

# Cribbage World

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS

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*main*



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**Robert H. Lewis** (OR-3932; Salem OR)

**Roy McGillivray** (CA-6629; Chico CA)

## ACC membership odometer

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



**Legacy Tournaments** In April, I wrote about the Board of Directors voting to give grants to the ACC's three legacy tournaments—Grand National, ACC Open/Tournament of Champions, and the National Open. I have heard some concern that these do not benefit the entire ACC membership and that the grants are not benefitting the organization at large. *[editor's note: see first letter on page 5]*

I agree that these grants will not benefit all, but (and there is a large but here!), let me explain the second part of that statement. Yes, in order to get the benefits of the added money, you must attend these three tournaments. If we look back on our ACC roots, it all started with weekend-style tournaments, and we are doing what we can to up the ante while travel expenses are increasing. We want to give these historical tournaments, the backbone to our organization, a boost to try and offset the rising costs that are occurring all around us.

But maybe a breakdown of our yearly dues will help with the understanding of how this all works. The membership dues we pay for a single person (\$20) and a joint membership (\$25) *only* covers the expense of our magazine, *Cribbage World*. When you attend a sanctioned tournament, \$3 from every main and \$1 from every consolation you play cycles back into the ACC. The players see this benefit at every MRP tournament they attend: scorecards, banners, and bracket boards, plus pins and awards for 29-hands and 28-hands. It covers awards for Master rating and above. Your sanctioning fees also cover the cost of shipping, printing, and mailing various items. It is now also covering the grants you will see at the legacy tournaments.

Grass Roots is also funded through their own fees collected from the Grass Roots National and Grass Roots Regional tournaments, as well as the start-of-season dues. This covers all the Grass Roots expenses and benefits. The two branches and their fees don't intermix.

We encourage members to attend as many MRP tournaments as they can, as they are open to 100% of all members. If we can help sweeten the prize pool so that you feel more comfortable traveling, then we will.

At the upcoming Grand National in Deadwood SD in October, the BOD will award the Central Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2028. ACC members interested in hosting this event must inform Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of their interest by August 31. Detailed information is not necessary at this time; a general plan is sufficient to consider the bid.

# Your Deal



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## Legacy Tournaments

In the president's column in the April *Cribbage World*, **James Morrow** explains the BOD's decision to try to increase attendance at the legacy tournaments. My concern is: what percentage of ACC members will benefit from the \$15,000 being granted to these three tournaments? 20%, perhaps 25% at most? So about 1,300 members might possibly benefit from the resulting "significant boost" in prize money at these three events. And what do the other 4,700 members get, those who pay the same dues and make up the backbone of the ACC while faithfully playing in their Grass Roots clubs and local tournaments? Nothing! Give away all the MRPs you want, but when distributing dollars, the focus should be on all members, not just a few. [*editor's note*: see page 4]

*Bruce McGillivray (Dallas OR)*

## Tip for Winning the Last Game

Play me for a sure win. I have a litany of bad beats in the last game that keep me from qualifying. Usually, with an easy victory within my sights, my opponent will exclaim: "Oh, I need only 24 to win!"—and they get it. (Think **Wayne Steinmetz**, among the many others.)

*Tim Miller (Georgetown TX)*

## Amp It Up!

I was thrilled with my 29-hand, but **Connie Bennett** took it to another level! ➔

[*editor's note*: see March *Cribbage World*, page 5; and April *Cribbage World*, page 9]  
*Lois Fulwider (Seattle WA)*

## Robert Stritzinger

I wish to thank you for the beautiful article you wrote about Bob and his cribbage. He looked forward to it each week. The children are also grateful to you. Thanks so very much for the magazines.

*Olga Stritzinger (Bob's widow)*

I read the article you wrote for my grandfather in the cribbage booklet; it was very well written and a fine tribute to his life and love of the game! I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to write it; my grandmother sent us all copies so I know she really appreciated it as well.

*Terry Stritzinger (Bob's grandson)*

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### Events for Nonplaying Spouses

When I was a widower, I would go up to Reno and enjoy the tournament. I remarried and cannot be away from my wife for five consecutive days. We sometimes attend my retirement organization meetings. They have what they call “ladies tours,” so the spouses have fun and do not have to endure boring meetings. I realize this would be an additional duty for the directors. However, if nonplaying spouses had some interesting options, more of us may be able to attend the tourneys.

*Melvin Chase (Keizer OR)*

### Jesperson

Although I cannot recall how long ago I played in Prineville OR, I vividly remember playing against Keith Jespersen. At the time, of course, I was not aware of his criminal history. I was just glad to win the match and ultimately the consolation. Since then I have seen TV programs and read about this infamous individual. Even though he mentions in his letter to *Cribbage World* that he posed no danger to the ACC or its members, I still cringe at the

thought that I not only sat across the table, but I played my favorite game against a serial killer!

*Irma Symons (Madras OR)*

**CW responds:** (1) the Jespersen letter appeared in the April 2000 *Cribbage World*, not April 2025 as stated on page 42 of last month’s magazine; (2) Irma won the 1994 Oregon Championship in Prineville, seen here in a blurry screen capture from the April 1994 *Cribbage World*, page 23. ↓

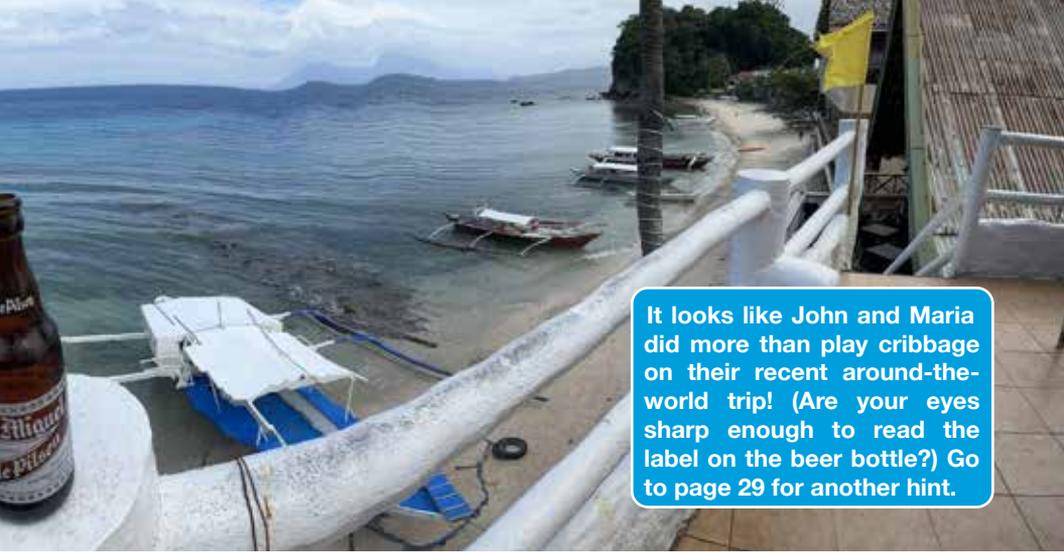
**Oregon Championship**  
Prineville, OR, February 18-20, 1994  
Director: Bob St. Yves

#### MAIN 190

- 1 200 Frank Lake, LaPine OR
- 2 188 Eva Moritzky, Mabton WA
- 3 182 Jack Moritzky, Mabton WA
- 4 172 Jerry Hearsom, Cove OR
- 5 165 Larry Hassett, Roseburg OR
- 6 157 Phil Yager, Gresham OR
- 7 149 Marty Symons, Redmond OR
- 8 141 Bob St. Yves, Prineville OR

#### CONSOLATION 120

- 1 60 Irma Symons, Redmond OR
- 2 55 Donna Hassett, Roseburg OR
- 3 50 Fred Kimball, Walla Walla WA
- 4 45 Don Olson, Milwaukee WI



It looks like John and Maria did more than play cribbage on their recent around-the-world trip! (Are your eyes sharp enough to read the label on the beer bottle?) Go to page 29 for another hint.

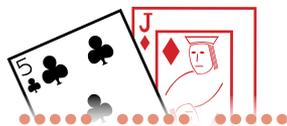


This beautiful quilt was made by Nanci O'Brien (MD) and donated to Grand National 43. It will be raffled off on Saturday, October 4, in Deadwood SD. Raffle tickets available from GN43 codirectors Patrick and Linda Barrett.

