Dick Lind	213
89	Thomas Kay	246
90	Frank Danielski	268
94	Scott Sand	271
96	Rick Vee	274
97	Frank LaPan	171
98	Susan Humphreys	149
100	Roland Hall	262
104	John McCready	291
106	Ron Giannetti	215
107	Charles Simmons	164
108	Gerald Nickels	240
109	William Sampson	251
110	Mary Jane Esera	254

club	champion	GRPs
113	Don Hansen	247
115	Joseph Wurman	46
117	Sandy Shrum	215
118	Dana Harvey	217
119	Jerry Ellis	272
120	Michael Barrett	258
124	Ron Shelton	203
127	Terry Greenawald	231
130	George Lozy	92
131	Dave Parenteau	229
140	Sylvia Bergquist	287
142	Suzi Althoff	155
144	Barbara Yates	79
147	Sharon Liotta	251
148	Bill Klem	257
150	C. A. Goad	98
154	Bethany Rolfson	182
156	Chris Arend	154
157	Tom Gerrits	206
161	Callie Ostrowski	231
162	Richard Munroe	231
164	Artland Ka'ai	228
173	Cynthia Drozynski	173
175	James Ravenscroft	334
177	Chris Kim	264
190	Marc Hachey	241
193	Kerry O'Connell	179
194	Lynn Rieke	252
197	David Aiello	294
198	Bobby Ramelow	307
199	Stanley Primc	293
202	Ernie Barnett	244
204	Richard Anderson	292
205	Jeanne Jelke	169
207	Fred Pfeifer	230
211	Jim Rosso	171
215	Sara Sandey	275
218	David Peterson	324
219	Louise Streeter	241
221	Keith Widener	285
222	Thomas Chew	156
224	Dan Vogel	284
229	Steve DePouw	263
230	Barbara Berg-Fennessey	242
232	Gary Rasmussen	247

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Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
238	James Chase	214
240	Mary Thacker	222
241	Kenneth Johnson	200
243	John Goe	252
246	Nancy Hawkins	197
249	Dennis Jacobs	176
251	Paul Dysart	269
257	Elio DiClaudio	195
261	Vic Sever	206
267	Bill Link	110
271	Randy Nyberg	282
272	Timothy Havighurst	248
274	Steve Lancaster	130
276	Patrick Whiting	205
277	Patricia Felcyn	227
281	David Brokken	205
284	Lewis Gurney	246
285	Paul Hirschmann	247
288	John Bright	222
290	Albert Moy	250
295	Kurt Rosenberg	227
300	David Gerke	306
306	Don Grumpy Howard	221
307	Mark Shepherd	180
308	Harvey Bourdeau	318
314	Richard Kelliher	260
317	Fred Hogan	56
318	Jerry Hedden	163
321	Donald Eshbaugh	257
323	Joyce Dupont	157
328	James Pecoraro	215
329	Douglas Myers	375
332	Mark Walker	166
336	Rhonda Perry	248
337	Dennis Stecz	224
344	Dennis Kassebaum	192
345	Mike Poole	230
346	Keith Miller	189
347	Edward Cuerth	233
354	Daulph Plummer	271
356	Bill Monda	254
360	William Eilers	219
361	Dave Leissner	228
368	Peter Koski	314
371	Roger Widdowson	229

club	champion	GRPs
374	Adrian Levy	238
375	Tom McGonagle	216
376	James Kulpa	185
377	James Morrow	222
379	Rick Westerman	245
382	Dwight Christiansen	215
387	Tonya Fyke	201
388	Thomas Beucler	438
389	Kirby Aasen	158
390	Bernard Brentar	312
391	David Hayden	294
393	Joseph Ferguson	222
395	Kyle Morrill	198
396	Michael Leonard	265
397	Clifford Anderson	114
398	John Dawes	135
399	Gerald Sabick	259
400	Sharon Schaefer	228
407	Danny Mitchell	192
408	Dennis Crooks	241
410	Tom Durkin	225
414	Steve Knutson	207
415	Dennis Misenar	248
418	Denise Harding	208
419	Jeff Brown	167
420	Kathee Bavart	182
422	Randal Blair	168
426	Gary Nerton	211
427	Rick Mill	235
430	Peyton Reum	311
431	Jerry Hardy	348
432	Andy Stireman	133
433	David Bute	310
434	Dan Redeker	123
436	Doug Weier	304
438	Ted Eisenberg	82
439	Bill Russell	228
440	Tom Jackson	243
443	Cheryl Bruno	126
444	Patricia Jewell	248
445	Chad Frischmann	275
450	Bill McClain	62
451	Phil Jacobsen	144
452	Doug King	156
453	Bob Bartosh	235

Club Champions

club	champion	GRPs
454	Jim Correa	199
455	Randy Shepard	90
459	Dennis O'Neil	292
460	Chris Brock	169
461	Steven Aziz	189
462	Rocky Corisis	226
463	Terry Goatz	353
464	Barry Spadea	295
465	Matt Constantino	192
466	Rita Jewett	162
467	Steve Colgan	188
468	Charity Jensen	83
471	Doug Coleman	93
472	Scott Bartosh	357
474	Wendy Hudack	180
475	Quentin Campbell	223
476	Vicki Ross	150
477	Tony Dierickx	209

club	champion	GRPs
478	Raymond Cook	158
479	Ezra Merritt	134
482	Jamie Fincher	89
484	Ray Warner	170
486	Debbie Stern	125
488	Jim McDevitt	168
489	Ivan Wells	27
490	Jim Paradis	134
491	Michelle Slusarenko	91
492	Derrick Jacobsen	166
493	Paul Boettcher	89
495	Christian Martinek	27
498	Kevin Mansfield	170
499	Joseph Hays	213
500	Steven Umbro	176
501	Valerie Faddis	55
600	Paul Gregson	225

Top Grass Roots players lifetime

The ACC has thirty-one Platinum Award winners (6,000+ lifetime Grass Roots Points). Here's how they rank at the end of the 2025–26 season.

