

Deadwood Winners

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BRYAN GURDEN

Deadwood Open



RAY KLOCKO

Aces & Eights



BRYAN GURDEN

Calamity Jane Open

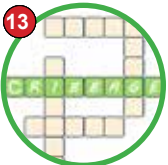
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President's Column

by James Morrow



Triple Threat With the season winding down, I had an idea: what would happen if we combined the ACC's three competitive worlds?

There are three ranking systems in the ACC: Master Rating Points (MRPs) for sanctioned tournaments, Internet Rating Points (IRPs) for online play, and Grass Roots Points (GRPs) for weekly club points.

Let's rank them together for the unofficial ACC Triple Threat rankings.

My idea was to rank the top hundred players in each system. #1 would get 100 points and #100 would get 1 point. A player who played all three would surely end up in the top spot. But what I found out is that a player has to do well in only two of the three systems.

For instance, **Timothy Julkowski** is the #1 ranked internet player and although he has over 200 GRP, he isn't in the top 100 (it takes 235 GRPs to crack that list). He does well in sanctioned tournaments, but he has played only a handful this year, and his 145 MRPs again keeps him out of the top 100. **Erik Locke** comes in at #5 in MRPs and #2 in Division 4 Grass Roots, but he has 0 IRPs. For this system, he very likely ranks #1 overall, but this is the triathlon of cribbage.

So I dug deeper and ranked the top 300 from each system. After crunching some amazing season numbers, I had more questions than answers. Is an Iron Pegger a player who dominates multiple systems or a player who participated in all three? I came to the conclusion that in order to be a Triple Threat player you have to compete in all three systems. If you're a no-show in one division, you don't make the cut.

Rankings were converted to percentile-style scores to be compared more evenly despite different player pool sizes. So here is the first annual Triple Threat ranking.

rank	player	MRP rank	GRP rank	IRP rank
1	Mike Fetchel	13	23 (D1)	68
2	Bob Bartosh	6	75 (D1)	67
3	Paul Gregson	16	252 (D1)	12
4	Brad Henderson	155	155 (D1)	4
5	John Schafer	113	196 (D1)	8
6	Gregory Gougian	165	165 (D1)	6
7	Nancy Rojas	158	195 (D1)	5
8	Richard Shea	91	75 (D4)	16
9	Bryan Gurden	1	365 (D1)	32
10	Matt Constantino	200	35 (D4)	19

This shows how these players don't just play for MRPs, IRPs, or GRPs; they try to be the best in every part of the ACC.

Remember this is just for fun and unofficial, experimental, evolving—and meant to celebrate players who participate in all three systems of the ACC.

Maybe I should look at lifetime Triple Threat players for the next top 10?

Your Deal



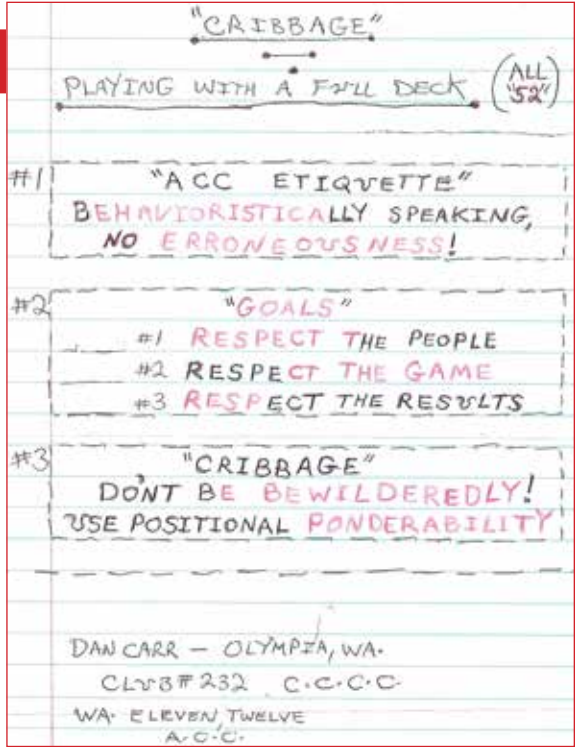
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A colorful, if slightly mystifying, letter to the editor

“You Deal Half the Time”

I watched the movie *An Unfinished Life*. In the movie, Wyoming rancher Robert Redford plays cribbage with his ranch hand, Morgan Freeman. There are two cribbage scenes, and they are actually playing. In the last scene, the ranch hand plays “15-2, 15-4, and a run of three and I’m out” to win. In response to the rancher’s sour grapes, the ranch hand says: “Well, it’s fair; you deal half the time.”

*Elmer Phillippi
(Bradenton FL)*



Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	52.2% (70-64)	√60.1% (92-59)	57.8% (48-35)
biggest win	+41 vs. Bill Hill (OR) and Barb Stockham (AZ) @ Portland	+54 vs. Gary Schultz (WI) @ Diane Gurney Memorial	√+59 vs. Kendra “Godzilla” Munkacsy (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	-49 vs. Jerry Oxford (CA) @ Newport OR	√-38 vs. Kathy Maresch (WI) @ Gurney Memorial	-47 vs. Keith Widenner (NC) @ Raleigh

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Katie and I took a vacation/work trip/cribbage trip in April. We left Michigan on the 16th, drove hard for three days, spending the first two nights in Fargo ND and Butte MT, before arriving in East Wenatchee WA at my younger brother's house on the third afternoon.

On Sunday we traveled to Everett WA to deliver 600+ books to one of my customers (that was the “work” portion of this trip).

After two short days with my brother and his family, we headed out on Tuesday morning for Deadwood. Spending the night in Billings MT, we arrived in South Dakota on Wednesday afternoon.

The next four days were filled with directorial duties, playing cribbage, and some local sightseeing. The Deadwood tripleheader is always one of the highlights of our year, and this year proved no different. I feel compelled to mention several notable Deadwood events.

First of all, congratulations to Life Master (★) **Bryan Gurden** (Las Vegas NV) who qualified in all three mains and won two of them—the first time this has happened in six years of Deadwood tripleheaders. In the process, Bryan set a new MRP record, so with three months to go in the season, he is at 3,221 MRPs and has a lead of more than thirteen hundred points over his closest competitor. I think he just might hang on for the championship!

And just who is that closest competitor?

None other than Bryan's traveling companion, Life Master **Ray Klocko** (Henderson NV). These guys → have been hitting the Tournament Trail hard this season, and their Deadwood trip was no different. In addition to Bryan's exploits (oops! it looks like I forgot to mention that he won the Early Bird with a 19/9 +156 grand slam), Ray also had a great weekend. He also qualified in all three mains (high qualifier once), and he won the middle one.



(Despite my admiration for Bryan on his incredible run this season, that doesn't keep me from poking fun at him on page 12 below.)

One of the most satisfying events at Deadwood this year happened on Sunday afternoon. But before I get there, let's rewind the tape to the Deadwood Grand National on October 2, 2025.

The finals of the GN43 midweek main featured an old warhorse, **Doug Page** (Oostburg WI), versus **Wade Skaja** (Saint Cloud MN). In the final game of their match,

Doug had a small but easily surmountable lead, when Wade conceded the game and match to Doug, saying words to this effect: “You take the win. I want you to enjoy this.”

Several bystanders audibly criticized Wade for not playing to the end of the game, but he was hurting no one else, and it was his prerogative to concede.

Fast forward now to April 26, 2026. Wade ➡ was high qualifier in the Calamity Jane consolation on Sunday afternoon. After a bye, he took down the #9, #4, and #3 qualifiers to win the tournament—in the same exact room where, exactly 206 days earlier, he allowed an old man one final pleasure at the end of his cribbage career.

Don't tell me that the Cribbage Gods aren't paying attention. Thank you, Wade, for showing all of us that cribbage is about more than just winning the game.

One other cool thing happened in Deadwood. **The Lodge Casino** gave us 40 cases of used casino cards to give away. Not 40 decks, not 40 bricks, but 40 **cases**. ⬇ That's 5,760 decks of cards! We offered them to club and tournament directors, and by Saturday morning

they were all gone! A big thanks to The Lodge.

After stowing all our gear and packing everything up, Katie and I headed for home on Monday morning. With one last night on the road spent in Sioux City IA, we arrived safely home on Tuesday evening the 28th.

During thirteen days on the road, we experienced, snow, rain, cold, heat, deserts, mountains—but through it all, we enjoyed beautiful scenery and family (both kinship and cribbage family), and we loved every minute of our time together.

For those of you keeping score at home, we drove 4,841 miles in 85 hours and 2 minutes of engine time and averaged 32.5 mpg.

We're already making plans for Deadwood 2027, but maybe next year we'll take a more direct route to get there! [CW](#)



THIS JUST IN!

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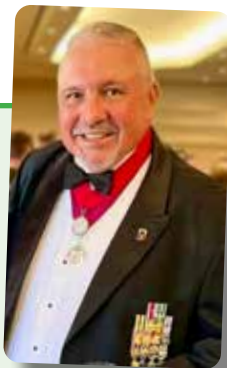
The peg boards are put away. The cards are back in their boxes. Across the country, American Cribbage Congress Grass Roots clubs have wrapped up their 36-week seasons, and players are left with something arguably more valuable than any trophy—time to think.

Before the competitive calendar heats up again in September, there's wisdom to be mined from the months just completed. Whether you're making the journey to Raleigh for the National Open or eyeing a regional tournament this summer, the off-season isn't dead time. It's prep time.

Honest self-assessment comes first. Most club players know, deep down, where their game leaked points. Maybe it was consistently undercounting a hand with a flush. Maybe it was pegging too aggressively when holding a middle-card spread. The end of a season is the right moment for ruthless honesty. Pull out a notebook—not to beat yourself up, but to name the patterns. Recurring mistakes don't fix themselves. They just wait patiently for next season. Even identifying two or three stubborn tendencies gives you a concrete agenda for the months ahead, rather than simply hoping things improve on their own.

Study the hands you didn't play. One underused habit among recreational cribbage players is postgame analysis. After a loss—or even a win—reconstruct a few critical hands. Would a different lead have changed the pegging lane? Was the discard to the crib sound, or were you protecting a hand at the expense of crib balance? I've watched great players sit and discuss their card selections with known mentors like **Rob Medeiros** or **Erik Locke**. Additional resources like the Competitive Cribbage podcast with analyses from **Terry Cushman** and **Jason Matheny** and **DeLynn Colvert's** book *Play Winning Cribbage* are resources that can sharpen your theoretical understanding between games. Dedicate even fifteen minutes a week to working through hand scenarios, and you'll arrive in September with instincts that feel genuinely different—not just rustier versions of last April.