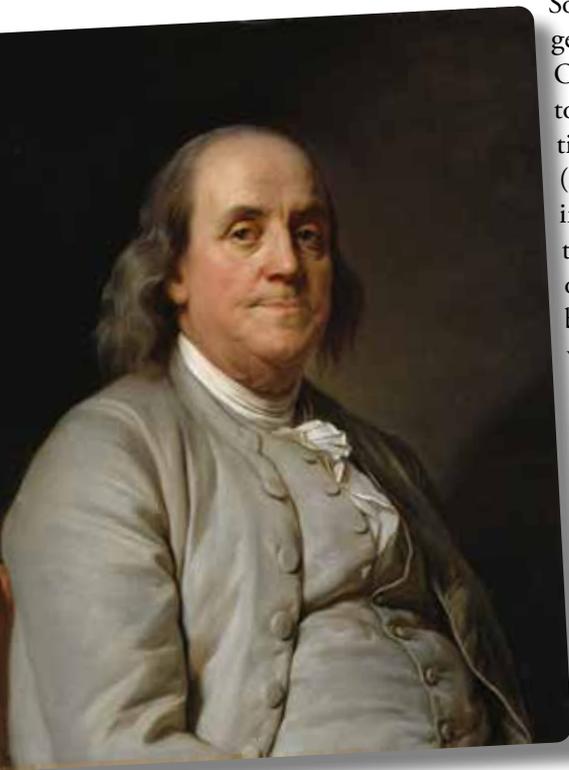
Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
<i>average</i>	55-52 (51.4%)	✓ 61-42 (59.2%)	44-31 (58.7%)
<i>biggest win</i>	+49 vs. Junko Larsen (WA) @ Newport OR	✓ +52 vs. Adam Switzer (MN) @ Club 215	+38 vs. Brian McCoy (MA) @ Club 104
<i>worst loss</i>	-54 vs. Carol Williams (CA) @ Newport OR	✓ -44 vs. Wendy Schmidt (MN) @ Club 215	-51 vs. Bob Musker (MA) @ Club 104

# My Deal

by David Aiken



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



Sometimes my perfectionistic tendencies get in the way of accomplishing a task. Over the years many ACC members have told me that **Benjamin Franklin** mentions cribbage in his voluminous letters (forty-three massive volumes and counting). Not wanting to shortchange this topic, I mapped out plans to do a thorough online search of Franklin's letters, but in the end I simply procrastinated writing the article.

The earliest mention I find in my email hoard is from **Daniel Betz** (Muskegon MI), who emailed me on January 18, 2015—more than a decade ago! Most recently, **Richard Michalec** (Fort Mill SC) sent me email in February of this year, and that finally prompted me to write this column. In between these two dates, I had many conversations about BF with **Franklin Wurman** (Elkins Park PA), who passed away in April 2023.

The preeminent intellectual of his time, BF not only drafted and signed the Declaration of Independence and served as the first US postmaster general, but he picked up work on the side as a diplomat, inventor, philosopher, printer, publisher, scientist, statesman, and writer. Being the polymath that he was, it is no wonder that even the most casual subjects show up in his letters. Cribbage is mentioned many times, and here are some of my favorites. (All letters retain BF's original spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.)

On 28 June 1763, BF chides William Strahan for spending time playing cribbage instead of writing to BF:

I expected when I left England, to have learnt in your Letters the true State of Things from time to time among you; but you are silent, and I am in the dark. I hear that Faction and Sedition are becoming universal among you, which I can scarcely believe tho' I see in your public Papers a Licentiousness that amazes me. I hear of Ins and

Outs and Ups and Downs, and know neither why nor wherefore. Think, my dear Friend, how much Satisfaction 'tis in your Power to give me, with the Loss only of half an Hour in a Month that you would otherwise spend at Cribbage.

On 14 September 1767, BF wishes he could be playing cribbage with Mary Stevenson—and winning money from her:

This Letter shall cost you a Shilling, and you may think it cheap when you consider that it has cost me at least 50 Guineas to get into the Situation that enables me to write it. Besides, I might, if I had staid at home, have won perhaps two shillings of you at Cribbage. By the Way, now I mention Cards, let me tell you that Quadrille is quite out of Fashion here, and English Whisk all the Mode, at Paris and the Court.

Finally, in an unpublished letter to Mary Stevenson Hewson, dated 6 May 1786, we read:

I have found my Family here in Health, good Circumstances and well respected by their Fellow Citizens. The Companions of my Youth are indeed almost all departed, but I find an agreeable Society among their Children and Grandchildren. I have public Business enough to preserve me from *Ennuy*, and private Amusement besides in Conversation, Books, my Garden, and *Cribbage*. Considering our well-furnish'd plentiful Market as the best of Gardens, I am turning mine, in the midst of which my House stands, into Grass Plots and Gravel Walks, with Trees and Flowering Shrubs; Cards we sometimes play here in long Winter Evenings, but it is as they play at Chess, not for Money but for Honour or the Pleasure of Beating one another. This will not be quite a Novelty to you; as you may remember we play'd together in that manner during the Winter you help'd me to pass so agreeably at Passy. I have indeed now and then a little Compunction in reflecting that I spend Time so idly: but another Reflection comes to relieve me, whispering, "You know the Soul is immortal; why then should you be such a Niggard of a little Time when you have a whole Eternity before you? So being easily convinc'd, and, like other reasonable Creatures, satisfy'd with a small Reason, when it is in favour of doing what I have a mind to do, I shuffle the Cards again, and begin another Game.

The CW staff encourages all cribbage players everywhere to emulate Founding Parent Benjamin Franklin: "Shuffle the Cards again, and begin another Game"! 

## Milestones!

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

*Happy Birthday in June!*

80—**Robert Labossiere** (FL)

70—**Doug Clark** (AZ)

70—**Robert Carl** (SD)

60—**John Hazlett** (MI)

50—**Karen Shenkoff** (NY)

50—**Mary Beth Graves** (MI)

# GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 5/15

Division 1 = 3,158 players ♦ Division 4 = 723 players

Division 1 →	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	430 Thomas Beucler (388)
	2	377 Scott Bartosh (600)
	3	321 David Fournier (22)
	4	316 Dwight Christiansen (382)
	5	312 Timothy Julkowski (377)
	6	310 Duane Toll (62)
	7	309 James Ravenscroft (175)
	8	308 Scott Sand (94)
	9	307 Terry Greenawald (127)
	9	307 Duane Schubauer (96)
	11	302 Dennis Ulberg (284)
	12	301 Eric Lemay (375)
	12	301 Peter Setian (72)
	14	293 Scott Milo (440)
	15	288 Bernard Brentar (390)
	16	286 Terry Hatto (261)
	16	286 Chris McComas (426)
	18	282 John Healey (368)
	19	281 William O'Malley (46)
	20	280 Dave Elliott (284)
	21	279 Shaun Wilford (190)
	22	278 Paul Dysart (251)
	22	278 Jack Puleo (308)
	24	277 Paul Mauel (25)
	25	275 Robert Donovan (219)
	25	275 Bradley Gronli (430)
	25	275 Pierre Olivier (257)
	28	274 Jeremy Krieger (46)
	29	273 Nancy Rojas (162)
	30	271 Allen Karr (61)
	30	271 Jim Maffa (104)
	30	271 Jerry Miller (3)
	33	270 Andy Wagner (58)
	34	269 Monica Newton (127)
	35	268 Patrick Hunt (464)
	36	267 Frank Corrado (26)
	36	267 Kevin Mansfield (198)
	36	267 Valerie Sumner (11)
	39	266 Jim Egan (321)
	39	266 Robert Medeiros (104)
	39	266 Kurt Rosenberg (295)
	42	265 Jeff Shimp (229)
	43	263 David Aiello (197)
	43	263 Steven Braley (361)
	45	262 Kirk Hobbs (314)
	45	262 Alan Lindner (215)
	45	262 Sharon Sherbert (140)
	48	259 Patricia Felcyn (277)
	48	259 Bryan Gurden (400)
	50	258 Margaret Chr.-Deutsch (600)
	51	257 Mary Bearss (71)

	rank	GRPs name (club)
	51	257 Brett Brunner (240)
	51	257 Mike Fetchel (26)
	54	255 Dave Otte (393)
	55	254 Mark Cochran (34)
	55	254 J. J. Stansfield (164)
	57	253 Lou Tousignant (368)
	58	252 Daulph Plummer (354)
	59	251 William Eilers (360)
	59	251 Veronica Klaas (399)
	59	251 Daniel Minesal (6)
	59	251 Tad Pilecki (374)
	59	251 George Wangen (108)
	64	250 Doug Holden (354)
	64	250 Timothy Johnson (415)
	64	250 Phillip Silva (464)
	67	249 Dennis Crooks (408)
	67	249 Pauline Taylor (436)
	69	247 Glenn Gauthier (61)
	69	247 Daniel Pluff (240)
	71	246 Robert Lenz (445)
	72	245 Phillip Whitehouse (295)
	73	244 Les Kvien (3)
	73	244 Ronald Logan (202)
	73	244 Cathy Rendon (257)
	73	244 Ken Varner (419)
	77	242 Wayne Steinmetz (6)
	78	241 Richard Crosby (361)
	79	240 Scott Buhrow (106)
	79	240 Richard Slone (199)
	81	239 Vic Sever (261)
	1	237 Rhonda Perry (336)
	2	227 Rich Ekman (395)
	3	222 David Bute (433)
	4	221 Steve Colgan (467)
	5	219 Paul Gregson (54)
	6	217 John Mealy (118)
	7	212 Brad Seger (39)
	8	207 Linda Johnson (156)
	9	202 Willie Evans (39)
	10	201 Mary Alice Russell (439)
	11	199 Lori Boyer (154)
	12	198 Jack Shumate (420)
	13	195 Pete Davis (465)
	13	195 Richard Shea (194)
	15	188 Tom Kilcoyne (318)
	16	186 Erik Locke (28)
	16	186 Rob Palmer (38)
	18	184 Ed Lawrence (452)
	18	184 Robert Lewis (54)

**Division 4 →**



edited by **Michael Barrett**



Club contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to **cwed152@gmail.com**

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Jackson Peggars Club 332 (Jackson MI)—**Dave Bosio** had a pearl necklace on April 23—the second time in three weeks a club member was shut out. Prior to this, the last recorded string of pearls was on January 22, 2020, by **Bonnie DeMoulpiéd**—the wife of **Lyle DeMoulpiéd**, who created this fantastic trophy.