rank	player	club	GRPs
1	Harold Sontag	162	8526
2	Elmer Rasmussen	—	8300
3	Jim Blough	71	8016
4	David Fournier	22	7992
5	Patrick Barrett	120	7907
6	Peter Setian	72	7842
7	Roger Wilson	23	7668
8	Duane Toll	62	7138
9	Allen Karr	61	6995
10	James Langley	205	6935
11	Ken Cochlin	39	6850
12	Annett Eiffert	162	6720
13	George Mackie	148	6695
14	Willie Evans	39	6635
15	Herschel Mack	414	6538
16	Phil Martin	26	6529

rank	player	club	GRPs
17	David Clemmey	—	6501
18	Rick Baird	12	6480
19	Jeff Shimp	229	6450
20	Gary Rasmussen	232	6443
21	Duane Sink	—	6406
22	David Gerke	300	6288
23	Jack Puleo	308	6174
23	John Blowers	22	6174
25	William O'Malley	46	6151
26	Albert Moy	290	6141
27	Tom Anderson	356	6132
28	Frank Danielski	90	6130
29	Richard Kelliher	314	6051
30	Paul Hirschmann	285	6023
31	Kathy Thompson	25	6000

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2026 GRNT

by the Numbers

California (17) and
Oregon, and
Washington (9 each)
were the busiest

116
EVENTS

2,133
PLAYERS

1,924 Official
203 Unofficial
6 Youth

Hand-keyed into
the database and
cross-checked

38,394
GAMES



\$23,088 paid out
to GRP earners



28-Hands: 28
Grand Slams: 7
29-Hands: 0



\$1,680 in
additional
prizes!



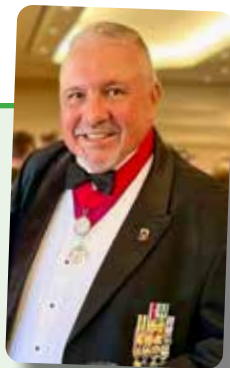
185 Participating Clubs
across 35 States and Provinces

9,976
GRPS EARNED

High Score:
34 GRPs
Steven Aziz
Club 461

THIS JUST IN!

✦ DARYL DESJARDIN ✦



Cribbage was already a fixture on both sides of the Atlantic well before 1776. As America turns 250 this July 4, here's a reminder: cribbage is even older. But first, June—last month's NBA and NHL champions read like they were scripted around a cribbage board.

Lesson One: A 29 Is a 29

Every cribbage player knows 29—the perfect hand, odds around one in 216,580. Many never see one. This June, the Knicks trailed by 29 in game 4 of the NBA finals; with the largest comeback in finals history, they won on a put-back with 1.2 seconds left, then beat the Spurs two nights later for their first title since 1973. Jalen Brunson dropped 45 in the clincher, breaking a finals record set by Willis Reed in 1970.

A 29-point hole and a 29-point hand share more than the number—both prove that “basically impossible” isn't impossible. Next time someone pegs to a lopsided lead, remember: fifty-three years of “next year” ended with one good night.

Lesson Two: Pass the Deck, Don't Drop It

Carolina won its second Stanley Cup, outlasting Vegas through a double-overtime gut-punch in a series that closed 4–2. Their first cup came twenty years ago, when forward Rod Brind'Amour wore the captain's “C.” This time, he was behind the bench—same franchise, same trophy. Two decades later, the player became the coach.

That's every healthy ACC club: the best ones aren't built on the best players, but on champions becoming mentors. Twenty years from now, somebody at your club will stand where you are now. Make sure you're there to hand them the deck.

Lesson Three: 250 Years, Plus 140 More

Many clubs go dark for summer, but cribbage never does. By 1776, it was already about 140 years old—invented in the 1630s by English gambler-poet **Sir John Suckling** from two older games, Noddy and One-and-Thirty (yes, our 31-count). Washington's own headquarters issued repeated orders in 1776 against camp gambling—and lost. If the commander-in-chief couldn't get troops to put cards down, your club secretary's emails don't stand a chance.

The lodge may sit empty this summer, but the game has outlasted wars, empires, and club schedules for nearly four hundred years. Wherever you land, you're part of a tradition older than the country itself.

Here's to June's champions, to 250 years since 1776, and the 140 before—when cribbage was already waiting for America to catch up. Happy pegging, and happy birthday, America!



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

As tournament directors, we spend most of our energy on the things people see: registrations, schedules, side pools, payouts, all the moving pieces that have to line up just right for a weekend to work. But this year, as Spokane Memorial Day came together, my mind kept drifting elsewhere.

Shannon Julkowski passed away on the opening day of our tournament after a brief illness, and her loss hit our community hard. Shannon and her husband **Tim** have been pillars of Spokane cribbage for years, and she was my right-hand woman. In any normal year she'd have been right there with me in the middle of it all. Her absence was something I felt all weekend long.

And then our community showed me.

People stepped up before I even asked. Volunteers quietly filled gaps I didn't know were there. Players pitched in wherever they saw a need. Friends checked in on me and picked up extra jobs without being asked. **Abbie Titus's** contributions all weekend were absolutely *incredible*, and I am so grateful for her. We welcomed 117 players from across the United States and Canada this year, and every single one of them was part of what made this weekend so special.

Being a tournament director is hard work, and this year more than ever, I was reminded of just how many people it takes to put on a show like this. So I'm going to leave you with a little list of things your tournament director always needs.

First, a cleanup crew! Or better yet, attendees who don't have maids at home and can clean up after themselves (and maybe that candy wrapper the person next to them overlooked). It's the lamest kind of help on paper, but it is one of the *biggest* ways you can assist. It makes next-day setup go smoothly and means your director gets to go to bed a little earlier because of you!

Second, said with so much love: realize you aren't the only one in the room. With 117 players, there is only one of me. If you see me running around like a chicken with my head cut off and your question isn't urgent, ask around first! A local club member can probably answer it just as well.

And most important: check in on our food and drink. We don't get the breaks everyone else does. While you're stepping out for lunch or dinner, we're setting up for the next round. I can't tell you how many meals we missed this weekend. I had exactly one offer of food all weekend (**Shawna**, you saved my life, thank you), and I ate those cold fries from lunch during doubles that night. Absolute heaven!

When I look back on Spokane Memorial Day 2026, it won't be the logistics or the long hours that stick with me. It'll be the people who showed up for each other, for me, for Shannon and Tim, for all of us, at exactly the moment it mattered most. Thank you to everyone who came, played, volunteered, traveled, and helped make this tournament one I'll never forget.

CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
37	44

Surprise! It's the first time we have written about the same city two months in a row. It turns out that Cologne is also world famous for a style of beer, known as Kölsch. The Kölsch name makes more sense when you consider the German spelling of Cologne, which is Köln. We visited the Schreckenskammer brewery, which has been brewing Kölsch, using the same recipe, since 1442. Sounds very much like the perfumery story from last month. Since the city of Cologne is over two thousand years old, I guess it makes sense that these products have kept the same recipe that long.

After smelling perfume and enjoying beer, we visited the majestic Cologne Cathedral. ⬇ The relics (bones) of the Three Wise Men are interned in the cathedral. ⬇ These are purported to be the actual wise men who visited baby Jesus. After visiting the cathedral, I wondered who the Three Wise Men of the ACC are? **Gordy Wise**, a regular competitor of ours in the Pacific Northwest, has the perfect name to be a wise man. However, I nominate the following: **Duane Toll** (most wins), **Rob Medeiros** (best strategy), and **Scott Kooistra** (deepest ACC history).

After contemplating my wise men nominations, it was fun to ask myself: Who are the three wise guys of the ACC? I am sure many people deserve the "wise guy" moniker, but here are my nominations: **Cy Madrone**, **Emilio Perez**, and **Gerald Nickels**. All three of these wise guys make cribbage fun. They always enjoy the game, while joking with their opponents. Their friendly humor, with a touch of sarcasm, is always entertaining. Making cribbage fun, whether you win or lose, comes natural to all of them.

Maria ended up winning two of three games for this story. Obviously, I am not wise enough to make any list.



Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Fireworks and hot dogs and s'mores and red, white, and blue must mean one thing: it's July! Happy 250th birthday, America! Before we get into the crazy, let's remember our friend and past president, **David Campbell**, whose birthday was July 2. May he rest in peace. To honor half of the ACC, July 1 is National Postal Worker Day! This one is for **Jennifer Johnson** and myself: July 14 is Cow Appreciation Day. Last year we dressed up in Raleigh. Wonder what this year will bring? To top off the month, July 25 is National Hot Fudge Sundae Day! Enjoy the 4th, and watch out around the fireworks. You can't play cribbage if you lose your fingers or hand! Vicki's tip of the month!

Unfortunately, we lost another good one. **Sandra "Sandy" Shrum** passed away on June 1. We will miss her humor, big heart, and wit. Rest in peace, Sandy!

The North Carolina Open was held in Winston-Salem NC on May 1–3, directed by **Keith Widener** and the Megafer team! **Hoss Smith** won the 12-game Winston-Salem Open on Friday, with **Richard Governale** as runner-up. The consolation was won by **Steve Serina**, with our newest director from Georgia, **Jamie Fincher**, as runner-up. The 22-game North Carolina Open was won by **John Morch**, with **Barri Gehrand** as runner-up. The consolation was won by **Wayne Maurice**, with **Steve Serina** having a great weekend and coming in second. Steve was also high qualifier in the consy.

On May 9, New England was "Well in Maine" with 65 players visiting Wells ME on a rainy New England day! Taking top honors was **Nancy Riccio**, ➡ with **Patrick Robrecht** coming in second. Top qualifier was **Barry Spadea**, whose 20/9 +150 edged out **Just Rob's** 20/9 +129. This goes to show, every point counts. In the consolation, the winner was the lone female and high qual-

ifier **Debbie Cotter**, ◀ with **Pete (the Legend) Legendre** coming in second. "Girl Power!"

It was a great time on a rainy Saturday, and the senior center puts on a delicious meal!

On May 18, we traveled to Ellsworth ME for the Maine State Championship. Our friends **Sheila and Dan Crete** from New Hampshire joined us, and it was a fun day. Yours truly qualified third, and the **Other Soule** qualified fifth. I played Sheila and was up two games, but as the old story goes, she came back and won three in a row. She made it all the way to the finals, where she faced Mark. In the end, Mark came out on top, and Sheila finished second. My nose may have been a little bent out of shape, but what's



his is mine, so it was all good! In the consolation, our friend **Emo (Lauri Immonen)** took first place and earned his first win, with **Jack Chandler** finishing second. It was a fun day on the coast of Maine.

As I write this column, we are 121 days away from Grand National 44 in Niagara Falls. Since Grand National rotates by region, the 2029 event will also be held on the East Coast. Now is the time to scout venues and start putting a plan together. It is a lot of work, but it is also very rewarding. Let's go, East Coast—find a venue and make a plan! If you have questions or need help, please reach out to us. For now, keep planning your trip to Niagara Falls. It will be a blast, and we'll see you there!



Vicki's Monthly Funnies

Q. What did Polly the parrot want for the 4th of July?

A. A fire-cracker.

Q. What did the ghost say on the 4th of July?

A. Red, white, and Boo!

The Inside Track

by **Rob Medeiros**



There are a few pegging hands where the dealer has two options on how to navigate the pegging—but alas sometimes the dealer decides on option #3. Don't be that dealer!

Early in the game we hold A-2-3-4 as dealer and throw 7-7 to our crib. The pone leads a Jack, so what's our play?

Option #1 is to make the count 11 with our Ace, and the pone's next play should be a strong indication of their holding. If they make the count 21 with a picture, we should be able to run our 2-3-4 for four points—hopefully outpegging the pone 4-1.

Option #2 is to play our 4 for 14; most likely the pone will play a picture here as a 5 dump is not safe on the 4. And most likely we will get our 3-2-A in for four and outpeg the pone 4-1 or 4-3.

The dreaded option #3 is playing the 2 or 3. If the pone has all pictures we will not get any three-card runs and score only a go, while the pone will score either one or three with his last card. This means that the best case scenario is that we come out even on pegging—something that never helps the cause. Always think at least one step ahead and avoid being that dreaded third option!

Rob never takes the third option! Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

What's a shuffle?

In a recent post on the ACC Community Facebook page, **Bobby Ramelow** asked about the dealer shuffling, the pone shuffling, legal mixing, the difference between mixing and shuffling, basically when is enough enough. This post drew a lot of comments and attention, so I felt it would be appropriate to try to clarify this.

I have previously written about what constitutes a legal shuffle and proper mixing. Mixing the cards is covered under rule 2. Rule 2.1 states: **The pack must be mixed or shuffled at least three times.** Rule 2.2 states that **The pone has the right to shuffle the pack once per deal (legally mixing the cards as described in rule 2.1).** And rule 2.3 states: **The dealer has the right to make the last legal shuffle.**

My personal opinion is that some modification and clarification need to be made to rule 2 so that we all have the same understanding of the intent of this rule. So I will tell you how I would address this situation and how I believe the rule needs to be updated.