Club culture is worth protecting. Grass Roots clubs are the backbone of competitive cribbage, and they run on goodwill as much as rules. Between seasons is the right time to think about what makes your club work—and what doesn't. Are newer players being welcomed and taught? Is the format fair, are the payouts and any side pools interesting, is the atmosphere welcoming to all skill levels? Consider organizing a casual summer meetup or two—nothing formal, just cards and conversation. A club that stays connected between seasons builds the kind of cohesion that makes club nights something people genuinely look forward to, not just attend out of habit.



The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Many players overthink end-game pegging, especially as dealer. They may have heard that you can't match unless it puts you out, keep enough to go out, always keep an out card, and so on. While these suggestions have some merit, they can be counter-productive.

One tip I always want players to follow is this one: if you are dealing and need three or four points and the pone needs more than six, try to keep these combination of cards if you can: 2-9, 3-6, and 4-3. These combos will allow you to match the first card with impunity, since you will get the 15-2 if the pone trips the lead card. So in an end-game pegging situation, the hold of 2-3-4-9 has tremendous value. You cover the 2 and 4 leads; you have a 2-9 magic 11; and you have a potential 5-trap with 3-4.

So make commonsense decisions, and your end-game play will flourish.

Rob makes his end-game decisions at Club 104! Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com

Overheard at a cribbage tournament:

"I was brought up to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one!"

Tournament play rewards a different set of skills. If your summer includes the National Open or any ACC-sanctioned event, understand that the environment shifts considerably from weekly club play. Pace, pressure, and unfamiliar opponents all factor in. Experienced tournament players manage their emotional responses as deliberately as they manage their pegging strategy. Practicing composure—staying steady after a skunk, not pressing after a lucky escape—is preparation just as valid as counting practice.

Set a goal, not just a routine. Returning in September without a goal is just showing up. Consider setting something specific: improve your average hand count, qualify for a regional, reach a new ACC rating threshold, or simply mentor one newer player through their first tournament. Goals give the season shape, and shape gives every night at the club a little more meaning.

The cribbage board will be back on the table soon enough. The players who use the pause well—who think, study, and arrive in September with sharper intention—are the ones who make the most of the 36 weeks ahead.

See you at the board. Your deal!

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

In the February 2026 *Cribbage World*, **David Aiken** wrote a very informative column about 40-point and better qualifying scorecards. **Scott Harker** did a wonderful job digging out the 289 scorecards of 40+ game points in the 1997–2025 time frame. I thought I would take it a step further and detail the high qualifying rounds documented in *Cribbage World* prior to this.

Before I list names and scores during those years, some context is necessary. In the early 1980s, most two-day sanctioned tournaments consisted of 21-game qualifying rounds (three games against seven different opponents). Many Eastern Region tourneys were either one-day events or double-elimination formats similar to the National Open. Many large Western Region tournaments were one-day events, while others were from 18 to 21 qualifying games. The most notable factor, though, was that Master Rating Points were not awarded for qualifying rounds until the 1985–86 season. Therefore, *Cribbage World* made no mention of qualifying scores for the first five years of the American Cribbage Congress.

I personally remember that HOF member **Jeff Shimp** (MI) totaled a then-high 42-point card in a 21-game qualifying round of a Minnesota Open that I directed in the early '80s, before qualifying MRPs were given out. In the March 1985 Capital City Tourney in St. Paul that I codirected, **Roger Tryggestad** (WI) had a 40-point card with 18 wins. The first time game points for a sanctioned tourney were mentioned in *Cribbage World* was in October 1985. **Al Tenenbaum** (NJ) turned in a 40-point card in a 21-game qualifier in the New England Championship in August of that year.

High qualifier scorecards for main tournaments were virtually never mentioned in *Cribbage World* for the rest of the 1980s until **DeLynn Colvert** took over as editor in March 1990. The big exception was a record winning streak by **Bob Hanes** (IA) ➔ at the ACC Open in Reno in February 1989. Hanes lost his first two games and then proceeded to win twenty consecutive games and qualify first with 41 points. This twenty-game win streak is still a record for a single qualifying round!

Colvert's first *Cribbage World* issue described terrific qualifying scores by Hall of Famer **Bob Madsen** (IL). At the 1989 Grand National in Prineville OR, Madsen had 42 points in a 21-game qualifying round. Less than six months later Bob again scored 42 points, this time in a 22-game qualifier at the 1990 ACC Open in Reno.

In the table at the top of the next page, I list many of the 40+ GP scorecards from 1991–96, but here I want to recount three record scores listed in the box at the bottom of the next page. The first time a 43-point card was reported, it was scored by **Jeff Monroe** (CA), who scored 43/20 +338 in 1991 at the Redwood Classic in Santa Rosa CA.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

In the recent ACC Open in Reno, Bob Hanes of Ankeny, Iowa, lost his first two games. Undaunted, Bob got to work and won the next 20 games in a row to finish with 41 game points!!

Director Scott Kooistra writes that this is the longest winning streak he has ever heard of in one day during a sanctioned cribbage tournament.

Russ Nelsen (AZ)

set the bar higher in the 1993 ACC Open with 44/19 +355. **Terry Hurtgen** (AZ) did a bit better in the 1996 Grand National in Napa CA with 44/19 +374.

Here → are other top scores from 1991 through 1996 as listed in *Cribbage World*. (Note: CW does not always include the entire score, sometimes giving only game points, sometimes adding games won; I list the scores cited in CW.) These scores

year	player	score	tourney
1991	Ken Richmond (OR)	41/19 +282	Portland Summer Open
1991	Richard Horvath (WI)	41	Grand National #10
1991	Amos Olmstead (MT)	40/18 +251	Montana Open
1992	Ken Capper (OR)	40	Portland Winter Open
1992	Ken Cochlin (WA)	40	Portland Winter Open
1992	Richard Harper (OR)	41	ACC Open
1992	Duane Toll (WI)	42/19 +347	Independence Day Open
1992	Mary Ryan (CA)	41/20 +323	Veterans Day Classic
1993	Marsha Mahan (WI)	40	Polish Open
1993	Todd Malmgren (OR)	40	Pacific City Open
1994	Don Dutcher (WA)	42/17 +389	Portland Winter Open
1994	Joe Bernard (IL)	40	MGM in Green Bay
1994	Roy Hofbauer (WA)	41/17 +297	Hermiston Open
1994	Mike Kuvaas (OR)	41/18 +302	Portland Summer Open
1995	Mike Haggerty (MT)	40	ACC Open
1995	Terry Cashen (OR)	42	Nipomo Open
1995	Laurie Logan (AZ)	42/19 +320	Cascade Classic
1995	Frank Trojan (MN)	41	Lewis & Clark Classic
1995	Gaylord Matti (WI)	40	Lewis & Clark Classic
1996	Ray Lebow (OR)	40/19 +284	Redmond Open
1996	Brian Heroux (RI)	41/19	ACC Open
1996	Charlie Ball (WA)	41/18	ACC Open
1996	Jim Hornbacher (WA)	40/19 +226	Idaho Championship
1996	Brad Abbott (OR)	40/17 +273	Hermiston Open

were undoubtedly not the only 40-point or better cards throughout this time period, but they were the ones listed in *Cribbage World*.

On a personal note, I have had four qualifying scores of 39 or 38 points, but I never reached that magic 40 level!

ACC Records for 22 Games

This table tracks the rising high qualifying scores for 22-game main tournaments. It is entirely possible that other record scorecards exist, especially prior to 1991. If you know of 22-game records that should be noted here, please contact Scott Koostira at gn40cribbage@gmail.com or *Cribbage World* at cwed152@gmail.com.

date	player	score	tournament	city/state	CW reference
9/7/1991	Jeff Monroe	43/20 +338	Redwood Classic	Santa Rosa CA	Oct. 1991, p. 10
2/6/1993	Russ Nelsen	44/19 +355	ACC Open	Reno NV	Mar. 1993, p. 1
8/28/1996	Terry Hurtgen	44/19 +374	Grand National 15	Napa CA	Nov. 1996, p. 1
3/3/2001	Jeanne Hofbauer	44/20 +317	Washington State Open	Sunnyside WA	Apr. 2001, p. 13
11/17/2001	Emilio Perez	45/19 +477	Jesse James Open	Northfield MN	Dec. 2001, p. 11
4/26/2003	Willie Evans	46/19 +476	Greater Hermiston Spring Open	Hermiston OR	June 2003, p. 4
2/28/2004	Sharlene Medeiros	46/20 +501	MGM Open	Green Bay WI	Apr. 2004, p. 2
10/29/2017	Ron Morgan	46/21 +388	Fall Festival	Carson City NV	Feb. 2017, p. 1

Official BOD Announcement

Membership Fees & Grass Roots Dues

Last month's *Cribbage World* contained an announcement about membership fees. In the interest of clarity, and since a couple of people have asked, **no life memberships are being canceled**. We are simply removing this membership option for the future. Every current life member will retain their life membership for as long as they, well, have life. The official term is *grandfather*, but it applies to grandmothers as well. All life members will be *grandfathered* into the new system and won't have to pay the annual ACC member fee.

While we are on this topic: when we developed the single-fee policy, we realized there was no way for current lifetime members to pay their Grass Roots dues. We must grandfather them in the system and accept some revenue loss. So since current life members are getting a bargain by not paying Grass Roots dues, here's a suggestion: consider making a yearly donation to the youth program. That money couldn't go to a better cause for the ACC! You can donate via the online payment system or by mailing a check to the membership secretary (address on the back cover of this *Cribbage World*).



Never Give Up

A couple years ago, ACC membership secretary **Brenda Nason** was playing Grass Roots in her home club, Sin City Peggers Club 400 in Las Vegas NV. She was dealer from nine holes out, her opponent was in the dead hole (aka hole 120). Here's how the pegging went:

He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named	K	7	10	A			
Brenda		K (for 2)	4 (for 2)	5 (for 2)	A (for 3)		
running count	10	20	27	31	10	15	16

As it turns out, had **He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named** (*aka* Three-Time Club 400 Champ *aka* Current MRP Leader *aka* Presumptive 2026 National Champion) led anything else, this would not have happened. Hmm, even superheros make mistakes?!

So in case you're wondering, this is why you never give up!