## GrassRoots *Awards*

### SILVER

- Jim Diedrich (MN), 94
- Kristy Haught (NC), 58
- Larry Hayward (MI), 300
- Wally Reid (OR), 14
- Marjorie Wimmer (AK), 277

### BRONZE

- Ted Canepa (CA), 371
- Gary F. Chamberlain (MN), 94
- Michael D'Elena (RI), 109
- Eric Frey (OR), 46
- Douglas W. Hart (CA), 418
- Michael Henderson (MI), 71
- Edward M. Kane (MA), 72
- Kris Larsen (ID), 202
- John O'Donnell (CA), 306
- David C. Peterson (ME), 375
- Jeffrey S. Smith (WA), 39
- Ray Stahl (MN), 399
- Noran C. Thompson Sr. (FL), 328

## GRASS ROOTS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

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Emerald Coast Club  
 131 (Fort Walton  
 Beach FL)—on April  
 29, **Steve Duke**, → a  
 just-joined member  
 got a 29-hand on his  
 fourth week of play—  
 before he received  
 his ACC number!  
 On the same night,  
 longtime member  
**Brian Daugherty** ←  
 won a grand slam!



**Dan Sand**  
 (Grey Eagle MN)  
 Gold #239

I grew up in a family that played a lot of cards, but we did not play cribbage. When I was nineteen or twenty, a local bartender asked me one day if I knew how to play cribbage. When I replied no, he said: “Sit down and I will teach you, but I won’t do it for nothing.” So we had to play for a dollar a game. Before long that changed to \$5, and we played many games in the following years. I joined the ACC in 2000. When I started playing ACC tournaments and met Jerry Gruber, I liked the way he played the game and his demeanor when he won or lost. So I consider him my first cribbage mentor. Today, I discuss hands and strategy with my son Scott, who is also my toughest opponent at club. I attend and direct Club 94 in Saint Cloud MN, where I have been club champion three times. My first tournament win was the 2008 Granite City Classic in Saint Cloud. Non-cribbage interests include spending time with the grandkids, reading, boating, and fishing.

My father taught me how to play cribbage. I joined the ACC in 1999 and attend Club 127 in Newport OR. I’ve been club champion twice, in the 2014–15 and 2020–21 seasons. I earned my Gold ranking on April 1—and that’s no joke! I’ve won two consolations (2006 Portland Open and 2007 Timber Capital), but am still looking for my first main win. My toughest opponent at club is Walter Howell. My favorite cribbage moment this year was earning Gold, but a close second is that my club has signed up nine new players this year with a few more on the hook! Non-cribbage interests include spending time with friends and family. I have been married for thirty-eight years and have lived in Oregon my entire life.

**Monica Newton**  
 (Waldport OR)  
 Gold #241





### 28-Hands

Pauline Taylor (Club 436 in Oklahoma City OK)

### 29-Hands

Ken Brask (Club 115 in Elkins Park PA)

Kimberly Carlson (Club 307 in Colorado Springs CO)

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Club 115 (Elkins Park PA)—on the first hand of his first game, **Ken Brask**—a first-time player, new to Grass Roots and new to the ACC—gets a 29-hand! ↑ Not a bad way to start.

### Grand Slams

Daron Stevens (Club 110 in Oahu HI)  
Ron Hilson (Club 444 in Pensacola FL)



Paradise Peggers Club 110 (Oahu HI)—**Daron Stevens** ↑ is known as “O-” (read: Oh negative) because he’s a universal donor of his dues each week. On April 25, he ended his bewitched season with his first-ever grand slam (20/9 +155). Paradise Peggers plays in a warehouse. ➔ Where does your club play?



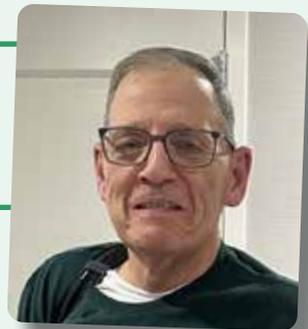
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Burbank Bombers Club 257 (Burbank CA)—**Tom Bergland** took first place in our GRNT on April 12—on his first tournament!



*Cribbage World* features lots of pictures of members with 28-hands, 29-hands, and grand slams, but here is an award of a different nature. Club 419 (Laguna Woods CA) has a pot for a 19 crib, which usually changes hands a dozen times in nine games. **Edward Guthrie** is the undisputed champ of 19 cribs! In week one, he had seven dry cribs; in week two, eight dry cribs; and in week three, nine 9 dry cribs! But he never took home the 19 crib pot at the end of the night!

**Ohio Dave** (aka **David Sniegowski**) strikes again, with his third grand slam in two years at Buckeye Club 460 in Hudson OH! This feat earned him a fifty-dollar bill from the club treasury!



New Jersey Nibs and Nobs Club 175 (Bridgewater NJ)—on April 29, **Sara Schmitt** had flushes in seven straight hands! That left her opponent, **Cathy Segal**, feeling rather flus(h)tered after this loss.

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# ACC Awards



I have been in the ACC for forty years. I'm grateful for the organization and all the people I've met along the way. We're like family. One of my favorite tournaments is the National Open in North Carolina;

**Frank Reddy**  
(Winthrop MA)  
Life Master (★)

I love its five full days of cribbage from the time you get up till the time you go to bed. Though it took me a while, I've been lucky there the last twenty-two years. **[editor's note:** Frank won the

National Open in both 2003 and 2015] Since retiring from the post office two and a half years ago I've taken over the Grass Roots club and also become a judge and tournament director. I was recently

sought out to teach cribbage as an adult night course for five weeks at a high school in New Hampshire. Boston is a great sports town, so I enjoy following all the teams, especially the Red Sox. I love playing bingo and taking the baby—eleven-year-old Flip—to the park.



Some things  
never change!

I joined the ACC in the fall of 2003 at the age of 20, but my full blown addiction to this game didn't set in until 2011. And it's been a central part of my life ever since. Rob Medeiros is cribbage mentor; if he disagrees with my play,

**Terrance Cushman Jr.**  
(Conway SC)  
Life Master

I'll run it by Erik Locke; and if Erik agrees with Rob . . . then I'm forced to confront the awful reality that I probably did something really stupid. My first tournament win was in June 2013 against Bruce Sattler in Portsmouth NH. I have



been extremely fortunate to have won seventeen others in the preceding years. Having played every legacy tournament multiple times, my

favorite tournament these days is when I'm in a new region with a crowd I barely know. The energy is a lot different, and the tournament experience feels very new all over again. Lately my toughest opponent is Tom Brent. And my easiest opponent is Megan Player!



My grandpa, Floyd Aiello, taught me how to play cribbage. I would watch my dad, David Aiello, and my uncles Rick and Brian Smith play at Christmas parties (Uncle Brain just joined the ACC). After joining

**David Aiello**  
(Kenosha WI)  
Grand Master

the ACC in 2018, I would stand behind better players at tournaments and watch them in between my games and ask questions. I love talking strategy with Erik Locke, Bryan Gurden, and Scott Sand.

A member of Club 197 in Kenosha WI, I have been club champion six times. My first tournament win was at the Brat Stop in Kenosha in 2019. I have now won seven tournaments. I earned my Grand Master ranking in Reno when I was high qualifier with my best card (41/18). My favorite tournaments are the ACC Open, TOC, and Grand

National. My toughest opponents in club are Max Steplyk and Emilio Perez; in tournaments, lately it has been Dan Selke. My non-cribbage interests include enjoying my kids grow up, taking family trips, and fantasy football. I love cribbage because it lets me meet new people and share stories. It allows me to go to different cities that I probably wouldn't go to. I also like it because it is like a traveling cribbage family. Almost everyone is very friendly and kind.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Alaska State Championship (Anchorage AK; 3/15)	C. J. Kim	18 players HQ. Jay Bonk (40) 1. Allen Wilson (70) 2. Jay Bonk (42) 3. Daulph Plummer (21) 3. Stephen Yates (21)	{no consy}		
New England Festival 1 (Abington MA; 3/21)	Joseph Bowen	44 players HQ. Donna LaFleur (45) 1. Donna LaFleur (105) 2. Michael Dostoomian (70) 3. Marty Duchow (42) 3. Jerry Hardy (42)	28 players HQ. Richard Nourse (18) 1. <b>Craig Greene</b> (40) 2. Jack Silvia (24) 3. William Cormier (12) 3. Richard Nourse (12)		Friday: William Sampson
New England Festival 2 (Abington MA; 3/22)	Mike D'Elena	64 players HQ. Patrick Robrecht (50) 1. Cynthia Wark (105) 2. Mike Fetchel (70) 3. John Bartlett (42) 3. David Statz (42)	44 players HQ. Donald Janelle (18) 1. William Cormier (60) 2. Richard Nourse (40) 3. Donald Janelle (24) 3. Brian McCoy (24)		Canadian Doubles: Michael Turilli & Donald Janelle
Mexican Riviera Cruise 1 (3/24)	Winona McDaniel	44 players HQ. Kevin Mansfield (35) 1. Doug Dresbach (105) 2. Kevin Mansfield (70) 3. Winona McDaniel (42) 3. Troy Thorson (42)	22 players HQ. Vicky Fry (18) 1. <b>Kathy Puccinelli</b> (40) 2. Vicky Fry (24) 3. Deborah Colbert (12) 3. Dave Yaeger (12)		
Mexican Riviera Cruise 2 (3/28)	Michael McDaniel	40 players HQ. Scott Fritz (55) 1. Scott Fritz (105) 2. Carol Williams (70) 3. Doug Dresbach (42) 3. Steve Hastie (42)	28 players HQ. Joellen Froseth (21) 1. Winona McDaniel (40) 2. Joellen Froseth (24) 3. Mike McDaniel (12) 3. Greg Schleusner (12)		