Once the deck has been shuffled at least three times, the proper mixing requirement has been met—no matter who does it. In most instances, the initial shuffling should be done by the dealer as described in rule 2.1 before offering up the deck for the pone to cut. At that point, the pone may cut or shuffle, per rule 2.2. Assuming the deck has already been properly mixed, the pone can riffle once or however many times they wish. I would eliminate the parenthetical statement about “legally mixing the cards as described in rule 2.1.” After the pone has added any additional shuffling, they would hand the deck back to the dealer, and the dealer can either shuffle some more or offer up the deck for the pone to cut, which the pone must do at this point. Thus, in rule 2.3 I would eliminate the word “legal” because with all the shuffling that has taken place the proper mixing requirement has been met.

The intent of this rule is to make sure that the deck has been properly shuffled—not to wear the spots off the cards or to cause shuffling infractions.

Hope this helps. Let's have fun!

Send questions about rules and the rulebook to keith@qtainc.com.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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

New Members

54 last month

Alabama

Erin Roberts (Seminole)
James Roberts (Seminole)

California

Scott Antrobus (Murrieta)
Charley Feldman (Los Angeles)
Michael Folden (Temecula)
Charlie Gonyea (San Diego)
Michael Gonyea (San Diego)
Raeanna Halvorson (Oroville)
Jim Howland (Fresno)
Abe McDermott (Eureka)
Mikki Orea (Oxnard)
Dustin Stevenson (Los Angeles)

Colorado

Zachary Larrabee (Thornton)

Connecticut

James Hooper (Willington)
Jason Perry (Tolland)
Leyni Shoemaker (Middletown)

Florida

Suzanne Costa (Gulf Breeze)
Reggie McCarthy (Orlando)

Georgia

Bill McCullough (Acworth)

Hawaii

Heather Roddy (Wahiawa)

Indiana

Mike Kiefer (Carmel)

Iowa

Liz Lien (Clear Lake)

Maine

Cody Carter (Orono)
Josephine Carter (Orono)
Theodora Carter (Orono)

Massachusetts

Dave Baker (Taunton)
Bobby Brown (Orleans)
Louis Brown (Leominster)
Karen Elias (Avon)
Sean Gifford (Westfield)

Michigan

Mark Ewing (Kingsley)
Russell Schlarf (Traverse City)
Michael Snow (Traverse City)

Minnesota

John Linder (Fridley)
Jeanne Ronhovde (Eagan)
Vernon Ronhovde (Eagan)

Missouri

David Sullivan (Saint Peters)

Nevada

Mike Steir (Reno)

North Carolina

Tammy Lee (Hubert)

Ohio

David Welshhans (Shaker Heights)

Pennsylvania

Judith Jozefiak (Carlisle)
Alfred Leal (Carlisle)

Tennessee

David Cole (Crossville)

Texas

Mickey Freeman (Dallas)

Vermont

Melissa Deppisch (Danville)

Virginia

Nick Flores (Colonial Heights)

Washington

Rachael Jensen (Bothell)
Robert Jensen (Bothell)
David C White (Bainbridge Island)

Wisconsin

Joe Baumgart (Mauston)
Kevin Duffy (De Pere)
Annika Farrell (Greenville)
Megan Farrell (Greenville)
Jody Fredricks (Milwaukee)

Hmm, it looks like a tournament director
had some extra painter's tape that had to
be used before its expiration date!



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
April Fools Challenge (Proctor MN; 4/10)	Gordy Jurek	77 players HQ. Derrick Jacobsen (35) 1. Todd Schaefer (147) 2. Thomas Beuder (105) 3. Al Broskovetz (70) 3. Steven Steinmetz (70)	40 players HQ. Troy Swanson (15) 1. Tim Kunst (60) 2. Haley Hintze (40) 3. Cheryl Cloud (24) 3. Gerald Sabick (24)	29-hand: Robert Chase*	Friday: Ronald Goble Saturday: Jason Hill
Dianne Gurney Memorial (Black River Falls WI; 4/17)	Wayne Steinmetz	69 players HQ. Steve Schneider (50) 1. Wayne Steinmetz (147) 2. James McCarty (105) 3. Todd Schaefer (70) 3. John Syftestad (70)	43 players HQ. Lewis Gurney (21) 1. Scott Sand (60) 2. Lewis Gurney (40) 3. Ed May (24) 3. Joe McChurch (24)	28-hand: Lewis Gurney*	Friday: Jeff Machovsky Saturday: Sarah Peters
Peg for Pink (Green Bay WI; 5/1)	Al Karr	54 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (45) 1. Max Steplyk (105) 2. Haley Hintze (70) 3. Bob Kiley (42) 3. Steven Steinmetz (42)	22 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (18) 1. Jim Mahan (40) 2. Les Kvien (24) 3. James McCarty (12) 3. Jeff Shimp (12)	29-hand: Joe Skibba*	Friday: Olivia Kelley Canadian Doubles: Andy Stireman & Wayne Steinmetz
Winston-Salem Open (Winston-Salem NC; 5/1)	Keith Widener	38 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (35) 1. Walter Smith (105) 2. Richard Governale (70) 3. Wanda Berry (42) 3. Eric Davis (42)	30 players HQ. Jamie Fincher (9) 1. Steve Serina (40) 2. Jamie Fincher (24) 3. Scott Earley (12) 3. John Morch (12)		
North Carolina Open (Winston Salem NC; 5/2)	Keith Widener	42 players HQ. June Fordham (50) 1. John Morch (105) 2. Barri Gehrand (70) 3. Karen Davis (42) 3. Jennifer Johnson (42)	26 players HQ. Steve Serina (15) 1. Norman Maurice (40) 2. Steve Serina (24) 3. Wilbur Paul (12) 3. Greg Stuecheli (12)	28-hand: June Fordham*	Canadian Doubles: Terrance Cushman & Jamie Fincher