What city is synonymous with perfume? (Hint: it's where Napoleon got his perfume.) If you know the answer, then you'll know where John and Maria played cribbage this month. (page 21)

ACC Awards



Al Pernicek
(Lincoln NE)
Grand Master

I've always enjoyed working with numbers and card playing. I've played many card games, including Taroky, a game from my childhood popular in Czechoslovakia. I find cribbage to easily be the best of **any** card game. I was introduced to cribbage by a coworker, and I was invited to join a cribbage league by Mike Smith, where I ended up on a team with Wayland Kuhnel and Bart Jaeger, who introduced me to the ACC. Clay Collier and both Jaegers (Bart and Jerry) were and are my cribbage mentors. It took me twelve years to earn my Master Rating, but being retired and able to go to more tournaments, I needed only two years for Grand Master. Topaz is my favorite venue. Noncribbage interests include salvage work,

gardening, yardwork/landscaping, Husker sports, my dogs, friends, and traveling this beautiful country. I enjoy the time I spend with my cribbage family. See you at the next tournament!

Don't throw away your old Cribbage World

When you're done reading *Cribbage World*, take it with you on your next trip to the doctor, auto repair shop, community center, or lodge, so it can be enjoyed by others.

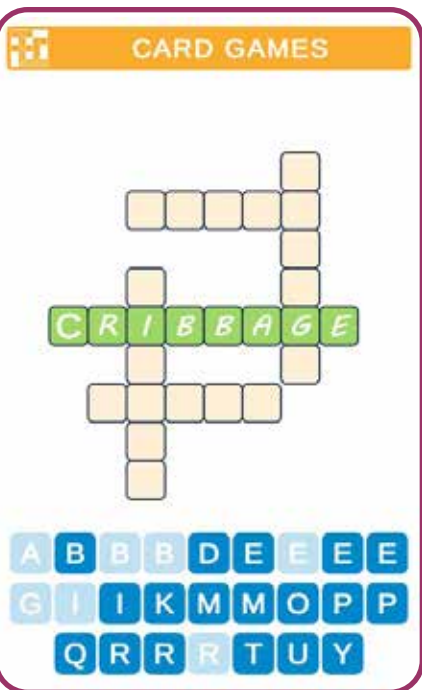
New Cribbage Masters

Wendy Yafuso (Friendswood TX)

Cribbage Quiz

On March 18, ACC programmer **Scott Harker** was playing one of his daily brain-stretching puzzles, and this one → popped up. The puzzle provides a very basic grid with all the letters you need at the bottom, and it has only one clue; this clue was "Card Games." Scott got the first game right away (whew!), but he challenges readers to fill in the rest of the grid.

answer on page 31



GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

official GRPs only, as of 5/21



Division 1	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	438 Thomas Beucler (388)
	2	349 Douglas Myers (329)
	3	334 James Ravenscroft (175)
	4	333 Kris Bailey (79)
	5	332 Scott Bartosh (472)
	6	327 Terry Goatz (463)
	7	326 Peter Setian (72)
	8	314 Peter Koski (368)
	9	312 Bernard Brentar (390)
	9	312 David Peterson (218)
	11	311 Peyton Reum (430)
	12	307 Jerry Hardy (431)
	12	307 Bobby Ramelow (198)
	12	307 Greg Schleusner (46)
	15	305 James Andres (11)
	16	303 Harvey Bourdeau (308)
	17	301 Mike Fetchel (26)
	18	300 Duane Toll (62)
	19	297 Bob Prochnow (79)
	20	296 Farokh Ziari (43)
	21	295 Barry Spadea (464)
	22	294 David Hayden (391)
	23	293 David Gerke (300)
	24	292 Richard Anderson (204)
	25	291 John McCreedy (104)
	26	287 Sylvia Bergquist (140)
	26	287 Doug Weier (436)
	28	285 Keith Widener (221)
	29	284 Dan Vogel (224)
	30	280 Stanley Primc (199)
	31	279 Dennis O'Neil (459)
	32	275 William O'Malley (46)
	32	275 Sara Sandey (215)
	34	274 Rick Vee (96)
	35	271 Mike McCammon (62)
	36	270 Lou Tousignant (368)
	37	269 Henry Brandner (445)
	37	269 Paul Dysart (251)
	39	268 Frank Danielski (90)
	40	267 Jeremy Krieger (46)
	41	266 Frank Hanson (198)
	42	265 Michael Leonard (396)
	42	265 Randy Nyberg (271)
	44	264 Chris Kim (177)
	45	262 Roland Hall (100)
	46	260 Richard Kelliher (314)
	47	259 David Aiello (197)
	47	259 Jerry Ellis (119)
	47	259 Chad Frischmann (445)
	47	259 Gerald Sabick (399)

rank	GRPs name (club)
47	259 Scott Sand (94)
52	258 Michael Barrett (120)
52	258 Howard Pearson (96)
52	258 Daulph Plummer (354)
55	257 Donald Eshbaugh (321)
55	257 Bill Klem (148)
57	256 Duane Jones (69)
58	255 Les Kvien (3)
59	254 Bill Monda (356)
60	252 John Goe (243)
61	251 Mike Berberich (204)
61	251 Sharon Liotta (147)
63	250 Mike Misluk (26)
63	250 Albert Moy (290)
65	248 Gordon Jurek (399)
65	248 Dennis Misenaar (415)
65	248 Denny Moore (100)
65	248 Michael Sofaly (243)
69	247 Don Hansen (113)
69	247 Haley Hintze (3)
69	247 Paul Hirschmann (285)
69	247 Gary Rasmussen (232)
73	246 Thomas Kay (89)
74	245 Rick Westerman (379)
75	244 Ernie Barnett (202)
76	243 Tom Jackson (440)
76	243 Sam Sinram (17)
78	242 Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
78	242 Cary Vedin (218)

Division 4	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	301 David Bute (433)
	2	256 Erik Locke (28)
	3	252 Lynn Rieke (194)
	4	249 Robert Lewis (54)
	5	248 Rhonda Perry (336)
	6	223 Quentin Campbell (475)
	7	222 Peggy Shea (194)
	8	215 Bill Russell (439)
	9	210 Howard Terry (336)
	10	209 Tony Dierickx (477)
	11	207 Dana Harvey (118)
	12	206 Pat Reynolds (38)
	13	204 Steven Aziz (461)
	14	198 Kyle Morrill (395)
	15	194 Ken Cochlin (39)
	16	192 Dennis Kassebaum (344)
	16	192 Danny Mitchell (407)
	18	191 Ivan Wells (489)
	19	189 John Mealy (118)
	20	188 Steve Colgan (467)
	21	187 Joseph Hays (499)

Division 1 = 3,257 players ♦ Division 4 = 870 players



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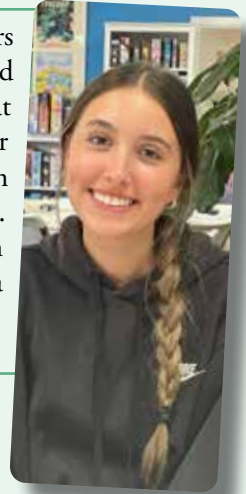
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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

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We now include all Grass Roots 28s, 29s, and grand slams in this column. The automated list is reducing the workload on our COO Mr. Aiken, but we still want to publish photos of the rare stuff: 29-hands are good ones to send. Congratulations to all the award winners so far, and the last quarter of the season promises many more.

Is she the youngest club champion ever? At fifteen years old, **Peyton Reum** ➔ won the championship of Big Bend Cribbage Club 430 in Tallahassee FL! Peyton started playing at club in the 2022–23 season at the age of twelve and earned her first points in her seventh tournament. This season, she won ten of thirty-six tournaments enroute to amassing 311 GRPs. She now needs only 239 points to reach Bronze in her fifth season of play. Peyton will be leading Club 430 to the Florida All Star Tournament in June. This will be her third appearance in FAST, having just barely missed going in her first season.



DeVowe



Burrell



Club 466 (Denver NC)—Rita Jewett had her third grand slam of the season on April 23.

April Big Hands (name, state, club)

29-Hands (4)

- Len Cook (MB), 491
- Eugene DeVowe (MN), 94 ➔
- Darryl Overstreet (OR), 395
- Alan Peterson (VA), 124

28-Hands (41)

- Elliott Aldrich (CA), 422
- Don Allen (OR), 12
- Dan Balmer (WA), 415
- Paul Batterson (CT), 26
- Eric Bauer (OK), 500
- Jeffrey Bovitz (MN), 94
- Willie Bragg (AK), 354
- Yvonne Bright (IL), 288
- Jerry Brisgel (CA), 55

- Chris Burrell (MT), 25 ➔
- David Cairns (NV), 418
- Catherine Cheda (CA), 54
- Steve Colgan (WA), 204
- Bruce Condon (CA), 222
- Kathryn Coulter (CA), 249
- Estalita Ells (OR), 414
- Greg Frost (OR), 62
- Barb Grenawalt (WI), 1
- Timothy Havighurst (MD), 272
- Donald Hughes (KY), 463
- Chad Huntley (SD), 251
- Robert Johnson (FL), 22
- Terry Lundwall (MI), 368
- Dennis Marshall (OR), 46
- Bill McCullough (GA), 119

- Ross Newmann (OR), 465
- Mary Nicholson (FL), 396
- Mark Nikolai (WI), 199
- Ronald Reidel (WI), 284
- Richard Reis (MN), 94
- David Rice (WA), 393
- Alan Sanborn (MI), 390
- Steven Sawyer (FL), 22
- Virginia Simonetti (CO), 224
- Pamela Taylor (CA), 306
- Stacy Tuberdyke (NY), 5
- Craig Varriano (CO), 34
- Randy Wiest (OR), 12
- Craig Wilkey (WA), 204
- Shannon Williams (NC), 321
- Chuck Yurcina (WA), 459

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 454 (Tampa FL)—both **Rusty Nisbet** and **Greg Winkle** had grand slams on the same night (April 29). ↑ Rusty had one more skunk, so his 21/9 +192 squeezed out Greg's 20/9 +159 for first place.