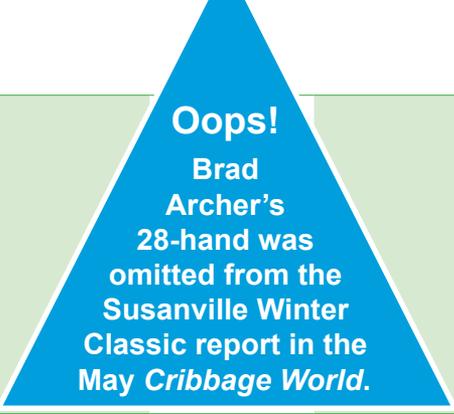
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Mexican Riviera 3 (3/27)	Michael McDaniel	38 players HQ. Kevin Mansfield (30) 1. Dave Yaeger (105) 2. Kevin Mansfield (70) 3. Deborah Colbert (42) 3. Winona McDaniel (42)	{no consy}		
Kirks Ferry Challenge (Brownsville OR; 3/28)	Julia Sche- wanick	33 players HQ. Kai Lemrise (50) 1. William O'Malley (105) 2. Jack Shumate (70) 3. Kai Lemrise (42) 3. Bernie Nelson (42)	18 players HQ. Julia Schewanick (15) 1. Paul Hirschmann (40) 2. Julia Schewanick (24) 3. Mike McCammon (12) 3. Shelly Morton (12)		Early Bird: Edgar Tuttle Canadian Doubles: Robert Simpson & Jack Lien
Blarney Stone Battle (South Windsor CT; 3/29)	Phil Martin	56 players HQ. Walter Brideaux (35) 1. Mike Fetchel (105) 2. Harvey Bourdeau (70) 3. Walter Brideaux (42) 3. Donna LaFleur (42)	32 players HQ. Jerry Hardy (21) 1. <b>Bonnie Fife</b> (40) 2. James Sullivan (24) 3. Jerry Hardy (12) 3. Peter Legendre (12)		 <p>Oops! Brad Archer's 28-hand was omitted from the Susanville Winter Classic report in the May Cribbage World.</p>
Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial (Newport OR; 4/5)	Pete Larsen	70 players HQ. Matt Padrow (70) 1. <b>Courtney Locke</b> (147) 2. Bill Klem (105) 3. Jennifer Bolles (70) 3. Roy Hofbauer (70)	54 players HQ. Pamela Pomeroy (21) 1. Don Dolezal (60) 2. Richard Simmons (40) 3. Pamela Pomeroy (24) 3. Marilyn White (24)		
Granite State Classic (Nashua NH; 4/6)	David Statz & Mary Burlington	88 players HQ. Roger Rondeau (40) 1. Jerry Hardy (147) 2. Barry Spadea (105) 3. Mary Burlington (70) 3. Guy Spezzafarro (70)	40 players HQ. Jack Puleo (21) 1. Frank Reddy (60) 2. John Pappas (40) 3. Jack Puleo (24) 3. James Sullivan (24)		

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Spring Fling (Newport OR; 4/1)	Rick Baird	62 players HQ. Don Hansen (40) 1. Bryan Gurden (105) 2. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Chris McComas (42) 3. Brad Wellstead (42)	46 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (15) 1. Pamela Pomeroy (60) 2. Duane Toll (40) 3. Bob Bartosh (24) 3. Ronnie Murakami (24)	28-hands: Scott Earley* (x2)	
Alea River Open (Newport OR; 4/10)	Carole Herron	60 players HQ. Duane Toll (50) 1. William O'Malley (105) 2. Charlene Cohen (70) 3. Greg Schleusner (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	48 players HQ. Carol Williams (18) 1. Bruce McGillivray (60) 2. Carl Luckenbill (40) 3. Ray Klocko (24) 3. Terry Ryckman (24)	28-hand: Carol Perko*	
Dean Bauman Memorial #6 (Newport OR; 4/11)	Monica Newton	72 players HQ. Don Hansen (50) 1. <b>Timothy Johnson</b> (147) 2. Wayne Momsen (105) 3. Don Hansen (70) 3. Jeanne Jeilke (70)	38 players HQ. Jennifer Bolles (12) 1. Ray Klocko (60) 2. Tricia Josi (40) 3. Scott Earley (24) 3. Duane Toll (24)	28-hands: Junko Larsen* Pete Larsen* Robert Simpson*	<i>Traditional Doubles:</i> Carol Williams & Mike McCammon
Friday Pre- Fling (Durham NC; 4/11)	Jennifer Johnson	44 players HQ. Thomas Goeschel (35) 1. Barri Gehrand (105) 2. Eric Davis (70) 3. Thomas Goeschel (42) 3. David Statz (42)	30 players HQ. Keith Miller (21) 1. Keith Widener (40) 2. Catherine Perkins (24) 3. Michael Burnham (12) 3. Keith Miller (12)		
Marv Lang Memorial (Rockford IL; 4/11)	Dan Selke	61 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (55) 1. David Aiello (105) 2. Betsy Miller (70) 3. Michael Grage (42) 3. John Shoemaker (42)	42 players HQ. Charles Wolfe (18) 1. Lana Newhouse (60) 2. Bob Hanes (40) 3. Henry Brandner (24) 3. Charles Wolfe (24)	28-hands: Chad Frischmann* Lisa Wagner*	<i>Friday:</i> Betsy Miller <i>Canadian Doubles:</i> Allen Karr & Glenn Gauthier

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Raleigh Spring Fling (Durham NC; 4/12)	Jennifer Johnson	54 players HQ. Philip Beauregard (40) 1. Philip Beauregard (105) 2. Barri Gehrand (70) 3. Mary Burlington (42) 3. Keith Miller (42)	33 players HQ. Rick Allen (15) 1. John Morch (60) 2. Laurie Schmitz (40) 3. Wilbur Paul (24) 3. Fran Ward (24)	28-hand: Fran Ward*	Friday: Shane Lewis Canadian Doubles: Megan Player & John Morch
Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge (Cheyenne WY; 4/12)	Jim Rosso	30 players HQ. Wayland Kuhnelt (30) 1. Steve Sundet (70) 2. Raymond Sautter (42) 3. Tim Connors (21) 3. Larry McKinney (21)	16 players HQ. Al Pernicek (6) 1. Al Pernicek (24) 2. Shirley Moschetti (12) 3. Bob Barratt (4) 3. Vincent Tumeo (4)		
Wyoming Spring Roundup (Cheyenne WY; 4/13)	Jim Rosso	24 players HQ. Tom Palmer (40) 1. Tom Palmer (70) 2. Arun Sautter (42) 3. Wayland Kuhnelt (21) 3. Al Pernicek (21)	14 players HQ. Steve Sundet (18) 1. David Bute (24) 2. Steve Sundet (12) 3. Larry McKinney (4) 3. Ken Nelson (4)		
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 4/19)	Alice Souza	32 players HQ. Wayne Morris (55) 1. Dennis Morin (70) 2. Stan Katzman (42) 3. Paul Gregson (21) 3. Dick Lind (21)	18 players HQ. Ted Canepa (15) 1. Beverly Castillo (40) 2. Steve Hastie (24) 3. Chris Branson (12) 3. Ted Canepa (12)	28-hand: Ross Njaa*	
Pine Tree Open (Bangor ME; 4/19)	Joseph Bowen	21 players HQ. Mark Soule (45) 1. Steven Braley (70) 2. Matt Chadwick (42) 3. James Mahon (21) 3. Mark Soule (21)	10 players HQ. Jim Chadwick (18) 1. Carlyle Foss (24) 2. Jim Chadwick (12) 3. Jerry Hardy (4)		

**Cribology**  
 submitted by Donna LaFleur  
 (Bristol CT)  
**MUSIC** (as in “I hear music”) — a  
 dead crib, because it’s music to  
 your opponent’s ears when you  
 have a 19-crib

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Deadwood Open (Deadwood SD; 4/24)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selk, John Hazlett	145 players HQ. Chris Melheim (65) 1. Les Kvien (196) 2. Bob Hanes (147) 3. John Schmidt (105) 3. Rick Vee (105) 5. Jay Edwards (70) 5. Ronnie Murakami (70) 5. Bill Schlages (70) 5. Allan Stanek (70)	114 players HQ. John Hazlett (18) 1. John Hazlett (84) 2. Doug Page (60) 3. Joe McChurch (40) 3. Zelma Strandell (40)	28-hands: Edward Balcer* Richard Frost* Mary Gates* Dale Peterson*	Early Bird: Rick Vee Canadian Doubles: Jay Edwards & Rick Mill
Aces & Eights (Deadwood SD; 4/26)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selk, John Hazlett	154 players HQ. Michael Henze (60) 1. David Statz (196) 2. Wanda Berry (147) 3. Mark Cochran (105) 3. Jim Mahan (105) 5. Jon Madland (70) 5. Bill Meinen (70) 5. Mike Poole (70) 5. Allan Stanek (70)	86 players HQ. Jason Matheny (18) 1. Jason Matheny (84) 2. Steve Schneider (60) 3. Richard Frost (40) 3. Terry Weber (40)	28-hands: Kevin McMullen* Rick Mill*	
Calamity Jane Open (Deadwood SD; 4/27)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selk, John Hazlett	113 players HQ. Dan Selke (35) 1. Patrick Barrett (147) 2. Jason Matheny (105) 3. Edward Balcer (70) 3. Mary Gates (70)	38 players HQ. Richard Frost (18) 1. Arun Sautfer (60) 2. Joellen Froeth (40) 3. Sara Sanner (24) 3. Sheila Vojtech (24)	28-hand: Jason Matheny*	
Humboldt Bay Classic (Eureka CA; 5/2)	Rick & Peggy Shea	36 players HQ. Tom Langford (50) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Charlene Cohen (70) 3. Tom Langford (42) 3. James Langley (42)	20 players HQ. Jared Soekland (12) 1. Bill Schlages (40) 2. Richard Shea (24) 3. Sheryl Brekke (12) 3. Jared Soekland (12)	28-hand: Ray Hatcher*	