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
MVP2.0 Spring Fling #1 (Loveland CO; 5/2)	Vickie Humphrey	28 players HQ. Arun Sautter (50) 1. Arun Sautter (70) 2. Ken Nelson (42) 3. JR Berens (21) 3. Al Pernicek (21)	16 players HQ. Steve Scadden (18) 1. Steve Scadden (24) 2. Clay Collier (12) 3. Joe Gates (4) 3. Shirley Phelps (4)		
MVP2.0 Spring Fling #2 (Loveland CO; 5/3)	Vickie Humphrey	25 players HQ. Nancy Taylor (35) 1. Nancy Taylor (70) 2. Clay Collier (42) 3. JR Berens (21) 3. Arun Sautter (21)	16 players HQ. Candice Grossman (9) 1. Candice Grossman (24) 2. Vincent Turneo (12) 3. Joe Gates (4) 3. Ken Nelson (4)		
Cribbage Weekend In America (Appleton WI; 5/8)	Terry Weber	55 players HQ. Jeff Machovsky (65) 1. Roger Eigenberger (105) 2. John Syftestad (70) 3. Haley Hintze (42) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (42)	28 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (21) 1. Richard Horvath (40) 2. Bob Hanes (24) 3. Marsha Mahan (12) 3. Terry Weber (12)	28-hands: Lewis Gurney* Jeff McKinney*	Friday: Patrick Healey Canadian Doubles: Lana Newhouse & Todd Bullock
Pegging for Vets #17 (Sacramento CA; 5/9)	Alice Souza	44 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (50) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Beverly Drouin (70) 3. Tristan Bacoch (42) 3. Lori Boyer (42)	24 players HQ. James Aleschus (15) 1. James Aleschus (40) 2. Cy Madrone (24) 3. Paul Gregson (12) 3. Diana Weiland (12)		
Liberty, Luck & Skunks One Day (Portland OR; 5/9)	Erik Locke	39 players HQ. Don Hansen (35) 1. Jack Shumate (105) 2. Roger Larsen (70) 3. Don Hansen (42) 3. Dan Marsh (42)	12 players HQ. Clinton McRay (6) 1. Chase Harding (24) 2. Clinton McRay (12) 3. Jessica LeBeau (4)	28-hands: Robert Simpson* Craig Smith*	

continued

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Wells in May (Wells ME; 5/9)	Joseph Bowen	65 players HQ. Barry Spadea (35) 1. Nancy Riccio (147) 2. Patrick Robrecht (105) 3. Carlyle Foss (70) 3. Barry Spadea (70)	35 players HQ. Debra Cotter (18) 1. Debra Cotter (60) 2. Peter Legendre (40) 3. Steven Braley (24) 3. Mark Soule (24)	28-hand: Frank Bogus*	
Spring Paranormal Open 1 (Pahrump NV; 5/16)	Bill Eilers	46 players HQ. Lee Foglesong (45) 1. Duane Toll (105) 2. Cy Madrone (70) 3. Lee Foglesong (42) 3. Bryan Gurden (42)	24 players HQ. Ray Klocko (9) 1. Paul Pepas (40) 2. Scott Hudson (24) 3. Ray Klocko (12) 3. Brenda Nason (12)		
Maine State Championships (Ellsworth ME; 5/16)	Joseph Bowen	32 players HQ. Laurie Hardy (45) 1. Mark Soule (70) 2. Sheila Crete (42) 3. Carlyle Foss (21) 3. Laurie Hardy (21)	14 players HQ. Steven Braley (12) 1. Lauri Immonen (24) 2. Jack Chandler (12) 3. Steven Braley (4) 3. Arnold Ward (4)		
Oil City Open (Casper WY; 5/16)	Dave Harris	25 players HQ. Karen Smith (40) 1. Raymond Schultz (70) 2. Nancy Taylor (42) 3. Karen Smith (21) 3. Spike Smith (21)	13 players HQ. James Chase (18) 1. Cheryl Jackson (24) 2. Dave Harris (12) 3. James Chase (4) 3. Al Pernicek (4)	28-hand: Raymond Schultz*	Canadian Doubles: Jack & Liz Lien
Spring Paranormal Open 2 (Pahrump NV; 5/17)	Bill Eilers	40 players HQ. Charlene Cohen (50) 1. Cy Madrone (105) 2. Bill Schlages (70) 3. Charlene Cohen (42) 3. Steve Hastie (42)	20 players HQ. Darlene Stier (15) 1. Duane Toll (40) 2. Darlene Stier (24) 3. Robert Galbraith (12) 3. Scott Hudson (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Washington State Open (Spokane WA; 5/22)	Kat Hartsell	91 players HQ. Keith Widener (50) 1. Dennis Miserar (147) 2. Chuck Yurcina (105) 3. Terry Hatto (70) 3. Christi Lewis (70)	45 players HQ. Tracie Swanson (15) 1. Craig Smith (60) 2. Kyle Burley (40) 3. Paul Peterson (24) 3. JoAnn Talbot (24)		
Spokane Memorial Weekend (Spokane WA; 5/23)	Kat Hartsell	105 players HQ. Stephen Dugas (60) 1. Willie Evans (147) 2. Craig Wilkey (105) 3. Audrey Hatto (70) 3. Pete Larsen (70)	66 players HQ. Edward Cuerth (18) 1. Bryan Gurden (84) 2. Mattie Kivett (60) 3. Bob Brumley (40) 3. Bobby Ramelow (40)	28-hands: Cindi Hamiel* Todd Malmgren* Michael O'Brien*	Canadian Doubles: Audrey & Terry Hatto
Garden City Spring Classic 2026 (Missoula MT; 5/29)	Sandi Cuerth	54 players HQ. Deborah Colbert (35) 1. Terry Hatto (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. Carole Herron (42) 3. Wayne Momsen (42)	34 players HQ. Fred Garrin (12) 1. Edward Cuerth (60) 2. Wayne Koski (40) 3. Chris Branson (24) 3. Fred Garrin (24)	28-hand: Tom Brown*	Early Bird: Audrey Hatto Friday Canadian Doubles: Eric Boysen & Ray Klooko Saturday Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & Bill Schlabes
Carl Deyette Memorial (South Windsor CT; 5/30)	Charles Booker	66 players HQ. Michael Kopp (35) 1. Robert Gura (147) 2. Debra Cotter (105) 3. Dwight Mitchell (70) 3. Peter Setian (70)	34 players HQ. Melissa Deppisch (18) 1. Daniel Fontaine (60) 2. Paige Thomas (40) 3. Patrick Robrecht (24) 3. Jack Silvia (24)	28-hand: Debra Cotter*	
Madison Masters 1 (Baraboo WI; 6/5)	Terry Weber	54 players HQ. Betsy Miller (60) 1. Larry Phifer (105) 2. Brad Behm (70) 3. Chad Frischmann (42) 3. Don Pohlman (42)	{no consy}		

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Here are things you need to know about changing from eCribbage to the new site.