Goatz

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **month!**

Division 1
Sandy Shrum
21/9 +210
(Club 117)

Division 4
Dan Fergus
15/6 +186
(Club 156)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **season!**

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

Division 4
Rusty Anderson
16/6 +203
(Club 395)

April Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (27)

Richard Anderson (WA), 204
Karen Aspden (MA), 109
Jim Blough (MI), 300
Steve DePouw (MI), 229
Sue Egelus (MI), 432
David Elliott (FL), 22
Terry Goatz (KY), 463 ↑
Terry Greenawald (OR), 127
Alan Gurden (NV), 400
Eric Haycock (CO), 23
Tony Jackson (FL), 328
Duane Jones (WA), 69
Jerry Laituri (MI), 368
Alan Lindberg (MA), 161
Ali Lundblad (CO), 345
John L Miller (OR), 46
Wayne Newberry (ID), 202
Steven Nisbet (FL), 454 ↑
Wayne Peck (WA), 415
James Pecoraro (FL), 328
Stephen Petron (MN), 399
Kevin Post (MN), 215

Kathy Puccinelli (MT), 476
Peter Setian (MA), 72
Robert Sheehan (FL), 147
Sandy Shrum (VA), 117
Greg Winkle (FL), 454 ↑

Lite Slams (41)

Ellen Aasen (CA), 389
Kirby Aasen (CA), 389
Randy Azelton (CA), 475
Gary Brandt (AR), 484
Leann Burriss (OR), 376
Melvin Chase (OR), 376
Lori Crossan (WA), 467
Tony Dierickx (MN), 477
Albert Dionne (NH), 488
Collin Evanson (MA), 439
Dan Fergus (WA), 156
R. D. Ferreira (MA), 439
Greg Girard (SC), 461
Joey Goveia (FL), 468
Dana Harvey (WA), 118
Lawrence Henning (FL), 468

Keith Hessenauer (PA), 318
Jerry Hilzer (CO), 433
Kevin Holzhausen (WY), 211
Derrick Jacobsen (MN), 492 x2
Rita Jewett (NC), 466
Lawrence Jones (NY), 130
Eunice Kendall (OR), 395
Doug King (MN), 452
James Langley (CA), 205
Kai Lemrise (CA), 98
Erik Locke (OR), 28
Steve Martinell (WA), 467
Henry Mason (MI), 107
Danny Mitchell (CA), 407
Barry Morrow (WA), 156
Ken Nelson (WY), 211
Dale Nesse (OR), 376
Randy Nicklas (CO), 433
Ken Quast (WA), 39
Jim Rosso (WY), 211
Tim Smith (MI), 107
Diane Sykes (TX), 498
Steve (WA), 486
Tony Wiedemann (CA), 205

Club 104—**Mike Becker** knows how to play cribbage. He really, really does. For example, he was second high qualifier in this year's TOC in Reno. But the Cribbage Gods frowned on him—twice. (And apparently someone at Club 104 decided that the entire cribbage world needed to know this!) On both March 24 and March 31, he scored a string of pearls in two consecutive weeks at the very tough Malden MA club. ↓ Two weeks in a row—wow, we didn't know that was even possible?!



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GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

- Mike Comer (SD), 96
- Paul Downing (WA), 232
- Dale Hjertager (CA), 205
- Larry K. Irion (CA), 419
- Richard Nourse (MA), 109
- Pierre Olivier (CA), 257
- Laurie Schmitz (VA), 117
- Doug Whitlock (IA), 17

BRONZE

- Mike Berberich (WA), 204
- David Bute (CO), 433
- Collin Evanson (MA), 439
- Ronald Goble (WI), 399
- Pat Grandinetti (CA), 371
- Craig Greene (NH), 219
- Scott Harker (PA), 490
- Kat Hartsell (WA), 377
- Joanne Kicken (WA), 415
- Susan M. Miller (CO), 224
- Ken Moomey (IA), 17
- Sarah Munroe (WY), 238
- Jonathan Pinyan (NJ), 175
- Cynthia Stemm (IL), 288
- Tracie Swanson (WA), 377
- Roxanne Wilson (NC), 221
- Dan Zeisler (CA), 472

Two reports from Club 427 (Laurel MT), one late and one very late—**Robert Snow** ← notches a 29-hand in November, and **Laverne Zieske** ←← records a grand slam in March.



My mother taught me to play cribbage in the winter of 1944-45 in Idaho City ID. Not many men were around, as they were at war. I did not play much until I was on active duty in the US Navy. I did not know what the ACC was all about until Bayard Lliteras stopped by for a game at lunch and informed us that he had just won a big tournament in one of the Dakotas. I got married in 1976, and my wife sent my application in as a birthday gift. My first cribbage trip was to Reno that next spring. I attend Club 62 in Roseburg OR, but I have never been club champion. My first tournament win was at Salem OR, hosted by Ratso Roderick. I do not go to many tournaments now, as my travel partner passed away.

Skip White
(Winston OR)
Gold #267

My toughest opponent was Frank Orney, but now it's either Duane Toll and Mike McCammon. When I was in the Navy, we left Seattle WA in June 1956 and went to the Arctic Ocean on an icebreaker; we returned to Seattle in August, refitted and left for the Antarctic, returning to Seattle in February 1957. During this time we steamed over 55,000 miles, and I became a bluenose, a shellback, and a penguin! Not many people can say that.

Rick's grandmother taught him how to play cribbage, and he joined the ACC in 2004. His cribbage mentors are Jim Langley and Paul Hatcher. A member of Club 194, Rick has been club champion three times. His toughest opponent at club is his wife, Peggy. After his first weekend tournament win in Arcata in 2004, he has now won twenty-two events, including the 2024 Grand National in Las Vegas NV plus the 2009 TOC. Rick plays a couple dozen tournaments every year—and directs or volunteers his time at most of them. His non-cribbage interests are fishing and hunting, but his favorite cribbage moment this year was beating Duane Toll in the finals in Springfield OR!



Richard Shea
(Eureka CA)
Gold #270



I have no idea who taught me how to play cribbage! I think I started playing in 1956-57, but I don't remember how I got started. When I was a boy, I came home one evening to find my father and my uncle playing cribbage at the kitchen table (I suspect that gambling was involved!). This was still the days of paper routes, and I had one in the morning, so I went to bed. When I got up in the dark the next morning, they were still playing cribbage! I joined the ACC in 1999, with Club 162 in River City CA. I've never read a book on how to play and never really had a cribbage mentor; I just learned by playing and watching others. I am currently a member of Club 414 in Medford OR and was club champion several times, as recently as the 2023-24 season. I earned my Bronze in the 2004-5 season and Silver in the 2015-16 season. We are a small club, but have a lot of good players. I never know week to week who is going to be the toughest player. I also play pinochle every week. I'm 92 years old, so that kind of limits my options! (I used to be a heck of a pool player.)

John Svilarich
(Central Point OR)
Gold #271

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Effective May 1, **Debbie Cotter** is the Eastern Region statistician. Contact her at debcottercrib@gmail.com.

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Summer Shuffle: Turning the Off-Season into a Winning Hand

What does your cribbage club do when summer rolls around? Do you keep the boards moving every week, scale back to every other week, or tuck the pegs away until fall? For many clubs, the warmer months bring a natural slowdown—but here in Pensacola, we're taking a different approach.

Two local clubs have chosen to continue weekly play throughout the summer. The other two? Instead of going quiet, we've joined forces with a shared goal: growing the game we love.

This summer, collaboration is our strategy. By combining efforts, we're offering beginner-friendly teaching sessions designed to welcome new players into the cribbage community. Rather than focusing strictly on competition and points, we're shifting the spotlight to learning, socializing, and building confidence at the table.

One of our key initiatives is dedicating the fourth Wednesday of each month to a special format: Canadian Doubles play and instruction. This variation not only adds a fresh twist for seasoned players but also creates a relaxed, team-oriented environment that's perfect for teaching newcomers the ropes.

To spread the word, we've created two eye-catching flyers that are being shared across social media and posted in local businesses (see page 46). The response so far has been encouraging—proof that when you make the game approachable, people are eager to give it a try.

Summer doesn't have to be a lull in your club's calendar. In fact, it can be one of your greatest opportunities. Without the pressure of league standings or point races, players are more open to learning, experimenting, and inviting friends to join.

So, here's a thought: instead of slowing down, why not lean in? Use the summer months to teach, connect, and grow your club. You might just find that the relationships—and new members—you build now will make your fall season stronger than ever.

After all, in cribbage as in life, sometimes the best hands are the ones you build together.

A special welcome to the newest cribbage club: Plateau Peggys 502 of Crossville TN—we're all here for you, **Denise Fortin!**

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

The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE



I have to lead with this because I literally cannot *not*. **Tracie Swanson** and I got our Bronze. **ON THE SAME DAY.**

TOGETHER. If you've been following along, you know we have both been sitting frozen at seven and three points away respectively, being absolutely mocked by the Cribbage Gods for a couple months now. And then, just like that BAM! We did it! 1,000 points! ➔ I could not have scripted a better moment, and I am so grateful we got to share it. Tracie, you are amazing!

Okay. Now that I've gotten that out of my system—let's talk Memorial Day!

As I mentioned last month, I have been using the Memorial Day Tournament here in Spokane as a testing ground for marketing ideas. This year I have been a lot more thoughtful and intentional than in years past, trying different things, seeing what sticks, learning as I go. The early results are exciting! Historically this tournament sees about 30–40 pre-signups, and one week out, we have already hit 65. People are coming from all over the nation! The goal has always been to bring this tournament back to what it once was—with 150–200 players filling the room—and for the first time it genuinely feels like we are heading in that direction.

So what moved the needle? We put a little money into digital marketing through Cribbage Pro, and we tested some Facebook ads. Those helped, but not nearly as much as I anticipated. The real heavy hitter was so much simpler than any of that. It was personal invitations. Actually reaching out to friends we've crossed paths with on the Tournament Trail, people who haven't made it to Spokane in years, or maybe never, and just personally inviting them. Reminding them why they love this community. That relationship piece is everything, and I think we sometimes forget that in the rush to find the next marketing tool or strategy.

Which leads me to something really exciting happening on the ACC marketing side of things. Our analytics team is putting together a survey for tournament directors and Grass Roots leaders across the country. The goal is to really listen—what is working, what isn't, and where can we do a better job of supporting the people who are doing the work on the ground every single day. I think this is huge. Directors carry so much, and if we can learn from what's actually happening out there in the real world and use that to support them better, that is a real win for everyone.

It has been such a full, exciting, meaningful month. Bronze, pre-signup numbers I'm genuinely proud of, and work that I truly believe is going to help grow this game we all love so much. I cannot wait to see you all in Spokane, it is going to be a great one. As always, reach out anytime with questions, thoughts or feedback.





by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John Maria

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By now, *Cribbage World* readers know that Maria and I travel internationally quite a bit. However, rarely do we get to visit a city or location that is known worldwide for a specific food or drink. A few examples of city names that are synonymous with products are Cheddar, England (cheddar cheese); Parma, Italy (parmesan cheese); and Pilsen, Czech Republic (pilsner beer). France has many regions that lend their names to famous beverages: Champagne, Bordeaux, and Burgundy. An example in the United States is Hersey, Pennsylvania. When Maria and I hit the ACC tournament trail, we look forward to visiting Hersey to have some chocolate.