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Humboldt Bay One Day (Eureka CA; 5/2)	Tom Cook- man	30 players HQ. Van Ray (35) 1. Richard Shea (70) 2. Paul Gregson (42) 3. Lisa Humiston (21) 3. James Langley (21)	{no consy}		
South Shore Open (Abington MA; 5/4)	Mike D'Elena	68 players HQ. Joey Bowen (30) 1. Vicki Soule (147) 2. Roy Schaffer (105) 3. Mary Burlington (70) 3. Richard Nourse (70)	32 players HQ. Stephen Dugas (27) 1. Stephen Dugas (40) 2. Jerry Hardy (24) 3. Patrick Robrecht (12) 3. Paige Thomas (12)	29-hand: Vicki Soule*	



Look who **Courtney Locke** (Troutdale OR) beat on her way to her first tournament win in Newport OR on April 6!



*New Cribbage Life Master*  
**Michael Burnham**  
 (Cartersville GA) ➔

*New Cribbage Masters*  
**Howard Pearson** (Black Hawk SD)  
**Steve Sundet** (Fort Morgan CO)

## CRIBBAGE OVERVIEW

### Playing the Game

- Cut for deal: low card deals.
- Dealer shuffles at least three times and offers cut to the pone.
- Dealer starts by dealing a card to the pone (nondealer), then to themselves, until each player has six cards.
- Each player discards two cards into the crib, which is the property of the dealer.
- The starter card is cut and turned over.
- The pone starts the pegging process to 31 by playing the first card. The dealer plays next, and then back to the pone. If a player whose turn it is to lay a card cannot play below a 31 count, he or she says “go.” The other player then plays all available cards up to 31, and then takes one point for the “go” or two points if they reach 31 exactly. All played cards must remain exposed during the pegging process.
- Remember: 15s, runs, and pairs (two, three, or four of a kind) can be counted during the pegging process. If a Jack is cut as the starter card, that is called “His Heels,” and the person flipping over the card (the dealer) immediately gets two points.
- Once all the cards have been laid out, the pone counts their hand, followed by the dealer counting his/her hand, and then the crib.
- After all hands have been counted, shuffle the cards, alternate the deal, and restart the process listed above.
- The game ends when someone reaches the “out” hole (hole #121).

### Quick Counting Reference Guide

- 15s = 2 points
- runs = 1 point for each card
- pair = 2 points
- three of a kind = 6 points
- four of a kind = 12 points
- nobs (having a Jack in your hand that is the same suit as the starter card) = 1 point

## Teaching Cribbage to Seniors

*by Dan Zeisler (Grass Valley CA)*

I developed the handout above  after teaching a group of senior citizens through a community-outreach program sponsored by our local junior college. After our first two-hour lesson, they had the basic concepts of the game, but when they came back for the next session, many of them had questions about the format of play. This overview is the result, which they all said helped them immensely when away from the classroom. Due to their positive feedback, I want to share it with anyone who wants to expose a new player to cribbage. Feel free to share this tool so your student can practice with another novice player, or even teach a family member at home. If you would like an electronic version of the handout, send me a request at [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com).

# GRAND NATIONAL 43



**SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 5, 2025**

The ACC's forty-third Grand National will be held in Deadwood SD the first week of October. This weeklong cluster of events will include two mains, two consolations, and nine satellite tourneys.

Directed by the team that brought you the Deadwood tripleheader the past five years—**David Aiken, Patrick and Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, and John Hazlett**—this GN is anticipating 400 cribbage players to descend on Deadwood this fall.

An awards banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, October 4, will honor award winners in all three ACC divisions: tournaments, clubs, and online.

And if you want to take a break from cribbage, Deadwood is conveniently located near some of the most beautiful scenery and tourist attractions in the Upper Midwest: Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower, Custer State Park, and of course historic downtown Deadwood itself.

Look for more info about GN43 in the coming months, but in the meantime you can find a detailed flyer containing complete information on **cribbage.org** (click the “tourneys” tab, then “Grand National”).

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# Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

The first American Cribbage Congress rulebook was printed in 1981 (see my April 2025 column). Counting the gold covers, this first rulebook was 24 pages long, but the rules themselves were barely over six pages long. This rulebook included lots of other material: ACC info (4 pages), general advertisements (4), and tournament ads (4) plus three pages labeled “How to Play Cribbage” and two pages of “General Tournament Guidelines.”

The majority of the rules in the first rulebook were the same as those listed in the book *How to Win at Cribbage*, published in 1980 by ACC President **Joseph Petrus Wergin**. The 1981 rulebook devoted one section to eleven topics: shuffling, cutting, dealing, the crib, the starter card, playing, pegging, showing and scoring, penalties, muggins, and “situations not covered above.”

The Board of Directors passed the “must cut the pack” prior to dealing the cards in the spring of 1981. This rule had not been passed prior to Wergin publishing his book in 1980, but it was listed as rule II.2 in the 1981 rulebook, which was distributed free to all ACC members that summer.

The 1981 rulebook did not mention false claim of game or discuss the two dozen combination of cards being dealt correct, too few, or too many in the hand and/or crib. A number of Midwest tournament directors and board members felt that we needed rules for these situations, so in late 1982, a half-dozen of us met for a weekend in Milwaukee WI to discuss these two issues.

We came up with ways to adjudicate these mistakes in the fairest way possible. Our recommendations were passed by the Board of Directors with some minor tweaks. These new rules were then included in the white 1984 rulebook: false claim of game was listed in rule VIII.5, and “incorrect number of cards” was listed under rule IV.5, along with twenty “rules governing the specific situations.” This framework has been used for the past four decades in the various editions of the rulebooks, with improvements and modifications to the individual situations through the years.

I was honored to serve on the Rules Committee for many years in the 1980s and '90s, and I certainly have admiration for those folks who have served on the Rules Committee and as ACC judges. Current *Cribbage World* editor **David Aiken** has edited and typeset five editions of the rulebook (2004, 2010, 2016, 2020, and the forthcoming 2025 version). To conclude, here is a list of members of the very first and the current ACC Rules Committees. ➔

1981 Rules Committee	2025 Rules Committee
Joseph Wergin (WI), chair	Jeanne Jelke (CA), chair
James Arblaster (FL)	Rick Baird (OR)
Everett Bey (CA)	Roland Hall (CA)
John Chambers (RI)	Bob Joslin (MN)
Elbert Hargesheimer (NY)	Peggy Shea (CA)
Robert Immel (MN)	Rick Shea (CA)
Thomas Miller (MO)	Mark Soule (ME)
Robert Read (FL)	Darlene Stier (AZ)



## Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

### Discarding

I recently received email from **Michael Rogers** of Century Peggers Club 100 in Napa CA. He was the pone when he was dealt 4-5-5-6-x-x. He immediately tossed x-x to the dealer's crib. The dealer picked up their hand and said: "How many cards do you have? I have eight!" Obviously the dealer had scooped up the two discards along with the six they were dealt. So Michael, being the good natured person that he is, said "Don't sweat it. Just redeal."

What is the correct ruling here? The table under rule 4.4.c points you to 4.4.d(5), which basically says that the excess cards are placed in the crib by the players, but it doesn't really cover the fact that the dealer now knows what cards were tossed by the pone and they get to choose the four crib cards.

The appropriate rule here is rule 5.2b: **If either player examines the crib before discarding to it, there is a two-point penalty. Then the nonoffending**

**player blindly selects two cards from the offender's hand, looks at the two cards, then places them in the crib.**

Before that occurs, however, judges should determine what cards were tossed by the pone, and those cards retrieved and placed in the crib. If those cards are unknown, then the pone shall blindly draw the four cards from the dealer's cards to determine the crib, and both players are allowed to see all four cards.

So here is a little test question for you: did Michael handle his game correctly? The answer is yes! There was no requirement for a judge to be called for this particular infraction, therefore, the two players can agree among themselves on how to handle the problem. But if judges are called, then the judges must follow the rulebook accordingly.

Remember, whenever there is any doubt, call for a judge. And as always, let's have fun!

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

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)

# Crib Pointers

by DAVID AIKEN

## Raggedy

The precise reason that A-A-6-7-8 is called “Raggedy Ann” is now lost to history. It is likely because at first glance this hand doesn’t seem terribly impressive, but as you start adding 15-2s to the pair and the run of three, before you know it, the points add up to 13. Riches out of rags!

An alternate suggestion comes from longtime ACC/BOD/HOF member **Catherine Perkins** (Bear Creek NC). Cathy thinks that the name Raggedy Ann is actually a dialectical corruption of the phrase “raggedy hand.” Since some Southern American English speakers tend to drop initial *H* in words like *harm*, *heat*, or *home*, the same might have happened with our term, leading from *raggedy hand* to *raggedy and* to *raggedy an(n)*.