- The website is **ecribplus.com**. There is no downloading, so no more java, boots, or launchers to sign in with. Current players will have their account carried over, so sign in using your same, exact name so that your IRPs will keep adding into your yearly and lifetime totals.
- We will have an entirely new and slick IRP reporting system, so it is imperative that you are up to date. If you are returning after a two-month lapse of ACC membership dues, you need to re-register your screen name to let the software program know you are back and to restart your IRPs. (Please use the new form beginning July 1 on the new ACC website.)
- ACC tournaments will all be held at ecrib+ beginning August 1—in our own ACC lounge! We are also bringing back best-of-three on Sundays and Tuesdays at 1p.
- Please be sure that your ACC number is on your profile by clicking on your name in any room, choose “customizations” and type it into the box halfway down that page, then click “save.”
- The site requires everyone to play ten games with either humans or the AI bots (easy, medium, hard, or expert) to get familiar with the site before playing a tournament. Don’t get locked out of ACC on August 1!
- Be sure to completely read the Tutorials link (orange button) and the Goodies link (purple button) **before actually playing a game**. There are many FAQs under Goodies to help you, so get familiar with those, especially the ones related to any tournament on ecrib+.

Point Leader of the Month

Reuban Sufka (butchsuf) @ 176 IRPs

Internet 28-Hands

Bryan Gurden (gurdzilla)

Roger McGlenn (mtmogie)

Internet Grand Slams

Greg Girard (luv2bike)

Greg Gougian (gougie00)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1125	Timothy Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	1048	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
3	1011	Gary Brandt (eagle39)
4	976	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
5	960	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
6	951	David Smith (thecuse5)
7	940	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
8	936	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	912	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
10	880	John Schafer (netview85)

- Tourneys are automatic: start, assignments, and set for loser gets deal—and no watchers.

Here are some things that **Damien Blond** is giving the ACC on the site:

- An ACC “reward package” after you play fifty games: ACC card backs, choices of ACC pegs, and ACC boards.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS



Dave Boynton

Dave Boynton of Quincy CA passed away at the age of 94, leaving behind many friends in the cribbage community who will deeply miss both his friendship and his love of the game. Dave was not only an outstanding cribbage player, but one of those rare individu-

als who made everyone around him feel welcome. Simply put, he was a great human being. Dave spent many years as both a private and commercial pilot and worked as a flight instructor, generously sharing his knowledge and helping others gain confidence in the skies. He owned several airplanes throughout his lifetime and had a true love of flying. That same patient and encouraging nature carried over to the cribbage table, where he became a familiar and beloved face at the Blairsden cribbage club. Dave truly loved cribbage and had a passion for the game that few could match. Even in his early 90s, it was not unusual for him to play twenty-two games in a single day and still stay around to play several more. He never seemed to tire of cribbage, competition, or the friendships built around the board. What many will remember most about Dave was not simply his skill, but his kindness—especially toward new players. He always took time to welcome beginners, explain the game, answer questions, and encourage those learning to play. He was gracious with his time,

patient in teaching, and always willing to help someone feel included. And if Dave happened to get a particularly great hand, his fellow players could count on hearing him teasingly say one word with a smile: “Woof!” It was one of those little things that became part of who Dave was and always brought smiles and laughter to the table. Dave represented much of what makes cribbage special—friendship, sportsmanship, kindness, humor, and a genuine love of the game. Though his seat at the cribbage table is now empty, his memory will live on in the many players and friends fortunate enough to have known him. He will be greatly missed.

Shannon Julkowski

Shannon Julkowski passed away at age 54 on May 22. She resided in Newport WA after being born and raised in Priest River ID. She was a member of Spokane (WA) Peggers Club 377 for two years, after being introduced to the game by her husband, longtime ACC member Timothy Julkowski. She was always tickled when she beat him, and when she earned points, especially the two times she won the club session. She enjoyed being able to help out at tournaments, such as Timothy's Super Saturday One Day this past February, and other tournaments in the Spokane area. Other interests included crafting, scrapbooking, and water coloring. Everyone in her community loved her, and she loved everyone. She was a bright light that is gone too soon.

- A banner directly linking the ACC website.
- Under Goodies, there are direct links to Grass Roots info, the internet section of the website, and live tournaments.
- The Scribes (new term for Wall) has a separate ACC section; please watch for notices and updates.
- Also, any player who is a tournament director is welcome to advertise their live tourney there.

Many thanks to Damien for building this new site for the ACC to use and for all of the extras!