On a recent international trip, we visited Cologne, Germany. ↓ I knew that Eau de Cologne perfume was invented in Cologne, but I did not know that the oldest continuously operating perfumery in the world is in Cologne (I would have guessed France). The Farina family gave its name to the world's oldest perfumery business, which has been in operation since 1709. The recipe for the cologne produced here has not changed significantly over the centuries. Farina cologne has been—and is—the favorite of many world-famous men and women. Napoleon Bonaparte would buy two bottles per day to stay “fresh smelling” (he rarely bathed!), infamously keeping one bottle in each boot when he traveled and went to battle. Farina was also a favorite of Princess Diana (I am sure she bathed more often than Napoleon).

The Farina Eau de Cologne smells very nice, and I enjoy the fragrance very much. I also enjoyed the cribbage in Cologne, because the cribbage smelled like Eau de Skunk. I managed to skunk Maria twice, and she nearly skunked me in the third game. Clearly, Cologne was a very aromatic city, as the cologne and the cribbage were very odiferous.



Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

How has June snuck up on us already? It's true that time flies when you are having fun! One more month of the regular season, and then it's on to Niagara. We hope to see you all there. This month though is all about the dads! Happy Father's Day to our ACC dads. Make sure to call him, if you still are lucky enough to have him. If you want other goofy days to celebrate, then you can celebrate National Cheese Day on June 4. (I wonder how many of our Wisconsin friends celebrate?) June 14 is National Monkey Around Day, and do we have a lot of monkeys at our tournaments! This one is for a certain New Englander (**Just Rob**): June 20 is National Vanilla Milkshake Day. Finally, June 28 is National Paul Bunyan Day. Did you know Bangor ME had a huge Paul Bunyan? Whatever you celebrate, enjoy it, as it is true that time flies quickly.

April 10–12 saw the dynamic duo of Megafer (**Jennifer Johnson** and **Megan Player**) welcome players to the Raleigh Spring Fling doubleheader in, yes, Raleigh. The 16-game main saw two veteran players in the finals: **Larry Phifer** took the win over **Keith Widener**. Funny tidbit, **Keith Widener** played **Keith Miller** in the 3-4 round. A Keith was going to win! Jenn tried the consy lite for the consolation. She may have emphatically said she will never do that again. When the playing was done for the consy lite, **Russ Bracebridge** took the win over **Just Rob** (Medeiros). In the Raleigh Spring Fling, Sunday afternoon saw another veteran, **Rick Allen**, take the win over **Wilbur Paul**, winner of the 2025 National Open. In the consolation, the finals saw two southerners: **Eric Davis** over **Matt Easterbrook**. Jenn and Megan had all sorts of fun tournaments and laughs. Thank you, ladies.

Robyn Bolt and **Joe Bowen** welcomed players to Hamburg NY. The main saw **Tony Caraco** over **Chris Brock**, and in the consolation it was **Dan Shirk** over **Charlie Booker**. Side note: Robyn and Joe will be hosting a pre-Grand National tournament in the same location—just thirty minutes from Niagara Falls (the flyer is on cribbage.org). Thanks for adding a tournament for Grand National week!

We went back to Bangor ME for the Pine Tree Open on April 18. When the dust settled, a New England OG (and my cribbage mom) **Sue Jaynes** put another trophy on her case, with **Josh Parker** coming in second. The consolation saw **The Legend** (Peter Legendre) taking the win over **Steve Braley**.

We would like to congratulate **Just David** (Statz) on his #1 qualifier at the Deadwood Open consy. His bride, **Mary Burlington**, had to play in the first round, and the winner would play David next. The Cribbage Gods decided they had matched them up enough, and Mary's opponent, **George LaValley**, went on to play David. All is well in the Statz-Burlington household. David ran over the competition to finish first. Way to represent, Just David!

We are right smack dab in the middle of planning for Grand National 44 in



Niagara Falls! We have pens and pins and other goodies, not to mention the theme of the banquet: '80s

prom, but really any prom attire will do! The decorations and music will scream '80s, but we are ok with you doing you! We would like to encourage you all to take some time to sightsee, especially from the big balloon at Fallsview Balloon. I am afraid of heights, so if I can do it, you can! The views are breathtaking and on a clear day you can see Toronto!

Vicki's Monthly Funnies

- Q.** What is June's favorite type of music?
A. Summer jams.
- Q.** What do you call a snowman in June?
A. A puddle.
- Q.** What do flowers say in June?
A. You're blooming hilarious!

Catherine Perkins Retires

by *Grass Roots Commissioner Ivan Wells*

Effective May 1, **Catherine Perkins** (Raleigh NC) is retiring from the Eastern Region statistician position, which she has held for thirty-four years. Her replacement is **Debbie Cotter**, director of New England Pegriots in Norwood MA.

Catherine has had an amazing career—and impact—in the ACC and Grass Roots:

- charter member of the ACC, which was registered in Raleigh NC in 1980
- BOD member for 25 years
- founder of the Raleigh Cribbage Club in 1986 and director for thirty-five years
- Eastern Region statistician since 1992
- 29th person elected to the HOF, in 2009

Catherine has no plans to slow down: she will play her forty-ninth consecutive National Open in July (she started at NOCT #3 and won #10—the only female winner for sixteen years), and she will be at Grand National 44 in October, continuing a very long streak (we don't know the precise number).

Debbie is a relative newcomer to the ACC (she joined in 2018). She is smart, computer savvy, and will be fully up to speed by the end of this season (she and Catherine will transition during the month of May). She will be a great addition to the Eastern Region Grass Roots administration.

If you have a chance to thank Catherine for her incredible service, she would like to hear from you. And introduce yourself to Debbie.





At the Barnyard Bonanza Tournament, held on May 23, members of Club 164 (Huntington Beach Surf City 29ers) finished 1–2 in both the main and consolation tournaments. In the finals of the main, **Tony DePinto** clobbered **Yours Truly**. In the consolation finals, **Bruce Elliott** edged **John Gray**. Tough club. No one has ever won consecutive club titles.

On a much different note, I've been playing cribbage since I learned the game in the US Navy in 1957. In all those many years I have never had a 29-hand. I've played literally tens of thousands of games: kitchen table, Grass Roots, weekend tournaments, and my phone. In all those games I cannot ever recall even having a draw for it but I suppose I must have had a couple cuts for it over the years. Until now. A couple of weeks ago I finally had the elusive 29-hand . . . on my phone! Talk about anticlimactic; no one near me, no flashing lights, no announcement, no applause. No \$100 from the ACC. I tried to screenshot it but that was beyond my meager technical ability. So, you're going to have to take my word for it, that I, in fact, finally had a 29.

With the 29 finally achieved, it seems like a good time to tell you that this will be my last column. Father Time is undefeated, and the old rascal has caught up with me. I may contribute a column now and then but, as you can imagine, it's difficult to write about cribbage (or anything else) if you're never around the activity. I haven't been to Grass Roots for months, and I've been to two tournaments this cribbage season, the last one in January. So, the well has pretty much dried up on content and material. I would like to thank those players I've interviewed, as well as those of you who have commented (good and bad) on one or more of my columns. I'd also like to thank *Cribbage World* editor **David Aiken** for giving me latitude in my subjects and not being too picky in his edits.

I will surely miss all the players and camaraderie, the travel, the tingly feeling of anticipation as you await the start of a tournament, and so much more. So, for one last time . . .

Over and out.



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Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

No kibitzing!

This is my birthday month. It's hard for me to believe that I have been playing tournament cribbage for over fifty years. I first played in 1975 at the National Open in Raleigh NC—four years before the famous breakfast meeting where the ACC was hatched. Back then, the tournament was directed by **Nick Pond**, a local sportscaster for WRAL-TV. It was the lawyers for WRAL who in 1980 filed the Articles of Incorporation with the North Carolina Secretary of State that established the American Cribbage Congress as a nonprofit in the State of North Carolina. Those articles are still active today.

Nick was a stickler for rules and regulations—and for being on time. For example, the tournament started at eight o'clock a.m. If you were signed up to play, you had to be in the tournament ballroom at 7a, and the doors were closed behind you. Nobody who was not in the tournament was allowed in the room, and the double elimination brackets were at the front of the room and covered with sheets. Nick went through announcements, rules, introductions, and then the brackets were revealed at 7:45a. That is when you found out who you were playing and where you were sitting.

I remember Nick being emphatic about this: “There will be no kibitzing allowed! You may watch while waiting for your next match but absolutely no kibitzing is allowed!”

This brings me to my ruling point for this month. Rule 9.5 states: **No aid from an individual or from the use of any material may be used to assist in determining scoring while pegging or counting the hands or crib.** The Code of Ethics considers it unacceptable to **communicat[e] about the play of someone else's game in such a way that it affects the outcome.** These things seem like common sense, but you would be surprised how many times every week these rules are violated, whether it be at weekend tournaments or at Grass Roots.

Maybe you are watching a friend, relative, or clubmate, and they either play a card you wouldn't have played or they miss a point, and as a result you just can't stop yourself from jumping in and pointing it out to them. Or maybe they are having trouble counting their hand and you feel like you have to give them hints about what they are missing. You are interfering with their match and it is **not** your business to do so. Then there is a judge call, and judges come over. Now you feel it is your duty to tell the judges what you saw as a bystander. Wrong! It's not your game—stay out of it. You can be in trouble for interfering.