Whatever the origin, it is important that all cribbage players learn to recognize this and similar hands. No cribbage player worth their salt should ever need to itemize the count in a Raggedy Ann, but if you want the proof, here it is: ➡

Related hands are Raggedy Andy (using a pair of Deuces instead of Aces), Raggedy Nonbinary (using both an Ace and a Deuce; the names for this hand are many, not all of them complimentary), and “the Other Raggedy Andy.”

This last hand, 2-2-5-6-7, is every bit as ragged as its cousins Ann and Andy, but its base is 5-6-7 instead of 6-7-8, and it is found with only a pair of Deuces and not Aces.

Memorizing all four hands in the list below ↓ will not only make your game go faster, but it will give you confidence (no more: “Umm, did I count that fifteen? Wait, let me start over.”).

Here’s a mnemonic for remembering which hand is Ann and which is Andy: women come first (Ace before Deuce) and are more important (13 instead of 11 points), thus Raggedy Ann has a pair of Aces and a value of 13.

Finally, there’s a wonderful, albeit rarer, variation on this hand: hold a flush consisting of A-6-7-8 and cut an Ace. This is called a Royal Ann, and the four points for the flush bring its value to 17. The two Raggedy Andys can increase to 15 points with a flush, and the Nonbinary can go to either 13 or 14 points.

If you learn to recognize these hands at a glance, it will improve your game. These ragged hands have a rich payoff!

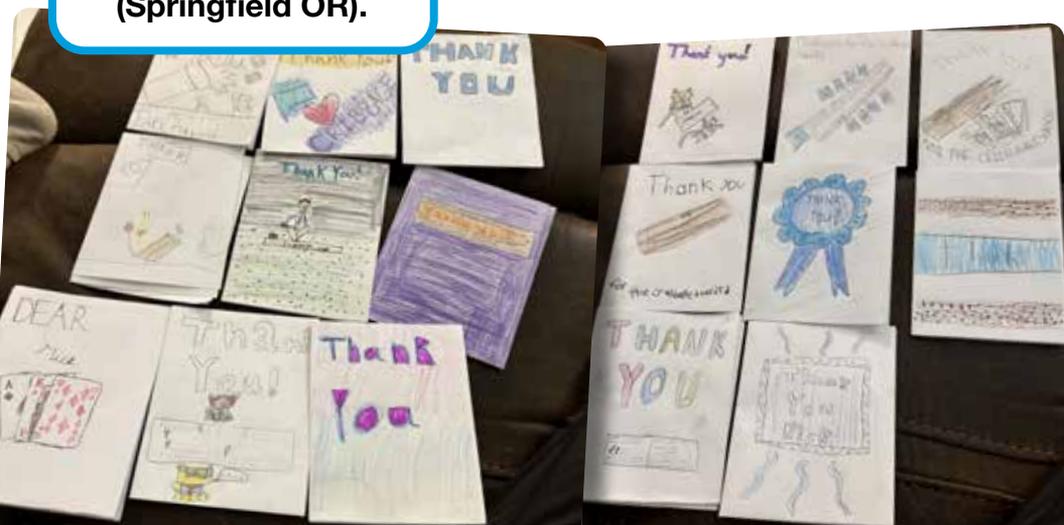
cards	value
fifteen: 7-8	2
fifteen: A-6-8	2
fifteen: A-6-8	2
fifteen: A-A-6-7	2
pair: A-A	2
run of three: 6-7-8	3
	<b>13</b>

hand	cards	value
Raggedy Ann	A-A-6-7-8	13
Raggedy Andy	2-2-6-7-8	11
Raggedy Nonbinary	A-2-6-7-8	9
The Other Raggedy Andy	2-2-5-6-7	11



**What does the Youth Program do with donations, and does it make a difference?**

**Here, students at Hunsberger Elementary School in Reno NV (teacher: Aaron Grossman) receive a gift of cribbage boards, made by Richard Pierce (Springfield OR).**



# Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

June is here! The sun is shining. The flowers are showing their colors. The birds are singing! Last month, we celebrated Mom, so this month let's celebrate Dad. June is great, as I go to Hampton Beach every year with a girlfriend. (Mark does survive without me!) Other days you may not know about. June 1 is National Game Show Day. (There's a thought, cribbage as a game show? Let's do it, creative people!) June 10 is National Black Cow Day. (I was excited, as anyone who knows me knows my love for cows. This National Black Cow Day is for a root beer float, almost as good.) And for that one person in New England who likes milkshakes: June 20 is National Milkshake Day. (You're welcome, **Just Rob!**)

Nashua NH was the place to be on April 6 for the Granite State Open, directed by **Mary Burlington** and **Just David**, who has had an amazing qualifying streak! With 88 players battling, **Jerry Hardy** came in first and breakfast clubber **Barry Spadea** took second. In the consolation, **Raleigh Frank Reddy** came out on top of the field with one of our newer members, **John Pappas** coming in second.

Raleigh Spring Fling, directed by the NC dynamic duo **Megafer** (**Jennifer Johnson** and **Megan Player**) was held on April 11–13 in the home of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the National Open Cribbage Tournament. **Barri Gehrand** won the Friday Pre-Fling over **Eric Davis**, with the consolation final featuring two of the ACC's OG and two of our first members, **Keith Widener** over **Cathy Perkins**. That is a popcorn match! Saturday saw **Phil Beauregard**, formerly of New England, now South Carolina, take the win over Friday's winner, **Barri Gehrand**. The consolation saw hometown hero **John Morch** over Virginia's **Laurie Schmitz**. Congrats to Jennifer and Megan for a great weekend!

Directed by **Joe Bowen** and **Steve Braley**, the Pine Tree Open was held the Saturday before Easter in Bangor ME. Codirector Steve Braley took the win over newcomer **Matt Chadwick**. The consolation saw Bangor club player **Carlyle Foss** over another newcomer, **Jim Chadwick**. New England has a tournament almost every week-end between now and the end of the cribbage year. Good luck to all the directors and players! Play fair, have fun! See you next month!



## Vicki's June Funnies

**Q.** Where do sheep go on vacation?

**A.** BAAA-hamas.

**Q.** What happens to cows who get too much sun?

**A.** They turn into evaporated milk.

**Q.** Why do fish like to eat worms?

**A.** Because they get hooked on them.

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros

Canadian doubles has certainly captured the imagination of most of the ACC universe in recent years. The strategy of the game, however, is pretty simplistic: match your opponents' cards—at least up until the last hand of the game—and remember what cards you handed to your partner. In my next couple of columns I'll try to provide a few more nuanced tips (as much as they are worth considering my spotty success at the game!)

Let's say your partner sets up your hand and you play second. You are given the monster hand of 2-3-4-K. Your opponent leads a Jack; what's your play? Well if this were singles cribbage, the 3 or 4 would be the optimum play. In this situation, however, I would play the King. Why?

It's likely the first player has a hand of pictures or pictures and 5s; therefore the hand he gave his opponent likely has other cards. If you play your 3 or 4 you open the hand up to a myriad of pegging possibilities for your opponent. Another advantage of the King play is the revelation of more knowledge about their hand: it's likely they will play their highest card in response if they can't score any points with a Q or K response, so if they play an 8 it's highly likely they have a middle card hand, which is excellent news for your team since it appears that's the hand your partner has with his discard to you. If you are lucky the count will come back for you at 28 to close out with your 3. There's also the added benefit of having the opponent's middles lead to your partner's middles, and we all know who comes out best in that scenario.

So when you are pegging in Canadian Doubles, don't think of the best singles response; think of the best doubles response.

**Rob analyzes Canadian Doubles pegging from his home in Massachusetts. Email questions to him at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**



**Christmas in Manila.** This is only half of Maria's family: fifty-four people—plenty to hold a cribbage tourney! (see page 31)



The  
*Kat Hartsell*  
EXPERIENCE

It's been a busy spring at the Kat Ranch. New chicks have arrived, and I find myself emerged in the chirp-chirping of my new flock. Yes I said flock, not just a couple cute babies but dozens.

You're thinking, why so many? Well, I blame **Edgar Tuttle** of the Roseburg OR club. No, he didn't give me the chicks, but he did donate two dozen eggs to the Sutherlin tournament in March. The high nonqualifiers were to receive a dozen farm-fresh eggs (something about eggs being hard to find or skyrocketing prices?). When the tournament ended, the eggs were still on the table and I like eggs, so I said I would take them. On the way home a suggestion was made to hatch the eggs. While I didn't know if the Tuttle Ranch had a rooster, I took a chance and put them in the incubator. Well, okay, I put half in, as my dog knocked the other half on the floor.

This was my first time hatching baby chicks, but I have been raising chicken for twelve years). Twenty-one days after they were put in the incubator, out popped five Tuttle chicks. My kids loved watching the eggs every day and naming each chick.

Where did the other twenty chicks come from? Well let's be honest, a girl needs variety. So thank you to all the local farm stores . . . and Edgar Tuttle.

The Grass Roots season has wrapped up for the Spokane-area clubs and on the last night, I finished with a 12-card as a visitor, 12 GRPs closer to that coveted Bronze. I am a goal setter and maybe a bit competitive! Bronze is my goal in 2026. I'm doing what I can to beat my bestie and work wife, **Tracie Swanson**, to that goal! [*editor's note:* Kat needs 158 points and Tracie needs 168 to reach Bronze.]

Congratulations to my number two, the guy who is always there at club so that I can scratch my travel itch and meet people across the nation, **Tim Julkowski**, on the Club 377 championship!



# CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist  
 ~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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Even though all *Cribbage World* readers love cribbage, many of us also enjoy other games of skill and strategy. Chess, backgammon, and bridge are examples of games that are also played worldwide.

In East and Southeast Asia, many people play mahjong. Maria and I regularly play mahjong when we visit the Philippines. Mahjong is like cribbage in many ways. Both over 300 years old, both require strategy to win consistently, and both have an element of luck based on the “dealing” of the cards (or tiles). The final and most important similarity: both ACC cribbage and mahjong are played for money.

While standard cribbage cards have four suits, mahjong tiles have three suits plus a fourth set of special elements (or honors). The special element tiles may or may not be used in a mahjong game, depending on the regional rules. And just like with cribbage (e.g., the difference between Canadian Doubles and Traditional Doubles), there are many mahjong variations. While working in Southeast Asia for over thirty years, I learned major variations from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, and Malaysia.

Mahjong sets sold in Western countries have Western-style numbers on them, making them easy for English-speaking players to read. Mahjong sets sold in Asia require players to read Chinese numerals to properly collect the straight flushes. After I learned how to read Chinese mahjong tiles, I could read road signs while traveling in China and Taiwan.

Unfortunately for me, my ability to read Chinese mahjong tiles didn't help me when playing Maria at cribbage. Maria won two of three games, increasing her lead to eight games.



# Internet Cribbage

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Please be sure to check the statistics pages of the “Play

Online” section of **cribbage.org** (“internet” section if accessing from a phone). The top 10% leaderboard and new eMaster levels are

updated around the first of every month, not after each tourney. It is up to each player to check for errors or missing statistics. If you notice anything that you think is incorrect, immediately contact ACC internet statistician **John Schafer** ([givemea19@gmail.com](mailto:givemea19@gmail.com)). Thanks for your hard work on stats, John!

**Jen, June,** and I are taking the TD show on the road for a new double-header in Columbia SC! This is Jen’s first live ACC tourney as director, and June’s director experience is a tremendous gift. This new location intends to be centralized

for Eastern Region players, with the hope of having two or three a year. (Jen is already working on it!) We expect ninety players and are looking forward to seeing many internet players there. We hope that some of you will meet each other live, if you haven’t before. It’s a lot of fun to be able to picture and “hear” players once you’ve met face-to-face.

Every TD has personal things going on in June and July that will limit their ability to host as often as usual. This will be extra noticeable during the National Open. I can’t stress enough that you need to check in early to secure a spot, as there will probably be many “no-split” tourneys. If you are a last minute slide-in, you may not be able to play if the TD has reached the limit. This means that the tourney may look open at that point, but the check-in program has closed.

Please note that if the TD closes early, they will still wait until the listed time to actually start the tourney.

*Point Leader of the Month*  
**Kevin Anderson** ([tevdodd](mailto:tevdodd)) @ 156 IRPs

## internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	988	Ron Shelton (red29rws)
2	937	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
3	874	James Morrow (29seeker)
4	828	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
5	825	Nick Severson (ogshmoo)
6	824	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
7	820	Bernard Kitheka (wanzelu)
8	816	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
9	799	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
10	762	Pat Liegl (patco1950)

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# New Members

88 last month

## Alaska

Donna Hall (Wasilla)

## Arizona

Renee Villani (Green Valley)

## Arkansas

Charles Kimsal (Little Rock)

## California

Terri Barileau (Valencia)

LeeAnn Clements (Oakland)

Elaina Colvin-DeVoss (Sherman Oaks)

Mark Cox (Eureka)

Elio DiClaudio (Hermosa Beach)

Ben Jacob (Bayside)

Greg Kunz (Santa Maria)

Al Wolfing (San Diego)

Nancy Wolfing (San Diego)

## Colorado

Michael Desaulniers (Westminster)

## Delaware

Margaret Opsata (Dover)

## Florida

Alisa Fernandez (Pensacola)

Michael Power (Wellington)

Stephen Ritter (Vero Beach)

## Georgia

Denise Harwood (Mableton)

## Idaho

Randy Elsethagen (Idaho Falls)

Leslee Martin (Idaho Falls)

## Illinois

Julia Petrich (Chicago)

## Indiana

Sylvia Nagle (McCordsville)

## Maine

Scott King (Lincoln)

Jeffrey Lapiere (Saco)

Dakota Roy (Litchfield)

Johnathan Ruiz (Portland)

## Massachusetts

Rita Castro (Oak Bluffs)

Andria Jason (Chilmark)

Mary Murtland (Lancaster)

Aldo Reitsma (Bridgewater)

## Michigan

Joni Brummel (Hamilton)

Roger DeVries (Grand Rapids)

Floyd Kienitz (Chatham)

Andrew Schmidt (Ann Arbor)

Rich Thome (Sparta)

## Minnesota

Kelly Olson (Apple Valley)

Karen Tschimperle (Redwood Falls)

Rick Tschimperle (Redwood Falls)

## Montana

Kim Cooper (Billings)

Ryan Cooper (Billings)

John Greenwood (Deer Lodge)

Monty Greenwood (Deer Lodge)

Erikka Hagstrom (Billings)

John McGuire (Deer Lodge)

## Nevada

Todd Hancock (Pahrump)

## New Hampshire

Terri Drogue (Keene)

Frank Fratea (Swanzy)

Al Hubbard (Derry)

Jonathan Schor (Hooksett)

## Ontario

Allan Harris (Uxbridge)

## Oregon

William Bolliger (Salem)

Patricia Gardunia (Prineville)

Lee Lawrence (Waldport)

Duane Ritchie (Monmouth)

Stephen Walum (Lincoln City)

Keith Wittnebel (Medford)

## Pennsylvania

Ken Brask (Yardley)

Douglas Krebs (West Chester)

Dean Michelson (Swarthmore)

## Virginia

Kelly Holschuh (Poquoson)

## Washington

Jennie Bilman (Bremerton)

Rick Bonacci (Coupeville)

Todd Butler (Tumwater)

Russ Cogswell (Spokane)

Dean Le Gare (Poulsbo)

Carolyne Nixon (Winlock)

Bethany Pahl (Sequim)

Richard Pardur (Tacoma)

Jay Reandeau (Shelton)

Steve Ringuette (Oak Harbor)

Tim Smith (Spokane)

Jodi Tucker (Spokane Valley)

Ken Tucker (Spokane Valley)

## Wisconsin

Charlie Duerr (Abbotsford)

Charles Dunbar (Iron River)

Ezra Kazee (Rib Lake)

Peter Martin (Brule)

Brian Paegelow (Wisconsin Rapids)

Elly Paegelow (Wisconsin Rapids)

Ansley Petushek (Oconomowoc)

Easton Petushek (Oconomowoc)

Matthew Petushek (Oconomowoc)

Sarah Petushek (Oconomowoc)

Cecilia Schiller (Brule)

Cole Siegel (Fitchburg)

Theo Siegel (Fitchburg)

Brad Vivoda (Appleton)

Tom Wilczewski (Madison)

## Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

### Youth Tournament Trail

- June 28 • Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV) ← PROMO IN MAY CW
- July 24 • New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME)



# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of May 9

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	1842	Erik Locke	1	2003	Jim Mahan	1	1609	David Statz
2	1343	Bob Brumley	2	1335	Terry Weber	2	1158	Robert Medeiros
3	1229	Bob Bartosh	3	1271	Scott Sand	3	1003	Mary Burlington
4	1075	Bill Schlabes	4	1046	David Aiello	4	945	Jerry Hardy
5	1045	Paul Gregson	5	996	Steven Steinmetz	5	900	Peter Legendre
6	978	Duane Toll	6	931	Cynthia Wark	6	898	Donna LaFleur
7	949	Dave Yaeger	7	812	Al Pernicke	7	882	Mark Soule
8	918	Richard Shea	8	765	Haley Hintze	8	808	Phil Martin
9	840	Peggy Shea	9	718	Jeff Shimp	9	688	Terrance Cushman
10	825	Bernie Nelson	10	693	Jason Matheny	10	679	Frank Abernathy
11	745	Carol Williams	11	654	Marsha Mahan	11	669	Stephen Dugas
12	740	Sara Sanner	12	636	Emilio Perez	12	659	Barry Spadea
13	734	Peter Jackson	13	607	James McCarty	13	546	Mike Fetchel
14	713	James Morrow	14	586	Larry Leidenheimer	14	545	Kendra Munkacsy
15	692	David Bute	15	581	Dan Sand	15	531	Vicki Soule
16	676	William O'Malley	16	577	Allen Karr	16	504	Barri Gehrand
17	659	Bryan Gurdin	17	542	Wendy Yafuso	17	486	Keith Widener
18	632	James Clark	18	532	Dan Taylor	18	464	Jack Howsare
19	625	Don Thienel	19	504	Bob Kiley	19	444	Robert Baker
20	587	Jason Shumate	20	486	James Huser	20	426	Frank Reddy
21	584	Ray Klocko	21	485	Henry Brandner	21	424	Steven Braley
22	574	Jeanne Jelke	22	467	Wayland Kuhnel	22	420	Bruce Sattler
23	569	Rick Baird	23	452	Edward Balcer	23	416	William Cormier
24	546	Chris McComas	24	441	Donald Curry	24	411	Debra Cotter
25	532	Craig Smith	25	425	Clay Collier	25	406	Jack Silvia
26	524	Winona McDaniel	26	402	Kevin Harris	26	398	Donald Janelle
27	523	Wayne Momsen	27	380	Steve Scadden	27	387	Marty Duchow
28	520	Carole Herron	28	379	Robert Chase	28	376	Eric Davis
29	495	Wayne Morris	28	379	Peter Christensen	28	376	Paige Thomas
30	489	Charlene Cohen	30	378	Dan Selke	30	362	Laurie Hardy
31	468	Darlene Stier	31	369	Rick Kuehn	30	362	Larry Phifer
32	465	Joe Gates	32	366	Thomas Beucler	32	358	Carlyle Foss
33	456	Todd Malmgren	33	364	Jeff Machovsky	33	355	Barbara Barbour
34	452	William Eilers	34	363	Bob Hanes	34	353	Richard Nourse
35	446	Jennifer Bolles	34	363	John Hazlett	35	340	Roy Scheffer
35	446	Doug Dresbach	36	352	Marlene Lazachek	36	339	Dan Routhier
37	438	Michael Crume	36	352	Daniel Pluff	37	334	Megan Player
38	435	Scott Bartosh	38	329	Doug Page	38	328	Paul Batterson
39	430	Kat Hartsell	39	327	Les Kvien	39	317	Rick Montague
40	427	Pete Larsen	40	317	Robert Lenz	40	311	Joseph Bowen
41	424	Greg Schleusner	41	300	Reuben Sufka	41	304	Bonnie Fife
42	419	Kevin Mansfield	42	299	Richard Frost	41	304	Mike Misluk
43	416	Bill Klem	42	299	Lewis Gurney	43	300	Philip Beauregard
44	406	Jones Hom	44	291	Wayne Steinmetz	44	296	William Shoemaker
45	404	Don Hansen	45	283	Troy Thorson	45	288	Charles Booker
46	403	Michael Wertz	45	283	Jeff Wussow	46	284	Michael D'Elena
47	394	Brian Bell-Irving	47	282	William Stacey	47	280	Scott Earley
48	392	Steve Hastie	48	272	Patrick Barrett	48	277	Peter Setian
49	382	Dennis Morin	48	272	Gene Biegler	49	276	Deborah Taylor
50	380	Eric Boysen	48	272	Ed May	50	263	Joe Zimmitti
50	380	Marcia Glenn						