SANCTIONED

Tournaments

MRPs

as of June 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	3765	Bryan Gurden	1	1388	Les Kvien	1	1084	Mike Fetchel
2	2087	Ray Klocko	2	1284	Haley Hintze	2	989	Robert Medeiros
3	1780	Bob Brumley	3	1205	Jim Mahan	3	904	Donna LaFleur
4	1562	Bob Bartosh	4	1191	Scott Sand	4	896	Terrance Cushman
5	1485	Roland Hall	5	1088	David Aiello	5	867	David Statz
6	1458	Erik Locke	6	1086	Todd Schaefer	6	776	Stephen Dugas
7	1327	Duane Toll	7	992	James McCarty	7	735	Debra Cotter
8	1212	Darlene Stier	8	885	John Syftestad	8	730	Peter Setian
9	1193	James Langley	9	865	Robert Chase	9	686	John Bartlett
10	1121	Cy Madrone	10	858	Al Pernicek	10	682	Jerry Hardy
11	1090	William O'Malley	11	800	Dennis Koehler	11	673	Keith Widener
12	1008	Paul Gregson	12	757	Doug Page	12	654	Larry Phifer
13	937	Bill Schlabas	13	725	Wayne Steinmetz	13	639	Peter Legendre
14	930	Todd Malmgren	14	722	Steven Steinmetz	14	616	Paul Batterson
15	858	Wayne Momsen	15	708	Allen Karr	15	610	James Ravenscroft
16	779	Carole Herron	16	678	Marsha Mahan	16	594	Barry Spadea
17	778	Jeanne Jelke	17	677	Doug Whitlock	17	564	Frank Reddy
18	770	James Clark	18	624	Bob Joslin	18	563	Richard Nourse
19	723	Winona McDaniel	19	621	Terry Weber	19	552	Carlyle Foss
20	693	Betty Brumley	20	523	Clay Collier	20	534	William Cormier
21	684	Dennis Misenar	21	521	Bob Kiley	21	531	Patrick Robrecht
22	679	William Eilers	22	500	Henry Brandner	22	519	Bonnie Fife
23	624	Jack Shumate	23	494	Edward Balcer	23	511	Phil Martin
24	612	Junko Larsen	24	488	Dan Selke	24	507	Paige Thomas
25	599	Charlene Cohen	25	479	Dan Sand	25	444	Michael D'Elena
26	588	Jones Hom	26	463	Patrick Barrett	26	442	Jack Silvia
27	558	Jennifer Bolles	27	457	Emilio Perez	26	442	James Sullivan
28	553	Alice Souza	28	439	Jeff Machovsky	28	441	Mark Soule
29	523	Mike McDaniel	29	435	Richard Frost	29	439	Keith Miller
30	516	Bernie Nelson	29	435	John Schafer	30	431	Paul Kane
31	513	Steve Sundet	31	432	Chad Frischmann	31	420	Charles Booker
32	512	Ryan Huffman	32	418	Joe Clarke	32	408	Deborah Taylor
33	509	Kai Lemrise	33	404	Rick Kuehn	33	406	Frank Abernathy
34	493	David Bute	34	396	Bob Hanes	34	404	Mary Burlington
35	477	Arun Sautter	35	389	William Stacey	35	396	Marty Duchow
36	455	Donald Stockham	36	388	John Hazlett	36	377	Vicki Soule
37	450	Paul Hirschmann	36	388	Kevin Mansfield	37	362	Barri Gehrand
38	446	Scott Bartosh	38	383	Dan Taylor	38	359	Frank Bogus Jr
39	444	Robert Milk	39	371	Kevin Anderson	38	359	Jamie Fincher
39	444	Carol Williams	39	371	Wade Skaja	40	354	Scott Noble
41	429	Peggy Shea	41	370	Marlene Lazachek	41	349	Eric Davis
42	428	Willie Evans	42	368	Jerry Griffin	42	347	Peter Grant
43	423	Audrey Hatto	43	364	Cynthia Wark	43	340	A.J. Kabilian
44	422	Richard Shea	44	361	Adam Switzer	43	340	Joshua Parker
45	420	Matt Padrow	45	353	Jason Matheny	45	329	Nancy Riccio
46	415	Barbara Stockham	45	353	Steve Scadden	46	326	Wanda Berry
47	409	Wayne Morris	47	350	Chad Loupee	47	317	Rick Allen
48	406	Gordy Wise	48	344	Jeff Shimp	48	287	Jeff Olson
49	401	Dawn Diaz	49	339	Steve Schneider	49	284	Scott Johnson
50	400	Terry Hatto	50	337	Pete Severson	50	280	Louis Petosa

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 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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OR ♦ Springfield Doubleheader

Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley

July 3, Super One-Dayer

July 4–5, 4th of July Special

MA ♦ July 5, South Shore Open

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Debbie Cotter

IL ♦ Marv Lang Memorial Doubleheader

American Legion, 820 N Liberty St, Elgin IL 60120. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875) & Jerry Griffin

July 10, Marv Lang Memorial #1

July 11, Marv Lang Memorial #2

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

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

July 10, Depoe Bay Shuffle

July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓

NC ♦ NOCT Cluster

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: Megafer (919.518.3626)

July 20, Come Monday
TD: Jennimeg (617.515.2232)

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

ME ♦ Lobster Doubleheader

Sea Dog Brew Pub, 26 Front St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

July 24, Running with the Lobsters

July 25–26, Lobster Peg-off

CA ♦ July 25, 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) & Mike Poole

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 Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

Aug. 6–7, Sacramento Starter #1

Aug. 8, Sacramento Starter #2

Aug. 9, Sacramento Starter #3

MN ♦ Hinkley Doubleheader

Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinkley MN 55037. TD: Steve Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer

Aug. 7, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 8–9, Midwest Great Hinkley Fireball

CT ♦ South Windsor Doubleheader

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074

Aug. 8, Patriot Kickoff Classic
TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor

Aug. 9, Northeast Peer Tournament
TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

GA ♦ ATL Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 2301 Sullivan Rd,
College Park GA 30337. TD: Jamie
Fincher (478.278.1377) & Kelley Adams

Aug. 13–14, ATL Classic

Aug. 15–16, Peach State Peg-off

OR ♦ Aug. 14–16, Blue Mountain Open

Union County Senior Center, 1504 N Albany St,
La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer
(541.975.3176) & Sue Raynor

WI ♦ Aug. 21–23, DockHounds Challenge 1

Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Cir-
cle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Stein-
metz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ♦ Aug. 22, Summertime Laguna Classic

The Towers, 24055 Paseo del Lago, Laguna Woods
CA 92637. TD: Paul Dockstader (562.234.0839) &
Ken Varner

MT ♦ Aug. 28–30, Garden City Fall Classic

Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT
59801. TD: Sandi Cuerth (406.207.8529) & Dave
Koontz

NH ♦ Dover Doubleheader

Elks, 282 Durham Rd, Dover NH 03820. TD: Jo-
seph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Patrick Robrecht

Aug. 29, Double Double

Aug. 30, Dover Regular

MT ♦ Sep. 1–3, Territorial Prison Classic

Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob
Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback

ID ♦ Sep. 11–13, Gem State Classic

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

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Rd,
Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow
(803.240.2198) & June Fordham

Sep. 11, Palmetto State Fall Open

Sep. 12–13, Soda City Fall Classic

CT ♦ Sep. 12, September Sizzler

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

TX ♦ Red River Doubleheader

Elks, 8550 Lulwater Dr, Dallas TX 75238. TD:
Scott Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

Sep. 17–18, Red River Kickoff

Sep. 19–20, Red River Peg-out

IA ♦ Marshalltown Doubleheader

Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshall-
town IA 50158. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)

Sep. 18, Iowa Classic 1

Sep. 19–20, Iowa Classic 2

OR ♦ Sep. 19–20, Oregon Championship

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD:
Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader

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

Sep. 25, Minnesota Open One-Day

Sep. 26–27, Jerry Gruber Memorial

MA ♦ Norwood Doubleheader

Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Dr,
Norwood MA 02062. TD: Debra Cotter
(781.801.3858) & Susan Baker