So what about the players themselves? If you and I are playing each other, we can talk about each other's play without penalty. We can even help each other if we wish

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

New Members

99 last month

Alaska

Melissa Dutkiewicz (Anchorage)

Arizona

Kimberly Carnevale (Lake Havasu City)

Mike Carnevale (Lake Havasu City)

California

Denise Cloutier Brooks (El Sobrante)

Sasha Cordova (Penn Valley)

Sharon Fogel (San Anselmo)

Debra Gromacki (Anderson)

Dawn Hutchinson (San Diego)

Gail McNeil (San Diego)

Judah Pagan (Grass Valley)

David Pitt (Anderson)

Blake Salter (Grass Valley)

Jon Sanfilippo (Martinez)

Addison Sopko (Menlo Park)

Brooks Sopko (Menlo Park)

Makenna Sopko (Menlo Park)

Colorado

Dan Adams (Denver)

Pete Firmin (Grand Junction)

De Marr (Denver)

Esmeralda Orrin (Lakewood)

Matt Orrin (Lakewood)

Doug Satter (Aurora)

Connecticut

Leonidas Lafortune (Grosvenor Dale)

Ted Ostrowski (West Hartford)

Florida

Jeff Ibsen (Bradenton)

Kimberly Jenkins (Merritt Island)

Idaho

Richard Mangum (Mackay)

Shelley Mangum (Mackay)

Illinois

Kate Ferch (Chicago)

Shirley Jolley (Channahon)

Indiana

Brian Westerhoff (Demotte)

Iowa

Neal Detken (Le Mars)

Ron Dioler (Le Mars)

Tyler Roatch (Cedar Rapids)

Kansas

Lori Sykes (Gardner)

Maine

Norma Collins (Topsham)

Dory Smith Graham (Bar Harbor)

Manitoba

Jonathan Graham (East Saint Paul)

Massachusetts

Arthur Siegmund (Webster)

Ian Whiting (Randolph)

Michigan

Joan Babinski (Livonia)

Takane Hinds (Kalamazoo)

Minnesota

Daniel Burgeson (Apple Valley)

James Piro (Duluth)

James Reynolds (Saint James)

Vincent James Simone (Duluth)

Quentin Turner (Saint James)

Montana

David Cotton (Anaconda)

Jackson Cotton (Anaconda)

Nichole Cotton (Anaconda)

Scott Lindgren (Clancy)

Cameron McKenna (Missoula)

Denise Peterson (Polson)

Nevada

Aaron Elliott (Sparks)

Tony Elliott (Sparks)

New Hampshire

Russell Downing (Keene)

New Jersey

George Hellerman (North Plainfield)

New Mexico

Debra Cree (Albuquerque)

Daniel Rose (Albuquerque)

New York

Tyson Corner (New York)

Julia Moretti (Niagara Falls)

Mark Moretti (Niagara Falls)

North Carolina

Nicole Cobb (Chapel Hill)

Brendan Hildreth (New Bern)

Oregon

Jerry Barstad (Depoe Bay)

Paul Bjore (Hillsboro)

Emma Blake (Dallas)

Frank Christie (Grants Pass)

Warren Currier (Riddle)

Ryker Donaldson (Albany)

Jeff DuMont (Powell Butte)

Lauretta Hanks (Cottage Grove)

Norma Miller (Bend)

Sandra Schuytema (Salem)

Cheryl Wisneski (Mount Angel)

John Wisneski (Mount Angel)

Pennsylvania

Timothy Johnston (Paoli)

South Dakota

Brian Gill (Rapid City)

Eric Alan Seifert (Rapid City)

Bruce Swanson (Sioux Falls)

Texas

Melanie Jones (Houston)

Sue Kelson (Plano)

William Mello (Houston)

Virginia

Alex Bracebridge (Gainesville)

Calvyn Bracebridge (Gainesville)

Christopher Zinn (Chesterfield)

Rebecca Zinn (Chesterfield)

Washington

Brett Berg (Spokane)

Nicholas Craig (Spokane)

Joseph Jurkovic IV (Spokane)

Sara "Rusty" Morehouse

(Poulsbo)

Eddie Parker (Tacoma)

Steven Rauch (Bremerton)

Eric Schrader (Everett)

David M White (Poulsbo)

Wisconsin

Eric Larson (Kenosha)

Brian Rickert (Green Bay)

Katrina Werchouski (Superior)

Wyoming

Greg Brackelsberg (Lusk)

(think Code of Congeniality in Grass Roots). But nobody else can chime in, nor can we comment on our neighbor's game or play.

So to wrap this up, absolutely no kibitzing is allowed! If you feel you must kibitz, do it silently!

And let's have fun!

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial (Newport OR; 4/4)	Pete & Junko Larsen	78 players HQ. Winona McDaniel (40) 1. Dennis Misener (147) 2. Betty Brumley (105) 3. Roland Hall (70) 3. Clinton McRay (70)	58 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (24) 1. Jason Hofbauer (60) 2. Bob Bartosh (40) 3. Bryan Gurden (24) 3. Bernie Nelson (24)	28-hands: Matt Padrow* Richard Shea*	
Spring Fling (Newport OR; 4/6)	Rick Baird	64 players HQ. Jim Mahan (55) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. William Eilers (70) 3. Mike McDaniel (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	53 players HQ. Betty Brumley (24) 1. Robert Simpson (60) 2. Betty Brumley (40) 3. Jeanne Jelke (24) 3. Gordy Wise (24)	28-hands: Don Hansen* John Quist*	
Alesea River Open (Newport OR; 4/9)	Carole Herron	65 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (45) 1. Wayne Momsen (147) 2. Roland Hall (105) 3. Jack Lien (70) 3. Todd Malmgren (70)	48 players HQ. Mike McCammon (21) 1. William O'Malley (60) 2. Gordy Wise (40) 3. Steven Macomber (24) 3. Charlette Springer (24)	28-hand: Terry Greenawald*	Doubles: Jeanne Jelke & James Langley
Western New York Open (Ham-burg NY; 4/10)	Robyn Boldt	17 players HQ. Douglas Maloy (20) 1. Tony Caraco (70) 2. Chris Brock (42) 3. Kelly Brock (21) 3. Douglas Maloy (21)	10 players HQ. Daniel Shirk (21) 1. Daniel Shirk (24) 2. Charles Booker (12) 3. Lori Maloy (4)		Early Bird: Kelly Brock Friday: John McConville Canadian Doubles: Lori & Douglas Maloy
Friday Pre-Fling (Durham NC; 4/10)	Jennifer Johnson	46 players HQ. Barri Gehrand (50) 1. Larry Phifer (105) 2. Keith Widener (70) 3. Keith Miller (42) 3. James Ravenscroft (42)	22 players HQ. Russ Bracebridge (9) 1. Russ Bracebridge (30) 2. Robert Medeiros (18) 3. Mike Due (9) 3. Bonnie Fife (9)	28-hand: Wanda Berry*	Early Bird: Russ Bracebridge

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

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Dean Bauman Memorial (Newport OR; 4/11)	Monica Newton	73 players HQ. Kai Lemrise (45) 1. Winona McDaniel (147) 2. Kai Lemrise (105) 3. Sheri Howard (70) 3. Todd Malmgren (70)	41 players HQ. Alan Talacek (21) 1. Duane Toll (60) 2. Bryan Gurden (40) 3. Mike Ritthaler (24) 3. Terry Ryckman (24)	28-hand: Alanda Markee*	
Raleigh Spring Fling (Durham NC; 4/11)	Jennifer Johnson	60 players HQ. James Ravenscroft (30) 1. Rick Allen (105) 2. Wilbur Paul (70) 3. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. James Ravenscroft (42)	34 players HQ. Matt Easterbrook (15) 1. Eric Davis (60) 2. Matthew Easterbrook (40) 3. Michael Burnham (24) 3. Mike Due (24)	28-hand: Thomas Goeschel*	Canadian Doubles: Rita Jewett & Walter Smith "I Hate Canadian Doubles": Michael DeHart
Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge (Cheyenne WY; 4/11)	Jim Rosso	33 players HQ. Reed Nelson (45) 1. Roger Baxter (105) 2. David Bute (70) 3. Bob Hodges (42) 3. Buck Weaver (42)	22 players HQ. Mike Poole (18) 1. Mike Poole (40) 2. Arun Sautter (24) 3. Clay Collier (12) 3. Vickie Humphrey (12)		
Cheyenne Spring Roundup (Cheyenne WY; 4/12)	Jim Rosso	26 players HQ. Shirley Phelps (35) 1. Arun Sautter (70) 2. Shirley Phelps (42) 3. Joe Gates (21) 3. Karen Westhoff (21)	20 players HQ. Steve Sundet (9) 1. Royd Nelson (40) 2. Jim Rosso (24) 3. Reed Nelson (12) 3. Steve Sundet (12)	28-hand: Buck Weaver*	
Magic City Main (Billings MT; 4/18)	Gregory Dibble	44 players HQ. Al Pernicke (50) 1. Russell Roach (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Edward Cuerth (42) 3. Rick Mill (42)	37 players HQ. Jeff Leake (15) 1. Bob Bartosh (60) 2. Margery Clark (40) 3. Deborah Colbert (24) 3. Sandi Cuerth (24)		Saturday Canadian Doubles: Robert Snow & Tom Palmer Sunday Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & Sandy Sands

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Napa Wine Country Spring Open (NAPA CA; 4/18)	Roland Hall	57 players HQ. Garrett Van Scyoc (50) 1. Sheryl Brekke (105) 2. Carolyn Washington (70) 3. Anita Bickham (42) 3. Garrett Van Scyoc (42)	28 players HQ. Stan Katzman (12) 1. Stan Katzman (40) 2. Lori Boyer (24) 3. Kirby Aasen (12) 3. Scott Bedolla (12)	28-hands: Robert Cox* David Long*	
Somebunny's Getting Skunked (Portland OR; 4/18)	Erik Locke	29 players HQ. Matt Constantino (20) 1. Jeanne Jelke (70) 2. Erik Locke (42) 3. Matt Constantino (21) 3. Chris McComas (21)	12 players HQ. Craig Smith (24) 1. Craig Smith (24) 2. Paul Hirschmann (12) 3. Tammy Gibbons (4)		
Pine Tree Open (Bangor ME; 4/18)	Joseph Bowen	29 players HQ. Lauri Immonen (25) 1. Susan Jaynes (70) 2. Joshua Parker (42) 3. Lauri Immonen (21) 3. Paige Thomas (21)	17 players HQ. Tom McGonagle (15) 1. Peter Legendre (40) 2. Steven Braley (24) 3. Carlyle Foss (12) 3. Tom McGonagle (12)	28-hands: Justin Bowen* Linda Kennedy*	
Trailhead Main (Billings MT; 4/20)	Gregory Dibble	39 players HQ. Dan Quenneville (40) 1. Bob Stone (105) 2. Sandi Cuerth (70) 3. Audrey Hatto (42) 3. Al Pernicek (42)	23 players HQ. Todd Malmgren (15) 1. Eric Boysen (40) 2. Todd Malmgren (24) 3. Shaq Bitar (12) 3. Sandy Sands (12)		Monday Canadian Doubles: Dave Yaeger & Greg Dibble
Deadwood Open (Deadwood SD; 4/23)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett	127 players HQ. Pat Liegl (65) 1. Bryan Gurden (147) 2. Pat Liegl (105) 3. Nancy Davis (70) 3. Arun Sautter (70)	108 players HQ. David Statz (21) 1. David Statz (84) 2. Joe Clarke (60) 3. Roger Baxter (40) 3. Dean McKinney (40)	29-hand: Mike Comer* 28-hand: Nancy Taylor*	Early Bird: Bryan Gurden Canadian Doubles: Sherry & Jordan Bauldic

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Cribbage Quiz Answer

Have you heard of piquet? Scott hadn't, but he discovered that is it similar to cribbage.