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
<a href="#">Rick Shea</a> 707.599.4605 <a href="mailto:31for14@gmail.com">31for14@gmail.com</a>	<a href="#">Patrick Barrett</a> 715.323.5027 <a href="mailto:gnxvibarrett@gmail.com">gnxvibarrett@gmail.com</a>	<a href="#">Mark Soule</a> 207.442.9001 <a href="mailto:soule1994@comcast.net">soule1994@comcast.net</a>

### 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

**Mick Michaelis Classic: \$168 to Shriners Children Hospital of Chicago**  
**Pegging for Vets: \$160 to VFW Sacramento**

**MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup**

**May 30–June 1, Capital City Roundup**

Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

**June 3–5, Copper City Classic Roundup**

East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

**June 6–8, Territorial Prison Classic**

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

**WA ♦ May 31–June 1, Mount Rainier Open**

Dumas Bay Center, 3200 SW Dash Point Rd, Federal Way WA 98023. TD: Dave Liesse (253.343.3445) & Kyle Schumacher

**WI ♦ Madison Masters Doubleheader**

Americinn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

**June 6, Madison Masters 1**

**June 7–8, Madison Masters 2**

**CA ♦ June 7, Pegging for Vets**

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

**AK ♦ June 7, Midnight Sun Open**

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. KIM (907.748.2684) & Arlene Carle

**OR ♦ June 7, Oregon Trail Open**

Pioneer Villa Truck Plaza, 33180 OR-228 (exit 216), Halsey OR 97348. TD: Jack Lien (609.658.5168) & Julia Schewanick

**CT ♦ June 14, Stars & Stripes Showdown**

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

**SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader**

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

**June 20, Palmetto State Open**

**June 21–22, Soda City Classic**

**CA ♦ Topaz Double Summer Bash**

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US-395, Gardnerville CA 89410. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Rick Baird

**June 21–22, Topaz Double Summer Bash #1**

**June 23–25, Topaz Double Summer Bash #2**

**WI ♦ Eau Claire Doubleheader**

VFW, 1300 Starr Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Chad Frischmann (715.492.5337) & Louie Gurney

**June 27, Eau Claire Classic Midweek**

**June 28–29, Eau Claire Classic**

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**NV ♦ June 27–29, Independence Day Classic**

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

**MA ♦ June 29, Boston Summa Special**

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

**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 Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Jennifer Bolles

**CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader**

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabes (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**

Comfort Suites, 5219 Page Road, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

**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**

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2024 Champion  
Jan Blevins



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# INDEPENDENCE DAY CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

JUNE 27 - 29, 2025 RENO, NV  
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## Friday, June 27, 2025

- 2 pm Registration Opens for Early Bird, Mid Roller and Main Tournament
- 3 pm Early Bird, \$20, 7 Games, No Playoffs
- 7 pm Canadian Doubles \$50-Team \$20- Side Pools, 9 Games, No Playoffs

## Saturday June 28, 2025

- 7 am Pick Up Scorecards, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
- 8 am Main Tournament, \$73, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 22 Games, \$1,000.00 J Resort Added, 5:30 pm Main Tournament Playoffs, Best 3 of 5

## Sunday, June 29, 2025

- 7:30 am Main Tournament Playoffs Continue, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
- 8 am Consolation Registration
- 9 am Consolation, \$40, \$10 Side Pool, 9 Games, \$500.00 J Resort Added
- 1 pm Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

Tournament Directors Rick and Peggy Shea 707-599-4605. All Prize Funds Pay 1:4, All Side Pools Pay Graduated 1:6. Cut for deal. Current ACC membership required. Visit [www.cribbage.org](http://www.cribbage.org) or [join/renew](http://join/renew) at tournament.

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**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**

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**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**

**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)

**OR ♦ Oct. 17–19, Oregon Championship**

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

**WA ♦ Chautauqua Doubleheader**

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

**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

**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)

**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**

**NV ♦ Vegas Doubleheader**

Schaefer house, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

**Jan. 23, Sin City Shuffle**

**Jan. 24–25, Schaefer Shuffle**

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So just what was in **Erik Locke's** bag (March CW, page 15)? Erik himself says it carries mace, in case someone tries to steal the purse! Here are the top five guesses:

- \* His newest trophy (**Bob Joslin**)
- \* Courtney's credit cards (**Rick Baird**)
- \* All the 5s! (**Matt Bourgojn**)
- \* Lady Luck (**Mary Comly**)
- \* DeLynn's *How to Play Winning Cribbage* (**Don Brown**)





## 40 Years Ago

The front cover encouraged ACC members to vote in the BOD election and also announced that membership was going to top 3,000 in June. Elsewhere we read that **Helene Sontag** (CA) beat husband **Harold Sontag** in the finals of the 77-player Santa Clara event,



and that the late great **Warren Sondericker** (WI) beat the late great **Joe Bernard** (IL) in the 128-player World Masters Classic in Mount Horeb WI.

## 25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Boyd McDonald** (CA) won the 202-player World Championship in Quincy CA. Elsewhere we read that the late great **Paul Hatcher** (OR) earned the twelfth Life Master (★) rating in ACC history.



**Two ACC members from Columbus OH got engaged at Cribbage Weekend in America in Appleton WI on May 10. Congratulations to Hannah Schepler and David Ellinwood! (CW note to David: incredibly smart move letting Hannah win the game!)**



## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Don Christensen

Club 23 is saddened to share the news of the passing of Don Christensen. Don loved playing cribbage, joining the ACC in the late 1990s. A faithful club member, he played with us on Saturdays well into his 90s. He was rated as both a Master player (3,327 MRPs) and a Silver Award winner (2,947 GRPs). Don earned two Purple Hearts during the Korean War. As an engineer, he owned a major project construction company. A faithful Christian, he was committed to helping others, building schools, houses, and other structures in impoverished communities in Nicaragua. Creating pieces of art showed yet another side of Don, a true Renaissance man. He will be deeply missed by the Colorado cribbage community.

### Ron LaPointe

Ron LaPointe (Winter Haven FL) passed away at eighty-four years old. He has been a member of the ACC since September 2001. During his time he has been a stalwart member of Club 276 in Winter Haven and was club champion in 2005, 2015, and 2022. He was a difficult player to beat as he always seemed to have the last card you expected him to have. He was always polite, friendly, and a very popular person to be around. He took part in almost every tournament played in Florida and did very well in them (he had earned

his Master rating and won three tournaments (in Kissimmee and Fort Walton Beach). Ron will be sadly missed, and the members of the club send their sincere wishes to all his family.

### Del Meyer and Desbee Brown III

Club 82 (Marina CA) lost two members this year: longtime member Del Meyer and new member Desbee Brown III, who began playing with us in October 2023. We were all shocked by this news. Desbee always had a smile, was eager to make new friends, and was always looking to have a good time. All members of Club 82 will miss both players.

### John Swett

John Swett recently passed away peacefully at home. Along with Ralph Madsen, he started Club 3 in Crystal Lake in the early 80s. He was born in Woodstock IL in 1948 to Warren and Sylvia Swett, who also played cribbage. John served admirably in the US Army during the Vietnam War, and for his heroic efforts received the Silver Star. Both he and his previously deceased wife Elaine will be interred together at Arlington National Cemetery. John was a mechanical engineer, drafting instructor, and past commander of American Legion Post 191 in Crystal Lake. His sharp wit and love for cribbage will be sorely missed at Crib-a-holics Club 3 in Elgin IL. RIP, John.



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