Sep. 26, New England Classic Warmup

Sep. 27, New England Classic

CA ♦ JMM Doubleheader

IOOF Hall, 1445 Butte St, Redding CA 96001. TD:
Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

Sep. 26, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1

Sep. 27, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

WI ♦ Oct. 2–4, Wisconsin State Championship

Lake of the Torches Casino, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac
Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett
(715.323.5027)

WY ♦ Oct. 3–4, Oil City Open

Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD:
Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

MA ♦ Oct. 4, Boston Regional

Irish American Hall, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148.
TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

NY ♦ Pre-GN Doubleheader

VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075.
TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

Oct. 10–11, Western New York Festival Day #1

Oct. 12, Western New York Festival Day #2

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NY ♦ Grand National 44

Sheraton, 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Katie VanHuis, and Mark & Vicki Soule

Oct. 14–15, American Falls Classic

Oct. 16–18, Horseshoe Falls Classic

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ME ♦ Oct. 24, Seaside in Wells

Senior Center, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

WI ♦ Oct. 30–Nov. 1, DockHounds Challenge 2

Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

KY ♦ Kentucky Fall Classic

Triple Crown Pavillion, 1780 Plantside Dr, Louisville KY 40299. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Wanda Berry

Nov. 13, Louisville Slugger

Nov. 14–15, Bluegrass Open

NV ♦ Nov. 13–15, Veterans Day Classic

J Resort, 345 Arlington, Reno NV 89509. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

NH ♦ Nov. 15, Granite State Classic

Elks, 81 Roxbury St, Keene NH 03431. TD: John Pappas (617.803.5329) & Gail Somers

CT ♦ Nov. 22, Yankee Classic

Elks, 9 N Park St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Mike Fetchel

FL ♦ NCL Cruise Cluster

NCL Star Cruise Ship leaving from Miami FL. TD: Winona McDaniel (541.525.1292) & Troy Thorson

Nov. 22, NCL Cruise Paris One-Day

Nov. 25, NCL Cruise Portugal One-Day

Nov. 27–28, NCL Cruise Portugal Two-Day

Nov. 29–30, NCL Cruise Mid-Atlantic Two-Day

Dec. 1–2, NCL Cruise Home Bound Two-Day

OR ♦ Nov. 27–29, Thanksgiving at Ko Kwel

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

MN ♦ Dec. 4–6, Frosty Fingers Cribbage Clash

Jackpot Junction Casino, 39375 County Hwy 24, Morton MN 56270. TD: Jason Anderson (952.797.6277) & James Zahnow

OR ♦ Dec. 5, Willamette Valley Classic

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

CO ♦ Dec. 12, MVP2.0 Winter Wonder

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

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

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

Dec. 19, Fall Paranormal Open #1

Dec. 20, Fall Paranormal Open #2

OR ♦ Jan. 9, Willamette Valley Challenge

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

WI ♦ Jan. 16–17, American Pride

Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, 2929 Allied St, Green Bay WI 54304. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

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

Jan. 22, Steve Lewis Memorial

Jan. 23–24, Depoe Bay Challenge

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

Jan. 23, Schaefer Shuffle

Jan. 24, Sin City Shuffle

AZ ♦ Sun Lakes Doubleheader

Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

Feb. 5, Cactus Classic

Feb. 6–7, Roadrunner Classic

WA ♦ Feb. 13, Super Saturday One-Day

VFW, 2902 E Diamond Ave, Spokane WA 99217. TD: Timothy Julkowski (503.805.9410) & Jason Ramelow

WI ♦ Feb. 19–21, Go Green Bay

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

OR ♦ Feb. 20, Willamette Valley Open

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

OR ♦ Newport Cluster

American Legion, 424 W Olive,
Newport OR 97365

Apr. 3–4, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

Apr. 5–6, Newport Wonder

TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218)

Apr. 7–8, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Scott Milo

WI ♦ May 1–2, Peg for Pink

Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, 2949 Allied St, Green

Bay WI 54304. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

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

May 15, Paranormal Open

May 16, Paranormal Open

CA ♦ May 29, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley
Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte
(760.751.2073) & Joan Layte

Tournament Trail continued online

Youth Tournaments

July 16 ♦ National Youth Open (Durham NC)

July 23 ♦ New England Youth (Bangor ME)

July 25 ♦ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)

For flyers and more info, go to
cribbage.org > **Youth** > **Tournament Schedule**

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ELECTION RESULTS

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The winning incumbents for the Board of Directors in 2009:

1. Bob Hannon	1,328
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40 Years Ago

The front cover announced the results of the BOD election, with a record 40.6% of the ACC membership returning their ballots. Page 2 printed a letter from **Scott Kooistra** in which he advocated reducing the BOD to fifteen members—an idea that is still relevant.

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Al Schaefer** (WI) won the 206-player St. Croix Classic in Turtle Lake WI, and **Norb Upton** (MN) won the 122-player consolation. Elsewhere we read that **Herschel Mack** (CA) won the 116-player Cascade Classic in Redmond CA and that **Jeanne Jelke** (CA) won the 82-player consolation.

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AI Schaefer Tops 206 At June St. Croix

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Niagara Falls is not just a vacation destination, it's also on most people's bucket list. As a result, prices for hotels and food are higher than at a typical tournament—but try booking a Niagara hotel without a group rate!

Grand National 44 is fortunate to be hosted by the Sheraton on October 14–18. We have free playing space in a beautiful venue only a couple blocks from the falls (easily walkable!).

The Sheraton is, however, filling up fast. The peak nights—Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th—are still available at the Sheraton, but before and after these dates are available only at a sister property: Wyndham Garden (6141 Fallsview Blvd).

The Wyndham is honoring the same group rates as at the Sheraton. Unfortunately, the Wyndham is sold out on the peak nights, so you will have to book at both hotels, with a move from Wyndham to Sheraton on Friday.

To book at the Wyndham before 10/15 (checkout 10/16), go to this link: **tinyurl.com/227kd8s3**

To book at the Sheraton for Friday and Saturday nights, go to this link: **tinyurl.com/y5jnpzc7**

Finally, keep a watchful eye on your online reservation. When rooms are cancelled, they go back into the ACC's block and become available, so you may find a room at the Sheraton if you are vigilant.

GN 44 directors
David Aiken • Katie VanHuis
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