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Aces & Eights (Deadwood SD; 4/25)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett	140 players HQ. Patrick Barrett (45) 1. Ray Klocko (196) 2. Dan Sand (147) 3. Rachel Sundet (105) 3. Wendy Yafuso (105) 5. Joellen Froseth (70) 5. David Hayden (70) 5. John Schafer (70) 5. William Stacey (70)	87 players HQ. James Clark (18) 1. Mary Gates (84) 2. Sheila Vojtech (60) 3. Gordon Jurek (40) 3. Jim Rosso (40)	
Calamity Jane Open (Deadwood SD; 4/26)	David Aiken, Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett	100 players HQ. Ray Klocko (50) 1. Bryan Gurden (147) 2. John Hazlett (105) 3. Mike Carter (70) 3. Emilio Perez (70)	42 players HQ. Wade Skaja (15) 1. Wade Skaja (60) 2. Kris Parker (40) 3. John Schafer (24) 3. Jeff Sitarz (24)	
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 4/25)	Alice Souza	30 players HQ. Roland Hall (55) 1. Cy Madrone (70) 2. Roland Hall (42) 3. Beverly Castillo (21) 3. Jones Hom (21)	11 players HQ. Allen Amaro (6) 1. Don Grumpy Howard (24) 2. Allen Amaro (12) 3. Stan Katzman (4)	
Humboldt Bay One-Day (Eureka CA; 5/1)	Rick & Peggy Shea	36 players HQ. Lisa Spellenberg (30) 1. Jennifer Bolles (105) 2. Barbara Stockham (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. James Clark (42)	{no consy}	
Humboldt Bay Classic (Eureka CA; 5/2)	Rick & Peggy Shea	44 players HQ. Junko Larsen (55) 1. Wayne Momsen (105) 2. Kai Lemrise (70) 3. Jackie Doppelt (42) 3. Jeanne Jelke (42)	32 players HQ. Carole Herron (21) 1. Jared Soekland (40) 2. Carole Herron (24) 3. James Clark (12) 3. Bill Schlabes (12)	28-hand: Junko Larsen*

Ras

Is there an ACC member anywhere who hasn't heard of the great Colvert-Toll battle for the lifetime lead in Master Rating Points?

A lesser known, but just as important, head-to-head competition in the ACC is the lifetime lead for Grass Roots points. For decades this has been a runaway, with **Harold Sontag** sporting a comfortable lead.

But in recent years, this became a two-player race between Sontag (Dixon CA, playing at Club 162 in Carmichael CA) and **Elmer Rasmussen** ➔ (Chehalis WA, playing at Club 232 in Chehalis WA).

We don't know now exactly when Sontag became #1, but we do know that he was #1 at the start of the 2003–04 season, which is as far back as our digital records go. Without the prior records in hand, but by knowing the pace at which he earned points, it is reasonable to extrapolate that Sontag took over the #1 slot in the previous season.

In addition, Sontag was the first player to reach Gold (4,000 lifetime points) and Platinum (6,000 points). Rasmussen was third and second, respectively, to reach these award levels.

While he never claimed the #1 spot at the end of the season, Rasmussen can take comfort in having claimed fourteen club championships (thirteen times at Club 232 and once at Club 89) versus ten for Sontag (all at Club 162). In addition, Rasmussen was national GRP champion in the 2008–09 season—something that Sontag hasn't done (yet). And Rasmussen was inducted into the ACC's Hall of Fame in 2010.

The nearby chart shows the expanding and decreasing lead that Sontag had over Rasmussen in the last quarter century, ranging from 194 to 506 points in the years leading up to the 2020–21 season. Then in 2021–22, Rasmussen made a huge move and narrowed Sontag's lead to 77, then to 67 the following year, and then to a minuscule 2 points at the end of the 2023–24 season.

Because of this tight race, *Cribbage World* did a deep dive on Sontag's and Rasmussen's points throughout the 2024–25 season and discovered that as these two thoroughbreds jockeyed for points at their respective clubs—approximately 560 miles apart, as the crow flies—Rasmussen was ahead for one day (9/2/2024) and then for forty days starting on September 11.

The one-day lead came when Rasmussen scored points at his Washington club on opening day, but Sontag quickly reclaimed the lead when he scored on opening day in



California the next day.

Rasmussen got points again on September 11 when visiting Club 426, and his 12-point lead held up for more than five weeks as both he and Sontag failed to score *any* points for the next forty days. Then on October 21, Sontag scored 16 and never relinquished this lead for the rest of the season.

Rasmussen fell ill in spring 2025, moved to La Grande OR, and played his last four Grass Roots events as a visitor at Club 356 (scoring GRPs in two of them). Sontag's differential grew to 45 points by the end of the season, and with Rasmussen's death on August 26, 2025 (see obituary on page 47), Sontag will remain the GRP leader for the foreseeable future (his nearest active competition trails by over five hundred points).

While Sontag remains the GRP leader, and has set an ACC record that almost certainly will never be broken, Elmer Rasmussen—"Ras" to friends and foes alike—is to be complemented for giving the ACC a great show to watch as he chased Sontag—and momentarily caught him.

May you rest in peace, Ras. And know that you have had a profound effect on competitive players everywhere.

Rasmussen Chasing Sontag

season	Rasmussen lifetime GRPs	Sontag lifetime GRPs	Sontag's lead
2002-03	2723	3197	474
2003-04	2992	3454	462
2004-05	3294	3709	415
2005-06	3493	3999	506
2006-07	3760	4197	437
2007-08	4031	4532	501
2008-09	4364	4737	373
2009-10	4650	4966	316
2010-11	4854	5259	405
2011-12	5177	5499	322
2012-13	5488	5763	275
2013-14	5641	6057	416
2014-15	5921	6301	380
2015-16	6153	6468	315
2016-17	6452	6698	246
2017-18	6709	6903	194
2018-19	6912	7181	269
2019-20	7051	7376	325
2020-21	7318	7539	221
2021-22	7616	7693	77
2022-23	7879	7946	67
2023-24	8121	8123	2
2024-25	8300	8345	45
2025-26	8300	8498*	198

*Sontag's season is not over as of this writing, so this number may grow.

Rasmussen Catching Sontag

date	weekly GRPs		lifetime GRPs	
	Ras	Sontag	Ras	Sontag
start season			8121	8123
09/02/2024	14		8135	
09/03/2024		13		8136
09/10/2024		0		
09/11/2024	13		8148	
09/17/2024		0		
09/23/2024	0			
09/24/2024		0		
09/25/2024	0			
09/30/2024	0			
10/01/2024		0		
10/08/2024		0		
10/14/2024	0			
10/15/2024		0		
10/19/2024	0			
10/21/2024		16		8152

Internet Cribbage

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It's official! The ACC staff has been diligently working with Cribbage Pro (see **Josh Fuller's** article on the facing page) for many months to offer a third playing site for our online members. Many things

had to mesh for this exciting, new venture to come to fruition, and I hope you are as excited as we are. Thanks to everyone who worked to pull this together.

Cribbage Pro's tournament style is unique. As with our current sites, the ACC is a guest of the owner, and the parameters of how the site is run is up to them. Beginning August 1, ACC-sanctioned play will be held in the Competitive Matchmaking portion of the CP site over a three-month season, rather than playing one tournament at a time, in one sitting. There are four CP quarterly seasons (tournaments) during the ACC year. It is important to note that because of the long season, higher IRPs are awarded (200 for the winner), and playing in each quarterly session counts as ten tournaments toward your 150 annual tournament limit.

The first time in each quarterly season that you go to CP to play a competitive match, you will be in the "placement phase." Once you complete the placement matches (currently five matches), your Competitive Rating is established. Prior to completing these matches, you can bow out and reenter later or join in the next season. However, once you complete the fifth placement match, you accept that you are now active in the tournament—a different way to be "checked in." It will then count as ten tournaments instead of one. As with all ACC online tournaments, checking into a tournament counts toward your 150 annual limit—even if you don't complete the tournament—and acknowledges that you agree to abide by the ACC's and CP's requirements.

Point Leader of the Month
Paul Gregson (*a2zcribbage*) @ 206 IRPs

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)
Bernard Palmer (*bernie49215*)

Internet 28-Hands
Monica Newton (*oreo2757*)

Internet Grand Slams
Allen Wilson (*gdub*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1050	Timothy Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	1014	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
3	971	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
4	924	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
5	894	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
6	886	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
7	868	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
8	862	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	862	John Schafer (netview85)
10	836	David Smith (thecuse5)

Player registration is in the works for the new website, and you will need to register a screenname to play at CP. It helps the ACC statistician if you use the same name as the other site(s).

Welcome, Cribbage Pro, and thanks, Josh! We look forward to having a third ACC playing site!



Cribbage Pro and the ACC



My name is Josh Fuller, and I am the developer of Cribbage Pro. What started in 2009 as a way for my wife and me to play cribbage on our first smartphones has grown into a focus on building an experience that is fun, accessible,

and competitive for all skill levels. I am grateful to everyone within the ACC who helped bring this competitive experience to the organization.

Cribbage Pro is on mobile and desktop platforms and includes single-player games, daily challenges like the Daily Cribbage Scrimmage, online multiplayer, detailed statistics, leaderboards, and more. The key feature I want to highlight here, however, is **Competitive Matchmaking**.

Beginning May 26, Cribbage Pro will run a shorter competitive season through August 1. CP seasons are normally three months long, so this season will align with the ACC schedule and also offer a chance for ACC members to learn the system.

The format differs from traditional scheduled tournaments. There are no set start times, no brackets, and no commitment to a long session. Instead, you play when you can. Log into **Multiplayer Game**, select **Competitive Matchmaking**, and then click **Find Match** to be paired with another player. Matches begin automatically once both players are ready. Each best-of-three match counts toward your season standing. Built-in timers keep games moving, so matches usually complete quickly.

The ranking system uses a Competitive Rating (CR) system, designed to measure individual skill. Your CR goes up when you win and down when you lose, but the amount depends on your opponent's skill and the expected outcome. Beating stronger opponents increases more, while losing to lower-rated players has a greater impact. Over time, this helps ensure that your CR reflects a true skill level.

Season standings are based on CR and overall activity. Consistency matters more than short streaks, and sustained performance over many matches determines results. Players must average ten matches per week from the start of the season to be eligible for the leaderboard. Separately, once you begin playing, you are expected to stay active by completing ten matches per week. If not, your CR may decrease as the system reduces confidence in your ranking.

Competitive play is more serious than casual games. There is no chat, and players are expected to finish matches and play at a reasonable pace. You must reach Classic Multiplayer XP Level 5 or higher to play.

For ACC players used to traditional formats, this may initially feel different. It is not a replacement, but a flexible, ongoing way to compete. To get started or learn more, visit: **crib.pro/comp**. Or scan the QR code to go directly to the competitive play guide, which explains the system in more detail.

I look forward to seeing many of you there!

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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of May 8

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	3221	Bryan Gurden	1	1388	Les Kvien	1	1084	Mike Fetchel
2	1917	Ray Klocko	2	1190	Haley Hintze	2	918	Robert Medeiros
3	1663	Bob Brumley	3	1161	Jim Mahan	3	904	Donna LaFleur
4	1485	Roland Hall	4	1088	David Aiello	4	896	Terrance Cushman
5	1354	Bob Bartosh	5	1086	Todd Schaefer	5	867	David Statz
6	1351	Erik Locke	6	1009	Scott Sand	6	656	John Bartlett
7	1193	James Langley	7	992	James McCarty	6	656	Jerry Hardy
8	1137	Duane Toll	8	787	Al Pernicek	8	635	Peter Setian
9	1131	Darlene Stier	9	772	John Syftestad	9	616	Paul Batterson
10	1003	William O'Malley	10	768	Dennis Koehler	10	613	Stephen Dugas
11	993	Paul Gregson	11	755	Robert Chase	11	610	James Ravenscroft
12	846	Cy Madrone	12	664	Steven Steinmetz	12	602	Keith Widener
13	796	Wayne Momsen	13	631	Doug Whitlock	13	549	Peter Legendre
14	778	Jeanne Jelke	14	629	Doug Page	14	547	Debra Cotter
15	741	Todd Malmgren	15	624	Bob Joslin	15	544	Larry Phifer
16	702	Carole Herron	16	603	Wayne Steinmetz	16	519	Bonnie Fife
17	693	Betty Brumley	17	594	Allen Karr	17	511	Phil Martin
18	688	James Clark	18	552	Marsha Mahan	18	507	William Cormier
19	666	Bill Schlabes	19	521	Bob Kiley	19	496	Richard Nourse
20	634	William Eilers	20	510	Clay Collier	20	491	Frank Reddy
21	623	Winona McDaniel	21	494	Edward Balcer	21	452	Paige Thomas
22	558	Jennifer Bolles	22	484	Henry Brandner	22	442	James Sullivan
23	535	Alice Souza	23	479	Dan Sand	23	439	Keith Miller
24	531	Junko Larsen	24	477	Terry Weber	24	431	Carlyle Foss
25	530	Jones Hom	25	463	Patrick Barrett	24	431	Paul Kane
26	516	Bernie Nelson	26	441	Dan Selke	26	427	Barry Spadea
27	513	Steve Sundet	27	435	John Schafer	27	420	Charles Booker
28	509	Kai Lemrise	28	418	Joe Clarke	28	415	Jack Silvia
29	495	Charlene Cohen	29	404	Rick Kuehn	29	408	Deborah Taylor
30	493	David Bute	30	390	Richard Frost	30	406	Frank Abernathy
31	480	Ryan Huffman	31	389	William Stacey	31	398	Michael D'Elena
32	477	Arun Sautter	32	388	John Hazlett	32	396	Marty Duchow
33	460	Jack Shumate	32	388	Kevin Mansfield	33	378	Mary Burlington
34	455	Donald Stockham	34	383	Dan Taylor	34	369	Patrick Robrecht
35	444	Robert Milk	35	371	Wade Skaja	35	362	Barri Gehrand
36	437	Dennis Misenaar	36	370	Marlene Lazachek	36	359	Frank Bogus Jr
37	434	Scott Bartosh	37	369	Emilio Perez	36	359	Jamie Fincher
38	429	Peggy Shea	38	368	Jerry Griffin	38	354	Scott Noble
39	426	Paul Hirschmann	39	364	Cynthia Wark	39	349	Eric Davis
40	422	Richard Shea	40	361	Adam Switzer	40	339	Mark Soule
41	420	Matt Padrow	41	359	Kevin Anderson	41	335	Vicki Soule
42	413	Mike McDaniel	42	355	Chad Frischmann	42	323	Peter Grant
43	403	Barbara Stockham	43	353	Jeff Machovsky	43	317	Rick Allen
44	402	Wayne Morris	43	353	Jason Matherly	44	287	Jeff Olson
45	397	Ronnie Murakami	43	353	Steve Scadden	45	284	Scott Johnson
46	396	Brad Seger	46	350	Chad Loupee	46	280	Louis Petosa
47	392	Dearl McCullough	47	344	Jeff Shimp	47	275	Wanda Berry
48	385	Bob Prochnow	48	339	Steve Schneider	48	273	Joshua Parker
49	382	Carol Williams	49	337	Pete Severson	49	268	A.J. Kabilian
50	361	Rick Baird	50	320	Sara Sandey	50	267	Kendra Munkacsy

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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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WI ♦ Baraboo Doubleheader

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

June 5, Madison Masters 1

June 5–7, Madison Masters 2

CA ♦ June 6, Pegging for Vets

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

OR ♦ June 6, Willamette River Classic

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

MN ♦ Walleye Doubleheader

City Center, 121 Center St E #101,
Roseau MN 56751. TD: Les Kvien
(847.420.4075) & Bob Chase

June 12, Walleye Open #1

June 13, Walleye Open #2

CT ♦ June 13, Stars & Stripes Showdown

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

AK ♦ June 13, Midnight Sun Open

AmbVets, 1591 N Creste Floris St, Wasilla AK 99654.
TD: Marli & Doug Holden (907.631.1933) & C.J. Kim

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

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

June 19, Palmetto State Open

June 20–21, Soda City Classic

MI ♦ June 19–21, Yooper Classic

Northern Waters Casino, N5284 US-45, Waters-
meet MI 49969. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) &
Bernie Brentar

ME ♦ Mid-Maine Doubleheader

American Legion, 1 Columbus Dr,
Brunswick ME 04011. TD: Joe Bowen
(207.659.6111) & Jerry Hardy

June 19, Hardys' Mid-Maine Festivals #1

June 20–21, Hardys' Mid-Maine Festivals #2

NV ♦ June 21–23, Topaz Lake Summer Classic

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410.
TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NV ♦ June 24–26, 2026 Topaz Summer Bash

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

MN ♦ Hinckley Doubleheader

Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N,
Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Chad Frischmann
(715.492.5337) & Scott Sand

June 26–27, Hinckley Summer Shuffle

June 27, North Star Open

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NV ♦ June 26–28, Independence Day Classic

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

MA ♦ June 28, Boston Summa Special

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

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, De-
poe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate
(541.574.7668), Pete Maas, Greg Schleusner

July 10, Depoe Bay Shuffle

July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

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NC ♦ NOCT 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 Cen- tro 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, Sacra- mento 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

ID ♦ Sep. 11–13, Gem State Classic
Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

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Sunday, June 28, 2026

7:30 am Main Tournament Playoffs Continue, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
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9 am Consolation, \$40, \$10 Side Pool, 9 Games, \$500.00 J Resort Added
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SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Rd,
Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow
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Sep. 11, Palmetto State Fall Open

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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

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

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

Sep. 12, Fall Paranormal Open #1

Sep. 13, Fall Paranormal Open #2

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

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)

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

entry form on cribbage.org

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 Cir-
cle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Stein-
metz (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

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

Tournament Trail continued online



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
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NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REAL AD

This cribbage game was produced back in the 1980s and was advertised in at least one Cribbage World (September 1984, page 7—where it was priced at \$64 + \$4 s/h). CW does not know how long it was in production, nor how many were made.

Do any ACC members own one of these? Have you ever played it? Contact CW at cwed152@gmail.com if you have more info.



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40 Years Ago

The front cover promoted the National Open in Raleigh, which was then twelve years old under the direction of **Nick Pond**. NOCT #51—ably directed by **Megan Player** and **Jennifer Johnson**—springs into action this year on July 16–20 in neighboring Durham NC.



25 Years Ago

The front cover touted the exploits of future Hall of Famer **Jim Langley** (CA), as we won three consecutive events. Langley would go on to win the national championship in the 2000–2001 season and earn his first (of seven) All American accolades. Elsewhere we read that **DeLynn Colvert** was the top vote getter in the recent BOD election.

Flyers illustrating Opal's Seedlings on page 19

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IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Robert Beckman

Robert “Bob” Beckman of Cannon Falls MN passed away on April 13, at the age of eighty. Bob was a lifetime member of the ACC and received his Master ranking during the 2019–20 season. He loved attending the different tournaments around the

country and throughout the year. He especially enjoyed going to Reno every year. Bob got his first and only 29-hand while playing a game with his daughter in May 2021.



Elmer George Rasmussen

Elmer Rasmussen, known affectionately as Ras, was born in Centralia WA on September 14,

1937, and passed away on August 26, 2025, in La Grande OR. George enlisted in the US Marine Corp in 1960 and was based out of San Diego CA. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Washington State, where George worked for

KITI radio broadcasting and later sold life insurance. This, however, was short lived when George found his calling to mentor kids in a successful career with US Job Corp. He retired as the HR Budget Director for the US Department of Labor overseeing the Job Corp National

programs in Washington DC. After retiring, he moved to the family farm in Chehalis WA.



George’s enjoyment of life will forever be synonymous with teaching and playing cribbage. He earned his Life Master (2★) rating, was awarded the 2008 ACC President’s Award, and was inducted into the Cribbage Hall of Fame in 2010. Shortly before his passing, he celebrated another milestone, becoming only the second Platinum award winner in Grass Roots play. When George wasn’t traveling to play cribbage at some tournament or club, you could find him gardening, canning, writing newsletters, or cooking five-course meals. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren will greatly miss his famous pancakes. All through his life George enjoyed hunting, trapping, and fishing. RIP, Ras. (See story on page 32.)

Michael Steeves

Michael Steeves, originally from Peabody MA and most recently from Dayton ME, passed away in February. After retiring and moving to Maine, Mike became an avid cribbage player. He played at least five times a week and sometimes more. Mike enjoyed local games as well as tournaments. He was so happy when he won Canadian Doubles in Wolfeboro a few years ago with partner Todd Smith. Mike was one of the nicest and most caring people you would ever meet. He will be missed by the cribbage world and all his friends.

Richard Sullivan

Rich passed away at age 88 on February 2, with family by his side. Married for 67 years to Barbara, he had three daughters, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. A veteran, he served our country as a Marine. Rich was the quintessential ACC member. He attended the nearby tournaments, accumulating nearly 500 MRPs. As a Grass Roots player, he achieved his Bronze rating, with over 1,700 GRPs. He was always a gentleman, but as a player, deception with a sly smile was key to his success. Notably, as a golfer, Rich shot three aces. He is survived by his daughter Karen Sullivan Aspden and his nephew John Bartlett—both of them Club 109 members. Club 109 will miss Rich, aka “Dad” and “Uncle.”

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